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## RATLIFF LYNCHED BY ENRAGED MOB TUESDAY NIGHT

**"Santa Claus" Bandit of Cisco Bank Robbery, Convicted of Two Murders, Taken from Eastland Jail and Hanged.**

Eastland, Nov. 21—Furious over his attempted jailbreak in which he fatally wounded Peace Officer Tom Jones a mob of 200 Eastland men Tuesday night lynched Marshal Ratliff, "Santa Claus" bandit of the Cisco bank robbery.

Ratliff was hanged from a telephone pole cable after the jailer had been captured and his keys taken. His naked body was strung up by a new grass rope, as between 1200 and 1500 people looked on.

On the first attempt to hang the bandit, who was here pending a sanity hearing which had temporarily delayed his death in the electric chair, the rope broke, and the mob waited for about 15 minutes while a new grass rope was procured. The rope was put around his neck and a score or more men surged against it.

Some one in the crowd yelled "May-be he wants to talk." The hangmen eased their pressure and Ratliff was lowered to the ground a second time. "Do you want to talk?" they asked him.

"Yes," the doomed man gasped, pulling the rope free. "I've got something I want to say."

Again they waited, while Ratliff stood looking into the faces about him, he mumbled something, unintelligible. "Hell," some one shouted, "he doesn't want to talk. String him up, and make a good job of it this time."

The words "string him up" echoed from a hundred men, and again the hangmen bent their weight to the stout rope. This time he was left sprawling in the air until dead.

About a thousand gathered around the jail, but the lynching party consisted of only about 150 or 200 men. The leaders slipped into a side door of the jail, and attempted to get authorities to give them the bandit.

When refused, they overpowered Jailer Kilborn and took his keys. Then they made their way to the upstairs of the jail to Ratliff's cell.

The plan had at first been to take him to the public square but the crowd, apparently impatient, decided to stop at the cable, as it appeared strong enough to hold the body.

The bandit's head was bandaged, the result of his attempted escape Monday.

The lynching appeared to be the culmination of a growing wave of feeling, expressed Tuesday afternoon wherever men met with words, "This has gone on long enough—we've waited."

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## CHURCHES OF CITY IN UNION SERVICE THANKSGIVING DAY

A Union Thanksgiving service of all the churches of the city will be held at the First Baptist church here at 7 p. m. Thanksgiving Day. Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church will preach the sermon. A more complete program will be announced in next week's issue of the Mail.

## LAST SAD RITES SAID FOR THREE

**Mrs. G. M. Sharp and Mrs. J. A. Giles Buried Sunday and Mrs. Wm. Heldmar on Monday.**

Funerals for two beloved Merkel women were held at the Baptist church here Sunday afternoon, that of Mrs. G. M. Sharp taking place at 2 followed at 3:30 by that of Mrs. J. A. Giles. At 10 o'clock Monday morning, a third funeral was held at the same church for Mrs. William Heldmar of Tulsa, Okla.

MRS. G. M. SHARP.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp, wife of G. M. Sharp, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning after a lingering illness, the funeral services being held at 2 o'clock the same afternoon, conducted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the family pastor, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Sharp whose maiden name was Annie Edwards, was born in Palo Pinto county Feb. 22, 1874, and was married January 12, 1890, to G. M. Sharp at Strawn. They lived in Erath county for some time, removing to Merkel in 1901, where they have resided for the past 29 years. She was the mother of fourteen children, of whom six survive, in addition to her husband, as follows: Mrs. D. C. Barnes of Louisiana, Mrs. Joe Owens of Merkel, Mrs. Carl Weaver of Childress, Mrs. R. E. Lee of Big Spring, and George and Dallas Sharp of Merkel. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister: Wesley Edwards of Maryneal, Charles and John Edwards of Midland, and Mrs. Eva Gilmore of Portland, Ore., and nine grandchildren. Soon after she married she joined the Baptist church and was a loyal and faithful member through her long and useful life.

Pall bearers were Joe Hartley, Booth Warren, Robert Hicks, John West, Byers Petty and Holland Teaff.

MRS. J. A. GILES.

Funeral services for Mrs. J. A. Giles, wife of J. A. Giles, were held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating and with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Giles, whose maiden name was Savannah Jane Lewis, was born Nov. 17, 1862.

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## PASTOR WILLETT SENT BACK AGAIN TO LOCAL CHURCH

**Methodist Church Conference at Pampa Announces List of Appointments; Congregation Pounds Brother Willett.**

When Bishop John M. Moore read the appointment of preachers for the ensuing year at the closing session of the twentieth annual Northwest Texas conference at Pampa Sunday night, it was disclosed that Rev. T. C. Willett, who came to the Methodist church at Merkel one year ago, has been returned to the same pastorate, which is a source of much satisfaction and pleasure to all the members of his congregation and to the citizenry in Merkel in general.

As an expression of the esteem in which Brother Willett and his family are held in this community, he was pounded on Wednesday evening by more than seventy-five of the church members and many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

Dr. E. E. White was also returned as presiding elder of the Abilene district and he was elected a delegate to the general conference to be held at Dallas in May. Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, was also elected a delegate to this conference.

A complete list of the appointments appears below. Other changes of interest to the people in this section include the assignment of B. W. Dodson, formerly at Brownfield, to Baird; J. H. Hamblen, former presiding elder of the Stamford district, to the First Church at Abilene; F. J. Rea, who was formerly with the Merkel church, from Post to Albany; U. S. Sherrill to Trent; L. H. Davis was returned to Tye and Marvin Williams to Blair; W. M. Murrell, a former Merkel pastor, was returned to the Clarendon district for the third year; W. J. Mayhew, who was pastor here before Brother Willett came, was sent to Munday and W. R. McCarter, also a former pastor, was moved from Crowell to Ralls; M. R. Pike, who was a Merkel boy, was moved from Munday circuit to Rochester, and E. D. Landrith was returned to Headley where he had done a great year's work.

Rev. T. C. Willett, the Merkel pastor, made a strong fight on the conference floor for the changing of the time of holding the conference to the summer but lost by a small margin. He states that it is his opinion that it will win next year. The conference will be held at Sweetwater next year.

### Two Parties of Deer Hunters.

In addition to others who have taken advantage of the open season for deer, two parties of Merkelites are now enjoying the sport in Southwest Texas. In one party going to the Kerville section are Messrs. Kay Stoker, Willard Kirkpatrick, John Shannon, Homer Patterson and C. K. Russell. The other party includes Messrs. A. R. Booth, V. Garner, Phillip Diltz and M. M. Matlock, who have gone to Mason county.

### Greyhound Racing.

Four days of greyhound racing, Nov. 25, 26, 27 and 28, are announced for Abilene to be run under the rules and regulations of the International Coursing association. Some of America's best greyhounds will be in action and there will be plenty of thrills. Among the features will be four stakes, the Futurity Stake, the Sapling Stake, the Waterloo Stake and the Plate Stake. Walter McGee is president of the organization staging the events and any further information can be secured from C. F. Choate, secretary, at Celina, Texas.

### Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze, a baby boy, Nov. 7, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morris, a baby boy, Nov. 15, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Giles P. Graham, residing west of town, a baby girl, Nov. 16, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scranton, a baby boy, Nov. 17, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Che-nault, of Abilene, a baby girl, Nov. 17, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green, of Golan, a baby girl, Nov. 17, 1929.

### Cattle Movement.

Two cars of mixed cattle were shipped from Merkel on Monday, both cars being destined to Fort Worth. The shippers were McCoy and Lowe, and Ellerbee and Brooks.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Former Mayor Glenn A. Pace of Borger has been released on bond following an indictment charging possession of liquor for the purpose of sale.

Walter E. Nixon, 40, Missouri Pacific engineer, was killed at Harlingen when his auto was struck by one driven by his own fireman, W. J. Lee.

Andrew Cox of Lamesa, who is owner and manager of the Palace theatre there, was found not guilty by a jury of operating movies on Sunday.

Railroad Commissioner Lon A. Smith returned Monday to his desk at the Capitol for the first time since Oct. 8, when he was taken to a hospital.

Jess Gunn, farm operator of Paris, was severely burned when gasoline which was spilled on him while his truck was being filled ignited from the exhaust pipe.

E. H. Buckner, 84, for many years roadmaster of the Sherman-Denison interurban, the first electric line built in Texas, died suddenly at his home in Sherman Saturday.

Contract has been let by the Galveston Wharf company for the construction of the building proper of a grain elevator on the wharf that will cost about \$2,850,000.

Wesley Lewis, 15, Fort Worth delivery boy, lost his life Tuesday in the discharge of his duty when, as he was delivering a toxin anti-toxin serum for a little girl in the city-county hospital at Fort Worth, he was crushed beneath the wheels of a truck.

## Train Service at Merkel Improved

As the result of changes in the passenger train service by the Texas and Pacific railway, Merkel now has night trains to stop here going in both directions, which will be of considerable convenience to travelers in and out of the city. No. 6 eastbound will stop here at 2:03 a. m. and No. 5 going west will stop here at 2:46 a. m. These trains have been mail trains only for Merkel heretofore. Nos. 9 and 10, westbound and eastbound, respectively, have been discontinued at Abilene.

