

Promising Prospects, Yield of West Texas' Small Grain and Feed

Abilene, Feb. 26.—The potential yield of West Texas' 1931 small grain and feed crops continues to increase and indications of a substantial production gain over previous years are reported from the 48 counties served by the West Texas Utilities company, according to information received from the local offices of the company here.

The utilities company makes a regular monthly business conditions survey of the territory in which it operates, and in this manner makes available a concise report covering a territory some 45,000 square miles in area.

The report points out that although it is impossible to estimate the definite percentage of increase in production at this time, early figures indicate an improvement of at least 25 per cent over normal yield.

An irrigation development near Texline has added greatly to the agricultural possibilities of the territory, and it is expected that the success of the test project will encourage diversification and stabilize the farming industry to a considerable degree.

The project was organized by a group of farmers to test the adequacy of water supply in the shallow water belt. A test well, recently completed, pumped an average of more than 1,000 gallons of water per minute from the third water strata at a depth of

111 feet. Approximately 50 property-owners in the territory—organizers of the trial proposition—plan to drill wells on their own holdings. The West Texas Utilities company will build a high line into the section to furnish inexpensive power for pumping demands.

Although general business conditions in many parts of the territory served by the company show a decided improvement, the report points out that general trade and commerce will not be fundamentally sound until crops are actually harvested and sold.

The report is featured by a general note of optimism, and West Texas Utilities company executives predict a period of further expansion and development for West Texas—styled in their literature and advertising—the "Land of Opportunity."

THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One) might conceivably have passed out in obscurity. But they went on with their persecutions and "the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the church."

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Herds famous for their fine strain of registered cattle will be represented in consignments made by the following prominent breeders: C. M. Largent and Sons, Merkel; Largent and Stevens, Brownwood; I. A. Bird, Sando; E. B. Herndon, Eskota; W. A. Howe, Roscoe; Ed Ratliff, Eldorado; Winston Bros., Snyder; and Walter L. Boothe, J. D. Dulaney, E. P. Neblett & Son, and Wimberly Hereford Farm, all of Sweetwater.

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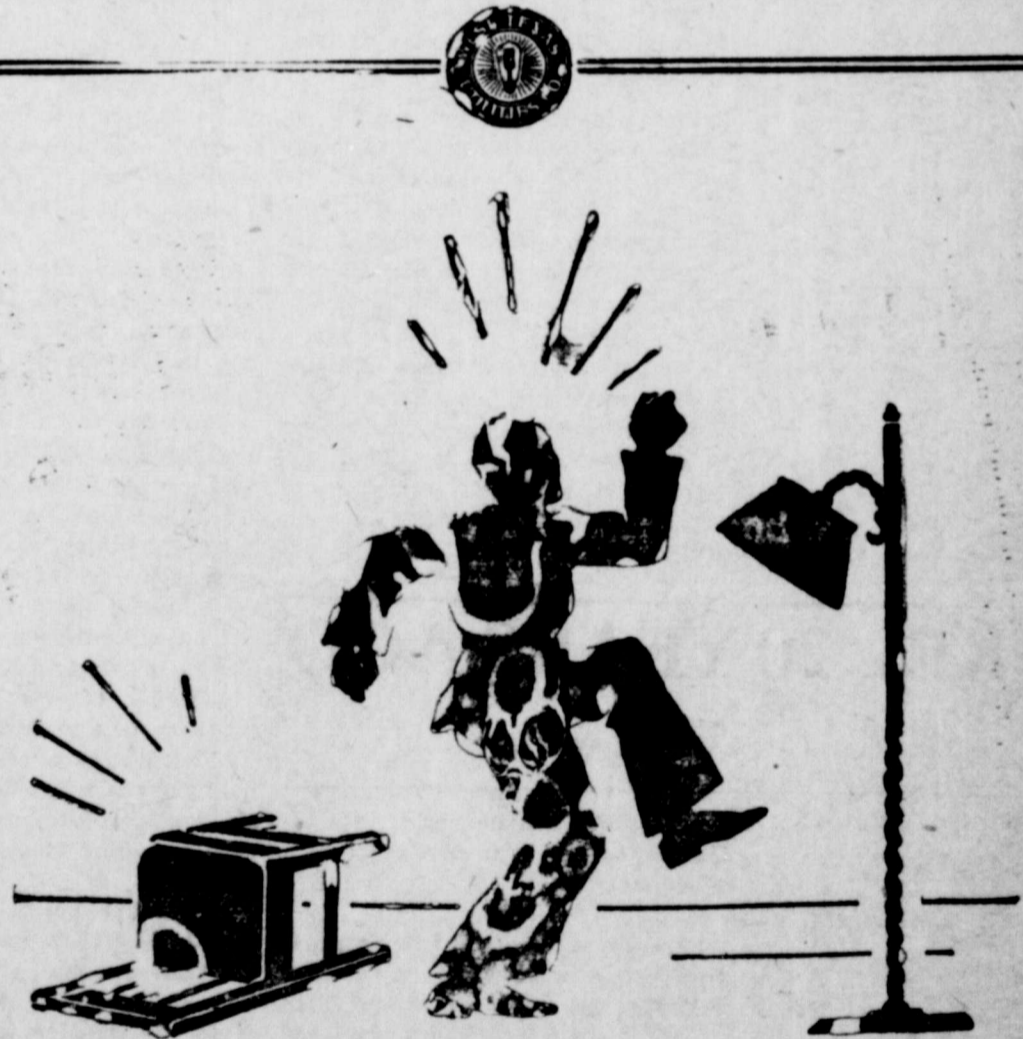
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West Texas Utilities Company



My Best Girl

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

NINTH INSTALLMENT

Maggie Johnson, whose father is a lettercarrier, her mother, a lazy woman who has "seen better days," and her sister a bootlegger's sweetheart who works in a beauty parlor, is stock girl in the "Mack" stores, the Five-and-Ten of San Francisco. A boy whom she knows only as "Joe Grant," but who really is Joseph Gant MacKenzie Merrill, son of the owner of the "Mack," is learning the business by starting at the bottom. He doesn't like the job until he meets Maggie. And neither of them realize that they are falling in love with each other, at first. Joe is impressed, however, by Maggie's intelligence and goodheartedness, and gives her advice on the subject nearest her heart, how to live the ideal life. She makes a suggestion for a better way of selling certain lines. He tells his father, as if it were his own idea, greatly pleasing the old man. He finds that the girls he used to know don't interest him as much as Maggie does, and when Maggie discloses her love in a burst of jealousy, he realizes that he loves her, too.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

"And there's a budget for two people begins on eight hundred a year! Joe, I'm going to work it all out. We're going to put money in the bank from the very first minute. The man who has an income of one hundred and saves ten dollars is ten dollars richer than the man on an income of twenty thousand who saves nothing a year."

"Where'd you get that?"

"That was on a card in the window of the bank next door to the Mack. I see a lot of those things," added Maggie dreamily. "But I never really thought about them until I met you. You see, my mother and Liz aren't much on ide-als, and my father—I guess," she added delicately, with some hesitation, "is sorter influenced by Ma. But you—you seemed to be mine, Joe, from the start!"

Her pride, her joy as she said it, brought the tears to his eyes. He did not speak.

For the moment he was Joe Grant, he had never been anything else; Joe Merrill, with his car and his income and his magnificent home, was the dream. This was the reality.

He interrupted her, kissing her gravely. And then, without speaking himself, although Maggie continued to chatter joyously, he drove her home.

Joe went to his own home, and dressed for dinner like a man in a dream.

A week ago, or yesterday, he might have gone out.

But now it was different. He had kissed her, had his arms about her, spoken of her as his wife.

Maggie. Maggie Johnson. Living in that wreck of a cottage on Goat Hill, pacifying and caring for that appalling mother, that commonplace, selfish sister, and that poor little worm of a letter-carrying father.

"My God! What have I done?" said Joe Grant, half aloud.

"What thinking of, Son?" his father asked, looking up.

They were in the library, he and his father alone together. And to his father's surprised question, Joe could only make the son's usual answer.

"Nothing."

Then there was another short silence.

"Nothing doing tonight, Dad?"

"I may go over to Maxwell's, later—they're sitting in a little game," his father answered, with an awkward little effort to appear interested and cordial that touched Joe. "Brewer, one of our buyers, was to go to Japan for us on the Allegria next Saturday," he explained. "And now I understand that the wife's father has died and left them a pot of money—something like that—and they're going to New York," he said.

"Losing him, huh?"

"I guess so. They come and go, of course."

"Well, with three hundred and forty employees, that's natural enough," Joe drawled.

"You've got 'em counted, eh?"

"Well, the six stores—and the administration office—what have you got down there? Seventeen or eighteen clerks?"

