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On the "Broadway of America"

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DEATH CLAIMS DEWEY THOMAS AGE 32, MONDAY

Representative Young Man Passes Away In Prime of Life; Survived by Wife and Little Daughter.

An exemplary young man, a devoted husband and father, a loving and dutiful son, one who in his quiet and unobtrusive life measured up in every way to the standards of upright citizenry and true manhood, was taken from our midst in the death of Dewey H. Thomas, 32, who passed away at 10:45 Monday morning at a local sanitarium. Death was caused by general peritonitis, following an emergency operation for appendicitis on Tuesday of the previous week.

A native of Hollywood, Ark., Dewey Thomas had resided in the Merkel community for the past ten years and had been in the employ of the Barrow Furniture company for the past six years. In November, 1928, he was married to Miss Thelma Windham. Besides his widow, he is survived by a 15-month-old daughter.

Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, who lives five miles north of Merkel, and four sisters and four brothers: Mrs. George Bell, Gurdon, Ark.; Mrs. Sam Moorman, Oklahoma, Ark.; Mrs. L. M. Walsh, Stith; Miss Hazel Thomas, Merkel; E. A. and W. H. Thomas, Little Rock, Ark.; and Carl and Jewel Thomas, Merkel.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the local church, and Rev. L. D. Davis of Tye officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery, where the Masons had charge of the services.

Pall bearers were: H. H. Jenkins, Sam Bankston, Spencer Bird, P. P. Dickinson, A. J. Tucker and Lester Patterson.

Among the relatives who came for the funeral were Mrs. George Bell of Gurdon, Ark., a sister, and her children; E. A. and W. H. Thomas of Little Rock, Ark., brothers, and B. N. Billingsley of Slaton, an uncle.

Mrs. Amy Merle Wood

At 6 p. m. last Thursday, Feb. 5, death claimed Mrs. Amy Merle Wood, wife of D. D. Wood, an employe of the Phillips Petroleum company on their lease at Noodle Dome. Mrs. Wood had been in ill health for five years.

The body was taken in Barrow's automobile hearse to Moran where services were held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with (Continued on Page Five)

JUDGES NAMED FOR ELECTIONS TAYLOR COUNTY

Sam Swann to Be Presiding Judge at Merkel Voting Box in 1931; Personnel of All Judges in County.

Sam Swann was named judge to preside at state and county general and special elections at the Merkel voting box during the year at the monthly session of the county commissioners held Monday afternoon. Judge Tom K. Eplen presided, with all four commissioners present: Phillip A. Diltz of Merkel, J. R. Trammell of Iberis, G. B. Tittle of Abilene and S. H. McAdams of Lawn.

Election judges named at Taylor County's 30 polling places follow:

ABILENE BOXES.
 Courthouse: Z. D. Hailey, W. O. Shackelford, J. D. Crawford, W. C. Shaw.

Butternut fire station: C. C. Sellers, W. B. Milstead, A. L. Weeks, B. L. Ellis.

Fair Park auditorium: Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Cecil Humphrey, R. D. Green, Mrs. Martin Metzger.

Gowan Motors, Inc.: Dr. J. G. Dodge, E. E. King, Arch Batjer, B. G. Reeves.

Fourth and Cedar Street fire station: H. J. Haaks, O. S. Burkett, W. E. Gentry, S. C. Galbraith.

Sixteenth and Orange fire station: G. C. Osborn, J. A. Littleton, Charles A. Anderson, E. E. Hollingshead.

North Park school: J. H. Little, Bertha Rhodes.

Sunset tourist camp: S. J. (Jack) Cannon, E. E. Presswood.

Knights of Columbus hall: J. T. Blanton, Mrs. Blanton, E. E. Varnell, Mrs. J. T. Cotman.

McMurry filling station: R. L. Over, J. F. Young, R. B. Wylie.

OTHER COUNTY BOXES.
 Caps-Abilene at Caps W. O. W. hall: J. P. Keith, Roy Quattlebaum.

Tye-Abilene at Tye W. O. W. hall: W. L. Kincaid, J. D. Spinks.

Buffalo Gap at Lewis building: J. L. Kincaid, A. B. Tally.

Jim Ned at Rogers school: C. E. Spencer, Walter Gladden.

Moro at school building: W. A. McMillan, J. R. Middleton.

Nubia at Live Oak Baptist church: R. L. McLean, Will Mathews.

Merkel fire station: Sam Swann.

Guion at school building: T. A. Burford, J. D. Harrison.

Shop at school building: B. H. Prichard, W. H. Pillion.

Potosi at Methodist church: Lloyd Bynum, T. J. Key.

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WILL ROGERS TOUR GOES TO CITY WHERE HE WED 20 YEARS AGO

Rogers, Ark., Feb. 12.—Will Rogers had a twofold interest in his visit here Monday, the one real and the other romantic.

In the role of a "Robin Hood" to the Southwest drought-stricken, he came to train his humorous guns on an audience of "home folks" to raise funds for sufferers.

As the erstwhile Oklahoma cowboy and sagebrush Romeo who journeyed here some 20 years ago to marry the daughter of J. (Jim) Wyeth Blake, he returned with Mrs. Rogers to visit friends of her girlhood days.

Their visit had something of a "homecoming" flavor.

Four prominent women, who went to school with the former Betty Blake, met the humorist and his wife.

Before Rogers' public appearance he and Mrs. Rogers were guests at a dinner at the home of Col. O. L. Gregory.

Rogers came here after an appearance at Fayetteville and Mrs. Rogers motored here from Tulsa, Okla.

When the Rogers Chamber of Commerce telegraphed him some time ago, inviting him to come here for his benefit tour of the southwest, Rogers could find no excuse for leaving this romantic spot out of his itinerary and promptly replied:

"I'll be there if only for breakfast."

A. C. SEARS, AGE 12, SEVERELY INJURED

Young Son of Mrs. Clyde Sears Struck Down by Automobile, As He Crosses Highway.

An automobile accident that might have been fatal for A. C. Sears, 12-year-old son of Mrs. Clyde Sears, resulted in the boy's sustaining a broken right thigh and the last joint of his little finger on his right hand being severed. He was resting well Thursday noon at his home and the injuries are not considered serious.

The accident occurred at the concrete bridge just at the edge of Merkel east of town Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock when as A. C. started across the highway he was knocked down by an automobile going west. He was taken to the Merkel sanitarium for treatment and then removed to his home to be near his mother, who was kept there on account of the serious illness of her 2-year old son, Virgil. The latter is much improved, according to reports Thursday, and is now considered out of danger.

Clyde Sears, father of A. C., died unexpectedly on January 9.

Nick Albanese of Columbus, Ohio, driver of the car which struck the boy, stated that a car had just passed the boy at the bridge going east and he then started across the highway. The driver of the car had no way to see the boy, he said, but he turned his car at once to the right of the highway, striking the boy with his bumper and left front fender. He carried him to the hospital and rendered every possible aid. Jack Tavlin of Lincoln, Nebr., accompanied Albanese. Both are theatre men on their way to Los Angeles, Calif., traveling in a Ford sedan.

The boy had been hunting during the afternoon and was returning home as the accident occurred.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Dr. C. Brown, Thursday, February 5, 1931.

Boy, named Charles C., to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Seydler, Friday, Feb. 6, 1931.

Girl, named Peggy Joyce, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Moore, Sunday, Feb. 8, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, residing south of town, Sunday, Feb. 8, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett H. Hudson, residing east of town, Monday, Feb. 9, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rives, Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

FATHERS TO BE HONOR GUESTS

Local Boy Scouts to Celebrate 21st Birthday of American Scouting with Banquet.

Celebrating the 21st anniversary of the American Scouting movement, which is being observed during February throughout the nation, many cities in the Chisholm Trail area having already taken recognition of the occasion in one way or another, the members of the Merkel Boy Scout troops and their fathers will gather next Thursday evening at the Lions club hall here for a Father and Son jubilee banquet.

Each Scout will bring his dad as his guest. Besides the banquet spread, a program of speakers and entertainment is being arranged. Ed Shumway, Scout executive, will be present and Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, will probably deliver an address.

A generally enjoyable good time is being looked forward to by the Scouts when they honor their Dads on this occasion.

Rainfall 1-2 Inches.

Saturday night's and Sunday's rainfall amounted to 1.5 inches, according to Volunteer Weather Observer E. M. Black's register, making the total for February 1 5-8 inches. It will be remembered that January's rainfall was 1.75 inches, running up a total for 1931 so far of almost three and one-half inches.

Condition Unchanged.

Practically no change was noted Thursday morning in the condition of Stan Johnson, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days at his home, but friends are anxiously hoping for a turn for the better.

Reported Very Low.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton, who has been seriously ill for sometime, was reported very low Thursday morning.

Radio Program.

The Girls Glee club of the Stith School, under the direction of Miss Alma Morgan, one of the teachers, will render a program from 2:30 to 3 p. m. next Sunday over KFYO, Abilene.

Granddaughter Arrives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel of the Stith community have received word announcing the arrival of a baby girl, named Dolores Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Tvy Daniel, Pampa, Texas.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

In executive session Monday the senate confirmed the appointment of John A. Norris to the state board of water engineers.

Engineers have begun preparation of plans for rebuilding of the La Fruta dam, near Mathis, which partially failed recently.

A theatre costing approximately \$250,000 is to be built at Longview by M. T. Flanagan and the Publix-East Texas Theatres, Inc.

Capt. R. W. Ellis, Civil War veteran and former mayor of Abilene and resident of that city since 1884, died of heart disease Monday afternoon.

H. F. N. Gammel, 76, owner of the oldest bookstore in Texas and a noted figure among Texas and national bookmen, died Wednesday at his home in Austin.

The state executive committee of the interscholastic league Monday voted to divide the class A football schools into 16 districts, replacing the eight of-former years.

Mrs. Alonzo Watkins, 34, of Fort Worth, dropped dead at the railway station at Gainesville, as she was preparing to board a train for Nocona, where she planned a visit.

A banquet, attended by large delegations from neighboring cities and counties, at Colorado Monday night celebrated the completion of the last paved gap in the Bankhead highway.

A man killed by an automobile at Beaumont on Christmas Day has been definitely identified as John Rayner, Phoenix, Ariz., through a letter from his wife at Redondo Beach, Calif.

Voucher No. 1, issued by the United States treasury as the first installment on a \$500 loan granted to Z. P. Lusk of Post, was the first federal crop loan issued in Texas under the recent congressional act.

Knocked down by a bull, as he was removing the halter from the animal, B. F. Talley, 58, president of the Miami State bank, was carried to a hospital at Pampa, badly bruised about the chest and abdomen.

The home of C. T. Duff, Beaumont attorney, was considerably damaged and Webster Lacour, 21, a plumber, was badly burned when the workman's gasoline soldering pot caught fire and exploded in the Duff kitchen.

A. Jordan, 35, Houston, was killed Tuesday, as he and a companion were coming down the steps of a rooming house and one of them slipped and both fell to the bottom of the stairway, Jordan's neck being broken.

Another election on the proposed \$1,000,000 bond issue for a city water-works system at Wichita Falls is expected to be called immediately after Judge Martin ruled invalid the recent election, which approved the issue by a majority of 140.

DOORS OPEN FOR MERKEL POULTRY-RABBIT SHOW

Large Number of Entries Listed Before Noon Thursday; Judging Under Way; Show to Last Three Days; Open Nights.

With everything in readiness and four tiers of coops almost filled with birds, the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit show got under way Thursday morning. By actual count 162 birds were entered up to noon Thursday, including singles and pens. Entries were on exhibit from Blackwell, Sweetwater, Trent and Abilene, besides Merkel and surrounding territory.

Judging started Thursday afternoon. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater is the poultry judge.

A number of owners have placed their rabbits on exhibit, but, as stated before in these columns, the rabbit entries are non-competitive. Castle Ellis is superintendent of the rabbit division, while R. A. Ellis is superintendent of the poultry show.

