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On the "Broadway of America"

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EXTENSION ADDS NINETEEN MILES TO ROUTE NO. 5

Change, Effective Monday, Feb. 16, Will Give Service From Merkel to Large Number of Additional Patrons.

The extension of Rural Route No. 5 out of Merkel, which becomes effective Monday, Feb. 16, will add a distance of 19 1/2 miles to the route and will give service to a large number of additional patrons as well as serve more efficiently many who are now on this route.

At the same time, as all of these patrons are primarily in Merkel's trade territory, it means a decided advantage to Merkel from a commercial standpoint.

Investigation of the need for the extension of service has been under way for sometime and every possible assistance has been rendered by our local postmaster, O. J. Adcock, in making it possible to accommodate those desiring service on this route.

In this connection, Mr. Adcock has prepared the following statement, giving full information for patrons:

"All who are concerned are hereby notified of the extension of route No. 5 from this office, effective Feb. 16. The extension leaves the present route at the George L. Anderson corner, going south through Mountain Pass, west to the Cook corner and down the Dora road to Butman, with a retracement between the Anderson and Butman corners to rejoin the old route running north.

"All patrons on this extension will please see to it that boxes are ready for the service on the morning of the 16th.

"Your boxes are to be placed on posts 48 inches high and easy to get to by the carrier for service. Where possible, group your boxes two or more on a long plank on one post. Several boxes in a group might have a plank supported at each end of the plank by a post.

"We are trying to give rural service to all in our trade territory from Merkel, when it is asked for, and we appreciate your cooperation."

One-Eighth of an Inch.

Rainfall Sunday night and early Monday morning amounted to one-eighth of an inch, according to the register of Volunteer Weather Observer B. M. Black. Total January rainfall was 1.75 inches, considered more than normal for the month.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 10, 1911.)

Little Miss Madylen Adkisson entertained her friends Saturday evening from 6 to 8 with a tacky party. Promptly at the appointed time the following guests in costume were welcomed by the hostess, little Misses Ina Sheppard, Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Howard, Florence Hoimes, Agnes Lassiter, Gladys and Lucile Bell, Dorothy Lee Potter, Madylen and Marie Adkisson, Ethel and Kitty Lou Jenkins, Son Potter and Ray Adkisson. Ina Sheppard was given the prize for the tackiest. Refreshments were served.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Leader, Will Merritt. Central thought in the Study, by Marie McGee. Paul, the Persecutor, Ruth Howard. Paul at Damascus, Lillie Dean. Paul Sees Jesus, Emma Thompson. Paul Surrenders, Annie Collins. Paul Baptized, Lewis Swann. Paul's Life Work, Lula Sharp. Duet, Beulah Garrett and Amy Gunn.

MERKEL MAKES MEN MONEY.

A young man who went to work for J. W. Watson at Troy, Texas, for \$13 a month is now manager for H. O. Wooten Grocery company at Abilene but Merkel played the stepping stone for his remarkably rapid success.

C. W. Bacon organized and conducted the store of Bacon and Watson of Merkel and the enterprise was a

RIGGING GOES UP FOR BUTLER TEST NEAR SWANN WELL

Rigging is going up this week for a well in the area of the W. D. Swann No. 1. The new test is to be drilled on the J. A. Butler tract, one-half mile west of and adjoining the Swann tract. It is to be drilled by B. H. Lancaster, Frank Hathaway and the Clay Lumber company. Tom Largent and Cecil Guthrie, who were active in negotiations, are also interested parties.

S. C. Yingling et al's test on the J. N. Williams tract, east of the Cade and one of two offsets to the latter well, brought in by Yingling and associates, is down about 150 feet.

Local Directors of District No. 5 WTCC To Meet at Stamford

A meeting of all local directors in district No. 5 of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has been called for this Friday at Stamford by Col. R. L. Penick, director for the district.

District No. 5 includes Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan and Mitchell counties.

W. O. Boney, who is director for Merkel, expects to attend the meeting, if it is possible for him to do so.

Red Cross Extends Aid to 25 Families

Twenty-five families, averaging about 5 persons to the family, have filed applications with the local representative of the Red Cross and have been extended aid since Monday morning, J. T. Warren stated Thursday to The Mail editor. Other applications are received daily, as the headquarters at the Lions hall remain open each afternoon from 2 to 4. Either Mr. Warren, Red Cross representative, or Rev. R. A. Walker will be present at these hours each day.

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Up to Thursday noon it was reported that 40 applications had been forwarded from Merkel to the various county committees. While Merkel is in Taylor county, communities adjacent are in neighboring counties and the regulations provide for the application to be filed in the county of residence. Hence, some of the applications filed here have gone to Anson, Sweetwater and Roby, for apportionment by Jones, Nolan and Fisher county committees, respectively.

Prof. M. D. Ussery will leave this week to accept a position in the management of a music publishing house and business at Austin.

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A. H. Thornton has accepted a position at the postoffice, taking the place of Frank Johnson.

Lewis H. King this week sold his horse to P. L. Bland for \$175.00. Don't forget this is a Merkel-grown, 3-year-old animal.

THE DOLLARS YOU SPEND WITH HOME FOLKS ARE AN INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

POULTRY SHOW COOPS IN PLACE

Entry Blanks May Be Secured from Secretary Robert Hicks; Dates Feb. 12-14.

An ample supply of coops was placed in the Sears building Thursday for exhibiting the large number of birds and rabbits, expected to be entered in the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit show, the dates for which are Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, Feb. 12, 13, and 14. The promoters of the Merkel show are indebted to the West Texas Fair association for their courtesy in supplying these coops.

The show will be governed by the American Poultry Association rules. All birds must be in the show room not later than 4 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in order to compete for prizes offered. The judging will begin Friday morning, Feb. 13. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater is to be poultry judge. R. A. Ellis is superintendent of poultry.

Cash premiums on all full classes will be awarded as follows: singles, first, \$1.00; second, 50 cents; third, 25 cents; fourth, ribbon; fifth, ribbon; pens, first, \$2.00; second, \$1.00; third, ribbon. A small entrance fee of 25 cents for singles and \$1.00 for pens will be charged.

Besides the cash premiums, more than \$150 in special prizes will be given by the merchants of Merkel.

Robt. H. Hicks is secretary and entry blanks may be secured from him.

The rabbit show will be non-competitive and all owners of rabbits are invited to participate. There will be no entrance fee charged nor prizes offered. Entries will be under the supervision of Castle Ellis, who has been named superintendent of rabbits. All entries should be put on display Thursday, Feb. 12, but will be accepted until 5 p. m. Friday, Feb. 13.

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

James Tafola, 30, died as the result of burns received in a pear burner explosion on the T. E. Burns ranch near Pearsall.

The efforts of Will Rogers, cowboy humorist, actor and writer, to bring relief to drought and unemployment sufferers in Texas, exceeded \$82,000 in one week.

Members of the Elks lodge at San Antonio will buy 500 reconditioned army overcoats from the government at Fort Sam Houston and give them to the needy.

S. E. Barnett, Greenville newspaper man, and former Hunt county state representative, has been appointed superintendent of the state printing plant at Huntsville.

Three hundred state employees are related to department heads or to other state employees, Representative C. J. Cox of Paris has charged in introducing a bill to prohibit trading in state jobs.

Officers at Dallas raided a beer parlor directly across from a Baptist church there Sunday, seizing 12 cases of beer, 5 gallons of whiskey and equipment valued at several hundred dollars.

The birthday of Robert E. Lee, Jan. 19, has been designated by the state legislature as a legal holiday, the bill having been signed by Governor Ross S. Sterling, who is a son of a Confederate veteran.

John H. Shary of Mission, "father" of the Lower Rio Grande Valley's \$100,000,000 citrus industry, has donated the American Legion baseball park and grounds to Fred H. Morgan Post No. 93 of Mission.

Alleging that "utility commissions are not sufficient to handle the situation," State Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene has introduced a bill proposing state ownership of all electric light and power lines.

The court of criminal appeals Wednesday held unconstitutional the law passed by the last legislature forbidding officers from making an arrest in a traffic violation case unless he was wearing a certain uniform.

Two little girls, Merna Lee, 9, and Verdeen, 7, daughters of J. F. Peterson, residing near Hamlin, were fatally burned when flames leaped up from smoldering coals on which they had poured kerosene and ignited their clothing.

The knob of the safe in County Tax Collector Earl Hughes' office was knocked at an early hour Sunday morning and a set of tools left behind, but the contents of the safe, about \$1400 in cash and \$50,000 in checks, were not disturbed.

H. J. Davis, Jr., 20, son of H. J. Davis, a well known Beaumont contractor, was drowned in Village creek, near Lumberton, a few miles north of Beaumont, when he attempted to rescue a girl who had plunged accidentally into the stream.

Three West Texas cities are included in the federal government's program of public works calling for a total expenditure of over \$100,000,000; Big Spring, postoffice, \$165,000; Breckenridge, postoffice, \$140,000; Cisco, postoffice, \$130,000.

"PAY AN OBLIGATION" LIONS START NOVEL PLAN TO PAY DEBTS

PENALTY ON CITY TAXES DEFERRED

City Council Has Extended Time for Payment of 1930 Taxes to February 28, 1931.

The City of Merkel has extended the time of payment of 1930 taxes, without penalty or interest, to February 28, 1931. This action was taken by resolution, unanimously passed by the city council at its regular monthly session last Monday night.

Jan. 31 is the usual time limit for the payment of city taxes, the extension this year having been granted by the city fathers in view of the existing financial depression.

By legislative action, approved by the governor, state and county taxes for 1930, including the Merkel Independent School district, may be paid any time before Oct. 15, 1931, without penalty, the interest rate, however, being increased to 10 per cent.

Tax-payers in the city of Merkel are urged to make every effort to pay their taxes before Feb. 28 to the end that the city may meet its obligations, in a statement that is being mailed out by Miss Pauline Johnson, city tax collector.

Two Men Hurt in Wreck Near Trent

Two Big Spring men, A. Knappe and J. A. Smith, who were brought to the Merkel sanitarium Saturday night, following an automobile-truck crash on the Bankhead highway, five miles west of Trent, were able to return to their home after receiving treatment for their injuries.

