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On the "Broadway of America"

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W. F. HAMBLET, 75, DIES SUDDENLY EARLY TUESDAY

Funeral Services Held Here Wednesday Afternoon for Long-Time Citizen and Merchant; Eight Children Survive.

With Rev. T. C. Willett officiating, assisted by W. G. Cypert, funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church for W. F. Hamblet, age 75, a resident of Merkel for 23 years and engaged in the mercantile business here that entire time. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

As a mark of respect for the departed grocer, the stores of the city remained closed during the hour of the funeral services.

Mr. Hamblet died at 5:30 Tuesday morning of an attack of acute indigestion. He had complained of feeling bad on Monday night, but when he awoke about 4:30 the following morning his wife stated that he seemed to be feeling better. He died in bed an hour later.

Born in Water Valley, Miss., Nov. 9, 1855, he came to Texas in 1907, locating in Merkel, where he had made his home ever since. He had joined the Methodist church as a young man and continued his activity in church spheres his entire life. He was one of Merkel's highly respected citizens and business men and had reared a large family, being survived by eight children. In 1918 he was married to Mrs. Gertie Spain in this city, who survives him.

The surviving children are Mrs. Eugene Tarver, Water Valley, Miss.; Mrs. Willie Addington, Fort Worth; Mrs. Eunice Lyles, Tula, Miss.; Misses Ona and Vannie Hamblet, Dallas; Roger Hamblet, Wink; Loring Hamblet, Odessa, and Quay Hamblet of Abilene. Two step-children also survive: Mrs. Charlie Lobin, of near Snyder, and Herman Greenfield of Rosebud, and one sister, Mrs. T. J. King, of Merkel and two brothers, Wash Hamblet of Dallas, and Brown Hamblet of Merkel, as well as one half-brother and one-half sister in Mississippi.

Fall bearers were Eli Case, S. D. Gamble, Frank McFarland, R. A. Burgess, Arthur Browning and L. R. Thompson.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Goodman, residing north of Trent Friday, April 18, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey, residing three and one-half miles east of town, Monday, April 21, 1930.

Girl, named Peggy Joyce, to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., Sunday, April 20, 1930.

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT FOR ENTRY GARDEN CONTEST

May 1 is the closing date for entries in the Yard and Garden contest being sponsored by the Lions club, assisted by a committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. Sam Swann, chairman, and Mesdames Chas. H. Jones and A. T. Sheppard. If you want to enter for one or all of the prizes, which were listed in last week's issue of The Mail, just fill in the entry blank published elsewhere in this issue and mail to Mrs. Sam Swann.

Prizes are offered to those owning their home and to those who rent, so that the renter will not have to compete with one who owns his home and has been improving it each year.

The following have added their names during the past week to the list of contestants: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley, Mrs. J. C. White, Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

Many took advantage of the opportunity offered by the plant and flower exchange last Saturday, handled by the ladies committee.

If you have not decided to enter the Yard and Garden contest, just consider the list of prizes offered and what it would mean to win one of these prizes; also consider that every name that is entered in this contest means just that much from a standpoint of civic pride. The list closes May 1.

First Governor of Texas is Reburied In State Cemetery

Austin, April 24.—The body of James Pinckney Henderson, first governor of Texas was reburied Monday in the state cemetery, where rest scores of other heroes of the Lone Star State. Before it was placed in the state grave, services were held in the senate chamber of the Texas capitol, with Judge O. S. Lattimore of the court of criminal appeals giving the oration.

Henderson, native of Lincoln, N. C., came to Texas during the trying days which culminated in victory at San Jacinto 94 years ago when General Sam Houston and his little army took General Santa Anna and his army captive, thus effecting Texas' independence.

Henderson died June 4, 1858, in Washington three months after taking his seat as United States senator from Texas. He was buried in the congressional cemetery. The movement to bring his body to the Texas State cemetery had its inception during the regular session of the 41st legislature, when an appropriation was voted to remove to Austin the bodies of Texas heroes buried elsewhere.

LINDBERGH'S SET ANOTHER RECORD CROSS-CONTINENT

Ace of Air Covers 2500 Miles From Glendale, Calif., to Roosevelt Field in 14 Hours, 23 Minutes, 27 Seconds.

New York, April 24.—"We" have another record, a cross-continent flight faster than anybody else.

Taking off from Glendale, Calif., at daybreak, Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh Sunday brought their new scarlet and black monoplane to a three-point landing on Roosevelt Field, where the colonel took off for Paris three years ago this spring. The arrival was 48 minutes before the day was done.

The approximate distance flown was 2500 miles, the flying time 14 hours, 23 minutes, 27 seconds, the average speed 172 miles an hour. A stop was made at Wichita, Kans., of 22 minutes and five seconds for fuel, but not food. Lunch was eaten in the air.

Although the colonel disclaimed any new record, the time of the flight was 3 hours, 15 minutes and 29 seconds faster than it ever had been before. Captain Frank Hawks, last June flew from Glendale to Roosevelt Field in 17 hours, 38 minutes and 56 seconds, non-stop. The fact that he and Mrs. Lindbergh made a stop, the colonel pointed out, technically made their flight not one to compare with that of Captain Hawks. Captain Hawks himself, however, and probably everyone else except the colonel accepted the flight as a new record.

They left Glendale at 8:26:20 a. m., (eastern standard time), landed at Wichita at 3:20:30 p. m., took off at 3:42:35 and landed at Roosevelt Field at 11:11:52. Total elapsed time was 11 hours, 45 minutes and 32 seconds.

AIR TRAFFIC TRAIL.
Colonel Lindbergh, who made the flight to test the possibility of commercial routes at high altitudes believes that such flights will follow along the trail he blazed across the country.

"This is only one flight," he said "and I hope to make others. I can say nothing at this time on the result of one experiment. However, I believe transport flying in the future will go to higher levels, first the air-mail and later passenger planes."

He said they flew at from 10,000 to 15,000 feet altitude most of the way, except for the last stretch into New York.

New Nine Hole Golf Course Ready May 1

Four and one-half miles on the highway west of town, lying just south of the railroad on property belonging to H. H. Hand, the new nine-hole course of the Merkel Golf club has been laid off and it is hoped that play can begin about May 1st. If not at that date, it is stated that it will not be later than the 10th of the month.

The total distance of the nine holes is around 3,000 yards, with sand greens. Par is 36. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wiseman, who live on the place, will take care of the course.

Forty-five enthusiasts have already signed up for membership. It was decided at the organization meeting Tuesday that membership would be limited to 50 and no one will be permitted to play except club members and their guests.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are W. L. Diltz, Jr., president, and Booth Warren, secretary and treasurer, the same officers who headed the old club. A committee on grounds and rules, consisting of L. B. Scott, chairman, Mat Dillingham, Jack Anderson, George Woodrum and C. R. Tittle, was named and the committee on finance and membership includes E. Yates Brown, chairman, R. O. Anderson and T. G. Bragg.

The members of these two committees and the two officers constitute the executive board.

Neighboring Cities Show Gains.

Figures were released during the week by W. R. Southworth of Abilene, supervisor of the census for this district, showing the population of Anson to be 2,079, a gain of 654 over the 1920 figure of 1,425, or 54.8 per cent. Hamlin's population is given as 2,324, as compared with 1,633 ten years ago, or a gain of 42.3 per cent.

FUNERAL RITES FOR REP. R. Q. LEE AT CISCO MONDAY

Congressman From 17th District Dies at Washington Five Weeks After Stroke of Paralysis; Serving First Term.

Cisco, April 24.—Last rites were said here Monday for R. Q. Lee, late congressman from the 17th Texas district who died last Friday in Washington. The funeral service was held at 2 p. m. from the First Baptist church of Cisco, by the pastor, Rev. Acker C. Miller, who preached on "The Eternal Life." Eulogies of Colonel Lee was paid by three of his Texas colleagues in congress: Senators Morris Sheppard and Tom Connally, and Congressman Daniel C. Garrett of Houston.

The funeral car bearing the body of the late congressman reached Cisco at 5 p. m. Sunday, over the Texas & Pacific. In the party were Mrs. Lee, a son, Quincy; a family friend, Mrs. B. Youngblood of Washington; Senators Sheppard and Connally of Texas and Bratton of New Mexico; Congressman Cross, Johnson, Garrett and Wurzbach of Texas, McKeown, McClintic of Oklahoma, and Sandlin of Louisiana; Sergeant of Arms Crook of the House of Representatives; and General Pasenger Agent Huestis of the Missouri Pacific Railway.

The casket was borne from the car to the First Baptist church, the body lying in state, to be viewed by hundreds of sorrowing friends. Two thousand persons were in the concourse from the station to the church.

Business was at a complete standstill here in compliance with a proclamation by Mayor J. M. Williamson. In his proclamation the mayor decreed a period of public mourning for the city's most distinguished citizen.

SERVING FIRST TERM.
Mr. Lee was serving his first term in congress, having been elected to the house of representatives without opposition in November, 1928. He succeeded Thos. L. Blanton, Abilene, who had given up his seat in the house to become a candidate of the United States senate but was defeated in the run-off primary by Senator Tom Connally. Blanton recently announced his determination to seek again the 17th seat and Lee, who had also announced his intention to become a candidate to succeed himself in the 72nd congress, was at the time of his death planning to carry on an extensive campaign during the coming summer months.

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

At the close of the three-day session of the fifth annual Baptist state Sunday school convention at Austin, Abilene was selected as the place for holding the next convention.

Another name was added Saturday to the already long list of candidates for governor when F. G. Thompson of Sherman declared himself in the race and announced his platform.

Roy Manahan, 21, lineman for the Texas Utilities company, was killed Wednesday near Fairfield when, while assisting in moving a power line, 2200 volts of electricity passed through his body.

Strong belief exists that Mrs. R. Q. Lee of Cisco will yield to the solicitation of her friends and announce her candidacy for congress to fill the vacancy left by the death of her husband.

Governor Moody has announced that he will issue a proclamation within the next few days setting a date for the special election to fill the vacancy in congress left by the death of Congressman R. Q. Lee.

John N. Janes, 63, millionaire Texas cattleman, and owner of the famous rocking chair ranch in Bailey county where he had been a resident for more than 35 years, died in an El Paso hotel after a heart attack.

Contract for the erection of the new Texas Christian University stadium at Fort Worth has been awarded to Bucher and Sweeney of Fort Worth on their bid of \$273,579, providing for 19,200 seats to be completed by Sept. 10.

