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## TWO PROMINENT PIONEERS PASS AWAY IN WEEK

Death of Allen Reed Cox, 87, and James Doan, 72, Both Native Texans, Recorded in Few Days of Each Other.

The deaths of two prominent Taylor county pioneers are to be recorded this week, one of whom, Allen Reed Cox, passed away at the ripe age of 87, having been a native Texan and more than that, born in the days of the Texas republic, and the other, James Doan, age 72, also a native Texan, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, but who had lived at the same home place near Blair the entire 26 years since he settled in Taylor county.

Mr. Cox is survived by his wife and seven children, 44 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, while Mr. Doan is survived by his wife, ten children, 33 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

### Allen Reed Cox

Allen Reed Cox was born Jan. 20, 1844, in the days of the Texas republic in what is now known as Robertson county. He died at his home here at 7:45 last Friday evening after a long illness. Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery, with Rev. Mr. West, Baptist pastor of Anson, officiating.

Born and reared in Robertson county, Mr. Cox spent an interval of years at Buffalo Gap, returning to his native county for awhile and later moving back to Taylor county where he had resided for the past 26 years. He operated a store at Trent for several years and moved to Merkel in 1915.

He served four years in the Confederate ranks during the Civil War. Soon after the war he joined the Primitive Baptist church, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

On Dec. 21, 1882, he was married to Miss Mollie Lawson in Robertson county, by whom he is survived. He is also survived by seven children: T. A. Cox, Franklin; I. J. Cox, Buffalo; Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Itasca; Mrs. Della Whately, Merkel; W. R. Cox, Merkel; E. M. Cox, Buffalo Gap, and S. M. Cox, Coleman, 44 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### James Doan

Funeral services were held at 10:30 Wednesday morning at the Baptist church at Blair for James Doan, 72, who died at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. John Walker, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stutz and O. J. Adeock, with interment at Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Will Matthews, Johnny Latimer, Emmett Morris, (Continued on Page Four)

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Kyle State bank was robbed late Wednesday by a lone unmasked bandit, who escaped with between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

H. H. Brooks, 51, salesman for the Hartwell Iron Works, Houston, dropped dead at a hotel there while writing a letter Wednesday.

With approximately 3,500 cars shipped, or 1,500 less than last fall, all of the Lower Rio Grande citrus fruit was picked with the close of the 1930-1931 season, Feb. 28.

Tom E. Cranfill of Dallas was re-elected for another year as president of the Independent Oil Men's association of Texas at the annual convention held at Fort Worth Monday.

A reduction of nearly 50 per cent, or from 250,000 to 125,000 acres, in the cotton acreage in the Lower Rio Grande valley, is forecast by ginners, who say acreage will be the smallest in ten years.

H. B. Rollins, 55, Kansas City painter, who was en route to Wichita Falls after visiting relatives at Stamford, was stricken suddenly and died aboard a train Wednesday between Stamford and Haskell.

Oran R. McClure, 54, editor and publisher of the Texas Spur, died at a Sanitarium Tuesday morning from injuries received when he was struck by a car in a snow storm early Sunday morning.

Joinerville's gay dance hall, where the amusement seekers of East Texas' new oil field whiled away the hours after work, was destroyed when fire razed half the little boom town, six miles from Henderson.

Cy Leland, Texas Christian university's "Flying Frog," withdrew from school Monday, announcing that he would leave for San Francisco within a few days. He may ultimately enroll at Leland Stanford university.

A total of 986 boys in vocational agriculture classes in 107 Texas schools are feeding 3,080 animals, according to Professor J. C. Dykes, in charge of agricultural education, vocational teaching staff of Texas A. & M. college.

The house constitutional amendments committee Tuesday voted 16 to 4 to make a favorable report on the \$200,000,000 highway bond issue resolution, the proposal having been previously reported favorably from the senate committee.

Fires in Fort Worth Monday caused the deaths of three persons and a fourth was in a hospital suffering from burns it was feared might prove fatal. The dead are Pola Jara, 18; her niece, Bertha Ramos, 5, both Mexicans; and John Witfield, negro.

The house of representatives Tuesday voted 103 to 20 for final passage of a bill designed to permit schools in last year's drought area to remain open their full terms by permitting the trustees to issue interest-bearing warrants to pay teachers' salaries this year.

## ANSON RED CROSS GIVES NOTICE OF AID WITHDRAWAL

No Assurance of Aid to be Expected in Anson District After March 31; Can Aid Only Those Most in Distress.

In a statement sent to the Merkel Mail for publication, the Anson chapter of Red Cross announces that "no assurance of aid in the Anson district could be expected after March 31." There are several reasons assigned for this action, notably the availability of federal aid for farming purposes through loans and especially on account of lack of funds.

The statement from the Anson chapter follows:

"A few days ago circular letters were prepared for all persons receiving aid from the Red Cross through the Hamlin and Anson offices. This letter informed the beneficiaries that because of the availability of federal drouth relief loans for farming purposes, and other sources from which relief can now be secured, and especially on account of the lack of funds, the local Red Cross offices will have to discontinue further aid within a short period of time.

"A telegram sent from the National Red Cross headquarters on March 2 definitely states that no additional allowance will be granted the Hamlin and Anson offices for the first half of March and that a considerably less amount will be allotted for the last half of the month.

"The local Red Cross committee in a conference Tuesday afternoon with the Red Cross official in charge of this district was informed that no assurance of aid could be expected after March 31.

"Officials of the local committee state that, in view of these facts, the Red Cross Chapter serving Anson, Hamlin and the south part of Jones county, must immediately discontinue giving aid except to those most in distress, and can only help these until the present allotted funds are exhausted, which will be about the last of March. The committee asks all those who can possibly obtain food from other sources not to call on the Red Cross, as they will not be able to give further assistance on account of lack of funds."

J. T. Warren, local representative of the Taylor county Red Cross, stated to a representative of The Mail Thursday morning that he had not received any advice in regard to this matter, as far as Merkel or Taylor county was concerned. He will continue to keep office hours at the Lions hall each day from 2 till 4 and when he is not there Rev. R. A. Walker will be present.

## Merkel Hatchery is Again in Operation

Just after the Mail went to press last week, the announcement was made by Frank Irvine, owner of the Abilene Hatchery and Seed Store, of his purchase of the Merkel Hatchery and the re-opening of the hatchery here last Saturday.

Earl Hill, associated with Mr. Irvine for the past three seasons at the Abilene Hatchery, will be in charge as operator of the Merkel plant. He has had considerable experience in the poultry game and states that he expects to make Merkel his home permanently.

A complete service is promised by the Merkel Hatchery for all chicks hatched from this system. In addition, Mr. Hill asks those interested in baby chick and other problems in the poultry line to call to see him any time.

## Cemetery Working at White Church Mar. 19

A cemetery working at White Church is announced for Thursday, March 19, by the board of trustees of the White Church cemetery, of which E. H. Cordell is chairman, Mrs. Ada Belle Demere, secretary, and D. D. Coats, the other member.

Those planning to assist in the work are urged to bring their lunch and come prepared to spend the day.

## LOCAL OFFICE FOR FARM LOANS OPEN TWO DAYS IN WEEK

Sam Swann Will Be at Lions Hall Tuesdays and Saturdays to Assist Farmers in Preparing Applications.

As most of those desiring to make application for federal loans have already completed the preparation of their blanks, it has been decided by the local committee handling these applications to keep the office at the Lions club open only two days each week, after the end of the present week.

Next week and until further notice Sam Swann will be present at the Lions club on Tuesdays and Saturdays only to assist the farmers in preparing their applications for the approval of the accredited committees, R. O. Anderson and Booth Warren are other members of the local committee.

Administration of the federal crop production loan act has been amended to allow loans on food producing livestock—dairy cows, hogs and poultry—C. Metz Heald, county loan administrator, was advised Wednesday in a letter from T. Weed Harvey, officer in charge of the St. Louis loan office. Previously loans were allowed only on work stock.

Harvey's letter said loans for feed for livestock will not be made to any applicant, in excess of \$75. His letter said:

"The farmers' seed loan offices at St. Louis and Fort Worth will consider applications for loans for livestock (production of food for the farm family) in addition to the purchase of seed of suitable crops, fertilizer, feed for workstock, and fuel and oil for tractors, used for crop production on the following basis:

"One cow, feed for two months, \$15; one chicken, feed for two months, 10 cents; one hog, feed for two months, \$4.

"The above ration is computed on the basis that the maximum amount of livestock that can be fed for the production of food for the farm family is three cows, 100 chickens and five hogs.

"On the maximum basis the rate would be as follows:

"Three cows for two months, \$45; 100 chickens for two months, \$10; five hogs for two months, \$20—a total of \$75."

## Sheppard Would Make Possession Of Liquor Illegal

Washington, March 5.—Legislation to make the possession of liquor in the home unlawful was introduced Tuesday by Senator Sheppard (Dem.), Texas.

Senator Sheppard also proposed to add the following sentence:

"The burden of proof shall be upon the possessor in any action concerning the liquors referred to in this section to prove that such liquors were lawfully acquired, possessed and used."

In a statement the Texan said: "The object of the proposed amendment is to make clear that the act does not permit the possession of intoxicating liquor in the home outside of such liquor acquired before nationwide prohibition became effective.

"The language stricken out by his amendment is being interpreted in some quarters to permit the possession of liquor in the home for use exclusively in the home, regardless of the time acquired."

## Stolen Car Recovered.

A 1927 Buick coupe, belonging to (Bob) Robberson, Abilene garage man, which was stolen Sunday from in front of the First Christian church, Abilene, was located here Monday morning near the Church of Christ. Constable J. T. King found the car here and City Marshal Dickinson reported its recovery to the Abilene officers. Most of the tools and extras had been removed before the car was located, Mr. King said.

Record of Births. Girl, named Mabel Loraine, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Richardson, Camp Fair, Friday, February 27, 1931.

## CHICKEN FANCIERS MEET SATURDAY TO GIVE ANNUAL SHOW

When rabbit and poultry breeders of Merkel and the surrounding territory gather at the Lions hall here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it is planned to form a permanent organization with a view of having a show each fall or winter.

