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THIRTY-ONE SENIORS AT THE THRESHOLD OF GRADUATION SEASON

Dean E. V. White of C. I. A. to Be Commencement Speaker at Exercises Monday Night; His Father Also to Be Seated on the Platform; Baccalaureate By Walter H. Adams.

This week-end will usher in the thirty-second commencement season for Merkel High school; in 1899 the first class, consisting of four members, was graduated. The first school to be taught in Merkel was in 1883, but no class was graduated until 1899. This year the class will likely consist of thirty-one members.

The commencement speaker for this year will be Mr. Ed. V. White, now dean of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton. E. V. White was principal of the Merkel High school for two years: 1903-04 and 1904-05. C. E. Evans, now president of the Southwest Texas Teachers' college at San Marcos, was then superintendent. Mr. White was superintendent of the Merkel schools for the year 1905-06, becoming county superintendent of schools for Taylor county at the end of that year. He was elected county superintendent for three terms, resigning in 1911 to become assistant state superintendent. From this office Mr. White went to C. I. A. at Denton, where for the past several years he has been dean. Mr. White will deliver the graduation address to the class of 1930 on Monday evening, May 26, at the Methodist church.

FATHER ALSO TO BE PRESENT.
Seated on the platform to hear the commencement address of E. V. White will be his father, J. V. White of Roscoe. Mr. J. V. White taught the Merkel school in 1884, forty-six years ago. He was "superintendent, principal, janitor, floor-sweeper, and the whole 'scuse," to use his words.

The school then consisted of a one-room frame building 24x40 located about where the tabernacle now stands. There were then enrolled about twenty-five pupils, and part of these were from the country.

THE SERMON.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Walter H. Adams, head of the department of education at Abilene Christian college. This sermon will be preached at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, May 25, at 8:15 o'clock. Yates Brown W. H. Adams will have charge of the choir for the evening. The choir will be made up of singers from the various choirs of the town.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION.
The seventh grade of the Grammar



E. V. WHITE

school will have their exercises on Friday evening, May 23, at 8:15 o'clock at the Methodist church. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church, will deliver the address to this class of more than fifty members.

NO ADMISSION CHARGES.
The public is cordially invited to any or all of the above exercises. There will be no admission charge of any kind. The class on each occasion will have seats reserved for the guests which they wish to invite. These guests will, of course, include the

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Another Beneficial Rain Brings Cheer

The slow, drizzling rain which fell last Saturday afternoon and night, while amounting to only three-eighths of an inch, is considered one of the most beneficial that has visited this section this season, because it fell so gradually and soaked into the ground. Since April 25 a total of 3.3-4 inches of rainfall has been recorded here, although some outlying sections have not had this much. On the other hand, several sections south of town have had much more rain than has fallen here.

Sanitarium Notes.
E. J. Hill, who underwent an appendix operation at the Merkel Sanitarium May 12, is sufficiently recovered to return to his home.
Mrs. J. J. Pribble, who submitted to an operation for gall bladder last Sunday, is reported as doing nicely.
Mrs. Dee Partridge of Noodle Dome submitted to a major operation at the Merkel Sanitarium last Friday.
Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson of Trent also underwent a major operation at the Merkel Sanitarium last Saturday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail May 27, 1910.)

Crops were damaged considerably on Monday afternoon by rains and hail storm. Salt Branch crops were hurt through a territory three miles wide and four miles long by hail stones as big as hen eggs. Also much damage was done to business houses.

Merkel pioneer citizen has the key to the secret of life. T. B. Garoutte, veteran of Mexican and Civil wars, who saw Halley's Comet in 1835, is now healthy and prosperous on his eighty-third birthday.

Halley's comet has been sighted by several of our citizens during its present visit. Its former appearance for earthly inhabitants was during the year of 1835.

Dr. S. L. Davis, formerly of Carthage, Texas, is located permanently in our city and will next week open a dental office.

Otti Coggin has accepted a position as "shepherd" on the goat ranch of Arthur Sears. Here's to Otti and the "Kids."

Dr. J. A. Adkisson returned Sunday from Dallas.

Ford automobile for sale cheap for cash, 4 cylinder, 15 horses power, in good running order.
E. Wilder.

Dr. George Miller expects to leave Merkel in the early part of June for Chicago to attend a course in the hospital.

The U. T. D. Club was most delightfully entertained on Saturday afternoon by Miss Mabel Collins at her home on Bettis Heights. Again John Daniels transported the girls in his car. John has put in an application for membership. Twelve candidates were initiated. A regular raring pitching old goat was seen hitched at the rear of the house. No accidents were reported. After the initiation delicious cream and cake were served.

Surely Terpsichore has taken up her abode in Merkel and has inspired our young folks with her love for music and the dance. Often and again do we hear the lovely strains of music, sound of merry feet and youthful laughter issuing from the opera house. Friday night this charming Muse presided over another revel and it was said to be indeed an inspiration.

VISITOR TELLS LIONS CLUB OF AIRPORT PLANS

Government Taking Steps to Prevent Monopoly of Airways; Hence, Locating Intermediate Landing Fields.

Explaining the plan of the government for a transcontinental airway, with special reference to the section from Fort Worth to El Paso, William Seth Kenyon, airways extension superintendent, bureau of lighthouses of the United States department of commerce, was the guest of the Lions club Tuesday. He had previously visited Merkel Saturday afternoon and in company with Booth Warren and J. T. Darsey, Jr., had inspected several proposed sites for an intermediate landing field in Merkel. It is the government's plan to provide intermediate landing fields at distances of not more than 20 miles apart along this airway from Fort Worth to El Paso.

In the beginning of his talk to the Lions Mr. Kenyon remarked that the first need of an airport occurred when Noah sent out the dove during the famous flood and the dove came back because she could not find a landing place. He mentioned terminals already located and completed at El Paso, Big Spring, Midland, Sweetwater, Abilene and other points along the way to Fort Worth. He explained further that it was the intention of the government to prevent a monopoly of the airways and to this end it had interested itself in providing proper landing fields.

W. O. Boney presided at the luncheon and the club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown playing the accompaniment. The invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King.

When Rufe Tittle was presented as toastmaster, he called for the introduction of guests first. Besides Mr. Kenyon, the chief speaker, other guests were Fred Luhn of Abilene, with the Gulf Refining company, George L. Paxton, Jr., of Abilene, chairman of the aviation committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and Lee Darden, a High School Senior.

Two vocal numbers by Misses Ethel Hamilton and Orpha Patterson, with Mrs. Delmer playing the accompaniment were greatly enjoyed, the first being "Watching My Dreams Go By," and the other, "All That I'm Asking is Sympathy."

Lee Darden was called on for a talk in which he stressed the pleasure of being present as guest of the Lions and in his usual happy style told several interesting anecdotes.

Mr. Paxton also made a short talk in which he extended an invitation to the Lions and the people of Merkel to attend the opening of the airport, which is to be celebrated Saturday and Sunday of next week, May 31 and June 1.

Reports were made by the "Cow Day" committee of which S. D. Gamble is chairman. The next date is Wednesday, June 4.

The Rev. J. T. King is to be toastmaster next week.

Word Received of Death of Mrs. Ira Parrack's Father

(Chillicothe Valley News.)
The father of Mrs. Ira Parrack died at the home in Georgetown Sunday afternoon following an illness, according to a message received by Rev. Parrack Sunday afternoon.

Following the close of the evening's service at the First Baptist Church, Rev. Parrack with his son Alvin, left for Georgetown to be in attendance at the funeral rites. Mrs. Parrack had been in Georgetown for about two and a half weeks before he succumbed. Funeral services were held in that city.

Rev. Parrack and the son returned home Wednesday afternoon, but Mrs. Parrack will remain there for a few days.

Friends of Mrs. Parrack here will regret to learn of the sad loss of her father. Prior to March 1 Rev. and Mrs. Parrack had lived here for nearly six years, this being his second pastorate of the Merkel Baptist church, and this estimable couple made many friends who are extending condolences.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Birmingham, Ala., is the next meeting place of the Southern Baptist General convention, which met recently at New Orleans.

A Winters man, John Q. McAdams, was elected president of the Texas Bankers association last week and San Angelo was picked for the 1931 meeting.

A Sweetwater man, V. Earl Arrp, is a candidate for congress from the 17th district, in the coming summer primaries, making the third contestant thus far for that honor.