The two men were en route to Abilene to attend a Knights of Pythias ceremonial. They were brought to the hospital here by H. H. Smith, a resident of Big Spring, a Pythian, who was en route to Tulsa, Okla., but who assisted in carrying the two injured men back to Big Spring.

Extra Session Unavoidable

Washington, Feb. 5.—Administration and democratic leaders have found a lone point of agreement in their stubborn battle over relief legislation. All concurred in the opinion that a special session of congress lies unavoidably ahead unless one side or the other is willing to make concessions.

Twenty Checks for \$5.00 Each Start on Their Way Saturday Morning; \$1,100 Will Be Total Pay-Off.

"Get out of Debt—Pay an Obligation."

Early Saturday morning, twenty checks for \$5.00 each will start their way in Merkel that will result in the liquidation of \$1,100 indebtedness locally.

The plan was suggested at the Lions luncheon by Dee Grimes, varying in some respects from that used in other cities but to be carried out along the same general lines.

The method by which such a beneficial result is to be achieved is explained in a notation on the face of each of these checks, drawn one each by members of the Lions club:

"This draft is not negotiable and should not be presented to payee bank for payment until it bears the signatures of ten (10) endorsers, each of whom acknowledges receipt of the sum of \$5.00 in payment of a debt or obligation."

In other words the person receiving one of these checks will use it to pay a debt of his to some other party, the second party does the same, and when the check has been used to pay the obligations of ten persons it will then be ready to go to the bank on which it is drawn.

It is a practical plan and, as put in practice by the twenty members of the Lions club, will serve to pay obligations totalling \$1,100.

BURGESS TOASTMASTER

The club singing at the regular Tuesday luncheon was led by C. W. Delmer, with Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene accompanist. The invocation was given by Rev. E. L. Yeats. R. A. Burgess was toastmaster.

Two popular numbers by Mrs. Old, with Mrs. C. W. Delmer at the piano, afforded a pleasing program feature for the luncheon.

ORIGIN OF NAMES.

Rev. E. L. Yeats, speaker for the occasion, took his subject from a study of names and their origin. He found material from names of members of the Lions club, especially those of English and Welsh origin, showing that family names in many cases were derived from occupations. Other times the name was derived from the locality where one lived. Many interesting revelations were given by the speaker along the line of why one is named what he is.

Guests present were: W. J. Miller of Amarillo, Dr. M. Armstrong and (Continued on Page Five)

THE WAY OF LIFE
BY BRUCE BARTON

TRYING TO GET MORE THAN THERE IS.

This is the story of two men who are now about forty-five years old. They graduated in the same class at college. One of them came to New York and took the first job he could get, which happened to be in the stock-room of a large corporation. He lived in an attic, did his own washing, and fought tooth and nail. After a while, as the business grew and older men dropped out, he was promoted, until he is now a vice-president. He has a home in the suburbs, and a fine family, and is accumulating a comfortable fortune.

The other young man was equally attractive and talented, but he had a different idea.

Said he: "I'm not going to be tied down. Why waste the best years of life in a stuffy office? I'll wander around and see the world while I am young; there will be plenty of time for work later on."

Well, he has wandered around the world. He has been to interesting places, had romantic adventures, met unusual people. Now he is through with his travels, and at forty-five wants to settle down.

But, though the other man has tried to help him, it is almost impossible. He knows no trade, has mastered no tools, has no business experience to offer. He is out of life, and he can't get in.

He thinks that Fate has played him a mean trick. He envies the success of his friend, and he is tending to grow bitter.

All of which suggests that much of the trouble in human affairs comes from trying to beat the game—from trying to get out of life more than there is in it.

"The gods," said Emerson, "sell everything to men at a fair price." They sell business success, but the price is several tough years of work. They sell pleasure and adventure, but the price of these is also measured in years.

They sell the thrill of speculation, but the price is that few win and (Continued on Page Two.)

Power Executive to Discuss "The Power Trust" Over Radio

Abilene, Feb. 5.—"The Power Trust," a subject of wide interest at the present time, will be discussed from the viewpoint of one of the outstanding public utility executives of the country on the Halsey, Stuart & Company radio program at 8 p. m. central standard time, Wednesday, February 11. The program will be broadcast on the N B C red net work.

The speaker will be Martin J. Insull, president of the Middle West Utilities company, whose subsidiaries render essential service in 30 states, and with which the West Texas Utilities company is affiliated.

Forecasts Death To Exact Minute

Waxahachie, Feb. 5.—Roy Edward Wallace, 6, who had a premonition of death—of the exact hour of his demise—succumbed at 3 a. m. Friday at the home of his parents at Nash.

Awakening in the night time, he inquired as to the hour and replied: "At 3 o'clock I am going to die."

Death came almost to the second. An uncle of the lad had previously experienced, in his slumber, the vision of a dove hovering about, and two aunts of the boy, living in Fort Worth, said at 3 a. m. they thought they heard a knocking at the door.

Roy Edward died after a three-day illness. He is survived by his parents and two brothers.

CEMETERY NOTICE.

Pay your dues and I will keep your lot clean and graves filled. Price is \$3.00 per lot and \$1.50 for half lot for 1931.

J. H. Witcher, Sexton.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y.-Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.



Restless CHILDREN

CHILDREN will fret, often for no apparent reason. But there's always Castoria! As harmless as the recipe on the wrapper; mild and bland as it tastes. But its gentle action soothes a youngster more surely than a more powerful medicine.

That's the beauty of this special children's remedy! It may be given the tiniest infant—as often as there it need. In cases of colic, diarrhea or similar disturbance, it is invaluable. A coated tongue calls for just a few drops to ward off constipation; so does any suggestion of bad breath. Whenever children don't eat well, don't rest well or have any little upset—this pure vegetable preparation is usually all that's needed.



C. M. PRESLEY Jeweler

Watches—Diamonds—Silverware
Abilene, Texas 209 Pine St.

MOVED To BLUE FRONT GARAGE
EARL TEAGUE
Tinner and Plumber
Phones
Residence 154 Shop 60
Satisfaction Guaranteed

As Romantic Usherette Clara Gets Her Man

When Clara Bow comes to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, in "No Limit" she will be seen and heard in her first talkie many of whose scenes were taken in New York City.

A complete production unit from the Paramount Hollywood studios journeyed across the country with her to "shoot" the action in which she takes part in Fifth Avenue, at an up-town elevated station, at an Automat restaurant and other places familiar to New Yorkers and visitors to the metropolis.

The story concerns the fortunes and loves of a little usherette in a big metropolitan movie palace. With her girl friend, Dixie Lee, Clara lives in moderate circumstances in an apartment near the "El" which takes her to work each morning. At the theatre Clara finds a cigarette case, and later meets its owner, Norman Foster, man-about-town, with whom she falls desperately in love.

Norman Foster, it will be remembered, was the leading man for Claudette Colbert in "Young Man of Manhattan" and this is his first picture as the lead for Clara Bow.

Dixie Lee, the comely blond who plays the part of the girl friend, is a recruit from the Broadway musical stage.

Stuart Erwin was the vacuum-brained comic in "Playboy of Paris."

"Along Came Youth," "Sweetie" and other Paramount releases.

Harry Green, who plays the part of Clara's boss, the theatre manager, was the Jewish dialect comedian of "Close Harmony," "The Spoilers," "Sea Legs" and "True to the Navy." "No Limit" is based on a story by George Marion, Jr., Fanny Brothers Shore and Salisbury Fields. It was directed by Frank Tuttle, the filmmaker who directed Miss Bow's last two pictures, "Love Among the Millionaires" and "Her Wedding Night."

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Lincoln's birthday, a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day Thursday, February 12. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

The BEST Gray Hair Remedy is Home Made

To half pint of water add one ounce bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and one-fourth ounce of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. It will gradually darken streaked, faded or gray hair and make it soft and glossy. Barbo will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.



THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One)

many lose; and even the winners often sacrifice their nervous systems and their health.

They sell family life; and they sell divorce.

Any man may chose the thing that he wants to buy, but no man may choose them all.

And whoever makes his choice—and then wakes up to regret that he did not choose otherwise—is in tough luck. We can be sorry for him, but we can not do much to help.

A large elephant will consume from 100 to 125 pounds of hay a day, besides the mash which is also given.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Semi-Weekly Farm-News and Merkel Mail for one year for \$2.00.



FEDERAL FARM AID—AVAILABLE NOW—\$45,000,000.00

We will welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposition with you at any time.

We assure you of our whole-hearted co-operation to the end that you, if you wish, may take advantage of this source of credit made available to you thru the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE by authority of joint resolution of Congress dated December 20th, 1930.



"Nerves"

DO they harass you by day and keep you awake at night?

Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.

When you're nervous, take Dr. Miles' Nervine. It's the prescription of a successful Nerve Specialist, put up in convenient form.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is now made in two forms—Liquid and Effervescent Tablet. Both have the same soothing effect on the nerves.

\$1.00 at your drug store

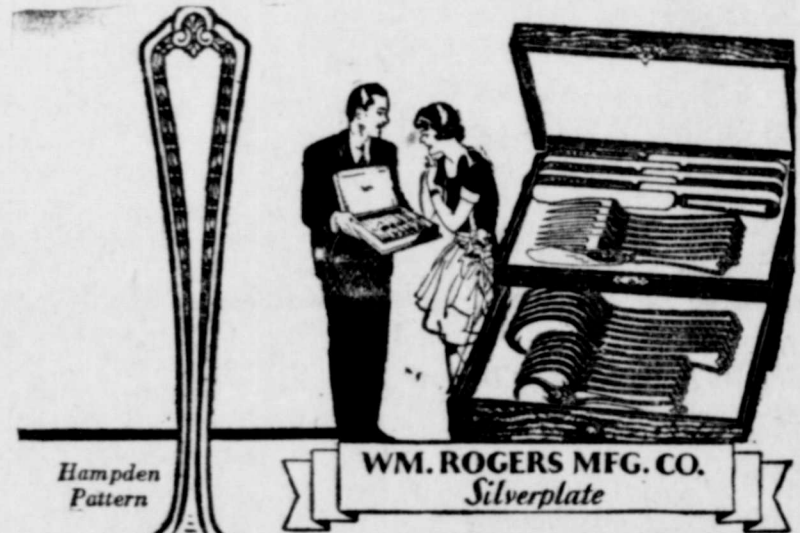


FREE-SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1931

CUSTOMERS

—purchasing \$1.00 or more in cash will be entitled to a genuine Wm. Rogers & Sons Silver Teaspoon FREE with our Compliments.