The call for the meeting was published in The Mail in our issue of last week and has aroused much interest.

W. M. Glazner, poultry specialist for Purina, whose headquarters are in San Angelo and who made a talk here during the poultry show in February, will be the principal speaker. He will have a message of interest and helpfulness for all poultry raisers.

It is also announced that C. M. Heald, county agent, will be present and make a talk.

## SANITARIUM TO RE-OPEN SOON

Preparatory to the re-opening of the Merkel Sanitarium work of repapering and re-painting the offices and rooms has been under way all this week.

The date of the re-opening of this institution has not been announced, but it will be sometime in the near future.

The improvements, besides painting and renovating the interior generally, include several alterations, providing for the addition of many convenient and commodious closets and store rooms, also office space for the nurse's desk and charts. The furniture is being refinished and, when the work is completed, everything will have a decidedly up-to-date appearance, from the offices at the entrance to the last room at the end of the hall.

While improvements at the sanitarium are going forward, other activity in a building line is noted in the city, including the erection of the retail ice station for O. D. Dillingham on Kent street across the alley from the Merkel Garage. The frame work is all up for this structure and it is ready for the stucco finish. It will be recalled that L. L. Murray is to be manager of the Dillingham ice station.

A number of changes are being made in the arrangement of the interior of the Merkel Motor company at this time, making the office and salesroom more compact and adding to the space and convenience of the workshop and garage.

## HOME AND GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION IS TO BE URGED AGAIN

Lions Club Names Committee For Second Year's Contest; Plan to be Announced at Next Meeting of Club.

Looking forward to another Home Beautification contest, a committee was appointed at the Tuesday luncheon of the Lions club by President Dillingham to suggest a plan for this year. This committee consists of C. J. Glover, chairman, Rev. E. L. Yeats and R. A. Burgess.

The luncheon hour was devoted largely to business matters, as the program prepared by the toastmaster, Booth Warren, did not materialize, as he had expected, due to circumstances over which he had no control.

After the club singing led by E. Yates Brown, the invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker.

The following guests were introduced: Benny Gale Buzbee of Rising Star and Clyde Payne, cashier of the First National bank of Sweetwater. Mr. Payne made an interesting talk and concluded with a happy surprise by rendering a song.

The toastmaster, Booth Warren, who is chairman of the civic improvement committee of the club and to which committee fell the duty of putting over the recent cemetery working, took occasion especially to thank City Marshal Dickinson for his able services in handling the men and The Merkel Mail for assistance in raising the subscriptions and in the registration of the laborers.

Dr. W. T. Sadler, who has returned to Merkel, was re-instated as a member of the club.

After a suggestion by Rev. R. A. Walker, the president and secretary of the club were named a committee to send flowers to Stan Johnson, a member of the club, who has been absent for several months due to serious illness. The motion was made by R. A. Burgess.

E. Yates Brown is to be toastmaster at the next luncheon, Tuesday, March 17, assisted by Dr. L. C. Zepfennig.

## Sleep-Walking Costs Life.

New York, Mar. 5.—Charles Sullivan, 23, walked in his sleep Saturday morning, fell five stories, picked himself up, telephoned for a doctor, was taken to a hospital and died shortly after his arrival. Death, doctors believed, was due to internal injuries. He also had some fractured ribs and a cut on his scalp.

## TEXAS DEMOCRATS CALLED TO RALLY ROUND PARTY

Senate Unanimously Adopts Hopkins Resolution Pledging Support; Copy Sent to Executive Committee.

Austin, March 5.—The senate Tuesday unanimously adopted a resolution by Senator Hopkins of Gonzales calling upon the democrats of Texas to rededicate themselves to the principles of the democratic party and to rally around the standards of the party for 1932 to throw off the "iniquitous treatment received from the hands of the republican party."

A copy will be sent to the national democratic executive committee which meets at Washington Thursday.

"It is to the party of Jefferson Jackson, Cleveland and Wilson that our people are turning today for relief from the slough of despond into which we have been cast by the iniquitous treatment received from the hands of the republican party," the resolution said.

"This great commonwealth of

Texas has during its long and glorious history been known as the rock-ribbed democratic state of the American union," the resolution asserted.

"Only by united and co-operative effort of all democrats presented in solid phalanx to our ancient and traditional republican opponents can victory return to us in 1932.

"It behooves every democrat of Texas to vigorously assert himself to the end that solidarity and unity may be restored to the party in Texas and the nation, looking to the success of the 1932 campaign."

A similar resolution was adopted unanimously by the house. It was proposed by Representative Keller of Dallas who said he was "so tired of 'Hoover prosperity' and so near broke on account of it that he could hardly afford to be a member of the legislature."

**The Way of Life**  
**BRUCE BARTON**

**Plenty of Knowledge But No Education.**

A man asked me the other day what courses I had studied in college had been most helpful.

I answered, "Greek and mathematics."

He said it sounded like a silly answer. "You are in the advertising business. What do Greek and mathematics have to do with advertising?"

Of course they have nothing to do directly with advertising, or with modern banking or the law, or any of the other occupations by which I might have chosen to earn a living.

Yet Greek and mathematics have this one thing in common—each of them compels the mind to attack a difficult problem and to think its way through to a solution. That is mental discipline! that is development, in the same sense that hard physical exercise develops the muscles. That, in a large degree, is education.

There is more false and fuzzy thinking about education than about almost any other important subject. We have been in an age when the whole emphasis of school and college has been placed on "learning things," on "practical training," on "giving the boys and girls equipment for daily life."

The result of this program, in many instances, is not encouraging. Young people graduate into life with a mass of unassimilated and more or less inaccurate facts, but with no real mental drill, and no philosophy.

In one of his finest passages Cardinal Newman describes an educated man as one who "has the repose of mind which lives in itself, while it lives in the world, and has resources for its happiness at home when it cannot go abroad. He has a gift which serves him in public and supports him in retirement, without which good fortune is but vulgar and which failure and disappointment have a charm."

And in another place he defines education as "the preparation for knowledge."

If all educators could agree upon that definition, it would mean much progress. Then we should have college graduates whose minds are prepared, rather than graduates whose minds are merely stuffed.

Too many graduates at present have plenty of knowledge but no education.

**Many New Oil Field Extensions Planned**

West Texas Utilities Company construction work, as outlined for the next two weeks, will include a considerable amount of new oil field extensions and improvements, according to information from the local office of the company here. Rural and urban extensions, street lighting expansion, gas developments and general improvement of existing facilities are other current building activities of the company.

In the South Vernon oil field, two 3-phase, 11,950 volt lines will be built, each of them carrying service to pumping stations of the Texas Company.

Near Merkel, an 11 Kv. 3-phase line and a 440 volt secondary line will be strung to the C. C. Julian Company's Mrs. M. J. Williams No. 1. Power for drilling and pumping will be purchased by the Julian organization.

A 3-phase 440 volt secondary line will furnish power for drilling and pumping to the George E. Farley lease near McCamey.

Extensions to be built from Abilene include a 3-phase, 4 wire, 4,160 volt line in the alley west of Orange street to serve the new Medical Arts Building, and a two-mile single-phase 6,900 volt line from Lake Abilene to the Sayles Ranch.

Secondary and rural lines will be built near Paint Rock, Shamrock and Spur, connecting new customers to the company's system.

At Cisco, 5,000 volt parkway cables will be installed to improve a part of the Cisco whiteway system on Avenue B. A new system of ten lighting standards will be installed at Roby, replacing the old system which was removed to make room for a new highway through that city.

New gas customers at Dumas will be served through the extension of two-inch gas mains. Improvements will be made on electric distribution lines at Harold and Winters, new 150 Kva. transformers installed at Mties, and highway crossings between Cisco and Eastland strengthened and improved.

Work on the listed items is going forward at the present time, according to latest information from the company's construction department.

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**Exam Is Announced for Immigration Inspector**

Washington, D. C. March 5.—The United States Civil Service commission has announced that until March 24 it will accept applications for positions of immigration patrol inspector at an entrance salary of \$1,800 a year.

The examination will be held only in the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas. There is no need at this time for eligibles for immigration districts comprising the other states.

Appointees will perform guard duty for the purpose of detecting and preventing the illegal entry of aliens into the United States.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service board at the post office or customhouse in any city of the four states named which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service commission at Washington, D. C.

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If any doubts have existed as to whether Winnie Lightner and Joe E. Brown are the funniest people in the talkies, it is dispelled by "Sit Tight," the Warner Bros. and Vitaphone production which shows at the R. & R. Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday.

Winnie appears as hard-boiled Dr. O'Neil, owner of a health institute where the patients, male and female, are pounded, stretched, steamed, psycho-analyzed, and otherwise maltreated, in an effort to become the Venuses and Adonises that nature evidently didn't intend them to be. Dr. O'Neil is also interested in the fight game, and hopes to discover and develop champion material in the course of her work.

Joe E. Brown is her doubtful assistant who calls himself Jojo the Tiger, and brags without end of the pugs he has knocked out and the medals he has won. Jojo has an eye for feminine charms, and causes screaming roughhouse among the lady patients. Winnie is compelled to resort to her most hard-swatting tactics to keep him in proper submission.

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**CARD OF THANKS.**

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Mrs. A. C. Johnson.  
Mrs. W. L. Whitley.  
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E. M. Cox.  
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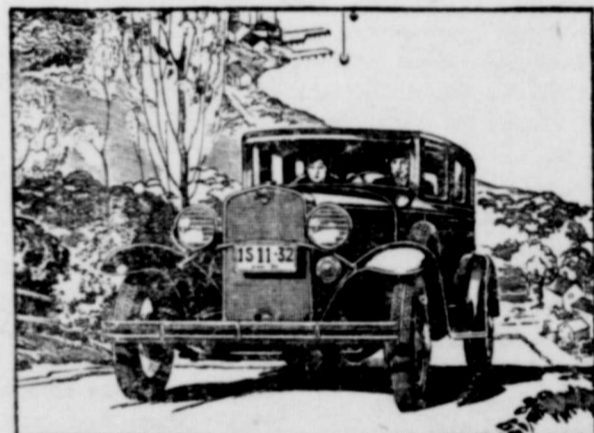
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**West Texas Utilities Company**



# My Best Girl

By KATHLEEN NORRIS



TENTH 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 Grant 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.