## Clyde Foster Made Manager of Queen

Late Thursday afternoon the announcement was authorized that Clyde Foster, who was formerly engaged in the picture show business in Merkel, has assumed the management of the Queen theatre here.

The regular program, as announced for Friday and Saturday will be followed, viz. Ken Maynard in "The Lawless Legion," with chapter 5 of "The Vanishing West." For Monday and Tuesday, Alice White will be shown in "Naughty Baby," with a two reel comedy, and on Wednesday and Thursday Greta Garbo will be featured in "Single Standard," with the International News Reel.

### Cotton Receipts.

During the week 120 bales of cotton were received at Merkel, bringing the total for the season up to Thursday noon to 5,137 bales.

### Sunday School Attendance.

A total attendance of 717 was registered at the five Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, with that of the Methodist church leading with an attendance of 282. The Baptist Sunday School had 225 present, while the attendance at the other three denominations was as follows: Presbyterian 90, Church of Christ 75 and Nazarene 45.

### Attend Family Reunion.

Marvin Smith of this city and his brother, O. A. Smith of Trent, were present last Sunday at a family reunion and dinner in celebration of the 83rd birthday of his mother, Mrs. W. D. Smith, at Stanton. Altogether about twenty were present, including the two sons and one daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, who reside at Stanton, besides the two sons mentioned above.

### Addresses Chapel at Noodle.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, addressed the pupils and parents of the Noodle school at chapel exercises Wednesday morning. The new brick school house for the Cross Roads district at Noodle has just been completed and it is said to be one of the most complete and modern in this part of the state.

## MERKEL'S FIRST "COW DAY" ANNOUNCED FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 5TH

### DISTRICT TITLE AT STAKE TODAY

**Badgers Meet Stamford Bulldogs at Anson for Honors in Eastern Section.**

Due to the defeat of the Haskell Indians by the Stamford Bulldogs on Monday by the decisive score of 21 to 0, Haskell was eliminated from the championship race in the eastern section of district 9, class B football, and a game has been arranged for this Friday afternoon to be played at Anson between the Stamford and Merkel teams for the title of the eastern district, the winner to earn the right to play the strong Roscoe Ploughboys for the district honors on or before Thanksgiving.

For the game this afternoon all the football fans of Merkel are expected to be on hand to encourage the boys in their great fight for the district championship. The price of admission will be 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for students. The two Merkel banks have announced that they will close at 2:30 this afternoon on account of the game.

Merkel and Stamford are now tied for sectional honors, each team being credited with three and one-half games lost. Stamford lost their game to Merkel by the score of 6 to 0 and Merkel lost its game to Haskell by the same score, 6 to 0. Merkel lost its one-half game in a scoreless tie with Hamlin on Armistice Day.

Hamlin and Anson, who, by the way, are out of the title race, due to previous defeats, played a 7-7 draw on Wednesday at the Highway celebration staged by Stamford and Anson.

STAMFORD 21, HAMLIN 0.

All hope was upset when Stamford won over Haskell in their game last Monday by the score of 21 to 0. The Badgers had played both teams, having won over Stamford 6 to 0 and having been defeated by Haskell 6 to 0.

Haskell held the Bulldogs scoreless in the first half, but Stamford scored early in the third quarter and again a few minutes later in the same period. Their last count came in the fourth quarter. All attempts for extra points were unsuccessful.

Stamford made two attempts at field goal but failed.

Among those who attended the game from Merkel were Coach Melvin S. Davis, Joel Darsey, Benny Sheppard, Paul Collins, Captain Fred Guitar, W. M. Case, Fred Baker, J. D. Ashby, Byron Patterson, Orion Tittle, J. E. Boaz and Miss Louise Booth.

### Change for Better For Robert Dennis

The condition of Robert Dennis, who was injured seriously when thrown from an automobile on the night of Nov. 9, took a turn for the better Tuesday night and it is now said that his chances for recovery are most encouraging. He has not had any temperature for several days and is able to rest without the use of medical assistance. His many friends and the friends of the family will be glad to learn of this favorable change in his condition.

### Demonstrator for Flex at the West Co.

A lady demonstrator from the factory for Flex, the new finish for home furnishings, will be at the West company for two days, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, to show the many useful and novel ideas in home decoration and the new colors made possible by this wonderful new finish.

It is announced that free souvenirs will be given to the ladies. Everyone is invited.

### Men's Prayer Meeting.

In view of the fact that no prayer service was held by the men of the several churches in the city on last Sunday, the meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church, the same place as announced formerly, next Sunday, with L. W. Cox as the leader. The service will begin at 3 o'clock and every man in the city is invited to attend.

### Merchants and Business Men of City Accept Plan Sponsored By Lions Club.

Thursday, Dec. 5, is the date; 4:30 p. m. is the time, and the block on Edwards street between Front and Elm streets is the place for Merkel's first "Cow Day." On that occasion, a cow, a sow pig and a pen of chickens will be sold for \$1.00 each by the merchants and business men of Merkel, operating under the auspices of the Lions Club.

This decision was reached at the weekly luncheon of the club, which was also attended by representatives of other firms who are participating in the movement but who are not members of the Lions Club. Among the latter present at the luncheon were E. M. Baker, manager of Dunnam Bros., J. I. Starr of Starr's Variety Store, W. M. Elliott of Bob Martin's Grocery, W. J. Sheppard, manager of the Jones Dry Goods company, Mason Woods, grocer, Eli Case of the Case Grocery, and J. T. Dennis, dry goods and grocery merchant.

The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano. During the progress of the luncheon Mrs. Brown continued with a number of piano selections, which were greatly enjoyed. The invocation was given by Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

Practically the entire luncheon hour was taken up in working out the plans and details of Merkel's "Cow Day" program, which is not to be just for one day but which will be once each month for an indefinite period. Sam Swann, secretary of the club, gave complete information as to all features of the event and a general discussion followed in round table fashion.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel Public Schools was called on by the president of the club to make any announcement that he saw fit, but there was just one announcement on his mind at that time, viz.: Merkel and Stamford will meet Friday at 3:30 on a neutral field at Anson for the intersectional championship, which gives the winner the right to meet Roscoe for the district honors.

### Two New Brick Homes Just Completed Here

Two new brick veneer homes have been completed on Oak street and a frame house is now under construction in South Merkel, which tells of some activity along the building lines, even under the present conditions.

The 5-room brick veneer home erected by Miss Mollye Shannon on a choice lot on Merkel's main residential street is one of the prettiest in the city. The brick was selected in shades of tan and makes a most attractive appearance. The house was constructed under the direction of her brother, E. C. Shannon of Fort Worth, who is a contractor, and contains five rooms, and bath and a breakfast nook. The floors are hardwood throughout.

The other home just completed on Oak street is that of B. H. Lancaster, built for him by the Clay Lumber company. It is brick veneer, pearl gray in tone, and consists of six rooms, bath and breakfast nook, has hardwood floors throughout and is modern in all respects.

Work was started this week on a 4-room frame house and bath in South Merkel for Mack Buzbee, which is to be completed about the first of December.

### Masonic Leader to Be Here Saturday

Frank Hartgraves of Menard, grand master of the Masonic lodge of Texas, will be in Merkel Saturday afternoon between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock and a special convocation of Merkel Lodge No. 710 has been called on account of his visit. No doubt a large number of Masons will be present to meet this high official of the order.

### Several Herds Inspected.

Dr. J. W. Lewis of Haskell, one of the state inspectors in the livestock department, has inspected the herds of several local parties, including those of Tom Douglas, Mrs. R. E. Cole, John S. Hughes, Carl Hughes and J. M. Estex. All of their herds were found in satisfactory condition and passed the inspection o. k.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, November 19, 1909.)

Sunday afternoon Dr. Brown and family with Mrs. Berry as guest and L. R. Porter and family with Miss Dorothy Lee Porter as guest took advantage of the lovely weather and started for an auto ride. Nothing could have been more propitious than the start but the old saying that "A good beginning makes a bad ending" certainly came true for within a half mile of Trent the Doctor had a punctured tire, so we alighted from the car and sat along the road side to watch the trains go by. Pretty soon Mr. Porter's car hove in sight and that kindly gentleman volunteered for the rescue work. He headed for Trent to obtain supplies, but, alas, it was like the blind leading the blind and he, too, fell in the ditch as it were. Just outside of Trent he waited—like Uncle Happy, in helping others out of trouble he had helped himself in. Good Samaritans came along in the forms of Mr. and Mrs. Comegys, who took up the poor ladies who had fallen by the wayside and brought them to town. The good Doctor and Mr. Porter at last helped each other out of their scrapes and came merrily into town as though nothing had happened. Everybody had a good time but they got back too late for church.

A fresh shipment of red snappers Saturday. Give us your order.  
S. W. Sheppard.

Friday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Saffle,

while driving in a buggy, the front wheel gave way, throwing her out, dislocating her right knee. Dr. George L. Miller was summoned at once. The accident was very painful though not serious. The day before the buggy had been broken and was not repaired as it should have been, this being the cause of the accident. We hope for Mrs. Saffle a speedy recovery.

