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## NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

Standing Committees of Lions Club Named for Next Six Months; P. W. Campbell Principal Speaker at Luncheon.

That better times are visible on all sides was the thought emphasized by P. W. Campbell of Abilene, traffic manager of the West Texas Utilities company, who was the principal speaker at the Lions club luncheon Tuesday. Al W. Breihan, district superintendent of the utilities company, was among the guests.

"The many new projects now in the air and the many industries now planning expansion, together with the many projects the government is fostering, tell the story of just how leaders in the business and financial world have kept their pledges," the speaker said.

Matt Dillingham, the new president, called the meeting to order and after the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown, and the invocation by Rev. R. Z. Walker, he introduced Ben F. Bird, the toastmaster. The entertainment feature for the luncheon program was furnished by the Merkel Quartette, consisting of C. W. Delmer, C. H. Jones, A. J. Tucker and Ralph Duke, with Mrs. C. W. Delmer as accompanist, one of their song numbers centering in take-offs on the new president, the toastmaster and other members.

The toastmaster pulled a stunt with a daring demonstration of the explosive qualities of nitroglycerin, but, as no one of the Lions nor guests present had any money to lend, he was permitted, even urged on to test his experiment which was concluded with a reverberation like a bombshell.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees for the ensuing six months were appointed by President Matt Dillingham:

Attendance—Ben F. Bird, chairman; H. H. Jenkins, A. T. Sheppard. Membership—E. Yates Brown, chairman; L. B. Scott, W. T. Nichols. Finance—Dee Grimes, chairman; W. O. Boney, Booth Warren.

Civic Improvement—Booth Warren, chairman; C. H. Jones, P. D. Dickinson.

School Affairs—S. D. Gamble, chairman; R. A. Burgess, W. O. Boney.

Fellowship—Rev. R. A. Walker, chairman; B. F. Bird, J. S. Bourn.

Public Health—Dr. L. C. Zehnpfen- (Continued on Page Five.)

## CADE WELL SWABS RATE 146 BARRELS

### YOUNG NOODLE TEACHER DIES

Miss Brooksie Justice, 21, Victim of Pneumonia; Funeral Rites Held Monday.

Funeral rites were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Church of Christ here for Miss Brooksie Justice, 21, who died of pneumonia early Sunday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice, at Noodle, Elder E. B. Wallace of the Noodle Church of Christ, conducted the services, assisted by W. G. Cypert, local minister.

Miss Justice was born at Martinsville, Nacogdoches county, Texas, November 24, 1909. She accepted the Lord as a personal savior at the early age of twelve and immediately thereafter followed him in baptism, thus becoming a member of the Church of Christ. The baptismal ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Eddie Weems of Abilene Christian college.

With her parents she removed to Jones county and settled in the Noodle community in 1924. She attended school there for a time, then later entered Winters high school. After making an enviable record as a student in Winters high school, she graduated there with the class of 1927. Miss Brooksie then entered Abilene Christian college and while there made a host of friends among students and teachers alike.

In the fall of 1929 Miss Justice was employed by Cross Roads High school (located in her home community of Noodle) as teacher of elementary work and director of public school music and physical education. She has attended to the complex duties of this position with an energetic zeal and an earnestness that has endeared her to the hearts of the people of this community.

In November, 1930, the teachers of Jones county recognized the value of her services by unanimously electing her as director of essay writing and placing her on the county executive committee.

Shortly after the beginning of the New Year, Miss Justice was stricken with double pneumonia and after a brief illness of only a few short days passed away in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Miss Brooksie was praised by her (Continued on Page Five.)

### S. C. Yingling et al's Test Adds Production to Noodle Field.

While it was generally estimated, after the showing of oil last week in the S. C. Yingling et al Cade No. 1 in the Noodle Dome field, that the production would be at least 100 barrels daily, a swabbing test covering 12 hours from midnight Monday until noon Tuesday yielded 73 barrels. This equals 146 barrels on the full 24-hour basis, which proves the well a better producer than first estimated.

Two Merkel men, Tom Largent and Cecil Guthrie, were largely instrumental in the promotion of this test, which is on the Phillips lease and is about one-half mile northwest of the Noodle Dome field.

Two offsets are to be started at an early date, one on the J. A. Williams' tract, east of the Cade, and the other on the east 80 acres of the E. D. Coates 160-acre tract.

### Penalty for Street Tax Starts on Feb. 1

Only a few days remain in which the citizens of Merkel may pay their street tax without penalty. Up to the end of this month, the tax is only \$3.00 per man, while after Feb. 1st tax penalty goes on and makes it \$5.00 or five days work on the streets. Those who have not already paid are requested by City Marshal Dickinson to do so at once and avoid the penalty.

### Accepts Position at Louisiana Capitol

Miss Maggie King, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, is leaving this week for Baton Rouge, La., where she has accepted a position at the Louisiana state Capitol. Her mother is a first cousin of Governor Huey P. Long of that state.

Miss King, while residing at Brady, served as deputy county clerk of McCulloch county for four years, thereby acquiring considerable experience in courthouse matters. She is said to be an accurate and efficient typist as well as having considerable executive ability and friends predict that she will fill her new position in the neighboring state's capitol with much credit.

### Program Announced Odd Fellows Meeting

When the Odd Fellows meet next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, all ex-members are especially urged to be present, as the meeting will be of particular interest to them.

A delightful program of music and speeches has been arranged as follows:

The singing of the Ode will be followed by prayer by the chaplain as the opening features. Other numbers in the order they will be given are: music, by string band, address by T. F. Lassater, past grand, stating the object of the meeting, music, welcome address by H. M. Rainbolt, talk by Rev. R. A. Walker, music, talk by Ray Rector of Stamford, grand master, music, round table talks by members, closing with the ode and prayer.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crisp, Saturday, January 17, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. George Francis West, Monday, Jan. 19, 1931.

Boy, named Ralph Ray, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray Miller, Thursday, January 22, 1931.

### Favorable Reports Received.

Friends will be glad to learn of the generally favorable condition of Mrs. George T. Moore following a major operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Tuesday of this week.

### Another Quarter Inch Rain.

The third week in the month kept up the record of a little rainfall each week, the precipitation last Friday and Saturday night amounting to about one-fourth of an inch. This makes the total rainfall since the first of the year three-fourths of an inch, but every drop of it, it might be said, has soaked into the ground and results have been most beneficial.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

F. L. Andrews of Hyman, near Colorado, lost the sight of one eye as a result of running into a mesquite bush on his farm, a thorn penetrating the eyeball.

The railroad commission Tuesday reduced the rate on crude petroleum from Trent to Big Spring to 8 cents and that from Bryson to Wichita Falls to 9 cents.

James Taylor Huffmaster, 88, Confederate veteran, pioneer Galveston business man and author of numerous hymns and religious poems, died at his home in Galveston Sunday.

In Saturday's election Scurry county voters rejected a proposed bond issue of \$500,000 to finance surfacing of three state highways traversing the county and the improvement of lateral roads.

Mrs. Jane McCallum of Austin was retained by Governor Sterling as secretary of state and Capt. W. W. Sterling, ranger captain at Falfurrias, was made adjutant general by the new governor.

The barking of a dog was credited with saving five lives when the country home of A. C. Erwin, near Corpus Christi, burned and members of the family escaped when awakened by the dog.

A total of 1,248,485 pelts of furbearing animals, valued at about \$3,000,000, were taken by Texas trappers during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1930, according to a report issued by the Texas game commission.

J. R. Leverett, 50, married and with a family living at Brady, was killed when cottonseed in a seed house where he was working caved in on him and he was not found until about 30 minutes after he had started to work.

Proposal to divide Texas into 16 athletic districts, offered by Roy E. Henderson of the Interscholastic league, has met the approval of an executive committee of the Texas High School Football Coaches association.

Robert Hill, who was sentenced as a member of the Santa Claus bandit gang that robbed the Cisco National bank Christmas Eve, 1927, and who escaped from the Wynn prison farm in 1929, was re-arrested at El Paso as he was trying to cross the border.

Sentence of one year in the county jail and a fine of \$50, imposed upon D. W. Denney, former city marshal of Merkel, convicted of aggravated assault by a jury in the 104th district court July 9, last year, was affirmed Wednesday by the court of criminal appeals at Austin.

Four of the six men who escaped from the Bell county jail at Belton early Tuesday morning by sawing their way through both the inner and outer bars of the jail cells, were recaptured in Temple before noon Wednesday, the other two remaining at liberty at last report.

T. E. Johnson, 95, who as a Confederate soldier was present when General Stonewall Jackson was fatally shot at the battle of Chancellorsville and who helped survey the site of the city of Cisco when it was organized, died peacefully in his sleep at his home at Cisco Friday morning.

Two children, ages 2 and 1, respectively, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham of Beaumont, were burned to death when their one room home was destroyed by fire at Vidor, six miles east of Beaumont, their bodies being found in the ashes after the house had burned to the ground.

At a purchase price, which was identical with the figure accompanying the league franchise which Waco purchased from Galveston in 1925, the franchise of the Waco, Texas league baseball club was sold back to Shearn Moody, Galveston capitalist, for a consideration of \$233,500.

While friends mourned at the bier of Mrs. Georgia Ayala and prepared to lower her body into a grave at a San Antonio cemetery, burglars were breaking into the small residence of the dead woman, removing most of her earthly belongings, including a sewing machine, an electric fan, a clock, a mattress and all her clothing.

Within a half mile of warmth and safety, the lifeless body of L. Herbert Quinn, 32, publisher of the Avalanche Journal, Lubbock, who had been missing since Sunday when he went for aid after the auto party he was with became stranded in the sands in Yoakum county, was found late Tuesday along a fence on a ranch about 75 miles southwest of Lubbock.

## FROM FARM BOY TO GOVERNOR'S MANSION JUST LIKE FICTION

### FARM LOAN PLAN GETS UNDER WAY

Details Are Outlined at Abilene Meeting by Drouth Relief Chairman.