Fisher county's oldest resident, Mrs. Mary Frances McCombs, who would have reached her 103rd milestone in October, died Saturday morning at the home of her son in the Grady community eight miles northwest of Rotan.

State Senator C. C. Small of Wellington announced Tuesday at Fort Worth that he would be a candidate in the gubernatorial democratic primary and that campaign headquarters would be established in Fort Worth within a week.

C. E. Keese, one of ten prisoners who escaped from jail Monday at Big Spring and who is now being held at San Angelo, dislocated his hip in a fall from a second story window when a blanket rope by which the escape was effected broke.

After Chief Justice C. M. Cureton and Associate Justice Thomas B. Greenwood of the supreme court had disqualified themselves in the Ferguson mandamus case, Governor Moody appointed Sam Streetman of Houston to be chief justice and Frank C. Dillard of Sherman to be associate justice to sit with Associate Justice William Pierson in considering the case.

OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE LANDING FIELD NEAR CITY

Lions Club Will Endeavor to Induce Department of Commerce to Bring Contemplated Airfield Closer to Merkel.

While the survey by representatives of the United States department of commerce provides for one of the intermediate airfields, contemplated between Fort Worth and El Paso, to be located about two and one-half miles west of Merkel, steps will be taken by the Lions club to secure the location of this landing field closer to the city if possible. To this end, the secretary of the club has been instructed to write to the department of commerce for particulars, explaining in the letter that Merkel stood ready to do its part toward bringing the airport closer to the city proper.

The matter was presented before the Lions club by J. T. Darsey, Jr., a High School Senior, who is one of our air enthusiasts. As the guest of Dee Grimes, he presented in detail the plans that were being worked out by the department of commerce for intermediate landing fields about every 20 miles between Fort Worth and El Paso. This would locate the one between Abilene and Sweetwater about two and one-half miles west of Merkel, unless the department can be induced to bring it closer in.

Instead of the club singing at the luncheon Tuesday, Prof. Hartman rendered a most pleasing trumpet solo, "The Commodore," and for encore "Scenes that are Brightest." Mrs. E. Yates Brown played the accompaniment.

Stan Johnson was introduced as the toastmaster after the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Program features were furnished by the Salt Branch quartet, consisting of Houston Robertson, Mrs. Ida Higgins, Buster Horton and Hobson Robertson, with Mrs. Wilma Robertson as pianist. They were most generous in responding to encores and the club greatly enjoyed their numbers.

Besides J. T. Darsey, Jr., other guests were Ben F. Bird and A. N. Horton, the latter familiarly known as "the mayor of Salt Branch."

"Cow Day" plans were discussed further, the date having been previously determined by a resolution fixing the time permanently as the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in each month. Hence, the next "Cow Day" is to be Wednesday, May 7. L. B. Scott was appointed chairman of a special publicity committee in connection with the event, his assistants being A. T. Sheppard and C. R. Tittle. Henry C. West is chairman of the program committee, he to select his own assistants.

Charlie Jones is to be toastmaster next week.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail April 29, 1910.)

The Ladies of the Woman's Home Mission society had quite an enthusiastic meeting at the home of Mrs. J. O. Boring last Monday afternoon. They all rejoiced at the prospect of a new Methodist parsonage in the near future, one that will be a credit to the church and town. The society will meet next with Mrs. Beard on Bettis Heights.

The Zenobia club will meet with Mrs. John Cochran on Friday, April 29, and full membership is desired as it will be the last meeting and an election of officers will take place. The club gladly received notification that Mrs. Arthur Thornton will again take her place in the membership of the club.

The Twentieth Century club will meet on Saturday with Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Subject: "Macbeth."

The Presbyterian Aid and Mission Society met with Mrs. W. T. Berry 18. Hereafter they will meet at 7 o'clock. Lesson in the Old Testa-

One of the happiest affairs ever given in Merkel was given by Mrs. J. G. Jackson in honor of her little daughter, Evelyn's first birthday. Such a gathering a perfect bouquet of earth's fairest flowers and their Mama's. In a contest, Mrs. Bernard Hanks of Abilene received a handsome piece of cut glass as a prize. The little folks were taken into the

dining room where stood a high chair for each and refreshments were the most beautiful Teddy Bears done in ice cream and they ate the bears instead of letting the bears eat them.

On Saturday afternoon the Civic league met with Mrs. W. T. Berry. In future with the consent of Mayor Wheeler, the meeting will be held at the city hall. Knowing the weakness of the league members a committee will serve refreshments, hoping thereby to stimulate greater exertions in this work which is spreading over the whole land and which is adding so greatly to the health and happiness of mankind. Guests of Mrs. Berry were Mesdames R. M. Barnes, H. T. Merritt, L. R. Porter, C. M. McCauley, J. W. Daniels, W. T. Potter, W. E. Brown, John Cochran, Davenport Gaither, S. S. Harris, W. A. Scott, M. E. Mackey, H. C. Williams, Atho Williams, J. G. Jackson, E. L. Woodroof, C. W. Holcomb, J. C. Hamm, I. S. Allen, G. H. Adams, M. Armstrong, W. P. Browning, H. C. Burroughs, Courtney Hunt, I. N. Taylor, Diltz, Wilder, Freeman, Misses Williams, Mackey, Bean, Bigham and Browning.

A. N. Pike reported that the coal weather retarded the cotton in the Union Ridge community where many farmers have the plant up to a good stand.

Rev. A. A. Baker is attending presbytery at Stamford.



THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

SPRING HAS COME!

This is the time of year when most people get the urge to spruce up. Go into 'most any store and you will see people buying all sorts of things to make their surroundings look better—yard and garden tools, seeds of all descriptions, paint and lacquers, wall paper and porch furniture—everything to clean up and brighten up.

The ladies are talking house cleaning. The men who are not talking and thinking gardens are anxiously watching to see how the greens and fairways are coming along, and everywhere there seems to be a sort of taking on of a new lease on life.

The papers are carrying column after column of copy on "Clean-up Campaigns." Yard and garden contests have been started, and on every hand there is a freshness, light-heartedness and general good-will; for "Spring has come."

That's fine for everybody, business included. Too bad we don't have spring more often; but then if we did it would be like a lot of other things—we would get used to it, and always that which we get used to, we fail to appreciate.

The Clean-up Campaigns of many communities always remind me of a little boy taking a bath—he misses so many places. And a town is just as clean, just as attractive, as the places that are left dirty.

There are six places that most towns overlook in their cleaning—each of which costs thousands of dollars in business, and at the same time lowers the morale of its people, which is equally costly.

One of these is the highway entrances to the town, which are to the community what the doorway and show windows are to a store. Every strange motor car that enters Merkel has a cash business value of \$5.20 and it takes only one car a minute each way during the traveling hours of the day to make this traffic as valuable to your community as a factory with a payroll of two million dollars annually. There are those

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De Leon Woman Found Dead in Her Bed on Morning 90th Birthday

DeLeon, Comanche Co., Texas, April 24.—Letters of congratulations on her ninetieth birthday were still pouring into the postoffice here Sunday for Mrs. E. C. Owens, but none of them will be delivered. For Mrs. Owens, known to her friends as Aunt Betty, who had looked forward to an enjoyable celebration of her birthday Saturday, was found dead in her bed Saturday morning, a smile on her face, when friends went in to wake her up.

Aunt Betty had been living in the county for more than a quarter of a century. Her friends, many of them living at a distance, had planned a letter shower for her. Many of them also sent presents. There were a number of letters in the postoffice for Aunt Betty Saturday morning. More came through the day and letters and packages were still coming Sunday.

Perhaps, in death, Aunt Betty knew she was being remembered. At least, her face still bore the smile which her friends knew so well.

IN MEMORY OF MARSHALL WAYNE MELTON.

As we sit in the twilight,
What could be sweeter
Than to turn our thoughts to Mar-
shall Wayne?
While we know he's in heaven
Where all things are right
We miss him in the morning, we
miss him at night.

Our Lord saw fit to take him,
Though healthy and well,
And now in His presence he ever will
dwell.

There is Mother and daddy,
Wallace and Deveral, Vernon,
Clyde, Clyde, his brothers, and the
rest of the kin.

He's an angel in heaven,
So sweet and so small
And we hope to meet him when
Jesus doth call.

—Mrs. C. F. Doan.

Many Ailments Yield Quickly To New Konjola

Manager of Eastside Stone Yard Eagerly Praises Merits Of New Medicine.



MR. JAMES A. COX

"Stomach trouble, disordered kidneys and constipation over a period of six months, had placed me in a badly run-down condition", said Mr. James A. Cox, 630 Mathewson street, Wichita. "Gas and bloating followed even the simplest meals. Kidney weakness gave me frightful back pains and I was subject to frequent bladder actions. I was restless and found it difficult to sleep for any length of time. I had no appetite and was weak and listless. For two weeks I was utterly unable to work and it was during this time that Konjola was recommended to me by my friends."

"My appetite increased from the very day I began taking Konjola. My stomach gradually began to function as it should and the back pains left me. Today I eat heartily without any discomfort whatever and am free from bloating. My kidneys are in excellent condition and I am entirely free from constipation. My general health is better than it has been in a long time. I owe all this to Konjola."

It is logical to believe that what Konjola has done for others, it will do for you—for everyone. This is especially true if Konjola is given a fair trial. Six to eight weeks is recommended as a fair trial in stubborn cases.

Konjola is sold in Merkel at the Merkel Drug company and by all the best druggists in all town throughout this entire section.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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who will refuse to believe this, but it is a fact nevertheless, and easily proved.

The first impression is often the lasting one; therefore, it is nothing more than good business to see to it that the highway entrances are cleaned up and kept clean. Go out on your highways and look at the entrances to your city. If you see a lot of unpainted, dilapidated, cheap-looking road signs scattered all along the road, make a list of them. Then write, telephone or go see those whose signs they are and ask them to either fix them up, or better yet, eliminate them entirely.

Billboards and road signs are proper enough, I suppose, in their place; but they have no right to stand where they will spoil and clutter up an otherwise beautiful roadside, and certainly they have no right where they will detract from the business of a community.

If there are any old tumble-down shacks, open city dumps, junk yards or other abominations, go to the proper authorities, call them up, write them a letter, and keep it up until they do something about it. Such things not only drive business away from a community, but actually cast a reflection on you, your family and your business. You do not have to tolerate such things, but it's up to

you. If you stand for it, you have no one but yourself to blame.