### EDITORIAL.

The erection of a fire station and city hall would be a vast improvement to our little city. Everybody says hard times but Merkel still keeps her head above water.

S. C. Keith left for Stanton Saturday to look after business.

Cards have been received by Merkel friends announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Stramer to Mr. White, to take place at the home of her brother, Will Stramer, next Wednesday night.

At home with the Editress, the Society Editress in her usual happy manner entertained the Pilgrims Reciprocity Club Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, Nov. 22, at her beautiful and ever hospitable home on Oak street. The guests were most royally entertained at that ever fascinating game of all games—"Checkers."

Oscar Adams left Tuesday for Breckenridge making the trip through by buggy.

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# Engraved Christmas Cards

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# MERKEL MAIL

### Exhibits Show How Life of Farm Wife May Be Made Easier

College Station, Nov. 21.—How needless drudgery drives many a farm wife to an early grave has been graphically pictured in a number of exhibits at county fairs this season where cemeteries are shown in which the tombstones tell the stories of the sad demise of the overworked mother. In the fair in Harrison county Miss Maggie Peach, home demonstration agent, arranged a most striking exhibit in cooperation with the women with whom she works, depicting in the foreground the "Burying ground of J. Jones' first four wives."

Wife No. 1, the epitaph reads, "broke her back over an old wash board." Wife No. 2 "had no screens and died of typhoid." "Died while wielding the broom," explained the demise of Wife No. 3, and Mr. Jones' fourth helpmate met her fate "carrying water from the well to the kitchen." In the background of the booth was young and winsome Wife No. 5, smiling happily in a spick and span kitchen equipped with a good oil stove, sink and running water, kitchen cabinet with table of the correct working height, steam pressure cooker, kitchen stool, electric washing machine, and linoleum floor. "She uses her head through modern devices instead of using her feet," the caption read.

There is much truth in this picture, home demonstration authorities declare, for an extensive survey of farm kitchens a few years ago disclosed conditions that mark the average farm kitchen as a center of drudgery little improved over those of our grandmothers. Farm depression may account for some of this, it is said, but not all, for the survey, which was national in scope, showed that it just hasn't occurred to a majority of men and women on farms that there is anything wrong with the old fashioned kitchen. Most of the changes that are needed to make kitchens efficient and cheerful workshops cost so little that almost every farm family in Texas can afford to make improvement in this line, these authorities claim. Less than \$25 in cash expenditures transformed hundreds of farm kitchens in Texas in the improvement contests conducted by the Extension Service a few years ago, the effects of which are still noted all over the state in a steady addition of labor saving devices to kitchen equipment each year.

Piping water to a sink, letting in more light, putting tables and working surfaces at the correct height, adding a high stool, and getting an efficient stove are listed as the more important first considerations in a kitchen.

### Sharp Gain Texas Fruit Shipments

Austin, Texas, Nov. 21.—Shipments of fruits and vegetables from Texas during October showed a sharp gain over those in September, according to Bervard Nichols, editor of the Texas Business Review, issued monthly by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas.

"Moreover, loadings should continue the increase during the next few months and reach a peak in April or May," Mr. Nichols said. "The showing in October is exceptionally good in comparison to the poor month of September and is much better than the record of last October."

"During the month, 695 cars of fruits and vegetables were shipped from Texas farms against 90 cars in September and 225 cars in October, 1928. This is the best October for which the Bureau has records. If the present rate of increase continues, a new high record for this industry in the state will be established in 1929."

"Markets have not experienced the usual fall activity and prices in many cases were lower. Potatoes was the exception. Prices advanced sharply and are now the highest in several years."

"Sun-Up" To Be Presented. "Sun-Up" is to be presented by the Speech Arts department of the Abilene High school at 8 o'clock this Friday evening at the Abilene High school. The cast includes students of the school and the lead is taken by Irma Harrison, who is said to be supported by a group of all stars.

### THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

We always try to please our customers and, if you are not satisfied with our work, please call it to our attention. We call for and deliver and promptness is part of our service. If you have never given us a trial, call 294J and let us do your laundry this week.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Craghead cavern in Monroe county, Tennessee, one of a few marble caves in the world, is now equipped with stairways and electric lights.

### Simmons U. Exes Name Thanksgiving For Homecoming Day

Abilene, Nov. 21.—The homecoming of alumni and ex-students of Simmons University will be held here November 28, Thanksgiving, the date of the football game between the Simmons Cowboys and the Texas Tech Matadors. Plans are going forward, according to Mrs. Len Fawcett, alumni president, to make this eclipse any such occasion of the past.

A big, old time barbecue, the football game, class reunions, Cowgirl reunion, and Cowboy Band reunion, are to be the features of the day. Plans are being made to care for 10,000 spectators at the game. The barbecue is to be given at noon for all alumni and exes.

During the last three years in which they have played the Cowboys and the Matadors have each won a game and one has been tied. In 1926 the game ended in a 0-0 draw. In 1927 the Tech warriors won 10-6, and last year the Cowboys took the big end of the 19-0 score.

### CHICKEN DINNER.

The Methodist Ladies will serve 50 cent chicken dinner at Lions Banquet Hall, Saturday, November 23.

The first American Christian marriage was performed in Virginia in 1609.

### DAPPER DAN



### Howdy!

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A crash brought Mrs. Gregory Jones bolt upright in bed, her heart pounding.

"Why!" demanded her husband savagely, nursing a bruised shin and groping for the light switch. "Why did you have to leave that chair there?"

In the front hall the telephone rang again, insistently. Jones shivered in the draft from the open window, and without waiting for a reply, disappeared through the doorway. Petulantly, his voice drifted back to her.

"No, Eleanor is not here... Yes, we're expecting her tomorrow... Tell her what! I'll tell you, young man, that it's an imposition to wake folks at this time of night! And I'll deliver no messages!"

The receiver banged on the hook. Jones, muttering to himself, stumbled back down the hall.

"That settles it!" he exclaimed, still shivering. "Tomorrow, I'll have a telephone put in this bedroom."

Mrs. Jones smiled drowsily, snuggled deep into her pillow.

"Where have I heard that before," she murmured. "Tomorrow, I'll order one, myself."

Telephones where you need them save time, patience—and midnight misadventures.

Few know that one or two additional instruments cost considerably less than the single telephone they now have!

By a wisely-placed "extension" or two, and perhaps a rearrangement of the equipment you already have, an expert telephone man can often double the convenience of your telephone service.



"Why did you leave that chair there?"

Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., City.

I'd like to know how to get more value out of my telephone service. Please send me free, a copy of your booklet, "Modern Telephone Service for the Home."

Name..... Address.....



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## CHAPEL EXERCISES.

At chapel on Monday morning, Nov. 18, Mr. Bodine an evangelist, talked to the student body. He brought out several interesting thoughts. He had everyone sitting at attention, because he said attention stopped the world war. He gave several reasons why boys and girls are alike and reasons why they are not alike. He said that not long ago someone came to him asking where he could get a book with a thrill in it. He told this one to read the Book of God. He said that we should respect our parents and teachers because they are trying to help us.

He also said, "Good, is true; Home, is true; God, is true; God is, is true; God is love; and God loves me."

## HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC CLUB NEWS.

Friday evening at 7:45 Misses Beryl Hunter and Verna T. Beasley and Messrs. J. T. Darsey and Fred Guitar will entertain the Merkel High School Dramatic club in Miss Tracy's studio. The play, "The Man in the Bowler Hat," will be presented at the Grammar School auditorium by J. T. Darsey, Fred Guitar, Doris Brown, Tracy Campbell, Lona Bryan and Buster Horton.

## UP TO NOW.

(During the study of biography in English III, Elvis Richardson wrote the following interesting story of his own life:)

It was the last day of July in the year 1914, A. D., that I first experienced the light of day (not that I noticed it, however; I just cannot remember the day!) The only good I did was to give a poor doctor employment and when the contending armies in Europe got word of my arrival, the first shot was fired to begin the Great War. That was the next day, August 1, as travel was so slow then.

However, innocent of my acts, I, like Topsy, grew. Perhaps five years later, my family, which had been added to by one girl, moved from my place of birth, Burnet, Burnet county, Texas, to Menard, Menard county, Texas. There I did nothing but play and I did plenty of that. I went for a month to a kindergarten and cut out animals from paper, by virtue of which I skipped the first grade in school. God's helping his innocent kept me from being sent back where I was put at first, that is, the high-first grade.

At the time we again moved; this time to Merkel, Texas. I might add that my father was employed by a lumber concern, and his being moved from one yard to another accounts for our moving. Again God and a kind teacher, Miss Nell Tracy, helped me, and I managed to struggle through the second grade. In the third grade I began to rely upon myself, but a good teacher molded me so that I did not find school a burden. Thus the years flew and I found myself graduating from the seventh grade.

All this time I had been making friends. I am glad to say that those friends are still my friends and that I am still adding to the list. My vacation times were filled with enjoyment and several times we returned to the place of my birth to see my grandmother. But she has gone now and I suppose that the times will be few that I shall return to my first home.