Robert H. Hicks is secretary and was swamped all morning long Thursday receiving entries.

The public is invited to visit the show at any time. The building will be open at night for visitors.

The show lasts three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

It is announced that Friday night there will be a free picture show and lecture as an added attraction to the poultry and rabbit exhibits.

Secretary's Stand On Food Loan Asked

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate late Wednesday adopted a resolution by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, calling upon Secretary Hyde to state whether he understands the money in the compromise \$20,000,000 relief loan fund can be used for purchase of food, clothing and medicine.

The resolution was adopted without opposition after the senate had wrangled more than an hour as to whether drought-stricken farmers borrowing under the compromise could use the money for food.

Death of Ruby Jo Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey have returned from Southland where they were called to the bedside of their little granddaughter, Ruby Jo Lackey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey, on Monday of last week. The little child died at 10 o'clock that night. It will be remembered that Clarence Lackey was reared here and his many friends and the friends of the family will regret to hear of the sad loss of their little girl.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 17, 1911.)

Hon. J. C. Mason, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Lamar county, is among the prospectors of our Merkel country this week.

W. R. Bigham, who has a big bunch of cattle on the Creel ranch west of Chihuahua, old Mexico, has abandoned all hope of making any shipments since the insurgents of Orozco and Navarro's armies appropriated several hundred saddle horses and about three carloads of cattle off this ranch.

Mrs. W. A. Moon expired at the home of this good family in the southern part of our city Sunday morning of pneumonia. Her death causes much sorrow in our community and universal sympathy is extended the husband and five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown are back from their visit to Temple.

Mrs. Ed. J. Rhoades and children left Sunday for Mexico after visiting the families of W. Parten and I. S. Allen of Merkel and W. C. Calvert of Trent.

C. W. Harris and Jack Provine returned this week from a prospecting trip to the Fort Stockton country. Jim Black, who accompanied them, remained for he secured a good position.

The music recital by the pupils of Miss Laura Jennings at her home on Oak street Saturday afternoon was

a perfect success. Miss Jennings is the music teacher at the north ward. The pupils reflected much credit on the teacher and covered themselves with glory.

In a letter from Sterling Miller, U. S. S. Minnesota, now at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he says 13 is lucky, for the big fleet made the run of nearly 4,000 miles from Brest, France, in 13 days at the rate of 13 knots an hour and 13 minutes on Friday, Jan. 13, 1911. There a salute of 13 guns was fired in honor of their commander.

CLIFTON-HALL.

The social event of the season was the marriage of Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. Hall, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1911, at her home on Oak street to Mr. W. T. Clifton of Waco.

The ceremony took place at 10:30 a. m., the house was decorated with pot plants and evergreens. The bridal procession by Lohengrin was played by Miss Agnes Hall, sister of the bride; Misses Genevieve Rist and Dorothy Lee Potter were bridesmaids. The Rev. Saffle performed the ceremony.

At the reception following the ceremony Misses Ora Teaff and Annie Lou O'Brien served delicious punch and cake; Miss Agnes Hall cut the ring, Judge Potter, the dime, and the button fell to the lot of Miss Bean, who says it was lost.

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PLEASANT PLACES.

When he was hardly more than a boy my friend Jim Derieux, one of the editors of the American Magazine, was secretary to the governor of South Carolina.

There was a brilliant young chap in the state administration who at the age of twenty-six held the office of assistant comptroller. He had not intended to run for the comptrollership, but a political faction organized to head him off. This made him mad, and so he did run and was elected.

After holding office for only six months he asked for an interview with the governor.

"What's on your mind?" asked Jim.

"I am going to resign."

"Why?"

"I'll tell you presently."

They went in to the governor's private room, and the young official tendered his resignation. The governor was amazed.

"What's the matter?" he exclaimed. "I thought you were sitting pretty."

"I am," said the young man. "That's just the trouble."

"But I don't understand."

"Well, Governor, you know this office that I hold is a mighty pleasant place. I'm twenty-seven years old, and it's a very pleasant place indeed. I am afraid of it."

He was afraid he would settle down and become too contented. Afraid that, without hard problems to tackle and stern duties to conquer, he would get flabby and soft. Afraid that at forty he would wake up to find himself a lazy office holder with no ambition and no hope.

Nobody under fifty should be in too pleasant a place.

Robert Updegraff, the writer of business articles, uttered a profound business truth when he counseled: "Never complain about your troubles."

And Hollywood Gasp Over Hughes' Lavish Sets for Air Drama

When Howard Hughes kissed goodbye to four millions in the making of what is the most authentic aviation talking picture "Hell's Angels" playing at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday; when three intrepid actors and aviators kissed goodbye to life and liberty; and Ben Lyon kissed the voluptuously sweet, blonde Jean Harlow all the way through the film—motion picture history was on the upgrade.

They wrote into the annals of film-dom one of the most startling and interesting stories of that industry. And more—to the intense gratification of the raw film manufacturers, more than 2,500,000 feet of film were exposed, and it is known that before "Hell's Angels" was shown to the public the actual cost ran into the multi-millions.

Every dollar of this was tossed into the kitty by one person—an attractive looking, aggressive, young man with both ideas and ideals—Howard Hughes. He never groaned under the strain.

He is from Houston, Texas, and he is the heir to a \$20,000,000 business, a business that manufactures gadgets used by those who drill for oil. Hollywood, flying and talking pictures interested him. He formed a producing company and threw cash around as it never was tossed in Hollywood before.

He produced "Two Arabian Knights," which was a success, boosting the stock of Louis Wolheim and William Boyd. Then came "The Racket" and then "Hell's Angels." Greta Nissen was first assigned to the leading feminine role—a silent version. The talkies came in, and because all this happened three years ago the job had to be done all over again.

Paramount loaned the big oil-tool man James Hall; First National contributed Ben Lyon, the leading man. But what about a leading woman? Mr. Lyon saw to that. He had heard of Jean Harlow, who, luckily, was

"looking around" in Hollywood and there was nothing else for him to do but to bring her to Mr. Hughes.

Just a line or two about the charming Jean Harlow. Mr. Lyon had met the girl as she was waiting for a chance at some extra work. She had hailed from Chicago, where she was more or less familiar to the shooting and bombing, and she claimed to be just nineteen. One director remarked that she was "lusciously exquisite." However, she did react to Ben's heman embraces in a way which Mr. Hughes feels sure will bring him a return on his investment.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who were so kind and generous during the illness and death of our baby and sister.

J. M. Salter and Family.

A Correction.

An advertisement in last week's issue of The Mail stated that C. F. Redlich, rupture expert, of Minneapolis, Minn., would be in Abilene Saturday, Feb. 21. This advertisement was supplied to The Mail by an advertising agency in the regular way, but the agency now advises that this was their error. The public is hereby advised that Mr. Redlich will not be in Abilene on the date mentioned.

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Furlough Granted Denny to Attend Bedside of Child

D. W. Denny, former Merkel marshal, serving a one-year jail sentence, for conviction on a charge of aggravated assault, is spending a 15-day furlough at the bedside of his three-year-old son in Waco. The child, ill of pneumonia, is improving, according to reports received in Abilene by Dallas Scarborough, Denny's attorney. The furlough was issued by Governor Sterling, upon application of Mr. Scarborough.

Denny was convicted by a jury in 104th district court in July, 1930. He was charged in connection with the shooting of Palmer Frederickson, the previous March, in front of the city hall here. A bullet from a 30-30 Winchester rifle shattered the bone in Frederickson's arm.

Denny's family is residing temporarily in Waco, with relatives.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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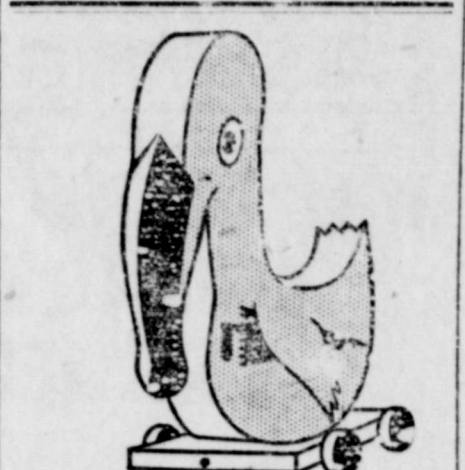
such jobs pay small salaries. Men at the top are paid for their willingness to accept responsibility; for the problems that they tackle and the difficulties they lick.

King David wrote: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He feedeth me beside the still waters."

But when David wrote that he was a fugitive from Saul. He was fighting through the wilderness, pursued by enemies and wild beasts. The green pastures and still waters were all in his mind.

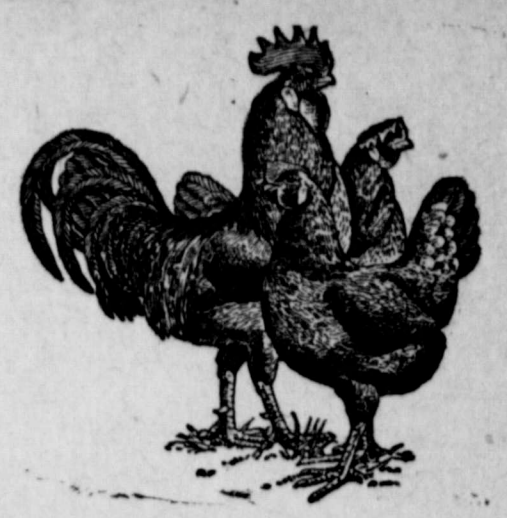
He never did reach an entirely pleasant place. Even when he became king his life was full of problems, disappointments and hard work. But his soul gave birth to songs that are among the finest of all the ages.

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DON'T FORGET!!!!
Visit The Poultry Show

THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Bring The Family

We welcomed the opportunity to subscribe to the premium fund of this very worthy exhibition and we sincerely hope that this show (SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUB) will give additional impetus to the idea of DIVERSIFICATION and a PROGRAM OF LIVING AT HOME which unquestionably will result in a happier environment on the farm and a more profitable financial return from your endeavors. The country home, after all, is America's greatest university and the force which will ultimately re-adjust our economic condition will originate there. Seriously, no one is better in position to help the farmer than the farmer himself.