While out on the highway look to see if there are any "Welcome" signs. Welcome signs are all right if the community lives up to what they say, but very often the opposite is the case. It is better to have no sign at all than to say to people who enter your community "Welcome to Merkel" and then have them to get a cold shoulder.

I know a town that spent several thousand dollars erecting beautiful arches with electric sign reading "Blankville is a friendly town," and you couldn't get a pleasant smile in the town if you paid for it. Welcome signs that don't mean what they say had better be taken down if the community can not be sold on the idea of really extending a cordial welcome.

See to it that your highway entrances are cleaned up—you don't

have to take a pick and shovel and do the work yourself, unless you personally are responsible. Use your influence—public opinion can get anything done. Create public opinion to SELL Merkel to the people who travel by motor.

This Town Doctor Article, one of a series of fifty-two, is printed by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the Merkel Lions Club.

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West Texas Utilities Company

IT'S AN ILL WIND, ETC.

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SAFE BANKING SINCE 1904
MERKEL, TEXAS

HONOR ROLL OF 125 PUPILS ANNOUNCED

In the honor roll list for the past six weeks, Elvis Richardson tops the High School students with an average of 96, while three in the Grammar school have made on average of 97 to head the honor roll there: Jannel Black, Marie Davis and Juanita Huskey.

There are 125 names on the list for this period, embracing 23 per cent of the Grammar school enrollment and 26 per cent of the High School enrollment.

The following pupils, of the Merkel Public schools have for the six-weeks period just ended made 90 or more in deportment, have been neither absent nor tardy, have not made less than 75 on any one subject, and have for the period made a general average of 90 or more. The list contains the names of 125 pupils.

Considering the fact that so large a number have this period been absent due to the prevalence of measles, this is a good showing.

Just one more six-weeks period remains now for the year. For those pupils bordering on the line of failure, the way this period is spent will have much to do with the promotion. The final examination is not to be dreaded by the pupil who does his work from day to day in a satisfactory manner. The final examination will cause no pupil to fail who would otherwise deserve to pass.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. West.

Guy Mancill, 92; Betty Jane Diltz, 91; Harvey D. Davis, 90; Winnie B. Cross, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Teuff.

Billie Cox, 94; Marvin DuBose, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.

Helen Nixon, 95; Robert Rodden, 95; Annie Laurie Howard, 95; Frances Owen, 94; Ralph Russell, 94; John Willett, 93; Mary Love Tipton, 93; L. S. Tipton Jr., 92; Don West Warren, 91; Julia Martinez, 90; Wilma McAninch, 90; David Reidenbach, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.

Raymond Denny, 92; Comora Hughes, 91.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

Jannel Black, 97; Marie Davis, 97; Marvin Hunter, 94; Juan Duran, 93; Dana Derstine, 93; Dorothy Sue Bird, 92; Leroy Denny, 91; Frank Dye, 91; Emogene Hulsey, 91; Lucille Gilmore, 91; Clyde Cribbley, 90; Harriet Frances Copeland, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.

Dick West, 93; Charles Iddings, 91; Wilma Jean Winslett, 91; Evelyn Johnston, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.

Laverne Hughes, 96; Betty Lou Grimes, 95; Billie Dunning, 94; Alta Grayson, 93; William Hawkins, 93; Davis Beasley, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Williams.

Morris Wozencraft, 94; Sylvan Mellinger, 92; Lawrence Thornton, 91; Joe Young, 91; De La Vergne Teague, 90; Jack Sublett, 90.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Davis.

Juanita Huskey, 97; Mabel Maddox, 95; Ora Derrick, 94; Horace Boney, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Louise Toombs, 94; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 94; Harold Morgan, 94; Hersehel Winslett, 93.

Sixth Grade, Miss Rodden.

Clara Frances Largent, 94; Aline McAninch, 93; Mary Helen Lancaster, 93; Jessie Margaret Berry, 92; Neil Cantres, 91; Annie Le Dubose, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss McDonald.

Ethelda Tucker, 95; Irene Slater, 94; Ima Ruth Brown, 92; Fern Toombs, 92; Jackie Slater, 92; Alice Russell, 91; Ben Sublett, 90; J. V. Patterson, 90.

Seventh Grade, Ralph Duke.

Wilma Gardner, 94; Waldrine Huskey, 94; Rogene Dye, 92; Clifford Blumberg, 91; Frances Adcock, 91;

William Cypert, 90; Ruth Davis, 90; La Verne Holden, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.

Annie Lee Owens, 94; Julia Proctor, 94; Hazel Reeves, 92; Jack West, 90; Valeria Parks, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

Nell Hughes 95; Fae Vantrees, 95; Opal Huskey, 94; Florene Rider, 94; Ivah Lou Malphurs 93; Imogene Middleton, 93; James West, Jr., 93; Meyer Mellinger, 92; Margaret Miller, 92; Howard Stanley, 92; Vergil Lee Perkins, 91; Mardell Shouse, 91; Voncile Gilbert, 90; S. G. Russell, 90; Marjorie White, 90.

Ninth Grade.

Oleta Moore, 94; Ross Ferrier, 93; Margaret Canon, 93; Willie E. Boaz, 93; Ida Mae Derstine, 93; Mary E. Grimes, 93; Tela Patterson, 93; Anna Ely, 92; Woodrow Wilson, 90.

Tenth Grade.

Elvis Richardson, 96; Audrey Faris, 94; Velma Lee Holden, 93; Margaret Turner, 93; Ola Smith, 92; Benjamin Sheppard, 92; Lona Bryan, 90; Lois Clark, 90; Elsie Lassiter, 90; Ford Smith, 90.

Senior Class.

Lucile Cole, 95; Frances Frederickson, 95; Nina Van Treece, 94; Odell Hunter, 94; Tracy Campbell, 92; J. T. Darsey, 90; Marcella Pinkley, 90.

Further Development Noted in Television

Television, as the American Telephone and Telegraph company recently demonstrated, has taken another step in development with the production of a system of two-way television which can supplement the usual two-way telephone, permitting the parties to a conversation to see as well as hear each other.

An experimental service between the telephone company's building at 195 Broadway, New York, and the Bell Telephone laboratories at 463 West street, several miles apart, has just been disclosed and demonstrated for the first time to representatives of the press.

Despite the obvious success in the development of television, engineers and scientists concerned refused to prophesy as to their next steps or the ultimate commercial importance of their experimental system.

Dr. F. B. Jewett, president of the laboratories, in discussing the demonstration said: "The equipment might equally well have been installed hundreds of thousands of miles apart. Also, it might have employed either wire or radio for connecting the channels. With suitable telephone channels, the element of distance is not a controlling factor."

"We have made great progress in the development of television since it was first demonstrated in April, 1927," continued Dr. Jewett, "and the apparatus now being shown is so perfect that one is scarcely conscious of the fact that he is doing other than looking at his distant correspondent."

"While the equipment now is simpler and more efficient than that employed in our first demonstration, and the results greatly improved, the terminal apparatus still is complicated and expensive, due to the neces-

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sity of producing, transmitting and reproducing a large number of distinct images each second to obtain good results. No practical suggestions for eliminating this fundamental requirement have as yet been made and there appears nothing promising in our present knowledge of physical science."

"Due to this complexity and cost, no substantial commercial field is yet in sight for television requiring good images," continued Dr. Jewett. "There still is a large amount of technical work which gives promise of decided improvements over the means and methods now available and because of this fact, the Bell Telephone laboratory will continue to explore the field of television", he said.

Buffalo Gap Camp Grounds Open Apr. 26

The date of the opening of the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap is Saturday, April 26.

G. W. Rogers, general manager and keeper of the grounds, states that they are making arrangements to care for a large crowd on opening day next Saturday. There will be free swimming for the occasion until 6 p. m., at which time an old-fashioned singing will start. The dining room will be open all season under the direction of Ms. B. M. Brummett.

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News of Grandson's Death Proves Fatal Mt. Vernon Woman

Mount Vernon, April 24.—John Stant Campbell, 18, son of B. F. Campbell, blacksmith at Macon, Texas, nine miles southeast of Mount Vernon, died at 1 a. m. Sunday as the result of an injury received in playing ball near his home Saturday afternoon. He was struck on the left temple with a batted ball which left a bruise but no immediate bad effect. The game was finished and he went to the shop and helped his father for a while, then complaining of his head went home. He died during the night from hemorrhage of the brain. His grandmother, Mrs. J. Stant Davis, living with a daughter, Mrs. C. T. Vinyard, 8 miles southwest of Mount Vernon, died Sunday morning from shock on receiving news of the death of the grandson.

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Tom Blanton Seeks to Fill Unexpired Term

Abilene, April 24.—Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene, former congressman from this district, announced Tuesday night as a candidate for the vacancy left by the death of his successor, Colonel R. Q. Lee, and also for the regular term.

In his formal announcement Blanton reviewed his work as a member of congress for 12 years, told of some of the things he had been able to accomplish, and outlined what he proposes to do if elected once more to that office from the 17th Texas district.

Saying that there are "far too many 'yes' members in congress," Blanton asserts that they "gain popularity by never opposing anything, never know what it is all about, and draw all the salary and perquisites possible without ever rendering any real service of any kind."

The filling of the vacancy left by Colonel Lee's death is required by the constitutions of both the United States and Texas. Governor Moody announced Monday that he would call the special election in the next few days, as soon as he could find the time to do it. At least 30 days must elapse between the governor's call and the election, and if the call is issued in the next few days the election would take place the latter part of May.

During his years in congress Blanton was one of the most widely known members of that body, being the center of many hot congressional battles.

HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell entertained with an egg hunt Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames Harris, Clark, Pence, Demere, Douglas and Mr. Dave Shelton; Misses Tenalee Demere, Annamae Harris, Mildred and Maurine Dean, Mildred Sharp, Irene, Emalee and Inez Pence, Dornalee Shelton, Margie Wayne Dunn, Sybil Harris, Lavenafal and Lavert Douglas and Ester Fire; Messrs. Leo Harris, Dale Burleson, Lynn Shelton, Elmer Pence, Woodrow and Junior Clark, Joe Everett Burleson, Archie Fire, Johnnie and Ford Heath.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore of Golan attended the services at Union Ridge Friday morning.