I entered the eighth grade quaking with fear of the awe-inspiring superintendent and the unnoticing teachers. Nevertheless, I found those teachers to be as lovable as a human could be. I progressed. I learned. Soon I was in the ninth grade and soon I was out of it and into the tenth. I have learned but I have let opportunities go by the dozen. I have all too sadly neglected my social opportunities and duties. I have neglected the girls and I know they feel the loss. I have neglected myself physically, and mentally, and I am becoming more worthless every day morally. But, God helping me, I shall strive to overcome my tendency to become virtuous, and reach my highest ambitions, which I shall not reveal.

## THE PI MU SOCIETY.

The members of the Pi Mu Society met Friday, Nov. 15, but the program was postponed until this Friday afternoon, Nov. 22. The hour last week was spent in practicing the play, "The Magic Spell," to be given by

the piano class the week after Thanksgiving.

The society extends a cordial invitation to visitors.

## UNREMOVABLE RINGS.

We notice that some of the Senior boys still are wearing their rings. We wonder if it is only because they can't get them off.

The Juniors have decided to get larger rings for next year, especially to oblige the under classmen, who will, no doubt, wish to wear them.

## SAY DIDJA' KNOW.

—That Mr. Burgess has been good this year and has not established that old "stay in squad," but now he just entertains us for an hour after school on Wednesday?

—That J. T. Darsey, the trusty editor-in-chief of the Badger Weekly last year, has resigned that position on the annual staff?

—That the second six-weeks term of school will soon end?

—That the Junior's sunflower has been commemorated by two poems?

—That our assistant editor-in-chief of the Badger Weekly has proved himself to be a good autobiography writer?

—That boys and girls are alike, and boys and girls are not alike?

—That Merkel is back in the football race for first place?

—That Stamford won over Haskell 21-0?

—That school is dismissed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

## CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

Many interesting things are happening in the Choral and Glee clubs.

At the Choral club meeting Tuesday morning, Nov. 19, this question was put to a vote, "Shall we have snap shots for the annual?" The majority was in favor of it. The president, Milton Case, said the purpose of the snap shots was to show the people what we have done in our work.

The social committee announced that they were still planning on an entertainment to be given just before the Christmas holidays.

## M. H. S. TEN YEARS FROM NOW.

The school appreciates the efforts of Mr. Burgess to grow a mustache in spite of all the protests from home.

The girls have taken their dresses up an inch, making an average of six inches above the floor now. What is the world coming to?

Miss Sloan has gone on a milk diet.

## It's Wonderful To Feel As I Do Now, Says McKinney Man

Mr. Biggs Declares He Owes His Present Good Health to Orgatone—Gains Ten Pounds.

"For about two years before I began taking Orgatone, I was losing weight all the time and was in a very much run-down condition," said G. P. Biggs, residing on Rural Route No. 2, McKinney, Texas, while in the North Side Drug Store recently, talking with the Orgatone representative.

"I had lost my appetite and would nearly have to force myself to eat but this kept me in a run-down condition all of the time and I couldn't seem to get anything that would build me up. I was severely constipated and felt listless and didn't have any pep at all. I was getting to be very nervous and was very restless and didn't get much sleep at night. I had tried several different kinds of medicine but nothing seemed to give me any relief at all until I began taking Orgatone."

"So many of our local people were talking about Orgatone and I had read so much about it I decided to try it, and I want to tell everybody that it was a lucky day for me. I eat anything I want now and everything tastes good. I have gained ten pounds which means a lot to me. I sleep fine every night and my bowels are regulated now and I don't have to take strong laxatives. I'm glad to tell the public what this remarkable new medicine has done for me."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Merkel at Phillips Drug Store.

and, we hear, is trying to gain back the pounds she lost in 1930.

The result of the game with San Francisco last Friday was pretty good, but the city would appreciate a little more work on the part of the players. The score was 60-6 in favor of the Badgers.

## SIMPLE RHYMES OF A SIMPLE WRITER.

The struggle we have, the hardships endured  
The uphill climbs that are known—  
Are, often all the making of brains;  
The seeds of character sown.

Too often the paths that are easy and smooth  
Lead downward instead of upgrade.  
The luxuries afforded by gold may remove  
The trials from which character is made.

The fellow who steers through hardships and cares  
With a clear eye and firm courage, friend,  
Is the fellow who's able to reap most  
Of hard-won success, in the end.

—Francis Frederickson, M. H. S.

## SENIOR NEWS.

Coach Davis has taken up the favorite saying "My dear little children." Lee will soon have to prune his upper lip again.

"Airpanola T" (J. L.) has put his head out the window only three times this morning.

More students should take subjects under Miss Sloan, she is such an inspiration to everyone.

A real case of absent-mindedness will be when Mrs. Young forgets and chews her gum in public.

Eleanor Mae has a new permanent. Boys, look out!

The following verse was "learned" to the English class by Miss Baker, the English teacher.

Spring has come and winter has wended.

And it was not did by accident.  
The birds have flew as you have saw,  
For spring has come in Arkansas.

## ANNUAL NEWS.

On last Friday morning an engraving contract was signed by the editor-in-chief and business manager

with the Southwestern Engraving Co. of Fort Worth, Texas. All class pictures are to be taken during Thanksgiving week.

## JOKES.

Tula went into the drug store for some graph paper.

Carlton: "What can I do for you?"  
Tula: "I want a Graf Zeppelin please."

Tracy said "I was born in the country."

Miss Baker: "J. T. your essay on 'My Mother' is the same as Joels."

J. T. "Yes'm, we have the same mother."

Death Where is Thy Sting—  
Lee: "I'm going to shoot you, Jeff."  
Jeff: "Why?"

Lee: "I've said I'm going to shoot anybody that looks like me."

Jeff: "Do I look like you?"  
Lee: "Yes you do."  
Jeff: "Shoot!"

Ola: "Give me a sentence with accommodating."

H. H. (eagerly): "How soon shall I accommodate you again?"

And then we hear of Mrs. Young, upon leaving on the train, who kissed the conductor goodbye and gave her ticket to her husband.

Miss Baker: "Eris, give me a sentence using 'on the other hand.'"

Eris: "I have five fingers on one hand and five on the other hand."

Sometime in the future—  
Duncan: "Hasn't Elvis ever married?"

Mildred: "No, and I don't think he

## Man So Nervous Feels His Stomach Jump

"I got so nervous my stomach felt like it was jumping. Vinol entirely relieved the trouble. I feel better than in years."—J. C. Duke.

Vinol is a compound of iron, phosphate, cod liver peptone, etc. The very FIRST bottle makes you sleep better and have a BIG appetite. Nervous, easily tired people are surprised how QUICK the iron, phosphates, etc., give new life and pep. Vinol tastes delicious. Merkel Drug Co.

intends to because he's studying for a Bachelor Degree!"

Miss Baker: "E. L., this theme 'My Ambition' is the same one you had last year."

E. L. "But I have the same ambition that I did last year."

Imogene: "Why do you keep staring at that blonde across the aisle?"

Wayne: "Because she reminds me of you, darling!"

Imogene: "Then, why not stare at me, dear?"

Only 25 per cent of the farm land of Texas is under cultivation.

Chewing gum is exported from the United States to more than 75 countries.

Constantinople, choice of the most popular held by a local newspaper, Turkia movie fans named as their favorite actress Greta Garbo, and as their favorite actor John Gilbert.

Since the enactment of the soldiers' bonus law at Washington there have been 3,285,216 applications for adjusted service compensation.

# 666

is a Prescription for

Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Bilious Fever and Malaria. It is the most speedy remedy known.

## Specials at Starr's For Saturday

Aluminum Dish Pans, 10 quarts heavy gauge aluminum highly polish, on sale Saturday

49c

9 Inch Plates, American Semi Porcelain, an extra Special for Saturday, set of 6

59c

Crystal Coco Hard Water Toilet Soap, Saturday special, 4 bars for

25c

Brooms, good quality corn, 5 sewed, painted handles a 50c quality will be sold Saturday at 19c with a purchase of \$1.00 of other goods. Come make a purchase of \$1.00 of any goods in our store then get one of these Brooms at only

19c

Flower Pots the 80c size on sale for Saturday at

49c

## STARR'S VARIETY STORE

Merkel, Texas

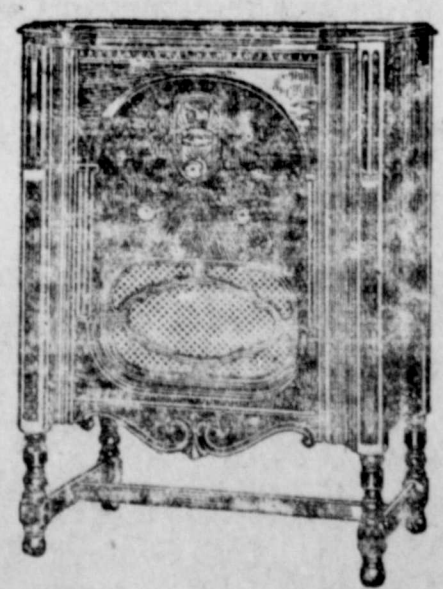
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Day in and day out, for months, Majestic has been producing and selling up to 6,000 complete radio sets each day. With 15,000 employees, Majestic operates 8 great plants on a scale of efficiency which has constantly amazed the entire world of industry. Continually improving production methods, without in any way relaxing on quality, Majestic has now effected tremendous new economies to be passed on to the public, in