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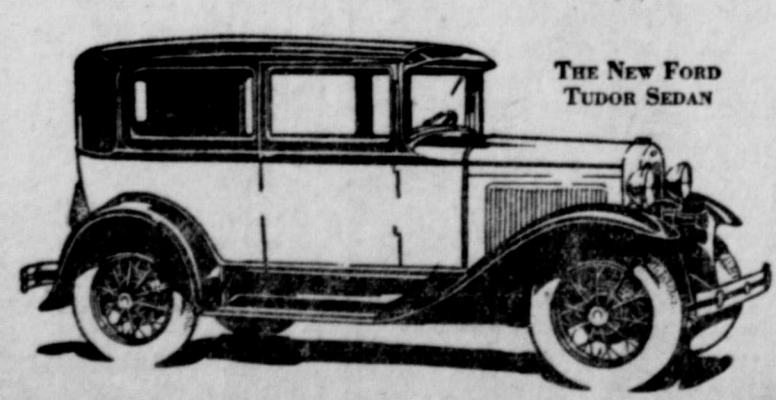
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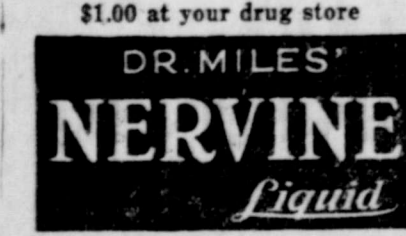


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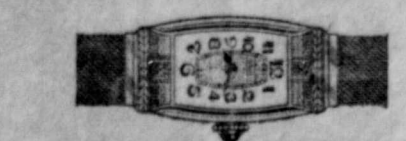


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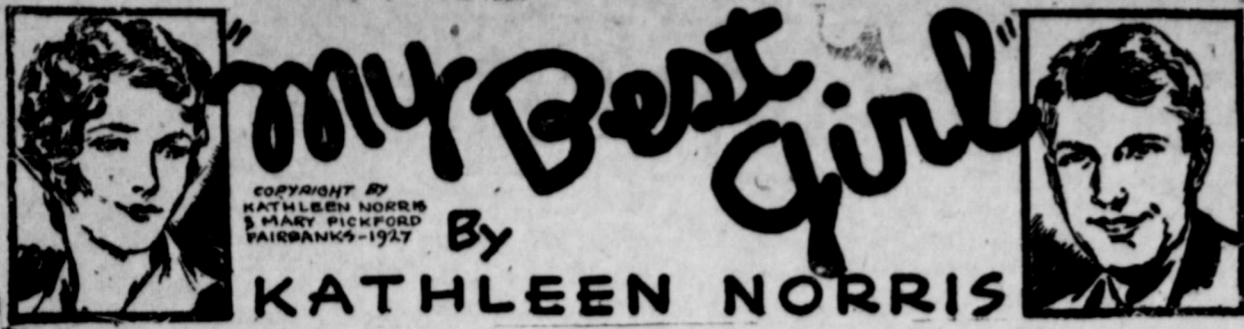
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My Best Girl

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT.
Maggie Johnson, whose father is a letter carrier, works at the Mack Five-and-Ten Cent store. Her mother is the type that bemoans the fact that she has "seen better days" and her sister, Liz, works in a beauty parlor. This makes Maggie the domestic drudge of the family. There is a new boy at the store, assigned to help Maggie in the stock room. Joe Grant is his name. He in real life is the son of the owner of the Mack Five-and-Ten but Maggie does not know this. As time went on, Joe knew that Maggie was falling in love with him and he was slowly discovering that in turn he was falling in love with Maggie.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
She had begun by laughing, boldly. But she sobered, to listen to him, lashes wide, lips slightly parted, little felt hat pushed back to show a film of gold across her earnest forehead. The colour had ebbed from her face, and putting her elbows on the table, she had covered her face with her hands—those small hard, red hands that Joe found so infinitely pathetic.

"God help me, it's that way with me now, Joe!" she whispered, not meeting his eyes.

They walked back to the store in absolute silence.

One night in early February, it chanced that at the Merrill table there were dining but three men: George Howard Merrill, president of the entire chain of stores, his trusty right-hand man and general manager, one Frank Flint, and the son of the house, Joseph Grant Mackenzie Merrill.

The last named was included in the party merely because he happened to be in the house, with no dinner engagement and because a wild rain was falling. George Merrill cared no longer whether his son and heir came or went.

Yet he had blindly idolized his son. That young Joe had shown a lamentable indifference to society, and had flunked in college, after disposing of a small fortune in various idiotic, if not actually harmful ways, had been a bitter blow to the father's honest, hard-working pride.

Since, however, he was actually living, they had begun, for the first time in his twenty years, to permit him, in their disgust and disappointment, to find his own level.

So that on this particular evening, upon seeing three places set at the family board, his father, scowlingly interrogating the butler, merely shrugged when the answer was that the third place was for Mr. Joseph.

"Oh, he don't matter!" said George Merrill. "We want to talk business. But Mr. Joe's all right. He won't hear a word we say!"

"I wish he would," Frank Flint, a big, rosy, silver-headed man, said politely. "We want that boy in the business, some day."

Mr. Merrill responded simply: "Frank, I don't know what he's doing, or what he wants to do! They're too much for me, nowadays. He's busy about something—it won't last. But while it keeps him out of mischief—or out of jail—"

"I'd be glad enough to have him get interested in the Mack. If he seems to catch on to anything tonight, as we talk, Frank, see if you can draw him out."

"Sorry to be late," said Joe, at this point, coming in.

"You're not late," his father assured him ungraciously. Sometimes, in the course of the last years, his disappointment in this boy has risen almost to actual hatred.

But just of late, ever since, in fact, that terrible scene when his mother had called him a "commoner, without one single gentlemanly instinct in his mind or soul," and when he, his father, had shouted at Joe that he was no better than a pickpocket, there had seemed to be a queer change in the boy.

"Tired, Joe?"

"I beg pardon?"

"Say you look tired, my boy. Research—" said George Merrill, with a wink for his general manager.

"Nope. Yes I am a little tired. Not much," Joe said unsatisfactorily, falling upon his soup.

Then Joe said mildly, in a pause: "You say that it's the ruined stock that costs in the Mack Stores—not the labour. I've thought of that. It seems to me that every day enough collars and writing paper and candy and toys and socks fall on the floor and are trampled to set up a separate branch?"

"Where'd you get this, Joe?" asked his father.

"I went into—Number Seven, I think it is," Joe said.

"On Eighth?"

"About there."

"That's Number Seven. Good for you! I hope you got service," said Flint.

"They have a great staff there," said Joe.

"That's a good store. That's a good store," Flint agreed.

"What occurred to me," Joe said leisurely, "was that you—we, I might say—could handle all that small stuff very much better with an automat."

"That's an idea, Joe, but unfortunately it's not practical," his father said genially, comfortably.

Then his eye and the eye of his general manager met.

"Why isn't it practical, Frank? It works all right on the food—they're opening those damn nickel-in-the-slot places all over town," George Merrill said. "They're practical."

"We-ell—" Frank Flint hesitated. Joe broke in:

"Take the whole back wall of a store and handle the five-and the ten-cent stuff there. Let 'em drop pennies for their spoons and soap and ink and pencils and can openers and hairpins. You could have a girl there to change their money—"

"I'm not at all sure, Joe," said his father explosively, "I'm not at all sure that you haven't given us an idea."

"I could look into that, Mr. Merrill," Flint said. "It might—catch on, Mr. Merrill. It would be an exclusive Mack feature, you know."

"Frank, the more I think of that, the more I suspect that—there's—something—in-it," George Merrill, drawing his words portentously, said slowly. "When could you see Burke?"

"See him tomorrow."

"Take that up with him, will you, Frank? Find out who makes that machinery. We might as well look into it, anyway."

Joe wanted to keep that look in his father's eyes, that proud, vindicated look that said: "This boy of mine isn't—such—a—damn—fool, after all!"

An hour later, he was reading in his room when his father came, rather shyly, rather awkwardly in. The boy had taken the trouble to come upstairs, Joe reflected gratified.

"Joe, seen that girl who sings that 'Mouse-trap' thing, in the Revue?"

"Yes, sir. Saw it opening night."

"I've got two seats," George Merrill displayed them deprecatingly. "I was going to take Flint," he said.

"I'd like to see that darn show again," Joe said.

Fifteen minutes later, they left the house together. It was the first time Joe Merrill had gone to the theatre with his father since the day of his fourteenth birthday treat.

"I passed along that idea of yours, about having an automat for the notions, to one of the heads," Joe told Maggie. "I took the credit for it, too!"

"What made me feel rotten was that I didn't say that you had thought of it first."

"Oh, well, we sort of worked it out together, that day we were at the automat," she said, anxious to reassure him.

"Worked it out together nothing! You began it, it was entirely your idea."

"But what's the difference, as long as one of us gets the credit?" she asked innocently.

Joe could only laugh uncomfortably.

When he went downstairs an hour later, he managed his own way through the moving river of the departing employees of the Mack, and found himself beside her.

"Why so fast, Maggie?"

She raised blazing eyes to his.

"How dare you speak to me! You ought to be ashamed to speak to me!" I hate you!"

"For heaven's sake, what's the matter?" Joe stammered, aghast.

But she went quickly on, shabby little untidy head held high, and disappeared in the crowd before he could catch her again.

Joe walked briskly toward his car, got into it, and drove toward Goat Hill.

"My gosh, I never saw her like that before! I wonder what the deuce I've done!" he kept saying aloud as he went.

The dinner was at the club tonight; it was for pretty little Katrina Fairchild. Millicent, next to Joe—was beating powder into her rather coarse-

pored, colourless skin with violent jerks of her elbow.

Every one in the room was bitterly bored: guests, waiters, musicians. Millicent asked languidly:

"When are we going to announce it, Joe?—Don't interrupt me, Marion," she said to another girl, who leaned across the table for a hysterical confidence. "I'm proposing to Joe Grant."

"It can't be done. I tried it myself, didn't I Joe?" said a third girl, handsome and big.

"I don't seem to remember that, Carol," Joe said, eating. "But some night when I've had too many cocktails, one of you girls will get me, and that'll be that."

There were shrieks of laughter, and then the conversation suddenly died, and nobody could think of anything to say.

Conversations were entirely personal, usually first-personal at that.

"My dear, I—well, I—well, if you ask me—I couldn't—I told mother—I—she and I—but it isn't as if I—exactly. I couldn't—I simply—if you could have seen me—"

"Marjorie, did you see Mrs. Madison?"

"My dear—wasn't that terrible!"

"Oh, well, my dear, if she would bring that impossible girl—"

"Well, exactly!"

More lip-red, more powder, more cigarettes.

"Of course, Mother felt dreadfully about it."

"Well, but, my dear!"

"Well, exactly—that's what I said to Mother."

"Listen, Maggie, you can't keep this up, sooner or later you'll have to make it up with me and tell me what the trouble is, so why not now?" Joe pleaded.

She was in the hardware department, and was attempting to straighten up the counter. When she heard Joe's voice, close beside her, she brought her proud little chin up with a jerk, her cheeks crimsoned, and her tone was cutting, if a trifle shaky, as she said:

"You broke my heart. But it doesn't matter. Please get out of my way."

Joe was honestly staggered.

"How, in the name of St. Pete, did I break your heart?"

"We'll not discuss it," she said.

"We will discuss it," said Joe. "I haven't done anything, and I object to your acting this way!"

"Oh, no—no!" she said, in a low, trembling voice shaken with anger. "Oh, no. You didn't take Paulo Younger to lunch—at our place!—and then walk with her, and stroll around the streets with her, and have all those horrible girls at the lampshades making fun of me, and saying

that Paula had gotten you away from me."

"Now, listen, Maggie—that's utterly ridiculous. In the first place, I went in, alone, alone—to have my lunch at the Old South Tea Room—but I swear to you I went in there with no more idea that Miss Younger was lunching there than you had! I saw her at an empty table—the place was packed, and, naturally, I sat with her."

"Oh, naturally!" Maggie said, trembling, beside herself.

"Well, would you have me cut the girl?" Joe asked, warming in his turn. "I sat with her, and later I paid the tip, twenty-five cents, and our bill for two sixty-cent lunches. There! If I'd known that you expected me to ask permission—"

"I'll never," she gritted between her teeth, "I'll never speak to you again!"

She finished her task now, the hardware counter was in order, and went down to the girls' washroom, washed her hands and, after a while, her tear-swollen eyes in cold water and wiped them on the soggy lengths of the exhausted roller towel.

(Continued Next Week.)

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W. T. C. C. AND DROUTH LOANS.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)
The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which counts among its members many farmers and at one time elected a dirt farmer as its president, has always been alive to the needs of agriculture in the section which it serves. It has fostered any number of legislative and educational programs for the benefit of farming in West Texas.

At present, there are being distributed in 32 counties in West Texas federal loans to be used for the buying of livestock feed, planting seed and gasoline and oil for tractors. This loan is making possible the production of another crop. The loan checks are signed by the government, application to receive them is made through county committees, and they are cleared through the local banks. Apparently here is a piece of good work going on with which the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has nothing to do. But the happenings of today are merely the climax to a long story.

Early last fall, the Chamber of Commerce foresaw conditions of January and the spring. The organization predicted that in some counties farmers were going to find themselves at planting time without seed and without feed for their work stock. The W. T. C. C. realized what was going to happen long before the federal government or even the farmers themselves. So it got busy, although its early efforts met with little support and even some criticism.