Now that the president has signed the \$45,000,000 relief bill, passed by congress, active steps are being taken to make this fund available to the farmers in the drouth-stricken areas. To this end a meeting was held in Abilene Thursday morning, at which O. B. Martin, chairman of Governor Moody's state drouth relief committee, presided.

Several from Merkel expected to attend the meeting at Abilene, among them being R. O. Anderson, C. M. Largent, Sam Swann, J. T. Warren, Booth Warren and T. G. Bragg. J. T. Warren is a member of the Taylor county drouth relief committee.

\$3,750,000 of the appropriation has been allotted to the 32 West Texas counties, previously designated for relief, and the method of procedure was to be explained at this meeting. (The Mail regrets that details were not available for publication in this issue of the paper.)

He was accompanied to Abilene from Post, where he spoke Wednesday, by S. C. Evans, farm agent, and Miss Myrtle Murray, home demonstration agent of district number 2. T. B. Wood and Miss Helen Swift, agents of district number 3, also came to Abilene to attend the meeting. Misses Swift and Murray will represent the women's interests in the discussions. Several other county agents, from this territory were expected.

### SET-UP IN AREA.

The set-up in the 32 counties certified by the secretary of agriculture as entitled to share in the \$45,000,000 federal loan fund for seed, feed, fertilizer and oil was made by the West Texas chamber of commerce whose manager, D. A. Banndeen, is chairman of the executive committee of Governor Moody's state committee. In each of the counties a committee of three has been appointed—a banker, business man and farmer not eligible to a federal loan. These committees will handle details of loan applications, assisted by county agents.

The Taylor county committee to handle details on disbursement are J. E. Kendall, farmer, J. O. Shelton, banker, and C. W. Bacon, business man.

### Ross Sterling Inaugurated As Governor of Lone Star State Tuesday Before Large Assembly of Friends.

Austin, Jan. 22.—Ross S. Sterling of Houston, wealthy newspaper publisher, builder and former oil man, Tuesday became Governor Sterling, chief executive of Texas.

As if the fates which had aided him to rise from a barefoot farmer boy to his present position of wealth and power were still with him, the weather was ideal for the inauguration ceremony. The exercises were held on an improvised platform in front of the capitol, before and around which 10,000 or more of Mr. Sterling's admirers crowded.

Governor Sterling was introduced by Dan Moody, the retiring governor, who was inaugurated on the same spot four years ago. The oath was administered at 12:20 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by C. M. Cureton, chief justice of the supreme court. A few minutes earlier Judge Cureton had administered the oath to Eggar E. Witt of Waco, new lieutenant governor.

### TWO FORMER GOVERNORS.

Two former governors, W. P. Hobby, who is associated with Governor Sterling on the Houston Post-Dispatch, and Pat M. Neff, at present chairman of the railroad commission, were on the platform. The Republic of Germany was represented by Captain Gard Von Massow.

Three uniformed bands were massed in front of the platform. They represented the Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston, of which Governor Sterling has been a member for many years, the University of Texas and Texas A. and M. Seats were reserved for members of the legislature, their wives and guests, state officials with their wives and guests, and the guests of Governor Sterling and former Governor Moody.

The band struck up appropriate music from time to time. After Sterling had delivered his inaugural address the musical organizations played "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You," "Texas, My Texas," the official state song, and "The Star Spangled Banner," were their musical offerings.

### STERLING TAKES OATH.

As Mr. Sterling finished repeating the oath of office, the governor's salute of 17 guns boomed from a cannon on capitol hill.

In administering the oaths to Governor Sterling and Lieutenant Governor (Continued on Page Five.)

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 27, 1911.)

Harry H. Hamm has returned to his work in Pecos after quite an extended visit with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Gentry are in Temple, entertaining a new daughter, Frances Jane, since Jan. 18, 1911.

Dr. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth is looking after business here this week.

Lester Ellis and Claude Comegys were business visitors to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Laverna Swafford has as her guest her friend, Miss Mae Wilson, of Abilene.

Barney Garrett has returned to his home in this city after an absence of six or seven months. Barney has been with some manufacturing company and has visited Mississippi, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Alabama, Oklahoma and a few other states.

Mrs. Jno. Eoff left for a visit the latter part of the week with relatives at Winters.

Tuesday evening a crowd of merry young folks met at the home of Miss Maggie Roberts and enjoyed a candy pulling. Among those present were Misses Inez Sharp, Ezma Allday, Dethel Jenkins, Maude and Minnie Ferguson, Euphia Cypert, Erna Alsobrook, Clara and Fannie Moore, Messrs. Parker and Roscoe Sharp and Tyre Sublett.

### PINK TEA.

Friday, Jan. 13, the Methodist Philatheans entertained their many friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams on North Front street. This lovely home was turned into a pink flower garden. All the rooms downstairs were thrown together and artistically decorated and at the appointed hour thirteen bright and happy misses all in pink with their teacher, Mrs. G. H. Adams, were present to welcome guests to drink tea and enjoy a well arranged program. Vocal solos were rendered by Misses Zora West, Leno Largent, Clara and Murtice Saffles. Readings were given by Misses Mary Lee Hicks and Eleanor Daniels and piano selections by Misses Fanny Burroughs, Dethel Jenkins and Mamie Heizer. After the program refreshments were served and pink tea pots were given to the guests as souvenirs. The personnel of the class: Misses Faye Lowery, Annie Smith, Eunice Nisbitt, Fanny Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Sudie Hogue, Leola Coats, Pet Sears, Laverna Swafford, Virginia Hamblet, Beulah Talley, Jennie Pope and Jennie Brown.

Miss Lelia M. Nisbitt, one of our popular teachers, was surprised last Friday morning by a number of her pupils when they gave her a fruit-shower or pounding. The same was greatly appreciated by the teacher and the following pupils who contributed: Misses Mamie Ellis, Eva Calvert, Nell Tracy, Roxie Moon, Dorothy Lee Potter, Genevieve Rust and Zora West.



"SEE HOW WRONG YOU'VE BEEN."

In England I talked with some celebrated economists, who were very gloomy. They said the fundamental trouble with the world goes deeper than war debts or unemployment. It is the shortage of gold.

Gold is the measure of all values. When the gold dollars are few each dollar buys more wheat and copper and cotton and labor. So the price of all these commodities goes down, ruining the producers in the process. If the shortage becomes much more acute, so these wise men argued, it will overturn all wage scales and debt settlements, and result in economic chaos.

As I know nothing about economics (and, between ourselves, I often wonder whether the economists know very much), this scared me.

The next day I was talking with Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, who was in London as one of the delegates to the Naval Conference. I told him what I had heard.

Instead of replying directly, he took down from the mantle-piece a copy of the autobiography of Lord Comer, and turned to a passage which read something like this:

"When I was a young man I proposed to keep a diary, but wise old uncle advised against it. Instead of recording what had happened, he said, I could employ my time more profitably by writing down on a piece of paper what I felt sure was going to happen. Then, he said, 'Put those notes away, and a year or five years later get them out and read them over, and see how wrong you have been. This will teach you to be cautious.'"

What shrewd advice that is! All of us could profit by it. I know that if I had written down my own private forecast at the beginning of each year and filed it away it would have saved me from making a number of costly mistakes.

Also, the record would make rather encouraging reading. It would (Continued on Page Two.)

### West Texas Cotton And Grain Prospects "Unusually Good"

Abilene, Jan. 22.—Prospects for West Texas' 1931 grain and cotton crops are unusually good, according to the findings of a recent business conditions survey conducted by the West Texas Utilities company and released from its general offices here.

The West Texas Utilities company serves a territory comprising forty-eight counties, and the survey covered crop conditions and expectations over a section of approximately 45,000 square miles in area.

The company's report says: "Due to the abundant moisture precipitated during the past three months, indications of an unusually large grain crop have been reported from all sections of the properties, and pasturage is in the best condition reported in years."

"It is yet too early to estimate the percentage of increase in grain production, but the acreage planted totals approximately double that ever sowed before."

"At the present time, farmers are optimistic over cotton prospects for 1931—the final result depending in a large measure on spring rains. An encouraging aspect is the fact that there is now enough moisture in the top and sub-soils to assure good cotton production even though spring and summer rains are light."

The report on general trade and collections is not as favorable as the crop indication, yet without exception all sections of the territory look forward to improved business and collections within the next four to five months.

Several important construction and development projects are being carried forward at the present time, and leading industries throughout West Tex-

as anticipate increased activity in the near future.

The company's report concludes: "Conditions will not be fundamentally sound until a good crop has been harvested and sold. At the present time, it looks as though 1931 will be a good year for cotton, feed, livestock, and especially for small grains."

### Great Film Pair's Greatest Success

With the screen's most popular sweetheart team, Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in the starring roles, under the able and inspirational direction of Hollywood's ace, Raoul Walsh, patrons of the Palace Theatre, Sweetwater, will get the dramatic treat of their lives Sunday and Monday seeing and hearing the Fox Movietone production, "The Man Who Came Back."

Miss Gaynor and Farrell, both came to the screen via the "extra and bit part" route, and climbed to stardom together in such outstanding pictures as "7th Heaven," "Street Angel," "Sunny Side Up" and "High Society Blues."

In "The Man Who Came Back" Miss Gaynor and Farrell have the strongest roles of their meteoric careers, Farrell essaying the young ne'er-do-well who travels the downward

path to degradation, with little Janet enacting the girl who inspires and helps him in his climb back to society and decency.

The supporting cast includes Kenneth MacKenna, William Roiden, Mary Forbes and Uirich Haupt. The settings were created by the noted scenic artist, Joseph Urban.

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Mrs. J. C. Best, residing at 12 West 5th Street, San Angelo, and employed by the Rainbow Hotel, made this remarkable statement to the Orgatone (Argotane) representative a few days ago:

"I suffered from stomach trouble, indigestion and gas on my stomach for six years. I was also troubled with kidney trouble, had a lazy liver, and was continually constipated and had to take strong laxatives all the time. My general condition was very much rundown. I had lost my energy and always felt fatigued and worn out. My appetite got so it was very poor and I could not always eat the things, I wanted, if I did I always suffered with gas pains and bloating spells. I was restless at nights and could never get a good night's rest. I heard so much about Orgatone (Argotane) and read so much about it in the local papers I decided to try it."