Joe is afraid that if Maggie finds out who he really is she will not have anything more to do with him. So he pretends that it is some other fellow's car when he takes her home in his big yellow roadster. And on the way they talk, at last, about marriage.

Joe that night reveals to his father for the first time that he has been working in the store under an assumed name, and tells him about Maggie.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

"Joe, do you and your father talk about things?" she asked, as if she liked the picture.

"Not much. But lately we have been, more," he answered truthfully.

Her eyes were flashing, and the beautiful little face that had been so pale when he entered was shining with its loveliest radiance now.

Suddenly—suddenly she was in his arms.

"Joe—don't!"

"Maggie—you belong to me. We love each other!"

Instantly the little arms went about him, tightened, the small head, with its crown of gold, was pressed, with the little loving, jerking digs of a child's head, against his heart. Joe kissed the top of her head and the wavy ear that a curving filament of gold hair left free, kissed the eyes that were flooded again with tears, and the sweet fresh mouth that was ready, now, to return his kisses.

And to Ma was first announced the engagement of marriage between Mary Margaret Petheridge Johnson, spinster, and Joseph Grant.

In his mother's dressing room, before dinner, he had told his parents the whole story frankly.

Mrs. Merrill took the successive shocks heroically. Her son, working in one of the Stores? Joseph Merrill a stock clerk? And in love with one of the humblest of his co-workers?

All this had been before dinner. Now it was late at night, and Joe, coming in quietly from the dinner and cards with some of the members of his own set, found himself summoned to his mother's room again.

She was in bed.

"Sit down, dear. Sit here on the edge of the bed, if you like," she said comfortably, "I've been thinking of your affair all evening."

"Dad tells me that some man named Baker or Bradley was going to Japan for the firm next Saturday," she began again.

"Oh, Brewer, you mean?"

"Brewer, well, Brewer isn't going. In fact, he's leaving the Stores, I believe. What I suggested was, that you go for the firm to Japan. It would mean a very sensible chance to wait a little, to get a new perspective on this engagement and this girl, and Dad's idea was that it would be a very easy way to break off your present relationship with the Stores."

"Now, Joe, why not get your passports, and take up Brewer's tickets—in less than six days, you'd be at sea, and have time to think all this out, and get your mind cleared about it all. Tell your Mary Margaret that you are being sent away by the firm—she's very young, she's extremely young, and if—when you come back, you both feel the same way, there'll be plenty of time to make plans then."

"You see, Joe, marriage is more than falling in love. You want to be proud of your wife, as the years go by. A girl who belongs to an entirely different class of society not only makes her husband unhappy—makes

him the butt of ridicule and pity for his friends, but she herself is bitterly unhappy, too. She doesn't know how to amuse herself, she has no resources."

It went on for a long while. And for a long while he listened. Then she said more lightly:

"Now run along to bed, dear. We've had enough of this for one day. But tomorrow—think it over. It's late, Joe. Get to bed quickly and go right to sleep dear."

He obeyed her as far as getting to bed was concerned.

But sleep was a different matter. Then it was Monday again, and there was a pleasant fresh bustle of girls busy in Mack.

The front door and the side door were propped wide open, and fresh damp air blew through the place that would be hot and close and jaded so soon. Joe, on the mezzanine floor, stopped up there for a minute and stood looking down at the confusion and activity of the store.

And presently, with an odd, sharp twist to his heart, he saw Maggie.

He had rather dreaded meeting her today, after yesterday. But, unexpectedly, he wanted to talk to her now—be near her, assure himself that this little willing slave of a whole hurried scene was in a special sense his property.

And presently, running upstairs, he nodded to him joyfully.

"Hello, Joe! Say, Joe—" And her smallness and sweetness and her absurd little-girl seriousness were beside him.

"Hello, Mary Margaret! How's the world with you this morning?"

"Happy, huh?"

"I guess I've got enough to make me happy," she said soberly.

"You aren't scared of thirty-five a week?"

"I'm not scared of anything. I wish—I wish they would fire you, Joe!"

"Fire me!" he repeated.

"Joe—to show you how much—I like you!" she faltered. "If you came home to me some night, fired, and if we didn't have a cent—"

Joe could not speak, his own eyes were wet.

"Maggie!" The call was rising into a chorus downstairs. "Maggie Johnson! What'd you do with them all—linen monogrammed handkerchiefs? Maggie! Hustle and get me about a half box of them red hatchets and cherry trees—at the candy counter!"

And in another second she had fled down the stairs.

Serious days, these, for Joseph Grant Mackenzie Merrill.

For he had got into the habit of talking confidentially with his father.

"She loves you, does she, Joe?"

"Sure she does."

"And she's straight and pretty and intelligent?"

"She's quacksilver."

"It would be hard for you to go to Japan next Saturday, Joe, and leave her behind?"

"Oh, no. She's only eighteen—just eighteen," Joe paused.

"You haven't thought of marrying her and taking her to Japan with you, Joe?"

Joe looked at his father.

"I merely suggest it. I don't want you to miss—anything good, my boy."

"We could postpone your sailing for a boat or two—no use rushing things. Then you two get away, and your mother—and your wife's family—can reconcile themselves to the idea by degrees."

"Wife's family!" The boy repeated the phrase in an undertone.

"It doesn't frighten you, Joe?"

"Not—you don't know her!—but not when it's Maggie."

Joe took Maggie to lunch the next day. The firm wanted him to go "on a trip," he told her, and she must go along. She had to have her picture taken, and they'd have to be married. And after twenty-three minutes in seventh heaven, they jumped into a taxi, went up to the City Hall, and got a marriage license.

"They wanted me to start tomorrow, Maggie!"

"Tomorrow!"

"But now we're going to put it off a couple of weeks, so that you and I can combine the trip with our honeymoon."

Maggie and Joe, both finding themselves drawn for the Friday night shift, whispered a rapturous plan for dinner together late that evening, when their work should be over, at eight.

Joe's aristocratic mother called him to the telephone at about five o'clock. She and his father were coming into town tonight, she said, to stay at the St. Paul, and see him off tomorrow, and they wanted to know if he would like anybody else invited to an informal little good-bye dinner?

"When you say 'good-bye to everyone,' you mean to my girl, too, Mother?"

"My dear—I only meant that it is a separation, and things will be different when you come back, and however sweet and charming your girl, as you call her, may be, if your feelings had changed."

There had been more of this. Joe had presently interrupted it unsympathetically:

"You'll be at the St. Paul, Mother?"

"Yes, dear. And we'll take a room for you there."

"Thanks. Well, I'll tell you who I'd like to bring to dinner, Mother. I'd like to bring Maggie."

"I want you and Dad to meet her. My plans have changed slightly. I may not sail tomorrow. Anyway, I want you to meet her."

He could hear panic behind her carefully cheerful tone.

"Certainly bring her, Joe. Under those circumstances, perhaps I'd better not ask anybody else."

Joe had seized upon this instantly:

"How do you mean 'under those circumstances?'"

But his mother had been too smart for him.

"Merely, dear, that your father and I would like an opportunity to really know her a little."

"I want you to meet my mother and father, Mary Margaret," he told her, as they toiled to and fro with crates and trays of merchandise. "They want us to have dinner with them tonight."

"Honest, Joe?"

"They're living at a hotel, now," he said.

"Joe, where is your father and mother's hotel?"

"It's right on the square, opposite the new bank building."

"Oh, right near the St. Paul?"

"It is the St. Paul."

She eyed him incredulously, amusedly.

"Yes, it is! Now you tell another."

Joe, within a few hundred feet now of its august doorway, felt a first prick of misgiving.

"Joe, you're kidding!"

"No, I'm not, darling. This is just a restaurant, like any other, and you'll find the food isn't as good as your own cooking.—The young lady will leave her coat, too, please. Lebeau, Mr. Merrill's table, please."

They were in the hands of the bowing, obsequious headwaiter. Maggie did not hold Joe's hand, but she kept her frightened little person close in the shadow of his as they entered the warmth and intimacy and beauty of the Legend Room.

White tables, all of which were diners, brilliant big lights far over-

head, and little lights on the tables, women whose shoulders were bare and whose hair was moulded into close caps of curls, jewels and voices and perfumes and flowers and soft music—it was all a wild whirl to her stunned senses. Her shabby little shoes, her plain little gown moved beside Joe blindly. She heard him say: "My mother, Maggie." She saw a steel-bright, handsome face looking at her under beautiful scallops of feathered hair set with a jewelled aigrette. She murmured: "Please to meet you," and sank dizzily into a seat.

Mrs. Merrill's handsome eyes flashed with a malicious satisfaction. She had hoped, in her somewhat twisted conception of motherly loyalty, that Joe's girl would not make much of a showing tonight. But she had hardly dared hope for a conquest quite so overwhelming and immediate.

"We took the liberty of ordering, Miss Johnson," she said smoothly, "although perhaps etiquette might have hinted that we wait!"

Joe eyed his mother—shut his jaw hard. But Maggie looked up, and he saw with a sort of delighted terror that she had been angered into self-control.

"I thought you knew," she said clearly, "that I don't know anything about etiquette! Are you—" she pursued evenly, turning to Joe's father—"are you G. J. Merrill of the Stores?"

"I am, my dear," said George Merrill kindly, feeling sorry for the bewildered little thing.

Maggie grew very white and sat back slightly in her chair.

"Joe never told me—I didn't know it," she said in a lifeless little voice.

"But now that you do know it—and I ought to have told you long ago, and I'm a fool!" Joe said quickly, uncomfortably, "—it doesn't make one scrap of difference, does it?"

She raised her eyes to his, there was a second of silence.

"Not at all," she answered them, quietly.