"You wouldn't ever be interested in

coming down to one of the Stores with me, Joe," his father began. "It might interest you very much."

"No, thanks," Joe said then lightly. "I couldn't start in the Stores—now."

His father nodded. The sudden interest and hope that had lighted his face faded. He instantly resumed his usual inscrutable, remote expression again.

Joe laughed gruffly, cleared his throat.

"That's where I am, Dad," he explained.

"You—!" he presently said, in a low sharp tone.

"Sure," Joe said easily, grinning.

"My boy. How did that happen?"

"Oh well—you remember the blow-up in December, when you sent for me to come home from college about some bills? Well, the next day, I happened to be passing the Mack, and I went in; there was a sign there that said 'Extra Christmas Help Wanted.'"

"The Mack?"

"That's what they all call the Stores."

"You told them who you were?"

"No sir. I called myself Joe Grant."

"And nobody recognized you?"

"There was no reason why anybody should. I took care that I shouldn't look much different from the rest."

"You're sure they don't place you, Joe?"

"Place me! My God you ought to hear what they call me and what they tell me."

"You've gotten the goods on me, eh?"

"You stand pretty high with them, Dad. That stock-buying idea has made a hit all down the line."

"You in the Stores. You in the Stores," he murmured.

"Pretty hard work, isn't it?"

"Not so hard."

"And the sort of men—the girls there—aren't they a rather—plain—crowd?"

"They're all right."

"This," George Merrill suddenly exclaimed, "accounts for the automat idea, of course! I wondered—and Flint wondered, how you happened to be taking such an interest in the Stores."

"As a matter of fact, it wasn't my idea at all!"

"I thought you—that night Flint was here—"

"It was a girl who suggested that," Joe said. "One of the girls in the Mack. A kid—really. She's only seventeen. She'll be eighteen tomorrow."

"How'd you happen to know that?"

"She told me. I took her home to-night and she happened to mention it."

A silence. Then George Merrill said slowly: "I see."

"See what?"

"What's been making the change in you, Joe. It was a girl was it?"

"I'm not in love with her, if that's what you mean. She's only a kid."

"She likes you, eh?" the older man asked.

"Well, she's only a kid."

"How far've you gone, Joe?"

"Oh nothing!" he said vexedly, "I've talked to her—she's a kid who's determined to make the best of herself."

"She's awfully pretty."

"Your mother—and myself, too."

George Merrill said, after a moment, "have always rather hoped that you and Millicent Russell would give us a wedding, one of these days. She's a fine little girl—seems to be different from the rest."

"The trouble is," Joe began slowly. "That she's in love with you," his father finished mildly.

Joe gave an abashed, youthful laugh.

"She thinks you are merely another clerk among all the clerks, does she?"

"She never dreams anything else!"

"Engaged, Joe?"

"Well no. And yet, yes, in a way we are. You know how girls are, Dad."

"She's a pretty common little thing, eh?"

"Well— No, he couldn't say Maggie was common. Joe groped for words. "Not exactly that, Dad. But—but you see she thinks I'm like all the others—just one of the boys down there, the sort of men she would naturally marry."

Perhaps the shrewd eyes watching him saw more than he dreamed.

But if he saw this, George Merrill made no sign.

"If she knew who I was—who I am," Joe floundered on, "it might break her all up. She's no gold-digger—she wouldn't know how to marry a rich man—it'd scare her."

"I wanted to get out of this without

hurting Maggie!"

"You're quite sure that you don't want to marry this girl, Joe? Oh, I don't mean immediately—I don't mean now. But she could be sent to a fine school for a year or two, travel, maybe. Of course, Millicent Russell is a straight little girl."

"Listen, Dad, I don't want to say anything against Millicent, but besides Maggie—Millicent is a drunken little moron—"

"Steady, my boy! Steady!" George Merrill interrupted. "Why, Joe, you must be halfway in love with this Maggie."

"Well, I'm not." Joe responded shortly. "But she's a fine little girl, and she—she seems to be reaching out for everything that is fine, just as these other girls reach out for everything that's rotten! She doesn't know what they know—she wouldn't understand their jokes—"

"H'm!" ejaculated Merrill senior in a somewhat perplexed, dissatisfied tone. And at the time nothing more was said.

On Sunday morning, however, just a few minutes before twelve, George Merrill met his son in the upper hallway of the family mansion and noted that he was dressed for golf.

"Got out of your engagement, eh?"

"Yep. Sweeney was going into town for Mother, and I asked him to send a note to—Miss Johnson, with flowers."

"Well—I guess you're wise."

"I hope so!" Joe said unconvincedly.

He played four holes, played the fifth—a short one, and suddenly turned back to the clubhouse. It took him fifteen minutes at the telephone to locate his mother's chauffeur.

"Sweeney. This is Joe Merrill speaking. Sweeney, did you get those flowers to that young lady?"

"They went right out."

"I see. Thanks."

And he hung up the receiver, feeling flat.

She probably had them by now. Poor little disappointed kid!

Damn it, it made him feel hot and uncomfortable, and like a skunk.

Maggie, doing the Johnson dinner

dishes, and perhaps shedding surreptitious tears into the sink.

Joe had an inspiration. The intelligent thing to do, the honest thing to do, was, to go to her and say, "Now look here, Maggie—"

Rushing cityward in his car a few minutes later, he soon reached the Johnson's dilapidated cottage.

Maggie came to the door herself—everyone else was out.

"Pop volunteered for special delivery today—it's Valentine Day," Maggie said. "Liz was off with her beau, and Ma had to go to a funeral at one. So I had a real good chance to make the kitchen ideal."

"You certainly did that one little thing," Joe said admiringly.

"And what did you get for your birthday, Maggie?"

"Nobody remembered it but Pop," Maggie said lifelessly.

"But you got my flowers. You aren't mad at me, are you, Maggie?" he asked suddenly.

"Oh, no, Joe. Why would I be? I wouldn't have any right to be mad at you," Maggie said, adding the last phrase as if to herself.

"You seem sort of—stiff," Joe said.

"Here's what it is, Joe," Maggie said. "I just happened—what I got your note—to see your side of it, Joe, I know you like me—but I know you don't love me. I hope we'll always be friends. But—" she stopped short—"But—this part of it—isn't easy for me, Joe," she finished.

"What made you change this way—from last night, when we sat in the car and talked?" he temporized gruffly.

"I think kinder realizing that you were—saying more than you meant, Joe!" she answered simply.

She was delicious, small, confidential, brave in her first battle with hurt and humiliation. Joe felt shamed and bewildered.

"Did you know they were thinking of trying out your automat idea for the buttons and pins and tacks and so on, Maggie?" Joe asked.

"I don't believe it!" she said scoffingly.

"It's true. What would you do, Maggie, with—say, twenty thousand dollars?"

"With—with what?"

"With twenty thousand dollars for

all your rights in that idea?"

"Joe, I'd sell my rights in that idea for twenty-five cents, if you ask me!"

"Yes, but you couldn't do that. They seem to feel it's a new idea and a darned good idea, and my father—"

he floundered, grew red, and saved himself by a hair—"my father thought

it was a pretty good idea, too; I was talking to him about it," he said.

She had noticed nothing amiss. Her eyes were dreamy, happy.

(Continued Next Week.)

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LAW ENFORCEMENT.
The failure to enforce adequately the prohibition laws of the country is no doubt one of the prime causes for what appeared to many observers as an ever growing disrespect for law in general. Evidence of the prevalent disrespect for many of the national laws and state and local statutes is not lacking, but one must admit there are other causes besides the failure to enforce the pro laws leading to the regrettable tendency of Americans as a whole to regard lightly many of the laws of the land.

A case in point is reported in a news dispatch of last week, reporting the filing of complaints by Constable Sid Kelso of South Austin in justice court charging the executive secretary and assistant secretary of the state game, fish and oyster commission, two game wardens and a cold storage manager with having deer meat in their possession after Jan. 10, it being alleged that venison was served at the dinner given by the board for members of the legislature at an Austin hotel on January 26.

In advance of the trial of the case, it would not be proper to discuss the features of the case which may be brought out in trial later. What concerns the writer now is not so much whether or not officials, whose duties include the enforcement of the game laws, have been parties to the violation of a certain provision of those laws; but we are interested particularly in the next procedure, according to legal machinery, whereby the trials of these complaints have been postponed by the justice before whom they came for attention until ten days after adjournment of the legislature.

The reasons assigned for the postponement are sufficient at law; some of the witnesses are members of the legislature and cannot be summoned to appear during the tenure of the legislature; also counsel for the accused must be a member of the house of representatives.

Granted, that there is no question of life nor death requiring that these trials be held at once.

We are just wondering—that's all—taking this instance, in its several ramifications, does it argue forcefully for respect of law? Are there some laws too silly to enforce? Do we have too many laws?