The Union Ridge school had an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon and also a ball game with some boys from Merkel, the Union Ridge boys winning by the score of 33 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Tenalee, of Blair were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell were in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dean and daughter, Margaret, visited Rev. Tatum at the Baptist sanitarium Sunday afternoon.

Charges Against Two Fort Worth Bankers

Fort Worth, April 24.—A. L. Baker, vice president of the Texas National bank, Tuesday made bond of \$25,000 after being charged with misapplication of the bank's funds. B. B. Samuels, president of the defunct institution, will make a similar bond in New York, where he is in a hospital, it was announced.

The two officers of the bank which closed January 31, were charged jointly with misapplying \$1,297,363 of the bank's funds, and with making a false entry in the books of the bank. The complaints were filed by United States District Attorney N. A. Dodge Tuesday morning, after figures had been furnished him by W. J. Barnett, special accountant for the department of justice, who has been auditing the books.

Two children, Courtney Brice, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brice of Coleman, and Eldridge Smith, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Smith of Thrifty, were killed Sunday night as the result of an automobile-bus crash six miles south of Lawn.

FOR SALE—Two cars good bright Kaffir heads, one car baled sorghum; will arrive in Merkel Saturday. See Pierce Horton.

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CHURCHES

NEW BAPTIST PASTOR WILL ARRIVE TUESDAY.

Rev. J. E. Walker of Abilene will fill the pulpit at both the morning and evening hours at the Baptist church Sunday. All other services at the usual hours.

Rev. J. T. King of Brady, who has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church here, will arrive next Tuesday, moving here with his family. He will preach the first sermon of his pastorate Sunday May 4.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

For the prayer meeting at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon to be held at the Presbyterian church Dent Gibson is to be the leader. The subject will be the 28th chapter of Matthew. Last Sunday the service was held at the Methodist church with Herman Abernathy as leader. The interest enlisted from the men of the various churches of the city is made manifest at each of these meetings in the large number present and their earnestness in the work that is being accomplished.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

No report was received from the Nazarene church as to their Sunday School attendance last Sunday, but the total present at the other four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was 759. The Baptist Sunday School took the lead last Sunday with 307 in attendance. Those present at the other Sunday Schools were: Methodist, 286; Church of Christ, 87, and Presbyterian, 79.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time with a prepared lesson. We are interested in all that we are a part of that is growing, attendance is a part of that evidence of growth. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Always glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

"Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Eph. 5:19). Ignorant people, those ignorant of the will of the Lord, crucified Jesus. (Acts 3:17). For a man to profess to be a Christian and yet choose to remain ignorant of the Bible is very inconsistent with the whole trend of the scriptures. For this reason we have a Bible class for men at the tabernacle at 10 o'clock each Lord's day. Every man owes it to himself and family to be a learner of God.

We are enjoying splendid services in the homes on Thursday nights. Especially did we enjoy meeting in Mr. Ferguson's home last week. Young people, middle-aged people and old people all attend there services. The gathering this week will be at the home of Mr. Herley Toombs.

All regular services next Lord's day at usual hours.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30. Wednesday night prayer service and Bible study. 7:45 p. m. Preaching each Sunday night immediately following the N. Y. P. S. service.

Due to the fact that the pastor was out of town last Sunday morning Rev. J. F. Hendrix filled the pulpit of the hour and brought a very spiritual message along the Easter line.

The pastor will be present at the services next Sunday, filling the pulpit at both the morning and evening hours.

Let's each one make a special effort to be present next Sunday morning. Come early. Be present for Sunday School and remain for preaching hour.

If you do not attend services elsewhere, meet us at the Nazarene church next Sunday. A welcome for all.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church meets on Monday afternoons at three o'clock. Every woman in the church, being an ex-officio member, should attend these meetings regularly.

The Epworth High league meets at two o'clock and the Senior league at seven.

The regular Sunday services are as usual: Sunday School at 9:45, church at eleven and the evening services at eight.

This has been quite a busy week for the members of the Methodist church who have attended both the District conference Tuesday morning and the Laymen's meeting Wednesday. These

meetings are a part of our church work and are interesting as well as beneficial.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject, "Heroes of Early Methodism."

Leader, Elvis Richardson.
Scripture—Acts 19:1-10 and Psalms 67.

Song.
Prayer.

Talks:
(a) "How Wesley's Churchmanship Fell Away," Odell Hunter.

(b) "The First Separative Move," Donald B. Willett.

(c) "The Builder and Organizer of Churches," Miss Vera Baker.

(d) "Wesley, the Creed Maker," Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

(e) Talk by leader.

Business.
Song.
League benediction.

MATTERS MUSICAL

BAND NOTES.

Merkel's Booster Band continues to grow in popularity and will give another band concert this Thursday evening at eight o'clock in front of the City Drug. Also Friday morning the chapel period at the high school will be turned over to them.

The program for Thursday night's concert is as follows:

1. Carrolton March.
2. Sons of Veterans.
3. Honey Boys on Parade.
4. Gypsy Festival Overture.
5. Columbia University March.
6. Intermission 10 minutes.
7. The Iron Count.
8. Garland's Grand Entree March.
9. Under the Double Eagle March.
10. Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will give a request program of popular and classical numbers on Friday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 over KFYO. Phone your requests.

Odd Fellows to Hold Open House Monday

Commemorating the 111th anniversary of the founding of the order, the Odd Fellows will hold open house Monday night, inviting all members and former members and their families and the public in general.

Ray Rector of Stamford, state grand master, will be one of the speakers. Addresses will also be delivered by Rev. R. A. Walker, A. H. Balch of Abilene and Brother Walker, also of Abilene.

The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock W. M. Elliott will preside and there will be special music provided in addition to the speeches, insuring a good time generally.

Dwelling Destroyed by Fire.

Fire at 2:30 Sunday morning almost totally destroyed the house in South Merkel, owned by D. W. Burgin and occupied by Charles Butler. The contents were also practically a total loss. The family came home about 11 o'clock Saturday night and made some coffee and it is thought that the fire was caused later by an explosion of the oil stove that was used in preparing the coffee. Insurance was carried on the dwelling in the sum of \$650, with no insurance on the contents.

Everybody's Garage Moves.

Everybody's Garage, which has been located heretofore in the Dr. Grimes building on Elm street, has moved to the location of the old Corner Garage on Front street. This includes the filling station, repair department and battery service station.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

Now that hot weather has arrived, the housewives know more than ever what a relief it is to have the week's washing done at the laundry. If you have not given your wife a rest from this arduous labor, call 294J and try us just once. We feel sure that we can please you just as we have hundreds of others in Merkel.

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A baby elephant weighs from 160 to 200 pounds at birth.



EASTER PARTY.

An Easter party was a gay favor on Friday evening, April 18, given by Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess entertaining the faculty of the Merkel Public Schools and the board of education. Interspersed with interesting and amusing Easter games were musical numbers, readings, and stunts. Miss Mona Margaret Jones sang three numbers, "Lift Up Thine Eyes," "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," and "I'm Waiting for Ships That Never Come In." Miss Donna Loyless played a negro dance, "Juba Dance," by the negro composer, Nathaniel Dett, and Miss Tracy gave the humorous selection, "Mr. Peden Keeps His Cook," by John Erwin.

Miss Sloan announced for station M. H. S. over which the following program was given: "Some poetry" read by the famous poet, Miss Baker; "How to Keep a Man," Mrs. Young; "How to Manage for Your Wife to Make the Living," Mr. Davis; "Who Threw Soup in Ma's Eyes?" song, Mr. Burgess, "How to Keep Beautiful," Miss Martin.

The Easter motif was carried out in the delicious refreshment plate consisting chicken salad, saltines, mints ice, cakes and olives. Dainty Easter greetings were favors.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were Messrs. and Mesdames Eli Case, C. R. Tittle, Lige Gambel, W. O. Boney, A. J. Cannon, James H. West, Holland Teaff, Melvin Davis, Claude Young, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Evelyn Curb, Vennie Heizer, Addie Williams, Orpha Patterson, Imogene Hayes, Ora McDonald, Jesse Rodden, Julia Martin, Lucy Tracy, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Donna Loyless, Mrs. Len Sublett, Mr. Ralph Duke, and the host and hostess.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Walker on Tuesday of last week and quite a jolly time was had by everyone.

A spiritual program was given by the class, the subject being "The Resurrection of Christ." The devotional was led by Mrs. Ethel Tucker.

Delicious refreshments of cake and cream were served by the hostess assisted by her two daughters, Misses Mamie and Vera Walker. The napkins were passed by Misses Robbie Walker and Jackie Slatter to Mesdames W. M. Elliott, L. L. Murray, Ance Coats, J. T. Tucker, E. Tucker, Marvin Smith, S. A. Derstine, S. G. Russell, and Misses Mary, Lizzie and Jennie Kenney.

KNOX-LESLIE.

Merkel friends of Miss Lois Leslie will be glad to learn of her marriage to Mr. C. E. Knox of Sweetwater, which was solemnized Saturday morning at the home of Rev. W. G. Cypert.

Miss Lois is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leslie, who were, until this year, residents of Merkel. She attended Merkel High school, is an accomplished and charming young lady and her many friends here wish for her all prosperity in her married life. Mr. and Mrs. Knox will reside in Sweetwater.

HAPPY REUNION.

Sunday was a happy birthday for Mrs. N. E. Sandlin and little Elizabeth Rose Cypert—Grandma Sandlin was 80 and her granddaughter 11. The celebration was in the form of an all-day affair in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cypert, an old-fashioned chicken dinner was served at high noon.

Messages of congratulations were received from three daughters and one son who could not come; others present were Mrs. L. C. Ray of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Green of Abilene, daughters of Mrs. Sandlin, a grandson, G. A. Green of Abilene, his wife and baby daughter, two great-granddaughters from San Saba, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brewster of Abilene, a grand daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Cypert and two children.

MISS DORRIS DURHAM ONE OF HOSTESSES AT C. I. A. Denton, April 24.—Miss Dorris Durham, Albany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham, was one of the hostesses at a dinner given in the cafeteria of the Texas State College for Women (C. I. A.) last week. The dinner was given by student assistants in the department of biology in honor of the faculty members of that department.

The center piece for the table was a bowl of yellow snap dragons and lavender stock, carrying out a yellow and lavender color scheme. Seven student assistants served as hostesses.