Three persons were killed by a heavy rain, hail and wind storm, which struck Dallas and Ellis counties Saturday night, two near Wilmer and one near Crandall.

By a vote of 54 to 11, the episcopacy committee of the Methodist church, South, Monday exonerated Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of charges of stock market speculation.

Mrs. L. H. Martin, Berger, and Miss Lady George Ransome, Fort Worth, jumped to safety from the second floor of a Berger hospital when the building was destroyed by fire.

With a population of 290,811, Houston ranks as the first city of Texas; Dallas, second, with 260,397, and San Antonio drops to third place in the 1930 census with a population of 254,562.

G. T. Sparkman, 21, was electrocuted in a bottling plant at Denton when he received electric voltage while standing on a wet floor and holding an extension cord from an electric light socket.

After Waco had withdrawn from the contest, El Paso was unanimously selected as the next meeting place for the Texas Federation of Labor, which met in Abilene last week.

Jas. F. Hair, San Antonio attorney, who is seeking the nomination for lieutenant governor, favors the passage of a law offering a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of each bank defaulter.

Mrs. B. B. McClure, 42, was killed and her 11-month-old grandson was drowned Tuesday when the automobile in which they were riding plunged from a bridge into 8 feet of water in Beaver creek south of Electra.

When a boat he was capsized in Moore Lake, near Hamlin, Winford Dobbins, 17, swam a part of the way to the shore but sank and drowned before making the distance. His body was recovered by Pete Tidwell.
* In order to return to the federal prohibition service at Fort Worth with which he was connected before going to San Angelo, W. L. Zent has resigned as chief of police of that city, having held this post since May 1, 1929.

Monday marked the laying of the cornerstone and formal opening of Texarkana's new \$2,000,000 union station, jointly owned by four railroads, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis Southwestern, Texas & Pacific and Kansas City Southern.

After the sitting of the special state supreme court in Austin today (Thursday) it is promised that the decision as to whether or not the name of former Governor James E. Ferguson can be printed on the democratic primary ballot will be announced.

The Texas state penitentiary plant at Huntsville is, as a whole, considered the worst fire hazard coming under observation of State Fire Marshal J. W. DeWeese, according to the official report of his inspection filed with W. A. Paddock, chairman of the prison board.

Indictments containing 70 counts, including arson, rioting and burglary, have been returned by a Grayson county grand jury against 14 men in connection with the mob activities at Sherman May 9 when the courthouse was burned and the negro mob was trying to get to in order to lynch was suffocated to death.

A mistrial was declared at Anson when the jury failed to agree in the case of W. H. Myatt, Nugent pioneer, charged with fatally shooting J. E. Saunders in May, 1928, and the case was ordered transferred to Haskell for a third trial next September, the defendant having been convicted in a previous trial and given a ten year sentence.

TOM BLANTON WINS BACK HIS PLACE IN HALL OF CONGRESS

CARRIES TAYLOR COUNTY BY 646

Abilene Leads in All But Six Boxes in Home County in Congressional Race.

Taylor county fell into the Blanton column in Tuesday's congressional election, complete returns from the 30 voting precincts reveal. Of a total vote of 2,726, Judge Thos. L. Blanton received 1,686 and Mrs. R. Q. Lee 1,040, the Abilene's majority being 646 in the county.

Mrs. Lee carried but six of the county boxes, those being Hamby, McMurry station, Buffalo Gap, Guion, Trent and Bradshaw. She won an 11 to 1 tie in another, Moro.

Blanton carried the Merkel box where 238 votes were cast, receiving 138 to 100 for Mrs. Lee.

The six voting precincts in Abilene gave Blanton 897 votes over 599 for Mrs. Lee, and including the suburban boxes of North Park, Hamby, K. C. Hall and McMurry station, Greater Abilene favored Blanton by the vote of 1,018 to 701.

The complete vote in Taylor county follows:

	Blanton	Lee
Greater Abilene	1018	701
Caps-Abilene	32	9
Tye-Abilene	25	4
Buffalo Gap	20	29
Jim Ned	26	1
Nubia	17	5
Merkel	138	100
Guion	16	21
Shep	13	11
Potosi	16	9
Trent	17	32
Caps-Merkel	6	3
View	42	3
Tuscola	56	29
Ovalo	50	17
Tye-Merkel	34	3
Lawn	79	7
Blair	22	3
Bradshaw	31	36
Iberia	17	6
Moro	11	11
Total, County	1686	1040

Oil Operations.

The first of the week W. G. Clark spudded in his well on the Kendall tract, which is near the Bigham well in the View area.

The Eastland Oil company is now rigging up on the Teaff tract near the Cross Roads schoolhouse.

Both of these operations indicate that more activity is promised in the territory adjacent to the Hunter and Lowe areas.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

TO THE LADIES OF MERKEL.

Men often think that they are the ones, too often the only ones, that can "build" their community, but I might as well let it be known now that I learned many years ago that if you want anything done in a hurry—get the ladies behind it.

When it comes to choice of the men or ladies to "back" a given project, I choose the ladies for, when you have the ladies, you automatically have the business men.

Without the ladies there would be no community life—without the ladies there would be no communities and in their hands is the power to do anything, the power to get anything done—if they will use it.

The men have their chamber of commerce, their service clubs and their this and that. They think they are the ones that run the town, but who do they depend upon when it comes right down to a job they are afraid to tackle; who does the vote seeker cater to at election time and who buys what is bought in Merkel?

If the ladies want anything they can have it—if they want it badly enough. Men know that. There isn't a merchant or a seller of anything that will not do their bidding, for they are the ones that buy what is purchased.

I believe I would be safe in saying that there isn't a lady in Merkel that would not like to see and be willing to help make Merkel a more tidy, cleaner, brighter, and therefore better community in which to live and raise their families.

I don't like the word "duty," but it is the duty of every woman to see that Merkel is in spic and span order and if others, who are supposed to run things, do not make it so, I say to the ladies—take the matter in your own hands and do it.

If the men don't clean up the city dumps and rubbish heaps, if streets are left dirty and disease-provoking, if building owners won't clean up and paint up, if a merchant absolutely refuses to make his store and the

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In Special Election Held Tuesday, He Wins Over Widow of Former Congressman by Majority of Nearly Two Thousand.

Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene Wednesday was conceded victor for the seat in the United States congress made vacant by the death of R. Q. Lee of Cisco, April 19, the Abilene Morning News stated Thursday morning. The Abilene was leading Wednesday night by 1,891 votes over Mr. R. Q. Lee, his only opponent for the short term.

Practically complete election returns from the 19 counties of the 17th congressional district showed a total of 15,981 votes, 8,936 for Blanton and 7,045 for Mrs. Lee.

ONLY ONE COMPLETE.
Only Taylor county is reported complete, with 1,686 for Blanton and 1,040 for Mrs. Lee. Only scattered rural boxes in other counties are missing, however.

Mrs. Lee Wednesday conceded defeat, saying that returns yet to be received will not materially alter the present standing of the candidates.

DETAIL OF VOTE.

A detail of the vote shows that Blanton carried 10 of the 19 counties, those being Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Lampasas, Runnels, Shackelford and Taylor. Mrs. Lee probably has carried Eastland, Jones, Llano, McCulloch, Mills, Nolan, Palo Pinto, San Saba and Stephens, although the result is still very close in Eastland, Llano, Mills and San Saba.

The vote by counties:
Brown—Blanton 465; Lee 205.
Burnet—Blanton 257; Lee 148.
Callahan—Blanton 453; Lee 230.
Coleman—Blanton 423; Lee 275.
Comanche—Blanton 469; Lee 293.
Concho—Blanton 215; Lee 123.
Eastland—Blanton 1,105; Lee 1,236.
Jones—Blanton 488; Lee 509.
Lampasas—Blanton 525; Lee 154.
Llano—Blanton 97; Lee 135.
McCulloch—Blanton 179; Lee 263.
Mills—Blanton 123; Lee 136.
Nolan—Blanton 288; Lee 427.
Palo Pinto—Blanton 249; Lee 459.
Runnels—Blanton 913; Lee 417.
San Saba—Blanton 110; Lee 148.
Shackelford—Blanton 535; Lee 289.
Stephens—Blanton 296; Lee 498.
Taylor—Blanton 1,636; Lee 1,040.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Dee Partridge, Noodle Dome, Friday, May 16, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald, Sunday, May 18, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellerbe, Tuesday, May 20, 1930.