(ONLY ONE TO A CUSTOMER)



WM. ROGERS MFG. CO. Silverplate

"Absolutely Free"

By trading at our store you may secure coupons redeemable in The Famous WM. ROGERS MFG. COMPANY silverware.

In order to show our appreciation of your patronage we are giving you an opportunity of securing a beautiful set of Silverware free.

Profit by our "Profit Sharing Plan"

Don't fail to ask for your Profit Sharing Coupons.

Sixty Different Items to Select From

"We especially invite you to visit our store and see the nice display of Silverware shown in our window. All of this Silverware is to be given FREE to our Customers, together with 26 Pieces of Silver."

L. D. Boyd Grocery

FIRE DOESN'T RING THE DOOR BELL

It descends upon you unannounced. No time then to look up your insurance policies and make sure they are effective and adequate.

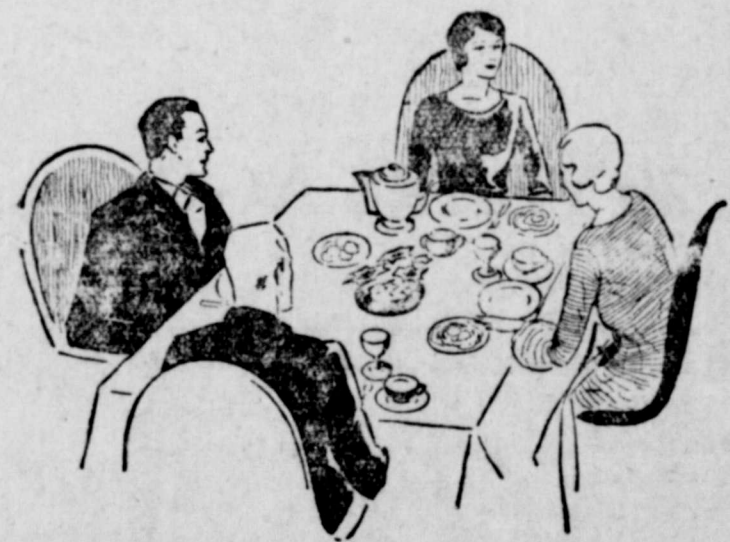
We will go over your fire risks and existing policies. Perhaps we can help you eliminate unnecessary hazards. We know we can give you dependable, economical insurance protection.

W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS

Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance

Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.



A Charming Hostess

You'd never think she had cooked that delightful meal, would you? She looks so fresh and dainty, so untired and gay—and she said she's been at a matinee all afternoon!

The seeming mystery is so easily explained.—She's a modern Home-Manager, profiting by the use of Electric Cookery. She prepares the meals at any convenient time, entrusting the actual cooking to the dependable and automatic Electric Range.

Why don't you experience the delights of this modern method of cookery? It's so inexpensive, so convenient, and the results are so unusually good, you'll wonder how you managed when kitchen responsibilities tied you to the old-fashioned cook stove.

A Trained Representative is waiting to explain and demonstrate the modern Electrical Cook. He will also show you how the Convenient Budget Plan and the new Home Comfort Rate make Electric Cookery doubly economical.

West Texas Utilities Company



My Best Girl



By
KATHLEEN NORRIS

SIXTH INSTALLMENT.

Maggie Johnson, whose father is a letter-carrier, is the domestic drudge of the humble home where her mother sits 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 "strike's 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.

Maggie, at home, begins to suspect that her mother's complaints are due to that lady's belief that happiness depends upon material things, while at the store she continues to surprise Joe by her appreciation of the realities of life.

Joe knew that Maggie was falling in love with him before Maggie discovered that he, in turn, was falling in love with Maggie. But he admitted to himself that his admiration for her was growing and the girls in the store began to notice something different about her.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

"But now, listen, Joe," she resumed seriously, "here's what I want to ask you. Could anyone who wasn't born to be a lady—now, for instance, like me—my mother talks a lot about my grandmother Petheridge, but—but my mother—she hesitated—"you wouldn't say she was always puttin' others first and thinkin'-ger an' servin'-ger others before she does herself. You couldn't—honest!—say that, Joe. So that—"

Again she paused. "An' Lizbeth positively is not a lady!" she admitted regretfully. "Well, anyway, I do not think Liz is a lady—not yet, anyway. But Joe—do you think—"

Again she floundered. "I guess I couldn't!" she said hastily, shrinking back, gallant, and he saw she was trying to save his feelings. "You don't have to tell me, Joe," she said.

"Maggie, I not only believe you could, but I believe you will!"

"Well, if you say so," she almost sang, and she rattled joyously away. On the next Sunday he went to see her.

He reached the Johnson cottage in the neighborhood of three o'clock.

He had to wait a few, cold, wet, silent minutes before footsteps, audibly approaching through the house, notified him that it had been heard.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson admitted him. For want of any guidance,—for Liz, after a shout of "Maggie! Man here!" had almost immediately disappeared into what later proved to be her bedroom door,—Joe had followed the little hall into an empty dining room smelling of rotting apples and dust, and had put his head in at the kitchen doorway.

Ma Johnson, a heavy, woolen kimono tied about her ample form with dragged tassels, was in the rocker.

At the sink stood a nondescript, forlorn little figure that Joe could not for some minutes at all identify with the gallant picture he had formed of Maggie's father.

Behind the table and between the sink and the stove was Maggie. She looked at him and said delightedly:

"Well, what do you know! I never heard you ring. If it isn't Joe Grant! Joe, have you had dinner."

"Just up from the table. Hello, Maggie," Joe said, grinning.

"This is my mother, make you acquainted with my father; Pop, this is Joe Grant," said Maggie.

Ma was evidently not favourably impressed by Maggie's friend.

"I didn't know you expected a caller, Maggie."

"I didn't, Ma. Sit down, Joe. You don't have to finish those if you don't want to, Pa. I hate to have you—take off your apron."

Sometimes—my father—kinder helps me, Joe," she stammered, with

her gallant little smile.

"I don't mind wipin' 'em one bit, Maggie," her father's mild voice said surprisedly.

"I'll help you," said Joe, putting his hat and coat on a chair in the corner of the kitchen and helping himself to a dish towel.

"When we haven't a maid we eat out here. I'm one that's always had," said Mrs. Johnson. "So it don't come very easy for me to put up with this sort of thing."

"I see," Joe said, nodding. He sat down on the edge of a chair, and cleared his throat, and said politely:

"Mrs. Johnson, if you've no objections, could Maggie go out with me for a while?"

"Why, I haven't no objections," Mrs. Johnson said discontentedly, after a moment. "Maggie isn't nothing but a child, Mr. Grant, an' her father an' I don't want her to get no silly notions into her head."

"Temp'rarily—temp'rarily she has accepted a position in a—well, in a five-and-ten," said Ma.

"I work there myself, you know, Mrs. Johnson."

"I've no doubt you do! An' I've no doubt it's a real nice place an' all that," conceded Ma loftily. "But it isn't Maggie's sort of place. To put the whole thing into a nut-shell—"

Mrs. Johnson was resuming briskly, when Joe's opportunity to discover whether she was really capable of this elision was destroyed by Maggie's abrupt re-entrance into the kitchen, and in another minute they were out in the dull, cold, wintry Sunday street, and she was dancing along at his side.

"Want to go to a movie, Maggie?"

"Oh, I'd love it!"

"How about The Highwayman?"

"Oh, Joe no! That's a sixty-cent show. There are lots of nice little ones over on Chelsea Avenue 'here for twenty-five."

They were at the window, he put down his money. But there were nothing left on this Sunday afternoon but logs, at a dollar a chair. Maggie's face fell, and immediately her eyes widened and she caught at his arm.

"Joe, don't be a fool! Two dollars! It isn't worth it!"

But he saw her give a little bounce of sheer excitement and felicity as they went in past the mirrors and marble columns and red boundary ropes, and he thought it was. Their seats were in the very front of the balcony—deep, comfortable seats, with wide arms.

It was pleasant, somehow, to have that earnest little fragrant baby face come close to his in the dark, and that fuzzy aureole of gold brush his cheek, and that eager little whisper reach his ears.

Joe kept his handsome head bent close to hers, and leaned his shoulder even closer.

Her face was beaming with satisfaction and wet with tears when they came out into the chilly dusk.

In parting he presented her with an enormous box of sweets.

"Oh, Joe Grant! Oh, Joe—two pounds! Oh, thank you—thank you!"

"Oh, hush," he said. "Now you run in and I'll watch you until you're inside the door."

She fled up the path, tried the knob of the porch door, called a joyous "Good-night and thank you!" into the dark, was silhouetted against a gush of red light, and then was gone.

Joe walked two blocks to his car, raging at himself.

"Gosh, what a fool I am! What on earth did I do that for?"

Millicent Russell, sitting next to him at dinner, was a pretty girl. From a point an inch or two below her armpits, to a point an inch or two above her knees, she was packed into a tube of spangled satin. Her arms were heavy with links of gold and platinum, her legs looked bare, if they were not actually bare, her feet were elevated dizzily upon pinnacles of gold leather.

Her cheeks were smoothly and brilliantly rouged, her lips stiff with grease, her eyebrows shaved into two startling, inky arcs. Millicent's breath was thick of alcohol and nicotine, her eyelids, coloured with blue oil, were lowered with fatigue and boredom, and she had no more hair than her brother had.

"I thought you had to go to prison to get a clip like that!" said Joe.

"Isn't it adorable? They call it the cocotte," Millicent told him enthusiastically.

"It's a crown of glory. If I were a girl," Joe said, with sudden fire. "I'd have hair. Beautiful braids and curls

and masses—of hair. It's pretty!"