It went ahead, though, and in a short time had some interesting figures to put before the president, cabinet, the United States department of agriculture and congress. It conducted a survey to find just which counties were stricken by drouth and to what extent.

It appointed committees that went over every county, and were able to name almost to the dollar what would be required. It furnished its quota of men to carry the plea of Texas to Washington. Then, after laying the ground work for Texas' share of the loan, the W. T. C. C. stepped out of the picture when it came to its distribution.

But there is one man, at least, in Texas who realizes the hard work it did and the influence it brought to bear. That man is C. B. Martin, in charge of drouth relief in Texas. Mr. Martin has been profuse in praise of the work that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce did. He has declared a number of times that the work of distributing the loan, of seeing that deserving counties are not slighted, of seeing that the requirements of each county are met, has been enormously simplified by the W. T. C. C.

EASTERN STAR.

All Eastern Star members are requested to meet Saturday evening at 7:30. Miss Minnie Higginbotham of Abilene, deputy grand matron, will pay her official visit to Merkel chapter.

Mrs. Viola Ensminger, W. M.
Mrs. Aurra Johnson, Sec'y.

Herbert Patterson To Open Ice Station

Another ice station is in prospect for Merkel.

Herbert Patterson, before leaving for Dallas Wednesday night to purchase equipment for his establishment, phoned The Mail to confirm the report that he expected to operate an ice station here this season.

He also plans, in addition, to open a milk and cream station here.

Announcement will be made later as to the location and time of opening of the new enterprise.

Plans \$12.50 Apartments.

New York, Feb. 12.—Apartments with free heat and water at \$12.50 per month a room rental are planned by Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York. He has announced financing for building such tenements on New York's East Side was about completed.

Ford to Visit Valley.

Brownsville, Feb. 12.—An aerocade of more than 60 airplanes will bring 160 American manufacturers and capitalists, headed by Henry Ford, on an inspection trip of the lower Rio Grande valley in July, according to information received here.

CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

"The Unanswerable Effect of Christianity upon Human Life," a sermon recently preached by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, is printed below as this week's sermonette for readers of The Mail. "God did not create man to serve the devil, but to honor and glorify Him by believing on His son," the pastor said in developing his theme.

Text: "And beholding the man, which was healed, standing with them, they could say nothing against it." (Acts 4:14.)

The preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ has always been opposed in various ways. All who have offered a substitute have been distributed in their thinking and have been unable to explain away its effects upon human life. There are a great many things about us we may not be able to understand and attempt to offer a substitute for them; we should look for the finished product.

These rulers, elders and scribes, who came to investigate this teaching and its effects upon those who were believing and accepting it, wanted to know by what power or what name have they done this?

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, 'ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the ood deed done in this impotent man by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.'"

Some possibly could not understand, others did not want to understand, because of sin and jealousy, but there was evidence present of the effect of the gospel of Christ and power of God they could not answer or explain away, (the text.)

A great many experiments are sometimes necessary and at the risk of human life to establish a truth; so we are heirs of all the experiences of those who have gone before; their testimony with our experience and observation makes us to know there is an unanswerable transforming power of the gospel of Christ upon human life.

One of the evidences of this power is the boldness to speak that we have seen and heard in spite of every form of opposition, whether it be criticism, threats or danger; Christ bore it all to do the will of the Father to make possible our redemption.

Peter did not hesitate to answer their questions touching the very things they had opposed and referring to their sin.

What was the court to do about it? Humanly they could not object to their suffering neighbors being healed; if they go away, they will continue to teach in the name of Christ; disturbed, yes, all who are in sin today are conscious of their own condemnation, "and cannot speak against it." God did not create man to serve the devil, but to honor and glorify Him by believing on His son.

A story of an African, who was converted, came to America, was educated and trained as a missionary in his own country, comes to mind. He illustrated life to them by a parable of his own, telling of an eagle that was captured young, was kept and fed with chickens, learned their habits, and when it had grown to be a large bird, the owner decided to let it go to the mountains and its own habits, carrying it away several times and each time a little farther; it would return to the chickens; finally one morning, as the sun was rising, it was carried some distance away and on a high mountain and was made to understand that it did not belong down where it had been and it flew away to the highest peak.

His race did not belong where they were living; he was directing them to a higher life. Sinners do not belong where they are living. Accept the Christ and live the higher life.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. Special music will be given by Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and C. H. Jones. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are invited to come and take part in all our services.

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

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FORMED.

Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Merkel Ministerial Alliance at a meeting held Monday morning at the Baptist church when an association of local ministers was formed.

They will meet once each month. At the same session, when the ministers alliance was organized, a committee from the Men's Prayer service was present and plans were discussed for a co-operative revival under the direction of the local pastors, with the effective co-operation of the Men's Prayer Service. The tentative date for beginning the revival was set as the fourth Sunday in March and services will be held at the First Baptist Church, the preaching to be done by local pastors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Rainy weather cut the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel to only 503 last Sunday. The number present at each of the Sunday Schools was as follows: Methodist, 212; Baptist, 154; Presbyterian, 60; Church of Christ, 57, and Nazarene, 20.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

S. M. Hunter is to be the leader of the Men's Prayer Service, which is to be held next Sunday at the Methodist church. The subject will be the 12th chapter of Romans. Last Sunday W. M. Elliott was leader, the service being held at the Nazarene church, and despite the inclement weather there was a good attendance and much interest.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

On account of rain the attendance was small Sunday, with only 20 in Sunday School. We did not have the results in the meeting we had hoped for; had eight professions. The union prayer meeting met at our church last Sunday and all present seemed to enjoy the service very much.

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45. Preaching the second and fourth Sundays. Mid-week prayer meeting each Thursday at 7 p. m.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

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Meet your friends in the Sunday School class Sunday morning at 9:45. Our young people are having some highly interesting meetings at 6:30 p. m. They extend you a cordial welcome.

Save time, tires and expense by going to church Sunday.

J. T. King, Pastor.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Walker circle will meet with Mrs. Charles West February 17 at 2:30. The program follows:

- "The Burnt Offering," Mrs. Jim Meek.
- "The Law of Burnt Offering," Mrs. Nannie Causseaux.
- "The High Priest's Entry into the Holy Place," Mrs. W. O. Boney.
- "A Repetition of Sunday Laws," Mrs. W. J. Largent.
- "The Feasts of the Lord," Mrs. M. L. Holden.
- "A Blessing to the Obedient," Mrs. W. R. Conder.
- "What Beast May and May not be Eaten," Mrs. T. E. Collins.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Group leader, Mrs. Johnson.
First part, John Toombs.
Second part, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.
Third part, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.
Fourth part, E. W. King.
Fifth part, Mrs. Causseaux.
President in charge, Mr. Childress.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "Prayer Opens Prison Doors."
"Two Wicked Kings," Frances Higgins.
"Soldiers Guard Peter," Rachel Patterson.
"Prayer Meetings are Held at the Home of Mary," Pearl Matthews.
"At the Prison," Joe Glynn Wells.
"Peter Goes to the House of Mary," Herman Carson.
"The Next Morning," L. B. Gibson.
Poem, Dana Derstine.

VALERIE DYE B. Y. P. U.

For quite a while a group of work-

ers in the Baptist church have felt the need of another B. Y. P. U. "in between" the Senior and adult unions. On Feb. 1 at 6:30 these workers met in the T. E. L. class room and organized this B. Y. P. U. with officers as follows: Miss Heizer, president; Mrs. Earl Lassiter, vice-president; Miss Addie Holler, secretary-treasurer; Miss Valerie Dye, quiz leader; Mrs. Booth, choister; Mrs. Margaret Higgins, Mr. Bill Haynes, group captains, and Mrs. R. J. Miller, reporter.

On Feb. 8 the organization was completed and a name selected, the "Valerie Dye B. Y. P. U.," as it was mostly through the effort of Miss Dye that this union was brought into existence. There are 35 charter members and all very enthusiastic about the work. If you are not a member of any other B. Y. P. U., come and join the Valerie Dye B. Y. P. U. and receive a hearty welcome.

The program for Feb. 15 is as follows:

- Bible quiz, Miss Valerie Dye.
- Groupe 2 has charge of program.
- Topic: "The Holy Spirit and the Bible."
- Scripture to be announced at class.
- Introduction, Mrs. Florence Berry.
- "The Holy Spirit Revealing God Through Nature," Mrs. Booth.
- Poem, "Beauty," Miss Tracy.
- "The Holy Spirit and God's Word," Mrs. W. J. Largent.
- "The Holy Spirit and Inspiration," Mrs. T. E. Collins.
- "Honoring God's Word," Mrs. Dent Gibson.
- Song, "Wonderful Words of Life," by class.
- "The Holy Spirit Reveals the Truth," Mr. Riddle.
- "The Holy Spirit Teaching the Bible," Mrs. T. E. Lassiter.
- Special song, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

A new organization of Taylor and Nolan county Baptists was formed Sunday afternoon at the Merkel church by Sunday school workers of the Sweetwater association, in the climaxing rally of the annual Sunday School revival week. Bert E. Low of Abilene is the first president of the body, organized to hold monthly conferences on Sunday school problems and needs. Inspirational services also will be held.

The Rev. C. D. Owen, associational missionary, is vice-president, and Walter Jackson, educational director of the First Baptist church, Abilene, is secretary.

An efficiency banner awarded on Sunday school activities went to Caps. Tye took second place, and Blackwell held third honors. The award was made by Mr. Jackson, while a special committee computed points of the winners.

Total enrollment in revival study work reached 791. 500 persons, who completed the course and took examinations, received rewards.

BAPTIST TRAINING SERVICE.

This week at the Baptist church there is being conducted a study course for the Training Service on B. Y. P. U.

Mr. Hunter Lyons, a state B. Y. P. U. worker from Dallas, has charge of the training school. There are classes for all ages, from the cradle roll to the adults. Much constructive and effective work is being accomplished as many people are getting a clearer vision of Christian service. The aim of the service is "Training in Church Efficiency." The classes meet each evening from 7 to 9:15 for inspirational talks and an intensive and extensive study of the Bible.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Topic: "The Holy Spirit and the Bible."
Leader, Harold King.
Scripture reading, Margaret Cannon.
Introduction, leader.
"The Holy Spirit Revealing God Through Nature," Benny Sheppard.
Poem, "Beauty," Sis Boaz.
"The Holy Spirit and God's Word," Ida Mae Derstine.
"The Holy Spirit and Inspiration," Mildred Hamm.
"Knowing God's Word," Iris Garrett.
Song, by union.
"The Holy Spirit Reveals the Truth," Leonard Reeves.
"The Holy Spirit Teaching the Bible," Woodrow Wozencraft.
Special song, "Tell me the old, old story," Sis Boaz and Ida Mae Derstine.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

For the past month the Merkel Hi-League has held the honors in the Western Union. Last Monday evening the Western Union met at Tuscola. 142 leaguers attended. The program and fellowship was excellent. The Merkel Senior League won out and now holds the pennant. The Merkel Hi-League took the pennant to Tuscola and the Merkel Senior League brought—well, just so it is kept in the Merkel family.

SOCIETY

CLASS PARTY.

The home of Mrs. L. B. Scott was the scene of a gay Valentine party on Wednesday when Mesdames Scott and Booth were co-hostesses to members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class. The house was profusely decorated with Valentine suggestions which theme was stressed in all party accessories throughout the afternoon.

The singing of the class song opened the afternoon's entertainment, followed by the devotional, led by Mrs. Twyman Collins on the subject of "Hearts." The prayer was given by Mrs. Booth. "Come into My Heart" was beautifully sung by Mrs. L. B. Howard of Abilene, with Mrs. Scott at the piano.

Mrs. Boren, who is leaving shortly for Carlsbad, was the surprised recipient of a shower of remembrances from the classmates. Love messages were dispatched to ex-class members who are ill: Mrs. L. B. Reeves at Brownwood and Thomas Bearden, Ft. Worth.