Hoover to Worship In Quakers' House In Simplest Fashion

Washington, May 22.—From the dignity and ceremony of the White House to the quiet simplicity of the old-time "Quaker meeting," famed for its long silence, President Hoover will go for worship when the proposed new Washington Friends' meeting house is completed.

The president, it is understood, is going back to the original form of Quaker worship which is entirely devoid of frills in the way of music or paid pastors.

The new meeting house, toward the erection of which the president and Mrs. Hoover are contributing substantially, will not be large. It will seat between three and four hundred persons. There will be no organ or choir loft. There will be no paid preacher. Occasionally a "recommended preacher," one who has received the sanction of some other congregation but who receives no salary, will give a talk.

Though plans for the interior are not yet definitely decided there will probably be a "facing gallery" in which the elders and visiting pastors will sit. This will place them at one end of the little edifice opposite the congregation. This gallery is a feature of all the old-time meeting houses.

Speaking will be largely inspirational from members of the congregation. The old-time Quakers spoke "when the spirit moved them." There will be long periods of silence.

Texas area devoted to wheat is as big as the entire state of Connecticut. The estimated 1930 acreage is 2,927,000. Exclusive of cotton and wheat Texas has under cultivation acreage equivalent to the entire states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

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area surrounding it inviting and attractive—if in any way, men do not do what they are supposed to do, to make things pleasant, healthy, beautiful, sanitary and attractive, you can make them do it.

The men may not like this—I may be severely reprimanded for putting this thought in your mind, but if men don't know this already, if the men do not recognize it now, it is time they are finding it out.

I would be glad to hear from any women's organizations, any group of ladies or individual lady interested in building Merkel and my services are always available to help you in any way I can to assist you in any effort to make Merkel a bigger, better, and more interesting and attractive community for you and yours to live, work, and play and make money.

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Blind for 6 Years Sight Brought Back By Electrical Shock

Austin, Texas, May 22.—For six years B. L. Guess Jr., of Austin was without the use of one of his eyes but an accidental electric shock in the electrical engineering department of the University of Texas has restored it to normalcy.

Six years ago Guess' eye was injured when a dynamite cap with which he was playing exploded. Within a year one eye was totally blind. Physicians were unable to correct the injury and advised against an operation.

His sight was restored when the current of electricity penetrated his body. "There was no pain nor strange sensation and the restoration of my eyesight was immediate," Guess said. A member of the university faculty who is without the use of one eye plans to take the same treatment.

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Highway Gap Closing Celebrated at Miles

Miles, Texas, May 22.—A huge pageant showing the evolution of transportation from primitive ways of travel to modern automobiles was witnessed here on Thursday by 3,500 spectators. The pageant included the Indian with his drag, burros, buggies and early models of cars.

The celebration marked the completion of the gap of Highway No. 30, which is now hard-surfaced from San Angelo to Wichita Falls.

State Highway Commissioner W. R. Ely and Engineer Gib Gilchrist were introduced by Judge O. L. Parish of Ballinger. Short talks were made by County Judges, J. T. Mathison and Paul Trimmier. Mayor Glover of San Angelo also made a short talk.

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Abilene to Feature Airplane Circus to Dedicate New Port

Abilene, May 22.—The stage is set for the circus to be staged in Abilene two days in connection with the convention here Thursday to Saturday, May 29, 30 and 31, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. George L. Paxton Jr. is chairman of the arrangements committee. The performances, formally dedicating the recently completed \$150,000 municipal air terminal, are to be on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, May 31 and June 1.

Thirty army planes from San Antonio and Galveston will be on hand to take part Saturday. Sunday afternoon pilots will compete for cash prizes in races of commercial ships. Glider exhibitions and stunt flying are scheduled.

The army performance will be divided into two parts, the first to include an aerial review, pursuit, attack, observation and bombardment. The second will show pursuit formation, pursuit attack on bombardment, attack demonstration of tactics and pursuit attack on attack.

From 8 until 9 p. m. Saturday an exhibition of night flying will be seen.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this means of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our dear son and brother, Esco, especially do we thank the Drs. Grimes and Sadler for their untiring interest shown, also we thank all for the beautiful flowers. May God bless each of you.

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"Seeing Argotane so highly recommended by so many Abilene people I decided to try it and it has certainly set me right. My run-down nervous feelings are gone and my appetite is splendid. All those gas pains I used to have in my stomach have left me. I sleep like a log every night and I'm simply feeling great. These are my reasons for thinking so well of Argotane and I have told numbers of others about it."

Genuine Argotane may be bought in Merkel at the City Drug Store.



FOR THE GRADUATE

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Hollywood, May 22.—Because residents living near his Beverly Hills estate objected to the baying of his dogs, Harold Lloyd Thursday completed the giving away of most of his kennel of prize Great Danes and St. Bernards.

When this report was made City Prosecutor Lloyd Nix of Los Angeles continued indefinitely hearings against the movie star.

Lloyd's kennels originally embraced 40 dogs valued at over \$15,000. He sent all-but 15 away and notified the prosecutor that he had caused sound proof kennels to be constructed for the others. His neighbors objected that they couldn't sleep.

100-Year-Old Pastor Preaches at Lamesa

Lamesa, Texas, May 22.—The Rev. T. A. Boycan, Dawson County's 100-year-old preacher, delivered a sermon here Sunday at the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Boycan, who was born in Belmullet, Ireland, in 1830, came to America when he was 5 years old and has been preaching for eighty-two years. He reads without glasses and can hear well.

The aged pastor says he has walked 17,000 miles on preaching tours and that he has baptized 11,000 people.

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.

Carl Williams to Make Address at Abilene May 30th

Dallas, May 22.—With the old Farm Bureau Cotton association revamped into the new Texas Cotton Cooperative association, and a new membership contract which puts cooperation on a voluntary rather than compulsory basis, it was announced today that a state-wide campaign for enrolling farmers in the cooperative program will begin the first of June.

Carl Williams, cotton member of the Farm Board will come from Washington to assist in opening the campaign, with addresses at Abilene, Paris, Waco and Corpus Christi. The Farm Board cotton member was delayed in his original schedule, and the new dates will put him at Abilene, to address the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in its annual meeting at 10 o'clock, Friday, May 30; at Paris before a farmers' and business men's meeting Saturday, May 31; and for similar meetings at Waco at 10 o'clock Monday, June 2, and at Corpus Christi at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday, June 3.

Acting on the unanimous request of Governor Moody's organization committee, of A. & M. Extension service and of delegations of business men and farmers from a score of Texas cotton centers, directors of the cooperative association last week changed their contract to the "part crop" plan. In the past, members of the Texas

organization have been required to contract for delivering every bale of cotton grown, for sale through the association. The new contract allows them to hold back every other bale for sale on the open market, delivering one bale out of each two to the association until ten bales have been delivered. After delivery of ten bales, no more cotton need be delivered to the association, but may be sold by the owner on the open market if he so desires.

A monkey wrench is so called because of its inventor, whose name was Monckey.

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There are some defeats more triumphant than victories.—Montaigne.
There is, however, a limit at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue.—Edmund Burke.
It is the common wonder, of all men, how among so many millions of faces there should be none alike.—Sir Thomas Browne.
The more we study, the more we discover our ignorance.—Shelley.
To be instructed in the arts, softens the manners and makes men gentle.—Ovid.
How often things occur by mere chance, which we dared not even hope for.—Terence.