"I feel like a new woman now." After the first few doses my stomach eased so I could eat without suffering any afterwards and I began to feel better every day. I am able to sleep in peace once more for I sure get a good night's rest now. I have just finished my first bottle and I can truthfully say I am feeling one hundred per cent better and I feel like life is worth living again. Those terrible indigestion and gas pains have left me. I am no longer constipated for Orgatone (Argotane) has relieved this. It has helped my kidney trouble and taken care of my general rundown condition and is in fine shape. It didn't take me long to see that Orgatone (Argotane) was the right medicine and was just the thing I had been looking for all the time and I always pass the good word on and let others know what Orgatone (Argotane) will do."

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12:33 PM	Lv. Eastland	Ar. 9:05 AM	1:27 PM
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# My Best Girl

By  
KATHLEEN NORRIS



FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

Maggie Johnson, whose father is a letter-carrier, is the domestic drudge of the humble home where her mother does little except bemoan the fact that she has "seen better days" and her sister Liz, who works in a beauty shop, lies abed late. Maggie has to get the family breakfast before she starts out to her job in the Five-and-Ten-Cent Store.

There's a new boy at the Five-and-Ten, Joe Grant. He tells Maggie that he has been assigned to work as her helper in the stock room. He seems rather dumb, but Maggie helps him through his first day at the store and shares her lunch with him in a cubbyhole of a place that belongs to a mattress factory next door to the Five-and-Ten.

They are looking over some cheap picture cards. One of them has a motto that strikes Maggie's fancy. "The way to begin the ideal life is to begin." She and Joe talk about that and Joe is surprised that the girl has higher standards than he had suspected. When he goes home that night he is thinking about Maggie. And his home is the home of the owner of the Mack Five-and-Ten-Cent Stores, though Maggie does not suspect that he is the boss' son.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

"What—with Uncle Tom?"

"With Uncle Nobody! It's a sort of—or underworld investigation. I got it on my own book."

"Well, but that's nonsense," the woman said after a pause, somewhat at a loss. "Your father won't permit you for one instant to give up college and work! He—"

"My father told me he wasn't going to back me financially any more," Joe interrupted hotly. "Meanwhile, I'm done with college and I'm working, and he can make what he likes of it!"

"Why, he'll not endure it one instant!" the woman said. "Meanwhile, aren't you going to the Russells? It's Millicent's coming-out party—she'll certainly expect you!"

"I think I'll let Millicent cry herself to sleep, to-night," the boy said lazily. "My job has sapped my energies—what with cologne and postcards and tinsel and vegetable knives."

"What are you talking about!" "Nothing. Nothing. But I'm a working-man now, no time for frivolities. Leave me be, Mother. I'm dead." There was a silence. The woman sat puzzled and disapproving, thinking.

"Listen, Joe. You do like Millicent, don't you? She's such a dear little thing," his mother presently began sentimentally, "and she likes you so much!"

"Give her my love and tell her I'm trying to get together enough money for our little nest," said Joe. "I'll see her at the club to-morrow, anyway—she always plays golf Sunday mornings."

"I don't understand you, Joe," his mother said in cold disapproval. "You went out of the house yesterday morning wild because your father had said he'd take you out of college if this spending of money went on. Now, you say you've got a job and don't want to go!"

"I'm reformed!" Joe said jocosely. "The old man called me names this morning. It's just possible—if it's just possible that some day I'll have the laugh on the old man!"

"I wish you'd stop talking nonsense, and follow me over to the Russells," his mother said impatiently. "I don't know what they'll think if you don't come."

"Tell them I've had a change of

heart—I've got religion," Joe said indifferently. "Tell them that the way to begin living the ideal life is to begin."

"To begin what?" sharply asked Lillian Spencer Merrill, wife of the owner of the Mack Merrill Chain Stores.

"Just that, darling. The way to begin living the ideal life is—to begin," said Joseph Grant Mackenzie Merrill mildly.

Mrs. Johnson, born Petheridge, cherished in herself, and planted in her daughters, an unbounded sense of righteous pride. The Johnsons had no pride, and no particular cause for pride, she said.

But the Petheridges, and their collateral lines of Larkins and Lawrences! Ma told them thrilling tales of Gran'ma Larkin's sampler, hung above the Ptheridge's home "down South," and about the Johnny Yanks mashing up all Gran'ma Larkin's cut glass, and about the slaves—hundreds of them, thousands of them, all singing and dancing and happy, and not any more wanting to be freed than so many irresponsible sparrows!

Pop, meanwhile, miserably represented not only the low-down Johnsons, but the entire ranks of the Johnny Yanks as well. He would cringe while Ma was enlarging upon this topic, and nervously clear his throat. And whenever he spoke of Vermont families, Ma said with her rich, unctuous laugh, "Makin' wooden nutmegs, I suppose?" and the girls had to laugh, too.

Not that Maggie was not loyal to her father; she had no heart in the laughter Ma so often directed against him. But it was simpler all around to laugh.

No use going against that particular current, there were too many others to struggle with, if one were to struggle at all!

Often, when Maggie and her father were alone, he would give her a fainter idea of the cause.

"You see, dearie," Len would explain in his mild, uncomplaining voice, "Ma's just quotin' things she heard when she was a little girl. She never saw your great-grandmother's house, with those samplers and things. Your mother can't remember nothing about slaves and all that. I don't know as her folks ever had slaves, anyway. They lived right in East St. Louis, and they had a drug store—I don't know just what they would have done with slaves!"

Sometimes, Pa would ramble on to the other side of the ancestral picture, to his own boyhood on a Vermont farm.

"I surely would like you to see the place some day, Maggie. There was eight of us boys and my sister Margaret—you're named for her and for my mother, too. There's some of them there still I daresay—I haven't heard for twenty years. You'd like your grandmother's kitchen—winter or summer, that was the place us boys liked to be! I remember when a big storm would be comin' up—trees bendin' over, and planks rattlin' in the yard, and the old well-sweep creakin'—how we loved the kitchen then! There was a big open fireplace one side, but she had her range built right across it, and there wasn't never a drop of anythin' spilled on that range—she kep' it like black glass."

"Oh, Pop! But why did you ever come away?"

"I d'no, Maggie. Jest got restless, I guess."

"Look here, Pop. If my grandmother Johnson had nine children and no servants, how could she manage to keep the place so clean, and the

stove shining so, and everything! Me says that no lady ought ever to do her own work, and she says it can't be done!"

"Well, maybe your grandmother Johnson wasn't a lady, Maggie."

"Pop, do you think there's any hope I'm not a lady? Not like my grandmother Petheridge, I mean? Because," Maggie would rush on eagerly, "I'd love to have my kitchen always clean and orderly, and pies cooling on the windowsill, and jam all put up, and me in a nice clean gingham dress—and a big stiff white apron, sitting down on the side porch, rocking, like you said Gran'ma Johnson always did! And I'd like to believe in all those newspaper budgets, and system, and having a regular hour for everything," Maggie would conclude, expectant eyes on his face.

"Well—I don't know, dearie. Your mother hasn't real good health, you know. And your sister has to keep her hands nice."

"And then, of course, we're poor folks, Maggie. When you have to do without, things—"

"Pop, we're not poor! Why, you and I—make more than two hundred a month, Pa. And there's budgets as low as one hundred!"

"Two hundred a month for four folks ain't much in these days, Maggie, when everything's gone up so high!" It was the automatic protest.

"But, Pop—those budgets, and the lists the government sends out, and the newspapers and the magazines know how things have gone up, don't they?"

"Dearie, your Pop ain't much on mathematics," Len would say, passing a weary hand over his troubled forehead, shaking his meek, gray little head.

Ma, approached on the subject of household reform, had much to say and very, very little to do.

"When I and your pop was married, beef was fifteen cents a pound! I remember that, because I said to the butcher, 'Ain't that a lot?' I wasn't nothin' but an innocent child—I'd never done any work with my own hands before. 'Keep them little hands like flowers!' our old doctor, Dr. Lovejoy, use' to say. He was a Southerner, too—"

Maggie only listened respectfully, feeling that if beef would only go down to fifteen cents a pound again, everything might yet be well. Meanwhile, the kitchen grew shabbier and shabbier, and water and grease and ashes darkened the chipped floor, and the plates were piled in the sink, and the faucets dripped on them unavailingly.

She had found room for the ideal leaflet that Joe had given her on the crowded shelf above the sink, and sometimes she looked up from the dispan at it, with ordering eyes. "The way to begin living the ideal life is—to begin."

Her mother said it didn't seem to her to make sense. Elizabeth read it once, suspiciously, and then forgot all about it. But Len and Maggie discussed it more than once, in some bewilderment. Len said frankly that he didn't "get it."

There was no hot water, and nobody in the world could wash the plates after a lamb stew dinner in cold. She piled them and scraped them while she waited for some water to boil.

"Maggie! This was her mother, from bed. 'Liz go out!'"

"Ten minutes ago, Ma."

"Well, here's all there is to it," said Mrs. Johnson. "I'm at the end of my green, and I can't do no more leaves until I get some. I guess you're tired, ain't you?"

"Not so very."

"You'll have to get the money from

your father, Maggie!"

"Pop, have you thirty cents?"

"I guess so." He counted it out—dimes, pennies.

"Will two be enough, Ma?"

"How much did your father give you? Thirty cents—yes, that'll be enough, but I would like to know what Len Johnson does with his money! Shut that door!"

Dishes waiting, kettle so slow to heat, crumbs on the floor, batter spilled and dried on the stove, the red tablecloth rumped, the sugar bowl upset, dish towels stiff with grease and water—no matter, the inspiration of it went before her like a banner, as she ran down the dark street.