Guests were then given materials for making Valentines and Mrs. Owens proved most artistic in this seasonal contest. Two fortune-telling games suggesting affairs of the heart were then heartily enjoyed by all. The hostesses, assisted by Little Nancy Jean Scott, passed a delicious salad course with Valentine favors and violet corsages making the plates especially attractive, to Mesdames Booth Warren, Earl Teague, J. J. Toombs, Twyman Collins, W. J. Largent.

Following the business hour, the meeting was turned over to the hostesses, Mesdames E. N. Brown and Daughtery. Two interesting contests resulted in the awards of clever Valentines to Mesdames Johnson and Stevens as winners. A plate of chicken salad sandwiches, hot chocolate and angel food cake was served to Mesdames Polley, Daughtery, Bradshaw, Baber, Stevens, Brown, McDonald, Johnson and C. M. Largent. Special musical numbers were pleasingly rendered during the afternoon by Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Hymn No. 116.
Hymn No. 49.
Prayer, Lois Whiteley.
Leader, Wayman Richards.
Scripture Ephesians 4:15-19.
Poem, Wanda Hunter.
First topic, Lucille Campbell.
Second topic, Opal Buzbee.
Third topic, Marie Stanford.
Fourth topic, Jack Patterson.
Fifth topic, Cullen Tittle.
Sixth topic, Kennedy Whiteley.
Piano solo, Opal Buzbee.
Benediction.
Leaguers, be sure and come, because Brother Yeats has promised us a hay ride and the league must show their appreciation by coming and taking part.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

You have a cordial invitation to come to church with us at any time you will. Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., young peoples' program at 6 p. m., ladies' Bible study Tuesday at 3 p. m. and midweek Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 7 p. m. In love, The Elders.

gent, Earl Lassiter, Joe Owens, Edward McCrary, L. B. Howard, Wes Derstine, R. J. Miller, E. W. King, Frank McFarland, A. R. Booth, L. B. Scott, Little Mary George Howard, Nancy Jean Scott, Billie Largent, Frank Jr. McFarland and Bernel Scott.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

On Wednesday of last week the King's Daughters class of the M. B. church met in the beautiful new home of the class teacher, Mrs. E. C. Richards. Fourteen members and five visitors were present. The rooms were attractively decorated with Valentines, which were also used as plate favors.

A plate consisting of apple pie, whipped cream topped with cherries and chocolate, was served at the close of a business and social hour. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in this home. Mrs. Hutchinson will be hostess next month.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

At the regular meeting of Blanche Rose Walker circle held in the home of Mrs. Chas. West on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10, the meeting was opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," followed by prayer by Mrs. T. E. Collins, Mrs. West, the efficient leader, conducted an interesting Bible lesson. Following a short business period, the guests joined in a pleasant social hour. The circle will meet with Mrs. Chas. West on Feb. 17.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The members of the Alathean class gathered at the church Thursday afternoon of last week in monthly social session. The president, Mrs. F. A. Polley, was in charge and the scripture reading was given by Mrs. E. N. Brown. Mrs. C. P. Stevens led in prayer.

Following the business hour, the meeting was turned over to the hostesses, Mesdames E. N. Brown and Daughtery. Two interesting contests resulted in the awards of clever Valentines to Mesdames Johnson and Stevens as winners. A plate of chicken salad sandwiches, hot chocolate and angel food cake was served to Mesdames Polley, Daughtery, Bradshaw, Baber, Stevens, Brown, McDonald, Johnson and C. M. Largent. Special musical numbers were pleasingly rendered during the afternoon by Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Dr. Sadler Returns To Merkel Practice

Dr. W. T. Sadler, prominent young physician, has returned to Merkel to resume the practice of his profession after a residence of several months in Harlingen. He has already opened offices in the Farmers State Bank building. The return of Dr. and Mrs. Sadler to Merkel will be warmly welcomed by a host of friends.

Two Share \$50,000,000 Estate.

Cincinnati, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Jane Ingalls, Cleveland, and Mrs. Louise Semple, Cincinnati, only children of the late Mrs. Charles P. Taft, were bequeathed the entire Taft estate, estimated at over \$50,000,000 in the latter's will, which was probated Monday, with the exception of \$1,000,000 given the Institute of Fine Arts.

Approximately 800,000 Americans journey abroad each year.

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CARLOAD OF MAIZE on track now. See E. L. Willis.

FOR SALE—One 1927 Chevrolet coupe and 1928 Model A coupe; take your choice \$195.00. See Mr. Hagood at the Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company.

GOOD AIRLINE 5-tube battery radio set for sale. Inquire at Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—Farmalls and equipm't; also McCormick-Deering implements, cream separators, milking machines and feed grinders. We trade for and sell horses and mules. See Harry Barnett, Adams and Leverett, Merkel and Abilene.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Almost new five room house, windmill and water, garage, garden; in Hughes addition. See J. J. Barron at Blue Front Motor company.

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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.

YOUR LAND needs terracing. I will survey the terrace lines. Lee D. Williams.

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WANTED—Will do all kinds of furniture repair. Prices reasonable. See J. T. Darsey.

WANTED—To buy one or two milk cows. See A. R. Johnston, at Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 12.—Exceptionally small midweek receipts arrived, the estimate calling for only 1,500 of cattle and 500 calves. Calves were disposed of at an advance of 25c, but the cattle market was steady, only, and the demand none too good. Sale of steers were up to \$7. A car of fat cows brought \$4.10. Yearlings moved around \$5.25 to \$7.00. Desirable heavy calves notched \$6.85. Prices received for hogs were steady to 10c higher, the top bringing \$7.70. Receipts amounted to 500 head.

Lambs suffered a decline of 25c to 50c, the market being back to where it was at last week's close. Sales were around \$7.00 to \$7.50. Shorn weathers at \$5.00 to \$5.50 were steady. Receipts amounted to 3,600 head, some of which were on through billing.

Cattle Movement.
Vonam and McCandless of Cisco bought two carloads of calves from Laney and Sons last week and shipped them to Cisco Saturday.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Obituary

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the Rev. Mr. Bryant, Moran pastor, officiating. Interment was at the Moran cemetery.

Their home was originally at Moran, but Mr. Wood had been with the Phillips company here nearly three years. He had been previously employed at Crane with the Gulf Refining company.

The couple were married April 4, 1919, at Albany and, besides the husband, Mrs. Wood is survived by three children: Dewey Merle, 11; Lorry Lee, 8, and Clara May, 6; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brewster of Clyde and three sisters, Misses Fay, Audrey Bell and Mary Davis Brewster, all of Clyde. Her parents and two of the sisters were present when death came and the third sister, Miss Audrey Bell, who was employed at San Angelo, arrived soon after her death.

The mother of Mr. Wood, Mrs. P. A. Wood, of Abilene, has come to make her home with her son and care for the children.

James Wayne Crisp

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for James Wayne Crisp, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crisp, residing in the southeast part of this city. The little one was only 22 days old. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. The bereaved parents have the tender sympathy of many friends in the loss of their precious little son.

Election Judges

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Trent at Home State bank: A. W. Woods, W. L. Boyd.

Caps-Merkel at Condon's store: Edgar H. Kendall, George W. Brewster.

View at school building: T. Y. Landingham, H. N. Drummond.

Tuscola at First State bank: R. E. Standard, Floyd Hodge.

Ovalo at First State bank: Jim Hurt, A. B. Brittin.

Iberis at Rhodes store: J. D. Lovett, C. F. Duncan.

Tye-Merkel at Tye: N. D. Teaff, Walter McCartney.

Lawn at J. R. Keeling's store: Sam D. Williams, Ira Grantham.

Blair at Odd Fellows hall: Z. V. Moore, H. E. Campbell.

Bradshaw at bank: Wayne Hunt, Harry Steen.

Ben E. Cabell, 72, mayor of Dallas from 1900 to 1904, died Sunday morning at the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, at which latter place he had been living with his son, Lieut. C. P. Cabell of Brooks field, for three years.

The father, Lonnie Jones, and two sons, Hillery, 10, and E. V., 6, of Brownwood died and members of the family were in more or less serious condition after eating poison, which was supposed to have been in biscuits at breakfast Monday.

Texas is a relatively level country, but has more than 100 mountain peaks of 5,000 feet or over and four of more than 8,000 feet. Guadalupe, 9,500 feet, is the highest.

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Boom for Ritchie For Presidential Nominee Gaining

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—More than a year before the national party conventions, friends of Gov. Albert C. Ritchie are attempting to set up organizations in every state to further his candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

Saturday it was announced that Ritchie-for-President League branches had been formed in four additional states, bringing the number organized since the first of the year to twelve.

"Free men and free women again," has been adopted as the slogan of the campaign for the Maryland governor, an avowed opponent of the eighteenth amendment and advocate of state rights, who took office for his fourth consecutive term last month.

The Ritchie-for-President league was organized and is financed by friends and supporters of the governor, it was stated Saturday by Lawrence Lockwood, Baltimore political leader, who is the executive secretary. Edward A. Gabler of Philadelphia is president, William A. Powell of New York vice president and Leonard Syle of Richmond, Va., treasurer.

Senator Millard E. Tydings (Dem.) Maryland, urged in a recent address that organizations be formed in every state. Mr. Lockwood said Saturday the printed copies of Governor Ritchie's inaugural address would be widely distributed.

"Governor Ritchie will be more than 'favorite son' candidate in 1932, such as he was in 1924 and 1928," Mr. Lockwood said. "We consider that Owen D. Young's announcement this week that he is not a candidate was a factor distinctly favorable to Governor Ritchie."

The slogan was taken from a section of the governor's inaugural address in which he declared against federal centralization and spoke of "a demand that the country return to the safe harbor of the constitution and

the bill of rights, and that we be free men and women again."

The newest branches of the Ritchie League, Mr. Lockwood said, are in Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan and Georgia.

Other branches have been formed in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut and California.

Trial of General Butler Called Off

Washington, Feb. 12.—There will be no court-martial for Major General Smedley D. Butler of the marine corps.

Instead, after expressing regret for his recent "indiscreet remarks" concerning Premier Mussolini of Italy, the outspoken officer drew Monday a sharply worded reprimand from Secretary Adams which included a hope the incident would have "a salutary effect on your future conduct in matters of this character."

The action was taken evidently after consultation between Butler's legal representatives and the navy department. The general placed his regrets in a letter which pointed out that the speech responsible for his troubles, made Jan. 19 before the Contemporary club of Philadelphia, was delivered under assurance that his words would not get out of the room. Butler's concluding sentence was:

"I very greatly regret this incident and the fact that my indiscreet remarks have caused embarrassments to the government."

Unfilled Steel Orders.

New York, Feb. 12.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation increased 188,755 tons in January to a total of 4,132,351 tons Jan. 31. In December an increase of 303,960 tons was reported.

More than 278,665,000 bronze pennies were minted in the United States in 1929.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

Sentenced to Serve Five Sundays in Jail

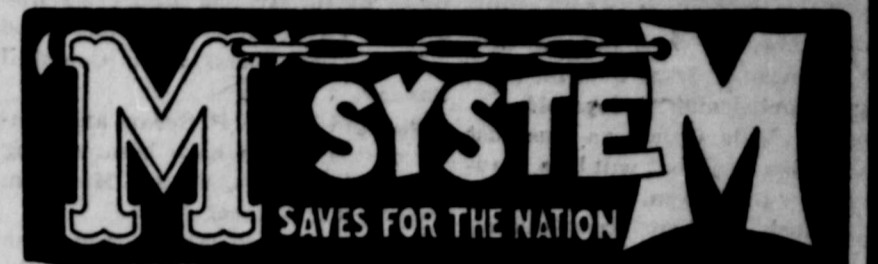
Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—Carl Frickburg, farmer, was sentenced in justice court Saturday to spend the next five Sundays in jail on a charge of drunken driving.

When Frickburg was sentenced to five days he pleaded that if he went to jail his wife and children would not eat. So the judge made it Sundays only from 9 a. m. until after dinner.