Dora Doings

Farmers of this community are busy planting between showers; many will have to plant over after the hard rains last week.
Brother I. B. Biggs attended the Methodist convention in Dallas last week.
School will be out Friday. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered at High Point Baptist church last Sunday by Rev. Mr. McPherson.
The pastor will speak on an interesting subject for the 11 o'clock hour.
The evening service will be suspended so as to attend the baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's make an effort to have present number enrolled.
AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
Congratulations Grads! The Methodist church is proud of you.
METHODIST W. M. S.
The following is the program for the meeting next Monday afternoon of the Methodist Woman's Missionary society:

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Uncle Tom and Aunt Emma Johnson spent Sunday with Grandmother Harrison.
Miss Nellie Peterson of Brownwood is here visiting her mother.
Mr. Virgil and Bell Patterson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes at White Church.
Uncle Bobbie Hamner of Merkel spent Sunday in the J. W. Inman home.
Mr. Sherman Rosson and Miss Mabel Scott motored to Sweetwater Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Doan and son, Herman, spent Sunday in Anson.
Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Blair spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. James Doan.
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson and daughter, Bell, went to Clyde Sunday on receiving a message of the death of a relative there.
Mrs. A. H. Barnes returned Saturday from an extended visit with relatives at Cross Roads, New Mex.
James Jones and family and Roy Riney and family attended the Kinder funeral at Noodle Sunday.
J. D. Sandusky and T. F. Patterson attended court last week.
Our primary teacher, Miss Harris, spent the week-end with homefolks at Buffalo Gap.
A play, entitled "Uncle Josh," is being presented this Friday night by the Castle Peak characters at Cross Roads schoolhouse, south of Tye.
Heavy northern oats—no Johnson grass; red oats, if you want them. SWAFFORD—PHONE 44
Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

CHURCHES

BACCALAUREATE SERMON TO HIGH SENIORS AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT; OTHER CHURCHES SUSPEND THEIR NIGHT SERVICES.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Paul said to the elders of Ephesus, "I have taught you publicly, and from house to house." (Acts 20:20.)
We are glad to handle the work of preaching the gospel as Paul did. We have all regular services at our public meeting place, the church house, and in addition to that we cease not to admonish "from house to house" on Thursday nights.
MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
The Men's Prayer service next Sunday will be held at the Baptist church at 2 p. m. and every man in Merkel and the surrounding section is invited to come and take part in the services.

was above the average and showed a total of 837 present. The Baptist had the largest number present, with 330 in attendance.
The number present at each of the other Sunday Schools was: Methodist, 289; Church of Christ, 97; Presbyterian, 89, and Nazarene, 32.
BRIDGE CLUB.
Miss Donna Loyless entertained member of her bridge club on Thursday of this week in the home of Mrs. E. N. Brown.
KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS.
The members of the King's Daughters class were delightfully entertained in the hospitable home of Mrs. Sam White, Miss Jerra Edwards returned Wednesday to her home in Midland.
WOODMAN CIRCLE MEETING.
Merkel Grove No. 563, Woodman circle, held a splendid meeting Friday afternoon in the Fraternal hall.

Personal Mention

Mrs. R. B. Shive and baby daughter, Mary Loo, have returned to their home in Big Spring after a week's visit with Mrs. Shive's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell of this city.
Rev. and Mrs. George West and son of Kansas City, Mo., while en route to San Francisco, Cal., made a brief visit Monday with the former's uncle, G. F. West.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West spent last week-end in San Angelo, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Weisser.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephenson of Augusta, Ark., are here on a visit to Mrs. Stephenson's mother, Mrs. M. S. Wiman, and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and baby daughter, accompanied by Mrs. E. N. Brown, have returned from a visit in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Eastland were week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.
Mrs. H. C. Fail and two sons of Anson are the guests of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. McCandless.
Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hartman were Mr and Mrs. J. W. Keifer and children of Amarillo.
Returning from South Texas, where he had spent the winter, G. L. Browning was a recent guest of his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, en route to his home in Amarillo.
R. S. Burns and son, Orval, of Etowah, Tenn., are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns near Stith, having made the trip in their car.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat had as their guests last week Mrs. Fugat's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Braswell, of Dallas.
Miss Garoutte, who her friends regret to learn is still confined to her home, was happy to have as visitors on Sunday afternoon Mrs. George Steakley, Misses Myrl and Evelyn Steakley, Joe Steakley and Misses Tommie and Bobbie Clack of Abilene.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Saunders and Miss Agnes Saunders have returned to their home in Sacramento, Calif., after an extended visit with his brother, F. A. Saunders, and family.
Miss Nina McAninch spent the week-end with Mrs. M. K. Milner in Abilene.
Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, who taught the past year at Kirkland, is again at home with her parents.
Mrs. Hamilton Bell has gone to join Mr. Bell at Graham, where he will be located for sometime.
Messrs. A. V. Dye and George Sharp recently returned from a trip to San Antonio and have now gone to Hobbs, New Mex.
Earl Gump, who is now employed at Cisco, was shaking hands with friends here Wednesday.
After an absence of several months, during which time she has visited her daughter in San Antonio and her sister in Abilene, Mrs. W. V. Cranford is now the guest of Mrs. T. B. Causeaux.
Mrs. B. P. Middleton and daughters, Misses Gladys and Imogene, returned Wednesday from Brownwood where they have been visiting relatives.
They also visited Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, who is ill at the home of her sister there, and report her condition somewhat better.
Upon their return home after a visit in the Banner home, J. F. Banner, and family were accompanied for a visit by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner. The latter returned home Wednesday.
Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt are in Dallas for the Methodist General Conference sessions.
After a visit with Mrs. George

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday school 10 a. m. with places for all who will come. We have congenial classes for every one from the baby to the oldest person able to come.
The pastor will speak on an interesting subject for the 11 o'clock hour.
The evening service will be suspended so as to attend the baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church.
—Reporter.

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Deviotional, Truthfulness, Mrs. Rainbolt.
Leaflet, Deaconess No. 1, Mrs. Butman.
Deaconess No. 2, Mrs. Hale.
Deaconess No. 3, Miss Mossie Sears.
Discussion of the Consolidated Rural church, Mrs. Burgess.
Music, Miss Lottie Butman.
Solo, Miss Ethel Hamilton.
Report of General Conference, Mrs. Touchstone.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.
Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11. N. Y. P. S. 7:30, preaching following. W. F. M. S. Tuesday 2 p. m. Prayer service and Bible study, Wednesday night 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Saturday night 8 o'clock.
We appreciate the increase in the attendance at the services, especially the remarkable increase in the Sunday night services and prayer services. Each one should also be a member of some Sunday School. Meet with us at 9:45 for Sunday School next Sunday. These are quite likely the pastor's last days in Merkel. Sunday may be the last time I will fill the pulpit here. However, it may take us another week before all preparations can be made for our departure.
We wish to add that we certainly appreciate all the favors and kindness shown us while we have lived in Merkel for these two years and more. We feel that we have some real friends here and shall miss them when we go to our new field of labor.
Be present at the services next Sunday.
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
While the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was nearly 100 below that of the Mother's Day record, it still



FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mesdames Warren Higgins, Dean Higgins and Haygood were hostesses for the monthly class meeting of the Fidelis Matrons in the parlors of the Baptist church on last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Byers Petty led the devotional and in a business meeting immediately following these officers were elected: Mrs. Charlie Higgins, president; Mrs. Haygood, fist vice-president; Mrs. George Caple, second vice-president; Mrs. Bill Haynes, third vice-president; Mrs. R. K. Petit, secretary; Mrs. Florence Berry, treasurer; group captains Mrs. Warren Higgins, Mrs. Dean Higgins, Mrs. Pete Rutledge.

Forget-me-nots were revealed on a dainty refreshment plate, reflecting the class of blue and white in sandwiches, chicken salad, olives and punch. The guest list included Mesdames Sam Swann, Pete Rutledge, George Caple, Bill Haynes, Jim Mayfield, Clarence Perry, Dent Gibson, George T. Moore, Haygood, R. H. Petit, Byers Petty, Dean Higgins, Warren Higgins, Floyd Fry and Charlie Higgins.

BRIDGE CLUB.
Miss Donna Loyless entertained member of her bridge club on Thursday of this week in the home of Mrs. E. N. Brown. At the culmination of the bridge games she was assisted in serving a delicious frozen salad plate with iced tea, by Mrs. E. Yates Brown, to Misses Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Evelyn Curb, Roberta Sloan and Vera Baker.

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WOODMAN CIRCLE MEETING.
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After the business session, a social hour was enjoyed, a number of visitors helping out with the program. Ice cream and cake was served to twenty-seven.
Everyone is urged to be present for the next meeting, which will be June 6 at 3 o'clock, as that is the

Butman on Tuesday afternoon of last week.
Mrs. Martin led the devotional and the business meeting following was presided over by the president, Mrs. Hutcheson. Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth rendered two beautiful piano solos and Mrs. Rainbolt gave a lovely reading on friendship. Vocal solos by Miss Ethel Hamilton with Christine Collins at the piano were very much enjoyed. Miss Lottie Butman entertained guests during the refreshment hour with plaintive tunes on the steel guitar.
Refreshments of ice cream, fresh strawberries, cakes and mints were served to Mesdames Tittle, McSpadden, Mitchell, Harkrider, Dry, Watts, Hollingsworth, Willett, Ellis, Hartman, Martin, Huddleston, Richards, Rainbolt and Hutcheson and Misses Ethel Hamilton and Christine Collins.