The democracy of Great Britain speaks for itself when one reads that Charlie Chaplin, visiting the country of his birth for the first time in ten years, was invited to spend the day as the guest of Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald of Chequers, the official country residence of Britain's premiers.

The city hall at Arlington is not a safe place to store confiscated liquor. The Arlington constable is investigating the theft of 30 gallons of liquor from that depository.

Because pups cannot learn to ride on escalators, a department store in New York used three columns of newspaper space to request its patrons to carry their dogs when they ride the store's escalator.

WORTH WHILE THOUGHTS.

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no other way of judging of the future but by the past.
—Patrick Henry.

One impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil and of good
Than all the sages can.
—Wordsworth.

Hope thinks nothing difficult; despair tells us little difficulty is insurmountable.—Watts.

If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles.
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CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

The month of February has been designated as "Stewardship Month" in the Nazarene church and the duties and obligations of stewards furnish the subject for this week's sermonette prepared by Rev. W. P. Sibley, pastor of the Nazarene church, for readers of The Mail.

Stewardship.
"Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest no longer be stewards." (Luke 16:2.)

A steward in ancient times was a trusted servant placed in charge of his master's business. In these days wealthy men often put these stewards into business; supplying the capital and exacting a return on the money thus invested. Our Lord was well aware of this ancient custom and used it as the bases for many of his stewardship teachings.

In his parable of the laborers of the vineyard (Matthew 20:8). He compares the Christian ministry to the office of stewards. He clearly indicates that the master's property was entrusted fully to the stewards, and also that an accounting of it was liable to be called for at any time, and that failure of trust brought punishment.

The steward was never owner of the material with which he worked. If he was a household steward he did not own the house, or if he were engaged in business both the capital and profits belonged to his master. The position of steward was usually very intimate. He was always an honored and trusted servant and was deep in his master's confidence. When he was placed in charge of business he relieved his employer of all details and directed the affairs as though he was working for himself. He was free to use his own judgment just so his master's desires for success were being advanced. Read the interesting story of Abraham's steward in search of a wife for Isaac. (Gen. 24.)

Stewardship always implies a day of reckoning. The master inevitably called for an accounting. (Luke 16:1-2.)

Jesus' teaching of stewardship leads us to the conclusion that possession of a thing does not necessarily mean ownership of it. One may possess what is not his own or he may own what he does not possess. We possess ourselves but God owns us. We may possess money, property, or goods that are ours in relation to other men, but in reality to our Master they are all His.

The New Testament clearly teaches that all of the duties and obligations of the ancient stewards are required of Christians today. We are His stewards. Belonging to our Master as we do by creation and redemption, every atom of life, strength and intelligence He has committed to us, we hold as stewards. Every item of property and every cent of money that we may possess he has intrusted it to us only as stewards.

The Word of God clearly states that our Lord will call for an accounting of our stewardship for whatever has been intrusted to us. We must give an account of our ability to work, to keep well, to be respectable, to obtain salvation, to live each day as the Master's representative, etc. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. So then everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:10 and 12.)

If stewards of old were punished when guilty of laziness, carelessness or fraud, can Jesus Christ's stewards expect anything else?

"Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:12.)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The un consecrated wealth of Christians is the greatest hindrance of the church's progress."

Much favorable comment is being passed upon the services at the Baptist church last Sunday and especially the large attendance at the evening hour.

By special request of the Woman's Missionary society the pastor will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. from the text: "Let us rise up and build."

"The devil played hell in the election" is the subject chosen by the pastor for his sermon at 7:30 p. m. The election judge and all politicians and all voters and all officials are invited to hear this sermon Sunday night. Don't play the coward and stay away.

You are expected to be in Sunday School at 9:45. Meet with our young people at 8:30 p. m.

J. T. King, Pastor.

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Scripture reading, Miss Hazel Williams.

Introduction, Vennie Heizer.

"Study the Best Book," Bill Haynes.

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"Christian Giving," Mrs. R. J. Miller.

"The Christian's Time," Mrs. Burl Scott.

"Seek Knowledge Concerning the Church," Mr. Burl Scott.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

With Dr. H. P. Hulsey as leader, the Men's Prayer service is to meet next Sunday at the Presbyterian church. The lesson will be the 20th chapter of St. John. Last Sunday the Men's Prayer meeting was held at the Baptist church, with Brother S. W. H. Buzbee as leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was 725. The Methodist organization with 289 had the largest number present, the Baptist being second with 265. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was as follows: Presbyterian, 74; Church of Christ, 73; and Nazarene, 30.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Special music will be "Some Morning, Oh Some Morning," by R. R. Fornam, sung by Mr. C. W. Delmer. Mrs. Delmer will play "Haint" by Hogan, as an offertory. The morning service will be followed by communion service and the offering will be taken for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 7:15. Session meeting Tuesday evening at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.

There was a small attendance in Sunday School last Sunday; only about 30 present. Brother Fred Hendrix filled the pulpit both morning and evening. At the morning hour he used for a text "Service," (Rev. 27:27.) All who were present seemed to enjoy the service very much.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The Young Business Men's class will have charge of the evening service next Sunday evening. The class is making preparation for the service under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Delmer, class president, and Mr. Tom Largent, class teacher.

A called session of the quarterly conference is to be held this week to make plans for repairing the church building and beautifying the church grounds.

Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district, made a pleasing call and transacted business with the church Wednesday.

Junior Leaguers, to the number of about 30, enjoyed a hay ride last Saturday morning. Mrs. Touchstone is superintendent of this group. Going out to the Laney pasture, they played games and had dinner.

Friday afternoon, about 20 Hi-Leaguers were treated to a hay ride by their superintendent, Rev. E. L. Yeats. Following games and recreation sports, the business session of the month was held.

Saturday night was a joyful occasion for 22 boys belonging to Prof. Irwin's Sunday School class, who went out to Blowout Mountain and spent several happy hours. Four big bonfires were built and a round of games was followed by a weiner roast.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song. Prayer. Song. Scripture reading, Robbie Walker. Bible story, Truett Patterson. Violin solo, Dee Hall. Bible story, George Hicks Buford. Song, Ethelda Tucker and Mollie Frank Touchstone. Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother Forest Waldrip of A. C. C., Abilene, will preach for us next Lord's



SOCIETY

BRIDE IS HONORED.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. A. C. Abbott of Abilene was invited to the home of Mrs. Earl Walker, where a number of friends were present to present her a beautiful friendship quilt containing the names of forty-two friends. The quilt was hung in the living room and the afternoon was spent in quilting it. Refreshments of hot cocoa, sandwiches and cakes were served to Mesdames Tye Sublett, Verne Sublett, Bishop Hunter, Bill Hayes, Earl Walker, H. R. Hicks, Mollie Starkey, S. A. Patton and Miss Ruby of Merkel. Mesdames Julia Walker, A. C. Abbott, M. Ponder and Mrs. Mac Walker of Abilene, Mesdames W. A. Cambell, E. Orsborn and L. Orsborn of Blair, Mrs. Edith Gilmore of New Mexico, Mrs. Joe Janes, and Mrs. C. M. Graham of Trent and to the following children: Irene, Jimmie and Billy Walker, Jim Sublett, D. C. Hays, Bonnie and Joe, Jr., Jones. Mrs. Abbott was formerly Mrs. Annie Walker of Merkel. She recently moved to Abilene where she was employed at Ernest Grissom Beauty Shop at the time of her marriage to A. C. Abbott. Mr. Abbott works for the City Fire department at Abilene.

BRIDGE DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson entertained with a lovely bridge dinner on Wednesday evening at their home on Oak street complimenting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Trout and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pope, of Abilene. Accentuating the recent marriage of both couples, the table was centered with miniature bride and grooms. Room decorations were in pink, green and orchid of pastel shades, with pink and green carnations adding a colorful effect. Cups of after-dinner mints were plate favors. At the conclusion of a four course dinner, coffee was served in the living room. Bridge and dancing furnished diversion for the evening the living room. Bridge and dancing. C. R. Pope, Miss Rue Tremmell and Mr. G. Rigby of Sweetwater and the host and hostess.

CHEERFUL WORKERS PICNIC.

On last Tuesday evening the members of the Cheerful Workers class of the Methodist church went to the suburban home of Joe Largent for a picnic. On arriving there the picnicers decided to go to the pasture where a large bonfire was made and the roasting of weiners and apples was enjoyed.

REBEKAHS INSTALL.