"Say the word, Joe, and I'll be your little covered wagon," suggested Millicent, in an odd tone, and with a darling little laugh.

"Nothing doing. I'm in coll," Joe answered.

"You're not in coll! You're working. I like you an awful lot, Joe. You think I'm crazy, saying this. Perhaps I am. But"—her voice was husky—"but I like you an awful lot, Joe."

Girls always said that to him, and presumably to all the other fellows, when an evening had reached about this point. Joe reflected. That was the way persons got engaged, nowadays.

Millicent was trying it now. Right here, at the Carter's hot, crowded, stupid party, Millicent Russell was trying to land him.

"Nothing stirring," he said briefly. "Come on, let's dance."

Millicent raised the heavy eyelids, looked at him with superb insolence.

"Who's the other woman, Joe?" she drawled theatrically. "God, you are a brute!"

"There isn't any other woman!" He believed it. Yet, even now, when his face was close to Millicent's curled, perfumed bobbed head, he had a sudden memory of Maggie, childlike and eager, in a sleazy little faded white dress, with a mop of living gold tumbling upon her small shoulders.

Sunday night. It was an actual relief to think that tomorrow would be Monday, and he would be back in the clean busy stir of the Mack again.

He told himself, when Monday arrived, and he reached the store to find a demurely radiant Maggie prettier and more endearingly proprietary in her manner toward him than ever, that this nonsense must stop. Therefore, it was with a real surprise that he heard himself saying to her, late on Tuesday afternoon:

"What you doing to-night, Maggie?"

"Night school," she answered, colour and breath beginning their usual acceleration instantly.

"Night school! I didn't know you went to night school!"

"Why—why, but you told me to!" she accused him, reproachfully.

"I—when did I? How do you mean?"

"Before Christmas. Just after we first began to talk. You said, 'Maggie, you ought to go to night school!'"

"Did I?" He was stricken. "What do you study?" he asked.

"Political economy and French," she answered bravely.

"That's a darn good choice!" Joe assured her. "If ever you go abroad, you don't want to be embarrassed about pronouncing words."

"Maggie!" came a harsh voice from upstairs at this point. "Maggie Johnson! What's happened you down there in the stockroom? Start your trotters up here with them felay medallions!"

"Oh, holy Nelly!" Maggie ejaculated, seizing the green cards upon which the medallions were stitched, and fleeing wildly from Joe's too seductive neighborhood. "She sent me down for them fifteen minutes ago."

She left Joe very thoughtful. He took an opportunity, when they chanced to be entering the automat together for a late luncheon, to say deliberately:

"Look here, Maggie. I've got something on my mind to say to you, and by George, I'm going to say it. I want to warn you. Don't waste time, at seventeen, taking any crush too seriously."

"Who do you think I've got a crush on, Joe?"

"I know damn' well whom you've got a crush on!" Joe growled.

"Is zat so?" Maggie asked, flushing.

"Suppose the person I had a crush on had a crush on me?" she asked.

"A person might like you a lot, Maggie, and wish for all sorts of good things for you," Joe said rather slowly. "Without—without, I say, having a crush on you!"

"Well, that'd be enough, for me," she answered, still in the same audacious, high-spirited key. "I don't want and kissin' an' as for pettin' parties."

"Now, look here, you little idiot," he said, half angry and half laughing, "don't you think you can get away with that sort of thing! When your hour strikes, my dear, you won't be so sure you can get what you want! You'll be sick for more than kisses, then, Maggie, and afraid to take them. The whole world will turn itself into a sort of blur, with a man in the centre, and when he speaks you'll answer, and you'll say what he wants you to say, too. Don't fool yourself. You and I are friends—friends—friends—I was down and out when we first began to talk together, and you gave me a right steer and it kind of made you like me. I like you—I love you—I think you're a perfectly keen kid. But that kind of love's different. You're too young to know anything about it. Believe me, it's got a lot of pain in it and it leaves a scar—you don't get over it—"

(Continued Next Week.)

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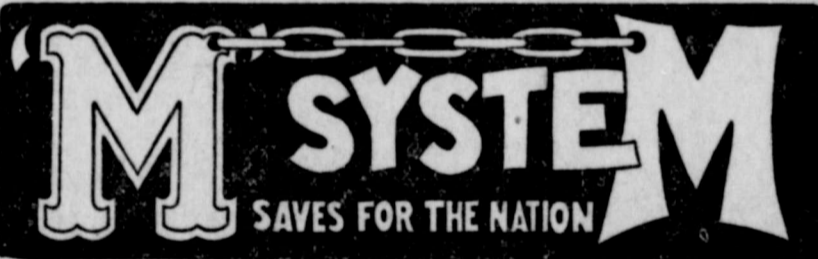
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BACKED BY FACTS.

A more optimistic prediction than has been heard for the last 18 months appeared in the monthly business review of the federal reserve bank of Dallas, issued Monday. Replete with anti-depression figures, the review cited a 50 per cent increase in department store sales and 35 per cent increase in building permits issued in Dallas. A three per cent decrease in commercial failures was noted and bank debits to personal accounts increased 15 per cent. An excellent crop prospect was forecast with more grain planted and reduction in cotton acreage.

That's not fiction. It's a summary of the monthly review of the federal reserve bank at Dallas.

More good news was contained in two items revealing renewed activity in the textile industries. These items are dated February 2, this good year of Our Lord 1931. One from Bonham states that the cotton mills there, the largest textile mill west of the Mississippi river, will begin full time operation of its 16,000 spindles this week, employing nearly 200 persons, with a total monthly payroll of approximately \$10,000. In Waco a new textile concern will start operation February 15, the J. M. Wood manufacturing company, with fifty machines for the manufacture of work garments.

A revival of trade in the spring is predicted by Prof. J. H. Jones, lecturer in economics at Leeds University, Liverpool. Addressing the Liverpool Rotary club, he said:

"We are frequently told by pessimists that industry will never get better—but the clouds are actually moving."

"In three or four months from now you will see the beginning of a break in the clouds and a definite silver lining in the United States."

"If history can be accepted as a safe guide, it is reasonable to expect that in the Spring there will be the beginning of a revival in the United States, and that can not fail to affect the industries of other countries including our own."

Arthur Brisbane, said to be the most widely read writer in the United States, compares the recent depression with the healthy man, who "has his little illnesses." After stating that Uncle Sam has just had his, Brisbane quotes Otto H. Kahn: "In a few years, we shall look back and find it hard to believe that the best American properties once sold at today's ridiculous prices."

The above summary of facts, report of renewed activities in textile lines, prediction by an eminent English authority on economics and apt simile of Arthur Brisbane—all point the way to an early revival of trade and business.

West Texas will have a grain crop this year to tide over things until Nature's beneficent seasoning of the soil yields its rich harvest in the fall.

The month of February, 1931, is a "perfect month," according to advocates of a change in the calendar which would give us 13 months of 28 days each. They point out that every month, under their system, would be like February of this year. The "perfect month" begins on a Sunday and ends on a Saturday. There won't be another like it until 1942.

Attends Board Meetings.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian church, after visiting the first of the week in Paris, is in Dallas to attend two meetings of church workers. On Wednesday the National Mission Board committee of which he is a member, being chairman of the Abilene presbytery, held its sessions and on Thursday Rev. Mr. Walker attended the Texas-wide Laymen's Conference at the City Temple, Dallas. He was accompanied by his wife.

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CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

"Put things of first importance first in your life" is one of the chief thoughts developed by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Merkel Methodist Church, in his sermonette on "Preoccupation," which The Mail is printing this week. "Except a worthy man, there is nothing more wonderful than a worthy book" is another of the nuggets of wisdom brought out in this sermonette.

"PREOCCUPATION."

I once lived in a small town that nestled just under the famous "Cap Rock" in a fertile and beautiful valley. This town, like most other towns, had its attractive show windows and glaring signs. One business man, desiring to outwit his competitors, placed a bold sign in front of his business which read "COME OVER HERE."

Now since I have come to think of it, that is what every sign I ever read was trying to say. By their beauty or boldness or by the promise of reward they invite us to "Come over here."

As we travel about every alluring country seems to cry out "Come over here."

The other fellow's occupation seems so much more interesting and attractive than our own and we feel the call to come that way.

Every worth while personality attracts us and bids us "Live as I live" "Do as I do."

Scores of wayside attractions call us in pleading voices.

Thus by the time one has reached his maturity he has accepted the calls to this and that until our life is full; we have no capacity for more. So up goes the sign like a loaded street car "Car full." But not in every case have we heeded the call to the best. Too often the things least worth while have occupied us. And whatever worthy thing may appear thereafter it is promptly turned down. "Car full." Thus, preoccupation becomes the common cause of our failure.

Consider, for example, the effect of preoccupation on our reading. As everyone knows, the poorest literature is the most accessible. Each printed page invites a reading. "Come over here" it invites. And before we know it such literature becomes interesting to us—has us within its grasp. We have no time for more.

But think of the tons of pure, refined, uplifting and ennobling literature turned out of the press annually. Is it not clear to all of us that the best literature is the least read? Ruskin said, "Do you know if you read THIS you cannot read THAT?" Except a worthy man there is nothing more wonderful than a worthy book, but because our time is taken with the lower grade we have no time for the better grade.

Most of us have a desire to know something of art and music and surely everyone has a desire to be a Christian gentleman and devote a proper portion of his time and talent to world betterment, but so many have accepted the invitation of open doors that alas! our life is full. How many of us can say "I put things of first importance first in my life?" I recall an old story that was in an old Fourth Reader of other school days. It was the story of the key flower. A shepherd was told of a certain rare flower which, if found and plucked, would usher one into the presence of true riches. Through his life he sought this flower and when he was old he found it. At once he was in the presence of riches, both temporal and moral. He filled his shepherd bag to its limit with the temporal riches, of silver and gold and on leaving the angel touched him and said "Friend, don't forget the best." But his bag was full, he could take no more, and not keep what he had. And on crossing the threshold his treasures turned to chaff. Will the treasures that we embrace turn to chaff when we cross the bar? Does not the angel of conscience sometimes touch us and whisper "Don't forget life's best." But our lives are full. We cannot accept things better—not and continue to embrace what we have.