CELEBRATION FOR MAYOR.
Last Saturday being the 69th birthday of Mayor J. P. Sharp, on Sunday the family gathered at his home for a big all-day celebration.
The occasion was also in compliment to Perker Sharp whose birthday was on Sunday. At noon a sumptuous birthday dinner was served family style to all the children except Mrs. J. A. Haggard and Ollie Sharp of Fort Worth. Those present to congratulate Mayor Sharp were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Ari Sharp and daughter of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn, Mrs. Elsie Nash and son, Roscoe and Parker Sharp. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barnhill of Winters, a former resident and early worker in the church of Christ here.

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time to elect our representative to the convention.
—Reporter.
SUPERVISOR OF GIRLS' CAMP VISITING HERE.
Mrs. Maud W. Boggess of Bristol, Va., supervisor of Camp Sequoya at Sullins college, is the houseguest of Mrs. Amy Sears and Mary Eula Sears. She is making a tour of the South in the interest of Camp Sequoya, girls' summer camp at Bristol, the date for which are June 27 to August 27, and is being assisted in meeting prospects by Miss Sears.

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FOR SALE—Car of kaffir heads Friday and Saturday, \$30.00 per ton. See F. B. Huddleston.

MRS. FRED DEUTSCHMAN home in Merkel for sale or trade for team and tools. See me on farm. Mrs. Verna Deutchman, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

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LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary

HEBRON NEWS

Mrs. Lige Harris' mother, Mrs. Miller, is with her for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jones and family at Shiloh.

Little J. L. Miller of Big Spring came with his grandmother, Mrs. Miller, to visit in the Lige Harris home. Mrs. Thomas Harris returned Saturday from visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ingrom, at Vincent, Texas.

Mrs. Lige Harris and daughters, Mesdames Virginia Miller and Thomas Harris, paid a visit Monday to Mrs. W. A. McCormick in Merkel. Everybody is urged to come to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Sunday.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Congress, 17th district (Special election): MRS. R. Q. LEE.

For District Attorney 32nd 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.

BURL WHEELER.

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.

MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.

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: P. H. FRAZIER.

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

W. L. BLAIR.

RUFÉ 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.

HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

Commencement

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parents of members of the class and others whom they wish to invite. Tickets will be used for the reserved seats. These tickets will be distributed by the class members. The remainder of the house is unreserved and the public generally is cordially invited to come and occupy these seats, while those who have been given tickets by members of the class will occupy the reserved seats. Detailed programs for each of the above occasions follow:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION.

The following is the program for the Grammar School graduation exercises to be held this Friday night at 8:15 at the Methodist church:

1. Processional—Miss Donna Loyless

2. Invocation—Rev. R. A. Walker

3. Chorus—"The Anvil Chorus" The Class

4. Salutatory—Waldeline Huskey

5. Address to the Class—Rev. J. T. King

6. Presentation of Certificates—Supt. Roger A. Burgess

7. Valedictory—Wilma Gardner

8. Chorus—"Woods in Spring" The Class

9. Benediction—Rev. T. C. Willett

State Witness in Pantages Case to Recant Testimony

Los Angeles, May 22.—Frederick Wise, a witness in the Alexander Pantages assault case last fall, appeared Monday at the district attorney's office and said he wished to recant a portion of his testimony at the trial of the theatre multi-millionaire. He said he also had instructed his attorney to dismiss a \$250,000 damage action brought against Pantages.

Wise, one of the state's principal witnesses at the trial, said he had made "private investigation" and obtained "affidavits and evidence" which caused him to believe a certain portion of his testimony was incorrect.

Pending a conference with Dis. Atty. Buron Fitts, Wise refused to say what part of the testimony he referred to.

At the trial, Wise testified to hearing screams come from the conference room in Pantages' theatre building when Pantages' alleged attack on Eunice Pringle co-ed dancer, occurred. Pantages was convicted and sentenced to prison. He is in jail here awaiting outcome of an appeal.

The slander suit was based on the evidence introduced by the defense relating to a mental illness which Wise was alleged to have suffered.

Jones Winner of English Golf Cup

Sunningdale, Eng., May 22.—Bobby Jones Monday won the gold vase of golf illustrated, shooting a sensational 68 in the afternoon after an ordinary 75 in the morning to lead a great field of amateurs in the 36-hole medal competition.

Jones' total of 143 won by a stroke from the Hon. W. G. Brownlow, son of Lord Lurgan, who scored 69 and 75.

The record for the newly constructed Sunningdale course was broken by Brownlow's 69 and Jones' 68.

Three other American Walker cup players entered the play, George Vogt, scoring 146, George Von Elm 147 and O. F. Willing 152. Bobby Bugh, American scholar at Oxford, had 154.

Until Jones began to burn up the course, Brownlow was regarded a certain winner. A tall, gangling youth he appears on the links dressed in ordinary street clothes and wearing gloves. He never seems to be participating in a match except when he walks over to his caddy and takes a club. He then makes his shot, returns the club to the caddy and walks on.

Miss Diana Fishwick, women's champion of Great Britain, presented the trophy.

The Prince of Wales and his brothers, the Duke of York and the Duke of Gloucester, were in the gallery.

Mrs. Florence Vance For County Assessor

In the regular political column of this issue of The Mail appears the announcement of Mrs. Florence Vance as a candidate for the office of tax assessor of Taylor county, subject to the democratic primary election on July 26. Mrs. Vance retired from that office in 1926 after serving three terms. Her statement follows:

"To the Voters of Taylor county: I am taking this method of calling your attention to my candidacy for the office of assessor of taxes in Taylor county. I am now in the employe of the county compiling a new set of records for the assessor's office. These records are known as the block map system and are now being installed in many other larger counties of the state. It is our honest opinion that if these records are properly installed in the assessor's office without getting the errors and entanglements of the old transferred to the new, they will prove a great saving to the tax payers of the county.

"I am familiar with the old records and am now creating the new, and feel that I can render the service which the public reasonably expects. The county has gone to the expense of creating these new records with the firm belief that they will be able to remove thousands of dollars of the tax burden from the shoulders of the people, and I will leave it to the voters to decide whether I am better qualified to carry out the program to completion."

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.

FUNERAL RITES FOR JIM BEENE

Prominent Citizen Dies Last Saturday From Effects of Stroke of Paralysis.

Following the effects of an attack of paralysis, James L. Beene, age 71, a resident of this section for about 30 years, having lived in Merkel the last 15 years, died at 2:30 last Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, with Rev. T. C. Willett officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, and Dr. L. N. Lipscomb of Sweetwater, presiding elder of the Sweetwater district. The latter preached the funeral sermon. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: active, Tom All-day, B. T. Sublett, Eli Case, Herbert Patterson, Frank Golliday and Willard Pogue; honorary, W. L. Diltz, Sr., George Brown, J. I. Ford, W. C. Mattingly, J. S. Hudson, B. E. Dalton, J. S. Thomas and J. T. Dennis.

Mr. Beene was born in Coryell City July 23, 1858, and was married Dec. 18, 1879, to Sarah Elizabeth Hartgraves, who preceded him in death December 8, 1917. He has been a member of the Methodist church for several years and was considered one of the most highly respected and worthy citizens of this section.

His only child, E. P. Beene, died Sept. 27, 1919. He is survived by one brother, C. B. Beene, Cottonwood, Texas, and one grandchild, Mrs. Floyd Dowell.

Among other relatives here for the funeral were: Mrs. M. A. Stewart, Hico; Mrs. J. F. Armstrong, Van Horn; Mrs. J. W. Beene, son and daughter, Hereford; Frank Hartgraves, Menard; Mr. and Mrs. Brice Hartgraves, Maryneal, and Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, Merkel.

J. F. Bonner

J. F. Bonner, age 68, who formerly lived at Trent, moving to Clyde about 14 years ago, and who was well known both in Trent and Merkel, died unexpectedly at his home in Clyde Saturday afternoon. It is said he fell in a drying condition just after entering the house to escape a shower of rain. He had been at work on his place.