Miss Durham is a senior student, majoring in physical education. She is second mate of the college life saving corps, is manager of basket-

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. J. Perry King of Rule spent the week-end with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holt.

W. A. Holt, who is in the race for sheriff of Runnels county, was in Trent Sunday visiting with relatives and friends.

Allen Ralph Terry of N. T. A. C., in company with his brother, John W., spent last Sunday in Moro, visiting their sister, Estelle.

Grandpa Terry, who has been spending a few days with his daughter in Post, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and son, Sandefer, of Merkel were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rawlings.

C. C. Brewer of Alexandria, La., spent last week in the home of his brother, Gus Brewer.

Mrs. Hattie Griffith and son, Don, of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Hamner last week-end.

L. E. Adrian and his brother, Lon, of Loraine have returned from a visit with their mother, who lives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy have returned after a pleasant three weeks' visit at McAllen.

Jeff English of Hermleigh spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. J. S. Reid received a message Saturday morning, telling of the sudden death of Mrs. Dave Owens of Slaton. She and her son, Charlie, left at once to attend the funeral which was held Sunday. Mrs. Owens lived here sometime ago and her many friends will learn of her death with sorrow.

E. E. Holt, Sr., has returned to his home after spending several weeks with his son, E. E. Holt, Jr.

Mrs. W. A. Abbott and W. S. Queen, who were married last week, will reside at Mr. Queen's home near Tokio, Texas.

Miss Velma and Buster Rogers of Lubbock spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers.

Friends of Mrs. Buster Edwards will be glad to learn that she is home from the Sweetwater hospital much improved after a severe illness of several weeks.

Allen Terry and Barney Howell of Stephenville were home for a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman, spent last week-end visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Massey, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Boone, Alton Boone and Mrs. Hosea Winn, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander of Hobbs, New Mex., also attending the big celebration there. Mrs. Boone stayed over for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alexander, but the rest of the party returned home Sunday.

The W. H. S. of the Methodist church held a regular session Monday at 3:30. The program was opened with song, followed with a prayer by the president, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr. Discussion of the leaflet "Serving in Our Missionary School," included descriptions of part of the work done by our Southern Methodist women. Those present and taking part on the program were Mesdames M. G. Scott, J. R. Winn, E. L. Mangum, C. R. Shannon, Lee Keyes, John Payne and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.

Prof. O. L. Reaves of Rotan and wife, who is primary teacher in the Trent school, and Miss Agnes Williams of Goodman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley Sunday.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt, Mrs. L. E. Adrian and

ball for the Women's Athletic Association, and is the only student of the college to ever receive a "Big T" for athletics. She will graduate in June.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS HONORED.

Mrs. E. Yates Brown and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown complimented Mrs. V. P. Tippet and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Evans with a family picnic on last Thursday evening. The sumptuous repast including punch and ice cream was served picnic fashion, the outing was enjoyed very much by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Evans and two children of Chicago, Mrs. Victor Tippet and two children of San Angelo, Mrs. E. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and baby, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

THROWN FROM HORSE.

Friends of Mrs. Roy Largent will be glad to know that she is recovering nicely from a fall, received while riding horse back last week. Her condition was at first considered serious but only slight body bruises have resulted.

daughter, Marjorie, also Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Woods of Merkel.

Miss Dorothy Boyd of Hamlin, who was operated on last Thursday for appendicitis at the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene, is doing nicely at this time.

Students of Trent Public schools that were on the honor roll for the past five weeks are: first grade, Mrs. O. L. Reaves, teacher, Venita McDonald, Kathryn Shannon, Dorothy Joe Strawn, Helen McLeod, Mark Williamson, Kenneth Burkhardt, Kirby Steadman, Virtis Ross, Walter Robbe, Cullen Price, Bernard Wortham; third grade, Miss Virgie Strawn, teacher, Ellery Smith, Charlie Robbe, George Helen Lee; second grade, Doris Margaret Steen; fifth grade, Miss Annie Joyce, teacher, Hazel Dell Clinton, Evelyn Stephenson.

The best season for a "weinie" roast is right now because one can roast weinies, marshmallows and bacon and have their coffee right in the bed of the creek and never get "all wet." This event was tried out last Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen and family, Mrs. Beuna McLeod and Helen, Miss Virgie Strawn, C. C. Stribling, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark. After the roast all went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and finished the evening with 42.

On last Sunday afternoon Mrs. M. G. Bryan entertained the little folks with an egg hunt. The youngsters had a lively time hunting eggs in the hills adjacent to the Bryan home. After the hunt refreshments of lemonade and wafers were served to Mildred Steadman, Mollie Jaynes, Glen Reaves, Gene Scott, Kathryn Shannon, Edgar Williams, George Heien Lee, Ruby Williams, Kirby Steadman, Kenneth Burkhardt, Pearl Williams, Herbert Deen West, Valree West, Edna Price, Lady Fred Crane and Kathleen Bryan, Bry Burkhardt, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan.

FAMILY REUNION.
The old Howell home was the scene of a happy gathering Easter Sunday when 63 met for a family reunion. Basket lunch was spread and served picnic style at noon. Easter eggs were hunted, games were enjoyed and pictures made. After cream and cake was served, all departed expressing themselves as having enjoyed the day to the limit.

Out-of-town relatives were Mrs. C. S. Phillips and children of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sorrelle and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and family of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howell and family Mrs. Bess Billings, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Mrs. Wesley Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John Howell, and children, all of Abilene.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

When the Trent B. Y. P. U. met last Sunday, the subject for discussion was "Why be a Christian and a Church Member?" The subject for next Sunday is "The Soul Winning Christian," and those who have not been attending B. Y. P. U. are urged to begin next Sunday. If you cannot take part in the discussions, perhaps you will receive a blessing by just listening. It must never be forgotten that the supreme mission of the church is soul-winning and nothing will excuse the neglect of this great mission.

Those on program for next Sunday are:
First part, Mrs. J. B. Winn.
Second part, John Crane.
Third part, Mrs. E. Howell.
Fourth part, Sam Clinton.
Fifth part, Mrs. Jake Roberts.
Quizz, A. C. Terry.
Leader, Mrs. A. C. Terry.

SPECIAL SERVICE MAY 4.

The program for the special service at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock follows:
Song.
Responsive reading.
Prayer, led by Brother Sherrill.
Greeting, Helga Beasley.
Special solo, Doris Margaret Steen.
Reading, Virginia Clo McRee.
Piano duet, Doreen Scott and Ida V. Estep.
"Is it Nothing to You?" by five girls.
Pageant, "Mother Nature's Children," group of Junior department.

BABY CHICKS.

\$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 per hundred.
English Leghorns—\$8.00 per hundred.
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Phone 323

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one used Farmall tractor. See Harry Barnett.

FOR SALE—2 mules, 2 horses, 1 double row cultivator, 1 double row planter, 1 walking lister, 3 wagons, Booth Warren at F. & M. National Bank.

SURETOP—I have some sure enough bargains in worked over lawn mowers, good ones and cheap. See them. B. M. Black.

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NOTICE—You can save money on tires and auto parts at Fox Wrecking Co., opposite Ice house.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three room house, garage, well; Haynes-Moody Addition; \$10 per month. Clay Lumber Co.

FOR RENT—Couple south rooms upstairs, big hall with curtains. All modern conveniences. Call 34. Mrs. T. J. Combs.

FOR RENT—5 room house, water, lights. Apply McDonald Grocery. Mrs. Fred Deutschman.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Spotted sow pig, weighs about 100 pounds; last seen near Kyle Blair's. Notify Jasper McCoy.

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, of the 26th day of March 1930, by Mrs. A. B. Eichelberger, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy six and no/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of J. C. Scholdburg in a certain cause in said Court No. 22480-A and styled J. C. Scholdburg vs. W. A. Baker et al, placed in my hands for service, I, H. T. O'Bar as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of April 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of Lot No. 1, and 12.65 feet off the north side of Lot No. 2, of Block "A" of the J. H. Thornton Subdivision of Blocks 13 and 25 of the College Heights addition to the town of Merkel, Texas, according to the map or plat of said subdivision and levied upon as the property of W. A. Baker and E. C. Norwood and that on the first Tuesday in May 1930, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said described Real Estate at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. A. Baker and E. C. Norwood.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of April 1930.

H. T. O'BAR
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
F. Whaley, Deputy.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
Joe Hartley, H. P.
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See our new silk dresses \$5.00 and \$5.85. Boston Bargain Store.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For District Attorney 42nd district: J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)
For District Attorney 104th district: EMMETT ROBINSON.
For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)
C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.
N. L. SEALE.
For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
For Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)
H. F. LONG.
For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
For County Attorney: GRAY BROWNE.
WILEY L. CAFFEY.
For County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS.
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER.
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
W. L. BLAIR.
RUPE TITTLE.
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
JOHN J. TOOMBS.
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.
I. N. BROWN.
DENT GIBSON.
DENZEL COX.
A. D. FULTON.
T. D. COMPTON.
OSCAR W. WALKER.
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

John Fulton spent the week at Balingier.
J. B. Coats attended church at Compere Sunday night.
Mrs. Lewis Ashford, Mrs. J. A. Scott and daughter, Mabel, of Trent, visited Mrs. J. B. Rosson and daughters Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, at Trent.
Mrs. J. B. Rosson and daughters, Addie Mae and Clarice, spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Bell at Merkel.
Grandmother Harrison is still improving.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and family, accompanied by Miss Harris, spent the week-end in Bronte.
Mrs. George T. Moore from Merkel visited Mrs. G. W. Cox, Jr. Friday.
Mrs. G. T. Groene and children from Merkel visited Miss Isla Mae Hughes recently.
Ellis Clark from Tye was a guest of Miss Jones Friday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Meeks from Blair visited Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Patterson Sunday.
Sherman Rosson was a visitor in Sweetwater Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox and family were in Abilene Saturday.
Mrs. C. C. Barnes and daughter, Nan, from Abilene visited Mrs. A. H. Barnes Saturday night.
A play, entitled "Uncle Josh," will be presented this Friday night at the Castle Peak schoolhouse. The characters are J. D. Sandusky, William Sandusky, V. H. Patterson, G. W. Hughes, Tommie Patterson, Box Murphee, Sherman Rosson, Raymond Stapleton, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Miss Ruth Jones and Miss Harris. There will be no admission charge.

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 prices.