Sentence Daisy De Boe.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 12.—Daisy De Boe, blonde ex-secretary who was convicted of stealing \$825 from Clara Bow, the screen star, Tuesday was given 18 months in the county jail, five years' probation and a stern reprimand from the bench.

Texas is the third largest producer of Fuller's earth in the United States with several known deposits not in production.—Authority: Southwestern Resources.



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Meal	Bob White, and it's good	55c

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MEAL, large size, cloth	55c
SPUDS, No. 1, Extra nice, peck	35c
YAMS, Kiln Dried, 1 lb.	4c
EL FOOD, salad dressing, 8 1-2 oz.	25c
COFFEE, Folgers, 2 lb. tins	80c
ORANGES, California 288's, doz.	22c
GRAPE FRUIT, highest quality, each	5c
BACON, dry salt, lb.	15c
JOWLS, good for seasoning, lb.	20c
OATS, Redi cooked, 3 lb. pkg.	20c
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Rural Community Correspondence

Little Riggan Baby, Only 8 Months Old, Passes Away Sunday

Services were held at the Methodist church at White Church Monday afternoon, Feb. 9, 1931, for little Gerald Riggan. The pastor, Rev. Marvin Williams, conducted the services.

Little Gerald was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan. She was born May 15, 1930, and was called to the arms of Jesus Feb. 18, 1931, being 8 months and 24 days old.

Precious little Gerald was just a bud on this earth but will be a beautiful flower in Heaven. She will make Heaven such a bright and shining star, for she was such a beautiful baby, for she was such a beautiful babe.

We can not say "don't grieve" for that is our nature. But she is much better off than we. We can not call her back but we can go to her.

It takes little babies to make Heaven for Jesus loves little babes.

She is survived by her parents and two sisters: and three brothers: Elsie and Lola May, and Carl, Murriel and Denzel, and a host of other relatives.

Pall bearers were: J. E. Morris, E. J. Patterson, A. D. Barnes and H. E. Farmer. Flower girls were Mary Ellen Frazier and Vada Turner.

One sweet bud has drooped and faded, One sweet infant voice has fled; One pure brow the grave has shaded— Darling Gerald now is dead.

How we loved her, how we miss her, None but parents hearts can know; All the anguish that we suffered When we knew that she must go.

Savior, let Thy loving kindness Hover over their darkened home While they mourn the loss of Gerald— When in spirits she ever roams.

When their earthly cares are ended When their earthly joys are over Take them home to meet their darling, On that far off shining shore.

—Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

GOLAN NEWS

We hear "rain water" is curing many ailments in this community with the exception of the roads.

Quite a few are fishing now and, from reports, making fine catches.

Grandma Dye died Monday, Feb. 2, and was buried on Tuesday at McCauley. Brother Williams of Sylvester conducted the funeral services.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlis, a boy, James Edward, Feb. 2.

L. C. Williams and W. M. West were in Abilene on business Friday.

Golan outside girls played Union School girls Friday evening, losing to Union 3 points.

Mrs. Dick Herron has been with her father, who is very low, for the past few days.

Mr. Home Lawlis, Evelyn Brown and Jewel Cox are among those on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Persley of Sylvester have moved to Golan the past week.

Mr. Lang has also moved into our community.

Sunday School at 10 Sunday morning and church at 3 Sunday afternoon. All are invited.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

We were visited by a downpour of rain Saturday night and Sunday, estimated by some to be three inches.

Miss Josie Hogan is reported better at this writing.

Several of our citizens enjoyed a rabbit drive Monday morning. Seventeen were counted down and out, besides some went off minus some fur.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Humphreys spent the week-end in Abilene.

Mrs. Whisenhunt was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mt. Pleasant school and IXL school played a game of basketball Friday evening, when IXL was defeated.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our many friends for their untiring efforts to do something for our darling little Gerald. We feel that everything human hands could do was done and we thank our neighbors in this and all other communities for each and everything they did ever so many times.

May God bless you over and over again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan and Children.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Children.

Mrs. P. A. Riggan and Children.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Miron Spears, who has been sick in the Alexander sanitarium, Abilene, is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Hague Wood of San Angelo has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors for the week. Mr. Wood coming up for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and family of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and Pattie Melton of Nubia dined with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears and family of the Plains have been visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, for several days.

Mrs. Jim Moore has returned home after four weeks stay with her mother, who has been seriously ill, at Seymour.

Mrs. O. W. Walker of Buffalo Gap is staying an indefinite time with her daughter, Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, who has been sick for several weeks.

Little Milburn Latimer is real sick at this writing.

Miss Zuma Spears entertained a few of her friends with a musicale in her home Monday evening.

Herman Doan and George Clinton are doing court duty in Abilene this week.

Brother Walker of Abilene will fill his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday at the Baptist church.

Mrs. J. A. Bryan, who has been on the sick list for sometime, is up and doing nicely now.

Messrs. Howard Brown and family, Will Matthews, Sam Phillips, Doff Coats and Emmett Morris attended the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Riggan of White Church Monday.

The P. T. A. sponsored an interesting program, their first of the new year, at the auditorium of the High school Friday evening. Mrs. Frank Demere, the president, opened the program, which included the following numbers: song by primary room, sponsored by Miss Mamie Walker; reading, Bessie Lou Window; music, Zeb Moore; music, G. I. Clinton; reading, Anna Addison; duet, Lena Lee Demere and Zuma Spears; reading, Monte J. Moore; duet, Mrs. Clyde Spears and Miss Vernie Derrick; song by High School boys, sponsored by Miss Vera Walker; duet, Lloyd Matthews, mandolin, Monte J. Moore, guitar; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Will Matthews; talk, by J. W. Latimer, and concluding remarks by Prof. Clyde Deavers.

The P. T. A. is also sponsoring the beautifying of the school campus by setting out shrubbery and trees and the making of flower beds.

Shiloh Happenings

A good crowd attended singing at the church last Wednesday night and had some real good singing. We will have singing every Wednesday night.

Wedding bells have been ringing in our midst. On Feb. 1 Miss Velma Rutledge became the wife of Mr. Orvin Robertson and we wish for them much happiness. Miss Velma is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

A large number was present Monday afternoon for the P. T. A. meeting. A nice program was carried out. The P. T. A. is getting up a play, "The Old Maids Club," which will be put on in the near future. Watch for the date.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, Mrs. N. E. Anderson was hostess to the Happ-Go-Lucky Bridge club. The games progressed happily for two hours and following the culmination of the games the hostess served chicken salad on lettuce with olives, crackers and orange coconut desert with coffee. The tables were decorated in Valentine motif and the plate favors were clever Valentines. Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Wallace and Waddell of Putnam, Hamner of Trent, Banneaux, Keach, Hamner, Greene, Murphy, M. S. Cummins, Smith, Dean Cummins and Seago.

At six per cent interest a sum of money will double in 16 years and 8 months.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The Home Economics class honored the former members with a Valentine dinner on Monday. The dinner, consisting of four courses, was planned, prepared and served by the following members: Misses Mary Jo Howell, Lena Bright, Frances Jones, Joe Ella McLeod and Ada Mae Reneau. The guest list included Misses Helen Hogue, Zula Bright, Dollie Wash, Mollie McLeod, Fannie Vessels, Edith Hale, Media Rawlings, Opal Freeman, Mary Sheppard, Nona Burgess, and members present were Misses Asha McLeod, Norene Weaver, Helen Bright, Mildred Steadman, Victorine Bishop, Nataline Walker, Sarah Julia Johnson and Marie Admans.

On Friday the Home Economics class visited the "Modern Cottage" in the Waldrop Furniture store in Abilene. They were accompanied by Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mrs. M. G. Scott and Misses Burgess and Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Wade of Coolidge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Armour last Thursday night.

C. T. Beckham attended to business in Abilene last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Jr., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley last Thursday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Forrester and little sons, Robbie and Jack, of Roby, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester Sunday.

Mrs. Artemus Howell of near Anson and little sons spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McReady of Abilene visited in the J. C. Roberts home Monday.

The following will render a program Friday evening from 7:30 to 8 over KFYO, Abilene: Messrs. R. E. Dowdy, Joe and Bill Nalley, Ben Quattabaum, Nathan Wood, Merkel, and Misses Yokum.

Mrs. Byron Dingle and children of Fort Worth, accompanied by Missie Claudia and Anna Louise English of Glen Rose, were guests in the home of J. B. Winn Saturday. They were en route to Hermleigh where they will visit the A. J. English family.

Bill Neill has accepted a position with W. L. Boyd of Hamlin and left Tuesday to assume his duties. His family will not go for awhile.

Messrs. R. E. and Laurence Dowdy were called Tuesday to Abilene on account of the illness of their father, J. W. Dowdy.

Mrs. Laurence Dowdy, who has been with her mother for sometime, came home Tuesday. She was accompanied by her son, Bivens, who will return to work soon.

A group of young people from Abilene gave a program of sacred topics, both song and sermonette, at the Methodist church Sunday evening. These programs from visiting churches always prove an inspiration, especially to young people, and you are invited to attend and give them your encouragement and hearing. Watch for dates for the next program and be there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne attended the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riggan at White Church Monday. Mr. Riggan is a cousin of Mr. Payne.

TRENT HIGH ENTERS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

Coach R. L. Reaves carried the Trent High school cagers to Abilene Friday to participate in the interscholastic tournament. Although Trent lost to Blair, 19 to 6, the Reavesmen were not badly discouraged in that they were all new men at the game and most of them Freshmen. Having lost Johnnie Terry, goal-tossing ace of last season, they knew their weak spot. They drew favorable comment on defensive work. Failing to loop the goal was their fatality. Those making the trip were: Charlie Howell, captain; John Hamner, Clell Dowdy, Henry Bright, Oscar Bishop, Jr., and Charlie Hutchinson, Jr.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTERS TOWN'S HIGH SCHOOL.

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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. Keeps the scalp cool and free from dandruff.

would have been a rightful melody Friday evening for a majority of Grammar and High school who did not attend the basketball tournament in Abilene. Those left behind did not feel cheated in enjoying the day, however, for on receiving invitations to go for a weiner roast, it seemed a very opportune time. No formality was used on any apparel of mannerism. Mrs. Buena McLeod was a very entertaining matron as was Garland P. Franks, faculty sponsor.

After climbing the mountain above Sand Springs and going "here and yon" a very appetizing supper was served to an appreciative crowd of youngsters. Those enjoying this elaborate meal were: Rosalie Sorrell, Gladys Hamner, Bessie Jones, Ruthy Melton, Laura Price, Laura Smith, Tina Smith, Orelia Jones, Vivian Walker, Doreen Scott, Marie Adams, Buelia Bright, Helen and Hubert McLeod, Willie, Lois and Veda Orand, Rowena and Jack Perkins, Lavala and Edgar Hampton, Fanny Vessels, Elmer McDonald, Bo Terry, John Boyd, Ed and John Howell, Duncan Stribling, Paskal Bishop, W. P. Scott, Henry and Wilson Bright, Gene Murdock, J. E. James, Clarence Martin, Russell Martin, Paul Wilson, Jim Smith, R. E. Johnson, Jr., M. L. Spence, Oscar Lee Reeves, Edgar Lee Mangum and the chaperones.

White Church News

The White Church school honor roll contains seven names for the past month. Fredia Farmer, fourth grade, and Etsel Hunter, fifth grade, head the list with averages of 93 each.

Others on the honor roll are as follows: Ermadell Berry, 92; Ila Mae Snow, 92; Maurice Pressly, 92; Lloyd Snow, 91, and Lois Royals, 90.

The five Nobel prizes, averaging about \$40,000 each annually, are awarded from a fund bequeathed by Nobel, a Swedish inventor, to the persons who have made the greatest contributions to medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and peace.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Hodges Happenings.