After funeral services at the Clyde Baptist church Monday afternoon, his body was brought to Merkel where interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, Marvin, Calvin and Pierce Bonner. The latter was away on a fishing trip and could not be reached in time for the funeral, but the other two sons were present.

Many friends and relatives from Clyde attended the funeral here. Among the Merkel relatives and friends present for the funeral rites were Mrs. J. M. Reeves, Mrs. G. L. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker, Alice and Hazel Reeves, Mr and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and Mrs. Earl Teague.

Isabel McAdams

Funeral services for Isabel McAdams, who died Sunday morning at a sanitarium in Abilene from pneumonia, following an illness of twelve days, were held Monday afternoon at the Kiker-Knight chapel in Abilene, with interment in the Cedar Hill cemetery there. Rev. T. C. Willett of this city officiated, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Miss McAdams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McAdams, was visiting her parents at the time she became ill. She formerly lived in Merkel and attended school here. Early in life she became a member of the Episcopal church. Her father is principal of the Goodman school. In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Raymond, 21, of Oklahoma City, and James, 19, of Goodman.

Walter Esco Kinder

Walter Esco Kinder, age 24, died last Saturday morning at the home of his brother-in-law at Noodle and the funeral services were held at the Baptist church there Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. O. B. Tatum was assisted by Brother Wallace, pastor of the Christian church, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Walter was born May 29, 1906, in Granger county, Tenn., and was converted at the age of 15. He united with the Presbyterian church at Hope-well, Texas, of which he was still a member.

Loved ones surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kinder, two brothers, B. O. of Winfield, Texas, and Otha of Noodle, and two sisters, Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite, Noodle, and Mrs. Everett Hendrix, Mt. Vernon, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Philadelphia Lawyer Confirmed at Once

Washington, May 22.—Without debate or a record vote, the senate Tuesday quickly confirmed the nomination of Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia as an associate justice of the supreme court.

In marked contrast to the bitter controversy ending in the rejection of Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina, who was previously nominated by President Hoover for this post, the nomination of Mr. Roberts was declared confirmed Tuesday within a minute after it was taken up by the senate.

Famous Grid Star Joins Sport Staff

New York, May 22.—Christian ("Red") Cagle, famous army football star who recently resigned from the United States military academy when his secret marriage in 1928 became known, Tuesday joined the sports staff of the New York Evening Journal. Cagle was on the point of returning to his home in Louisiana when he received word that the post was available.

Cagle was one of West Point's greatest football stars. For the last three years he was chosen as a member of the All-American football team.

"This job of writing is a tough one," said Cagle in his first "By-Line" story. "The pen may be mightier than the sword, but I guess I am more used to one than to the other. However, I will do the best I can, and hope you will stand by. Don't 'raze' too hard if I miss a few passes or get thrown for a loss."

Nobby Shoe Shop Open for Business

The Nobby Shoe Shop is the name of a new enterprise that will open its doors in Merkel Saturday. Charlie Wheeler, who also operates the Nobby Shoe Shop in Abilene, is the proprietor and his place of business is next door to the Busy Bee Cafe.

Mr. Wheeler is an experienced leather worker, especially in the boot and shoe line. He is equipped with all the latest machinery for shoe repairing, half soles, rubber heels, etc. He also makes boots and shoes to order.

Vernon Sublett Comes Back Home

Vernon Sublett has come back to Merkel and is connected with the mechanical department of the Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company. He is well known to everyone in Merkel, a most efficient automobile mechanic and repair man, and the Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company is fortunate to secure his services.

M. Sublett was formerly in business here, going to Abilene several months ago.

As soon as school is out, his family will remove here also.

Band Concert Tonight

The Booster Band, under the direction of G. A. Hartman, will give a concert at 8 o'clock tonight in front of the City Drug store. They will play the same program that they rendered in Abilene last Sunday afternoon.

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TOM LOVE WINS COURT ACTION

Austin, Texas, May 22.—The State Supreme Court Saturday morning granted the application of former Democratic National Committeeman Thomas B. Love for a mandamus ordering the state democratic executive committee to accept his name as a candidate for governor in the democratic primary election, though he supported Herbert Hoover after participating in the democratic primary of 1928.

A twenty-five-page opinion was written in the case by Justice Thomas B. Greenwood. It first holds that Chief Justice C. M. Cureton is not debarred from sitting in the case, though he is to be candidate in the same primary election.

It then upholds the validity of the act of the recent special session of the legislature giving the supreme court original jurisdiction in such a case and then rules in favor of Love's right to a place on the ballot which was in effect denied when the state democratic executive committee adopted a resolution Feb. 1, 1930, declaring that those who supported Hoover could not be candidates for state office in the democratic primary this year.

"Go Slow, Mary."

A play, entitled "Go Slow, Mary," is to be presented at the Mt. Pleasant school house Saturday night at 8:15. Admission charge of 10 and 15 cents is to be made. Several comedy parts afford much merriment in the production of this play, including the Holy Terror Twins, the ice man and the policeman, rivals, by the way, and a typical Englishman. The plot itself is said to afford a solution for the lot of the discontented wife. Other parts of special importance are Sally and Harry, lovers, and a clever characterization of Mary's mother.

Merkel Boy Gains Praise at N. T. A. C.

Complimenting the splendid record their son, Lester Patterson, is making in the North Texas Agricultural college at Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson are in receipt of a letter from George L. Dickey, associate dean of that institution. With a record of 31 grade points for last period, he is one of 76 earning 30-39 points in the school.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the recent illness and death of our grandfather and uncle, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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REVIEW OF SENIOR PLAY.

The Senior class of Merkel High school proved themselves good interpreters, indeed, as they so successfully presented for the public, the Harvard prize comedy, "Nancy Ann," commonly known as "The Dud," Friday evening, May 16, in the Grammar school auditorium.

This plot was given to their interested audience:

Nancy Angelina Van Cuyler Farr is the repressed little ward of dominating aunts, all bent on deciding her thoughts and actions for her. On the evening of her debut a girl reporter convinces her that she ought to lead her own life. Nancy Ann vainly attempts to persuade her aunts that she was born for the stage by reciting a scene in which she impersonates an innocent ingenue struggling to escape from a pursuing villain. Failing to impress her aunts with her dramatic talents she slips out the window as the guests are arriving for her reception.

In the second act, having traded her gorgeous evening gown for an absurdly ill-fitting street costume, she calls on the actor-manager whom she has admired from afar. She is refused an interview; but, convinced of her talents, she forces herself into his office and attempts to do her big scene for him. Instead of offering her a part in the play the manager calls for the police. However, by the end of the play, he is anxious to secure her as his leading lady for life.

As the curtain was raised for the first act the audience was made to feel the sophisticated atmosphere of the handsome home of one of the aunts, Mrs. Webster. The particular thumping noise and the cries for "Help" gained the audience's attention right in the beginning. Lucinda and Binner, the colored maid and butler, played by Eleanor Mae Hamilton and Tracy Campbell, added humor to the play as well as creating a needed atmosphere.

Doris Brown, playing the role of the reporter, with her charm and stage dignity, brought high lights to the beginning. Aunt Emily, Aunt Angelina, Aunt Kate, and Aunt Nancy seemed real people, we might say, with their poise and their beliefs. These roles were cleverly played by Beryl Hunter, Frances Frederickson, Tula Miller, and Lucille Cole. The audience's interest was centered around Nancy Ann, played in a great manner by Odell Hunter. From her first awkward appearance on to the end of the play she held this interest by her versatile acting. Nor were the roles of the society leaders meager in their effect, for their every gesture and tone added much to the stage picture. E. L. Turner led this group, composed of Nina Vantrees, Helen Kelso, Alberta Butler, Gwendolyn Vickers, Willie Mae Schwartz, Maurine Davis, Wesley Butler, Clinton Bryan and Etyl Spurgin.

The second curtain revealed an unusually clever scene of two rooms, the actor's office and the uncomfortable waiting room. The playwright, by Harold Boney, was the first attraction as he read his would-be play to the polished actor, admirably played by Lee Darden. The stage manager, by J. D. Ashby, acted as the medium for bringing the chorus girls into harmony with the producers. Nadine Tippett as Lulu, Pauline Toombs as

Billie, and Verna T. Beasley as Beth, created enviable roles. Milton Case was in a very good character role as the "at-your-service" waiter. Orion Tittle and Buster Horton as the two detectives brought action and gave the forceful endings to both the second and third acts.

