THE MERKEL MAIL VOL. 41-NO. 6 MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1929. On the "Broadway of America"

PAVING OF OAK STREET WILL START MOND

ONE INCH RAIN DR. HUNT AND BISHOP SEAMAN

Thirty Graduates Will Receive

of Closing Events.

ATTRACTS MANY STUDENTS

MOTHERS DAY AT RIGHT TIME Presbyterians Pay Tribute to Them as Mothers of Church;

TWO OF MEMBERS

CHURCH HONORS

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Impressive Services at All Merkel Churches Last Sunday.

Out of the eleven charter members, when in 1885 the Presbyterian church was organized in Merkel, most of whom, if not all, belonged to the two families, the Bakers and the Hutchisons, two are still active members of the same church-Mrs. A. A. Baker and Mrs. J. R. Skillern-and as a climax to a rather impressive Mother's Day service, Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, asked these two ladies to come to the front of the church and, while the choir sang, members of the congregation shook hands and honored them as "Mothers of the Church."

Mrs. Baker's husband was the minister that founded the church and Mrs. Skillern was a Hutchison. In further evidencing the esteem in which these mothers were held, Mrs. George West presented a bouquet of beautiful flowers to Mrs. Baker as the mother of her Sunday School class.

from the Scripture in Exodus containing, the ten commandments and his SCOUT discourse centered on the fifth commandment with its injunction to "honor thy father and mother." Miss Mona hymn.

BAPTIST CHURCH

observed at all of the churches in Mer- the interest of this movement. kel. One of the beautiful features of Scout Executive Ed Shumway of school. the services at the Baptist church was Abilene has recommended for Merkel

Diplomas May 27: Calendar While rain was falling nearly all over west Texas during the past week | or ten days and Merkel received a Schools will close on the evening of quarter inch on Wednesday of last May 27th when thirty graduates will week, the kind that makes the farm- receive their diplomas. The exercises ers smile and the city merchant joy- on Monday evening will close one of ous began to fall here shortly after the most successful years of the 6 o'clock Wednesday and continued school's history. The enrollment has for more than three hours, the total neared the eight hundred mark, the

RECEIVED JUST

precipitation being exactly one inch, high school department having enrollaccording to B. M. Black, volunteer ed one hundred and ninety. The census weather observer. This added to the taken this year shows an increase over quarter inch of rainfall last week last year of approximately 100, last makes an inch and one quarter locally year's enumeration showing 542 names for the month. while this year's census records the

Wednesday night's rain came at just names of 638 scholastics. the opportune time for all crops, grain, The school now holds nineteen units feedstuffs and cotton, to say nothing of affiliation and is applying for two of the benefits to the grass-and pas- additional units, these being Public ture lands. Speaking and Biology. A graduate of

In some parts of the territory con- Merkel High school may enter any coltiguous to Merkel considerably more lege or university in the state without rain fell than was recorded right in examination. the city. Robert N. Campbell estimates that at least three inches fell There are attending the Merkel on his farm about six miles southwest Schools this year seventy-five pupils

of Merkel, from surrounding districts, most of



Some one of the Merkel Boy Scouts among schools to send their students who have seen it pronounced it the sion of the brain in an hour after a now in use in the business district to Margaret Jones sang a beautiful num- may get the pleasure and privilege on to an affiliated high school before best one that has been published. head-on collision of two automobiles be placed in the center of the street ber, "Mother of Mine" and at the con- of attending the World Jamboree to they reach the 10th grade. Most of clusion of the service the children in be held in London, England, beginning them are then able to make the work Jeneva Young, sponsor of the Senior day. Eight others were injured. the congregation stood at the sides of August 1st, according to plans now without having to drop back a grade. wheir mothers, at the suggestion of the on foot and subject to the success of This is made possible by the state Jeneva Young, who has faithfully and county cattleman and sheepman, died the paving and lighting improvements pastor, as the choir sang a familiar the committee from the Lions club in paying the tuition of high school patiently guided the present senior of paralysis at his home in Paint Rock. are completed it will be the equal in raising funds for the purpose. The pupils of other districts who attend an class through their many hardships With his two sons, he had operated beauty to any of the streets of the committee consists of A. H. Brackeen, affiliated high school provided the H. C. West and S. D. Gamble and district from which the pupil comes

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.

in the Methodist church.

The present session of the Merkel

ARE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

BISHOP E. C. SEAMAN.

THE 1929 BADGER **IS DISTRIBUTE**

Merkel High School Annual Just Off the Press is Considered Best Yet Published.

ger," Merkel High School Annual, the Nolan County Bar association in TO LONDON have finished school they may enter a has been received and delivered. The a body. college of their choosing without ex- student body is exceedingly well Tommie Henderson, 29, of Austin and trials since the days of their sop- a 13,000 acre ranch between Paint larger cities. homore year; whose initiative, pati- Rock and Eden.

which the pupil enters in the affiliated inspired us to greater efforts and ac- ed its first victims by drowning for complishments, we, the student body, the 1929 season when L. B. Groves

KEEPING UP TEXAS HULLIN

Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford of Abilene last week married his 1,111th couple.

Forty horses were burned to death by a fire of undetermined origin that destroyed a stable of the Eighth cavalry barracks at Fort Bliss.

C. C. Pyle, promoter of the bunion derby, sustained a broken arm and bruises when the car in which he was the paving on Oak street will begin the riding overturned on a detour between early part of next week with the ar-Abilene and Albany.

a former state senator, has been ap- eral Construction company of Fort pointed by Governor Moody to fill the Worth, successful bidders for the Oak. vacancy on the Board of Prison direc- street paving. tors.

The Texas Fox and Wolf Hunters association closed a three-day hunt at the company, and W. A. Zant, mana-Archer City with a bench show and ger of the promotion department, who selected Apple Springs, near Lufkin, were in Merkel on Tuesday and Wedfor the next annual meeting place.

A bond issue for \$100,000 for the It is further stated by these parties vote of 328 to 80.

71, pioneer member of the West Texas ment not only of city officials but of bar, died at Sweetwater Monday. His all of the people of Merkel. The fourth issue of the "The Bad- funeral was attended by members of As is well known, the paving will

amination. The tendency is growing pleased with this year's edition and all died at an Austin hospital of concus- namental lights of the same design as The volume is dedicated to Mrs. on the highway south of Buda Sunclass, with this tribute: "To Mrs. J. C. Hargis, 65, pioneer Concho street is to be boulevarded and when

Mother's Day was appropriately they will make an active campaign in does not attempt to teach the grade ence and enthusiasm have constantly Lake Kemp at Wichita Falls claimheartily dedicate this, the fourth vol- and Nenian Birchfield, two boys, lost

SOLID CONCRETE THOROUGHFARE BOULEVARDED

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Construction Co. . Expects to Start Work at Once; Will Use Local Labor and Teams; Ornamental Lights to be Placed.

The actual work in connection with rival of H. H. Hester, superintendent. W. A. Paddock of Houston, son of in charge of construction for the Gen-

This announcement was made by H. J. Naylor, secretary-treasurer of nesday of this week.

purchase and maintenance of Kinsol- that their company expects to employ ving Field as an A1A municipal field local teams and trucks as well as local was carried in Abilene Tuesday by a men in all cases possible and the pursuit of this policy on the part of the Judge Charles Pinckney Woodruff, contractors will meet with the endorse-

be solid concrete, on the basis of a 40 foot street, and contract has alsobeen let for the installation of 19 orblock between street intersections. Oak



for them. At both services special don Jamboree. numbers, both old and new Mother's There are two troops of Boy Scouts calaureate sermon will be delivered by able readings.

At the morning hour the pastor, and they meet every Thursday even- testant Episcipal church. This sermon Rev. Ira L. Parrack, brought a trib- ing at the Presbyterian church. ute to Mother from the text: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will Golfers Qualifying I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted." He pictured the true spirit of motherhood as the devoted mother letting the roses fade from her cheeks cheeks of her children.

tions by the choir, in one of which Warren, is arranging the details and tre. ly rendered by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. score and longest drive. It is under- Parrack. Scott.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Large numbers attended all of the services on Mother's Day at the est. Methodist church where the day was

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CEMETERY FUND

Following is the list of contributors who went to Campbellsville, Ky., to and the amount of each to the ceme- attend the bedside of his mother, Mrs. tery fund, as reported to the commit- Sallie Leach, that his mother had died. tee up to Thursday morning, together The deceased was 72 years of age G. M. Sharp ______\$5.00 bad fall from which she did not recov- recital Tuesday evening, May 21, at the printer's art. -- 5.00 er. The funeral services were held 8:30 in the Grammar School auditor-E. L. Turner .---Mrs. H. C. Reid _____ 1.00 Thursday. E. H. Cordell _____ 5.00 Mrs. T. P. Pierce _____ 2.00 I. N. Irvin _____ 5.00

GRAND TOTAL _____\$271.50 tickets is 50 cents.

the presenting of the cradle roll class to send a representative and Scout- The class of 1929 is fortunate in and membership before the whole master Herbert Patterson presented having secured for them two noted assembly and the beginners depart- the matter to the Lions club at their speakers to deliver addresses. The ment, composed of four and five year meeting Tuesday. Scouts will be pres- graduation address will be delivered several other splendid pictures, in- The building housing the Bronte old children, singing a welcome song ent from all over the world at the Lon- by Dr. J. W. Hunt, President of Mc-

songs were given by the choir and by in Merkel with a membership of about Bishop E. Cecil Seaman of Amarillo. special singers, also a number of suit- 40 in charge of two scoutmasters, Rev. Bishop for the pictured as follows: Addie Fae Pat- lisher, D. M. West, was placed at ter taking a prolonged oath of allegi-R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson, Northwest Texas Diocese of the Pro-

Local Tournament ercises on May 27th will also be held

Local golfers will have the remainthat they might bloom again in the der of this week and all of next week to qualify for the tournament which Grammar School auditorium.