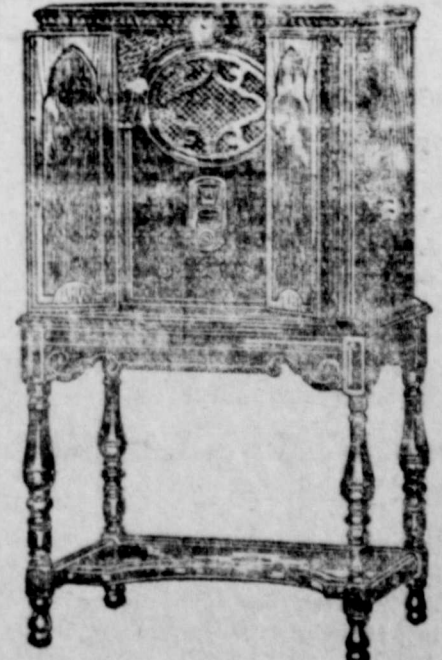
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Glover and Caple, Publishers.

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Taylor and Jones counties .....\$1.50  
Anywhere else .....\$2.00  
(In Advance)

**TELEPHONE No. 61**  
Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

**Ratliff is Lynched  
By Mob at Eastland**

(Continued from Page One)  
ed long enough." They referred to the fact that it had been two years since the crime of which Ratliff was convicted occurred and two police officers were killed.

Many women and young girls were among the spectators at the lynching. The Eastland county grand jury was called in special session Thursday to investigate the lynching.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.**

We are glad to report that last Sunday was a good day with us. Good interest was shown in all departments throughout the day. All the regular services will be held at the usual time. Let's make a special effort to be present at each service and on time.

As the day of Thanksgiving again draws near, let's show our appreciation of the privilege of religious freedom by attending services at the Lord's house next Sunday. If you have anything to be thankful to God for, come and help us make it a real day of Thanksgiving.

The message for the morning hour will be upon the subject, "The Greatest Thanksgiving Feast." Text, Psa. 2:5 "Thou Preparest a Table Before Me." The subject for the evening service, "A Call to Decision." Text 1 Kings 18-21.

If you believe there is a great loving God who is able to save, and a wicked, deceitful devil who is able to deceive and destroy; if you believe there is a place of rest and peace called heaven, for the Christian and a place of outer darkness called hell for the sinner, then why halt ye, as to whom ye will serve and as to where ye will spend eternity? "If the Lord be God follow him." Come hear this message Sunday night.

Leona Torbes, Pastor.

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance was a little better last Sunday would like to have several more sent next Sunday. Preaching service at 11 a. m. The program that was have been given last Sunday evening by the Woman's Missionary Society will be next Sunday beginning at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. A box will be placed in the church Friday to be packed for the Reynolds Home. Come to all the services.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**Birth of Son Announced.**

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Briant, former residents of Merkel but now residing in Los Angeles, Calif., are the proud parents of a seven-pound baby boy, born on the 14th. This information was received by the grandmother, Mrs. W. M. O'Briant.

**Wants Information.**

George R. Richie, who has lived in this section 29 years, has brought to the Merkel Mail office a branch from a shrubby bush, which he has observed for sometime and which grows a red berry like the algerieter but is not thorny like the latter. It grows prolific over his pasture on the Mulberry about six miles south of town, and in various places around here and he is endeavoring to find the correct name of the berry.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

**Three Funerals Held  
Sunday and Monday**

(Continued from Page One)  
ember 3, 1853, and passed away at 10:30 Saturday morning at her home here. She had been in poor health for some time, but arose Saturday morning as usual and was up and about the house, dying suddenly of heart trouble. On December 30, 1873, she was married to J. A. Giles, who survives her, and to this marriage eight children were born, of whom three survive: Mrs. T. T. Earthman of Merkel, Marvin Giles of Abilene and T. D. Giles of San Angelo. She is also survived by two sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Emma Inzer and Mrs. Fannie Inzer, James, Preston, Robert and Charlie Lewis, all of Alabama and 12 grandchildren. Mrs. Giles and her husband came to Texas 52 years ago and settled in Taylor county 22 years ago, having lived in Merkel most of the time. She had joined the Baptist church in Alabama before their marriage and was a faithful and consistent church worker as long as her health permitted.

Active pall bearers were A. R. Booth, W. M. Elliott, B. T. Sublett, C. P. Church, J. L. Beene, and H. P. Allen; honorary, Bob Martin, John Wheeler, Sr., and J. J. White.

**MRS. WILLIAM HELDMAR.**  
At 10 o'clock Monday morning funeral services were held at the Baptist church, with the Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, for Mrs. Lynna Sheppard Heldmar, age 27, wife of William Heldmar, of Tulsa, who died at Tulsa Saturday afternoon following an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Heldmar was born in Merkel, but had lived in Fort Worth a greater part of her life. On July 2, 1923, she was married to William Heldmar and they made their home in Tulsa. She had joined the Baptist church in Fort Worth at the age of 14 years.

Just a few weeks ago, her father S. B. Sheppard, was buried here. Mrs. Heldmar is survived only by her mother and husband.

Many friends from Fort Worth and Tulsa were here to attend the last sad rites for their dear one and the floral offerings, which covered the mound in Rose Hill cemetery in profusion, were beautiful.

Besides her husband and her mother, those from out of town who came for the funeral were Mesdames George Crandell, A. W. Melton, Arnold Sutton, Gene Nix, Josie Ozee, Vernon Crozdale, Misses Rib Bullock and Fay Lockett, Messrs. and Mesdames Lon Ozee, Bob Ozee and Olin Ozee, all of Fort Worth, and Messrs. and Mesdames Joe McGintley and Ross, of Tulsa, Okla.

Pall bearers were Byers Petty, W. J. Sheppard, Henry West, Sie Hamm, S. D. Gamble and Frank McFarland.

**BANK NOTICE.**

The undersigned banks will close at 2:30 this (Friday) afternoon on account of the football game to be played between Merkel and Stamford at Anson. Our customers will please take notice.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.  
FARMERS STATE BANK.

Diamonds, Wrist Watches, and come see what we have. Phillips Drug Store.

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F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.  
FARMERS STATE BANK.

Christmas is just around the corner. Select your gifts early. Phillips Drug Store.

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**BEAT  
STAMFORD**  
Let's All Go to  
**Anson Today**

**Friday, November 22,**



**Game Called at 3:30**

This space paid for by the following firms and individuals:

**Magnolia Filling Station**  
Ben F. Bird, Retail Agent

**Liberty Hardware Co.**  
"If it's Hardware we have it"

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.**

**S. M. Hunter**  
"The Man Behind the Exide Battery"

**Gulf Service Station**

**Bob McDonald Barber Shop**

**Clay Lumber Co.**

**Farmers State Bank**

**Max Mellinger**

**Boston Bargain Store**

**Bragg Dry Goods Co.**

**Highway Filling Station**

**Eli Case Cash Grocery**

**Modern Marinello Beauty Shop**

**F. & M. National Bank**

**Barrow Furniture Co.**

**Burton-Lingo Co.**

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**Quality Bakery**

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These tablets have been well called by their many users, "the vest-et doctor" for they are carefully compounded for use in ordinary of grip, headache and colds. At the first sneeze, the first cough first fever take these tablets and help your system get back normal.

Special for 1 bottle of Liniment and 1 Box of Tablets  
**\$1.25**

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

**BEDDING** and all kinds of new and second hand, for less. Furniture. Joe Garland.

**ON SALE**—Dark Cornish chickens. See Bob Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Milk cows; we want to buy your cows and hogs. See McCoy and Lowe.

**FORD TRUCK FOR SALE** or would trade for good Jersey cow. See or write V. P. Byron, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

**FOR SALE**—320 acre farm; 250 cultivation, 8 miles east Sylvester, Fisher Co. 2-3 sandy; fair improvements, windmill. Near river. Two miles church, school, store. Four miles Bickley oil pool. 160 acres leased to Major company. Settle Garland estate. Snap at \$50 per acre. See Joe Garland, Merkel or Tom Garland, Sweetwater.

**FOR SALE**—250 acres in Jones county, one mile from Stith, good school, churches, plenty of water; two houses, barn and lots; for quick sale, \$16,000, \$9,000 cash, balance easy. See A. J. Canon at Farm Bureau Gin.