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Due to the small loss ratio in this city for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930, Merkel will enjoy for another year the maximum credit of 15 per cent for good fire record.

Credit rating by the state fire insurance bureau is based upon fire losses and premium totals for the preceding three years.

Rates promulgated at the same time have reduced the credit for Abilene from 12 to 9 per cent and in our other neighboring city of Sweetwater the credit has been reduced from 9 to 6 per cent.

Fire Chief Dowell and his efficient corps of fire-fighting volunteers and Fire Marshal Will Burns have cause to feel gratified at their success in holding down fire losses in Merkel and for their efforts along educational lines in the prevention of fires.

Obituary

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Bob Malone, John Toombs and A. L. Barnes.

Mr. Doan was born Dec. 2, 1858, and was married to Miss Susie Frances Cook Nov. 8, 1883, at Fincaisle, Henderson county. They lived at Frankston in Anderson county until 26 years ago when he moved his family to Taylor county where he had lived ever since.

He was a member of the Baptist church from his early manhood and was always active in church work.

Besides his wife, he is survived by ten children: Claud Doan, Clyde; Mrs. May Horton, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Blanche Campbell, Blair; D. C. Doan, Roscoe; Hurman Doan, Merkel; Mrs. Essie Farmer, Merkel; Roy Doan, Rotan, and Virgil, Carl and Marcina Doan, Merkel; 33 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

State Funds Summed Up by Comptroller

Austin, Mar. 5.—The annual report of the state comptroller was issued here Saturday, consisting of 119 pages of statistical information in 92 tables.

Total revenue receipts were \$107,789,997. Expenditures were: legislative, \$258,951; judicial, \$2,512,328; executive and administrative, \$911,313; military and law enforcement, \$484,599; regulation of business and industry, \$833,609; conservation of health and sanitation, \$217,655; development and conservation of natural resources, \$1,813,887; highways, \$47,052,605; eleemosynary and correctional, \$6,636,021; support of free schools, \$30,045,373; higher education, \$357,862; parks and monuments, \$17,693; pensions, \$2,917,131; interest on public debt, \$191,836; miscellaneous governmental cost, \$800.

Total cost of operating the state government was \$103,137,962.

Table with columns: Receipts, Expenditures. Rows for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924.

ELECTION NOTICE.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, same being the seventh day of the month, A. D., 1931, for the purpose of electing a mayor, two aldermen and city secretary to serve for a period of two years.

Said election shall be held in the Fire Station and shall conform as nearly as possible with state election laws. Polls shall open at 8 o'clock a. m. on the day of the election. G. W. Boyce is hereby appointed election judge.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1931. J. P. Sharp, Mayor.

In proportion to population, more patents are issued to Swiss inventors throughout the world than to residents of any other nation.

CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

"The city of Merkel is to be congratulated for the spirit of peace and good will and good fellowship that prevails," states Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church in his sermonette for readers of The Mail, printed below. "The Art of Getting Along with People" is the subject of the discussion and not only are rules and words of wisdom from the Proverbs of Solomon quoted but, conversely, several ways of making enemies are cited.

"The Art of Getting Along With People."

The book of Proverbs is a book on how to get along with people. The writer assumes that there are certain laws that enter into getting along with folks.

In the course of the treatise it is pointed out that some are always having a hard time getting along with others. Somebody always picking their bones, out of one difficulty into another. All because they do not observe the law of "getting along with people."

Again it is observed in the course of the book that others have many friends. They succeed at their task. Kind words are lavished upon them. All because they do observe the laws of "Getting along with people."

He is an artist of first rank who masters the fine art of getting along with people and making friends. It takes tact, patience, application, experience and most of all an inward hunger for brotherhood and friendship, to make a success.

The writer's rules on this subject are reached in quaint and interesting form. Read these statements with the thought of getting along with folks: "A soft answer turns away wrath."

"Let another man praise thee, and not thine own lips."

"Three things are a burden to this poor earth, a servant when he reigns, a fool who falls heir to a fortune and an odious girl who at last gets married."

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

He speaks foolishly who dares say "I do not care what people think about me." My success, my joy in life and my achievement depend in large measure on what people think of me. Jesus inquired diligently as to what people thought of him, saying: "Whom do men say I am?"

Incidentally, the writer points out several ways to make enemies, namely:

- 1. Arguing. What people think of us depends in a large measure on how we approach them. If you approach one from the side of "You are all wrong and I am all right," you immediately become repulsive. The writer of this book of Proverbs says: "Strive not with a man without cause" and again "A fool's lips enter into contention."
2. Minimize the other fellow and his accomplishments and brag on self. "See thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope for a fool than of him." Every town has at least one like that.
3. To force others to listen to your tale of woe is yet another way to make people shun you if not indeed hate you. Proverbs says: "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmities, but a wounded spirit, who can bear it?"

I know of no gospel that needs to be preached so much as the gospel of "How to get along kindly, friendly and peaceably with others." No man can measure up to his best in this world without mastering this fine art and it is just as impossible to get to heaven and hate others as it is to get to heaven and hate God. Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self."

The city of Merkel is to be congratulated for the good spirit of peace and good will and good fellowship that prevails. May we not all pray in unison "Lord make me friendly and give me friends."

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

L. L. Murray is to be the leader of the Men's Prayer service Sunday, at which time the meeting is to be held at the Nazarene church. The subject will be the first chapter of Matthew from the 21st verse to the remainder of the chapter. Last Sunday John Toombs had charge of the meeting at the Presbyterian church in the absence of Dr. H. P. Hulsey, the announced leader, who was unable to be present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

On account of the weather and sickness among members, there was no

Sunday School at the Nazarene church last Sunday. The total attendance at the other four Sunday Schools was 645, the Methodist leading with 267. The attendance at the Baptist Sunday School was 235 and at the others was: Presbyterian, 81, and Church of Christ, 62.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We had no Sunday School last Sunday, the weather being bad and sickness among our folks. We hope conditions will be better next Sunday. We will have preaching both morning and evening by the pastor. We are expecting a good day and will appreciate your presence.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance and interest good last Sunday. The pastor is pleased at the splendid manner in which the young peoples classes under the direction of Charles H. Jones conducted the opening exercises of Sunday School last Sunday. We shall expect you next Sunday.

There will not be a preaching service next Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The program given last Sunday evening by the Young Business Men's class was greatly enjoyed by a good crowd. The program was fine. Thanks!

The Gleaners class enjoyed a very happy social at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Those playing instruments in choir Sunday added much to the music and to the service in general. Let's keep it up. Milton Case played trombone; Cecil Clark, clarinet; Fred Baker, cornet; Byron Patterson, saxophone; Lynn McSpadden, violin.

Let us be reminded of the coming revival sponsored by the churches of our city. Let us render service and expect great results. The date—fourth Sunday in March.

Bishop H. C. Boaz has called a meeting of all pastors and officials and others that may be interested at Munday, Texas, for next Monday, March 9. The purpose of the meeting is to promote an evangelistic campaign throughout the conference.

HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Topic: "Youth in the Church." Leader, Mildred Clark. Hymn No. 179. Prayer, Mildred Clark. Scripture, Psalms 110:3, Timothy 4:12-16. Talk, "My Church," Lois Whiteley. Solo, Opal Buzbee. Talk, "What It Means to Belong to the Church," Jack Patterson. Talk, "Church Attendance," Imogene Middleton. Song, quartette. League benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

I realize that the general depression has hit everybody and everything hard and made giving to the Lord's cause more difficult. The age-old question, "How much ought I to give?" can be easily settled by this poem:

"Give as you would if an angel Awaited your gift at the door; Give as you would if tomorrow Found you where giving was o'er.

Give as you would to the Master If you met His loving look; Give as you would of your substance If His hand the offering took."

Give Him your time, presence and money next Sunday at all of His services in His house.

Sunday School 9:45, Chas. West acting superintendent. B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 p. m., Comer Haynes, leader. Reader, you are wanted and you are welcome.

J. T. King, Pastor.

JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Workers Conference of the Jones County Missionary Baptist association will convene with the Stith Baptist church Tuesday, March 10. Dr. W. R. White, state secretary, will be present and is on the program for the closing message.

The program follows: 10 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. E. H. Thompson, Stith. 10:15—"Some of the Deacons' Problems," J. H. Rister, Hodges. 10:30—Special music, Glee club, Stith school. 10:40—"The Missions Fields," Dr.



Commemoration of the Saints, St. Valentine and St. Patrick, Furnish Inspiration for Many Parties; Sunday School Classes take Advantage of Spring Weather for Entertaining.

SPRING PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. class were complimented with a lovely spring party in the home of Mrs. Booth Warren on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Sam Swann co-hostess. A profusion of plum blossoms and potted plants made a lovely setting for tables covered in pastel shadings of pink, blue and green.

The business meeting was in charge of the class president, Mrs. J. J. Toombs; prayer was led by Mrs. A. R. Booth and a duet, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," was sung by Mesdames L. B. Scott and Earl Lassiter, with Mrs. Booth Warren at the piano. An appropriate garden contest was an enjoyable feature of the afternoon, followed by another contest on the Bible. Games of progressive travel in which the guests found places where their missionaries were located culminated the social hour and at tea time the hostesses passed delicious salads, sandwiches and tea with pink nut baskets of dainty candies as plate favors to Mesdames A. R. Booth, Bob Conder, Twyman Collins, Earl Lassiter, W. J. Largent, J. J. Toombs, L. B. Scott, B. C. Moore, R. J. Miller, Earl Teague, M. D. Angus, Frank McFarland, E. W. King, Booth Warren and Sam Swann, Nancy Jane Scott, Frank Jr. McFarland, Don and Jerry Warren.

BEECH-PATTERSON.

The marriage of Miss Opal Patterson and Earl Beech at Walters, Okla., last Wednesday came as a great surprise to their many friends here.

Mrs. Beech is the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, a Merkel High School graduate, popular in all social, musical and religious activities of our town. Her ready smile will be greatly missed. Earl Beech came here from Breckenridge, the residence of his parents, as an employee of Phillips Petroleum company and in happy association with the young people of our town has made many friends, who offer heartiest congratulations to them both at their home in McCamey.