"A Full House."

Besides a reading by Miss Lucy is to be staged by the Merkel Golf Tuesday, May 21, Miss Collins' Tracy, special musical numbers in- club. The grounds and rules commit- Music Recital.

cluded a song by the children of the tee, consisting of Dee Grimes, E. Yates Thursday night, May 23, Senior primary department, two special selec- Brown, R. O. Anderson and Booth Play: "A Full House," Merkel Thea-

Charlie Largent sang the verse, with it is announced that prizes will be Friday evening, May 24, Grammar the choir joining in the chorus, and a awarded for the winners of the first School Graduation Exercises, Methoduet, "My Mother's Songs," effective- and second flights, highest medal dist Church, Speaker, Rev. Ira L.

> stood that merchants individually will Sunday evening, May 26, Baccaloffer other prizes for consolation, etc., aureate Sermon, Methodist Church. and the trophies will make the tour- Monday evening, May 27, Commennament of more than ordinary inter- cement, Methodist Church.

No admission will be charged for The qualifying round will be 18 any of the above except the Senior very best support from the student der charges at Amarillo for the fatal holes and in order to be sure to have play to be given at the Merkel thea- body and the city of Merkel. The An- shooting of a woman said to have been two full flights every member of the tre on the evening of May 23rd. For Merkel Golf club is urged to enter. exercises held at the Methodist having to give any plays to help fi- mother is alleged to have held the W. L. Diltz is president and Booth Church, seats will be reserved for Warren, secretary-treasurer of the parents, but the remainder of the church will be unreserved, and such local club.

seats will go to first comers. Parents Death of Mr. Leach's Mother. entitled to reserved seats will be fur-Word was received Wednesday by nished tickets to aid the ushers in Mrs. W. G. Leach from her husband, seating them.

Voice and Piano Recital.

Baby Burned to Death.

The Senior play, entitled "A Full Sweetwater, May 16.-Iris Dean, 3- here Wednesday morning. He was good indication by many. T. C. Weir (Abilene) ______ 3.00 House," a farce in three acts by Fred year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. governor of Texas from 1899 to 1903 The S. J. Knepley Horn No. 1 is to continue to pay half of the salary Jackson, will be given Thursday even- A. Crockett of this city was burned to and was the oldest living former chief reported drilling at 2100 feet, with of a trapper of wolves and other ani-Total for week _____\$ 26.00 ing, May 23, at 8:15 at the Merkel death Wednesday in a blaze that executive. At the time of his death he s-inch casing suspended at 2010 feet. mals which prey upon sheep and goats Previously reported _____ 245.50 theatre. Miss Imogene Mangum will caught her in a clothes basket at the was serving on the board of pardons This well got lime high and present of this section. The county's part of - sing between the acts. The price of family home. The fire was confined as an appointee of Gov. Dan Moody, indications are said to look good for the salary is not to exceed \$45 a to the closet.

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ume of the Badger."

Young, the art department furnished to swim to shore. Murry College, on May 27th. The bacterson, "best all around girl;" Finus \$12,000, partially insured. will be delivered to the graduates and their friends at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, May 26th. The ex-

CALENDAR OF CLOSING EVENTS. ing boy." Friday, May 17, Expression Recital,

Norma Shannon, society editor; Ima voltage wire in a field near White-

editor, Ruby Patton, artist.

Abilene.

Truly representative of the successannual will be prized as a cherished Taylor Test Well possession in the years to come by every member of the Senior class.

The voice and piano pupils of Miss the Thatcher Printing company of with the amount previously collected: and had been the victim recently of a Christine Collins will be presented in Plainview, Texas, and is a credit to

Ex-Governor Sayers Dies.

Texas' youngest governor.

their lives Saturday after they had Besides the full page photo of Mrs. abandoned their fishing boat and tried

cluding Miss Oleta Moore, freshman, Enterprise and an automobile storage had fun at the expense of four cubs "most beautiful girl," and William garage burned Sunday night. The who became full-fledged Lions only Sheppard, senior, "most popular boy." loss to the newspaper plant together after trying ordeals at the hands and Shining lights in M. H. S. are also with the household goods of the pub-

Cade, "most athletic boy;" Louise Mrs. S. J. Peterson of Fort Worth Booth, "peppiest girl;" Lee Darden, died from injuries received when a the invocation was delivered by Rev. "best all around boy;" Lola Shelton, motorcycle and side car in which she Ira L. Parrack. Responses were a "friendliest girl;" Raymond Earth- was riding with her husband and in- verse of poetry from school-kid days man, "cleverest boy;" Elvis Richard- fant daughter collided with an autoson, "best student;" Nadine Tippett, mobile. Mr. Peterson and the child "cutest girl;" Fred Guitar, "best look- were also injured, but not seriously.

Trapped by flames which destroyed tions: The School, Activities, and Fun Saturday morning, three men were and Ads. The staff consisted of: Ray- burned to death and two were killed eva Young, sponsor of the Senior when they jumped to the pavement mond Earthman, editor-in-chief, Wil- from third story windows. At least liam Sheppard, business manager, Ad- a score were injured, three seriously. die Fae Patterson, assistant editor; Walking into a low swinging, high-

Gene Mangum, literary editor; Max wright in Grayson county, three West Swafford, assistant manager, Roy Texas men, Dock Webster, Tommie Kelsoe, sport editor; Vivian Berger, Webster and Bowen Daniels were kilsnapshot editor; Ruskin Smith, joke led. It is thought the wire had been loosened by a wind and rain storm.

The success of the book is due prin- Mrs. E. M. Stallworth and Mrs. Levi cipally to the staff who worked long P. Sallworth, mother and daughterand faithful by. They had, however the in-law, respectively, are under murnual this year was put out without friendly to the son and husband. The nance it. This was due to the co-oper- woman while the daughter fired the ation of the merchants of Merkel and first of three shots at close range in-

to the woman.

In eight hours of pumping Tuesday Mid-Continent Oil & Gas company took 45 barrels of oil from its No. 1 Taylor wildcat well near View. Local oil men are awaiting a full 24-hour settled pumping test on this well be-

a producer.

Members of the Lions club at their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday under the whip of Sie Hamm and afance, administered by A. H. Brackeen. S. D. Gamble was toastmaster and

and several Lions distinguished themselves with their memory of some of the classics along that line

The introduction of guests included The book is divided into three sec- the Tourist hotel at Amarillo early two representatives of the General Construction company, which has thecontract for paving Oak street, H. J. Navlor, secretary-treasurer of the company, and W. A. Zant, who has conducted the preliminaries in Merkel. They reported the work of paving about ready to start.

What the local delegation to the state convention of Lions Clubs held at San Angelo did not do was reported graphically by Lion Diltz and a more detailed accusation of shortcomings of others was given by Lion Brackeen. It was left to the report of T. G. Bragg to bring out points of interest in connection with the convention in a few brief remarks.

A committee was appointed to work out a plan for Merkel to have a representative at the World Jamboree of Boy Scouts in London this summer.

It was disclosed by R. O. Anderson, chairman of the hotel committee, that a wire had been received from the at-Pumps 45 Barrels torneys for the promoter of the enterprise advising that they would be here during the week with the expectation of closing the contract.

> County to Pay on Trapper's Salary

Acting upon a request of the Sheep county commissioners court has voted month, it was decided.

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Joseph P. Sayers, 89, died at his home showing so far made is considered a and Goat Raisers association, the

Austin, May 16 .- Former Governor fore passing judgment on it, but the

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SLOW BUT SAFE

We hear of those who get rich quick, Who strike it rich at one bold lick: But somehow most of those big tales Are told to help put over sales; For all rich men whom we have found Have gained their riches round by round, Have worked and sweat year in year out And never used the short cut route. The Farmers State Bank has much to show The safest route is to go slow.

The Farmers State Bank

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Dora Doings WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

senior class Friday night, was enjoyed by a large crowd.

That De Leon shipped a car load of We are sorry to report the little shorthorn junior and senior calves to son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Berry very Lake Charles, La., is an indication of sick.

what that territory is concentrating A number from here attended the on. J. Doss Miller, Jr. and C. M. Car- Mother's Day program at Nolan. away shipped the car consisting of 29 Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyroning are bull calves to Henry Gray, a breeder visiting his parents in Eastland this of shorthorns in that state. The ani- week. mals were all fine registered stock.

The game with Bronte Saturday was a long, hard battle, with Bronte Hamlin has completed plans for a winning by two scores. Our boys will cream route that makes a loop around return the game Wednesday. the town, and then goes into Stamford D. E. Dugan is sporting a new Chevand collection will start upon the ar- rolet Six.

rival of a sufficient number of cream John Dudley and family were shopcans and will be under the direction of ping in Merkel Saturday. T. A. Carter. The producers will re- Mrs. Frank Mcgee is spending a

ceive a premium of 10 cents per few days with her parents, Mr. and pound above market price for sweet Mrs Coward of Clyde. cream. STAR DIARRHOEA TABLETS

Canyon has started a campaign to Stops diarrhoea and saves the babyraise \$50,000 for the erection of the chicks or your money back. Merkel first unit of a museum building to Drug Co. house the relics of the Panhandle-Plains Historical society.

Archer county's chamber of commerce has made plans to establish a higher grade of cattle in the county with the purchase of 26 high bred registered animals to be shipped from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana breeders.

Muleshoe continues to ship car after car of maize, kaffir and corn to outside markets every day. The demand for these feeds is good because of the high quality. Much of it is used for planting.

Iowa Park will sponsor a community work day on June 4, at the Fair grounds in order to get the grounds ready for the proposed erection of a grand stand for general use. Labor and the use of tractors, teams and other equipment will be donated so that the work may be completed in one day.