**FOR SALE**—At auction at my place Saturday, Nov. 23, beginning at 1 p. m., the following stock and farm implements:

- 5 head mules.
- 1 work horse.
- 3 cows.
- 2 calves.
- Double row tools.
- Wagon.
- Harness.
- C. J. Hodo, 9 miles southeast of Merkel, one mile south of Cross Roads.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—Furnished or unfurnished apartments. Call 53. Riddle Garage

**FURNISHED ROOMS** for rent See W. E. Lowe.

**FOR RENT**—Seven room house, 2 blocks north business section. See Harry Woodrum.

**RENT**—The Kirby Beckett. See J. T. Warren.

**FOR RENT**—Unfurnished apartment, also furnished bedroom. Mrs. L. B. Howard. Phone 122.

**WANTED**

**WASHING AND GREASING** Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

**WANTED**—Good light car; must be a bargain. W. F. Patterson at Humble Filling Station.

**WANTED**—Some more milk and butter customers; can deliver anywhere in Merkel. Mrs. R. E. Cole.

**WANTED**—Man with small family to do ranch work. Tom Largent.

**B. M. BLACK** would appreciate a part of your Furniture Painting and Repairing, also Upholstering.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**STRAYED**—White-blueish male dog, about six weeks old. Reward. Arch Harris, Merkel, Texas, Route 2. Phone 9024F 3.

**LODGE NOTICES**

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited

Joe Hartley, H. P.  
O. R. Dye, Secretary

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**GOOD PLANTING SEED.**

I still have some of the good planting seed I went to South Texas and selected. You can be assured there is no short supply in them. The lint was 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 inch. I know they were out of the best cotton in that country. See me before you buy.

**M. E. WEST**

**LEGAL NOTICE.**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, Abilene Division

The Brown-Crummer Investment company, plaintiff, vs. The City of Trent, Texas, a Municipal Corporation, W. E. Hamner and Tom Vesel, City Commissioners of said City, and G. H. Stutts, City Secretary and Treasurer of said City, and the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the City of

Trent, Texas, Defendants. In Equity. No. 774.

**PUBLICATION NOTICE.**

The President of the United States of America. Greetings: To the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the City of Trent, Texas:

You and each of you are hereby notified that The Brown-Crummer Investment Company has filed its Bill in the above entitled cause, praying for judgment against the City of Trent, Texas, upon the following described warrant and coupons, heretofore issued by the City of Trent, Texas, to-wit:

City of Trent Waterworks System Warrants, Series 1926.  
30 Coupons, numbered 3, due September 1, 1928, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each, \$900.00  
30 Coupons, numbered 4, due March 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each, 900.00  
30 Coupons, numbered 5, due September 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each, 900.00

City of Trent Waterworks Extension Warrants, Series 1927.  
Warrant numbered 2, due March 1, 1929, 1000.00  
5 Coupons, numbered 2, due September 1, 1928, from Warrants Nos. 2 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each, 150.00  
5 Coupons, numbered 3, due March 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 2 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each, 150.00  
4 Coupons, numbered 4, due September 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 3 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each, 120.00

Attorneys' Fees, at 10% \$4120.00  
412.00  
\$4532.00

and further praying for judgement for interest upon the above described warrant and coupons from the date of their maturity, at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, and attorneys' fees at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of the face thereof, together with interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum on said attorneys' fees from the date of the filing of said suit, to-wit, the 16th day of November, 1929; that said Bill further prays for the appointment of a Receiver for the City of Trent, Texas, and for a restraining order, restraining the City and its said officials from expending any funds in the City Treasury for any purpose, pending the final hearing

of said cause, and a permanent injunction restraining the said City and its said officials from expending any of said funds, save and except for the payment of the above described two series of warrants, and for such other and further relief as the premises may warrant. And you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of the United States aforesaid and file your answer or other defense in the above suit in the Clerk's Office of said Court, pursuant to said Bill, on or before the 27th day of January, 1930, and to do and receive what the Court shall have considered in that behalf; otherwise the said Bill will be

taken pro confesso. And this you are not to omit, under penalty of law.

Witness, the Honorable James C. Wilson, District Judge of said court, this 20th day of November, 1929.

George W. Parker, Clerk.  
(Seal) By Ida M. James, Deputy.  
F. E. Smith, Abilene, Texas;  
Elcock and Martin, Wichita, Kansas;

Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original thereof now in my office. Witness the signature of the Clerk, and the Seal of the Court This 20 day of November, 1929.  
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F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.  
FARMERS STATE BANK.  
Expecting another car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal, \$12.00 at the car. Deliver anywhere small extra cost.  
SWAFFORD COAL & FEED  
Phone 44—South Side

**NOTICE.**

I have had my cows tuberculin-tested by the State Inspector and they all were found to be in perfect health.  
Mrs. R. E. Cole.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with a place and a welcome for all who come. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All B. Y. P. U. services 6 p. m.

Many of our regular attendants have been kept out of the services the last two Sundays; so if we are to bring up our average attendance for the month we will need a full attendance Sunday. Let every member of the church or Sunday school who can

come be on hand promptly at 10 Sunday morning.

We are expecting a number of our former members back in the Sunday school Sunday. A conversation overheard at the Sunday night service indicated that some couple were there. Friends and visitors are always welcomed to our services.  
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

**SPECIALS FOR Friday and Saturday**

- FLOUR, Graham's Rambler, 48's ..... \$1.75
- FLOUR, Graham's Rambler, 24's ..... 90c
- SPUDS, Idaho Rurals, No. 1, 10 lbs. .... 40c
- KRAUT, Kuners, No. 2 1-2, 2cans ..... 35c
- SYRUP, Pure Ribbon Cane, gallon tins ..... 90c
- EXTRACT, Vanilla Flavex, won't bake out, 4 oz. .... 45c
- PEACHES, Del Monte, halves or sliced 2 1-2 lb. cans ..... 23c
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**POULTRY FACTS**

**POULTRY BREEDS AND HOW CLASSED**

Chickens are divided into classes, breeds and varieties. Birds with the same general characteristics are placed in one class. Classes are then divided into breeds. Each breed of poultry is distinguished from other breeds by differences in type. Breeds are separated into varieties. The different varieties of the same breed are designated by differences in comb or color. All varieties of the same breed should have the same general type characteristics.

There are four general classes of chickens that are common and other classes less common.

The American class consists of birds that are of the general purpose type. They have yellow skin and legs, red ear lobes and legs free from feathers.

The breeds that make up this class are: Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte, Java, Dominique, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Buckeye, Jersey Black Giants and Chanticleer.

The Mediterranean class are smaller than the American class and are often known as the egg breeders. They are nervous in disposition, very active, compactly built, have white ear lobes and clean legs. The breeds that make up this class are: Leghorn, Minorca, Spanish, Andalusian and Ancona.

Fowls that make up the Asiatic class are large and clumsy, have red ear lobes and feathers on their legs. They are often referred to as the meat breeds. Brahmas, Cochins and Langshans make up the breeds in this class.

The English class, while not as common as the other three already referred to, probably rank fourth in popularity. These birds are medium in size, have red ear lobes, clean legs that are pink in the buff and white varieties and black in the black varieties. The breeds making up this class are Orpingtons, Dorkings, Red Caps, Sussex and Cornish.

**Selling Squab Broilers During Winter Months**

Quite a number of the broiler plants make a specialty of squab broilers, which sell best during January and February. They are grown in about eight to ten weeks, the hatches coming out in November and December, and are successfully raised without any outdoor exercise.

The greatest demand for squab broilers is in spring, when game birds are scarce, and a small bird is in demand in restaurants. They should weigh from three-fourths to one pound, and must be plump. Many who ship squab broilers make a great mistake in sending bony, poor ones. Good returns cannot be expected from poor, scraggy birds, half dressed.

The broiler for the winter market must be attractive looking to command a ready sale at good prices. Plump, clean, neatly dressed, free from pin feathers, with unsoiled skin and with perfectly clean legs will find ready sale, while poor stuff goes begging.

A fat broiler is quite a novelty. The best that can be done, for the natural tendency of the chick is the proper use all nutriment for growth and baby development. The main point is to fatten them rapidly.

To grow good broilers there should be dry quarters provided, thoroughly cooked food, comfortable heat (not too high nor too low), regularity in feeding, cleanliness and good light. The chicks must be induced to take plenty of exercise.

**Moving Pullet Flock**

When there are many pullets to be moved it often pays to leave them in the crates over night and move the crates to the laying houses in the morning. Then the poultryman has a better light and can do a better job of culling and treating the birds for lice. As each pullet is taken from the crate, it can be inspected for weight, general health and vigor, and prospective laying ability. All birds that are poor prospects for winter profits can be isolated for future observation.

**Improve Egg Quality**

Much can be done to improve the quality of eggs produced by careful selection of eggs used for hatching purposes. All undersized, misshapen, off-color, and defective shelled eggs should be eliminated from the incubator. By following such a practice for a few years the quality of egg-laid by a flock should be materially improved. Egg dealers are willing now to pay a premium for high quality eggs. It is well to assort them according to size and color.

**Feed to Help Pullets**

If pullets must search for their feed in a free range they will probably find sufficient food for body maintenance, but growth will be slow and egg production will be impossible until late in the season or early spring. Liberal feeding of grain and mash containing 20 per cent of high-grade tankage, or in place of tankage all the milk the pullets can drink, will not only reduce the amount of exercise but will hasten growth and stimulate fall egg production.