Good balance and artistic arrangements were used on the stage in all three acts. Merkel ranks this as one of the best amateur plays which she has witnessed.

The between-act numbers added considerably to the evening's program. The Girl's Choral club, directed by Miss Loyless, with Mrs. Brown's accompaniment was the best performance that they have given during the year. They are to be congratulated on their presentation of "Spring's Greeting," by Strauss and Bliss. The Senior girls, led by Willie Mae Schwartz, entertained between the second and third acts with a very clever song which carried the theme of the play. "Nancy Ann" will long be remembered.

SENIORS SAY FAREWELL.

In last week's issue of the Badger Weekly, some of the Seniors spoke their farewells to the readers of this column. In this issue farewells from others are presented, which explain why the Badger Weekly appears in another issue of The Mail, although it was stated that last week's would be the last one.

Most of the Seniors are glad that it is all over but down in our hearts there is regret that we have to leave the dear old High school. I have enjoyed my four years in Merkel High school to the utmost. I have been fond of each of my teachers. However, we thrill to say "Farewell, Old M. H. S.!" Tula Miller.

INSERT BADGER WEEKLY

My Senior days at M. H. S. are soon over and I am very sorry. I will be more so, if I do not get to go to C. I. A. and learn to cook and wash dishes. Gwendolyn Vickers.

Oh, oft I've thought to get away From lessons, books, and study hall Would be a glorious day, but say— I'm not so happy after all! Frances Frederickson.

After our school days are gone we will remember how happy they were and forget the boresome lessons and how hard we had to study. I have enjoyed my four years at the M. H. S. and I don't think they have been wasted. Odell Hunter.

Words can't express how much I have enjoyed the time spent in M. H. S. I have always thought that it would be a wonderful feeling to graduate from high school but as the time draws near it doesn't seem to be so wonderful after all. It is sad to think of leaving all the kids of whom I have grown so fond. Verna T. Beasley.

I would wish, if it were possible to have a more successful year in M. H. S. next year. Clinton Bryan.

Though I regret to leave my good classmates, teachers and the school

that I have loved so much, I am happy that graduation is near so that I may leave my place in M. H. S. to someone else. Maurine Davis.

When I think of leaving M. H. S. a queer feeling comes over me; for eleven years I have been in school here and all the classmates will be missed next year "But to every good time there is a sad ending." Jake Ashby.

I wish that I had four more years to spend in M. H. S. if they would be as happy as the past four have been. Milton Case.

Dear old M. H. S.—I have to leave you now. I have enjoyed the two years very much. May you always stand for the things you have in the past. Buster Horton.

Dear old M. H. S., it is with a sad heart that I leave you. Not because I hate to graduate, but because of

the good times that I have had in the years gone by. I feel that M. H. S. will live for Time and Eternity, and I know that it will never fall down in the Morals that are now hers. Wesley Butler.

Have you paid anything to the cemetery fund this year. If not why not?

May 26 is the tentative date set for the second trial for John Alsop, Fort Worth, who was found guilty of murdering Will Tate, negro, by a jury in the first trial of the case, the jury, however, being dismissed after failing to agree on a penalty.

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Brady Convicted of Killing Stenographer

Dallas, May 22.—John W. Brady, former high court judge, was convicted

here Saturday of stabbing to death Miss Lehlia Highsmith, stenographer, in Austin last November and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. The verdict was returned by a jury 12 hours after it received the case Friday night. It was Brady's second trial, a hung jury having resulted in the first trial at Austin. The case was brought here on a change of venue on a defense motion. Defense Attorneys Maury Hughes

and Ted Monroe said a motion for a new trial would be filed. The 60-year-old defendant wept as the verdict was read, and in a voice choked almost to a whisper denied his guilt to his wife, who kept her arms around his bent shoulders. The woman was killed after she had been brought home by another man. Mail want ads pay dividends.

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The Ohio experiment station has done some valuable work in testing out the use of alfalfa, clover and soy bean hay as substitutes for green feed for the laying flock. They found that each bird could make profitable use of about one pound of leafy, fine-stemmed, bright hay per month. The hay should not be coarse or contain a high per cent of crude fiber.

It is nearly always possible to get at least a limited amount of such hay from the last cutting of alfalfa or the second cutting of clover. A considerable number of farmers are cutting a small portion of their alfalfa late in the fall, after the removal of the last regular crop. The least mature of the soy beans, when they have been cut for hay, are equally satisfactory.

These Ohio tests indicate that these three, alfalfa, red clover and soy beans, are equally valuable if cut and cured properly. In these tests the feeding of the hay in hoops of poultry netting was found to be very satisfactory. Cutting the hay in half-inch lengths made the feeding easier and the hens ate more. A silage cutter or feed chopper can be used to cut the hay.

The shatterings that accumulate where the alfalfa or clover is handled in feeding the cattle or other live stock is equally valuable if the hay is of good quality and not injured by weathering or heating in barn or stack. Alfalfa meal made from green hay in the mash or fed as a separate part of the ration, is another green feed substitute.

Litter Not Desirable

Place for Grain Feed

Experimental work at several stations as well as the practical experience of a large number of poultry keepers prove that hens do not need to hunt in the litter for their feed in order to lay well. More people are feeding the whole and cracked grain to the poultry in troughs to keep it cleaner than it would be if scattered in the litter.

Litter is highly desirable in a poultry house during the time that the flock is kept confined, but its virtue is in keeping the feet cleaner, the floor drier and more easily cleaned, and the house warmer than when no litter is used, and not to furnish a place to hide the grain feed. Some grain will be dropped in the straw or chaff, or shredded fodder or peat moss, even though troughs are used, and the hens will scratch for it. But deliberately scattering the grain in the litter, unless there is no container available, serves no useful purpose.

Poultry Hints

It is good business to hatch chicks early.

In hauling eggs to the market, do not expose them to the direct rays of the sun.

Insist that the buyer pay cash for your eggs, and that he buy them on a quality or grade basis.

A standard incubator which will successfully hatch chicken eggs should hatch the turkey eggs with equal success. Many have been used successfully.

All parts of the incubator should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. One per cent formalin can be used. Then level the machine and regulate carefully to the desired temperature.

Poultry raisers not being fortunate to have clover, alfalfa or other green feed ranges, or those wishing to plant green feed for summer use in their poultry runs, will find sudan grass very good.

Male birds with large combs are most apt to become frosted after they are wet.

A lot of poultrymen confuse lice with mites. Lice stay on the birds all the time, whereas mites attack them only at night and hide in cracks and crevices during the daytime.

Often ducks make a very disagreeable puddle around the drinking fountain. A good device to prevent ducklings from forming such a puddle, is a wire covered frame.

Raising pullets is one of the most important jobs of the poultry keeper, for unless these new pullets are grown right, they will get off to a poor start and the year's work will be seriously hampered.

Should the young pullets show any signs of unthriftiness, the poultry keeper will do well to see if there are any intestinal worms present in the flock.

Proper housing of the poultry flock generally pays dividends in more eggs and healthier chickens.

FARM STOCK



STRAWSTACK IS POOR PROTECTION

Hogs Huddle Up and Get Too Warm in Winter.

"Any port in a storm, of course. But a straw pile is one of the poorest of all possible poor ports for the hogs when a blizzard or a sudden cold spell hits the farm," says J. W. Wulcher, extension specialist in swine growing, for the Ohio State university.

"Letting the hogs burrow into a straw stack for shelter from the bad weather is better than leaving them to freeze to death, but not much better," says Wulcher. "The reason is that when hogs huddle into straw stacks they pile up in heaps, to keep warm they get too warm, and when they get out for food or any other reason, are liable to pneumonia and other diseases.

"Even more important is the fact that such a refuge is highly insular, and a hog is more susceptible to unsanitary conditions than most other farm animals. When hogs pile up under a straw stack their skins are caked with filth and get into bad condition, and their general health is affected.

"Much better have some sort of houses, either central sheds or individual houses. In extremely cold weather bank these houses with straw to keep out the wind and conserve the body heat of the hogs, but be sure to leave sufficient ventilation."

Practical Plan to Feed Pigs in Creep or Pen

Full pigs thrive much better if they start eating grain before they are weaned, according to W. L. Robinson of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment station. When this is done there is no noticeable setback at weaning time.