The Rebekah Lodge of Merkel has installed new officers for the ensuing term as follows: noble grand, Mrs. Mary Alice Dunn; vice grand, Mrs. Evelyn Cox; chaplain, Mrs. Minnie Higgins; secretary, Mrs. Aurra Johnson; treasurer, Mr. Jesse Higgins; warden, Mrs. F. A. Polley; conductress, Mrs. Effie Patton; right supporter to noble grand, Mrs. Pearl Holingworth; left supporter to noble grand, Miss Dora Garoutte; right supporter to vice grand, Mrs. Annie Lasater; left supporter to vice grand, Mrs. Lillie Barnett; inside guardian, Mr. Joe Riney; outside guardian, Mr. W. R. Cox; past noble grand, Mrs. Annie Dougherty.

Mrs. Aurra Johnson, district deputy president, had the pleasure of installing her daughter as noble grand in Merkel Rebekah No. 14.

All members are urged to attend and help our noble grand with the work. The Rebekahs meet at the Odd Fellows hall every Friday night.

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consisting of sandwiches, cakes, fruits and soda pop.

Those enjoying the outing were: Misses Addie Faye Patterson, Imogene Hayes, Zada Bell, Mary Hutcherson, Anna Lou Russell, Vada Patterson, Lola Sheiton, Mary Collins and Thelma McAninch. Messrs. Roy Patterson, Ralph Duke, Edwin Wade, William Sheppard, Joe Largent and Rev. E. L. Yeats.

INTERMEDIATE SOCIAL.

On Friday, February 20, at the Baptist church the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. had a social, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Riddle. Almost everyone was dressed as in colonial days. There was a prize given to the best costume for the girls and boys. All the costumes were pretty but Miss Rogene Dye got the prize for the girls and Mr. Burneal Scott for the boys. The prize was an all-day sucker. There were forty-nine present and everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr. Riddle is the leader of the B. Y. P. U. and was the sponsor of the games. The cherry tree was chopped down by Mr. Riddle's small son. After the refreshments of jello, whipped cream and cherries, lemonade and sandwiches all went home, glad they had gathered "round the cherry tree."

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanch Rose Walker circle met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann on Tuesday afternoon, February 24. The meeting opened with prayer. Mrs. Chas. West directed an interesting Bible lesson on the book of Joshua. Then followed a short business period. The guests greatly enjoyed Mrs. Swann's hospitality. The circle will meet with Mrs. T. E. Collins, March 10.

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NOTICE TO FARMERS.

Saturday, February 28, if weather permits will be the last day of the present ginning season. Be sure to bring your cotton on or before that date. Will also take orders for Kash Planting seed direct from Ed Kash himself. Will swap or exchange planting seed for mill run seed at fair price.

Farm Bureau Gn.
A. J. Canon, Manager.

SPECIALS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, Supreme, guaranteed, 48's	\$1.35
FLOUR, Supreme, guaranteed, 24	70c
FLOUR, good and wholesome, 48's	\$1.00
MEAL, large sacks	55c
SPUDS, No. 1, Rurals, 15 lbs.	30c
ORANGES, Californias, 288's, doz.	22c
PORK & BEANS, tall cans, 2 cans	15c
COFFEE, extra quality, lb.	20c
CRACKERS, 3 lb. caddy	35c
CAKES, Marshmellow Ruffs, lb.	19c
GOLD NUT, butter substitute, lb.	20c
RAISINS, Market Day, 4 lbs.	35c
SOAP, Lighthouse, 10 bars	35c
OATS, Redi cooked, 3 pkgs.	20c
GRAPE FRUIT, large size, each	5c
OLIVES, plain, quart	45c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25 oz. can	19c

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Priced \$52.00 per acre; my farm and pasture, joining Merkel on the west and containing 179.9 acres; about 70 acres in cultivation, a house with three rooms, a barn about 40 feet square, sheds on three sides; good well of water; all under fence. Part cash, balance terms. Write Vol Martin, Los Angeles, Calif., 5437 Eighth Avenue.

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

FOR SALE—Farmalls and equipment; 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 SALE—Four wheel trailer, A-1 condition; reasonable. Fred Wittman, Merkel, Texas. Route 1.

BIG BOLL RUSSELL cotton seed for sale, culled and sacked; just planted one year; price \$1.00 per bushel. See Comer Haynes.

MAIZE DELIVERED—Will haul maize for you and put it in your barn. See me for prices. T. C. Jenkins, one half mile south of town. Phone 9018R2.

FOR SALE—C. C. Farm Type Case tractors; will trade for saleable stock or merchandise; also have combines, threshers, binders and farm machinery of all kinds. Liberty Hardware Company.

FOR SALE—A White Rotary cabinet electric sewing machine, \$168.00, now \$50.00; left at our place to be sold at a real bargain. Can be seen at Blake's Dry Cleaners. Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company.

FOR SALE—Two saddle ponies and one work horse. Liberty Hardware Company.

FOR SALE—Cornish Game setting egg. Robert N. Campbell. Phone 9011F2.

MEAT HOG FOR SALE or will trade for good young Jersey milk cow or one soon to be fresh. Merkel, Texas, Route 2, Noodle. L. M. Howard.

FOR SALE—Box elder trees, from 5 to 8 feet tall, 25 cents each. Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—House and one-half block of land on Bettis Heights. Sid Criswell.

LOST AND FOUND

REWARD FOR RETURN of diamond bar pin, set with two green sapphires, lost Monday morning. Return to Merkel Mail.

WANTED

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.

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

TO TRADE—Good 1929 sedan, driven 31,000 miles, in good mechanical condition, new tires, for small home in town. Write Box 28, Merkel, Texas.

SALESMEN WANTED—To run Heberling business in Taylor county. Many make \$60 to \$75 weekly—year around work—no lay off. Write today for free booklet. G. C. Heberling Co., Dept. 2295, Bloomington, Ill.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Home on Oak street, three rooms, hall and bath. Will rent cheap. Mrs. V. B. Sublett.

FOR RENT—6 room house, all modern conveniences; 4 room house, gas and lights. S. F. Haynes. Phone 265J.

LODGE NOTICES

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome. Andy Shouse, W. M. C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

TO FORM ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW

Rabbit and Poultry Breeders to Meet Saturday, March 7, to Form Organization.

The organization of a permanent poultry and rabbit association of Merkel is contemplated at a meeting to be held here March 7, according to a call which has just been issued by Robert Hicks, secretary of the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit show, which was held Feb. 12, 13, and 14.

The invitation, which is addressed to all rabbit and poultry breeders and enthusiasts, follows:

"As secretary of our recent show I have been asked to call a meeting of all persons interested in rabbits and better poultry on Saturday afternoon, March 7, at 3 p. m. at the Lions hall, which is the Mellinger building between the 'M' System grocery and McDonald's Barber shop, for the purpose of organizing a permanent poultry and rabbit association.

"The purpose of the organization will be to try to promote more interest in good chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas, rabbits, etc.; to market our products to the best advantage for breeding and market purposes; the care of flocks for best production and all other purposes that would be of interest to poultry and rabbit breeders; to promote an annual show to be held at Merkel in the fall or winter.

"It is the wish of all parties that had anything to do with the promotion of our show that all persons in any way interested attend this meeting, as we want to organize and elect officers for the next year."

Lukas Proves "Will-To-Win" Over English

What price English? In Hollywood, Paul Lukas stands as a shining example to those who struggle with mispronunciation, the pitfalls of grammar, and accents.

When Lukas came from Hungary to Hollywood three years ago, there were no talking pictures, and it mattered not if one said "ve" or "we." With sound came worry and the difference between a "v" and a "w" became the difference between a success and failure, a contract and oblivion. Lukas, quick to grasp the situation, set about in his own unique manner to master the English language.

He gave up talking Hungarian to his countrymen in Hollywood, and spoke only English. He engaged a college boy who was well versed in grammar and pronunciation to spend hours each day with him, to accompany him to shows, to the studio, wherever he happened to be going, with instructions to be on a constant lookout for mispronunciation and grammatical errors during the course of ordinary, everyday conversation.

Though for the past year, the services of the college boy have been dispensed with, Lukas continues his study of English by instructing himself. He goes to a great many plays to study pronunciation. He reads aloud, and has someone correct his mistakes. He spends hours listening to a good radio announcer. In these ways, he feels that he is acquiring a broader and more perfect knowledge of English as it is spoken than he would acquire under the tutelage of a voice teacher. He feels his system is far more practical, as well as far less expensive.

Lukas, featured with Ruth Chatterton in "Anybody's Woman," again supports her in the Paramount talking picture, "The Right to Love," which is to be shown at the Palace Theatre, Sweetwater, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He is under contract to Paramount, and will likely have the leading male part in the forthcoming feature, "Ladies' Man."

Chamber of Commerce officials of San Benito have telegraphed President Hoover that that city will donate ten carloads of vegetables and fruit per day for a week to drought sufferers if the Red Cross will name destinations and secure transportation for the cars.