"The way to begin living the ideal life is—to begin."

"Joe," Maggie asked, a day or two later, "how could you live the ideal life if nothin' in your life was ideal?" "Ah, there's the catch!" Joe answered affrily.

"The meaning of that ideal life thing, is this: You're—you're all in your own mind, do you see? What you have doesn't matter. What you think, is this: You're—you're all in—and what bunk it all is!" he added sneeringly to himself. "Do you get me?" he asked aloud.

She did not get him at all, but she nodded.

"You must make everything beautiful in your life," Joe said, encouraged by her attention. "An old plate, for instance, an old stain on the wall. Why, Maggie, the museums of Europe are full of them—old plates and ragged clothes and worn-out rugs and water stains, and everyone thinks they're beautiful! The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, for instance. Did you ever hear of that?"

"Michelangelo did it," Maggie said, nodding.

"And how did you know that?"

"Oh, we had it in school, an' then we have 'em here, among the fifteen-cent classic coloured reproductions," Maggie replied.

"Well, all those old pictures are dirty and worn, mouldering away—all the old palaces are, lots of the books, all the furniture—and yet persons swarm over there every year and admire them," said Joe. "Now, the point is, suppose you had to live with a lot of rotting furniture, and chipped plates, and you just said to yourself: 'These are beautiful and valuable relics—'"

"You mean that cups an' chairs an' being poor an' tired really have nothin' to do with the way you live?" she asked, coming nearer to it than he had, as he recognized somewhat to his surprise.

"You've got it," he said.

There was vision in her uplifted eyes, as if the walls of the mattress factory, where they were sitting, had faded away, and new dreams of beauty and fitness and purity had risen before her inner sight.

"Joe, nothing could stop that if you once got it!" she said in a whisper. And then, half to herself, "I can't wait to get home and begin!" And after a while she said wistfully: "Joe, I wish I knew as much as you know." (Continued Next Week.)

NOTICE.

To lot owners of Rose Hill cemetery that have loved ones sleeping there: After every rain you will find some graves sunk in. I am here to keep your lots clean and graves filled up, but cannot work for nothing. See me. J. H. Witcher, Sexton.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

The long-debated report of the Wickersham commission, broadly upholding constitutional prohibition, but leaving the door ajar for basic revision, was sent to congress Tuesday by President Hoover. As briefly summarized, the report has the following salient points, although each member of the commission submitted an individual report of opinion and recommendation:

The commission is opposed to repeal of the 18th amendment.

The commission is opposed to the restoration in any manner of the legalized saloon.

The commission is of the opinion that there is yet no adequate observance or enforcement.

The commission is of opinion that the present organization for enforcement is still inadequate.

It remains to be seen if the report of the Wickersham commission is of any particular value. As the writer sees it, the weakness of the present enforcement machinery lies in the inequality of enforcement. As far as the public is concerned, the 18th amendment has proved to be only class legislation. The committee recognizes this in an inconspicuous paragraph of their report:

"It is evident," the commission said, "that taking the country as a whole people of wealth, business and professional men, and their families, and perhaps the higher paid working men and their families, are drinking in large numbers in quite frank disregard of the declared policy of the national prohibition act."

But any recommendation as to how the government enforcement units are to arrest this disregard by the classes cited, while the great majority, the masses of the people, are observing the constitutional inhibition, is lacking in the report.

It's up to the president or another commission to provide ways, means and men for uniform enforcement of the 18th amendment.

**COTTON ACREAGE CUT.**

News dispatches in the daily papers Sunday carried an epochal statement as to reduction of cotton acreage in Coleman county for 1931.

While in years gone by the Coleman county farmer has listened to arguments in newspapers and farm journals and from the pens and tongues of experienced students and observers and then proceeded to plant all the cotton his land would stand, it is reported that the acreage in that county this year will be cut at least 50 per cent and perhaps more.

How many counties in the Lone Star state can boast of any material reduction in cotton acreage?

**A RETURN TO THE CONVENTION FORM.**

W. N. Waddell of Fort Worth is chairman of the Texas Public Relations committee, which embraces some 50-odd prominent Texans in its membership and the purpose of which is to have the state election laws changed to permit a return to the convention plan of nominating state officers and United States senators and congressmen.

The modified convention plan, as proposed by this committee, would provide for placing two convention nominees on the ballot, subject to approval at a single primary, eliminating the expense and trouble of two primaries. The advocates of the plan also claim that this would make available for high public office "only men of the highest qualifications and ability."

There are many thousands in Texas who see no advantage in the primary election law in so far as the election of state officers is concerned, because in actual practice no candidate receives the endorsement of a clear majority of the people, who are left after all to choose between the two high men in the run-off primary.

It's worth looking into—some method to simplify the election of our state officers and to eliminate the expense which attaches to campaigns for state offices.

Texas has the deepest producing oil wells in the world—in the Big Lake district of Reagan county, No. 3-C produced oil at 8,500 feet and gas at 8,892 feet, while No. 4-C at 8,697 feet is the largest producer, initial production being 2,728 barrels of oil and 56,268,000 cubic feet of gas.—Author-ity: Texas University Bureau of Economic Geology.

**CHURCHES**

**WEEKLY SERMONETTE.**

An appeal for a revival of old-fashioned religion "that will cast out all hate, cure all selfishness, rebuild family altars, unite all enemies—one that will send men back to the Bible, back to their knees and back to God," was made in a discussion of "The Greatest Need of Merkel at This Hour," by Rev. J. T. King as his sermon theme recently. This sermon is reproduced herewith as the weekly sermonette for readers of The Mail.

"MERKEL'S GREATEST NEED."  
"Love your enemies." (Matthew 5:44.)

My subject is taken from that great Sermon on the Mount. This sermon is 1900 years old. It stands out among all other gospel sermons as Pike's Peak stands among common hills. This sermon was preached by Jesus Himself; so in it we have Christ's own words and commands first hand. Some say it is impossible to live up to the thing that Jesus commands of us in this Sermon on the Mount. If that be true, pick them out and state what they are, for these words were spoken to his disciples and they apply to disciples of all generations. This Sermon on the Mount applied to our lives will cause us to live like Christians ought to live and like God intends for us to live.

The reason I am preaching from this text is because Merkel needs this sermon at this hour. I honestly and sincerely believe we have as good a little town to live in as you will find in Texas. Good water, good schools and good churches, our city has a citizenship, made up of that fine southern and western people; folks that have not forgotten the virtue and kindness of hospitality. Merkel is like all other good towns; it has its hindrances and its handicaps. So the towns have one thing and some another that hinders their progress. Just like individuals, they are not all alike.

I. Merkel's greatest need is to overcome "factionalism." Let's stamp it out. Factionalism is caused by hate. It's in city, county and churches. If there is anything under the shining stars I detest, it is factionalism. It is the most damnable curse that Satan ever thrust into the human race. Hatred will mar a life, ruin a city and damn a soul. The first murder was caused by hate. Herrin, Ill., gave the world a demonstration of what hate and factionalism will do and a little lay evangelist, Howard S. Williams, was called of God to carry the Sermon on the Mount to that strife-torn, bleeding city. There is a remedy for hate and God has that remedy. It is "Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you. Do good to them that hate you. Do pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." That's Merkel's need.

II. First some things that make enemies. Jesus recognized the fact that we will have enemies. He had them and He was a perfect man. Many people unnecessarily make enemies. I am going to give some of the reasons. First, some do not care whether people like them or not. Now, if there is no desire in our hearts to have people like us, it is pretty certain they won't. I earnestly crave the love of the worst that I might help them to God. One charge the Pharisees made against Jesus was He ate with publicans and sinners. A second reason for making enemies is selfishness. People who live only for self, with no consideration for others, will make enemies. A third reason for making enemies is to make extravagant statements about others. People will say things about others when they do not know whether it is true or not. Oh, how many enemies have been made, how many lives ruined, how many conflicts have been staged by the gossipers? Then there is the worst cause of all for making enemies and that is not considering others.

III. People's opinions. It is said that no two people in the world are exactly alike. If that is true, they do not see and think alike. Be that as it may, every person living has a right to his own opinion as far as other people are concerned. This is true in regard to politics, religion, secret orders or anything else. I did not vote for Ferguson nor Al Smith, but had no right to abuse them that did. A man said "I have no use for him who votes for such people." That is a perfect way to make enemies. Then there comes the question of religion. We have in America 57 varieties of religion. This is caused by heredity, training, environment and the devil. Jesus never rebuked a man for his religious belief. He did rebuke the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy. John said "Master, we saw one casting out dev-

ils in Thy name and we forbade him?" Jesus said "Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is for us." All are not going to work together.

I have given you the reasons why enemies are made. Now, I want to, God being my helper, give the remedy for correcting this wrong. There is only one remedy; thank God it is an all-sufficient remedy. That remedy is "Love your enemies." That's Merkel's need. That will cure all the ills, cast out all hate. Jesus hated no man, but hated sin and the devil.

There is a reason why we should love our enemies. What's the reason? It is because of Christ's attitude toward us. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Yes, while we were sinners in open rebellion against Christ and enemies against God, Christ came for us. He not only died for us, but suffered for wrongs we committed and still remains our best friend.

And at this very hour when we do wrong Christ intercedes for us at the right hand of God. And then to think we hate our enemies. "It's not right." Let me illustrate God's love for us. A father locked up his little son in a dark attic, but the father went up into the attic with the son and lay down beside him and shared the loneliness and darkness with him. That's God's attitude toward us, when we wrong Him. Why not let that be our attitude toward our enemies, when they wrong us?

Just a word about the blessing that comes from loving our enemies. "Love suffereth long and is kind, love envieth not, it is not puffed up." Hate will damn you, hate will send your children to hell. Hate is little, it's cowardly, it's selfish and inconsiderate. Place yourself in your enemies' place, with the same disposition he has, with the same training and environment, what would you do?