Christ gave the story of three men who were preoccupied and therefore had no room for life's best. (Luke 14: 16-20):

16. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17. And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see

it: I pray thee have me excused.
19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The number in attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday lacked only five of reaching a round 800, the exact total being 795. This compares with 698 for the corresponding Sunday last year. The number present at the several Sunday Schools last Sunday was as follows: Methodist, 281; Baptist, 266; Presbyterian, 91; Church of Christ, 87, and Nazarene, 70.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Prayer Service was held last Sunday at the Presbyterian church, with John Toombs as leader. They will meet next Sunday at the Nazarene church, with W. M. Elliott as leader. The scripture lesson will be Acts 1:1-8, "A Christian's Power." Let's come. Invite some man or men to come with you. Bring your Bible.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Our Sunday School and church attendance last Sunday was fine. Both services were an uplift to us all. Come and let's make our Sunday School hour even a greater service next Sunday. Be there on time. We will have a treat in store. There will not be preaching service through the day, as your pastor will be at Baird.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We had very good attendance in Sunday School last Sunday. There were about 70 present. Rev. H. B. White occupied the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour, using for a text 1st Samuel, the second chapter and 30th verse. He used as a subject: "Honoring God."

The interest in the revival is increasing. Services will continue throughout the week, closing out next Sunday night. Services each evening beginning at 7 o'clock. Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Thursday at 7 p. m.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All services at regular hours next Sunday. Meet with your Sunday School class and greet the visitors and new members.

Join with that fine "crowd" and make the evening meeting a greater success with your prayers and presence. A cordial welcome to all.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Daring Disciple, Peter"

Introduction, Mildred Hamm.
"He Dared to Leave All," Margaret Canon.

"The Venture of Faith," Sis Boaz.
"Courage in Combat," Ida Derstine.
"And Simon Peter Followed Jesus," Benny Sheppard.

"Tears Reveal the Man," Iris Garrett.
"And Peter," Orion Tittle.
"Why Did Peter Dare?" B. P. Middleton.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "Two Men Obey Their Vision."

"Peter, a Missionary," Neely Tittle.
"Cornelius," Winston Polley.
"The Vision of Peter," Mary Helen Lancaster.

"The Meaning of the Vision," Rose Mary Lassiter.
"Peter Obeys the Vision," Madra Nixon.

"Cornelius Meets Peter," Herman Carson.
"The Gentiles are Baptized," Ora Derrick.

Poem, "I'll go Where You Want Me to Go," Clara Frances Largent.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles West February 10 at 2:30 p. m. The program follows:

"Analek is Overcome by the Holding Up of Moses' Hand," Mrs. C. F. Stevens.

"Jethro's Counsel is Accepted," Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw.

"The People Come to Sinai," Mrs. Bessie Perry.

"The Ten Commandments," Mrs. F. A. Polley.
"The Laws for Menservants," Mrs. J. S. Swann.
"An Angel is Promised," Mrs. Earl



GLEANER CLASS ENTERTAINMENT.

The home of Mrs. Dee Grimes was the scene of a lovely Valentine party on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames Hunter and Harrell were co-hostesses with Mrs. Grimes in entertaining members of the Gleaner Sunday School class.

Valentine decorations were used throughout the entertaining rooms and in game accessories at tables appointed for "Hearts," which game proved a happy diversion for the afternoon. A clever "Heart" contest was also very much enjoyed.

At the tea hour chicken salad sandwiches, marshmallow whip, hot chocolate and candy hearts were served to Mesdames Case, Homer Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Richardson, Len Sublett, Vernon, Blake, Latham, Idings, Guitar, Briggs, Vaughn, Buford, Rush Buford, Gambill, Buzbee, Tom Largent, Lee Tipton, Will Toombs, L. R. Thompson of Abilene, Lowe, Stanford, McGehee, Gaither, Burgess, Delmer, Ferrier, Hunter, Harrell and Grimes.

Lassiter.

"Moses is Called up into the Mountain," Mrs. W. H. Pence.

"Aaron and his Sons are Set Apart," Mrs. O. B. Tatum.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The pastor of the Merkel Methodist church will observe his birthday next Sunday, February 8, by preaching on the subject, "Forty," or "The Second Wind," or "The Noon Day Ghost," at the 11 o'clock hour. Those between the ages of 30 and 50 have a special invitation.

All regular services during the week at the usual hours.

EPWORTH HI-LEAGUE.

Leader, Opal Buzbee.
Hymn No. 49.
Prayer, Wanda Hunter.
Hymn No. 205.
Scripture, Acts 10:9-18; 25-29, leader.

First topic, Duncan Briggs.
Second topic, first part, Cullen Tittle; second part, Kennedy Whiteley; third part, Wayman Richards; fourth part, Marie Stanford; fifth part, Mildred Clark; sixth part, Mildred Richardson.

Fourth topic, first part, Helen Yeats; second part, Jack Patterson; third part, Imogene Middleton.
Piano solo, Lois Whiteley.
League benediction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture, Thelma Patterson.
Bible story, Willie B. Toombs.
Reading, Bertie Lou Pee.
Song, Ethelda Tucker and Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Bible story, A. C. Sears.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Splendid services on Last Lord's day. More in attendance at all services during the week, for which we are rejoiced.

You are invited to come to all our services at all times. Regular services for the week are as follows: Bible study at 10 a. m. Lord's day, communion service at 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program at 6 p. m., ladies' Bible study at 2 p. m. Tuesday and prayer and Bible study at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

In love, The Elders.

Merkel Pythians Attend Ceremonial

Several local Pythians, including Dr. G. B. Fain, P. P. Dickinson, Charles H. Jones and B. H. Lancaster, attended the Knights of Pythias ceremonial held in the Crystal ball room at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, last Saturday evening. About 50 candidates were initiated in the rank of page.

Visiting Pythians were present from Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Breckenridge, Cross Plains, San Angelo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa and Big Spring, besides those mentioned from Merkel.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Lincoln's birthday, a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day Thursday, February 12. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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WTU Co. Paid Nearly Half Million Taxes

Abilene, Feb. 5.—The West Texas Utilities company, in 1930, paid \$1,150 a day for taxes, a total of \$420,000 being turned in to the coffers of the several governing bodies.

Contributing directly to the support of more than 1,300 families in West Texas, the company last year paid salaries and wages to its employees at the rate of \$5,200 a day, or a total of \$1,900,000 paid out to local employees.

For new construction and expansion, the company during 1930 invested an additional \$4,600,000 for facilities to provide adequate service in advance of the requirements in this West Texas section.

This company has brought in from the outside in West Texas more money during the last five years than it has received in gross income.

Rates have been reduced from year to year and the volume of power load added to where the total electric service sold in 1930 was at an average rate of 2 1-2 cents per kilowatt-hour, approximately one half of the average rate in 1927. Residential rates have been reduced more than 25 per cent over the last four years—all of which was made possible through the closing down of a number of isolated plants and providing service through trunk transmission line net work from three major generating stations together with other economies of group management and finance.

These are the highlights in a report made to the president of the West Texas Utilities company by the statistical department.

Texas has the largest port grain elevator in the United States—at Galveston. Capacity 6,000,000 bushels and to handle 500 carloads of grain a day.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

The Impetuous Marine Faces Court-Martial

Washington, Feb. 5.—Philadelphia, which has seen Smedley D. Butler leading its drive on crime and "has heard him as a virile speaker, will see the dashing marine as defendant in court-martial proceedings and hear him discuss Premier Mussolini for the second time.

Secretary Adams Monday for Monday, Feb. 16, as the date for the court-martial to start there.

Major General Butler went to Philadelphia in 1924 as director of public safety and spent two years trying to clean up vice conditions. Jan. 19, 1931, he made the speech before the Contemporary Club in which he allegedly described Premier Mussolini as a hit-and-run driver.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

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FOR SALE—Cornish Game eggs, \$1.00 per setting. Robert H. Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

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FOR SALE—Rhode Island setting eggs. See Bob Mayfield.

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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.

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GRASS LAND FOR LEASE—360 acres in Mulberry Canyon, about six miles south of Merkel. For price and other information, write The Sayles Co., Abilene, Texas.

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WANTED—A few Bantam hens. Write what you have and price. Box 28, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED—About 60 head of cows for good wheat pasture. Apply to J. W. Teaff, Route 4. Phone 9043F21.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 5.—Conditions in the cattle market are going from bad to worse. Only 1,200 head of cattle and 500 calves arrived for the Wednesday session, but in spite of the short run, the demand was very indifferent. Yearlings made up the big end of the supply and most of the crop remained in original hands until late in the day. The market was weak to lower on everything and the loss on calves amounted to 25c.

Hog prices were mostly 10c to 15c down, with a few sales only 5c off. Small killers paid up to \$7.60 for truck consignments and \$7.55 for carlots. Receipts were around 600 head.

Values in the sheep division indicated no quotable change. Truck lambs went at \$7.00 to \$7.50. Total receipts were 800 head.

"Pay an Obligation"

(Continued from Page One)
Sam Swann, former secretary of the Lions club.

Dr. G. B. Fain came as a guest, but was received as a new member during the business session.

Dee Grimes is to be toastmaster, assisted by P. P. Dickinson, at the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Personal Mention

Mrs. E. Yates Brown has as her guest her mother, Mrs. A. B. Wall, of Midland.

Mrs. V. P. Tippett and children of San Angelo on their return home from a week-end visit here were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown.

E. Yates Brown was in Dallas early in the week to attend a meeting of Federated managers. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

A quartet of bachelors, who have leased one of the Sutphen apartments on Oak street, includes Messrs. Wren Durham, Ralph Duke, G. A. Keel of Blair and Clyde Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Stanton are here visiting their sisters, Misses Pauline and Ona Johnson, and their brother, Stan.

Miss Stella Wilson is visiting relatives in Roby.

Mrs. W. R. Walker and Miss Dixie Howard of Abilene were guests Sunday of the Misses Johnson.