A truck-bus accident near Brenham Monday night, which took the life of one man, W. W. Warner of New York, advance man for Roxy's gang, and injured 13 persons, two seriously, was under state investigation Tuesday. The accident occurred when a truck loaded with 15 bales of cotton is alleged to have sideswiped the passenger bus on the highway.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

Scout Banquet

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Shumway, and then the latter sang the words to "Taps," amidst the hushed silence of the large assemblage.

The mothers of all the Scouts prepared the food for the banquet. Those who assisted in serving the banquet were: Mesdames F. C. McFarland, S. D. Gamble, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, W. J. Sheppard, Earl Lassiter, L. B. Scott and Herbert Patterson.

The registry list shows the following guests: Ed Shumway, Abilene, Rev. J. T. King, Carroll King, Dr. M. Armstrong, Johnny Cox, Abilene, L. A. Watts, Earl Watts, H. C. Toombs, J. J. Toombs, W. E. Lowe, Jack Lowe, Dr. Wm. M. Gambill, S. D. Gamble, W. A. Whiteley, Weldon Coates, E. L. Turner, Jr., W. J. Sheppard, Jr., O. R. Dye, Murphy Dye, Norman King, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Jack West, Elvis Richardson, R. R. Buford, George H. Buford, Earl Stanford, Jack Stanford, Jas. H. West, James West, Jr., L. B. Scott, Bernal Scott, C. J. Glover, Ross Ferrier, Jr., Howard Carson, Rev. R. A. Walker, Rev. E. L. Yeats, Mat Dillingham, Bud Gambill, Herbert Patterson, Truett Patterson, Tom D. Riddle, E. Yates Brown, Jack Patterson, J. R. Lassiter, T. G. Bragg, W. H. Barnett, Vincent Barnett, Marvin Hunter, S. M. Hunter, E. O. Carson, A. T. Sheppard, Louis Carson, Jim Patterson, J. A. Patterson, Jr., J. E. Richardson, Robert Hicks, Ben Robert Hicks, Vergil Lee Perkins, H. H. Jenkins, Jo Earl Lassiter, Mordell Shouse, W. J. Sheppard, Eelon Harrell, Earl Lassiter, Ray Harrell, Dr. R. I. Grimes, Robert Grimes, Jr., W. F. Golladay, Bennie Sheppard, Tom Largent, Misses Lucy Tracy, Dora Marie Gaither, Velma Lee Holden and Marilyn Sue Grimes.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 26.—Although the cattle market held mostly steady Wednesday, the demand was weak and the trade displayed little or no activity. Calves suffered a decline of about 25c. Receipts were estimated at 2,000 head of cattle and 500 calves.

Sales of fat steers ranged from \$4.65 to \$6.50. Good feeder steers ranged up to \$6.50. A car of fat cows made \$4.25. Good to fairly choice yearlings went at \$6 to \$6.75. Heavy slaughter calves went mostly \$5.50 to \$6, with choice feeder calves reaching \$7.75.

The hog market was 10c to 15c down, with a top of \$7.15 on both divisions. Receipts were close to 700 head. Sows went at \$5.50 to \$5.75. About steady prices were paid for sheep and lambs, receipts being close to 2,300 head. A few lambs reached \$7.50. Two-year-old wethers brought \$5.50 and aged wethers sold at \$4. Yearlings moved around \$6.

Cattle Movement

On Wednesday Collins Brothers shipped a car of cattle to Fort Worth. C. M. Largent and Sons were loading their show cattle Thursday preparatory to shipping them to Fort Worth for entry in the Fort Worth Fat Stock show.

Cemetery Beautified

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W. Huffman, J. R. Baze, George Bishop, G. W. Bishop, A. J. Fowler, H. Huffman, R. U. Rister, G. B. Walker, L. A. Blount, Roy Blount, Ira Marshall, S. L. Grayson and J. C. Bishop.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

Subscription lists, left at each of the banks and at the Merkel Mail office, showed the following subscriptions:

E. Yates Brown	1.00
F. Y. Gaither	1.00
W. F. Golladay	1.00
Mrs. W. F. Golladay	1.00
J. S. Bourn	1.00
J. J. Toombs	2.50
D. O. Huddleston	1.00
W. M. Elliott	1.00
H. H. Toombs	3.00
Mat Dillingham	1.00
J. A. Horton	1.00
Rufe Tittle	1.00
Warren Higgins	1.00
W. S. J. Brown	1.00
G. Burton Fain	1.00
J. H. McDonald	1.00
J. T. Warren	5.00
W. W. Toombs	2.00
Pat Addison	1.00
Booth Warren	1.00
W. L. Fugat	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Campbell	1.00
W. H. Laney	1.00
C. J. Glover, Jr.	1.00
W. G. Cypert	1.00
Sweetwater Marble and Granite Works, Sweetwater	5.00
West Texas Utilities Co.	2.00
Q. Brown	1.00
Mrs. W. M. O'Brian	1.00
Total	\$42.50

Contract Let By Abilene Man For Ice Station Here

Contract for the construction of the new retail ice plant to be opened by O. D. Dillingham, Abilene, with L. L. Murray as manager, was let Saturday to T. H. Christopher of this city and it is expected the building will be completed in about ten days. The cost of the building and equipment is estimated at about \$3,000.00.

The lot on Kent street across the alley from the Merkel Garage has been leased by Mr. Dillingham, who is president of the Banner Creamery, Abilene, and owner of ice plants, creameries and retail ice stations in many points in this section. The building, 16 by 24 feet, is to be of stucco and tile. The lot fronts 40 feet on Kent street and extends 90 feet along the alley. There is an alley-way of ten feet provided also on the north side of this lot, giving access on three sides.

In connection with the retail ice station, a cream and milk depot will also be operated, it is stated.

J. M. Garrett Attends Purina Dealers Meet

J. M. Garrett returned Tuesday night from the annual convention of Purina dealers and salesmen at Fort Worth. The convention lasted two days and was attended by more than 400 dealers and salesmen, Mr. Garrett stated.

Miss Iris Garrett accompanied her father to Fort Worth and visited with friends while he attended the convention.

Still Seized Near Here

P. Johnson was held in default of \$750 bond, set in justice court here Tuesday morning, when he waived examining trial on a charge of possession of equipment for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor. He was arrested late Monday in connection with the seizure of a 10-gallon still, near this city, by Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Deputies Ben L. Peevey and R. L. Miller. The still was taken on the Johnson place, four miles southeast of Merkel, Sheriff Wheeler said. Officers stated that no liquor was found.

Butler Test Spudded In

The test on the J. A. Butler tract, one mile west of and adjoining the Swann tract, being drilled by Frank Hathway, B. H. Lancaster, Charlie O'Brien and Forrest Wallace, was spudded in at noon Thursday.

Undergoes Operation

Relatives were advised Wednesday that Miss Johnnie Landreth, who was operated on at Wheeler last week, was not doing as well as might be expected. Miss Landreth is the sister of Mrs. Roy Bacus and Mrs. Otis Clark and Rev. Eimer Landreth.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, residing in the Canyon, Saturday, February 21, 1931.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Sunday, February 22, 1931.

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

District Convention Of Legion March 7-8

Dates of the 17th district convention of the American Legion at Abilene have been changed to Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, instead of February 21 and 22, as originally announced. This information was contained in a bulletin to post commanders and adjutants of the 17th district by M. W. Carrico, post commander of Pargamore Post, Abilene. Headquarters will be at the Hilton and Wooten hotels and the registration fee is to be \$1.00.

The bulletin, in part, reads: "Fellows, we can't tell you all that is going to happen, but here are a few of the things you can expect Saturday, March 7, at 6:45 at the Hilton hotel. Army style bean supper, bread pudding without the raisins, coffee without the sugar and plenty of goldfish. This we will actually have. Don't forget Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, Hilton and Wooten hotels."

TO ALL FARMERS

Meet with us at I. O. O. F. hall next Thursday night, March 5, to discuss a better cotton seed program for farmers in Merkel trade territory. Be on hand at 7:30.

A. J. Canon.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

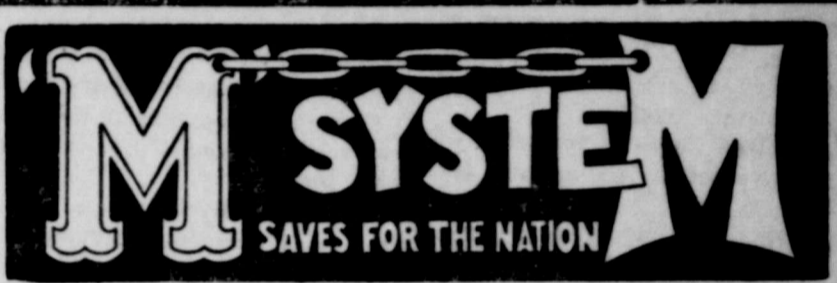
Tire and Rim Lost, No Serious Mishap

As R. O. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and J. S. Swann, was returning from Fort Worth Monday night, where he and Mr. Swann had been in attendance at the convention of the Seventh District Texas Bankers association, the party had a narrow escape from a serious accident when the tire and rim of the left rear wheel of their car fell off while they were driving about 45 miles an hour. The lugs had become loose in traveling, but, as luck would have it, Mr. Anderson kept control of the car and averted an accident.