Loving your enemies will bless the world because it reveals something the world hasn't got. Deacon Stephen, dying from stones thrown by his bitterest enemies, looked up and smiled and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." That spirit of love and forgiveness broke the sinful heart of Paul and gave to the world its greatest preacher and apostle of all time.

What's Merkel's greatest need? A revival of old-fashioned religion. That will cast out all hate, cure all selfishness, rebuild family altars, unite all enemies—one that will send men back to the Bible, back to their knees and back to God—that's Merkel's need.

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance and interest fine last Sunday. If you were not present, we shall be glad to have you with us next Sunday. There will not be a preaching service next Sunday as the pastor will be at Baird. But beginning at 7 p. m. the Salt Branch Singers will have a song service. You are invited to hear them.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of the New Year that was not rainy and the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel approached 700, the exact number present being 695. The attendance by Sunday Schools was: Methodist, 277; Baptist, 255; Presbyterian, 80; Church of Christ, 53, and Nazarene, 30.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

Roy Harrell is to be the leader of the Men's Prayer Service to be held at the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The lesson will be the fourth chapter of Hebrews. Last Sunday L. L. Murray served as leader in the absence of T. E. Landreth, the meeting having been held at the Methodist church.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district, will preach here next Sunday morning.

The Western Union Leaguers met here last Monday evening with more than two hundred in attendance. The program was excellent and the games were enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held next month at Tuscola.

The annual Missionary Institute of this district was held at Abilene Jan. 22nd, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. It was attended by the ministers and laymen of the district and some of the most able speakers of Southern Methodism appeared on the program.

The ushers and their wives were

entertained at the pastors home Tuesday evening.

The Gleaners class, the King's Daughters class and the Womans Missionary society combined their efforts and placed a living room suite of the first order in the parsonage this week. Everybody has become "all smiles and all thankfulness"—special reference is made to those inhabiting the parsonage.

**HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.**

Leader, Wanda Hunter.  
Song, page 169.  
Song, page 148.

Bible Reading—Luke 10:1-9 and Matthew 10:5-8, by Imogene Middleton.

Song, page 149.  
Poem, Opal Buzbee.  
Prayer, Lois Whiteley.

"A talk on Africa," Lucille Campbell.

"Talk on China," Helen Yeats.  
"Statements on Missionary Work," Cullen Tittle.

"Talk on Korea," Waymond Richards.

"Mercy of Missionary Medicine," Jack Patterson.

"Talk on United States," Milton Shannon.

"Talk on Mexico," Mildred Clark.  
Piano special, Duncan Briggs.  
League benediction.  
League starts at 6 o'clock.

**SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.**

Leader, Tracy Campbell.  
Topic: "The Church Engaged in Healing."

Scripture—Luke 10:19; Matthew 10:5-8.

Sentence prayer.  
Recitation, Orpah Patterson.

Missionary story, Margaret Turner.  
China; Vernon Hudson.  
Korea, Lela Patterson.

Africa, Mattilou Largent.  
Mexico, Lynn McSpadden.  
The United States, Ray Patterson.  
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Yeats.  
League benediction.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

The attendance last Sunday was small, only about 30 present. Brother Buzbee occupied the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour. We are going to put on an evangelistic campaign at our church beginning next Thursday at 7 p. m. Rev. H. B. White will be the evangelist. We invite all who can to come over and help.  
Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 a. m.  
W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble."—Psalm 46:1.

With this promise and the God who made it, Christian people can go forward under the most trying circumstances.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the pastor has chosen a very timely and highly interesting subject for his sermon, "Carrying your Corner of the Sheet." Friends think of this "When did I turn loose?" and "Why did I turn loose?" and "Who has lost by my turning loose?"

A great service has been planned for the seven o'clock hour.

Let every teacher and officer be in their places at 9:45 for Sunday School.

Our B. Y. P. U. is growing. Meet with us at six o'clock and make it bigger and better.

Bring a friend to all our services.  
J. T. King, Pastor.

**B. A. U. PROGRAM.**

Leader, Mrs. R. H. Mathews.  
First part, Mrs. R. W. Conder.  
Second part, Mr. E. W. King.  
Third part, Mr. J. J. Toombs.  
Fourth part, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.  
Fifth part, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.  
Sixth part, Mrs. J. R. Barnett.  
Everyone is urged to come and bring a friend.

**JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

Subject: "Dorcas as a True Friend."

"Helping Others," Murphy Dye.  
"Dorcas," Rose Mary Lassiter.  
"Dorcas Dies," "The Disciples Send for Peter," Herman Carson.

"Peter Goes to the House of Dorcas," Dana Derstine.

"Peter Raises Dorcas from the Dead," Winston Polly.

"The Influence of Dorcas on Christians today," Rachel Patterson.

"Topka Today," Pearl Matthews.

**BAPTIST CIRCLE.**

The Blanche Rose Walker circle will meet with Mrs. W. O. Boney next Tuesday, Jan. 27. The program follows:

Devotional, fourth chapter of Malachi.

"Growth of Israel," Mrs. T. E. Collins.  
"Birth of Moses," Mrs. W. O. Boney.  
"Moses Keeps Jethro's Flocks," Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr.  
"Moses' Rod Turned to a Serpent,"



**GLEANER CLASS.**

The members of the Gleaner class met at the Methodist church Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, for their monthly business and social meeting, with Mesdames Forest Gaither, R. A. Burgess and Eli Case as hostesses.

Mrs. W. E. Lowe, vice-president, had charge of the business meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Fred Guitar. Financial matters were discussed and the class is looking forward to a successful year.

Mrs. Forest Gaither had charge of the social hour. Mrs. E. L. Yeats and Mrs. A. B. Patterson favored the class with a duet with Mrs. C. W. Delmer at the piano. Little Dora Marie Gaither next gave a very interesting reading followed by another reading by little Miss Marilyn Sue Grimes.

Next in the order of entertainment was a contest, which is indeed strange to say, as it pertained strictly to in-laws.

A delicious salad plate with individual cherry pies, coffee and tea, was served to the following: Miss Dahlia Watkins and Mrs. A. B. Patterson visitors; Mesdames Will Toombs, Homer Patterson, Ray Howell, S. M. Hunter, Fred Latham, Dee Grimes, W. E. Lowe, Iddings, Robert Hicks, Ray Vickers, Herbert Patterson, Doc Vaughn, J. E. Richardson, W. M. Gambill, Duncan Briggs, Rush Buford, Oscar Buford, Allen McGehee, Mrs. E. L. Yeats, C. W. Delmer, Roy Baccus, Carl Baccus, L. C. Sublett, V. B. Sublett and the hostesses.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dee Grimes, Feb. 3, with Mrs. Ray Howell, Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Mrs. Dee Grimes, hostesses.

**LUNCHEON GUESTS.**

Mesdames T. E. Collins, A. R. Booth and Sam Swann spent a delightful day Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Willie Joe Largent. A delicious luncheon was served at the noon hour and the afternoon was spent with needle work as a happy diversion.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BRIDGE CLUB.**

On last Wednesday evening Mrs. Houston Smith of Shiloh was hostess to the Happy-Go-Lucky Bridge club in the home of Mrs. N. F. Anderson. The games progressed for two hours when the guests were served with

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., young peoples' study 6 p. m., ladies' Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and prayer service and Bible study Wednesday at 7 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

sandwiches, pie, whipped cream and coffee with plate favors of miniature baskets of fruit. Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames Bonneaux, Beach, Hamner, Greene, Seago, Anderson, Grimes, Murphy and Smith.

**MRS. JOHN LATIMER ENTERTAINED.**

Of interest among the home affairs was the prettily planned party for a group of friends on Jan. eighth in the home of Mrs. John Latimer, complimenting Mrs. Riley James. When the honoree entered the room she received a package of lovely and useful gifts.

Cherry colors were emphasized in all details.

Mrs. Latimer, assisted by Mrs. Clyde Deavers, passed dainty refreshment plates of wafers, cakes and hot chocolate, topped with whipped cream, and cherries to Mesdames Zeb Moore, Will Campbell, Carl Hughes, Myron Spears, Willie Mathews, Dolph Coats, Jack Latimer, Eli Brooks, Pat Addison, Tom Spears, E. J. Osborn, Cynthia Hall, Sam Phillips, Luther Osburn, Howard Brown, Jim Campbell, Carl Doan, Shorty Swafford and the honoree and Misses Vernie Derrick, Mamie and Vera Walker.

**SLUMBER PARTY.**

A slumber party in honor of Misses Agnes Williams and Bessie Jones was held at the home of Mrs. R. D. Williams at Goodman Saturday.

After an enjoyable party at Mr. and Mrs. G. Truett's, Mrs. W. N. Williams, and R. H. McAdams, Misses Ethel Cooke, and Aleta Elliott, teachers of Goodman, Freda Cosby, teacher of White Flat, Thelma Idell and Alma Cooper of White Flat, Odella Cox, Gra and Lora Hail, Beryle Brown, Audie Pomroy, Mary Belle Washburn, Bessie Jones, Ruth Anna Opal, and Agnes Williams, gathered at the home of Mrs. R. D. Williams for an enjoyable night.

Miss Annie Williams spent the night with Miss Alma Cooper of White Flat. We were sorry that they could not spend the rest of the night with us.

A midnight supper of coffee, hot chocolate, cake, fruit and whipped cream was served.

At 2 a. m. everyone joined in a real candy making sport.

The air was filled with music, while dominoes, forty-two and many other games were played throughout the night.

After a sunrise breakfast many of the girls and several others spent the day with Miss Ruth Williams.

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We are adding to our list of customers each week and if you have not given us a trial we ask the opportunity to convince you of the fine quality of our work. We call for and deliver promptly. You will find it quite a convenience to leave standing orders for us to call for your laundry bundle each week. Thank you.

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FOR SALE—A few good mules, horses and mares, also a first class cow or two. See Booth Warren at F. & M. Nat'l Bank or see the stock at the Dyess Estate place, 2 mi. N. 1-2 mi. W. Merkel.

FOR RENT—The Gertie Davis 6 room house, nicely furnished; all conveniences; double garage. G. W. Moore.