Pigs will start eating grain when three or four weeks old but to do this the pigs must be able to eat unmolested by the sows. This is easily accomplished by providing a creep which consists of a pen with an opening through which the pigs can go but which will hold the sows back.

A good ration for the young pigs is made of 64 parts of corn, 22.5 parts of ground oats, 8 parts of tankage, 4 parts of linseed oil meal, and 1.5 parts of minerals. If the pasture is short or no green feed is available add about 4 parts of ground alfalfa or clover hay, or the leaves of either hay.

Alfalfa for Horses Fed in Balanced Ration Good

Alfalfa hay is good horse feed, according to A. O. Rhoad of the New York state college of agriculture, providing it is fed in a balanced ration. Corn and alfalfa make a balanced ration while oats, barley, peas and bran that are high in protein would provide too much protein to feed alfalfa as the only roughage. In this case there should be some other hay such as timothy with the alfalfa.

The first cutting is considered the best for horses. The usual recommendation of cutting alfalfa when one-third in bloom is best for cattle, but it is better for horses if cut when in the later stages of maturity, Rhoad states.

Live Stock Facts

Docking lambs up to two months of age is practiced.

Keep pregnant mares out of corn stalk fields. Provide them with plenty of pure, clean water.

Normally one-third of the spring pigs die before they are ten weeks old, or of weaning age.

Many castrate the ram lambs at the same time docking is done, but the preferred age for castrating is about four weeks.

Feed the mare generously on sound whole oats, bran and mixed clover, or timothy hay. Avoid moldy hay or silage, damaged grain, woody, weathered fodder, dusty or rusty straw, or hay containing ergot.

The mare in foal should be worked lightly or abundantly exercised every day. Exercise is absolutely necessary. She should occupy a roomy, clean, well lighted, and perfectly ventilated box stall.

Long-legged, narrow-backed hogs do not have economical feeding quality, and for that reason have been forced into the discard.

The brood sows which realize the greatest profits are those which are capable of raising two large litters of strong, healthy pigs each year.

The ideal time for docking is when the lambs are ten days or two weeks old. At this age the job is simple and can be done with little risk of serious bleeding and little pain to the lamb.

Zion Chapel News

Little Miss Mary June Guy of Stith spent the week-end with Leta B. Wilborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas of Noodle visited Mr. T. K. Marshall Sunday.

Miss Nina McAninch spent the week-end at her home at Kale. She was accompanied by Miss Ruby Evans.

The wind last Tuesday did considerable damage here, tearing houses off their blocks and blowing down barns and outbuildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Melton and little daughter of Abilene are visiting the former's parents.

Miss Norma Dee Wilborn spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Burley Bonds, of Goodwin.

Several from here attended the plays at Stith last Thursday and Friday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Merritt and little son of Kale were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt.

The Lions club of Anson were guests of the P. T. A. last Friday evening, rendering a nice program.

Our school will be out on next Friday. They will have two evenings of entertainment for the close, the primary department presenting their play on Wednesday evening, May 21,

and the Seniors their play of "Poor Father," on Thursday evening, May 22.

Quite a number from here attended the play at Noodle last Saturday evening.

Lawrence Spurgin, J. E. Touchstone, Ed Lail and Albert Chancey are taking final reviews and exams at Merkel High this month.

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The Merkel Mail

Trent News and Personal Notes

Commencement exercises of the Trent High School are to be held tonight (Thursday) at the High School auditorium. The processional is to be played by Miss Cecil White, while the invocation will be given by Rev. U. S. Sherrill. Velma Rutledge is valedictorian of the class, second honors being awarded to Dollie Walsh, who is to deliver the salutation for the class. Fama Maude Johnson will give the class history and the class prophecy will be read by Zula Bright. The address to the graduating class is to be delivered by W. A. Stephenson of Simmons university. Speaking for the school board, J. Cal Hamner will make a financial report and the benediction is to be given by Walker Steadman.

Misses Ermadan Duncan, Beatrice Burleson and Carl Edwards returned Saturday from a week's visit to Dallas and other points in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens attended the big barbecue at Andrews last week.

Mrs. Charles O'Brian has returned after a five weeks' visit with her mother, who lives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt had as their guests last week Mrs. Perry King and little son of Rule.

Mesdames Holt and King visited in Ballinger the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Stephenville were here Sunday and Monday.

Miss Jean McRee, who has been working in Abilene for sometime, is home for a visit.

Miss Lemoine Lewis was over from Vera Sunday for a visit with Miss Roena Perkins.

Mrs. Wesley Harris and little daughter, Billie Sue, of Seminole returned home Tuesday, being accompanied as far as Big Spring by Mrs. R. B. Johnson, who will visit her brother and son, R. B. Jr.

L. M. Watson of Sweetwater is spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Abilene visited in our city Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jake Roberts, who was operated on last Thursday, is at home and is reported to be doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse and Mrs. John Payne and son, Billie, attended a surprise birthday dinner given in honor of Mrs. C. T. McCormick at her home south of Merkel. The latter was presented with a lovely strand of pearls, a gift from her mother.

Miss Pearl Martin, who has been teaching at Hermleigh, stopped over Monday and Tuesday to visit with friends here en route to her home at Temple.

Mrs. Garnet Bryan had as dinner guests Monday evening Mesdames Reaves and Strawn.

Mrs. Floyd Hutchison, who underwent an operation last Saturday, is reported doing nicely.

H. W. Beckham is back from Lamesa to be with us awhile.

News was received here Sunday that J. F. Bonner of Clyde had died suddenly and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers, accompanied by Mrs. J. I. Leamon, went over to Clyde Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Leamon remained over for the funeral services, which were held at the Baptist church at Clyde, interment being at the Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel. A number of friends from this place attended the funeral.

A number from here attended the funeral of Miss Isabel McAdams at Abilene Monday, among them being

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens, Mrs. Jack Freeman and Mrs. Reuben Reaves. Jack Boone of Memphis visited his mother, Mrs. Annie Boone, the first of the week. He will visit the latter part of the week in Temple.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BONNER.

Dear John is no more,
He has gone where the Angels dwell;
From us his spirit did soar,
"Be comforted," says Jesus, "all is well."

Now with his friends in bright realms above,
No more sorrow, nor grief, nor pain;
In that land, whose name is Love,
We shall meet him again.

He's gone where many, both young and old,
Add to the gems in the Saviour's crown;
Sing anthems of praise, ecstatic with joys,
Clad in shining garments, soft as down.

Dear one, oh, how we miss thee.
Your chair in the home tells us one is gone;
But beautiful thru fate to see
We'll meet again resurrection morn.

Rest on, dear one, thou hast won the day,
Thy life, here so sweet, is blest;
With friends just o'er the way,
Thou art safe at home, sleep on Jesus' breast.

—By a cousin, Mrs. Earl Walker.

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Blair Items

The farmers are taking advantage of the good season and are busy planting their crops.

Arthur Cavette and Baby Wheeler are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Hugh of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore Wednesday.

Marshall Provine has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Gilbertsville, Ky.

Miss Zuma Spears has returned from a pleasant visit with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears, in Wellington.

Miss Olera Wheeler, accompanied by her uncle, has returned from a two weeks' visit in San Angelo.

D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wid Matthews and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Duell McClain and daughter of Nubia dined with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and family and Esel Farmer visited the former's sister, Mrs. N. E. Myers, of Annis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and children and Misses Alice and Hazel Reeves of Merkel visited Sunday in the home of their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and granddaughter, Dorothy, of Trent attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Jacob of Trent visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson Sunday.

Several from Mt. Pleasant attended services at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton and family were over from Caps Sunday to spend the day and Monday with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

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Maude Adams Going To Return to Stage

New York, May 22.—Maude Adams, in retirement for 13 years, is coming back to the American stage, an announcement Thursday said.

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announcement was made by the Erlanger offices.

Miss Adams had become almost a legendary figure since her retirement. She is said to have been living quietly in a midtown apartment, seldom going out and hardly ever to the theatre.

She made her greatest success on the stage in the role of "Peter Pan" and thereafter always had a predilection for Barrie plays.

In 1923 it was announced Miss Adams planned a return to the stage in a revival of "Peter Pan" and other

Barrie plays, but nothing ever came of it.

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