Texas had 1,368,884 automobiles registered in 1929, gain of 124,203. Automobile registrations doubled and almost a fifth more between 1920 and 1929, the exact gain being 218 per cent over the 430,377 total of 1920.

Following the address in Abilene Tuesday of C. O. Moser of Dallas, vice-president and executive secretary of the American Cotton Cooperative association, a branch office of the association will be sought by Abilene through its chamber of commerce.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Shiloh Happenings

The health in this community is very good at this time.
E. H. Grayson, who was in the hospital two days last week, is improving now.
There was a splendid attendance at Sunday School last Sunday.
The singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Merritt was greatly enjoyed by all present.
A large number of relatives and friends partook of a delicious dinner at the home of Mr. Hugh Grayson Sunday, those present being Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jay and three children of Merkel, Mrs. Alice Carswell of Chillicothe, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson and baby, N. J. Maynard, Mrs. M. L. James and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green and baby, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and two children and Miss Lane of Merkel. To say that they enjoyed themselves would be putting it mildly, for it was said to be a feast fit for a king.
Our community was made sad last Friday morning when the news spread that little Marshal Wayne Melton had been fatally hurt by a falling pipe. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill James of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rutledge awhile Sunday.
Miss Thelma Deavers is visiting her sister at Lamesa this week.
There will be preaching Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night at the church.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the singing at the church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bring your new books with you. Let's have a real singing.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell in honor of the birthday of Mr. Greene's mother, she being 65 years old.

Dora Doings

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Denson of Commerce spent the week-end here visiting homefolks.
Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Ham are the parents of a big boy who arrived Sunday morning.
W. C. Perry is here for awhile visiting friends and relatives.
Several from here attended the play at Butman Friday night. All report a nice play, well put on.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore report the arrival of a cowboy at their house Friday night.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hyde have returned after a week's visit in several counties in Southeast Texas.
Emmett Perry and wife called at his uncle's, J. T. Perry, for a short visit Saturday afternoon. They live in New York and were on their way home from California.
Rev. M. A. Quindlin of Winters filed his regular appointment here Sunday.
Those on the sick list are Pollie Oliver, Mrs. Jim Hamilton and Sy Dennis.
These Were Strawberries.
Our fellow townsman, R. B. Wells, brought a sample of his strawberries to The Mail office last week and he has reason to be proud of the kind of berries that he is producing on his place. It is also interesting to know that growing strawberries is another of the many possibilities of diversification in this section.

Sweetwater Banker, Former Merkel Man, Gets 3-year Sentence

Abilene, April 24.—Oscar Pate, Sweetwater banker, was sentenced to three years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., by Judge James C. Wilson in U. S. district court here Tuesday, after he had pleaded guilty Monday to charges of embezzlement from the City National Bank at Sweetwater, of which he was cashier.
Figures of a government accountant, read to the court by M. H. Boynton of Fort Worth, assistant U. S. district attorney, showed the total shortage at the bank, traceable to Pate's activities, to be \$49,444.74, with restitution of property, including Pate's homestead, valued at \$19,790.50, and payment of \$10,000 by Pate's bonding company, reducing the bank's net loss to \$19,945.74.
Irregular transactions covered a period of five to seven years, Boynton said in his statement to the court. He said, too, that Pate had told the accountant he "spent the money in living beyond my income and in the purchase of various properties at Sweetwater."
SURRENDERED HIMSELF.
While the books of the City National bank, Sweetwater, were being examined August 31, 1929, after a discrepancy had been discovered, Pate drove to Abilene, walked into Deputy Marshal Baylor Crawford's office and surrendered, admitting he was responsible for the shortage in the bank of which he was cashier.
At the time of Pate's surrender, the shortage was estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 by E. C. Brand, vice president of the bank. Pate was released on the night of August 31, 1929, under a \$10,000 bond, on which Dr. R. R. Allen and S. C. Glass, Sweetwater, were sureties.
Pate was reared near Merkel, worked at the First National, Sweetwater, returned to that institution after serving in the U. S. army during the world war and later joined the City National in a clerical position, from which he was advanced to the office of cashier.

Mrs. Whiteley Is Improving Slowly

Wednesday The Mail received the following message by wire from W. A. Whiteley at Brownwood:
"Mrs. S. F. Kennedy, mother of Mrs. Whiteley, passed away at 5:30 this morning. Funeral tomorrow at 10:30 from residence of Mrs. Kennedy's daughter, Mrs. S. H. Berry. Mrs. Whiteley is improving slowly."
It will be remembered that Mrs. Whiteley went to Brownwood several weeks ago on account of the serious illness of her mother and while there was taken sick herself and her life was despaired of at one time.

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- FLOUR, Western King, extra high patent, 48's \$1.55
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- POTATOES, new crop, No. 1 stock, lb. 6c
- ORANGES, Valencias, 288 size, doz. 40c
- LETTUCE, California Iceberg, 5's 7c
- BEANS, fresh green pods, lb. 10c
- ONIONS, new crystal wax, lb. 6c
- LEMONS, California, 360 size, doz 22c
- STRAWBERRIES, fresh Texas fruit, box 16c
- CORN, Primrose, No. 2 cans, each, 14c
- MATCHES, good and cheap, 6 boxes 18c
- MOPS, O' Cedar, dust or oil, each 79c
- POLISH, O' Cedar, small size 24c
- CLEANSER, Old Dutch, 2 for 15c
- CLEANSER, Sun Bright, 2 for 9c
- GEM NUT, butter substitute, lb. 20c
- BACON, sugar cured, small sides, lb. 30c

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 - Full Leather Bodies, 4" Traces \$24.50 (Shop Made)
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- GUNS GUNS GUNS**
- 1—12 Gauge Pump Shot Gun \$15.00
 - 1—12 Gauge Pump Shot Gun \$20.00
 - 22 Pump Rifles \$5.00 to \$12.50
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DISTRICT MEET.

In athletics at the district meet held in Abilene, Saturday, April 19, Roscoe won with 24 1-2; Abilene next with 22 1-2; Big Spring, 16 1/2; Snyder, 15.

It was an unusually fast meet. These three records fell: pole vault, 880 dash, and 120 high hurdles.

Edwards of Big Spring was the high scorer.

Merkel failed to place but her men gained valuable experience for the years to come.

Abilene lost the meet by fouling Snyder in the relay race.

In literary events Merkel won with third place in picture memory, although the average of the Merkel team was 99.87 per cent. Elvis Richardson won first place in essay writing. Annie Lee Owens, Junior girl declaimer, won first place in the preliminaries, but was defeated in the finals. Odell Hunter and Lucille Cole, the debating team, were not able to debate on account of Miss Hunter's having the measles.

Special mention was made of the excellent finish and style of the essay written by Elvis Richardson. The Senior essay writing was under the supervision of Miss Baker, head of the English department.

EDITOR EXPRESSES THANKS.

The Badger Weekly editor would like to thank the Senior reporter and those who have helped her this week. There is a rumor that the Seniors had intended to show the staff just how the Badger Weekly should be edited. All right the Juniors are willing to learn.

The other classes are indeed due a word of congratulation. The last two weeks the Sophomore and Freshman reporters have "got up" the paper and this week is the "Senior paper." These editions have been a pleasure to the whole school and really show what can be done.

CAN YOU IMAGINE.

—Any boy who could put his arm around Miss Sloan twice?

—Any Junior-Senior banquet without Lee Darden as a speaker?

—Mrs. Young sending all the Seniors chewing gum as a graduation gift?

—Mr. Burgess in a bathing suit standing beside Mr. Davis in knickers?

—Frances in a boyish bob and Nadine making straight 95's?

—Ross Ferrier not at all interested in baseball?

Elvis Richardson was heard to remark the other day that while Sears and Roebuck may have inaugurated the system whereby we order commodities by mail, all will admit that The Literary Digest should receive the credit for making it possible to elect a president by mail.

It is our honest opinion that the school board should appropriate more money to have the dirty window panes washed than for text books, as this is the time of year when the windows are looked through more than the text books.

THE 1930 BADGER.

When anyone completes a bit of work, he must needs look back over the trials and tribulations that he encountered in that work and wonder if he has done the best that could have been done under the circumstances.

It is with such feelings that we, the staff of the 1930 Badger, offer to you the current copy of that famous book. We realize that we have failed to present to you a true picture of the year 1929-1930, but we feel that that picture cannot be presented by any human. It is one of the things of life that can only be experienced. We feel that we have done all that we could do under the circumstances, and it is with honest pride that we present to you this copy of the Badger—may you but have one half the pleasure in perusing its pages that we have had in preparing this book for you. May it bring to you in your later years some recollection of these happy and well-spent years in M. H. S.

EDITORIALS.

Tradition seems to rule that Seniors and Juniors of any educational institution should be rivals in most things. Merkel has been no exception to that rule, and while both classes may

claim that they have shown that they are superior, there is no definite way of proving the case.

The one time each year that the Juniors and Seniors of Merkel High school are on friendly terms as classes is the night of the annual Junior-Senior banquet. That is the one time, except for some athletic event, that the classes can see each other as real schoolmates and not as opponents who must be shown their place.

All indications point to the fact that the Junior-Senior banquet this year, to be held April 25, will outrank its predecessors. That is only as it should be, we feel. The Juniors would have a real banquet and the Seniors should have a good banquet, so everyone should be satisfied.

We hope that you readers of the Badger Weekly, will exclaim with delight over this issue of the old paper, because it marks the last time that the Seniors of '30 shall ever edit it. That should make it interesting if for no other reason. But there are other reasons. We believe that we have succeeded in our efforts to give to you this week the best issue of the Badger Weekly in history.

While we are basking in the sunshine of your praise, we must, through a sense of duty, ask that you forget not those who have so faithfully given their best these many weeks that the Badger Weekly might be in print as a true representative of our school and of its activities. To the editor-in-chief, to her able and willing assistants, we can only say that you have succeeded admirably well. He who never takes part in the real—and this is the real and inner—spirit of our dear old M. H. S. can never understand why we hardened old Seniors can get sentimental over leaving this all behind. You who have labored so long and faithfully shall receive your reward some day, and it shall be a great reward, too. You have had to prepare articles for the Badger Weekly when doing so meant that you had to neglect your lessons. You have hunted down every bit of news that you thought the readers would care to read, and you have presented that news well.

We, the Seniors of 1930, wish to say to you, the publishers of the 1929-1930 Badger Weekly, "Well done."

FAREWELL!