Harold Boney and Howard King from Simmons university spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford has returned to make Merkel her home again.

S. E. Gilmore from Roswell, N. M., was a recent guest of his sister, Mrs. V. B. Sublett.

Leonard Reeves spent the week-end in Brownwood visiting his mother, who is ill at the home of her mother there, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes of Tahoka spent the week-end with Mrs. Jaynes' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian, of Dallas were week-end guests of their parents and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats drove over to Weatherford Tuesday to visit their daughter, Miss Atheida, who is attending Weatherford college.

W. C. Leach, who has been stationed at Roscoe since the first of the year, was a visitor with his family here a few hours Saturday.

Glenn Elliott, who has been making his home at Hobbs, N. M., for several months, is here for a few days, joining Mrs. Elliott who had preceded him for a visit with her parents.

Glenn says that he hopes to locate somewhere in this chosen part of West Texas before long.

Prior to attending the Laymen's conference of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., at Dallas, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker visited relatives in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Sweetwater were guests Sunday in the J. T. Dennis home.

Mrs. Claud M. Patridge of Humble is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore.

Contracts County Jail Total \$93,167

Taylor county's new jailhouse is to be located just south of the present building, the site having been selected by the county commissioners in special session Tuesday. Brick was also selected for the structure, which is to be four stories with basement. Light color mingled shale brick was chosen and is to be supplied by the Abilene Brick company.

Total cost of the structure, under six awards, will be \$93,167. Suggs Construction company has the general contract on their bid of \$41,800; Southern Prison company, Dallas, jail equipment, \$32,500; Nance-Webb, plumbing, \$7,475; R. G. Cogdell, heating, \$5,600; Sun Electric company, electrical installations, \$1,697, and Otis Elevator company, Dallas, elevator and dumb waiter installation, \$4,095.

Planning Market Milk and Cream

With a view of effecting a market here for whole milk and sour and sweet cream, the Nichols Ice company is working over their plant here. Within about a week, Mr. Nichols states that he will be able to make definite announcement as to the opening of this new department for handling milk and cream.

At the same time, in preparation for the opening of ice season the company is repainting their vaults and overhauling things generally.

Rev. Geo. D. Durham Dies.

Mrs. S. F. Annis has received a telegram from her son, Dr. A. A. Annis, announcing the death of his son-in-law, Rev. Geo. D. Durham, at Dallas last Thursday. Death resulted from pneumonia. Mrs. Durham is a granddaughter to Mrs. Annis and was until her marriage Miss Doris Annis. She has friends here who will regret to learn of her bereavement.

The "King of Jazz" Deserves to Rule

Some years back, Paul Whiteman started a new interpretation of popular music which many critics believe will in time be recognized as the American contribution to the art.

Whiteman banished the seemingly disordered banging and clap-trap typical of the jazz orchestra of his first days. In its place he gave us a classic syncopation, saved the lilt of it, saved the part of it which set feet to tapping and lips to whistling. He discarded the mad unnatural jungleism and retained a music of beauty, simple enough for all to grasp.

In the current series of radio programs sponsored by the Allied Quality Paint Group, Mr. Whiteman is proving his right to the title of "King of Jazz"—though it be a newer and better type of jazz.

You can hear him each Tuesday evening over the Blue Net work of NBC and additional stations at 8 o'clock eastern standard time.

Oliver Cunningham Plans Loan Bill

Austin, Feb. 5.—Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene, has completed for introduction Thursday a bill to allow counties to use any money they may have on hand and to issue up to \$50,000 warrants to lend money to residents for the purchase of seed and feed for 1931.

The bill will apply to all counties. It patterns the 1918-19 drought relief law, except that the state does not furnish money to counties to be reloaned to individuals.

Bus Fares Reduced For All Round Trips

Bus fares over the Southland Greyhound Lines' Texas-wide system will be reduced to slightly less than two cents a mile for all round trips, effective February 1, it is announced by officials of the bus company following approval by the state railroad commission.

The new fares are one and one-third times the regular one way fares and carry a six-month time limit as the only restriction. The reduction applies to every point on the Southland's 2289-mile system, officials of the company announced, and is good on all schedules, including the through runs.

The lower rates are similar to the program introduced by the Southland last summer when one and one-third fares effected eleven principal cities in the company's system, and, officials stated, are made largely as a result of the big success and demand following the prior cut.

New fares apply to principal points of interest even to the extreme ends of the lines in the state-wide network, including the round trip to Carlsbad Cavern, via Pecos and the Ft. Worth-El Paso division, the announcement stated.

Catches a Mountain Lion in Coyote Trap

Uvalde, Feb. 5.—A Mexican leopard of the type known as a mountain lion was killed on the Indio ranch south of Eagle Pass Monday by Antonio Masquiza, 21, of Eagle Pass.

The big, tawny-colored animal, the first to be killed in that section in many years, measured six feet seven inches from the nose to the tip of the tail. Masquiza caught the beast in a trap that he had set for coyotes, of which he makes a business of trapping for their hides, and came upon it unaware.

The lion jumped to its feet when Masquiza approached, and tried to shake loose the trap from the toe of its right foot. Masquiza shot it in the neck, killing it instantly.

Simpson-Dobbins.

Miss Roxie Dobbins of Sweetwater and William Simpson of Trent were united in marriage by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian church, at the manse here at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The young couple were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rogers of Trent as attendants.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

U. S. Oil Supply Will Last 500 Years

Washington, Feb. 5.—The senate commerce committee was told Saturday America has oil supply sufficient for 500 years on the basis of present consumption.

Ralph Arnold, engineer, in endorsing legislation to curb foreign imports, testified domestic independent producers face an emergency because of foreign oil importations and warned that quick action to put up a protective wall was necessary.

Arnold approved the measure of Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, to restrict crude importations to 16,000,000 barrels annually and to prohibit all refined products.

The witness, who has spent years in geological and mining work, said the present known oil assets of the nation were 714,000,000 barrels. This represented, he said, about 98 per cent of the original assets.

About 10 per cent of the oil now used in this country is imported, Arnold asserted.

Referring to Venezuela as the greatest oil field supplying American importers, he said 70 per cent of the fields in that country were owned by the Royal Dutch Shell company. He added that American oil producers had passed up an opportunity to get these rich fields.

Captains Are Named For Ranger Force

Austin, Feb. 5.—Governor Sterling has named state ranger captains for the next two years.

New captains were former Sgt. Light Townsend of Wharton county, who will be in command of company C with headquarters at Del Rio, and C. O. Moore of Austin, sheriff of Hutchinson county after the martial law era at Borger in 1929, who will be captain of the quartermaster corps here.

Townsend was sergeant under Bill Sterling, former captain of company D, who is now adjutant general.

Capt. Frank A. Hamer of Austin was reappointed captain of the headquarters company here. Other captains reappointed were Will L. Wright of Pecos county, who will captain company A, Fort Stockton; Tom R. Hickman of Fort Worth, company B with headquarters at Fort Worth, and Albert R. Mace of Lampasas county, company D, with headquarters at Falgout.

Capt. R. W. Aldrich of Austin was not reappointed. He has been in the ranger service 12 years.

Fight Against Austin Postmaster Dropped

Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Connally, democrat, Texas, Saturday informed the senate postoffice committee that further opposition to confirmation of Lynn Hunter as postmaster at Austin would not be made. An early report of the nomination was in prospect.

Hunter's nomination has been held up pending inquiry into complaints made against him by employes in the postoffice. Senator Connally announced he had received a telegram from the postal employes who had requested a hearing that they did not desire to make further opposition.

Slightly Improved.

A slight improvement was noted Thursday morning in the condition of Stan Johnson, who has been ill for several weeks, his condition having become rather serious in the past few days.

Appendix Operation.

Dewey Thomas, who underwent an emergency appendix operation at the Merkel sanitarium Wednesday afternoon, was reported resting easy Thursday morning.

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

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West Texas Chiro Elect New Officers

About forty members attended the monthly meeting of the West Texas Chiropractic society at the Hilton hotel last Sunday afternoon. Merkel was represented by Dr. H. P. Hulsey, who will be on program at the next meeting, to be held in Breckenridge, for a lecture on "Dietetics."

Dr. A. W. Canfill of Sweetwater was elected president of the society and Dr. J. E. Busby, former president, was named secretary.

Chiropractors of the state are supporting a bill in the legislature, setting up a board of examiners and providing that licenses be issued only to graduate chiropractors, who are required by the act to have had three years as resident students.

Possum Hunt.

Accompanied by Scoutmasters Rev. R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson and Charles H. Jones, about 35 Boy Scouts enjoyed a possum hunt Tuesday night, going to Morrison's ranch. They report the capture of five of the sulky marsupials and a general good time. The evening's pleasure was climaxed with a weiner roast at 10:30.

\$5,069,000 to Red Cross.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Red Cross drought relief fund Monday passed the half way mark, the total being \$5,069,000. The goal is \$10,000,000.

Office supplies—Mail office.

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Woman Hurt in Auto Crash Awarded \$1400

A verdict of \$1,400 for the plaintiff was returned by a jury in 42nd district court last Saturday in the case of Mrs. Beulah Butler and her husband, T. R. Butler, against the Humble Oil and Refining company. The couple asked \$10,500 from the defendant company in connection with injuries received by Mrs. Butler in an automobile-truck crash near Merkel, November 22, last.

It will be recalled that Mrs. Butler, whose home is in Sweetwater, was riding with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ooley en route to Shattuck, Okla., when the accident occurred, and Mrs. Ooley was fatally injured.

Jurors were J. A. Fincher, J. A. Meadows, W. O. Landers, E. M. Hill, Yates Brown, E. C. Carter, R. R. Burford, Virgil Riddle, L. P. Walter, W. W. Gladden, J. A. Buster and O. K. Orey.

Mail want ads pay dividends.