Almost everyone in this community has had colds.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Bruton a fine boy, Jan. 31. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Jim Burne of Stith has as his guest his brother from Tennessee.

Mrs. R. F. England and Mrs. Rex Holder of Tye motored over Thursday and spent the day with Mrs. E. H. Bruton and Mrs. Holder remained to visit a few days.

The small baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shepard has been very ill with scarlet fever.

Stith and Mars played ball Friday afternoon. The score was 20 to 9 in favor of Stith.

Misses Irmaree Dwiggin and Hazel and Martha Jo Armvine of Anson spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. T. M. Walsh was called to Merkel Sunday to be with her brother, Dewey Thomas, who was very ill, following an appendix operation, and who died Monday morning.

Sunday School every Sunday at both churches here and preaching every second Sunday at the Baptist church and every fourth Sunday at the M. E. church. Everyone cordially invited to come.

BUTMAN NEWS

The honor roll for the Butman school follows:

Miss Novis J. Whiteaker, teacher, primary grades:

First grade—Opal Lillian Russom, 98; Nell Vonne Butman, 97; Mary Frances Lewis, 95; Banning Butman, 94; Dorothy Mae Smith, 90.

Second grade—Marvin Pruitt, 97; Jerry Butman, 90; Meiba Hunter, 90; Maude Turner, 90.

Third grade—J. W. Harrison, 94; Bernice Lewis, 93; Edith Butman, 93.

Fourth grade—Wade Ensminger, 92; Aulton Pruitt, 90.

Sixth grade—Lucy Fay Russom, 90.8.

Seventh grade—Mabel Butman, 93; Lillian Maynard, 91; Beulah Harrison, 91.6.

Miss Ela Hale, principal.

DORA DOINGS

This locality enjoyed a rain to the amount of 2.7-8 inches Saturday evening and night.

H. S. Oliver of Phoenix, Ariz. visited W. G. and O. O. Oliver here between trains Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Lewis is very low with double pneumonia. We hope for her an early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Berry's baby is resting very well now following a near-serious occurrence when it chewed and swallowed a dried bean and a part lodged in its throat. They carried the baby to Abilene and were successful in having all particles removed except a small piece.

Opal Verdun of Sweetwater is visiting her parents here for a few days. Our girls basketball team went over to Goodman and played in a game which ended in a 21-to-21 tie. Goodman will come over here Wednesday to play it off.

W. C. Perry was in this city visiting with relatives and friends last Wednesday and Thursday.

We regret to say that Mrs. Gladys Oliver is still very sick at this writing.

Gus Rogers and Ira Oliver are building fences this week on the Dudley and Munger ranch.

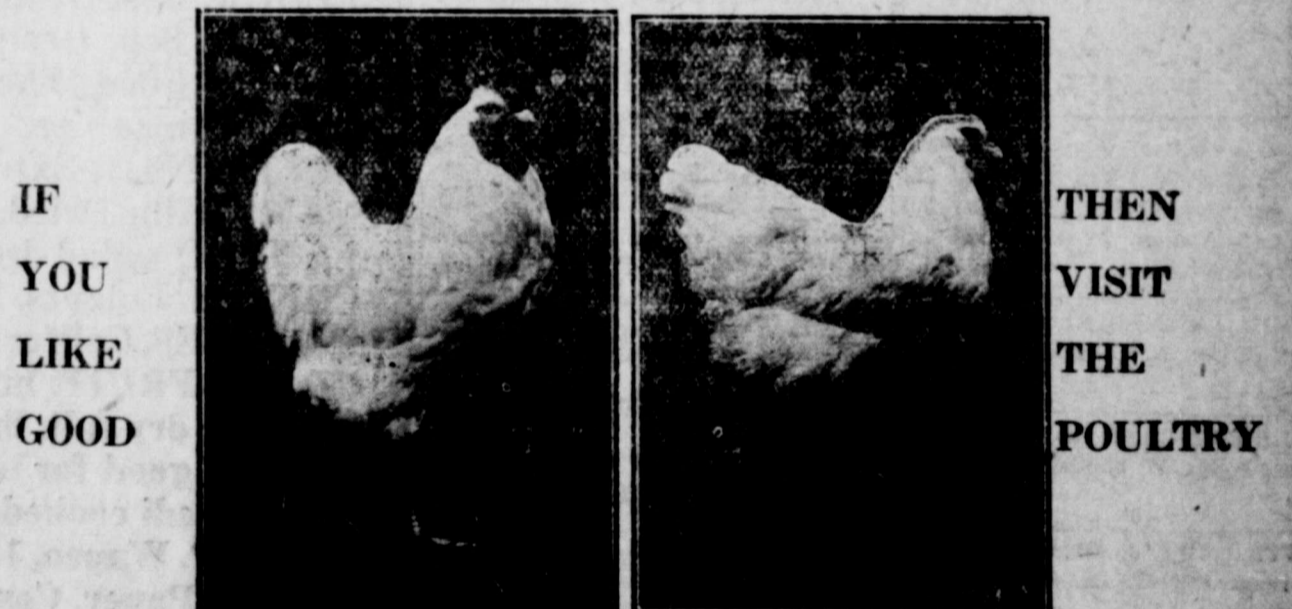
Dining Car Menus Printed on Cotton

Dallas, Feb. 12.—Dining car menus printed on cotton is a novel idea introduced recently by the Texas & Pacific railway company as its contribution to the movement to encourage more extensive use of the staple so widely grown in Texas. The railroad company said it was its thought "that we who live in the 'land of cotton' should help find a greater use of this staple."

There are in the United States about 105 men to every 100 women. Among negroes there are 100 females to 99 males.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Come to Merkel's Poultry and Rabbit Show



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INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE NEWS.

Both the Grammar and High schools are preparing to "win that loving cup" at the interscholastic league county meet this spring. The contests will be held at Abilene as usual on the twenty-eighth of March.

In Grammar school those who desire to outspell everyone else in the county are instructed by Miss Hayes and Mrs. Irvin, the former having charge of the sub-Juniors and the latter the Juniors. Other groups are diligently working on picture memory, arithmetic and essay writing, sponsored by Miss Sloan, Miss Opal Patterson, Mrs. Lenn Sublett, and Miss Coffey, respectively.

The Grammar school won a large number of these events last year and expects to do so again. This school has won the arithmetic contest at the county meet for the last four years.

In High school Miss Williams is instructing the spelling and essay writing contestants and Miss Tracy those of declamation and extemporaneous speaking.

In the field of sports, basketball and baseball stand in the foreground. Basketball is coached by Mr. Irvin. Both schools have a Junior girls' basketball team in training under Miss Orph Patterson and Mr. Riddle. Grammar school also has in training a Junior baseball team; and there has been some talk of an organization of one at High school. Track will also be started in the near future.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS NEWS.

The Choral and Glee clubs are starting to work on a number of new songs and operettas. We are all pleased with Miss Lucy's selection of music and we enjoy working on it very much.

Our next program before the public will consist of several classical songs and several short operettas. The names of these will be announced later.

A JOLLY CLASS.

(Written for Sixth Grade Year Book.) It takes a lotta' types of pupils To make a class complete; Some who tip-toe in and out And some who stomp their feet.

There's some who frolic through their books And some who study well. There's every kind in our sixth grade, And that's what makes it swell.

Horace chewin' chewing gum, And Robert talking out; Abel always writing notes; And Opal jumpin' 'bout.

L. V. usin' slang ever' breath; Jack giggin' hind his book, And motioning to Hollis To tell John A. to look.

Cohrene telling to Janet All gossip old and new, Mrs. Irvin looks around and says, "That's plenty from you two."

Edgar comes each day at eight, And George Hicks comes at ten; Ora asks with a long drawn sigh, "What will ever become of them?"

Ina Mae's just looking around, Lavelle has pulled a tooth; R. T. has an angle worm Slinging it at Ruth.

Mrs. Irvin's good ole room Just never could be beat For it takes all kind of pupils To make a class complete.

But don't forget the teachers, They're good and nice and sweet; It takes all kinds of teachers To make a class complete.

The last and the least Is the writer of this, Jaunita Huskey, Just a sixth grade Miss.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHAPEL.

On Friday, February 6, Miss Curb's pupils presented a Valentine program in the Grammar school auditorium. The program had five numbers, which were as follows:

Play: "St. Valentine's Eve." A Valentine song. "The Sleeping Beauty," (a singing game.) Doris Gay West and Don Wood. Play: "Taking a Joke." Many visitors were present. Miss

Sloan will have charge of the next program.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND TRENT GIRLS' GAME.

The Junior girls of Merkel won over Trent girls by a score of ten to five. Lois Perkins, Vivian Davis and Alice Russell each knocked home runs. The game occurred at Trent on Wednesday of last week. Grammar school's Pep Squad and twelve Merkel teachers were present.

GAME WITH TYE.

Grammar school girls had a game with Tye girls Friday afternoon at Tye. Merkel girls won by nine points, the score being seven to eight.

Billie Bernice Gambill, Alice Russell and Vivian Davis hit home runs. Annie Lee DuBose ran in the largest number of scores.

The Tye girls thought that Merkel was coming over to play basketball so they were unprepared for a baseball game.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL GAME.

High School girls won over the Junior baseball girls by a score of thirteen to seven. Several of the High School girls tied for running in the most scores. Rogene Dye, of High School, knocked the only home run during the game.

THE BOOK AGENT AND THE DEAF WOMAN.

The salesman knocked on the door. It was opened by an elderly woman. "How-do-you-do, Lady?" greeted the salesman.

"Have I two what, young man?" replied the deaf lady. The salesman, observing she was deaf, began to shout at her.

"May I come in and show you a most complete volume of Bunyan's works?" asked the man. "Come right in and rest if your bunion hurts," exclaimed the deaf woman.

"No, Bunyan's works!" In exasperation he pulled a volume out of his folder and placed it before her eyes.

The old lady, realizing she had made a mistake, invited him in and began a strenuous effort to hear him. "Here is a volume every wife and mother should have in her home—"

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"—A volume that will be a blessing to her and the generation to come. A volume that is priced so low the humblest can afford it. Let me put it in your home, dear lady," the salesman continued.

"Why, I don't believe I want your books, but my daughter who lives across the road might be interested; for she likes adventure and detective stories."

The salesman, discouraged, put his book back into his folder, reached for his hat and started out the door.

He then turned and said, "Good day." "Load of hay? Where?" asked the deaf lady eagerly.

A soft whistle was heard as the salesman opened the gate and went on his way.

NAMING THE NEGRO BABY.

There was a great deal of excitement in the tiny cabin in the Lindell's back yard. Negroes hurried to and fro, in and out and everywhere in general. For the past week strangers passing by had heard loud voices, as if in heated arguments, floating around from the back yard. And in the innermost room of the cabin, in a tiny crib, on a dingy sheet lay the cause of all this commotion—a kicking, screaming negro baby. In a chair near by sat her mother with a deep frown on her brow. She was clearly perplexed; and no wonder, for her baby was a week old and still no decision had been made as to what they should call her. Friends and relatives had suggested names until she was dizzy, and still she could not decide. Just then a crowd of negroes entered crying, "Good news, Maggie; we done got some more names thought up an'—"

"Shut yo' moues!" stormed Maggie. "A' don't wanda' a' can't decide; you 'uns all 'us naggins,' name'er dis an' name'er dat, 'til I've got ma' head so all fired crammed full of 'em they ain't no room for thinkin'." The group of negroes suddenly stop-

ped; their mouths flopped open like garage doors; their eyes stared; and they stretched their necks slightly forward. What had come over Maggie? She had been so glad to hear all suggestions before and had seemed so eager to name the baby that they would never have believed such a change could have come over her. "Has yo' done gone and decided?" asked one after a long pause. "Tell us what it is quick," chimed in another.

"No, A' ain't but A've just about decided to not name 'er a' tall," and with this Maggie suddenly relaxed all her muscles and fell back with a sullen expression on her black face.