KITCHEN SHOWER.

Mesdames A. B. Patterson and Claude Dye entertained on Thursday

W. W. Chancellor, Mineral Wells. 11:20—"The Mission Message," Dr. W. R. White, Dallas.

12—Lunch. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. O. B. Tatum, Merkel.

1:45—Solo, Mrs. Willo Bradley, Stith.

1:55—"The Missions Method," Rev. C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth.

2:35—Male quartette.

2:45—Business session.

2:50—Closing message, Dr. W. R. White, Dallas.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "True Loyalty." "What is Loyalty?" Madra Nixon. "Loyal to Home," De Le Verne Teague.

"Loyal to Friends," Clara Frances Largent.

"Loyal to the Right," Rose Mary Lassiter.

Poem, Murphy Dye.

"Loyal to Country," Mary Helen Lancaster.

"Loyal to Church," Winston Polly. "Loyal to Jesus," Ora Derrick.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Two Sons." Song, "Work for the Night is Coming."

Prayer.

Bible drill, Mr. John Childress. Song, "Trust and Obey."

Scripture reading, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Group leader, Mrs. R. H. Matthews. "Why Did Jesus Commend the First Son?" Mr. E. W. King.

"Why Did Jesus Condemn the Second Son?" Mrs. Causseaux.

"Why Were the Sons Commanded to Work," Mrs. W. R. Conder.

"What are the Rewards of Work Well Done," Mrs. F. A. Polley.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

You are cordially invited to attend church with us. Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples program at 6 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 3 p. m. and prayer service and Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

afternoon with a kitchen shower, naming Mrs. Earl Beech the honoree. An entertaining program was given by Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, reader, L. B. Baker, pianist, and Miss Edith Baker, vocalist.

A lovely display of kitchen utensils was presented the honoree.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. A. Patterson, Sr., Cecil Guthrie, Tom Allday, McSpadden, C. K. Russell, Fred Latham, Fred Baker, Vance McLean, Homer Patterson, Herbert Patterson, G. L. Baker, L. B. Baker, Floyd McCoy, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Floyd Dowell, W. F. Golladay, Dade Wood, S. A. Farris, Roy Beech, Misses Emma Toombs, Rose Laney, Missie Dye, Anna Lou Russell, Stella Wilson, Edith Baker, the honoree and hostesses.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

Members of the Gleaner Sunday School class were delightfully entertained in the parlors of the Methodist church last Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames Yeats, Ferrier, Richardson and Buzbee co-hostesses. A tribute to the approaching St. Patrick's day was paid in all party features.

After a business session a class song, words and lyric of which was composed by Mrs. C. W. Delmer, was adopted, also a class poem by Mrs. Duncan Briggs. A duet by Mesdames Verner Sublett and Homer Patterson was very much enjoyed as was the story of St. Patrick's life by Mrs. Len Sublett.

Guests on this occasion were Mesdames Rodden, Hunter, Iddings, Blake, Case, Gaitner, Harrell, Tom Largent, Latham, Len Sublett, Dee Grimes, Briggs, Guitar, Delmer, Herbert Patterson, Homer Patterson, Rush Buford, Wm. M. Gambill, Will Toombs, Burgess and the hostesses.

ALETHEAN CLASS.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis, assisted by her daughter, Miss Lola, was a most charming hostess to the Alethean class on last Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock. The president, Mrs. F. A. Polley, called the meeting to order and scripture was read by Mrs. J. T. King. The house was tastefully decorated with pot plants and flowers. Games and contests whiled the time all too quickly.

While the needle work was carefully inspected, the judges could not decide which animal was the best, unless it was the one Mrs. Porter made, it being the only one of its kind.

Refreshments, consisting of apple blarney, topped with whipped cream, sandwiches, hot coffee, carried out the St. Patrick color scheme. Besides members of the class guests were: Mesdames C. H. Harbors, Chunn and J. Ben Campbell.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Members of the Home department of the Baptist church met in the home of the superintendent, Mrs. O. R. Dye, last Friday afternoon. Rev. J. T. King conducted the devotional and Miss Valerie Dye directed an interesting Bible drill. A delicious salad plate with punch and violets as plate favors was served and those who were not present missed a treat.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mrs. Neil Class at Magnolia camp was hostess to the Fidelis Matrons for the month of February. Mrs. Gibson gave the devotional, reading the fourteenth chapter of Romans.

The class is to study a book, "Larger Stewardship," at each class meeting. February was the first lesson and in the absence of the class teacher, Mrs. Riddle taught the first section.

The Valentine motif was featured throughout the entertaining rooms and in the refreshment plate, consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, covered in red bread, cut heart shape,

cherry tarts, potato chips, olives, sweet pickles and coffee, served to Mesdames Bill Haynes, Florence Berry, Dean Higgins, Dent Gibson, C. H. Higgins, Warren Higgins, S. E. Martin, T. A. Riddle, S. A. Wells, G. R. Riggs, M. B. Moore, T. H. Hagood, Ted McGehee, George Caple, J. D. Bolin, Byers Petty, Clarence Perry and the hostess.

GIRL SCOUTS.

The Girl Scouts were organized Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church under the leadership of Mrs. H. H. Jenkins. There were thirty-two girls present, both from the Grammar and High school; these girls were divided into troops, consisting of sixteen girls and each troop elected a patrol leader.

The girls decided upon a sunrise breakfast Saturday, March 14. All girls over the age of eleven are invited to attend and urged to join this worthwhile organization. The following officers were elected: president, Sarah Sheppard; secretary and treasurer, Billy Gambill. Mrs. Jenkins will be ably assisted in carrying on this work by Miss Coffey of the Grammar school.

B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL.

'Twas the day before Saturday, And all through the air The Senior Prep Union Was making a stir.

They were out for a social— The first one this month— Their spirits were high, For there were none in the dumps.

Away toward Blowout They headed their cars, Then they climbed the mountains Up close to the stars.

After climbing the mountains, 'Twas such a grand sight To behold each one interested In his own appetite.

All the sandwiches and eggs And soda galore Were consumed in such quantities There was no room for more.

Of course all were present, Some twenty-two strong, Some lean and some short, Some fat and some long.

There was Yates Brown The sponsor, you see, And Margaret and Sis And Ida made three.

Jess Higgins and Cephas And Benny went, too, And Carroll and Missie Were in the same crew.

Woodrow and Bussie, And Lola and Gerald, And Rogene and Mary All come in a whirl.

William and Fannie And Reeves and B. P. Completed the crowd With Harold, Audrey and me.

'Twas such a grand time We all wished for you, So come on next Sunday And join our B. Y. P. U. —C. Coffee.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. It means 52 holidays a year for the housewife, if you send your laundry to the Merkel Home Laundry, for she is saved all the drudgery of wash-day. Then, too, you will find our work entirely satisfactory and our service prompt. Give us a trial. Thank you. THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Mrs. Jay, Manager.

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FOR SALE—Second hand Farmall tractor, with full equipment; in good condition; at a bargain. See Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson. Phone 179.

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—Furnished south rooms; rent cheap; also two-room furnished house. Mrs. Bradshaw.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

**WANTED**

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.

SEWING MACHINES and rocking chairs repaired; all kinds of upholstery. See J. T. Darsey.

**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Texas, March 5.—Good to choice yearlings were in fair demand again Wednesday, but the common to medium kinds sold under difficulty, and beef steers also, met with a weak call. Cows, bulls and calves changed hands at values in line with Tuesday's levels. Receipts were small, amounting to about 1,800 head of cattle and 500 calves, but the supply was entirely adequate.

The high range of steer values was \$7.50. Choice yearlings reached \$7.50. Cows sold in carlots up to \$3.85. Calves on the short yearling order brought \$6.65.

Hogs moved on a strong to 10c higher level. Carloads and truckloads ranged up to \$7.25. The best sows went at \$5.75. Receipts amounted to about 800 head.

Sheep prices 25c lower, but lambs held steady. Good to choice fed lambs brought \$7.00 to \$7.50, wethers and yearlings cleared at \$5.50 and aged wethers brought \$4.00. Receipts were close to 2,400 head.

**Cattle Movement.**

Baker and Collins shipped five cars of steers to the Fort Worth market the last of the week.

Monday John W. Wheeler loaded a car of steers at Trent for shipment to Fort Worth.

A car of show cattle was loaded out Wednesday by C. M. Largent and Sons for the Fort Worth Stock Show. Joe Largent went along with this lot of animals and the other lot, that showed at Albany Tuesday, are also being shipped to Fort Worth this

week. Willie Joe Largent was in Albany for the Hereford Show there.

**An Expensive Congress.**

Washington, March 5.—One historical distinction belongs to the congress which is winding up its career with a flourish. The seventy-first national assembly holds undisputed the record as heaviest spending peace-time congress. In all it has appropriated about ten billions of dollars for government uses.

**Ring Lardner III.**

Tucson, Ariz., March 5.—Ring Lardner, nationally known humorist and baseball and fiction writer, is a patient at the Desert Sanitarium near here. He is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, physicians said. Lardner plans to rest for several weeks. He arrived here Sunday night.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

**Member of House for 36 Years Dies at Capital**

Washington, March 5.—Representative Henry Allen Cooper of Racine, Wisconsin, the oldest house member in point of service, died here early Sunday.

The Wisconsin representative was 80 years old and had served 36 years in the house. He was with Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 when an attempt was made to assassinate the former president.

Throughout his long service he was a supporter of the LaFollette group and sponsored the presidential nomination of the late Senator Robert M. LaFollette in 1924.

In 1923 he was the candidate for the Independent bloc for speaker of the house when the election of Fred-

erick H. Gillett was held up for several days.

Cooper was re-elected to the seventy-second congress. His service was interrupted when he was defeated for the sixty-sixth or war time congress.