Crosbyton is experiencing a new residential building boom. On one block recently sold by B. W. Ellison there is to be built six brick veneer homes by its new owner, G. H. Johnson. Johnson has already built four homes in Crosbyton.

Ralls, in being chosen the place of neeting for the 1930 South Plains district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, brings the meet to Crosby county for the second time, as it was held in Crosbyton in 1927.

The play, entitled "Mamma's Little Wild Roso", which was put on by the

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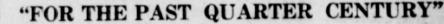
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> **KEEP FEET NEAT** KENT ST.

It costs very little to recondition a **MODEL T FORD**

THE Ford Motor Company is making a new car, but it is still proud of the Model T. It wants every owner of one of these cars to run it as long as possible at a minimum of trouble and expense.

Because of this policy and because of the investment that millions of motorists have in Model T cars, the Ford Motor Company will continue to supply parts as long as they are needed by Ford owners.

So that you may get the greatest use from your Model T, we suggest that you take it to the nearest Ford dealer and have him estimate on the cost of any replacement parts that may be necessary.

You will find this the economical thing to do because a small expenditure now will help to prevent costlier repairs later on, increase the value of the car, and give you thousands of miles of additional service.

For a labor charge of only \$2.60 you can have your generator put in first-class condition. A new universal joint will be installed for a labor cost of \$3. Overhauling the carburetor costs \$1.50; steering gear, \$3.50; radiator, \$7.50. A complete overhauling of the rear axle assembly runs between \$5.75 and \$7 for labor. An average price of \$22.50 covers the overhauling of the motor and transmission.

These prices are for labor only because the need and number of new parts depend on the condition of each car. The cost of these parts is low, however, because of the Ford policy of manufacturing and selling at a small margin of profit.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY



Pampa's Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a poultry and dairy school at which 50 students from the vocational agricultural class of the high school, and about the same number of farmers from the territory were present. The school was in charge of Prof. K. M. Renner and Prof. R. C. Mowery of Texas Tech.

Seymour will entertain the delegates from the Lower Panhandle district of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in convention on May 16. A fish fry and golf at the Seymour chamber of commerce park at Lake Kemp under the auspices of the Lions Club and a band contest with \$160.00 in prizes will be features of the convention.

Olney's proposed street lighting system is about to become a reality. The present plans provide 40 standard lights, and 60 bracket lights to be placed where standards are not appropriate.

Borger's Little Symphony orchestra held its first meeting and formed a tentative group recently. This will be enlarged and officers named at a later meeting.

Artist Daughter of Charles Dickens Dies

London, May 16 .- Mrs. Kate Perugini, 89, only surviving daughter of Charles Dickens, died in London Thursday.

Mrs. Perugini was the eldest daughter of the novelist. She achieved considerable note as an artist, particularly of children's portraits and of children's subject pictures. The bestknown of these were: "An Impartial Audience," "A Little Woman," "Tom Boy," "The Rabbit Hutch," "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" and "Butterflies."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.



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Wife Sees Husband's Fatal Heart Attack: **Dies Beside Him**

here. Amos Spafford, 66, was plow- as far as the Senate is concerned. beside her husband.

Waldorf-Astoria Famous Hostelry Victim of Progress

New York, May 16-Festively, with all flags flying as if, as in former days, in welcome to a President or prince, the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel passed out of existence Wednesday night, victim of the mighty march of business up Fifth avenue.

With the removal of the famous hostelry to make room for an office 958, during March, 1929. skyscraper, the whole character of Thirty-Fourth street and Fifth avborhood in the new world, will have net addition to the company's tele completely changed.

More than 1,000 guests rode up in lighted carriage entrance to eat the will total approximately \$42,000,000. last dinner ever to be served at the Waldorf. There was one big stag dinner in the grand ballroom, attended by members of more than forty ortheir annual dinners at the hotel.

other notables spoke at the dinner ering from an operation.

Mrs. McCormick Will Run for U.S. Senate on farms and ranches.

Springfield, Ill., May 16 .- Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, United States Congresswoman-at-large from illinois, announced Saturday that she would be a candidate for United States Senate in 1930. The announcement was made in a

letter to William H. Crum of this city

Alamo Purchase Bill A Formality in Senate

Austin, Texas, May 16 .- When Gov. Dan Moody submits the subject of ap-

Jacksonville, Texas, May 16 .- Death propriations to the Legislature, fortook two pioneers Wednesday in the mal passage of the \$1,000,000 Alamo Mount Enterprise community near land purchase bill will be a formality day that he did not expect to return ing near his home and a heart attack | Each of the thirty-one Senators has caused him to fall beside his plow, signed a bill which Senator W. A. where he died in a short time. His Williamson of San Antonio will introthan his famous "I do not choose to wife, Mrs. Angie Spafford, who was duce as soon as the path is opened for run." What he said was: sitting by a window, saw him fall and it by the Governor. Thus the bill's pasran to his side, where she fell and died sage is assured in the Senate as, except under extraordinary circumstan-

ces, a Senator's signature to a bill guarantees his vote for it.

\$42,000,000 for 1929 Plant Extensions

The Southwestern Bell Telephone of T. H. Hass of this city, showing the Company, operating in Missouri, Ark- head of George Washington and caransas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and rying the inscription "Born 22 Feb. a small part in Illinois adjacent to St. 1732. Died 14 Dec. 1799" with the disc Louis, authorized gross additions to its outlined with 35 stars. plant, or telephone property and

equipment, to the amount of \$3,300,- banks of the east fork of the Trinity \$528,586 worth of worn and obsolete only four of these mementos known to enue, once the most fashionable neigh- equipment will be removed, leaving a exist.

phone property of \$2,772,372. The total expenditures by the com-

taxis and limousines to her brilliantly pany for plant extensions during 1929

Automobile Races July 4.

Auto races will be staged on the West Texas Fair track at Abilene on ganizations that for years have had July 4, it was announced by officials of the fair association Tuesday. The Senator Royal S. Copeland and automobile races on July 4 have been very popular with people all over and their speeches were broadcast. West Texas and some of the best The dinner was the inspiration of known drivers in the racing game have Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, presi- participated in the events. It is probdent of Columbia University, who was able that some new features will be unable to be present, as he is recov- included on the Independence Day program.

> Texas leads the United States in the number of domestic livestock animals

For Tin, Plumbing And Repair Work See EARL TEAGUE

Calvin Coolidge Says No More Politics. 8-Word Sentence

He made it in eight words, two more

"I don't expect to go back into pol-

He refused to amplify the state-

ment, saying he did not care to dis-

George Washington Memento.

A silver memento of size little less than a silver dollar is in the possession

Mr. Hass found this souvenir on the

cuss public questions.

to politics.

itics."

Drops Purse Overboard while the Majestic was nearing her pier in North River. With \$15,000 Bracelets

New York, May 16 .- Mrs. Oscar ed as the ship started to turn in and New York, May 16 .- Calvin Cool- Malo of Denver, returning from Eurjostled her. She dropped the purse inidge, in New York for his election as ope on the liner Majestic Thursday, to the water. a director of the New York Life In- lost overboard a purse containing two surance Company, announced Wednes- diamond bracelets valued at \$15,000

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Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

KINDERGARTEN.

Beginning June 3, 1929, I shall teach She was standing by the railing a kindergarten. The term will be siz with her son, Jack, who became excit- weeks. The work will consist of: handwork, games, story telling, health rules, music, and objective counting. Tuition rate \$10.00 per child.

EUNICE RUSSELL.

After all's said and done, the pleasure you get in smoking is what counts

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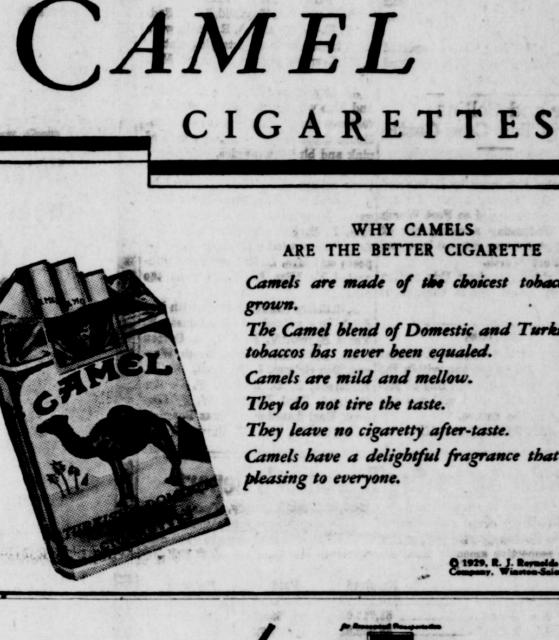
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ABOUT twenty years bad," says Mrs. Howard, of Terof Ter-Texas g through ritical time in my life and I suffered a gree deal. I was not at all strong, and my ne times would get suddenly so faint I could not stand up. head would whirl, and I could not see a thing. I would have to ie down for hours at a time. "I improved so much after had taken Cardui for a while. continued the medicine for a months, until I had pe critical period. Since then

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Only 1 cent a

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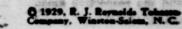
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Camels have a delightful fragrance that is pleasing to everyone.



and was published by the Illinois State Register Saturday afternoon.

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Cheerio! Says Dapper Dan: "When life seems gray "And all the world seems dreary. "I smile and to myself I say: "Buck up, Old Thing Look cheery!"

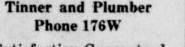
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When coats and pants and vests and such look sad and worn and shabby, go getiem cleaned. It won't cost much. and you'll not feel so crabby !

It improves one's disposition wonderfully to keep one's clothes clean and fresh and well pressed!