**POULTRY**

**HEN COMFORT IS MOST PROFITABLE**

When the rough days of autumn and winter arrive, the hens begin to hunt about for comfort and protection from winter winds and snow. If the poultry house is cold, dark, and uninviting, it is very unprofitable to the owner. It not only shortens up the egg supply, but next spring the hens go to work with a handicap because they have been poorly wintered.

If we give the hens one-half the attention that we do our other stock they start making things count, says a writer in an exchange. Our poultry house is built for economy and comfort for the hens. We are strong believers in the scratching department, making the hen work a lot. To do this we have all the floor space in the building arranged for bad days, for that is when they must work inside. We put up a gunny-sack curtain in front of the perches, which serves for two purposes. It keeps the hens warm when on the perches at night, and keeps them off the perches in the daytime.

Then we partition off the inside with this cheap burlap which breaks possible drafts, and also divides the flock in their work for the day. We also open the windows, and drop down a burlap curtain on bad days to keep out cold air, storms and heating winds. This burlap is almost indispensable in our poultry equipment, and we use much of it. Our front curtain to the main building is made from it, tucked upon frames so it can be raised or lowered as needed.

On snowy, rough days the hens work happily away, more contented than if outside. It has always been our custom to set up a windbreak of cornstalks against the lee sides of the fences and the west and north of the houses, and it is wonderful how the hens will take refuge behind this fodder barrage many winter days when the snow is off.

**Consistent Layer Will Molt Late in Season**

Most hens stop laying when they begin to molt. It is a fact no longer disputed that a hen, in order to make a high yearly record, must be a consistent layer. The early molting hen is not a consistent layer. She takes all the fall months as a vacation for changing her plumage. The consistent layer molts late and grows her new plumage rapidly.

The hen that under normal conditions molts early, will not lay as many winter eggs as the hen that molts late. Neither will she begin egg production earlier in the spring. No definite date can be set as to early molting. As a general rule, however, the first hens in the flock to molt should be sold, and the last to molt should be kept for breeding purposes.

Hens may be thrown into an early molt by starving while laying heavily; by irregular feeding; by roosting in a house that is poorly ventilated; or in any way that tends suddenly to check egg production. Molt from any of these causes should be avoided, as it is likely to result in a lower total egg production. If the pullets are hatched early, they will be laying in the fall and thus the egg production kept up at all seasons.

**Poultry Notes**

Teach the chicks to roost, as soon as they are old enough to learn.

Man must keep chickens free from lice and mites because the chickens can't.

Good feeding is important so as to maintain the resisting power of the fowls.

Good ventilation is very essential. If all openings are closed the house will become damp and the air vitiated.

Heavy egg production, like heavy milk production, can only be secured by liberal feeding of a well balanced ration.

During the summer months the colony house should be sprayed at regular intervals. A satisfactory spray can be made of three parts of kerosene and one part of crude carbolic. Coal or tar disinfectants are also satisfactory.

Sodium fluoride, used at the rate of an ounce to a gallon of water, is recommended by specialists for destroying parasites. This should be used on a warm day as a dip, and the birds should be completely immersed in the solution.

Hens should be as well fed when molting as when laying. Growing their new feathers is, if anything, harder on them than producing eggs.

Preventing the parasites by keeping the poultry house clean and by the regular use of dips is much more satisfactory than eradicating them once they have infested the flock. To control mites, the roosts and nests should be painted with carbolineum or some equally effective wood preservative. One treatment each year is usually sufficient.

**Three State Parks Planned by Board**

Amarillo, Nov. 14.—Plans of the Texas Park Board for creating three state parks in Texas, one of which will be in Palo Duro Canyon, were outlined Saturday by D. E. Colp of San Antonio, chairman of the board. Colp appeared before a meeting of Panhandle Commercial Secretaries and Amarillo business men and unfolded his plan for speedy acquisition by the State of park sites and for their improvement.

Sanctioning the plan, which calls for a statewide campaign in behalf of an appropriation from the coming Legislature to buy large tracts of land in Palo Duro Canyon, in the Davis Mountains and around Caddo-Lake, near Marshall, the Panhandle Commercial Secretaries Association pledged to Colp and the board the "100 per cent co-operation of the Texas Panhandle."

His plan calls for an appropriation by the Legislature, scheduled to meet early in January, with surveys which will be made in the meantime to determine the amount of money that will be required.

Colp urges that 100,000 acres of land along Palo Duro Canyon, running to a point near Memphis in Hall county, 80 miles down the canyon, be acquired for park purposes. Nothing less than 40,000 acres should be considered, he said.

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### Blair Items

Mrs. Clyde Moore of Seymour is pending an indefinite time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner of Dallas were week-end guests of Mrs. L. H. Sparks.

Blackburn of Red Springs over Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mrs. Walker and her son and his wife of Abilene, accompanied by Misses Annie and Mary McCain, visited Sunday with Mrs. Walker's sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Osburn.

Roy Doan and son of Rotan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Reeves left last week to spend several months with her son, Henry Reeves of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and Mrs. J. W. Lattimore of Nubia attended preaching at the Baptist church Sunday.

The volley ball girls, chaperoned by the school faculty, went to the Blow-out mountain Tuesday for an outing and sausage roast.

### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Beginning next Lord's day we shall start a series of sermons on church government. The first of the series will be, "What Is The Church?" and will be delivered at 11 o'clock. Qualifications and Duties of Elders, Duties of The Congregation to elders and Deacons will be discussed in the series. We urge every member of the congregation to be present with his Creed to discuss these important themes, with the idea of appointing some additional officers if we have the material. Our friends are invited to hear these discussions, too.

For the evening services, at 7:30 we shall begin a series of sermons on that subject which blights the whole human family, that is, "Sin," and the first will be "The Pleasures of Sin," from the 24th and 25th verses of the 11th Chap. of Hebrews.

We are glad to report that classes for the development of the young are being well attended. We hope many more will see the need of preparing for Christian duty.

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### 4-H Club Organized.

Lucky Thirteen 4-H Club Girls Blair school had a called meeting Tuesday, November 12, to elect officers. The officers elected were: president, Lena Lee Demere; vice president, Vernice Owens; secretary, Lucy Moore; reporter, Margaret Dean; adult leader, Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Miss Caroline Chambers, home demonstration agent of Taylor county met with the club to start work Tuesday, November 19.

### FOR RENT

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### Sherman Chosen As Site Consolidated Presbyterian School

Austin, Nov. 21.—Sherman, site of Austin College, won the new consolidated Presbyterian college, authorized by the Texas synod of the Southern Presbyterian church last winter, at a meeting of the commission empowered to pick the location.

The new college will replace Austin College at Sherman, Daniel Baker College at Brownwood and Texas Presbyterian College at Milford.

Sherman was chosen on the last ballot, winning over Brownwood, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston.

It was announced properties at Brownwood and Milford would be sold. Daniel Baker and Austin College will continue the current season. The Milford institution has been idle.

The name of the new institution has not yet been decided, members of the commission said. The consolidation movement was begun about two and one half years ago. The three schools

which will be merged with the present Austin College as a nucleus last year had an enrollment of approximately 750.

The commission headed by Will A. Vinson of Houston, adjourned to meet here again in about two or three weeks.

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Trains on the Santa Fe's Orient extension from San Angelo to Sonora are operating as far as Christoval and will be to Sonora in December.

### Mary Submits Hats For Doug's Approval

Paris, Nov. 21.—Douglas Fairbanks passed on every hat and gown Mary Pickford bought in Paris, several dozen in all.

But his censorship is light. He approved them all.