**CEMETERY NOTICE.**

Citizens of Merkel and community, one good deed ought to call for another. Why not take a donation and turn it over to the sexton for him to clean up the pauper lots and keep same clean? The shape this section is now in ruins the looks of the cemetery. This donation, if made, is for pauper part only. Pay donations to J. T. Warren or A. T. Sheppard. J. H. Witcher, Sexton.

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Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

The house committee on public lands and buildings Tuesday voted to report out favorably a bill by Senator Small of Wellington validating the title owners of mineral and grazing lands in West Texas to fifteen-sixteenths of the mineral under the soil, one-sixteenth being reserved to the state.

W. R. Ely of Abilene, chairman of the state highway commission, leaves Saturday as one of three representatives of the United States to attend an inter-American highway conference to be held in Panama City. The delegation was chosen by Secretary of State Stinson and Judge Ely is the only member of a state highway commission with the delegation.

Texas has the only "cotton cloth" road in the world—on Highway No. 3 near Gonzales. Cotton fabric is used as the base for asphaltic surfacing.

**While You're "Waiting For Business to Pick-Up"**

**How About Picking Up Some Business?**

A good idea? Sure—why didn't we think of that before?

We ought to know from past experience that business won't pick up merely by our sitting and waiting for it. Let's go out and get it! Where? Right where you've always gotten it! Look at your books—how many more than that have never been in your store? Hundreds? Well, what about them?

They still eat, wear shoes and clothing and burn gasoline—they're buying these things somewhere!

Think about it—what incentive have you given them to patronize your establishment? Remember, they'll give you a break if you give them one. They buy your merchandise for its value and not because you smile so nicely

Have you anything to tell them? Put it in—

**The Merkel Mail**

**SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

- BACON, salt pork, 1 lb. 13c
- JOWLS, good for seasoning, lb. 10c
- BACON, sugar cured, small sides, lb. 30c
- SALT, table, cloth bags, 10 lbs. 20c
- OATS, Redi cooked, 3 lb. pkg. 20c
- FLOUR, Supreme, guaranteed, 48's \$1.29
- FLOUR, Supreme, guaranteed, 24's 70c
- FLOUR, Buck Rabbit, 48's \$1.00
- SPUDS, No. 1 Rurals, 15 lbs. 30c
- GRAPE FRUIT, large size, each 5c
- ORANGES, California's, 288's, doz. 22c
- COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 6 lbs. \$1.00
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# Rural Community Correspondence

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Curley Edwards and baby daughter visited in Abilene Tuesday. Misses Pete Smith and Dollie Wash spent the first part of the week as guests of Miss Smith's grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Smith, of Sweetwater. Barnum Howell, who is attending school at Stephenville, was the weekend guest of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Norton of Sterling City were weekend guests of Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, Mrs. Norton remaining over for a week's visit. Mr. J. A. Woodward received the sad news Tuesday morning of the death of his brother-in-law, J. V. White, of Roscoe. He and Mrs. Woodward attended the funeral, returning Wednesday. Mr. White is the father of E. V. White, dean of C. I. A. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Duncan entertained quite a few of the young people last Saturday evening in their home south of town. Those enjoying the occasion were Misses Ina Mae and Katherine Tittle, Norene Weaver, Opal and Nellie Freeman, Roena Perkins, Murie and Bess Jones, Messrs. Sherman Driggers, Borden and Jack Perkins, Jene Murdock, Delton, L. D. and Truman Jones. Games were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served. The girls remained for the night and enjoyed music, dancing, fortune telling and other pleasures until the early hour of 7:30. Miss Edith Hale was the weekend guest of her sister, Mrs. Jim Matthews, of Sweetwater. Lee Huff and "Boss" Tittle, who are working at Fort Worth, spent the weekend with relatives and friends. Miss Lulu Steen of Clyde underwent an operation last week at the Alexander sanitarium. Her sisters, Mesdames Strawn and Holt and her brother, Algie Steen, were called there to be with her at the time. Mrs. J. W. Minnus of Fort Worth is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith. Miss Marjorie Adrian of A. C. C. spent the weekend with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holt and baby daughter left Monday for Waco where they will make their home. Mr. Holt will have charge of a bottling works there. Mr. John Patterson of Cisco spent several days last week as the guest of his old friend, C. T. Beckham. He was accompanied by his cousin, Mrs. Mary Goble, of Eastland, also an old friend of the Beckham family. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens left Wednesday for a business trip of several days to Midland and other points. W. J. Reynolds is very ill at this writing. His daughter, Mrs. Hughes, of Blair and son, Numan, of Sweetwater have been called to his bedside. Mrs. Fred Rogge of Sweetwater, assisted by Mrs. Clifford Estep, honored her mother, Mrs. Sam Estep, with a lovely birthday party at her home last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and baby daughter of Lamesa spent the weekend with Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod. Mr. English returned Sunday, but Mrs. English and little Betty Sue remained for a visit of a week or more.

## Hodges Happenings.

Health in our community is very good at this writing. Mrs. Ella Honey of Brownwood visited her sister, Mrs. E. H. Bruton, last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Cody Stevenson and son, C. E., drove over to Hawley and spent the day with Mrs. Stevenson's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins, last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Driden of Abilene were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and children J. C. and Winona, of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Nath Noel and children of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Walsh Saturday night. Mrs. Neely Spradlin returned home from Sagerton Sunday, where she had been called to be with her granddaughter, Lara Mae Cade, who was very sick at the time. We are glad to hear she is doing nicely now. Remember, next Sunday is regular preaching day and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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## SPECIAL OFFER.

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

## DORA DOINGS

Here we are again, enjoying the sunshine and wind; farmers have begun plowing and the road work is progressing nicely. We are waiting to receive bids on our \$35,000 High school building; so the wheels of labor and progress are really turning. Last week was "Better Speech Week" and the children made several appropriate posters. The school rendered a nice program on the subject in drills, songs, readings and dialect. Mr. J. C. Rogers is very sick and doesn't seem to gain any headway toward recovery. C. L. Comits and mother of Itty and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Shores of Lawn are at his bedside. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis made a business trip to Merkel Wednesday. B. E. Dunagan and family were callers in Shep Saturday. Brother Hibbert filled his regular appointment at Slater's chapel Saturday. G. P. Phillips of Caps was here awhile Tuesday on business. Mr. O. S. Moore and family were visiting on Valley creek Sunday. Those on the sick list are: M. V. Brownfield, Robert Oliver, J. C. Rogers and Sy Dennis. There is a request to move the Nolan post office to the site of the Divide school. Nolan post office has been in operation at Nolan for 30 years with a clear record and no burglaries.

(Received too late for last week.)

Chapel Hardy of Dallas spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardy. Mr. J. C. Rogers is very feeble at this writing. Ima Joy Wright of Sweetwater spent the weekend here visiting relatives and friends. The singing at Slater's chapel was well attended last Sunday night. Glenn Elliott of Merkel is in this city for an indefinite stay. The east end of the Divide is enjoying daily mail service. Mrs. O. S. Moore and children were shopping in Sweetwater Tuesday. Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Elm Grove was visiting a few days here last week with her daughter, Mrs. Willie Perry and Lola Dudley. Among those on the sick list are M. V. Brownfield, Mildred Magee, Wayne Tyrone, Carson Knuckles, Sy Dennis and R. L. Ford.

## SALT BRANCH NEWS

The F. T. A. met at the schoolhouse Thursday night when a program was rendered by the school children. Music was furnished by Messrs. Face Rexall and Lindell Martin. The Demonstration club met at their club house Friday afternoon. All members are urged to be present at the next meeting, March 6, as there will be important business to be discussed. Mrs. W. C. Lee entertained Tuesday night in honor of Mr. Lee's birthday. After games of "42," parcheesi, etc., were played refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins, Mrs. Wilma Robertson, Miss Nora Foster, Gladys Petty, Brunell Armstrong, Ideen, Aura and Audry Ely, Ruth, Marie and Fay Pinckley, Jack, Willie and Paxton Hays, Jarrett Pinckley, Pete Petty, Joe Hartley, Joe Higgins, Otis and J. B. Foster and Fred Perry.

## COMPERE NEWS

Little Miss "Tootsie" Clemmer spent Friday night with Mrs. Milner and Kathleen at the teacherage. Miss Gertrude Harris spent the weekend at Hodges with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garretts' of Mt. Pleasant last Saturday night. Misses La Verne and Vallie Bond entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. The farmers are all beginning their work now and everyone is happy because of the good season. Mrs. Cadman Brown and son, Junior, and Mrs. L. P. Pursley and children of Sylvester and Bertha Louise Josey visited their sister and daughter, Mrs. M. K. Milner, Saturday afternoon. Marvin Palmer of Big Spring is visiting his father, H. C. Palmer. Texas has had eight capitals—Washington-on-Brazos, Harrisburg, Galveston, Velasco, Quintana, Columbia, Houston and Austin, three of them being temporary seats of government during the Santa Anna invasion.

## White Church News

We have quite a few sick people, but none seriously. Mrs. Elmer Harrison of Buffalo Gap has been visiting in the B. D. Pressly and W. A. Harrison homes. Mrs. A. M. Brown and Miss Orene Berry are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Blair. Mrs. W. C. Hunter visited her mother, Mrs. John Campbell, of Trent one day recently. Mr. D. D. Coats is sick at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor of the Costephens place are the proud parents of a baby girl, Peggy Joyce. Several from our community have been visiting Mr. James Doan of Blair, who is seriously ill at this time. We hope for him a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown of Sweetwater were visitors here recently. Miss Lottie Butman entertained

members of the Epworth league with a social Saturday evening, Feb. 21. Everyone enjoyed the affair very much, most of all the league members. Several visitors were present. Our school principal, Miss Mary Dean Brown, carried her pupils over to Butman for a spelling match and White Church proved to be the winner.

## STITH NEWS

Mr. J. S. Varner, his mother, son and daughter, Austin and Leola Varner, attended the lecture of Abilene Christian college last Wednesday. Mr. Jim Burns' brother of Tennessee is still visiting him. Miss Mattie Church came home from McMurry college to visit her parents last Saturday. The Hope Church of Christ young people will meet every second and

fourth Sunday at 4 o'clock. All young people are invited.