MODERN DRY CLEANERS OF COURSE Phone 3 Across from Postoffice

You'll like the plan of Dap-per Dan, The clever Clean-ing-Dyeing man!



Satisfaction Guaranteed

the town, railroad surveyors have laid Sore Gums Now Curable You won't be ashamed to smile again after you use Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading dentists and cannot fail to benefit you. Druggist return money if it fails. Phillips Drug Store.



After you have brought your car into our shop for a complete overhauling and for the necessary repairs it will perform much more smoothly. Our skilled mechanics work quickly, skillfully, and for a reasonable charge.

> Our fine garage service is at your disposal. Here you may be sure that your car will receive the same care that you yourself would give it. GIVE US A TRIAL.

C. S. HIGGINS GARAGE Back of Postoffice Phone 100



Your clothes, whether new or old, are improved by a first class job of dry cleaning and pressing. Let us show you what real dry cleaning service means. We await your cell.

DRY CLEANERS "Sudden Service" Phone 189 Kent Street

The COACH ROADSTER ... PHAETON \$525 SEDAN \$675 CABRIOLET ... \$695 The Convert- \$725

The Sedan Delivery \$595 The Light \$400

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If you are considering the purchase of an auto-mobile, you owe it to yourself to check the new Chevrolet Six against any other car-value for value and price for price!

Here, in the price range of the four, is offered a smooth, powerful, six-cylinder valve-in-head motor-which delivers better than 20 miles to the gallon of gasoline-and whose smooth, quiet, velvety operation, with its complete lack of drumming and vibration, is a revelation. Here are beautiful bodies by Fisher-with fittings by Ternstedt . . . rich, deep-tufted upholsteries and adjustable driver's seat. And throughout the entire chassis are found numerous examples of advanced engineering-such as quiet, non-locking 4-wheel brakes . . . ball bearing steering mechanism ... and automatic acceleration pump.

But no mere recital of features can give you any conception of Chevrolet's value leadership. So we urge you to come in and see for yourself why over 500,000 people have chosen the new **Chevrolet Six since January 1st!**

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THE MERKEL MAIL

Published Every Friday Morning Glover and Caple, Publishers. SUBSCRIPTION RATES Taylor and Jones counties ____\$1.50

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

Wolf Pup Den Dug Up



BRIDGE GAMES. The attractive suburban home of

Mrs. Sam Cummings was the scene of Friends of Mrs. Gene Harvey were gay party on Tuesday evening when complimented with a bridge party on lady friends with a bridge party.

The entertaining rooms were decaccessories

about two-thirds grown in Merkel salad course with iced-tea was passed Tuesday and the animals _attracted to Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Claude considerable attention. They were Young, Harry Cookston, Jack Anderdug out of two dens on the T. C. Allen son, T. A. Bass, Misses Mary Eula farm northeast of Merkel, eight pups Sears, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, being in one den and oncmfwwwwy Boog Sears, Melba West, Mona Marbeing in the den. garet Jones, Iva Bragg and Christine

All eight pups were captured alive Collins. but the young men were unable to locate the mother wolf. The lone wolf in the other den was killed as it was trying to get away.

FORTY-TWO PARTY. Mesdames Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, T. E. Collins and A. R. Booth were

Messrs. Allen and Barker expected joint hostesses in entertaining Satur-

to carry their captives to Abilene and day afternoon in the home of Mrs. offer them to the zoo there. Booth.

Baker and Collins

NOTICE.

DAN REIDENBACH.

also to Fort Worth.

regularly in the future.

the year.

An attractive color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in all party Ship Two Cars Cattle features and game appointments. House decorations were large pots of pink and blue hydrangias.

Two carloads of cattle were shipped Games of progressive forty-two from Merkel this week by Baker and were enjoyed for a time, followed by Collins. On Monday a car of steer a musical pr gram. Miss Mona Maryearlings was shipped to Fort Worth garet Jones sang two numbers with and on Wednesday a mixed car of Mrs. L. B. Scott at the piano. Miss cows and steers was shipped by them, Lucy Tracy read an Edgar A. Guest poem and Mrs. L. B. Scott sang, sup-

Gattle shipments from this section ported by Miss Lucy Tracy at the have been rather active throughout piano. A delicious sandwich plate with iced

drink was passed to Mesdames E.

Yates Brown, V. P. Tippett, Carson To users of McConnon's Products: Miles, Luke Huddleston, Booth War-I expect to call to see you within the ren, Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott, R. O. next few days with a full line of Mc- Anderson, S. D. Gamble, F. C. Mc-Connon's Products and will see you Farland, Fred Latham, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter. Thomas Bearden, E. N. Brown, W. C. J. Brown, Harry

Order Approving Treasurer's Report

On this day the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer for the quarter ending March 31, 1929, and find same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

Received Paid Balance Jury Fund \$15,453,76 \$ 3,293,80 \$ 6,439.01

THE MERKEL MAIL

garet Jones, Lucy Tracy and the

MRS. HARVEY ENTERTAINS.

Sam Swann, Byers Pettye, Warren Scott, Tom Largent, Misses Mary in all services of the day. Smith, Misses Melba West, Christine Eula and Boog Sears and Melba West. Collins, Vennie Heizer, Mona Mar-

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT.

few Sundays at all services. The inthe complimented a number of her last Thursday afternoon in her at- crease in all departments of our Sun-

salad course was served to Mesdames are growing each Sunday. The direc- church of Abilene. This is the only

Progressions of the games was in- Fred Hathaway, Abilene, C. L. Mar- tor expresses hope of seeing the goal Sunday school in Texas that enjoys J. C. Allen and Mason Barker were terspersed with radio music and at vin, C. B. Gardner, Harry Cookston, for May reached. The new equip- the same ranking as does our Sunday exhibiting seven wolf pups and one the refreshment hour a delectable Ross Ferrier, Amy Sears, Sam Cum- ment will be in place by Sunday and school, they having reached the rank Try a Classified Ad for Resulta

The pastor will speak at both hours and at work Sunday.

Sunday and there will be special music both morning and evening. The first in all our services. All regular services Sunday and thirty minutes of the evening service through the week. Our attendance will be given over to singing, special has been very gratifying for the last numbers of congregational singing will be interspersed through this good

Judge E. S. Cummings, who is to tractive apartment on Oak street. day school is noticeable. Also the at- speak to the Business Men's Bible Games of auction bridge were em- tendance on both the morning and Class Sunday morning will bring with afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Partin porated with gorgeous summer flowers ployed as the diversion for the after- evening preaching service has pleased him a number of visitors from the Sun-On Farm Near Merkel and the tables carried colorful party noon and at tea time a delectable the pastor. Our B. Y. P. U. services day school of the University Baptist

Cookston, George White, Roy Largent, mings, W. T. Sadler, R.I. Grimes, L.B. we are counting on a full attendance of Advanced Standard this year. Let's let them see every one in his place

Visitors and strangers are welcomed

Ira L. Parack, Pastor.

Death of Baby Son.

Billie Frank, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thornton of Caps, died Wednesday night, May 8, and was buried at Merkel cemetery Thursday of Abilene officiating. The parents have the deepest sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

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IS YOUR MONEY SHORT?

If so that is the more reason you should trade at the

BOSTON BARGAIN STORE

We are always ready to help you "get by" on the least money possible, so we are offering -

Specials For Saturday

FOR LADIES

All Silk Top-to-toe Ladies' Full Fashioned Chiffon

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\$2.50 value

MEN FOR

All \$1.50 Men's Dress

Shirts

Friday, May 17, 1929.

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Precinct No. 1Fund	51,711.65	16,365.57	39,286.24
Precinct No. 2 Fund	35,358.32	16,995.72	25,720.82
Precinct No. 3 Fund		10,866.82	15,341.01
Precinct No. 4 Fund		8,986.50	17,551.21
General Fund		14,281.49	55,009.41
Pauper Fund		2,417.74	10,671.980
Court House Sink Fund		12.67	11,919.04
Road Dist. No. 1 Fund		.00	18,828.49
Road Dist. No. 2 Sink Fund		:00	5,898.80
Road Dist. No. 3 Sink Fund		.00	4,799.76
Road Dist. No. 4 Sink Fund	1,034.16	.00	1,904.95
Road Dist. No. 5 Sink Fund	1,065.43	29.50	1,645.80
Road Dist. No. 6 Sink Fund	1,312.42	.00	3,033.79
Road Warrant Sink Fund	8,040.19	11,567.60	3,886.85
Test Station Fund		.00	349.35
Precinct No. 1 Gravel A C	200.42	38,618.14	5,027.74
Precinct No. 2 Gravel A C	98.78	20,796.17	3,093.46
Precinct No. 3 Gravel A C	2,021.52	36,974.05	2,468.83
Precinct No. 4 Gravel A C	.65	330.48	.00
Highway No. 1 Account	_ 28.43	3,590.56	1,541.74
Highway No. 30 Account	_ 129.03	19,326.73	3,304.98
Highway 600 M Account	_ 166.32	34,000.00	181.57
Permanent Improvement	_ 1,887.20	2,493.45	1,018.11
Highway No. 1 and 30 Sink	_ 15,094.80	20,45	28,054.27
Highway 600 M Sink	47,042.83	23,609.43	28,812.76
Highway 1 A Sink	_ 3,800.0)	1,563.90	2,600.88
Escrow A C-444-1-2		19,350.53	18,225.91
Escrow A C-90-C	00	11,826.50	12,945.53
Escrow A C-468-U-2	.0)	.00	9,007.30
Escrow A C-90-C-U-2	_ 98,238.64	.00	98,238.64
Escrow A C-90-C-U-1 and 2	_ 40,097.23	.00	40.097.23