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Week of March 1
Sun., Mon.
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Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Ruth Chatterton
"THE RIGHT TO LOVE"
Fri., Sat.
"CHARLEY'S AUNT"



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Peaches & Pears	per gallon—limit 2 buckets Friday and Saturday only	35c
Apricots	gallon	63c
Apricots	No. 1, tall	10c
Sugar	25 lbs.	\$1.40
Coffee	Maxwell House, 3 lbs.	\$1.05
Coffee	Folger's and Hill Bros., 2 lbs.	83c
Syrup	pure open kettle sugar cane	85c
Syrup	pure ribbon cane	65c
Pickles	full quart, sour	20c

NOTICE

I am now in charge of the Sinclair Service Station formerly operated by W. R. Sumpter and cordially solicit the continued patronage of all his many customers. We are here to please you and offer you fast and courteous service along with quality Gasoline and motor oil.

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

John C. Howell of Abilene was looking after business interests here last Monday.

Mr. Bill Neill, who is working at Hamlin, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Raymond Allen of Possie is the guest of Garnett Bryan and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and children, Mrs. Bud Brown of Goodman and Mrs. Mattie Fogleman of Anson, were guests last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Junior, and Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene attended services at the Baptist church here Sunday and were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley.

Misses Dorene and Gene Scott and Mildred Steadman were guests of George Helen Lee in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Bryant last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey and children of Hamlin were week-end guests of Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mesdames O'Brian, Early and Stevens visited at Albany last Thursday.

Mrs. Roy Moore and children of Abilene, accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Billings, visited here last Friday. Mrs. Moore was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hubert Hudler, while Mrs. Billings visited her sister, Mrs. Bowers, and other relatives.

Mrs. Gene Childs of Stamford was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. McRee.

Mr. Jesse Toles of Crane is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman of Greenville were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Claude Swann is spending a few days in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner has as her guest this week her mother, Mrs. E. K. Sorelle.

HOME ECONOMICS LUNCHEON.

Misses Asha McLeod, Nathalie Walker, Victorine Bishop, Sarah Julia Johnson and Marie Adams entertained the members of the Home Economics class with a luncheon on Washington's birthday. Those enjoying the occasion were Misses Lena Bright, Ada Mae Reneau, Frances Jones, Mary Jo Howell, Mildred Steadman, Jo Ella McLeod, Thelma Nalley, Nona Burgess and Mary Sheppard.

VALENTINE PROGRAM.

A Valentine program was given in the auditorium of the High School last Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers association. The program consisted of songs by the Choral club and two plays. "The Maker of Dreams" was directed by Mrs. A. R. Archer and presented by Mediah Rawlings, Leonard Strubling and W. E. Hale. The other play, "Half Loaf," was directed by Miss Nona Burgess and presented by the members of the Home Economics club.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley entertained a few of their friends last Thursday evening at their home. Bridge and pinocle were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour a delicious sandwich plate and coffee was served to the following: Misses Lillian McRee, Maurine Smith, Vergie Strawn, Messrs. Kennedy, Dennis and Franks, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner and the host and hostess.

MARTHA WASHINGTON TEA.

Mrs. M. G. Scott, assisted by Mrs. Tom Williamson, was a most charming hostess to the Missionary society on last Monday in a Martha Washington tea from 2:30 to 4 o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated with tiny hatchets, etc. Radio music was enjoyed during the afternoon and Mrs. Buster Edwards favored with several beautiful piano selections. Games and contests fitting the occasion whiled the time all too quickly, Mesdames Shannon and Williamson winning the prizes awarded. Refreshments consisting of cherry pie, a la mode, and hot tea were served to Mesdames Mollie Winn, Otha Smith, C. R. Shannon, Tom Williamson, E. B. McRee, Sr., J. S. Reid, Chas. Reid, Sam Estep, Bessie Edwards, E. L. Mangum, Ruben Reeves, J. R. Gafford, Bob Martin, Abilene, and Miss Gafford and the hostess.

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News is very scarce in our community as it has rained so much very few have been able to do much going in cars except those that have old Fords they keep going "rain or shine."

Mrs. M. L. Spradlin and Miss Louise Carter of Tye were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker last Thursday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party given at the home of Miss Irmaree Duggins at Stith Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walsh and sons, Junior and Jimmie, and Miss Marie Walsh drove over to White Flat Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Statter. Other visitors at the Statter home were Mr. Tom McElmurry and family and Miss Eurra Mae Crane.

Mrs. Nelly Spradlin was called to Sagerton last week to be with her little granddaughter, Lara Mae Cade, who was very sick at that time with the "flu."

Mrs. George Bell has returned to her home at Gurdon, Ark., after spending several days with relatives here and at Merkel.

(Received too late for last week.)

News of the death of Dewey H. Thomas of Merkel, who was well known in our community where several of his relatives reside, came as a great shock to everyone and may be permitted to express in this column our heartfelt sympathy to each one in their sorrow.

The Stith choral club went to Abilene on last Sunday afternoon where they were heard from station KFYO in a program comprised of old songs, school songs and popular numbers. Evidently the program was enjoyed everywhere by the number who responded in calls and requests. This club is sponsored by Miss Morgan of Abilene and is composed of the following members: Mildred West, Marie Walsh, Mary Helen Mashburn, Roxie Shaw, Leon Varner, Oleta Kidding, Annie Fern Jones, Gladys and Louise Mashburn, Aubra Lee Patton, Anna Lou Church, Jaune Jones and Hattie Mae Dwiggin. The girls will be heard from this station again in the near future.

Mrs. Jimmie Hopkins of Abilene has returned to her home after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Bruton.

We are glad to report that Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sheppard's baby, who it was believed had scarlet fever but instead had pneumonia, is improving fast and is expected to recover soon.

E. A. and W. H. Thomas of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. George Bell of Gurdon, Ark., who came to attend the funeral of their brother, Dewey Thomas, remained over a few days to be with their mother, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, and a sister, Mrs. L. M. Walsh, in their home.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his regular appointment last Sunday at the regular time. Everyone is urged to come to Sunday School.

Next Sunday is church day at the Baptist church.

Miss Gypsie Eason of Brownwood spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas.

The Union Ridge school has progressed very nicely for five months at the last of the past week. The honor roll for the intermediate grades under the supervision of Miss Lucille Jones includes the following: third grade, Dorma Lee Shelton, Effiebell Pannell, Junior Clark, Doswell and Blanton Carey; fourth grade, L. S. Tipton, Jr.; fifth grade, Bobbie Barley and Reed Watley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Week and daughters, Margaret and Ellamurlen, of 1401 Sayles boulevard, Abilene, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Misses Margaret Dean and Bernice Clark were guests of Mr. and Mrs. West of Merkel Sunday.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill was dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton.

COMPERE NEWS

Prof. C. L. Blankenship carried the larger pupils to the county track meet at Noodle last Friday. Each one reported a big time.

Rev. Mr. Walker failed to fill his appointment here Sunday.

Sunday School and singing was well attended here Sunday.

Mesdames Chester and Burlie Bond visited their parents here last week-end.

Misses Foy Wilburn and Flora Adkins and Messrs. Clyde Chancey, Charles Childers and Manuel Lucas visited Miss Zuella Hall in the Union community Saturday night.

Last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas gave a candy making to the young folks. A fine time was reported by all.

Messrs. H. C. and J. H. Palmer, A. W. Clemmer, Lawrence Spurgin, Owen Smith, Clarence and Alva Foster, Edd Breeze and Mr. Ashby were Merkel visitors the past week.

A surprise dinner was given Sunday to Mrs. Chester Lucas in honor of her birthday. When Mrs. Lucas returned from Sunday School she found a group of friends and relatives at her home and a bountiful dinner on her table. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adkin and family, Mrs. Wilburn and family, Mr. Terry and family, Mrs. Burlie Bond, Mrs. Chester Bond, Miss Robbie Horton, Clyde Chancy, Charles Childers, Frank Merrice and Glyn Tarpie.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer.

BLAIR ITEMS

Those on the sick list at this writing are: Mesdames Tom Melton, John Rosson, Mr. James Doan and the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who has been real sick, but who is now recovering.

Sam Price of New Mexico was seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker and daughter of Sweetwater and Ira Cavette of Claytonville visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette over the week-end.