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BAKING POWDER, K. C. 25 oz.	19c
MACARONI, Gooch's, 8 oz. pkg.	25c
COFFEE, Peaberry blend, 1 lb. pkg.	20c
SUGAR, 25 lb. cloth bag	\$1.40
CRACKERS, 3 lb caddy	38c
CORNFLAKES, Kellogg's, 2 pkgs.	19c
ORANGES, California's 288's, doz.	22c
LEMONS, California's 360's, doz.	22c
CAKES, Snow Peaks, lb.	19c
SOAP, Palm Olive, 3 bars	20c
GEM NUT, Butter substitute, lb.	19c
OATS, Redi cooked, 3 lbs.	20c
PORK & BEANS, Wapco, tall, 3 cans	25c
BACON, Hermel, smoked, lb.	22c
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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The Womans Missionary society met in regular session Monday afternoon at the church with the pastor, Rev. U. S. Sherrill, teaching a book, entitled "The Trailing Conquistadors." Members present were Mesames Scott, Winn, Mangum, McRee and Shouse. After the meeting the ladies went to the home of Mrs. Shouse and spent several hours quilting on a quilt for the pastor and wife.

Mrs. E. L. Williamson of Skellytown was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Lee Keys.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., has as her guest Mrs. Susie Sloan of Cameron.

Mrs. James C. Roberts returned to her home Sunday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Jake Roberts.

Jim Mathews with his family moved to Sweetwater Saturday. Mr. Mathews will continue in the service of the railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Craddock of Cisco attended to business and visited with friends here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman and daughter, Miss Florence, entertained with a fish dinner last Friday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neil and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Weiser.

Mesdames M. G. Scott, J. K. P. Winn and R. B. McRee, Sr., attended the officers training meeting at Abilene last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep and E. H. Burks.

Miss Magdeline Payne, who is teaching at Oplin, spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Estelle Terry of Moro spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Dorothy Boyd of Hamlin was the week-end guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Jo Howell. Misses Mary and Florence and W. L. Jr., came over Sunday and visited friends, Miss Dorothy returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee were agreeably surprised last Thursday evening when quite a few of their friends gathered at their home and showered them with many pretty and useful gifts.

Misses Mattie and Fannie Scott of Abilene visited friends and relatives here last Friday.

A. W. Wood, assisted by A. C. Terry, entertained his Sunday School class, the Junior boys, with a weiner roast at Sand Spring last Friday evening. Those attending were: Hubert McLeod, A. C. Terry, Jr., Bo Terry, Mark Williamson, Billie Jo Bowers, W. F. Scott and J. W. Goode.

Miss Velma Rutledge and Orvin Robinson were married Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Stribling and his mother entertained with a "42" party at their home Monday evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Reid Stribling and daughter, Winnie Mae, of Barstow, and Mr. and Mrs. Williamson of Lubbock. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Misses Vergie Strawn, Helen Robbe and Mrs. Buena McLeod.

W. J. Beckham of Lamesa spent Tuesday night here with his parents. He was en route to Dallas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burchie left Saturday morning for Kerrville in the interest of Mrs. Burchie's health. They were accompanied by Misses Opal and Thelma Nalley.

CEMETERY NOTICE.

There will be a cemetery working at the Trent cemetery next Tuesday, Feb. 10. Everyone is urged to come and anyone have shrubbery or trees of any kind, suitable to put out, is requested to bring them.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Lincoln's birthday, a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day Thursday, February 12. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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ZION CHAPEL

We have been extremely blessed with lots of good winter rains, for which we are very thankful.

Dinner guests of Miss Rena Terry Sunday were: Fay Wilburn, Robbie Horton and Ray Lucas.

Miss Vergie Marshall has returned home after spending a week with friends in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. Grady Bond has been quite ill but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stout entertained with "42" last Friday evening.

Little Miss Mona Lee Osborne has been visiting relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton visited the former's sister at Anson Saturday night.

Mrs. Edd Spurgin visited her sister of Anson last week-end.

Conrad Gust spent the week-end with friends of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Osborne and little daughter, Alice Marie, went to Cisco on business Friday.

We regret to lose from our community Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Melton, who are moving near Anson.

Miss Maude Cook spent the week-end with friends and home folks, returning to Sylvester Sunday afternoon, where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stout welcome as their guests Herman and Everett Stout, nephews of Mr. Stout.

The "4-cornered" singing will meet at Zion Chapel church next Sunday. Everyone is invited to come.

Miss Ina Mae Childers is expected home Sunday after an extended visit with friends in Merkel.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Mrs. W. D. Anderson and son Jesse left Friday for their future home at Joaquin, Texas.

Misses Satterwhite and Bailey were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson.

Miss Josie Hogan is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews gave the young people a tack party Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Nubia spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Seymour, Sunday.

The team of school girls and outsiders played basketball Friday evening when the outsiders were defeated.

School is moving along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humphreys had as guests Sunday, J. S. Anderson and family and Mrs. Craig Humphreys and daughter.

Rev. O. D. Pruitt and wife were in Tuscola Saturday.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

In memory of Sister Mary Ann Petrus, who died Dec. 29, 1930.

Death has again entered our chapter hall and called to the eternal home a dearly beloved sister, who has completed her faithful labor here in ministering to the cry of the orphan, to the call of want and to the piteous wail of sorrow, and as a recompense has received the welcome plaudit, "well done," from the Great Master, and

Whereas, the loving Father has called our beloved and respected sister home and she, having been a true and faithful member of our mystic order, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Merkel Chapter No. 212, O. of E. S., in testimony of its loss, drape its charter in mourning for thirty days, that we tender the family of the deceased sister our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, recorded in our minutes and sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

Mrs. May Lee.
Mrs. Mae Seago.
Mrs. Willie Neill.

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Week of February 8

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Tues., Wed.

"Fair Warning"

Thurs. Fri.

"Truth About Youth"

Sat.

"Leatherneking"

DORA DOINGS

The reason we did not get here last week we were stuck in the mudhole at the corner.

We fully believe the ground hog saw his shadow Monday and has gone in for six weeks. Oh, my! if he did.

Dorothy Hanks, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanks, is recovering nicely from a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Others who are sick are Truman Dennis, Mrs. Willie Lynn, Mrs. J. N. Hamilton and Laura Day. All are reported on the road to recovery.

Grandma Moore of Hylton is visiting in her daughter here, Mrs. Olin Holland.

Jim Henson was called to Abilene Thursday to the bedside of his brother, Lee, who was very sick. Mr. Henson returned home Monday, leaving his brother doing very nicely.

Monroe Whisenhunt has returned home after several days stay in Dunlap, N. M.

Edgar Elliott and Ernest Ensminger made a business trip to Merkel Friday.

N. G. Oliver and family spent the day Sunday with C. F. Sanders and family near Sweetwater.

C. F. and Fayne Perry made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

We are glad to report Mrs. Lloyd Perry of the K. Stoker ranch convalescing at her mother's, Mrs. Cleve Bush, in the Canyon community.

Albert Oliver of Elm Grove spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Our school is doing nicely; midterm exams are over, and everybody is glad, teachers as well as students.

White Church News

The program at the school house was very well attended last Friday night. Several from other communities were here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats visited their daughter, Mrs. John Barbee of Merkel, Saturday.

W. C. Matthews and J. W. Latimer and families of Blair attended Sunday School here Sunday and after Sunday School Mr. Matthews made a very interesting talk. We want them to come back again.

Emmet Morris of Blair will be with us next Sunday. Everyone come and give him a good hearing. We are sure he will give us a very interesting talk.

Owen Patterson of Noodle visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes of Route 3 attended the program Friday night.

Several of the neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown last Friday night and enjoyed a radio program.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox have been visiting the Hensleys.

E. W. Turner and family have returned from El Paso. We are glad to have them home.

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GOLAN NEWS

Newman played Golan here in four games Friday evening, Golan winning all four by a high score.

Golan played Dowell at Roby, losing by 3 points, winning the game with Blackwell, and losing to Longworth six points.

John Lawlis and family were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of Goodman visited Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Norvil Brown were also visitors in the Brown home.

First quarterly conference convened here Saturday. Elder Clark preached at the eleven o'clock hour; lunch was spread in the church house, conference was held after dinner. Brother Biggs preached Sunday morning and Brother Clark preached again Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank West are moving to Anson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis of Newman were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herron.

L. C. Williams is on the sick list this week.

With plenty of rain, we'll make lots of grain; no rain, and our work is all in vain.

Quite a few in our community are on the sick list this week.

Golan played Union at Union Friday evening. Senior boys won—girls' scores were 10-2 in favor of Union.

Word was sent out early Monday morning that Grandma Die, who has been ill for so long at her daughters, Mrs. Kinsey's and Mrs. Finch's, was dying and all of her children have been with her for the past several days.

Miss Jannita Payne of Union has been visiting Jewel Fae Hill since Friday.

Frank Lawlis and Orvel Hill returned to their school work at Union Sunday.

Miss Vada Martin spent the week-end with home folks at Sylvester.

Our Sunday School is managing to struggle through these bad Sundays and the "flu." Everyone is invited to come and bring someone with you.

BLAIR ITEMS

Farmers are beginning to turn their lands for another crop, although in many places it has been to wet to plow so far. Grain is ordinarily looking fine and the pasturage from the grain fields is helping out much on the feed question.

Mesdames Ora Mayfield, Tom Spears, Jack Latimer and Miss Vernie Derrick, who have been on the sick list, are getting along nicely at this writing.

Louise and Madeline Addison enjoyed a visit Saturday from the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moors of Trent.

Mrs. Jim Perry of Butman was the guest of Mrs. Wid Mathews Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCrary and Mrs. Jim Mayfield and daughters of Merkel were seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan of Trent spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown have been attending the bedside of their niece, Baby Riggan, of White Church, who is seriously ill.

Little Peggie Mayfield spent several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker, of Buffalo Gap, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips visited their daughter, Mrs. Thompson, of Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer and son, Milburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathews and daughter, Willie Pearl, attended services at White Church Sunday.

Elder O. J. Adcock of Merkel is to fill his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A number of young people in this community enjoyed the radio program rendered by the Blair school Friday night over KFYO, Abilene.

Henry Stubbs and D. C. Doan were seen in our midst Saturday.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

We are sorry to report a great deal of sickness in our community and we are hoping for a quick recovery for everyone.