Oh, listen classmates, Seniors all, Soon shall we hear the last sweet call Of that old schoolbell as it swells Upon the air its sad farewells. Soon shall we roam the wider fields Of life, and climb its higher hills, Shall have a chance to utilize The knowledge that school life supplies.

Farewell old school—a fond farewell! That's just a trifle hard to tell. You've given us those things we hold More dear than any nation's gold. You've led our lives along those veins That lead to higher, better things. What e'er our future life may be It must be nobler 'cause of thee.

And farewell you, ye teachers, too, No little honor are you due. Think not that knowledge you have brought Has been the greatest thing you've taught.

Your lives as lived by you each day, Your ideals strewn along the way Have been the greatest contribution To youth's continued evolution.

And when your lives as teachers here Have ceased to be, and you appear Before the Master Teacher's throne May there you come into your own. And farewell, too, you classmates whom We leave behind. Keep coming through To find at graduation's door A broader campus to explore.

—Frances Frederickson.

KNOW YOU SENIORS OF '30.

(A Weekly Article.)
Pauline Toombs.
Pauline Toombs was born January 7, 1913, at Merkel, Texas. She began her education at the age of six in Merkel Public school. After she finishes her elementary education she entered High school as a worthy student. Her Freshmen and Sophomore years were eventful and the others have been also. During her Junior

year she was a member of the L. O. V. E. club, and this year she is a member of the B. B. G. club. She is also a member of the Dramatic club and is a very active member as is shown by the many enjoyable and entertaining numbers she has given. Pauline has won many friends by her winning ways and pleasing personality.

Nadine Tippet.

Nadine Tippet, chosen the best-all-around girl at Merkel High school in 1929, is a pretty, little auburn haired Senior who is always full of pep and good humor.

She was born at Del Rio, Texas, on September 11, 1912, and spent the first six years of her life on a ranch near Brackettville, Texas. It must have been here that she learned to dance, and ride horses for there is a gracefulness about her too natural to be acquired. Nadine spent one year in San Angelo and has spent nine years in Merkel.

Miss Tippet has been, during her busy high school years, president of the L. O. V. E. club, secretary and treasurer of the Junior class, one of the Pep Squad leaders this year, president of the Choral and Glee club last year, and pianist in these clubs the first semester of this term. She was, also, chosen cutest girl in Merkel High school in 1928.

Nadine plays the piano, sings, studies and has plenty of time for fun. She has all the "it" that has been attributed to Clara Bow.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Donna Loyless will go to Fort Worth this week-end to be examined on some graduate work done in Washington university in St. Louis, Mo., by Mr. Ernest R. Kroeger, famous composer and pianist, who will be in Fort Worth April 23, 24, and 25. Miss Loyless must play and be examined by him in order to get recognition this summer when she goes to Washington university.

The Juniors hope to welcome soon Benny Sheppard's return to school. He has been absent for several days because of an operation for appendicitis.

Artie McCormick is also missed from the Junior class.

The Seniors will have charge of chapel the day the Annuals arrive. The faculty and student body will see the hidden talents of the Seniors revealed.

The Seniors are living and waiting for "Senior Day" which is not far away.

The piano students will give class recitals from now on until the last of school. Their study these last few weeks will be almost entirely scales, arpeggios and chords, including their inversions.

SENIOR PICNIC.

On Thursday afternoon, April 17, at five o'clock the Senior class went to Mulberry dam on a picnic. After many games all heard the call to "eat" which was cheerfully accepted.

Those who enjoyed the afternoon out were: Lee Darden, Lucille Cole, Maurine Davis, Lula Miller, Marcella Finkley, Verna T. Beasley, Louise Booth, Doris Brown, Helen Kelso, Nina Vantrees, Frances Frederickson, Nadine Tippet, Willie Mae Schwartz, J. D. Ashby, Orion Tittle, Tracy Campbell, Beryl Hunter, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Pauline Toombs, E. L. Turner, Milton Case, Buster Horton, Gwendolyn Vickers, Miss Sloan, Miss Martin, Mr. Burgess and Mrs. Young, Senior sponsor. The picnic lunch consisted of sandwiches, fruit, cakes, pickles, potato chips, soda pop.

worked faithfully this year and we think she is one of the best that M. H. S. could produce.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET.

What! Yes, this is "it"! The program of the Senior-Junior banquet, to be held at the Lions club hall Friday, April 25, 8:00 o'clock p. m. The Juniors, with Miss Vera Baker as sponsor, are in charge.

"My Castles in Spain."
"When I could not sleep for cold, I had fire enough in my brain, And builded, with roofs of gold, My beautiful Castles in Spain."
The Architect—Joel Darsey, Toastmaster.
Draftsman's Compass—Invocation—O. J. Adcock.

The Landscape—Pauline Toombs
Castle of Sincerity—Mattilou Largent.
Castle of Perseverance—Elvis Richardson.
Castle of Preparedness—J. T. Darsey, Jr.
Spanish Neighbors—Senior and Junior Girls.
Castle of Contentment—Frances Frederickson.
Castle of Loyalty—Lee Darden.
The Foundation of a Castle—Dr. J. W. Hunt, Pres. McMurry College.
The Awakening—Mona Margaret Jones.

THE SOPHOMORES.

This fine spring weather makes everyone feel good—so that's just the way the "Soph's" feel. Some of the upper classmen have a good case of the "spring fever" but none of the Sophomores is guilty of such a crime.

Our honorable and dignified Seniors have charge of the Badger Weekly this week, and of course we are sure it will be a success. The editor-in-chief of the paper is getting a rest by having classes sponsor the paper, but who could blame her? She has

worked faithfully this year and we think she is one of the best that M. H. S. could produce. Some of the Sophomore girls are thrilled to death to get to serve at that Junior-Senior banquet that is to be given Friday the 25th. I'm sure that they could not have picked out a more faithful bunch because the "Soph's" are faithful in every way.

STATE EXAMINATIONS.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week state examinations were given to students coming from rural schools where the subjects are unaffiliated. By taking these examinations, which will be graded by the state department the students will be able to enter accredited schools.

The students that took the examination are: J. R. Higgins, Salt Branch; J. B. Foster, Salt Branch; Elton Harrell, Salt Branch; Beulah Wilson, Cross Roads; David Crawford, Cross Roads, and Lawrence Spurgin.

FINAL EXAMS COMING.

Des! Alle!mands! The final exams are almost at our front door. It is seemingly hopeless to get by the blockade; the enemy has surrounded us!

Vive La Frosh!
We understand that the upperclassmen have more difficult courses than those forced upon us—but the class sincerely extends its sympathy—but in some ways,—we ought to be thankful to progress—now we have a few ladies and gentlemen acting as the board of education—and they're not so strict—half century ago or less time than that—the immortal single was the board of education! And, they tell us—it spoke for itself.

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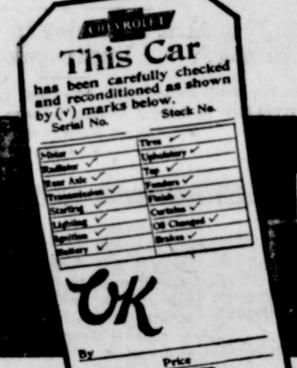
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POULTRY FACTS

INSURE PROFITS FROM HEN FLOCK

Protection From the Wintry Blasts Quite Important.

Insuring the poultry flock against wintry blasts will insure the profits to be received from the birds this winter.

"Incomes from farm flocks depend upon poultry housing conditions. A good flock poorly housed is almost certain to be less profitable than a poor flock sheltered in an adequate building," warns G. T. Klein, extension poultryman, Kansas State Agricultural college.

The modern poultry house has facilities for the hens to scratch, feed, roost, lay, and exercise in the same room, according to the poultry specialist. One large, well-ventilated, well-lighted, clean sanitary room has replaced the separate roosting quarters, scratching shed, and laying house. An up-to-date house is so complete that hens are confined in them in September and are not given range until the following spring.

Klein says that the most satisfactory house is one 20 feet in depth. It should have about one-fourth of the south side open and be tight on the other three sides except for windows in the east and west ends and under the droppings board on the north. A 10-inch layer of straw as a ceiling gives protection to the birds by modifying the temperature in both winter and summer. Such a ceiling keeps the air in the building free from dampness, prevents accumulation of frost, and keeps the litter dry.

Lanterns as Henhouse Lights During Winter

There is no question but what providing the laying flock with a twelve-hour day throughout the winter by means of artificial light at the beginning or end of the day, or both, pays under Iowa conditions. More and more farm flocks are being thus helped to make the best of warm houses and good rations during the months of short days. Generally, providing the poultry house with lights has been assumed to go hand in hand with electricity on the farm. But as yet a comparatively small per cent of Iowa farms are electrically equipped.

During the last two years I have visited at least a dozen Iowa farms where it was called to my attention that lanterns had been used to furnish light for the chicken house, says a writer in Wallace's Farmer. In most cases, these were gasoline lanterns, although I know at least one farm woman reported the use of an oil pressure kerosene lamp. If equipped with reflectors of the right sort and hung in the right part of the poultry house, these lanterns have proved a safe and desirable sort of light. For those without electricity, this sort of lighting for the poultry house is worth investigation and trial.

Poultry Facts

Turkeys have the annoying habit of getting into a lot of difficulties.

A damp house causes colds and other troubles for the birds, and a loss of money to the owners.

Experience has shown that washed eggs are suitable only for immediate consumption, and will not stand for any length of time under storage conditions.

If Leghorns are hatched too early they may start laying early and have a fall moult before cold weather. This throws them out of laying all winter.

Hatch the turkey eggs in the incubator. Put the poults in chick boxes until they are forty-eight hours old. Have the brooder houses thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and keep the temperature under the hover around 90 degrees.

Give each poult a drink of warm water when they are put under the hover. Use a good intestinal antiseptic in the water for seven days, then skip seven days.

Test after test has proved that a plentiful supply of liquid milk is one of the best ingredients in the ration for chicks of any size.

Many farm flock owners fail to realize the importance of selecting a cockerel for the breeding purpose the following season.

Swings are superior to straw as for hens, as well as for nest material to prevent soiled eggs.

This is a good time to get rid of the unpromising pullets. Later you will have to part with them, even though you know they will lay few eggs.

The most certain means of controlling blackhead-of-turkeys is to prevent its development by artificial hatching and brooding and rearing the fowls on ground not used for poultry of any kind previously.