To this the negroes heartily objected; some scolded; some protested; some pleaded; and at last they all fell to coaxing. For a long time she was sullen and silent, but after a while she said "All right den; A'll hear just five more suggestions and no more an' don't start yellin' 'em at me right now neither." Maggie stamped her foot. "Now yo' al' get out and decide what to suggest an' send 'em in by Mose, yo' hear?"

The negroes retreated, talking excitedly among themselves; after awhile Mose appeared in the door with a small white envelope in his hand. "A' letta' from yo' sista' in Alabama," he announced.

"Bring it heah, an' tell them negahs not to think of bud fo' names, 'cause A's jist that sure Sis has gone and wrote 'bout what to name her."

"Tassum" and Mose disappeared. "I suggests that yo' name the baby after her Aunt Eliza and Uncle Ferdinand," read Maggie; "Name her Fertilizer."

"Now that ain't a bad idea," declared Maggie as she returned the letter to its envelope.

"A letta' from cousin Fanny," Mose appeared again. "I guess it's another suggestion; tell them negroes out dere not to think of bud three."

About thirty minutes later Maggie was sitting alone thinking; she had received four suggestions by mail and the negroes in the other room had only been allowed to suggest one—Minnie O'phelia San don Felicia Nice-land-for-a-Queen.

The next morning at the breakfast table Maggie announced that she had decided, and all the negroes held their breath. "Eliza Janey Chaney Charity Elvira Mirandy Sue Johnson," proclaimed Maggie.

But after all the trouble the baby, who is now eight years old and who is called Mandy, is not at all satisfied; and she likes to imagine that her name is Maggie Lou and that she was named after her mother. To this day she will tell strangers her name once and only once; and when asked to repeat it, she says, "A' done tol' yo' what mah name is."

JOKES.

As a lady comes up, she sees Paul on top of Ross beating him fiercely with his fists.

Lady: "Here young man you shouldn't hit that boy while he is down." Paul: "Well, what do you think I got him down for?"

Mr. Derrick: (reading school report) "Conduct bad; reading, bad; composition, arithmetic, history, bad, bad, bad!"

"What is the meaning of this, Gerald?" Gerald: "I can't understand it Dad. Do you think it might be a forgery?"

Mrs. Baker: "You are at the foot of the spelling class again, are you?" Fred A: "Yes, ma'am."

Mrs. Baker: "How did it happen?" Fred A: "Got too many Z's in scissors."

SAY, DID YOU KNOW— That skirts and shirts are stylish? —Miss Martin has a cold? —Leo flirted with Nell? —That the Juniors can win over the Senior baseball girls? —Margarette can almost fly when she catches a ball? —That Miss Williams speaks correct English? —That Mary Elizabeth has a sweat chirt? —That the Badgerette's mascot is a hen? —That Mr. Burgess was fanned by the pitcher, Caribel (freshman)? —Frances can write a good story? —That Cullen is a star basketball player? —That E. L. has turned into a doctor? —Mildred has her hair cut? —That the Freshmen are sponsoring the Badger Weekly? —Billy goes to Abilene too often? —The Freshmen aren't as green as

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you think? —That David wears a hat now? —Jack cleans Mary Elizabeth's shoes? —Miss Williams as slender as Norma Patton? —Mr. Riddle jolly as he used to be? —Mary Elizabeth buying curling irons? —Waldeline Huskey throwing paper wads? —Sis making beds and washing dishes? —Thelma Mc going with W. M. Taylor to a style show? —Joe Amason making a face in history class? —Mr. Burgess with a pipe? —Helen with long hair? —David carrying a vanity? —Jack W. going to bed at 8:00? —E. L. reading a bedtime story? —Miss Williams wearing red? —Wanda making a 100 on an algebra test? —Melba Taylor coming to school at 6:45? —Miss Patterson with a boyish bob? —Frances thinking seriously? —J. W. recognizing a science book? —Sis acting sensible? —Jim Patterson on the screen? —Miss Martin singing over the radio? —Mattlou not laughing? —Miss Williams in an evening gown? —Joe not chewing gum? —Frances not looking out the window? —Jack West in a hurry? —Voncle with curly hair? —David without chewing gum? —Lois C. with long hair?

—Benny why a Scotchman said, when a telephone operator told him to pay a dime to talk "America is a land of free speech." —Mr. Riddle where he heard a joke about a librarian. —Inez whether there were enough heoes in the World War. —Elvis Richardson why a Tory cannot feel about the revolutionary. —Thelma if she has been osculated. —Miss Williams to draw holes representing the ones in notebook paper to please Benny. —Miss Orphah Patterson if music has accident instead of accent.

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Billy: "Oh, that this letter to my Jack had wings." Wanda: "Why don't you write it on fly paper then?" — Cecil: "David, do you remember that little kitten you used to see over at my house?" David: "Yeah, why?" Cecil: "I just wondered; do you know what became of it?" David: "No, what? Did it die?" Cecil: "Naw, it grew up into a cat."

—Mr. Riddle: "Experience has cost me more than anything else." Cullen: "Yeah, especially getting married." — Frances: "Don't you think my new dress is a dream?" Wanda: "It's according to what the dream is."

—Billy: "I've studied voice for two years in France, three years in Germany, four years in—"

—Mrs. West: "Jack, if you eat another piece of cake, you'll pop." Jack: "Pass the cake and get out of the way."

—William: "I'm the fellow you paid to drown your cat. I'm sorry, but the check came back." Raymond: "So did the cat."

—Cecil: "I tell you no girl ever made a fool out of me." David: "Then who was it?"

—One day Gerald Derrick went up to Mr. Irvin with a bucket of water and asked Mr. Irvin if it were all right to

say, "I am going to water the horse." "Why, yes, Gerald, why do you ask?" — Gerald picked up a saucer of milk and said, "I'm going to milk the cat." — Howard: "I've come to ask you for your daughter's hand." Mr. Mansfield: "Nothing doing. You've got to take all of her or nothing."

—Miss Williams: "What on earth is your husband doing up that pole?" Mrs. Burgess: "My dear, he's a most careful driver—he's gone up to see if the road is clear."

—Neighbor: "So your son, E. L., got his B. A. and his M. A.?" Mr. Turner: "Yes, indeed, but his P. A. still keeps him up."

—Mr. Riddle: "Name the two kinds of colds, Nell." Nell: "A bad cold is one, isn't it?"

—An argument had arisen about lard and crude oil; the following conversation followed: Mr. Riddle: "Well, what is lard but oil?" Milton: "Pigs."

—Texas has 797,695 acres of land under irrigation and 1,567,642 acres irrigable, according to the Census Bureau. Two counties—Hidalgo and Cameron with 229,787 and 155,804 acres respectively—have almost half of the State's total.

—Texas has one of the few turquoise mines in the world, located near Van Horn near the Culberson County line. —Authority: Van Horn Advocate.

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Rites Held Sunday for Patty Jo Salter, Age 5

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon for Patty Jo Salter, age 5, who died after a week's illness. Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church officiated. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery.

Patty Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Salter, was born December 10, 1925, at Hyman, Texas. A child of unusual talents, she had such a lovable disposition that she held a place in each heart of those who knew her. Besides her parents she is survived by three brothers and four sisters.

Those from out of town, who came for the funeral services, were: Mrs. J. J. Bachus, Nimrod; Mrs. M. H. Pierce, Cisco; Mrs. B. C. Ingram, Nimrod, and Mr. Steve Bachus, Nimrod.

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE PATTY JO.

(By Maggie Bullion Holden.)
It is cold and dark and dreary today,
For one is gone, whom we all love.
The tender Shepherd has called her away
To rest on His bosom above.

For this little angel we have no fear,
As she had no sins to erase.
In the book of life her pages are clear,
And she is a saint by His grace.

We wonder at this and are all amazed
Till our memories begin to dawn.
Then we look about as out of a daze—
The pet lamb of the fold is gone.

Little we know of God's infinite plan
For our happiness over there.
We can only do the best we can
Till we reach that haven so fair.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish we had words to express to our friends and neighbors our appreciation of the many kindnesses shown us and the many thoughtful expressions of sympathy extended during the illness of our beloved husband, son and brother. It is only in times like this that one realizes the true worth of such friends and neighbors and our hearts are filled with grateful remembrance of every loving and tender manifestation of your solicitude and sympathy in our bereavement.

Especially do we wish to thank the Blair school and teachers and Aunt Molly Pierce as well as many, many others for helping to lighten our hearts in our deep sorrow.

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Personal Mention

Mrs. Sam Swann is visiting her sister at Carlsbad, N. M.

Raymond Cannon of Dallas was a week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Z. T. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. May of Colorado were guests Sunday in the J. L. Banner home.

Mrs. J. S. Swann has returned home after a visit of several weeks with her daughter at Tulia.

Joe Bray Cypert of Port Arthur is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Wichita Falls are guests of their sisters, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson.

Recent guests of Miss Estelle Clement were Misses Clara May Underwood and Helen Williams of Gorman.

W. H. Stevens, Silas Stevens and Johnnie Jacobs spent the week-end with W. L. Cash and family at Christoval.

*Friends of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler will be pleased to learn that they have returned to make Merkel their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit and children of Dallas drove out to spend Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins are now occupying one of the Anderson-Diitz stucco cottages across from the Methodist church.

F. N. Thomas, manager of the Jones Dry Goods at Colorado, and wife and little child were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Miss Lucille Cole has returned to the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, after having been at home for several days for medical treatment for injuries she received from a fall at school January 8.

R. W. Moore returned Monday to his home at McCombs after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore, here. Mrs. Moore and little daughter, Peggy Joyce, remain for a visit in the Moore home.

C. L. Webb, who is connected with the Gulf Refining company at Borger, and family returned Tuesday to their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Campbell. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford and children, who have been in Spur for several weeks, have returned to their home place here. After assisting his mother

in moving, Max went back to Spur to assist his father in the store there. Mrs. George T. Moore returned home early in the week from Abilene, where she remained at the home of her mother for several days to convalesce after a major operation three weeks ago at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium there.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way during the illness and death of our dear wife, mother, daughter and sister, and especially do we thank you for the beautiful flowers.

May you all be as well remembered when such sadness comes to you. And may God bless you all is our prayer.

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Inspirational Plans Are Laid for Editors

Austin, Feb. 12.—Lowry Martin, publisher of the Corsicana Sun and general program chairman, Saturday characterized the annual meeting of the Texas Press association to be held in San Angelo June 11, 12 and 13, as the "most constructive and inspirational" meeting ever undertaken by the Texas Press association. Martin announced details of the San Angelo meeting to 150 editors and publishers gathered here for the biennial business meeting of the association.

Martin said the 1931 meeting would be known to the 600 or 700 editors of Texas as the "build Texas inspirational convention." Among the men of note who are scheduled to speak during the convention are: Governor Sterling, Clarence Ousley, Amon G. Carter, J. L. Lancaster, John W. Carpenter, Jesse H. Jones, R. L. Marquis, Tom H. Etheridge, L. B. Denning and Walter D. Cline.

Martin said Governor Sterling would talk on "Texas Highway and Other Governmental Activities."

Martin, assisted by Bernard Hanks of Abilene, will have charge of the daily newspaper section meetings at the convention, while W. H. Jackson of Coleman will have charge of the weekly section.

American Girl Dances With Prince of Wales And Becomes Famous

Panama City, Feb. 12.—Miss Eleanor Nichols, the American girl who Friday night captivated the Prince of Wales at a dinner given in his honor at the Union club, thinks his royal highness "is one of the most charming men I have ever met," but considers Prince George a better dancer.

Miss Nichols, who is the daughter of Commander Newton Lord Nichols, in charge of the Balboa naval radio station, and Mrs. Nichols, was the

center of interest in Panama City and Balboa following the dinner, for the Prince of Wales gave her his undivided attention as they danced beneath a tropic moon shining over the bay of Panama.

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