The boys and girls of Stith school are practicing for the county meet. The Junior boys and girls are entering baseball. Bradford Ramsey and Louise Mashburn are entering Senior declamation. Gladys Mashburn and Veda Helen Bradley are entering Junior declamation. Leola Varner and Louise Mashburn for Senior debating. Gertrude Stanley is entering essay writing.

Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 the eighth and ninth grade English classes met in Mr. Cheatham's room and had a very interesting debate. The subject was "Resolved, that the dishrag is of more importance to the average house than is the broom." The affirmative was Austin Varner and Truett Jones. The negative was Louise Mashburn and Leola Varner. The negative won with a point 2 to 1.

## GOLAN NEWS

This vicinity was visited with sleet and snow Sunday. Quite a few school children have been sick with the "flu" the past week. Golan seniors won three games with Noodle Feb. 20 and 21. We had to play our Senior boys twice for complete decision winning both games. Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Hill of Big Spring have been visiting in the home of L. C. Williams since Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis gave their son Frank a birthday dinner Sunday. Several friends were invited to enjoy the event. Sunday is Brother Murdock's day to preach at Golan. Everyone come and come early for Sunday School. Helium, the wonder gas, was so named from the Greek word meaning the sun elements.

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### CORONATION OF SPEECH QUEEN.

Better Speech week was given a final salute last Friday when the Queen of English was crowned before the teachers and students of M. H. S.

The lovely queen had been elected by popular vote of the speech class previously to the coronation services. Ross Ferrier, representing the Faculty, led the procession down the aisle of the study hall to the front of the room. Behind him came H. C. Toombs as Student Body; Margarette Turner bearing a placard Languages; Benjamin Sheppard as History; Norma Patton representing Science; Ola Smith as Mathematics; Velma Lee Holden impersonating Music; Gwendolyn Vickers carrying the placard Dramatics; Elsie Lasater as Art; Gerald Derrick representing Athletics; Willie E. Boaz impersonating Pop, and Vera Richie representing Merkel High school.

The handsomely dressed maids and attendants, who came next, were Mary Elizabeth Grimes and B. P. Middleton, Lois Clark and Ceaphas Wozencraft, Oleta Moore and Marshall Stalls and Zada Bell and Paul Collins.

Maids of honor were Marie Stanford, Madeline Murray and Helen Yeats.

Lovely little Marilyn Sue Grimes scattered confetti before the queen. Little Dora Marie Gaitner, equally as lovely, bore the crown.

The benignant queen, Margaret Canon, came next attended by her lovely lady-in-waiting, Mattilou Largent.

A trio composed of Ida Mae Derstine, Inez Robbins and Fred Baker sang "This Holy Hour." Thelma McAninch then played "Largo," the professional march.

Those representing the various subjects already mentioned addressed the queen with short but felicitous speeches in which they pledged themselves to observe better English.

Merkel High school (Vera Richie) very reverently crowned the queen, who with her pleasant voice and eloquence of speech, gave a brief talk expostulating with the students of M. H. S. to speak correct English.

### HIGH SCHOOL BEAUTY CONTEST.

On Wednesday, February 25, Merkel High school held the primary contest for the most beautiful girl. The candidates were Julia Proctor, Joyce Wheeler, Oleta Moore and Thelma McAninch.

The classes presented stunts to gain votes for their candidate. The Seniors presented a clever stunt. It was of a negro who found a picture of his girl he thought. After he had said all the lovely things about this picture, the lady of the house took the picture away from him; she opened the folder and found that the portrait was one of her beautiful daughter, Thelma McAninch.

The Juniors placed a beautiful girl in a large frame. A young man sat in a chair beside this comely picture and expressed the opinion of his heart on this beauty—the one whom the Juniors nominated, Miss Oleta Moore. When the young man had stopped speaking, some more of the Junior beauties walked out of the frame. These girls sang "If I Had a Talking Picture of You." Misses Willie Evelyn Boaz and Ida Mae Derstine made the High School speeches on the choice of the Junior beauty.

The Sophomores gave speeches for their candidates; also they presented a stunt that was very true to life. When the old gate begins to sag, then the daughters are getting grown. The Sophs put over the idea that men were really tired of squeezing blackheads; that blondes, however, are still in demand. Their candidate, Joyce Wheeler, is a blonde and a beauty.

The town crier came in. What was coming? It was the Freshman beauty. Four boys were carrying two long poles decorated in white and green colors. There was a board in the middle, upon which sat the petite, beautiful Freshman candidate—Julia Proctor. The blush on the modest face of the Freshman beauty won for the Freshmen many votes. On the table was a large box which was decorated in white and green with "Julia" written on the side in green color. This box kept the audience informed as to the class, and the name of the beauty.

The whole High School student body was in an uproar while the small Freshman boys proudly carried their beauty around so that the rest might see her.

On Friday, the "run-off" between the Freshmen and Seniors for the beauty was held. The Seniors won. Ask Wilma Gardner where she got all of her money. Ask Paul Collins how much money he gave and to whom he gave it. Why was Byron Patterson at school Friday? He still loves the Senior class at least.

### ESSAY CONTEST.

On Thursday of last week the essay contest was held in the study hall. The purpose of the contest was to decide who would represent Merkel High school in the Interscholastic League work. The judges decided that Elvis Richardson held first place, while Opal Huskey held second place.

The following also did very commendable work: Mordell Shouse, Carroll King, Imogene Middleton, James West and Isadore Mellinger.

### BASEBALL NEWS.

Thursday, February 26, Trent High School Junior team played the Merkel High School Junior team. Merkel beat Trent, the score being 12 to 9.

Friday, February 27, Merkel Grammar School team beat Merkel High School Junior team.

Mr. Riddle has begun to train his team for the county meet. The High school is sure that the baseball team will win.

### MY IDEA OF HARD WORK.

My title seems general—seems to include work that perhaps I have never done—work that, in witnessing it, I have accepted as body-wracking without attempting it. I might write endlessly upon the subject of seemingly hard work that I have never done—mental work, for example; but I do not know from experience that such work is hard. I have, however, done some work that, not only in my opinion, but in that of others, is extremely strenuous and arduous. I shall, therefore, write upon the subject of work I know to be hard.

The work which I have in mind I would not have missed because of the memories that linger, had I the chance to turn back the time and miss them. I will, on the other hand, try to avoid it in the future; for when a naturally lazy lad is forced by circumstances or pride to attempt such arduous labor, he will rebel, pride and circumstances or no pride nor circumstances. It is beautiful work—to the poet. It is work with Nature and against Nature. It is work which removes the poison in order that the pure may grow. It is honest, wracking, seemingly endless work. It is, to end your puzzlement, cotton chopping.

Beautiful because it robs Nature of every vestige of poison among her helpful elements; because it is work which gives you direct contact with every kind of soil, which is compared in the Bible to people; because it is honest, the work of God, it does not seem beautiful in midafternoon, nor at four-thirty in the morning, nor at midnight, nor at any other time until you begin reviewing it as I am doing now. It does not seem beautiful when you arise very early, sore and tired and soul-weary, after a too short night, to proceed just as you did yesterday. You dress in clean attirement uselessly, for clean clothes will look as filthy to the fastidious at the end of the day as those did yesterday. You dress; you eat a breakfast which, if it be too arge, will "put you off your feet," and which, if small, will leave you weak and ill before noon. The drive to the field in the early morning air is exhilarating, but it ends too soon. If you beat old Sol to the field, you feel that you have started the day right. You even begin work with an unmistakable and indefinable joy. The soreness leaves your poor body; you jest with your companions; and you work vigorously. But the party is broken up, for some have "easy" rows or you have the "inside" or "outside" row around the terrace, the raised "spinal cord" which prevents the washing of the land. The sun mounts. You try to meditate; but you begin to fall behind; so you concentrate upon the weeds, the cotton, the rocks. Crunk! Crunk! Crunk! the hoe bites the dirt. You hit a rock and put your nerves on edge. You try to see the beauty of the sky; there is

not a cloud, and its brightness hurts your eyes. You can see leagues and leagues of landscapes, but alas! you must concentrate on your work. Comes the gratifying drink. You perspire—sweat, we say—and great clouds of dust raised by your hoe cover you. Your shoes fill with dirt. Your stomach makes you feel that you are going to double up like a paper doll. Then word is passed around that at the end of the row we shall go to dinner. Boy! it sounds good when the boss affirms that at the end of the row. Dinner, too much dinner, makes you feel content to lie under the shade of this tree the rest of the day. Work must be resumed, though; and in the afternoon you try nor care not the least to see whether the sun or sky is beautiful. You never saw time move so slowly. Six o'clock will come, however, as it has a habit of doing. All becomes right with the world as you prepare to go home. A bath and fresh clothes make you feel peaceful and happy. Tomorrow may be Saturday; then we shall work only half a day and receive, hooray! our pay checks.

If tomorrow is not Saturday, if you have to sleep all night with taut muscles—and what a short night it is!—then you have to suffer the agony of monotonous repetition and of knowing that you have selected the hardest work in the world.

—Elvis D. Richardson.

### PROBLEMS OF A SMALL BOY.

When I was a small boy of three, I found I had many problems to face—many things that I did not understand. The first hard stump that I found in my path was to understand how my mother, always knew when I did something wrong. For instance, one day it rained, and mother gave me strict instructions not to go wading. I went anyway, and just as I started around the corner of the house my feet slipped! How could I keep mother from knowing that I had been wading?

After I started to school, I often worried over the fact that my teacher had eyes in the back of her head. If she didn't, then how did she know about every wrong thing that I did? I could do nothing without her knowing it.

One day, as I sat looking out the window, I began to wonder. How could a red cow give white milk that yellow butter could be made from? How could black hens lay brown eggs with yellow centers? Oh, why hadn't I been born a wise man?

I often wondered how I could ever learn these things. I did not know that as I grew older I'd gain more knowledge, but thought that I'd always have to wonder and wonder.

These were some of my problems when I was a small boy.

—Imogene Middleton.