Out of town guests who attended the family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Patterson and J. C. Horton of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe and Mrs. Roy Doan and three sons of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks and family, accompanied by Mrs. Minnie

Reeves, visited Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer of White Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family visited their little grandson, Master J. E. Meeks, of Butman over the week-end. Little J. E. has been ill for several days.

Mrs. J. A. Scott and daughters, Mabel and Dorothea Lee, visited Mesdames A. L. Farmer and Hugh Campbell Monday.

Conservation of home products got a real boost when Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and some of their neighbors canned two fat beeves. The work was sponsored by Mr. Heald, county agent. 128 cans of meat consisting of roast chili, soup stock and stew were prepared. Miss Caroline Chambers, county demonstration agent, assisted in the canning.

Pat Addison and Hugh Campbell are attending court this week in Abilene.

Miss Orene Berry of White Church

visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, spent the week-end with relatives in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance McLain of Nubia attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

NOODLE NEWS

There are several on the sick list this week; all are improving. We have one case of diphtheria. We hope an early recovery for everyone.

Miss Clara Cammack visited in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Rhoden spent the week-end in Ballinger.

Rev. O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Ruby Blanche Jenkins of Merkel visited her brother, Leonard Jenkins, this week.

There will be preaching at the

Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come.

The tournament held at Noodle Friday and Saturday was enjoyed by all present. There were four banners given to the winning teams. The banners were presented by C. H. Jones, T. G. Bragg, Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Farmers State Bank. Cross Roads won two banners, the Junior Boys and Junior Girls one each. We appreciate the interest of those who donated the banners.

Miss Geraldine Sloan spent Monday night with her sister, Mrs. Carlton Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beasley of Ropesville visited Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cade last week.

Mrs. J. M. Sloan spent Monday night in Abilene visiting her sister, Mrs. Scott.

There will be singing at the school building each Friday night. Everyone is invited to come and be with us.

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CHAPEL NEWS.

As this is Better Speech Week, High School students were reminded of the fact last Monday in chapel. Miss Margarette Turner was the competent chairman for the program. A good English parade given by the Sophomores was especially commendable. Not only was it clever in itself, but it was acted well. The program was as follows:

1. "Texas, Our Texas," school.
2. "To Americans," by Richard M. Milner, Vera Richie.
3. Good English Parade, Sophomore class.
4. "Good Speaking in the Land of Dixie," (a song), Ida Mae Derstine, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Margaret Canon and Mary E. Grimes.
5. Reading, Sarah Sheppard.
6. Spirit of Good English, Walderine Huskey, Annie Lee Owens, Julia Proctor and Lois Whiteley.
7. "The March Song," school, Thelma McAninch accompanying at the piano.

Mattilou Largent, editor-in-chief of the Senior Memory Book, explained the memory book project. She also gave an account of how the popularity contest was to be conducted.

Mr. Irvin announced that the track teams were to start practicing soon. We hope to win that cup this year, you know.

PROGRAM BY CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

In chapel Tuesday, February 24, Miss Tracy's Choral and Glee clubs demonstrated their abilities in a very pleasing program.

The boys, dressed as sailors, sang "The Mermaid" and "The Song of the Fisher Boats."

Margarette Turner, representing Merkel High school in extemporaneous speaking, gave a short speech on "The Debutante Plan." The speakers chose their subjects from the ones they will have to choose from at the finals.

The Choral club sang Paul Bliss' "The Violet," set to the music of Duoro's "Humoreske."

Holley Perry and Frances Adcock sang a semi-classical number, "Out of the Dusk to you."

Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn sang "The Rosary."

"Mother Machree," recognized as a favorite, was sung by Mattilou Largent, Sis Boaz, Thelma Leach, Margaret Canon, Kathleen Mashburn and Ida Derstine, with Thelma McAninch at the piano.

The program was ended by another representative of extemporaneous speaking, Benjamin Sheppard, who spoke on "Changing the System of Agriculture in Russia."

DID YOU KNOW—

—That the Senior girls went on a picnic Friday afternoon?

—That the Seniors have elected the Memory Book staff?

—That certain people were not allowed to sit together in the study hall or at the same table at the library?

—That the candidates for the most beautiful girl have been chosen?

—That this is Better Speech Week?

—That the new fashion is skirts, shirts and ties?

—That Mr. Irvin likes to read jokes in Spanish class?

—That the members of the second year class of Spanish were in the silly age where everything was funny?

—That school is almost out?

—That Thelma L. likes a boy who wants to teach school at Trent?

—That Artilee has curly hair and brown eyes?

—That Sis "knows they'll come?"

—That Vera is going to move to Capps?

—That Zada is more commonly known as "Zota" or "Horse Sense?"

—That Margaret is keeping "that school girl complexion?"

—That Ida has a car?

—That Oneda had an appointment at school Friday at 12:30 and that she brought a glass of water and a comb?

—That Vonelle is a proud aunt?

—That Benny is color blind?

—That Mattilou has a pretty new permanent?

—That someone has borrowed Cecil's ring again?

—That Thelma M. is the Senior beauty?

—That Mr. Irvin has scratches over his left eye?

—That Gerald has a blue jumper and overalls?

—That Fred wore his "ice-cream" trousers to school? Spring has come!

—That Joyce is the Sophomore beauty?

—That Oleta is the Junior beauty?

—That Julia is the Freshman beauty?

—That it costs one cent to vote for the beauty?

—That most of the pictures of the Seniors are finished?

Postman: "Is this package yours? The name is obliterated."

Ceaphas: "Nope; my name is Wozencraft."

C. U. I. U. C. HIKE.

The members of that active C. U. I. U. C. club enjoyed a very interesting as well as exciting afternoon last Friday when they hiked to Patton's pasture out west of town.

Kodak pictures were taken for that Memory Book you hear so much about. After the long walk, a picnic lunch of sandwiches, pickles, fruit and cakes was ravishingly eaten. Miss Williams provided the dignified Seniors with plenty of all-day suckers, which were eaten very readily. After returning about dark, the sponsor very kindly treated the girls to a "coke" at the drug store.

Those who went on the hike were: Audrey Farris, Lona Bryan, Beth Hamm, Jess Higgins, Velma Lee Holden, Elsie Lasater, Thelma McAninch, Inez Robbins, Margarette Turner and Miss Hazel Williams.

SPELLING CONTESTANTS.

The following students have entered the spelling contest: Seniors, Lona Bryan, Beth Hamm, Elsie Lasater, Audrey Farris, Maurine White, Velma Lee Holden and Isadore Mellinger; Juniors, Meyer Mellinger, Meiba Taylor, Walderine Huskey, Mildred Richardson, Howard Carson, Joe Amason, Nell Hughes, W. M. Taylor, Annie Lee Owens, Vivian Lasater, Lucille Campbell, Jack West and James West.

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN MY PURSE AND A DOLLAR IN IT.

As I dropped a dollar into my purse it exclaimed, "Dear me! Here I am again in one of the caves!"

"You should worry," answering my purse, "Look where I've been!"

"Oh, yeah," sneered the dollar. "I've been in Washington in little girls' mouths and in almost every place. Why, I was even lost for a year. Where have you been?" he added engagingly.

"Oh, I've been sat on, but first I was on the side of a prize steer. The steer was killed and was sent to a factory and made into a purse. Next, I was sent to a department store and sold to a girl for three dollars. When I was somewhat old, I was taken on an automobile ride. I was so full my sides were bulging out with cosmetics, chewing gum, mints, handkerchiefs, a small bottle of perfume and a little money. As we went along the money was spent; and after that I lay in the bottom of the car for about a year. Then I was found and taken into a house where another girl lived. This girl had one very bad habit, which was bossing her brother and sisters. One day I was lying on the dressing table and the girl was standing on a small rug. Her brother, who was always full of mischief, placed a pillow behind her and jerked the rug. Of course, she fell down; but as she hit the pillow, it did not hurt her. She got up thanking her lucky stars she had hit the pillow."

"Well, I was dug out of the ground," said the dollar, "and sent to a mint where I was made into a dollar. Then I fell into the hands of the president at Washington. He was very kind to me and never put me into his mouth. Afterwards I traveled around until I came to a man's house. The man gave me to his little girl and, of course, she put me into her mouth. Her mother, however, soon took me and put me into a dark room with other coins. This place I afterwards heard called a bank."

"One day I was shaken up and down; and I, with other coins, fell out. When the little girl saw me, she clapped her hands and put me into her purse. Then we went to town. But her purse had a hole in it and I fell out and was lost for nearly a year. Then a man found me and put me into a drawer with other dollars. I stayed there for nearly a day and until late that night. Then two men came

and took me away with all the other money. We were put into a bag, and the bag into a car, and away we rode. We were buried for three days. Then several men came and dug me up. We were taken again and put into the drawer. Then in a few days I was given to a girl who put me into her purse. I also saw her face when her small brother pulled the rug from under her. Is it possible that I was in you?" concluded the dollar rather excitedly.