TOTAL CASH IN BANKS \$455,554.60

BONDS AND SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING H	TUNDS
Court House Fund-Road and School Bonds	\$ 4,800.00
Road District No. 1-Road Bonds	19,300.00
Road District No. 2-Road Bonds	1,000.00
Highways 1 and 30-Road Bonds	7,000.00

TOTAL SECURITIES OWNED BY COUNTY _ \$32,100.00 BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Highway Bonds, 1927 Issue	\$327,000.00
Highway Bonds, 1927 Issue	590,000.00
Court House Bonds	
Road Warrants 1918 Issue	
Road Warrants Highway 1A	
Road District No. 1	
Road District No. 2	
Road District No. 3	
Road District No. 4	10,000.00
Road District No. 5	
Road District No. 6	
Paving Warrants	1,000.00
Bridge and Machinery Warrants	8,000,00

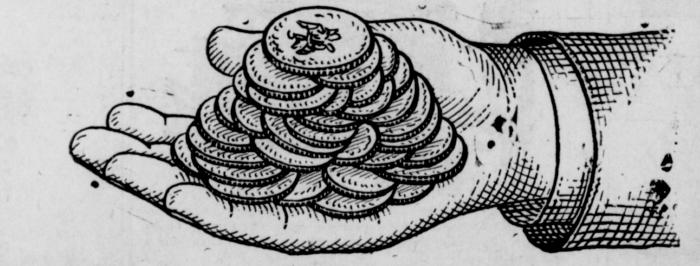
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF TAYLOR COUNTY \$1,298.000.00 The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

TOM K. EPLEN. County Judge. G. B. TITTLE, Com. Prec. No. 1 P. A. DILTZ, Com. Prec. No. 2 J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Prec. No. 3. H. A. NEWBY, Com. Prec. N. 4 cribed and sworn to before me this the 14th day of May, 1929. **POUNDS**, County Clerk.



OPPORTUNITY

Is Rapidly Closing for Membership in Class 1, of the Helping Hand Protective Association



We already have more than 1,000 members in CLASS 1, but we expect to include about 150 above that numb r in this class.

Do Not Fail to Get in Class I BECAUSE OF THE PROFIT SHARING AGREEMENT

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$2.00

Classes will be built of 1,000 members, which member will pay \$1.00 each for death of any member, and \$1.00 each for semi-annual dues. The dues of a full class will amount to \$2,000 per year, and members of Class 1 will be given 25 per cent of the profits on all the other classes ever built by the Association. MEMBERSHIP FEE ONLY \$2.00. One Dollar of this is to be the first death assessment in advance.

If interested fill out this blank, enclose \$2.00 and mail to:-
HELPING HAND PROTECTIVE ASSN.,
316 Citizens Nat'l Bank Building,
Abilene, Texas.
Name in Full
Address
Age Place of Birth
Beneficiary
Condition of Health

The Helping Hand Protective Association is operating under the laws of the State of Texas as a mutal aid

Friday, May 17, 1929.

THE MERKEL MAIL



FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Bundle and headed feed; double row cultivator and planter; part time or will trade for cow. T. W. Collins, near Stith.

FOR SALE-Hen house 30x12. 3 miles north and 1 mile east. Joe Hig- uncle in Abilene last week-end. gins, Route 1.

PLANTS-Large well rooted collard plants. Jersey Wakefield cabbage. McGee Tree and Gulf States market tomato plants. 100 for 40c; 1,000 for \$3.00. Thousands of sweet pepper plants, 100 for 50c:1,000 for \$4.00 postpaid and packed in damp moss. J. B. Stallings. Roscoe, Texas.

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1928 Chevrolet Coupe, driven less than 8000 miles, new rubber, perfect condition. You'll have to drive it to appreciate it _____\$525.00

1928 Coupe, a good clean car, good rubber _____ ___\$495.00

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Many others to select from Fords, Chevrolets, Dodges, Buicks, Studebakers.

Look them over and drive them before you buy.

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FOR SALE-Cafe on Kent Street. Write Box 245, Merkel.

NICE TOMATO plants for sale. Mrs. E. Annis. Phone 121J.

Trent News and pital. **Personal** Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rosen and children visited with relatives and friends last week.

Mrs. Adams of Ireland is here with her daughter for an indefinite visit. Mrs. Wright Boyd and son of Lamesa have returned home after a lengthy stay with the W. L. Boyd family. Mrs. Curley Edwards visited her

Prof. McAdams, a former teacher few hours in Trent Friday. in High school here, was seen on our

with old friends. Friends are glad to learn that Otis

Merkel, is doing nicely.

Cross Plains, old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Barnes, Mrs. Carl Murdock, spent over-night

with them last week. Archer this week.

ing her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones.

Mrs. Blankenship of Abilene last mentioned. week-end.

day for their home.

Greenville. They were accompanied organized many years ago.

by Mrs. Lowery and baby daughter. Postmaster Dowdy and wife were top and Duco, none better ____\$195.00 | week-end guests of Mr. Dowdy's parents in Abilene.

Miss Helen Roden and Collier Per-S. S. class of the Christian church but the injury is improving nicely.

Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. J. E. Perkins. The party was also in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. Wallace Kelly, who received several lovely gifts. The class will surely miss her and are wishing her much happiness in the new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy and on, Clell, Misses Lovie Bright and Helen Roden had quite an enjoyable outing at Abilene Lake Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter spent the week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt are an-

nouncing the birth of a baby girl, born "Close Harmony" Saturday night at the Baptist hos-Master Herbert McLeod has gone

to Lamesa for a visit with his uncles Herbert and Winslow. Clara Mae Sherman is home after

a short visit to Blair. Mrs. L. M. Patton and son of Abi-

Mrs. O. S. Bishop. her brother, M. R. Sherman, who lives mances on Sunday the 19th.

at Smithfield. Mrs. D. J. Rawlings and son Junior

streets last Thursday shaking hands field is being drilled deeper for better suffers none of the limitations impospay. Mrs. B. T. Northcutt and Mr. and

Ashford, who is in the sanitarium at Mrs. Ausbron Fleming have returned to their home in Crystal City after Mr. and Mrs. Poley Williams of visiting their daughter and sister,

Attend Funeral in Weatherford. Andrew Archer of Dallas visited a J. H. Campbell, Mrs. John Meeks, few days with his mother, Mrs. Mary John and Lee Campbell and W. T. Thornton, all of Capps, have returned Miss Ruby Campbell of Novis re- from Weatherford, where they were turned home last Sunday after visit- present at the funeral of Mrs. W. M. Green, age 89, sister of Mr. J. H. Miss Zula Bright visited Mr. and Campbell and the aunt of the others

Mrs. Green died at the home of her Miss Elvin Hogue and Wallace Kel- daughter, Mrs. D. J. Doughty, in ly were married Saturday night in Weatherford and the services were Abilene and they will leave Wednes- held at the First Baptist church there, the pastor officiating. It was at the Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens left Sun- home of Mrs. Green that the First SERVICES MAY BE HAD AT day for Mineral Wells, Campbell and Baptist church of Weatherford was

Has Sprained Ankle.

misfortune to sprain her ankle about I. C. Boar. two weeks ago when she stepped from kins entertained the Young People's a box at the barn on their home place

Have Them Made Good

As New

Any Style Any Size

All Work Guaranteed

Griffin Mattress

Factory

R. L. Griffin, Prop.

Paramount's new all-talking, singing and dancing comedy romance, "Close Harmony," the story of which was written by Elsie Janis, will be

the feature attraction at the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, for four days startlene were week-end guests of Mr. and ing today and continuing through Miss Florence Sherman visited with Tuesday, May 21st, with no perfor-

> The producers classify "Close Harmony" as a filmusical romance, the

are visiting in Fort Worth this week. claim being made that the film is Ollie Smith of Sweetwater spent a virtually a musical comedy transferred from the stage to the screen, with

The L. Carter No. 6 in the Smith highly beneficial results, as the screen ed upon stage productions because of lack of variety in stage settings, etc.

Buddy Rogers and Nancy Carroll are the headliners of the attraction and their supporting cast includes

MY BARN FROM Black Hawk Registered Percheron Stallion and Black Mam-

Mrs. Robert N. Campbell had the mouth Jack; also Registered O.



comedians. At Majestic Today On the same program will be presented "Whirls and Girls," a Mack Sennett talking comedy, "The False Our revival meeting will begin the Alarm Fire Company," a comedy talk- first Sunday in August, Rev J. W.

> Movietone News. PERESEYTERIAN CHURCH.

ing sketch, and a late issue of Fox Joiner will be with us again. Wm. Elliott, Supt.

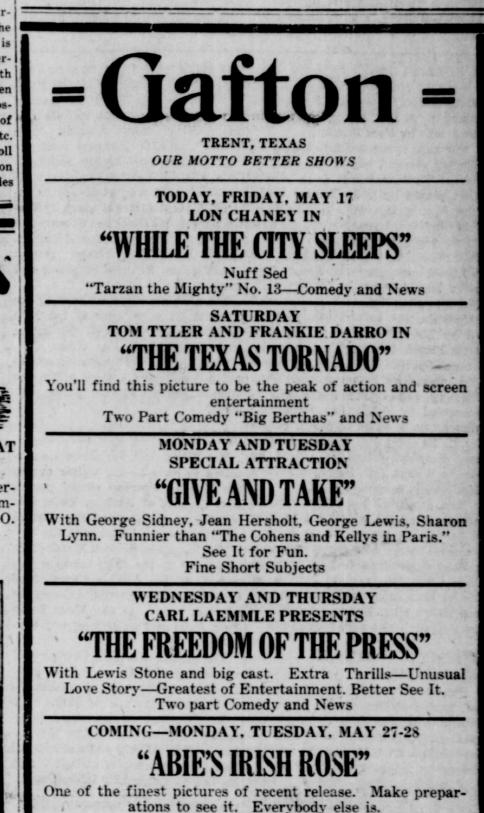
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

day. Preaching services at 11 a. m.

and 8 p. m. Come worship with us.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Attend- Adding machine rolls at Merkel ance and interest fine last Sunday, Mail office.