Mr. M. L. Douglas was in Trent Monday.

Abilene visitors Monday were Mrs. O. E. Harwell and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and son, Charles Joe.

Mr. Oliver Carey attended court at Abilene this week.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE WORK.

Merkel schools are planning to enter almost all of the Interscholastic League events, both in literary and athletic contests. The league meet will be held sometime during the month of March; the exact date has not been set.

Miss Tracy and Miss Williams will have charge of the literary events. Debating, spelling, music memory, picture memory, declamation, essay writing, arithmetic, and the one-act play are some of the other contests to be entered at the Interscholastic League meet.

The basketball tournament will be held on February 7 at Simmons. Junior boys' track and field, tennis, playground ball and track and field are some of the athletic contests being entered by the schools.

DEBATES IN ENGLISH 8A CLASS.

English 8 A has been studying "Julius Cesar" for the past three or four weeks. When the class completed reading it, they decided to have two debates.

The propositions for debate were as follows: Resolved: That the play should have been named "Marcus Brutus;" Resolved: That Brutus was justified in assassinating Cesar." The participants in the first debate were Wanda Hunter and Rogene Dye on the affirmative side and Annie Lee Owens and Caribel Mansfield on the negative side. Walderine Hunter was the chairman and the rest of the members of the class were judges. The affirmative side won.

The debaters in the second debate were Vivian Lancaster, Harold Reese, Joe Amason and Walderine Huskey on the affirmative side and Billy Gardner, Sarah Sheppard, Caribel Mansfield and Jack West on the negative side. Cullen Tittle acted as chairman. The affirmative side won. Both debates were enjoyed by all of the class. After the last debate the chairman asked for corrections that might help the English class to improve in debating and in speaking correctly at all times, which is the purpose of the English class.

ENGLISH CLUB.

On ground hog's day, English 8 A went to class prepared for a good lesson but Miss Williams let us celebrate by organizing a club.

As president, the class elected Jack West, whose duty will be to preside at all business meetings of the club; however, a new chairman will be selected to preside when a program is given. The purpose is to allow each member to preside at one of the meetings. Our present chairman is Miss Rogene Dye. A secretary is to be appointed by each chairman. Other officers are: secretary, Annie Lee Owen; program committee, Fay Pinckley, Caribel Mansfield and Annie Lee Owens.

The name for our club has not been decided on yet.

Our first program will be February 22, 1931, in commemoration of Washington's birthday.

BADGER BASKETBALL NEWS.

The Badgers are improving all the time. There is proof that there are some improvements, because they were defeated by Trent at the beginning of the season, but the other day they defeated Trent by four points. Thursday the Badgers were defeated by Goodman by several points.

TWO CHAPELS THIS WEEK.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, the Choral and Glee clubs sang at the Merkel High school.

The first number was "Bells of the Sea;" the second, "The March Song;" the third, "Anvil Chorus;" and the last, "Let the Rest of the World Go By."

The entire High School student body sang the "Anvil Chorus" and "The March Song."

On Friday, January 30, 1931, Reverend Richburg spoke to the students of Merkel High School on Wallace's "Ben-Hur." He told briefly the story. All students who had some money were asked to send or give it to Reverend Richburg if they wished to do so, as no fixed charge was made for hearing the Reverend Richburg read "Ben-Hur."

THEMES IN ENGLISH CLASS.

In English our themes have been chiefly expository. Below we list a

few short ones, based on our daily assignments.

(Among interesting characters of today, Edison is one of our favorites. Nell Hughes has given her reasons for admiring him.)

"Why I Admire Thomas A. Edison."

It is hard to account for Edison's social life. It is said that when he was to be married he was so busy he forgot it. The marriage was arranged but no groom appeared; someone had to go after him. Edison has a cat in his laboratory so he can sleep when he desires to do so. Sometimes he works many hours without food or sleep.

Thomas Edison is one of the greatest inventors the world has ever known. He can be compared with Franklin. Franklin discovered electricity, but Edison invented the globe to make the light. Which is more important? This is a question frequently asked but not so easily answered.

Some of Edison's inventions are: the carbon telephone transmitter, the electric globe and the Victrola or talking machine. These are only a few of his inventions, but they are the best known.

It is easy to account for Edison's success of life. He is an earnest worker, always willing to try again and not give up. He is fun-loving and erratic. He is a very brilliant man.

I am sure that Edison leads one of the most interesting lives of today. He is now training young scientists in his famous laboratory, with the hope of leaving someone to carry on his work.

(We might expect a girl's pet to be a cat. Opal Huskey seems to meet our expectations.)

"Rusty."

Rusty was ugly the first time I saw him and he is almost as ugly yet. He was supposed to be black but his coat looked as if it had been singed to a rusty brown. That is where he got his name. Most of his ears were gone and one jaw was swelled until his eye was shut. He hung around the house, looking as if he were starved, so we fed him through compassion. In three weeks he was looking as well as any cat could be expected to look with a coat like Rusty's.

On arriving, his favorite pastime was to fight Joseph, for Sarah would not fight. Now his favorite pastime is to lie around where he is most in the way with his paws about Joseph's neck.

Rusty hates to stay out-of-doors. He had almost rather miss one of his meals. However, he seems to be perfectly happy, for he is not forced to do either. As a result of heavy sleeping and long and numerous naps Rusty is very fat.

He has no idea how to start to catch a mouse. My private opinion is that he would run if he saw one. Neither is he useful in any other way. He doesn't even take the trouble to move from one's path.

For all this, Rusty is dearly loved by all the family; and the house would look very empty without him sleeping before the fire or curled up in the most comfortable chair in the house.

(We have enjoyed story-telling in literature. Mildred gives a brief discussion of O. Henry's style.)

"The Romantic and Realistic Qualities of O. Henry's Stories."

O. Henry's stories usually follow a course of being romantic and realistic. The story is usually romantic not only in love affairs, but in different parts played by children, as in "The Ransom of Red Chief" and various stories. The scenes in these stories are realistic; in other words, real or pertaining to life.

A few of the examples of the romanticism of O. Henry's stories are found in "Money Maze," "The Ransom of Red Chief," "A Service of Love," "The Third Ingredient," "The Gifts of the Magi" and others. In the last story mentioned the girl sold her most beloved possessions in order to buy a watch for her lover and he sold his watch, one of his beloved possessions, to buy what she wanted. All of O. Henry's stories are written from true life.

O. Henry's stories have very abrupt endings. Perhaps one will be reading along in an interesting part and, before being able to realize what has happened, the story has ended. In this way of ending them, O. Henry's stories are interesting and impressive.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS.

Monday morning, Feb. 2, the Junior class met at chapel period and elected a new reporter, Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Our first reporter was Ross Ferrier, whom we elected at the first of the year. Ross, being a very studious person, is taking five subjects this year and therefore does not have time to fill the duties of a reporter. We also want to apologize for last week's Badger Weekly, which we were to sponsor, but we are offering no excuses. The editor is going to give us another chance soon, we hope to make a better showing.

GRAMMAR AND HIGH SCHOOL GAME.

Grammar School girls and High School girls had a game Tuesday afternoon. The score was 15 to 5 in favor of Grammar School. Lois Perkins, Alice Russell and Janet Hayes each made three scores.

Grammar School's Pep Squad was present with several of their yells.

ASK—

Ola Ellen the difference between a cat and a kitty.

Mr. Riddle how to pronounce electrophorus; also ask him if "bust" is correct.

Thelma Mac what poles on a magnet attract.

If the students did not enjoy chapel last Friday.

The boys if the girls can play baseball.

Audrey Farris where she went Saturday night.

Why Mattiou's great-grandmother would turn over in her grave.

Elvis why he rubbed a hard rubber rod in his hair.

Miss Williams to draw a picture representing a page on the board.

SAY DID YOU KNOW—

—That Mildred Clark likes to go to Goodman?

—That Lowell talks in the study hall?

—That Florence likes Spanish?

—That Nell was smart?

—That the Sophomores are publishing the Badger Weekly this week?

—That Meyer stutters?

—That J. R. Higgins plays basketball?

—What the new fad is?

—That Mildred Richardson is wearing a new ring, and we wonder?

—That Mr. Riddle bought some embalming fluid the other day?

—That we have an algebra test every day?

—That the basketball tournament is Saturday?

—That the track meet is March 27 and 28?

—That when a fellow has a book before his face, he isn't always studying?

—That Monday was ground hog day?

—That it rains in Merkel when there is a dry moon?

—That the roof of the Badger "den" leaks?

—That there are only fifteen more weeks of school?

—That Miss Patterson can play tennis?

—That the Sophs are well represented in literary activities this year?

—That we'll soon be Juniors ???

—That some of the Juniors feel that they are doing third-grade work, since they have to illustrate their sentences by small diagrams?

JOKES.

"Son does ya' know what is meant by deceit?"

"Yes, mammy."

"Well, what is it?"

"Well, when I bends ovah and I hear somethin' rip, I know it's de seat."

Just Built Wrong.

Miss Williams (after an epidemic of mischief): "Cullen, sit down in front!"

"I can't, Miss Williams," said Cullen. "But I can sit down in back."

Not Particular.

Terrell: "Do you serve lobster here?"

Walter: "Sure we serve anyone; sit down."

Head Work.

The teacher of the biology class was lecturing on the scalps.

"What is dandruff?" asked Professor Dugan.

"Chip off the old block," replied Bill.

Taking His Word For It.

Margaret Miller: "Where do bugs go in winter?"

J. R. Higgins: "Search me."

Margaret: "No, thanks. I just wanted to know."

Not A Cat Boat.

James's history lesson was about

ships. He came to a word he could not pronounce.

"Barque," prompted Miss Martin.

James snickered.

"Barque," exclaimed Miss Martin.

James, obediently: "Bow Wow!"

Miss Tracy gave the pupils the task of writing a sentence with the word "heroes." Meyer Mellinger thought

awhile and handed in the following: "A man sat on a tack and he rose."

Teacher: "Carroll, quote a scripture."

Carroll: "Jesus went into the garden and hanged himself."

Teacher: "Good! Quote another."

Carroll: "Go ye and do likewise."

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