LIVE STOCK

MARKETING FARM PRODUCTS EASIER

Co-Operative Principle Seen as Solution of Problem.

Co-operative marketing of farm and ranch products was viewed as the ultimate solution of the chief problems of distribution now facing American agriculture by Cecil W. Creel, director of the Nevada agricultural extension service, in an address before the Western Cattle Marketing association assembled in San Francisco.

"The passage of the agricultural marketing act of last summer, the subsequent creation of the federal farm board, and the setting up by this board of national producer-owned and producer-controlled marketing associations is sufficient evidence, I believe," Creel stated, "that the co-operative marketing principle not only is justified, but now has the support of intelligent public opinion throughout the length and breadth of the land."

Pledging of assistance to the federal farm board in its program of organizing national co-operative agencies, the Nevada director stated, means that the co-operative movement will have the aid of county agents, county farm advisers and other extension workers in the various states.

Creel, who is chairman of the range live stock committee of the extension workers in the 12 western states, told the cattlemen what the extension service is doing to help the stock-raising industry.

Credit, in part, he said, for the study of public lands in the western states about to be inaugurated by the commission recently appointed by President Herbert Hoover is due extension workers in the West. At their meeting in Tucson in 1924, the western men proposed such a survey, with particular reference to the range live stock industry, and have repeatedly called it to the attention of officials in Washington.

Feed Value of Cooked Potatoes Equals Silage

In years like the present one there is considerable interest in the value of potatoes for live stock feeding. When the price of potatoes is low it is often advisable to divert a portion of the crop in order to obtain a reasonable return for the remainder. Feeding tests have been made at a number of experiment stations, and results indicated that pound for pound corn silage, made from mature corn, and potatoes are approximately equal. In feeding potatoes they more nearly take the place of corn silage than any other feed because of their succulence. If the culls and unmarketable potatoes are used any returns from feeding them would be in the nature of clear gain. When the lower grades of potatoes bring anywhere from 20 to 25 cents per bushel at the loading station it probably is advisable to use them for feed.

Spring Lambs Pay Best, Says Stock Specialist

Early lambs sell highest. Fat spring lambs sold 3 cents higher last June than they did in August. Prices were still higher in May, says E. T. Robbins, live stock specialist at the University of Illinois.

This plan of lamb raising reduces chances of loss due to stomach worms and the lambs also escape the hot weather which slows up their gains. They bring in cash much earlier, too, as well as bringing more of it. Warren Moffett of Macoupin county sold 11 early lambs last spring for \$35 a hundred, sending them to the St. Louis market. They averaged 60 pounds each, bringing him \$21 a head. Moffett puts his ewes on rich pasture a month before mating them and starts feeding grain two weeks before.

Legumes for Lambs Are Successful at Illinois

A four-year feeding test recently completed at the Illinois College of Agriculture emphasizes the importance of legumes in fattening lambs. An example of the successful use of legumes for this purpose is shown in one report of nine lots which were fed corn and alfalfa hay and gained 100 pounds for every 350 pounds of corn and 453 pounds of alfalfa hay fed. Self-feeding of corn was found to result in considerable losses. However, self feeding of a mixture of ground corn and ground alfalfa hay proved a safe method of feeding and produced faster gains and better finished carcasses than hand-feeding. Corn alone did not prove satisfactory.

Eradicate Lice

A mixture of one-half powdered sabbadilla seed and one-half sulphur rubbed into the hair of horses or cattle is a fairly satisfactory means of ridding the animals of lice. When the weather become warm enough so that the horse can be washed without danger of his taking cold, it would be preferable to give him a thorough washing with a stock dip solution. These stock dips, if used according to directions, will not cause the hair to come out.

Arranging West Texas Manufacturers Exhibit

Abilene, April 24.—The West Texas Manufacturers exhibit to be held in conjunction with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention May 29, 30 and 31 is already attracting attention in cities three hundred miles from Abilene. Inquiries for space range from makers of silk underwear to farm implements.

O. A. Hale, chairman of the exhibit, says, "I am thoroughly convinced that West Texas cannot expect investment in industry either from the outside or by local capital unless we support the manufacturers we already have. I'd much prefer spending chamber of commerce funds to develop existing plants rather than subsidizing a new one."

"If farm and city continue to develop and prosper, it is necessary that we convert our vast output of raw materials into finished products as nearly as possible within our own boundaries."

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TRINITY GLEE CLUB TO BE HERE SATURDAY NIGHT



Pictured above is the Trinity University Men's Glee club which with the Trinity Band will give a concert here Saturday evening, April 26 at the Grammar School auditorium.

The club, which will be on its thirty-first annual tour, is recognized as one of the outstanding musical organizations of the South. The band has won prizes at state meets.

Singers in the group above are: Front row—James Aiken of San Antonio, Warren Moore of Teague, Sammie Dawning of Hutto, Dean Clark

Leaming, director; Carlton Allen of Plano, Joe Moore of Waxahachie, J. G. Brown of Valley Mills.

Second row—Pete Dickerson of Arlington, Connor Robinson of Rotan, George Stephens of Commerce, Hugh Sneed of Waxahachie, Weldon Byars of Teague, Robert Norwood of Mineral Well, and Paul Baker of Waxahachie.

Back row—George Holcomb of Kemp, Frank Grafton of Electra, Kenneth Beanland of Prosper, William Harding of Texarkana, J. T.

Morrow of Wichita Falls, and Robert Smellage of Waxahachie.

The outstanding students of the university are members of the Glee club. Aiken is the president-elect of the student body; Dickerson is president of the senior class and Baker is the chief executive of the freshmen and Moore, Sneed, Robinson and Dickerson are members of the Blue Key Honor society, an organization for the outstanding senior and junior men of the school.

Prices for school children will be 15 cents and 25 cents, for adults 35c.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Dean Murray was home from A. & M. college for the Easter holidays.

Miss Mabel Roddy of Abilene was the guest of Mrs. Harold Caris last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins spent the Easter holidays with the former's mother at Alba.

Mrs. Harold Caris spent the first of the week in Abilene, the guest of Miss Mildred Roddy.

Miss Melba West spent the Easter week-end with her parents here, returning to Baird Sunday.

Miss Iris Garrett, who is at home from Baylor University, expects to remain until about May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix J. Stalls of Detroit, Texas, are guests of the L. L. Murray and Joe Stalls families.

W. J. Shannon has returned from a visit with relatives and friends at Crawford in McLennan county.

After a pleasant Easter visit with her parents, Miss Flora Frances Anderson returned Tuesday to T. C. U.

S. L. Grayson and sister, Mrs. M. A. Caswell, have returned from a trip to Temple to visit their sick brother.

Messrs. C. M. Sharp and L. L. Murray attended the funeral at Cisco Monday of the late Congressman R. Q. Lee.

Mrs. B. H. Riney returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where she had been visiting her brother, Thos. R. Blair and family.

Messrs. C. T. Derrick and Ben F. Bird were in attendance at the funeral rites of Will Stith at Abilene Monday afternoon.

A fishing party on the San Saba this week includes Homer Patterson, Van Nickelson, Joe Owens, J. E. Tucker and Irwin Lackey.

After spending Easter with her parents, Miss Alleyne Childress has returned to Waco where she is attending Baylor university.

Guests of City Marshal P. P. Dickinson and family for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dickinson of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. M. A. Caswell returned to her home in Chillicothe Tuesday, being accompanied on the trip by her brother, Hugh Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Evans have returned to their home in Chicago, Ill., after visiting relatives here and in San Angelo for sometime.

Clarence B. Williams accompanied Pierce Horton on his business trip to Lubbock and the plains section, returning Thursday morning.

While spending the Easter holidays at home from the University of Texas, Doyle Garrett had as his guest Marland Humphreys of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones and little son, Marvin Estes, and Misses Oia and Maureen Smith spent the week-end at Stapton visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson and his sister, Mrs. Ernest Hill, and little son have been visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

L. R. Thompson was one of the honorary pall bearers at the funeral of the late congressman R. Q. Lee

at Cisco Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughter, Marilyn Sue, and Miss Iva Bragg spent the week-end in Chillicothe as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes.

Mrs. M. C. Sadler of Fort Worth is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. The latter has been confined to her bed for the past four weeks, but her condition is greatly improved now.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burgin, after residing here for the past four months, have removed to Noodle Dome, where Mr. Burgin is employed with the Phillips Petroleum company. They have many friends who regret to see them leave here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler returned Wednesday from an extended visit with relatives in Weatherford, Dallas and Honey Grove. They were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Miss Dora Garoutte, who was the guest of relatives and friends there for Easter.

Mrs. Russell McElyea and two children of Fort Worth accompanied Mrs. Lela Poe, also of Fort Worth, on a visit to see her son, Clyde Miller, who is attending A. C. C. at Abilene, and were all guests of Mrs. McElyea's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, over the week-end.

With Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and baby daughter, also Wren Durham present from here, the Thos. Durhams enjoyed a reunion at their Albany home Sunday. Mr. Durham having come from Crane for the occasion. Mrs. Jack Durham and two children from Fort Worth, also Miss Dorris Durham from C. I. A. were present Jack Durham being the only one of the children unable to come.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves of Philadelphia, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster of Riverside, N. J., the latter the parents of Mrs. Reeves, are guests of Mr. Reeves' mother, Mrs.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

The meeting at the Union Ridge Methodist church came to a successful close Sunday night. We were very glad to have people of the surrounding communities to attend the meeting.

Several from this community attended the Sunday afternoon Easter entertainment that was given for the children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell of Abilene were visitors Thursday in the

home of their son, O. E. Harwell and family.

M. L. Douglas motored to Sweetwater last Wednesday on business.

We were glad to have Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, with us Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rhynes, who reside on the Swann ranch, spent last week with the latter's mother, Mrs. G. C. Barnett.

Rev. U. S. Sherill and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Heath and

family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goodman of the Goodman community Sunday afternoon.

There will be church next Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night there will be a children's day program. Everybody is cordially invited.

T. W. Neill of Trent was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.

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	per pound				
Carrots	fresh and fine,	6c	Baking Powder	50 ounce	44c
	per bunch			cans, K. C.	
Onions	new crop, Bermuda, lb.	4c	Sugar	25 lbs. cone	\$1.52
Onions	home grown,	15c	Soap	10 bars Quick Naptha, 1	25c
	2 bunches			oz. clothes pins free	
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