Jack Oakie and Skeets Gallagher, the let's make as good or better next Sun-





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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29-Vera Baker sponsor,

The Staff:

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A FULL HOUSE.

was given by William Sheppard ac-On next Thursday evening, May 23, companied by Nadine Tippett. Euna AT THE METHODIST CHURCH. at the Merkel Theatre the Senior class Lee Gilmore was heartily applauded presents "A Full House," a farce in at the conclusion of her recitation of dist church last Sunday. Fine conthree acts by Fred Jackson. an exciting story, entitled "The The cast is composed of Parks, an Crash." Imogene Mangum read the ship at all of the services of the day.

English servant, played by Robert class prophecy and Ruskin Smith the Riney: Susie, a maid from Sioux class will. Both documents furnished City, played by Ruby Patton; Ottily an occasion for a great deal of merri-Howell, a bride, represented by Euna ment. A vocal duet was given by Viv-Lea Gilmore; George Howell, her hus- ian Berger and Euna Lee Gilmore and band, portrayed by Ruskin Smith; a vocal solo, by Imogene Mangum. Miss Winnecker, from Yonkers, the Wesley Butler and Buster Horton old maid aunt, played by Vernie Der- played a duet on the french-harp and rick: Daphne Charters, Ottily's sis- guitar.

ter, played by Norma Shannon; Ned The program was concluded by the Penebroke, Jr., an only son, portray- presentation of a copy of the 1929 ed by Roy Kelsoe; Mrs. Pembroke, Badger to the school by the Senior from Boston, Ned's mother played by class president, Norma Sloan. Wanna Spurgin; Vera Vernon, a show The program was excellently arrangirl, played by Velma Walker; Mrs. ged and delivered and we assure the Fleming, who owns the apartment, re- seniors that it was very much enpresented by Addie Fae Patterson; joyed. Dougherty, a police sergeant, played

by R. E. Cole; Jim Mooney, Clancy, REV. GERHART AT CHAPEL. and Kearnly, policemen, played by Arline Willett, Lois' Suber, and Helen prised to have as our visitor during McCormick, respectively.

Mrs. Pembroke has lost a valuable Rev. Gerhart of Abilene. Twice this necklace and the whole cast becomes school year we have had the pleasure mixed up in the affair. It is very of having Rev. Gerhart with us. amusing to see how the ever-present The purpose of his visit Monday was policemen go about finding the neck- to present to the High school a piclace, while the servants furnish re- ture from the Abilene Chamber of marks that cause laughs throughout Commerce and to distribute among the the entire play. Ned's and Daphne's students tickets to the West Texas love affair is also very interesting.

SPEECH DEPARTMENT IN RECITAL.

Fair, to be held at Abilene next September. The picture presented to the school

was one of "Old Ironsides," the fam-

Rev. Gerhart related many interhad the opportunity of seeing the ship

THE MERKEL MAIL

HEBRON NEWS

We had a nice one-inch rain on Wednesday of last week which was highly beneficial to the farming interests.

grandparents now since the stork left Sadler and the nurses. I cannot coma baby girl with Mr. and Mrs. James mand language to express how much Harris at Abilene.

friends with a party Saturday night words spoken. I prize my friends more and guests included Mr. Palmer and than gold. May their pathways be Miss Ruby Skidmore of Golman. my prayer.

We had a great day at the Methogregations and a fine spirit of wor-Some two hundred people took part in the evening program and it was snappy and interesting from the opening number, by Frank Golliday and his baby, to the closing number by the Men's Bible Class, when thirty or forty men came to the platform and sang, "Brighten The Corner Where You Are." No one on earth can sing that ong like these men sang it. They have promised us a return engagement. We hope it won't be long.

We are expecting next Sunday's program to be as interesting and helpful in every way as was last Sunday's. At the morning hour the pastor will bring a special message to the high chool students of the Methodist church and, of course, to any others The High school was pleasantly surwho are not attending church elsewhere. This message will be given the Monday morning chapel period, from the standpoint of the pastor and not that of a baccalaureate orator.

For the evening hour a fifteen minute song service will pecede "A Forgotten Man" pageant. The song service will be a surprise to you and the pageant the most touching thing you have heard in many a day. The pageant will be put on by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hughes, Tom Allday, L. R. Thompson, Castle Ellis, Miss Boog

Sears and Miss Nadine Tippett. Bring your friends. T. C. Willett, Pastor

CARD OF THANKS. I want to thank my friends for their kindness during my sickness and es-

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris are pecially do I thank Drs. Grimes and I appreciate the beautiful flowers Miss Winnie Bayless entertained given me and how I cherish the kind strewn with sunshine and flowers is

Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us.

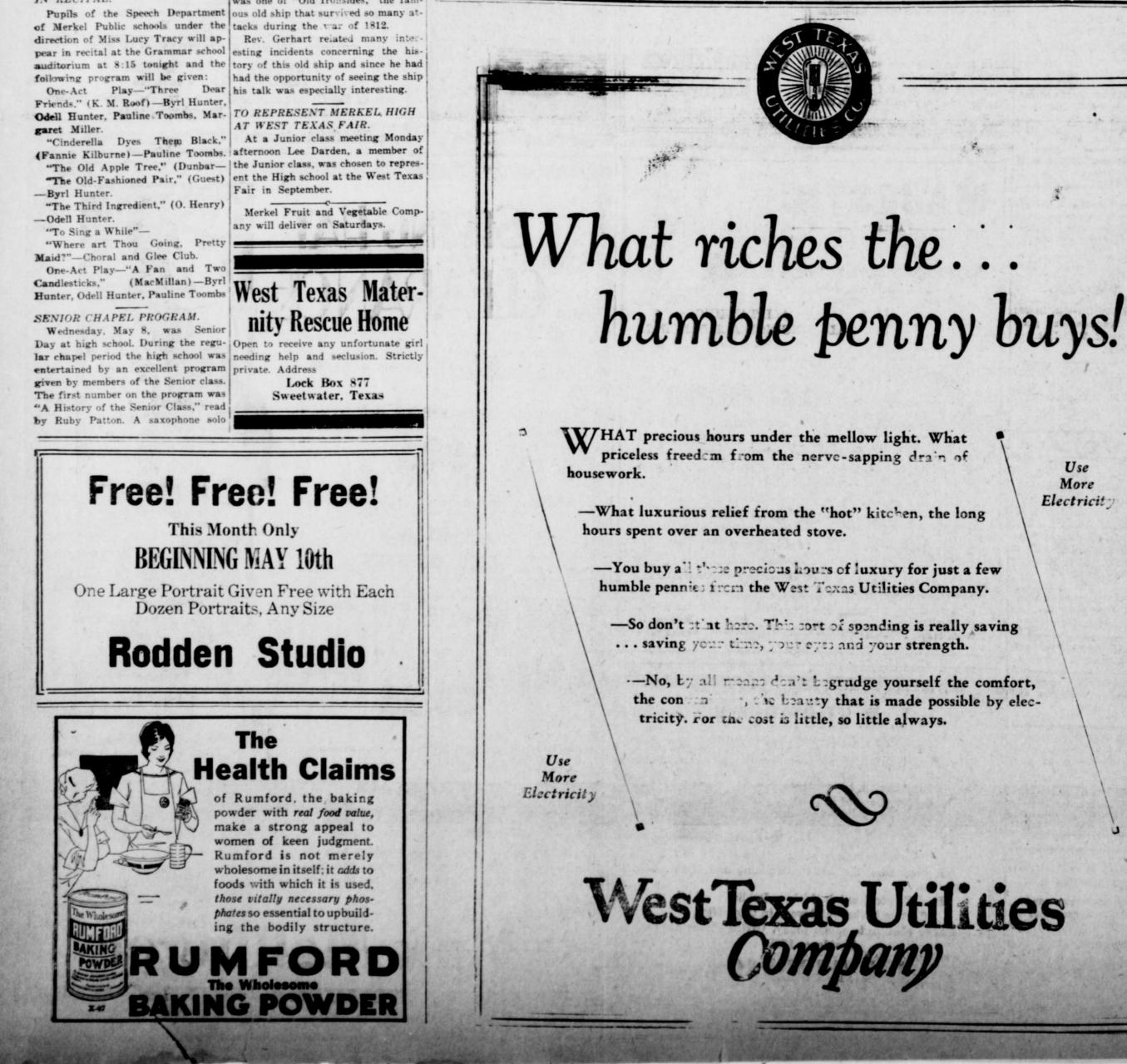
L. R. Thompson

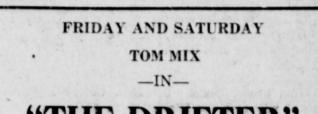


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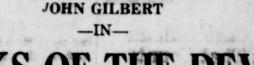
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CHAPTER X

At one o'clock in the morning Bill Pelham heard a rap on his door. Hilton Hanby entered. Behind him was Junior. They were both dressed as if for hiking.

"Am I asleep at the switch?" Bill cried, rubbing his eyes. "What is it?" "Florence Burton is going to see the Pine Plains police tomorrow," Hanby answered. "I can't blame her. You now what that means. Every movement of Tom's will be traced. I sup-pose I shall have to tell everything know, from Miss Selenos down to his last disappearance. Dina says thinks 'Tom has been murdered." "You don't mean to say you've got ome explanation?" inquired Pelham, ith incredulity in his voice.

"I mean just that. If you'll get up nd put some such kit as this on, ill tell you."

"Shoot !" Pelbam urged. "I'll be ready in three minutes."