FOR SALE—About 3,000 bundles of higer and cane. J. F. Hill, about two miles northeast of Tye.

DARK CARNISH GAMES—the laying strain. Robert N. Campbell, phone 9011F2.

FOR SALE—A few choice gilts for quick sale \$10.00; also some young white leghorn hens at 75 cents; not culls but tops. J. T. Warren.

FOR SALE—Nine months old Jersey bull, subject to registration, well marked, black tongue and black switch; large enough for light service; price \$35.00. G. M. Byron, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

FOR SALE—Four fine silver-laced Wyandotte cockrels \$1.00 each; hatching eggs 50c and 75c per 15. R. B. Wells.

DOZEN ELBERTA PEACHES, postpaid \$1.50; dozen 2-year-old grapes, postpaid, \$1.25; hundred California privett, 3 feet, \$4.75; lots of other bargains. Money back if not satisfied. A. C. Benge, Arlington, Texas.

**WANTED**

WANTED TO BUY—Cheap house, do for sheds. See Sam Butman, Merkel, Texas.

WILL DO SOME CUSTOM hatching this season; set January 26 and on Monday thereafter; 175 egg tray \$4.00; baby chicks from English White Leghorns, \$12.00 per hundred, 500 for \$58.00. Write me if you want eggs set January 26. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas.

YOUR LAND needs terracing. I know how and am willing to do it. Lee D. Williams.

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms also will board. Mrs. T. C. Pierce, Edwards Street, Phone 49.

**Twin Boilers at T. C. U. Once Powered Steamer**

Fort Worth, Jan. 22—The twin boilers, furnishing the steam which heats the buildings on the campus of Texas Christian university, formerly supplied the power that turned the propeller of a steamship on the Gulf of Mexico.

When the ship was dismantled a few years ago, T. C. U. purchased the boilers from the salvage and installed them in its central heating plant.

\$1,500,000 Steel Ordered. Atlanta, Jan. 22—R. B. Pegram, vice president of the Southern Railway system, announced Saturday that contracts for 35,100 tons of steel rails, delivery during February, March, April, have been let.

**JUST OPENED.**

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**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 22.—Under existing meager trade requirements, this market is not capable of assimilating, without disastrous results to shippers, as many cattle and calves as arrived Wednesday. The estimate called for 2,200 head of cattle and 1,000 calves.

Yearlings constituted the bulk of the cattle supply, and on that class prices ruled mostly 50c lower, with some of the more desirable grades clearing only 25c down. Calves were subjected to a downward revision of 25c. Cows and beef steers were neglected until late and bids were on a catch-as-catch-can basis, actual sales being weak to unevenly lower.

It was the most unsatisfactory market of the year to date.

With receipts amounting to only 500 head, hogs ruled steady to 10c higher, truck consignments, selling mostly to small buyers, showing the advance. The top was \$8.10 on truckers and \$8 on loads. Sows went to \$5.75 to \$6.25. Pigs moved mostly at \$6 to \$6.50.

Some activity developed in the sheep and lamb trade, lambs recording an advance of 25c and sheep selling on a fully steady basis. Good to choice spring lambs, sold at \$7.50 to \$8, the price range being the highest since the opening of the year. No good wethers were available. Ewes brought \$4. Receipts were close to 1,500 head.

**Cattle Movement.**

On Tuesday Baker and Collins shipped a car of mixed cattle to the Fort Worth market and on Thursday the same buyers loaded a car of calves for shipment.

**Governor Sterling**

(Continued from Page One) nor Witt, Judge Cureton used the Bible which had been employed in inauguration ceremonies for 60 years.

The inaugural group was led to the platform by Judge Cureton. Included were Robert L. Robertson, adjutant general, and Ranger Captain Bill Sterling, who will soon succeed him; General John A. Hulen of Fort Worth, commander of the 36th division, Texas national guard; Major General Edwin Winans of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, commander of the eighth corps area. Many members of the group were accompanied by their wives.

**RELATIVES PRESENT.**

Mrs. Edgar Witt and Lieutenant Governor Witt's father were on the platform. Governor Sterling's wife and all of his children were there, the sons and daughters with their families. They were Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Sterling of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt C. Hedrick and daughter of Fort Worth; Miss Norma Sterling and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wheeler of San Antonio.

Other relatives present were A. A. Sterling of Houston, Jim Sterling of Dayton and John Sterling of Galveston, brothers of the new governor; Miss Florence Sterling of Houston, his sister, and Miss Zilla Short of Houston, Mrs. Sterling's sister.

Members of the supreme court and the court of criminal appeals occupied places on the platform. Fred Minor, speaker of the house of representatives, and Carl Hardin, president pro tem of the senate, took part in the speaking.



When PAIN Comes

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**Brooksie Justice**

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pastor, her former teachers and her present school principal and fellow-teachers alike as a conscientious worker, a devout Christian and useful character. In her early death, the Cross Roads school has lost a most valuable teacher, the Noodle community has lost a splendid Christian worker, and her family has lost a devoted daughter and a loving sister. She was the friend and companion of all that was noble and good, and to know her was to respect, to admire, and to love her. Smiling, cheerful, unafraid are the words that best describe her winning personality and her beautiful life.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice of Noodle, two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Rhoden of Ballinger and Lucille Justice of Noodle, and three brothers, Vessie, Woodrow, and Cecil Justice, all of Noodle.

Pall bearers were: Doye Campbell, Troy Sloan, Ray Spurgin, Norman Sloan, Carlton Vick and C. R. Williams; Honorary: J. M. Sloan, J. M. Spurgin, J. D. Beasley, S. D. Rattan, T. C. Jenkins, Sr., Albert Chriswell and A. J. Barbee.

Among those from out of town who came for the funeral were Mrs. B. J. Smith of Wheeler, grandmother of the deceased; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hiltbrunner, Shamrock; Mrs. H. J. Finsterwald and baby, Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Justice and family, Nacogdoches; Mr. Bonner Smith, Wheeler; Mrs. John J. Simmons, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Green and family, Nacogdoches, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith and family, Megar-el.

**Jack Jackson.**

Funeral services for Jack Jackson, 14-year-old grandson of Mrs. Laura G. Roberts of Nugent and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jackson, of Abilene and Merkel, were held last Thursday afternoon at the St. Paul Methodist church, Abilene, with Dr. J. W. Hunt and the Rev. J. Richard Spann, St. Paul pastor, officiating. Interment was in an Abilene cemetery besides the graves of his parents.

The youth died at 10:30 Wednesday night of last week as the result of inflammation of a bone below the knee cap, fractured when he jumped from an embankment a few days before on a hunting trip with friends.

His father, the late J. G. Jackson, was at one time editor of the Merkel Mail, and the family has a large circle of friends here who grieve at the early death of this promising young man.

Besides his grandmother, with whom he made his home, the boy is survived by two sisters, Misses Evelyn and Peggy Jackson.

**H. C. Burroughs.**

H. C. Burroughs, 61, formerly engaged in the drug business here and well known in Merkel and this section, but a resident of Fort Worth for the past 15 years, died in a Fort Worth hospital Tuesday, Jan. 6. Funeral services were held at Harveson and Cole

chapel, Fort Worth, and burial was in Greenwood cemetery there.

He is survived by five sons, C. M., B. B. and H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Dallas; E. E. Burroughs, Los Angeles, Cal., and R. M. Burroughs, Albuquerque, N. M.; a daughter, Mrs. L. W. Woodruff, Idabel, Okla.; two brothers, W. R. Burroughs, Fort Worth, and E. Burroughs, Canyon, and a sister, Mrs. F. V. Lawrence, Fort Worth.

**Bill Haynes Becomes Manager Merkel Motor**

W. W. (Bill) Haynes, connected with the Merkel Motor company since 1924 as salesman, has purchased an interest in the company and has assumed the management of same, following the deal several days ago whereby L. B. Scott sold his interests in this company to the Fulwiler Motor company at Abilene.

Mr. Haynes stated that the same policies will be continued by the new management, with an endeavor to give the utmost in service and satisfaction at all times. Ed McCrary will continue with the company, he states, as parts man and book-keeper, while Walter Jackson, who has been in the shop for more than three years, will continue in charge of this department. Mr. Jackson is an efficient, trained mechanic, capable of all kinds of repairing.

Friends of Bill Haynes will be glad to learn of his entering the business world on his own account and predict

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**G. W. BLAKE, Proprietor**

for him the same measure of success which has marked his career in his every effort in this community.

**Lion Committees**

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Chairman; S. D. Gamble, Rev. E. L. Yeats. Club Reporter—C. J. Glover, Jr. Club song leader—E. Yates Brown. SAM SWAN COMMENDED.

The committee, appointed to draw up resolutions on the resignation of Lion Sam Swann, who served as secretary of the Merkel Lions club from the date of its charter and who had been its only secretary, submitted the following:

"Whereas Lion Sam Swann, on account of the fact that his business interests require him to be out of town most of the time and he finds it impossible to attend the luncheon of the club regularly, has submitted his resignation as secretary of the club and has withdrawn his membership;

"Be it resolved, that it is with a sense of regret, like the parting of brothers, that the members of the Merkel Lions club accept the resignation of Lion Swann as secretary and his withdrawal from the club;

"Be it further resolved that we take this time and method of expressing our appreciation of his loyal and untiring service to the club both as an individual member and as its highly

efficient secretary, whose thorough understanding of his duties and fine adherence to the principles of Lionism has been largely responsible for the club's splendid record of achievement; and

"Be it further resolved that we shall miss Lion Swann's genial presence and worthy counsel from our luncheons and the hope is expressed that it will be a matter of only a short time until he comes back to the ranks of Merkel Lionism."

**ROAR FOR DILLINGHAM.**

Just as the luncheon was about to terminate, Booth Warren proposed a Lion's roar for the new president, Matt Dillingham, which was enthusiastically given.

R. A. Burgess is to be toastmaster at the next meeting which will be Tuesday, Feb. 3. He will be assisted by W. O. Boney.