"Why-er-er-why, yes! I clearly remember a dollar was included in my contents. Yet I was so excited at the time trying to keep from laughing aloud. When were you made?"

"In 1899," replied the dollar proudly.

"It is true!" shouted the purse.

"And to think we would meet again," mused the dollar.

"Can we be friends now?" questioned the purse.

"Can we? Well, I guess! It is not very often I meet any friends. Why indeed, we shall!" exclaimed the dollar.

They shook hands, and at that moment the owner picked up the purse and handed the dollar to the washwoman.

"Goodby," called the purse sadly.

"So long," answered the dollar.

Then the purse was laid down on the dressing table to muse over the happenings of the day.

—Annie Lee Owen.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES.

Trent Senior girls won over Grammar School Junior girls by a score of fourteen to seven. As the game was unexpected several of our best players could not go.

Grammar School Junior boys won over Trent boys by a score of nine to

one. The game was played at Trent on the same time that the girls were playing.

High School Junior girls and Grammar School Junior girls tied for a game, the score being fifteen and fifteen.

Grammar School Junior girls played Mt. Pleasant girls at Mt. Pleasant on Friday of last week. Grammar School won, the score being eleven and nine. The game was very close and exciting.

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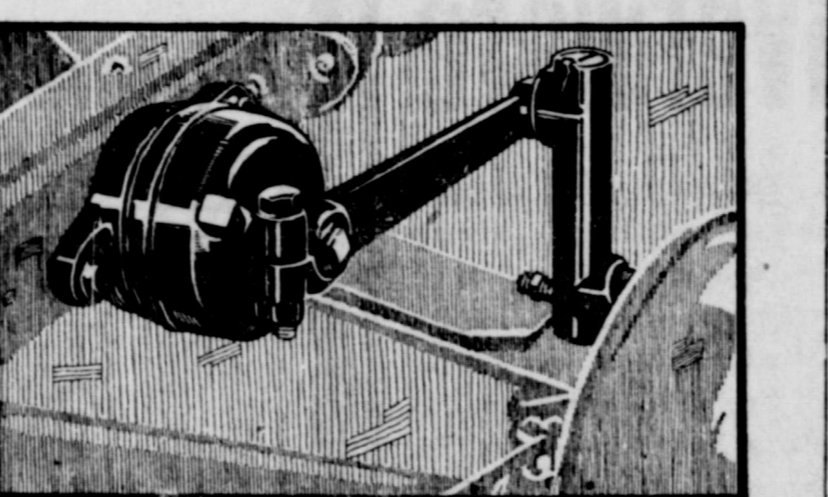
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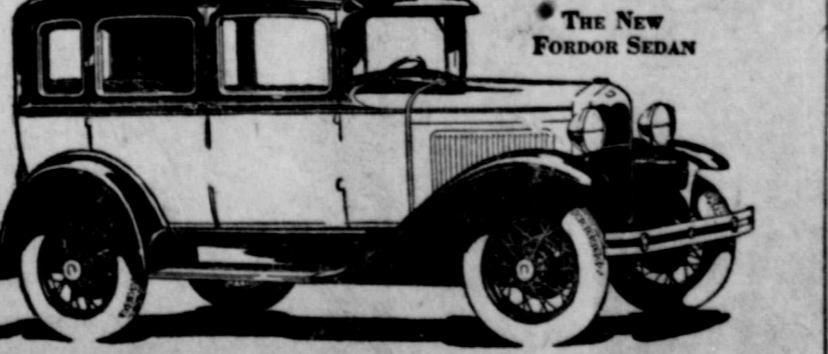
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Personal Mention

Mrs. Mat Dillingham and two children are visiting her parents at Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer and children spent the week-end in Rising Star.

Messrs. Charlie Jones and Ben F. Bird were in Fort Worth on business Tuesday.

S. G. Russell, Jr., spent the week-end in Abilene with his sister, Mrs. Sam Redwine.

Mrs. Philip A. Diltz spent Friday in Abilene with her niece, Mrs. Sam Redwine.

Miss Martha Bird was home for the week-end from Graham where she is teaching school.

Miss Minnie Coats, who is teaching school at Coleman, spent the week-end with home folks.

Burton Fain, Jr., of Abilene, is spending the week here with his father, Dr. G. Burton Fain.

H. B. Cookston, former popular Merkelite, but now of Odessa, was greeting friends here Monday.

J. L. Riddle of Monohans is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lula Patterson, and his brother, J. L. Riddle.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Lily, at Whitewright.

Jim Jay has been at the government hospital at Legion for several days past for a general examination.

Miss Louise Booth was home for the week-end from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, returning Monday.

Mrs. S. G. Russell is at home after several days visit with her daughters, Mrs. Sam Redwine and Sam Nunnally in Abilene.

Miss Iris Garrett visited friends in Fort Worth while her father was in attendance at the convention of Purina dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Miss Julia visited Sunday in Sweetwater with Mrs. Martin's brother, W. C. Calvert, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins have returned to their home in Lamesa after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Mrs. Florence Berry started to work Monday in the office of County Tax Collector J. T. Howard, where she will be employed for several months.

After an illness of five weeks, J. Ben Campbell, popular mail carrier on rural route No. 2, was able to go back to duty Thursday morning.

Mrs. Sidney Foy is convalescing after a serious illness, having improved enough to be removed Monday from the sanitarium to her home.

Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, attended the annual meeting of the Seventh District Bankers association, which convened in Fort Worth Monday.

Wren Durham, accompanied by his two sisters, Mrs. Bob Echols of Albany and Mrs. Sie Hamm and little daughter, returned Monday from a visit with the Durhams at Crane City.

A. J. Tucker, accompanied by his mother Mrs. J. L. Tucker, and sister, Miss Elnor, spent the week-end with a sister at Fort Worth. He also attended the sessions of the Seventh District Bankers association.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner and Miss Maxie left Tuesday night for



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Slaton upon receipt of a message that their daughter, Mrs. Sam Owens, was seriously ill. They were joined by Price Banner in Abilene.

Little Mary Joe Armstrong, all of two years old and nearly three, returned Wednesday to Fort Worth after a ten days' visit with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong. She was accompanied home by her aunt, Mrs. Johnnie Cox, Abilene.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. I. W. MANCILL

We feel sad each day,
We can not help but weep;
We are so sad and lonely
Since our dear friend fell asleep.

Give us a heart to pray,
To pray and never cease;
Never to murmur at our stay,
Or wish our suffering less.

Dearest friend, thou hast left us.
The loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God who has bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.

Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where she was laid.
Sleep on, dearest friend, and take thy rest,
We loved you dearly but God loved you best.

—By a Friend.

To Discuss Better Seed.

A meeting is to be held at the school house at Salt Branch Friday evening at 7:30 to discuss the planting of better seed. County Agent C. M. Heald is to be present and will lead the discussion. Steps will also be taken to interest the boys in club work. A large attendance is expected.

Mrs. Thornton Improving.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton is improving slowly and Thursday morning was able to sit up for a while.

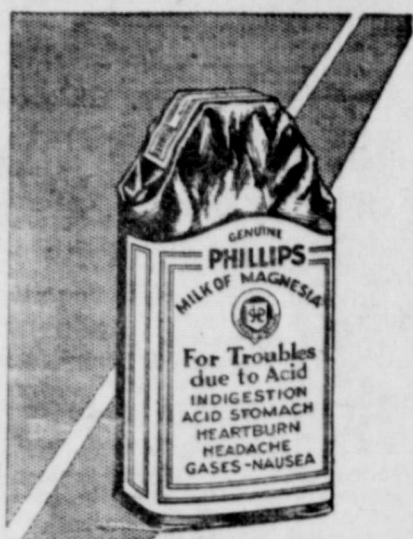
See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

Will Preach at Trent.

W. C. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Bible study at 10 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

Market and Bazaar.

The King's Daughters Sunday School class of the Methodist church will hold a market and bazaar at the Eli Case Grocery Saturday, February 28.



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COFFEE, 3 lb. Maxwell House	\$1.05	POST TOASTIES, 2 for	19c
Soap, 7 bars, Swift's Naptha	23c	BAKING POWDER, 1 lb. Calumet	25c

SPECIALS FOR THE WEEK

CRACKERS, 3 lb. Brown's	33c	SUGAR, 25 lbs., pure cane	\$1.40
GRAHAM CRACKERS, 2 lb. pkg.	25c	FLOUR, 48 lbs., LaFrance	\$1.35
OATS, Mother China	30c	MEAL, large sack	55c
OATS, 3 Minute China	30c	NAILS, per lb.	5c
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