"The last I saw of Tom Burton was when he walked toward that bird sanctuary-those acres that I've guarded so carefully. I don't deny he might have run a spike in his eye. It may be that he's in a nursing home, and we shall have a wire from him in the morning. I've been thinking about that sanctuary a whole lot. It doesn't owe its conservation to any idea of mine. I should never have thought of it but for that talk over the telephone with a man who delibcrately sturred his name so that I houldn't get it straight. Another thing-this man pretended to be a writer on bird subjects, and yet he quoted in extenso from an article that Tom Burton wrote. The man was a liar, but he gained his end. I did not have the thicket removed. He evidently wanted it kept as it was, and I obediently fell into the trap." lanby's manner was impressive. I, there's something wrong about bird sanctuary !"

"I believe you're right," agreed Pelham, much impressed. "Who could have done it?"

thinks," Junior bu That we ought to see what that bird sanctuary really contains." He took an automatic pistol from his pocket. and handed it to Peham, "Dad and I have one each." "Does Dina know?" Pelham asked.

pied only a few seconds, and nad "Exactly, Sherlock," his father made little sound. Luigi's cry of rage, gibed. "Even I see that; but why?" apparently, had brought no one to in-Junior, in answer, clutched the vestigate its cause. They left him to other's arm. He pointed upstream to lie in a corner, covered with sacking. the tunnel from which the water The odds were growing more favorpoured in unvarying volume. able.

"What's that?" he demanded.

Peering into the shadows, the others could see that the stream carried a burden-a large dark mass that came steadily toward them. Sometimes it was completely immersed, and then it seemed to lift itself from the water, as if it were a huge animal swimming.

"G-d!" cried Hanby. "It's a man's body." The thing was now almost at his feet. He nerved himself to stoop down for a closer inspection. "It may be poor old Tom Burton !" Shuddering a little, he turned the corpse over so that its face could be seen. The sightless eyes of Adolf

Smucker stared up at him. Instinctively Hilton Hanby released his bold, and the stream again took up

its burden. "Thank God it wasn't Tom !" Pel-

ham whispered. "Perhaps, if we walt long enough, he'll come by," Hanby said gloomily. He was depressed to think that he had allowed Junior to come with him. There was no doubt now that danger lay ahead of them. He knew he could not expect his son calmly to leave his father and his friend to face it alone: and if anything should happen whereby not all of them returned, what would Dina do?

Why had they murdered Smucker? And what was Smucker doing here? "Well," he said aloud, answering his own question, "speculation is silly and time-wasting. We've got to follow the stream. We can't do it down here, but the channel is easily seen from the outside."

The three made their silent way along the narrow path, each with the conviction that at the end of it something of a vaguely dangerous character would be found.

"Appleton lied," he said a minute later. "Look-the lake wasn't filled in, after all!" The path led them suddenly, with a THE MERKEL MAIL

source of illumination.

He stopped suddenly. At last he

Luigi entered, and switched on the

Hanby remembered those dreadful

bruises on Smucker's neck. He raised

the heavy cane and brought it down on

the strangler's head with all his

"Thanks, dad!" said Junior, mak-

Bill Pelham, with a yachtsman's

skill, trussed up Luigi with knots that

the ruffian could not break when he

came to. The whole thing had occu-

Hanby was amazed to see Bill Pel-

ham stop before another narrow door

and slip a key into the lock. He had

not noticed that his friend had taken

a bundle of keys from the man be

Pelham worked quietly. The olled

lock made no sound. Derkness was

on either side of the door. As it swung

open, the three, listening intently,

beard a sound as of a man sighing. "Celia ! Celia !" sighed the unseen.

"Les!" Junior whispered, and turned his flashlight on his friend.

Pelham shut the door and looked

about for the inevitable electric light.

that he was practically unburt.

While the bird sanctuary was being

violated, Mr. Appleton drank his early

coffee and took his cereal and fruit in

his customary unhurried way; but

ill humor sat on his fiorid face, and

the eyes peering through his thick

lenses no longer looked childlike and

him-the woman who had a dozen

Three people were in the room with

ing an effort at superb calm.

cover they could in the corners.

Hanby whispered.

the throat.

strength.

was binding.

bland.

he should be in an Italian jail, has and an electric light bulb was the twice imperiled us!" "That isn't fair, Fred," the woman "I bet I'm paying for their fuice!"

protested. Alone of them she seemed to be in no fear of him. "Kerr, or Chapin, or whatever his real name heard footsteps. The three took what was, got that job because he knew there was some mystery here, and he hoped to blackmail us. Some one light. It was Junior whom he first must have given us away. Either saw. With ... roar of anger, he sprang Luigi had to get him, or we might all at the crouching lad and had him by have been discovered."

"Stupid !" he commented crossly. "Why do you all persist in misunderstanding me? You seem to think I am worrying about the death of an escaped convict, when I am only remembering that Luigi, instead of concealing the body here, must throw it in the lake, under the impression that there was an end of it." He waved his hand to the Sicilian. "Go! Remember, we need all your strength today. Sleep, if you want to. Jim will call you when we are ready."

Luigi': great carcass bowed, and animated itself with relief. His was a child's mentality. He bowed to them all. Jim liked his cooking. "I getta you your breakfas', Jeem,"

he said, smiling. "I make-a the tomato, garlic, and potato you like." He took his way to the store...om

gayly. After the meal he would slet p. After that, there would be work for him that no other man here could perform. Jim Delaney was stronger than most men, but he was not like Luigi, who had carried a grand plano on his back.

"You see, Jim," said Appleton, when the Sicilian bad gone, "that we are now in the position of dealing with people who hold something definite against us."

"They're in as deep as we are." said Jim.

Lestie Baron blinked at them in amazement. For weeks-or so it seemed-he had looked only into the "Nothing of the kind! We ma suspect them of a dozen murders, but cruel face of a jailer; and now he whereas we have only suspicion they saw Celia's father, Celia's brother, have a corpus delicti-actually the and Bill Pelham. His face was bloodbody of the crime. They can't help stained, and there was a deep cut finding it. It has cost me a great over one eye, but he sprang to his deal of money and time to make it feet readily enough. They could see one of the exasperating things !"

"Forget it, Fred," the woman said, patting his bead. "Two weeks from now we'll be in Europe, living like lords."

won't want to give you away, anybow."

been so constructed as to be soundproof.

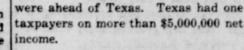
It was Junior's quick ear that heard him first, as he passed the door of Leslie Barron's cell.

"They'll find that man and know we're here," he whispered. "We'll get him as he's finding him,"

Hanby said. There were four now who crept toward the storeroom. They entered it just as Jim was kneeling by Luigi's side, untying his bonds. It was Leslie who made the first spring at him. Jim had not a chance. Outnumbered, taken by surprise, unable to rise to his feet, his struggle was futile. Side by side, he and Luigi nibbled viciously

against gags. "Now for Tom Burton !" said Hanby, when they left the storeroom. (Continued Next Week.)

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"Sure, chief," Jim declared. "They

"There's risk in the whole affair," Appleton retorted. "If the deal goes through safely, they will use their knowledge to cut my price. If I refuse, they will pay, perhaps, but they'll get me for Luigi's foolishness. If they are discovered, they will have to accuse me to save themselves. Luck doesn't keep on. It was sheer luck that the police dropped the Red Chapin case when they found the mangled body of an old cell mate who had threatened to kill him. This thing worries me. Of course, you might get the body at the culvert, but you

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"You Don't Mean to Say You've Got Some Explanation?" Inquired Pelham.

why we are taking you along. Junior wanted to do the stunt alone. Observe his sullen face. He thinks we are going to steal his stuff."

The distance from the extreme boundary of the building and the wire that inclosed the thicket was not more than fifty feet.

When dawn came slowly down the skies, it found Hanby cutting methodically at the wire fence. When the others had passed in, he twisted the cut ends together, so that no passerby would notice that an entrance had been made.

The three soon stood in an area lighted from above by the early light filtering through a screen of leaves. There was a chlorotic, eerie quality about this illumination. The stream flowed to them out of the darkness, d a few yards below it disappeared into a black channel.

"Can we work upstream?" Hanby asked. Junior made an examination.

"It seems impassable. This place

as been cleared out for some special enson-probably because the brook motes that sharp turn, and they had ooth it out."

right-angled turn and a quick descent, to the stream level again. It ran through a hollow a hundred yards in length. The place was a natural amphitheater. Coarse-meshed wire had been stretched from side to side, and was so densely overgrown that the hollow, as observed from the roof of the Gray house, seemed but a natural part of the five acres that had been a like.

The three shrank into the bushes at the edge.

"Who did it?" Junior whispered. "Why was it done?" Pelbam answered.

"We've got to cross this, if we're to find out," Hanby said.

He led the way, keeping to the edge of the leafy wall of this natural tent. He stopped them with a gesture. The odor that floated toward them was unmistakable.

"Coffee!" they whispered in unison. Hanby went on even more warily than before. When he stopped, the two behind saw the reason. He was looking down a narrow tunnel piercing the solid earth, shored up with timbers, as mine passages are protected from the caving in of rocks or earth. It was from this passage that the coffee odor came. No light was to be seen at its end.

Banby measured fifty paces before he stopped. Apparently he had run into solid ground. Then he saw that the passage bent sharply to the left; and when he turned his eyes, he could see light coming from a doorway. It was not daylight, but came from some artificial source.

"Dad !" Junior whispered excitedly.