**Woody's Cafe.**

W. A. Wozencraft and son, W. A., Jr., have just opened their new cafe on Front street, adjoining Ferrier's Service station, with new fixtures and everything spic-and-span. Mr. Wozencraft has been in the cafe business in Merkel for several years and everybody knows the quality and excellence of his food and service.

Why not eat at Woody's Cafe? Other people do.

Office supplies—Mail office.

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JANUARY 23rd and 24th

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SAVE X	Washing Powder	19c
SAVE X	Washing Powder	7c
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# Rural Community Correspondence

## DORA DOINGS

Several cases of flu are reported in this community. Mrs. H. S. Wright and son, Clifford, are confined to their beds with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanks' ten-day-old baby died with pneumonia last Monday morning. Little Dorcas Hanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanks, has pneumonia but is doing very nicely.

John and L. A. Dudley, Mrs. H. West and Bessie Martin returned Friday night from the Plains where they had been called by the death of their aunt and sister, Mrs. Betty Moffat. They came back by the hospital at Wichita Falls and visited Hoyt and found him improving fine.

Rev. Wyatt Hanks of Lockney is here for a few days visiting relatives.

Plans are under way for most of us to get some relief from the Red Cross and it will be a great benefit to a lot of people.

Miss Jewel Burklow of IXL spent the week-end here with home folks.

Mrs. J. C. Brownfield has been real sick for several days but is reported better at this writing.

## GOLAN NEWS

News of Mr. Tom Dean's death was wired to relatives here Sunday evening. Mr. Dean was buried at Prairie View Monday evening. Death occurred while visiting relatives on the Plains.

Frank Lawlis was home from Union to spend Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill received an announcement last week, that Little "Patsy Lou" came to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill of Alpine on Jan. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett and Miss Velma of Whitewright were Saturday night visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jeffrey. Driving on to Slayton and Lubbock Sunday they were accompanied by Mr. J. T. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank West are to move to Anson Tuesday. Golan's Senior basketball teams played Sylvester at Roby, Tuesday night, winning both games by four points each.

First quarterly conference will be held by the Methodists at Golan Saturday, Elder Clark will preach Saturday and Sunday. Lunch will be spread in the church Saturday.

Mr. Rollie and Johnnie Hill were visitors in the L. C. Williams home Monday of last week, before leaving for Santa Fe, N. M.

## Blair School News

The Blair School has just closed its third month of school work with the following pupils making the honor roll:

Primer: Nina Orsborn 93, Madlyn Brown 90, Billie Campbell 90; first grade: Lonzo Pribble 92, Ima Gene Resson 92, Clyde Deavers, Jr., 93, Frances Peterson 93; second grade: Madalene Addison 94, Evelyn Latimer 92, Norma Lee Clinton 91; Third: Orie Lee Madderra 94, Joy Doan 95, Inez Pribble 90; Fourth: Louise Addison 92, Derrell Pribble 95; Fifth: Margie Melton 95, Catherine Orsborn 92, Lois Resson 92, Mavis Peterson 90; Sixth: Odell Latimer 93; tenth grade: Lena Lee Demere 93, Zuma Spears 91, Monta Moore 90.

The basketball boys have had a very successful season up to this point. They played Merkel in Merkel Wednesday and defeated them with a score of 11 to 2. Merkel returned the game Tuesday, the score being 12 to 6, again won by Blair.

The High School pupils will present a program over KPYO, Friday evening Jan. 30th from 6:30 to 7. This half hour of music will consist of classical, popular and school pep songs. The pupils taking part in this chorus are: Zuma Spears, Lena Lee Demere, Clara Clinton, Bonnie Fay Matthews, Margie Coats, Lucy Moore, Clara Lee Peterson, Anna Addison, Demere Clinton, Bessie Lou Windham, Dora Mae Meeks, Monta Moore, Bernad Clinton, Vernon Melton, Clayton Coats, Howard Windham, Marcus Clinton and Hardy Moore and sponsors, Mamie and Vera Walker.

**NOTICE TO FARMERS.**  
If you are going to need maize, if you will give me your name and address and amount you want, will have it brought to your barn. See me for prices.  
L. L. Murray.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

## COMPERE NEWS

There was a large attendance at the singing at Zion Chapel Sunday night.

Rev. Bryant did not fill his regular appointment at Zion Chapel Sunday, but he will be there Wednesday night.

The prayer meetings are well attended every week and we cordially invite everyone out each Wednesday evening.

Mr. G. U. Stout has returned to his home, after having been at work at Albany for several months.

Miss Robbie Horton entertained the young folks with a dinner Sunday. Those enjoying the day with her were: Misses Flora and Lila Adkins, La Verne and Valley Bonds, Rena Terry and Floy Wilburn and Messrs. Howard and Owen Smith, Lawrence and Eteyl Spurgeon, Watts Davis, Clyde Chancey and Ray Lucas.

Gertrude and Virginia Cook attended singing at Zion Sunday.

School visitors the past week were Mrs. S. S. Sherrill and Mr. G. W. Stout.

School was dismissed at 2 p. m. Monday in respect of the death of Miss Justice of the Noodle school.

Those attending Miss Justice's funeral from Comper were: Supt. C. L. Blankenship, Mrs. M. K. Milner, Mrs. Walter Clemmer, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spurgeon, Mrs. Will Spurgeon and Grandmother Spurgeon.

On account of the rain the P. T. A. program was postponed until Friday night of this week.

Messrs. Lee Stanley, M. K. Milner, George and Howard Smith were Anson visitors Monday.

Mr. Roman Palmer made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Tarpley were Abilene shoppers one day last week.

## Butman School News

Those on the honor roll this month were:

First grade, Miss Novis Whiteaker, teacher: Nell Yvonne Butman, 97; Opal Lillian Resson, 97; Mary Frances Lewis, 97; Banning Butman, 95.

Second grade: Marion Pruitt, 97; Melba Hunter, 95; Jerry Butman, 92.

Third grade: Leneta Blackburn, 94; Edith Butman, 94; J. W. Harrison, 94; Bernice Lewis, 94.

Fourth grade: Wade Ensminger, 94; Alton Pruitt, 94.

Sixth grade, Miss Elna Hale, principal: Lucy Faye Resson, 90.2.

Seventh grade: Mabel Butman, 90.3; Beulah Harrison, 91.5.

## NOLAN COUNTY SINGERS.

The Mail is in receipt of the following news note from H. A. Tyrone, Dora:

"Nolan County singers are arranging for a good old-time singing—just the kind we had before financial disappointments turned the damper on our social interests and affairs.

"When you read this in your home paper, consider it a personal invitation to be with us. Bring your books and come at 2 p. m., Baptist church Dora."

Tobacco was introduced into England by Sir Walter Raleigh, coming from North Carolina in 1586.

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mesdames O. Walker of Buffalo Gap and Boyce Balew of Abilene are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, Mrs. Mayfield being sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick of Merkel spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathews one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family, who have been staying at Roscoe for several months, returned home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore left Saturday for Seymour in response to a phone call to the bedside of the lat-

ter's mother, Mrs. Hayne Blackburn. Mrs. Cynthia Hall spent several days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Merkel recently.

Pat Addison and family and Clyde Deavers and family have exchanged homes recently.

The Rev. Mr. Walker of Abilene filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Carl Hughes is attending court at Abilene this week.

Brother Marvin Williams of Abilene is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church next Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and

son of Nubia visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Riley James visited relative in Abilene Friday.

## White Church News

We had another good rain.

We had a good crowd at quarterly conference Saturday, considering the bad roads.

Our community was saddened last week by the passing away of Mr. Henry Benton.

Mrs. H. West has just returned from Paducah where she was called to attend the funeral of her sister,

Mrs. Moffet. While away she had the pleasure of visiting her grandson, Hoyt Wills, at Wichita Falls and found him greatly improved, which will be good news to his many friends here.

A. D. Barnes is suffering with a sprained back.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan is seriously ill with pneumonia.

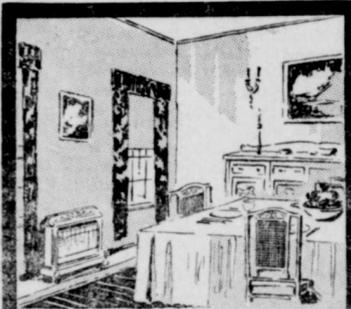
Several from here attended the Epworth League meet at Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere are visiting in San Angelo.

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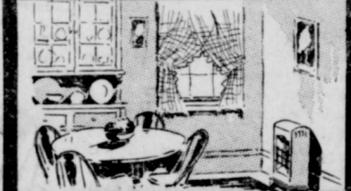
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here's the latest thing in automatic water heaters . . . all the hot water you want instantly. Well . . . how do you like our home?  
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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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### CHAPEL.

Rev. R. A. Walker made an announcement in chapel Monday concerning the work of the Red Cross. He said this organization had been doing splendid work for the destitute people of the country. It is distributing food, clothing and medicine to the poor and needy. We were asked to turn in names of all the people we knew that needed help. The speaker especially complimented the people of Merkel for responding so splendidly to the calls of the Red Cross committee.

### ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE TRAGEDIES.

Slowly and painstakingly the little ragged child raked through the sand, hoping to find the broken-bladed knife, but above all his treasure—a dime.

A little red-headed, blue-eyed, mischievous boy, he was, usually with a flashing smile on his small, undernourished face.

As he carefully ran his fingers through the loose sand, a man walked up behind him and picked up the dime for which the lad had been looking. He was an ugly man with an unshaven face and sharp, black eyes set too closely together.

"For what are you looking, my lad?" he asked as he came into the boys' view.

"A dime, sir."

"Well, I don't guess, I can be of any service; but I'll tell you this: 'you don't usually find dimes lying around in the sand.' Well, I'll be going."

He fingered the dime in his pocket as he walked away.

With one last despairing look, the boy, with downcast head muttered to himself:

"Aw, gee! I worked all day for that, and I guess Ma and I will have to fast another day."