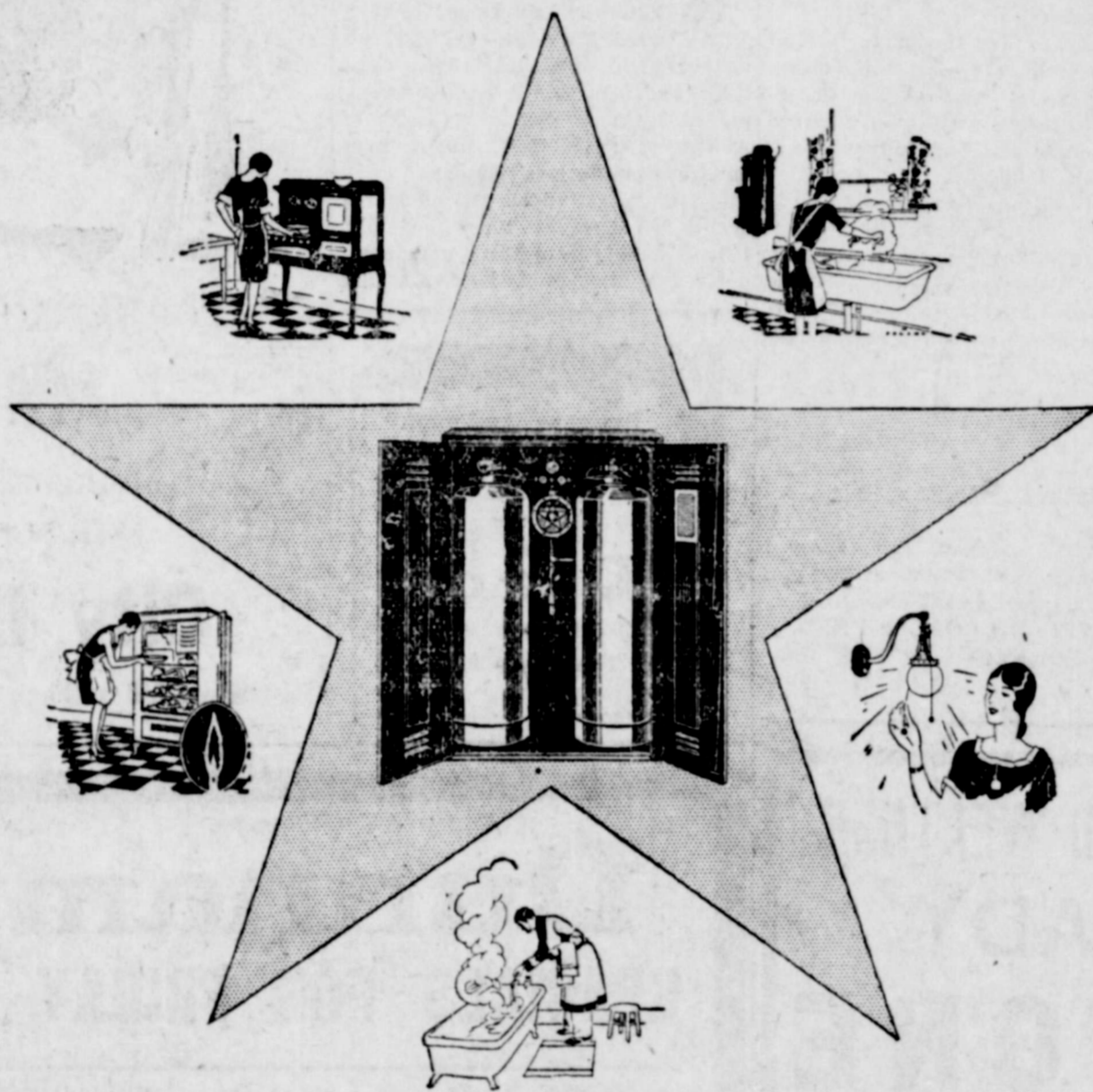
Mary Pickford's purchases were not limited to herself. She also bought costumes, hats and accessories for her secretary, who will accompany her on the Fairbanks forthcoming months of travel for recreation in many lands.

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**DOUBLE SHOWER.**

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**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

Mrs. M. E. Campbell was the happy honoree at a surprise birthday dinner on last Sunday prepared by her children and grandchildren while she was attending church.

The home was attractively decorated with roses and chrysanthemums and a huge birthday cake with 71 lighted candles centered the table.

The honoree was the recipient of many beautiful gifts from approximately forty guests. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tittle and family of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and family, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and family of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mayfield and Britt Mayfield, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCrary, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat, Noodle, and Mrs. Anna Fugat, Dallas.

**FAMILY REUNION.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes was the scene of a happy reunion last Sunday, the occasion being the 57th birthday of Mr. Barnes' mother, Mrs. A. H. Barnes. The sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and family from the Canyon, C. C. Barnes and family from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes and family of Merkel.

**INTERMEDIATE PARTY.**

The church parlors of the Methodist Church were the scene of a gay evening for members of the Intermediate department of the Sunday School on last Thursday evening. Clever indoor games and contests were sponsored by Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mesdames Jud Sheppard, Irby Crane and Holden. Refreshments were served to thirty-five guests.

**WILLING WORKERS CLASS.**

The Willing Workers Class met with Mrs. S. G. Russell at 3 o'clock on Tuesday and an interesting Thanksgiving program was given. Mrs. Russell was assisted by her daughter, Miss Selma Lee Russell, in serving refreshments to the following guests: Mesdames Walker, Murray, McConnell, Elliott, Butler, Derstine, Smith, Tucker and E. Tucker.

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**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Little Dorothy Stevens, who is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Cox of Merkel, and attending school there, spent the last week-end at home.

Last Friday morning about 10:30 the teacherage at Gorman school-house burned down, caused from the explosion of an oil stove. The contents of the house were totally destroyed, also a new Ford belonging to one of the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen returned from Greenville last week, where they had been for the past two weeks visiting relatives.

J. H. Naylor of Artesia, New Mex., an old-time resident of Trent, spent a few days here this week visiting former friends.

Miss Viola Smith visited Sunday with Miss Fannie Scott of Abilene.

Joe Nally attended to business matters in Lamesa last Sunday.

Herbert Beckham of Lamesa is visiting homefolks for an indefinite time. Mrs. J. E. Bowers and sons, Jack and Billie Jo, were Abilene visitors last Sunday.

Walter Smith and family of Lamesa visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith a few days this week.

W. L. Boyd made a trip to Port Arthur this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamner and son, John, visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks of Moran last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd. M. G. Scott motored to Abilene last Tuesday.

Grandmother Wright was the guest of Mrs. Joe Reed a few days last week.

Rev. J. P. Watson, former Methodist pastor here, and his family are moving to Coahoma this week where Brother Watson will take charge of the church there. We regret very much to see this good family leave our community but wish them well in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son of Abilene spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and family.

On last Wednesday night Mr. Selby Duncan and Miss Ellen Boyd were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Moray Smith, who

lives at Sweetwater, the pastor of the First Christian church there officiating. The bride, whose home is at Sweetwater but who has been teaching at Moody, has a number of friends here. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan, well-to-do farmers, and was reared here. He is employed at Sweetwater but they will reside at Moody for the present. The best wishes of a host of friends follow the young couple.

Mrs. Lee Stevens is at Graham this week, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Davis Jones.

Grandmother Copeland is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene visited their son, Lawrence Dowdy, last week.

Ernest Massey, who is at work at Littlefield, spent a few days with homefolks this week.

In the absence of the postmaster, Royce Dowdy, who is away on a hunt, Lillian McRee is assisting in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Reeves visited Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones of Graham the first of the week.

Quite a few of our men are away on a deer hunt this week. In a report home last Tuesday they stated that they were o. k. and having good luck so far. They expect to return the first of next week. Those participating in the hunt are Malcolm Beasley, Muri Mangum, T. G. Hamner, J. W. Bowers, H. W. Beckham, Royce Dowdy, Charlie Reid, Ellery Smith and Leslie Beasley.

Clel Dowdy had the misfortune of getting kicked by a mule last Monday morning, which knocked him unconscious for awhile. He soon regained consciousness and has fully recovered.

**CLOSE THANKSGIVING DAY.**

On next Thursday, November 28, which is Thanksgiving day, we, the undersigned banks, will close our doors in honor of same, and kindly ask that our friends and patrons please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

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**Personal Mention**

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent spent several days in Fort Worth last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn spent the week-end with relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Sallie Wilson of Norfolk, Va., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Josie Ross.

Mrs. Roy Largent and children are the guests of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. J. Willie Moore has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Rice, at Uvalde.

Mrs. George Oscar Parker of Abilene spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider visited her daughter, Mrs. Roy Largent, at Brownwood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Holland of Fort Worth are guests in the John Sears home this week.

George Oscar and John Parker of Abilene were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. Anna Fugat of Dallas is the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat, of Noodle Dome.

Mrs. S. G. Russell is spending the week in Abilene with her daughter, Mrs. Sam J. Nunnally.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davidson of Winters were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Misses Bonnie and Flora Smith of Maverick are the guests of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider of McMurry spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler accompanied Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Estes of Abilene to the S. M. U.-Baylor football game at Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Price of Fort Worth were recent guests of Mr. Price's sister, Mrs. Sam Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive of Big

Spring spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

A. T. Sheppard visited his son, Sterling Sheppard of S. M. U., Dallas, last week-end and while there attended the S. M. U.-Baylor football game. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, attended the Texas-T. C. U. game Saturday. Enroute they were joined by Miss Flora Frances Anderson of T. C. U., Fort Worth.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

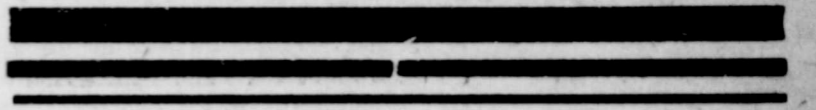
The conference saw fit to return me for another year. I am glad of it. It is my purpose to give the very best there is in me to the cause of Jesus Christ in this town and community. While I will be connected with the Methodist church and will work through the Methodist church, at the same time I want to stand shoulder

to shoulder with every other past and with every other Christian against the evils of this town and for everything that will make it a bigger and better town. Merkel is my town. My home is here. I am raising my children here. I am for it one hundred per cent. My one and only purpose is to lead the Methodist church in delivering power against everything that hinders or hurts and for everything that would help and make glad the heart of this people. I crave an interest in your prayers. May God's blessings be upon us this year and prosper us.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

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