This is our house-I'm certain!" The three intruders passed through the entrance. It seemed odd that it had no door. The light which enabled them to dispense with the flashlight came from a low-powered electric bulb in the masonry ceiling of a large chamber. The insufficient illumination showed the room to be almost ten feet in height, and filled with piles of

lumber. Now for the first time they heard voices. They drew back into an unlighted chamber, of whose dimensions they could not judge. Here they waited, having for the moment no set plan of action. Junior's guess seemed to be a correct one. For some reason which might soon be discovered, the owner of the Gray house was allowed to use only one-third of his cellar space. Unknowns occupied the rest, and had piled lumber in it. More than that-unknowns made their homes here and breakfasted here. When the distant voices ceased. Hanby turned on the flashlight and looked about him. They had strayed into a storeroom. On shelves were potatoes, onions, carrots, pears, and apples. The floor was of concrete,

" ALASSAT BASSAT



With a Roar of Anger, He Sprang at the Crouching Lad and Had Him by the Throat.

years ago supplanted his wife, Jim Delaney, and Luigi Bartoli. Jim had been a bully all his life, a man who had innumerable times proved the fatuity of the axiom that every bully is a coward. By his side stood the big Sicilian, gesticulating wildly, and voluble beyond words.

"You murdered a man unnecessarily," said Appleton coldly.

Stripped of the exuberant verbiage interspersed with parenthetical remarks in his native tongue, Luigi's story was this:

He had gone into the little room that was Smucker's cell, there to sleep off some strong wine, and to escape from the observant eye of John Delaney. While slumbering, he had suddenly awakened to find that Smucker had stolen his knife and was about to slit his weasand. He had not murdered the man. He had done what he did to save his own life. In moments of vinous rage he did not properly estimate his own strength. He had been horrified to find Smucker lifeless, but Luigi contended that not a jury in the land would convict him of murder.

"You fool!" said Appleton, coldly. venomous. "I do not object to your killing him. It is the manner of disposing of the body that stamps you as an imbecile. Why didn't you bury it where nobody could find it? What madness made you put it in the stream? It is beyond recovery by us, but the others will find it, and they will hold it like a club-not over you or Jim, but over me. You will find it hurts you, too! Well, it's done now, and we know that it will be discovered. Also we know that the men we are dealing with will make capital out of it." Appleton's icy rage grew with the thought of the disaster. "I shall be the sufferer-I, who thought that after tonight I should have no worries in the world!" He pointed at Luigi. "And this mass of clay from Palermo's underworld, who has had sanctuary here, and food and drink, when

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in the S. G. Russell home.

Murry by Miss Margaret Love.

friend, Miss Curb of Petersburg.

on at Bronte.

Announcements have been made during the past week to all the inter- ed from Hermleigh. ested country schools by Supt. Burgess Mrs. A. T. Sheppard visited her have been residents of Merkel for that hereafter Merkel will follow the sister, Miss Harkrider, at Lamesa this many years, have gone to Florence, other schools of the section and re- week. guire entrance examination of all pu- Dean Murray was home from North home of Mr. Conner's nephew, A. M. pils coming from unaffiliated high Texas A. & M. College at Arlington Conner.

schools who wish to enter the 9th, for Mother's Day, 10th or 11th grade of the Merkel High K. Stoker of Snyder was a Merkel and K. K. Francis, commercial manaschool. This examination may be visitor Thursday looking after his ger of the West Texas Utilities com- "Who is My Mother?" taken along with the pupils of the ranch interests. Merkel High school this next week as Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett and son, speting the new quarters of the comthey take it, or may be taken next Arthur Wesley, visited with relatives pany. fall when school opens. Of course, in Sweetwater Saturday. pupils who have taken the State College Entrance examinations and re- daughter of Abilene were the Sunday months with her son, V. M. Sutphen, ceived credit from the state departguests of Miss Addie Holler. ment will be admitted without exam-

ination. Also pupils who have this spent the week-end with his parents valley. spring taken and passed the 7th grade Mr. and Mrs. Henry West. M. A. Williams will be admitted with- visit from her grandmother, Mrs. J. out any further examination.

R. Perry of Navarro county. The reason for this step is evident when one thinks about the situation Queen theatre spent Mother's Day War. for a moment. Merkel maintains a with Mrs. Nesmith's parents in Abinine-month term with at least one lene. teacher for each grade. Other things Deing equal a pupil cannot do in ten of Rotan visited their parents, Mr. Worth spent several days this week years of seven months each what a and Mrs. James Doan, the first of the with L. R. Thompson, local representa-Merkel child can do in ten years of week.

nine months each. Especially is this true when in the seven-month country Bernice Holiman of San Angelo spent school a teacher has to divide her time Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richbetween about three or four grades. ardson. A child simply cannot do the work when the teacher devotes less than Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive of Big "Keeping Sweet." by leader; "What of the West Texas Utilities company, one-third as much time to a grade as does the same teacher in a school like Merkel where the teacher devotes all her time to one grade.

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Tuesday, May 21st. 1:00-Public Abilene Monday evening.

time.

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tinue in his profession of commercial Mothers' Day Services advertising.

Mrs. Raymond Demere has just returned from Loma Linda, California, where she was called to the bedside of her sick mother, Mrs. P. B. Franks, Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt has return- who is much improved.

> Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner, who Kansas, to spend the summer in the

Al Breihan, district superintendent, pany, were in Merkel Wednesday in-

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen has returned Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holler and little from a very pleasant visit of three who is now cashier of the Delta State Weston West of S. M. U., Dallas, bank at Edcouch in the Rio Grande

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Weir of Abilene examinations given by County Supt. Mrs. C. L Boswell is enjoying a visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes last Sunday. Mr. Weir

has been in the employ of the post-Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith of the office since returning from the World

Martin W. Moses, special home office representative of the Southern Mr. and Mrs. Doy Doan and family Union Life Insurance company of Fort

tive of the company.

Junior League Program. Song, "Keep in touch with Jesus;"

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prayer; roll call; scripture, Phillipians Miss Doris Russell of Abilene and 4:6-8, by leader, Lois Whiteley; evening in the resplendent new home Spring were guests for Mother's Day is being Sweet," by Miss Cora Lee one of the most modern business Hulsey; "Why Keep Sweet," by Louise houses in Merkel was opened for in-On her visit with her mother, Mrs. Kerr; "How to Keep Sweet," by Mary spection. The work of remodelling W. L. Harkrider, Miss Elizabeth Eva Nichols; "The Jesus Way," by has been going on for several months Harkrider was accompanied from Mc- Eloise Manscill; zellaphone solo, by and the building was overhauled from Duncan Briggs; Bible story by Mollie the ground to ceiling, from the rear Miss Berdelle Adcock was accom- Frank Touchstone; song, benediction. door to the front walls. It is a model

panied on her visit home from Abilene for latest style and improvements in Christian college last week-end by her the builders' art and Manager Matt Maternity Rescue Home. Through Mrs. G. Burton Fain, Dillingham and his associates will Mrs. V. P. Tippett and daughters superintendent of the West Texas have just cause to be proud of their and Mrs. Carson Miles and daughter Maternity Rescue Home at Sweetwat- electrical house.

arrived Friday from San Angelo to er, who was a visitor in Merkel the The front of the building has been early part of the week, the people of done in stucco with terra cotta pillars, spend the week-end with relatives. Mrs. Pearl Moore, who has been this city were given information as to the windows and doors are outlined making her home with her son, Rich- the objects of this organization and with blue tile, and ornamental iron ard Shields, residing on Route Five, some of the good it has accomplished. fences are placed at the foot of the has gone to Dallas for an indefinite Mrs. Lucy F. Bumpas, mother of wall columns. Two show windows, Mrs. Fain, is the matron in charge and elaborately finished and decorated, are

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Slater, Mrs. the Rescue Home, which is a modern filled with electrical devices and all Aurra Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. 15-room house, has been in operation the labor-saving articles kept in readi-Higgins and Miss Dota Garoutte were since August of last year. It serves ness by the West Texas Utilities comamong the visitors from Merkel Re- West Texas exclusively, is said to be bekah lodge to greet Mrs. Etta Ross, strictly ethical, being licensed by the

president of Rebekah Assembly, at state and endorsed by members of the medical profession, and, according to

trons. In Merkel Churches

(Continued from Page One) fittingly observed in all departments of the Sunday School, both church services, and with special programs in each of the Epworth Leagues.

A reading, "Home Without Mothhome er," by Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, was one of the chief features of the adult department and at the morning hour of

worship Roy Largent sang, "My Moth-

in the evening program, which includ-

people's department singing "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again." The closing number by the Men's Bible class when thirty or forty men came to the platform and sang "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" was by way of a climax to the many good features of the day.

SERVICES AT BLAIR. Once a month the Presbyterians of terian church at Merkel, and Mother's

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When the lights flashed on Tuesday

ed a male quartet from the young

Blair have services conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presby-Day was observed there in an appropriate manner at the services at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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Thursday, May 23rd, 8:30-History. Thursday, May 23rd, 1:00-Any other subjects.

A Surprise Farewell Party.

In the home of Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church and the pastor arranged a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner Tuesday, which was by way of saying good-bye to this estimable couple leaving for Florence, Kans., to spend the summer with Mr. Connor's nephew.

The honorees received many presnts and were very much pleased with the evidence of friendship and love on the part of their friends and will carry with them to Kansas tender memories of their thoughtful farewell party.

Lions Select Austin.

San Angelo, Texas, May 16 .- Lions of Texas named A. C. Kater of Houston to succeed John Erhard of Dallas as district governor and selected Austin for the 1930 convention as the concluding acts of the State convention here. Mr. Kater, who served as district deputy with Mr. Erhard, polled 179 votes on the first ballot, T. N. Carswell of Abilene 108 and R. H. Graham of Wichita Falls 53.

This was a majority of eighteen votes for Mr. Kater and his election was then made unanimous.

Austin got 193 votes to 176 for Galveston, these being the only two in the running. Austin won the convention last year at Wichita Falls, but yielded to San Angelo when Governor Moody called a special session of the Legislature at this time.

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