—Inez Robbins.

### JOHNNY HAD A LITTLE EXAM.

(Not Mary Had a Little Lamb.)  
By Lona Bryan.

Johnny had a little exam  
About it not much did he know;  
To every teacher he went,  
But still his grades were very low.

Reluctantly he went again to school  
one day  
To try to learn to apply the rule.  
Next day he could not resist to play  
"Sick" when he should have been in  
school.

So then the teacher turned him out.  
But still he lingered near  
And waited patiently, no doubt,  
Till school time again did appear.

"What makes Johnny love this school  
so well?"

The eager students cried.  
"Why, the school loves Johnny, you  
know."

The teacher then replied.  
—Lona Bryan.

### LATEST NEWS.

Ask Mary Elizabeth to show you the back, as well as the front, of her new sweat shirt.

It has been reported that Lucile Cole is in the hospital of C. I. A. in Denton. We hope she will soon be able to continue her studies.

Lona visited the Blair school again last Friday. Wonder what the attraction is out there?

The Civics class and Mr. Burgess left the High school at 11:15 last Tuesday to hear, over the radio, the inaugural address of Governor Ross Sterling. At Mr. Burgess' home the class heard selections played by various bands; the introduction of Edgar Witt, the incoming lieutenant-governor by Barry Miller, the outgoing lieutenant-governor. Mr. Witt was making a very splendid speech when unfortunately static cut in and the class

did not hear the address of the new governor.

### SAY, DID YOU KNOW—

—That there are only five boys in the Senior class?

—That Mr. Burgess didn't mention "the weeping, and gnashing of teeth?"

—That there will be trouble the third period? Benny and Fred are taking typing together.

—That Mary Elizabeth had curly hair?

—That nine girls can get in Mary E.'s "Ichabod Podunk, Jr.?"

—That Sis isn't sick any more?

—That E. L. is growing another "third eyebrow?"

—That Byron and Eris quit school?

—That Zada had a red sweater?

### JOKES.

Gerald: "My pa killed a horse with a broken leg."

Fred: "We usually kill them with a gun."

Benny: "Do you like the simple things?"

Margaret T.: "Are you proposing?"

Thelma (after voice lesson): "Do you think I can ever do anything with my voice?"

Mr. Irvin: "It may come in handy in case of fire."

Mattilou: "I almost kissed the best looking man in the world last night?"

Ida Mae: "Why didn't you?"

Mattilou: "Oh, the alarm clock went off too soon."

To prove that a ton of coal is a negro:

1. A ton of coal is a weight.
  2. A weight is a pause.
  3. A pause is a short stop.
  4. A short stop is a ball player.
  5. A ball player is a foul-grabber.
  6. A foul-grabber is a chicken-stealer.
  7. A chicken-stealer is a negro.
- Therefore, a ton of coal is a negro.  
Q. E. D.

Sis: "Why do you call your Ford 'The Crapshooter'?"

Voncile: "Shake, rattle and roll."

We always laugh at teacher's jokes,  
No matter what they be,  
Not because they're funny jokes,  
But 'cause it's policy.

Mr. Burgess: "Just think of our forest preserves!"

Ross: "How about our traffic jams?"

The census embraces ten million women. Who wouldn't be a census?

Margaret C.: "Say something sweet to me."

Paul: "Custard pie."



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## Texas Second State In Number Airports

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On Dec. 31 there were 1,782 municipal, commercial, intermediate, auxiliary, army, navy and miscellaneous government private and state airports and landing fields, while on July 15, 1930, there were 1,657. California led the number, having 165, while Texas was second with 119.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Miss Oneda Bell of Merkel was the week-end guest of Mrs. Euster Edwards.

Mr. Carter of Sweetwater attended to business here Monday. He was accompanied by his wife who visited with old time friends. Mrs. Carter will be remembered as Miss Ada Etta Sargent.

Mrs. J. W. Humphries of Plano visited in the home of J. T. Vessels Tuesday.

Bill Nalley of Iraan is visiting homefolks this week.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Junior, of Abilene and Jack Bowers were guests in the J. E. Bowers home last Tuesday.

Miss Estelle Taylor spent the week-end with home folks.

Mesdames M. G. Scott and J. K. P. Winn were visiting in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. M. G. Scott entertained last week with an old-fashioned quilting.

Those present were Mesdames O. A. Smith, W. L. Reneau, Tom Williamson, W. E. Shouse, Tid Smith, C. R. Shannon, O. S. Bright, J. K. P. Winn, Sam Estep, John Gafford, Ed Burks and Misses Lora Bright and Maimie Gafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards visited in Abilene the first of the week.

The W. M. S. of the M. E. Church met in regular session Monday afternoon. A general discussion followed the study led by Rev. U. S. Sherrill. Those attending were Mesdames Mangum, McRee, Winn, Williamson and Shouse.

J. P. McWilliams of Lubbock was the guest of Miss Rowena Perkins Sunday.

Pupils of the Trent Public schools appearing on the honor roll were: first grade, Rado Archer, Nelson Sherrill, Clyce Shannon, Addie Mae Hadden, Johnnie Roberts, Wima Stribling, Wanda Stribling, Virginia Cloe McRee, Helen Beasley, Lady Fred Crain, Mary Francis Bright, Iena Perkins; third grade, Dorris Margaret Steen; fourth grade, Elery Smith; fifth grade, Lucille Howell; sixth grade, Gladys Hamner, Hazel Dell Clinton; seventh grade, Rose Lee Sorelle, Tina Smith; eighth grade, Mildred Steadman, Helen Bright; ninth grade, Victorine Bishop; tenth grade, Helen Hogue; eleventh grade, Mediah Rawlins.

**MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD HOSTS IN BACKWARD FROLIC.**

Friday evening could have been easily called "Hulla-ba-loo, Trent," from 7:30 to 10:30; with modern Cinderellas, cowgirls, old ladies and men, cowboys, cowgirls, old ladies and men, Buster Browns, Farmer Johns and

plenty of fair maidens and rosy lads the cause of such merriment.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hamner, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy, were the most charming hosts for the jolly group of pupils and teachers. The guests were invited in through the back door and adieus were said at the front. Upon entrance to the spacious dining room each guest was presented with a bag of popcorn. After a style show Miss Edith Hale and Eorden Perkins were chosen as the most old-fashioned couple and were awarded prizes. They acted as bride and groom in a mock wedding.

Misses Fannie Vessel and Victorine Bishop ran a close second to the most old-fashioned or tackiest.

Reminiscences of old cowboy days and life in the mountains were interesting topics given by Mr. Garland Franks and Miss Mediah Rawlings.

Those saying "how-do-you-do" and "good evening" to the host and hostess were: Ada Mae Reneau, Dave Howell, Edith Hale, Alton Martin, Mary Sheppard, John Hamner, Nona Burgess, Delmer McLeod, Sarah Julia Johnson, John Terry, Marie Adams, Charlie Howell, Asha McLeod, Bob Howell, Victorine Bishop, Foy Steadman, Oscar Lee Reeves, Helen Bright, Fred McCurdy, Mildred Steadman, Chock Hutchinson, Mary Joe Howell, Eugene Murdock, Joe Eila McLeod, Helen Hogue, Sherman Diggers, Lena Bright, Borden Perkins, Fannie Vessel, W. E. Hale, Garland Franks, Mediah Rawlings, James McAdams, Thelma Nalley, Clell Dowdy, Martha Lee Walker, and their room mothers, Mrs. A. Williamson, R. Jenkins and W. Steadman.

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**Personal Mention**

Misses Alice Bailey of Clyde, Texas, and Dolores Higbee of Las Vegas, N. M., were week-end guests of Miss Christine Boyd.

Miss Eva Horton returned home Monday from Hamlin where she had been visiting since Wednesday with Misses Tula and Thelma Miller.

Lonnie Boggs returned to his home in Abilene Friday after a two weeks' visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Misses Johnnie Sears and Lola Dennis drove to Anson on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clyde Wills and little daughter are visiting her mother at Sweetwater.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger were Mr. Mellinger's brother-in-law, Mr. M. Rosenbasser of Lockhart, and his two sons of Memphis, Texas. Together with Mr. and Mrs. Mellinger, they drove over to Big Spring for a visit with other relatives.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson and Mrs. Dickinson have returned from Blackwell in Coleman county where they were called on account of injuries to Mrs. Dickinson's brother, Vance Wilson, who was knocked unconscious when his horse fell on a

ranch there. It became necessary to kill the horse on account of injuries. Mr. Wilson was hurt internally, it is thought, but was doing well when the Dickinsons left.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy are spending the week in Dallas.

Mrs. S. C. Chenault of Houston is the guest of her son, S. D. Gamble, and family.

Miss Mary Collins had as her week-end guest Miss Susie V. Snell, whose home is in Lameca, but who is now employed at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and daughter, Miss Berdelle, have returned from a visit to Temple and Waco.

Roy Largent was over from his ranch near Brownwood the latter part of the week visiting homefolks. He came by truck and carried back a lot of fencing wire. Roy stated that he could buy the wire cheaper here than elsewhere.

**Helen Frances Jones Arrives.**

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones of Chicago, Ill., have received announcement of the birth of a daughter, named Helen Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were formerly of Merkel.

The Washing County Free Library at Hagerston, Md., was the first county library established in the United States.

**Enjoyable Hunt With Hounds.**

The Baraca Sunday School class of the Baptist church enjoyed a hunt with hounds last Tuesday night, Jan. 20th. The party gathered at the Magnolia Pipeline station, from which the hunt started. The chase was most successful and the cookies, rolls and "weenies," roasted over a bonfire at midnight, added just the climax needed for such a tiptop good time. The following class members were present: Yates Brown, Dean Higgins, Nim

Teaff, Bill Teaff, Ted McGehee, Slats Bourn, Zibbi Sumpter, George Caple, T. C. Patton, Earl Patton, N. B. Moore and N. E. Class.

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