### DID YOU KNOW—

—That Abilene is a grand place for Merkel girls to go?  
—That Lou is still interested in Tarleton?  
—That Sis and Neda have little red coats?  
—That Artilee can do her hair up?  
—That the "Lucky 13" have the "D-R-A-C-U-L-A"—blues?  
—That Thelma L. keeps up with basket ball in Tarleton?

### CAN YOU IMAGINE—

—Vera as a tall person?  
—Ida with black hair and Zada with blonde hair?  
—Rogene and her Freshmen friends as being quiet in study hall?  
—The High School girls playing volley ball?

### R. & R. PALACE

Sweetwater  
Week of March 8  
Sun., Mon.  
Joe E. Brown  
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Tues., Wed.  
Chas. Farrell  
"Body and Soul"  
Thurs.  
"Doctor's Wives"  
Fri., Sat.  
Geo. Bancroft  
"Scandal Sheet"

—The girls not staring when they thought the visitor was a new boy in school?  
—Mary E. sitting on the fence at noon without Cecil?  
—Earl without an Amos an' Andy?  
—Mr. Irvin not knowing how to speak Spanish?  
—Gerald and B. P. not having blonde hair?  
—The Sophs cutting out paper dolls?  
—David Gamble not chewing gum?  
—Artilee not laughing at something funny?  
—Mr. Irvin not telling Thelma L. to pay attention in class every day?  
—Mary Elizabeth with a new Dodge?  
—Vera without dimpled cheeks?  
—Oneda without Artilee going to the store at noon?

### ASK.

Lois who comes in the typewriting room everyday when she is in there?  
Ford what polygamy is?  
Audrey whether she likes to play tennis.  
Julia where she got her tam, the blue one.  
Florence whether it is hard-hearted to catch a cat to be killed.  
The High School baseball team whether they ever let Grammar School girls beat them in baseball.  
Mary Elizabeth which of the two, Ichabod or Gertude, she likes the better.  
Benny why he said the indefinite article "a" is a synonym for "woman."  
Mr. Riddle whether he still sees rainbows at night.  
Mr. Burgess whether "spring has come."

### Frances Anderson on Honor Roll at T. C. U.

Fort Worth, Mar. 5.—Miss Frances Anderson of Merkel is listed on the honor roll for the fall semester of Texas Christian university, announced this week by Registrar E. R. Tucker. An average grade of B is required for listing on the honor roll.

Names of 248 students appear on the current list, with 13 of these making a perfect record of all A grades. Ninety-nine of those winning scholastic honors are Seniors, 53 are Juniors, 39 Sophomores and 57 Freshmen.

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### Blair School News

The Blair school pupils have been working very hard on declamations the last few weeks. The Juniors entering in the try out Friday afternoon were: girls—Louise Addison, Mavis Peterson, Phayrene Burk, Catherine Orsborn, Lena Mae Fatterson, Margie Melton, Lois Rosson, Mary Frances Harris, Frediessa Fuquay, Essie Lou Windham and Dewene Clinton; boys Leonard Price, J. L. Meeks, J. W. Hughes, Kenneth McCleary, Odell Latimer, Hardy Moore, Cecil Melton, Etsel Farmer and Woodrow Price.

The girls winning places were Bessie Lou Windham 1st, Frediessa Fuquay 2nd, and Lois Rosson 3rd. Boys, Odell Latimer 1st, Leonard Price 2nd, and Woodrow Price 3rd.

The Senior elimination was held Friday night with the following girls: Virginia Fuquay, Lucy Moore, Clara Lee Peterson, Anna Addison, Dora Mae Meeks, Bonnie Fay Matthews, Margie Coats, Lena Lee Demere and

Zuma Spears; boys—Monta J. Moore, Clayton Coats and Marcus Clinton. The girls placing were: Virginia Fuquay 1st, Lena Lee Demere 2nd, Bonnie Fay Matthews 3rd, and Clara Lee Peterson 4th. Boys: Monta Moore 1st, Clayton Coats 2nd, and Marcus Clinton 3rd.

Monta J. Moore gave "The Uplift and the Undertow" by W. P. Dearing and Bonnie Fay Matthews gave "Greatest Battle Ever Won" by Wilson Williams at the Methodist church in Merkel Sunday at the Sunday School service.

The boys have organized a 4-H club assisted by Mr. Heald and Clyde Deavers. The following officers have been elected: president, H. E. Addison; vice-president, Howard Windham; secretary, Cecil Melton.

Lois Roson, E. C. Condra, and Vernon Melton have been absent this week on account of illness.

The baseball boys had a game with Merkel Monday afternoon, the Blair boys winning by the score of 7 to 6.

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### ABILENE LEGION DISTRICT HOSTS

Preparation for entertaining between 350 and 400 visitors at Abilene Saturday and Sunday, for the annual 17th district convention of the American Legion and Legion auxiliary, are in progress this week. Program for the session has been announced by M. W. Carrico, commander of the Abilene Legion post.

Registration starts at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Wooten and Hilton hotels. Evening features will be an army style bean supper in the Hilton ball room for the men, a ladies auxiliary tea and supper in the Wooten hotel ball room, and a dance at the Hilton hotel.

Sunday's program will start at 10:30 a. m. with a parade to form at the northwest corner of the post-office, and march through downtown streets and then west to the Episcopal church, where special services are set for 11 o'clock. Following dinner at the Wooten ball room, the men's business meeting is slated at the city hall auditorium, and an auxiliary meeting at the Wooten hotel.

Reid Johnson of Dallas, regional manager of the Veterans bureau, will speak at the Sunday dinner. Other important visitors include Col. Bill Easterwood of Dallas, Dan Moody, G. E. Waters, dispensing officer of the Veterans' bureau, Dallas; A. C. Ater, fifth division commander. Hal Brennan of Austin, state legion commander, also has been invited.

Registration fee is \$1, entitling visitors to all convention privileges, open to all ex-service men, whether he is a legionaire or not. R. C. Winters, general chairman, has announced. Assisting him are Ray A. Gough and L. V. Franklin on entertainment, and J. R. Park and Carl Fowler on publicity. Mrs. R. C. Winters, auxiliary president, has charge of entertainment for visiting ladies.

All Merkel ex-service men are invited and urged to attend by Ben F. Bird, local committeeman.

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(Signed) Liberty Hardware Company, Eli Case Grocery, J. T. Dennis, "M" System, J. M. Collins, A. R. Booth, West Company, L. D. Boyd, Wood Grocery, J. F. Milligan, Bob Martin, J. T. Darsey, Barrow Furniture Company, Brown's Bargain Store, Bragg Dry Goods Company, Jones Dry Goods, Max Mellinger.

#### Date of Play Postponed.

On account of the basketball tournament, the play sponsored by the P. T. A. at Goodman has been postponed till Tuesday night, March 10, at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come.

### Tests Show Cotton Bagging Superior To Jute Wrappers

Austin, Mar. 5.—Urging the use of cotton bagging as a substitute for jute, J. E. McDonald, commissioner of agriculture, in a statement Saturday declared that tests made by the U. S. department of agriculture had decisively answered all objections to the use of the cotton bagging.

The Texas legislature has under consideration resolutions endorsing the use of cotton bagging.

In years of low price for cotton, such as 1930, the first cost of the cotton bagging would be lower than jute, the agricultural commissioner said. Higher first cost of the cotton bagging has been one of the objections to its general use.

The department's experiments indicate, in addition, that other savings from using cotton would make it a most profitable investment, McDonald said, besides taking several thousands bales of cotton off the market each year.

The federal department's experiments were carried on under actual conditions to which a jute wrapped bale is subjected. Bales wrapped in various grades of cotton bagging and jute bagging were shipped by rail and water, and sent overseas, and returned again. They were loaded indiscriminately with commercial cotton.

It was found that the lightest weight cotton bagging was superior to the regular two pound jute and burlap, usually used around the Egyptian bale which is often praised for its appearance after long overseas trips. The American bale usually arrives in a bedraggled condition.

A strong light weight cotton bagging of standard construction would tend to obviate the disagreeable and costly practice of challenging and taring American cotton in spinners markets at home and abroad, the experiments indicated.

There would also be decided economies in transportation and insurance costs, resulting from the use of the lighter weight cotton bagging. These savings, figured on the basis of the 1931 crop when total production was 13,700,000 bales, and

export 8,800,000 bales, were estimated to amount to \$3,917,400. In addition, McDonald said, a new market would be opened for approximately 250,000 bales of cotton a year.

### Annual Hereford Sale Staged at Sweetwater

Sweetwater, Texas, March 5.—Twenty-eight head of registered Hereford cattle were sold Saturday in the annual midwinter Sweetwater sale, sponsored this year by the Texas Hereford association. Approximately 200 consignors and purchasers attended.

Breeders said prices ran somewhat below the average, on account of the prevailing market and not due to the quality of stock, which was adjudged superior. Twenty-three bulls sold for an average of \$134 and five females brought an average of \$90.

Top price for bulls was \$280 for Boo Stanway 114th, consigned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater and purchased by H. A. Freeman of Catarina. Belle Domino 1st, consigned by C. R. Moon of Rotan and purchased by the Wimberly Hereford farm of Sweetwater, brought the highest price for cows—\$135.

J. N. Ross was the heaviest purchaser, buying five bulls for a total of \$890.

Breeders here were optimistic over range conditions. They said grass was better than in many years.

John M. Gist of Odessa, president, was here representing the Texas Hereford association. He announced a sale and show to be held at Albany March 4, when twenty-one bulls and twelve females will be auctioned, and a sale at Lubbock, March 27, with forty-seven head consigned.

#### 6,012 Students Enrolled.

Austin, Mar. 5.—A total of 6,012 students had enrolled at The University of Texas at the close of the final day for registration for credit during the second semester, according to the auditor's office. This figure compares with an enrollment of only 5,757 at the corresponding time last year.

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

### Personal Mention

John Collins was in Fort Worth on business the early part of the week.

Doyle Garrett and C. J. Glover have returned from a visit to Waco. Mrs. H. H. Jenkins spent the week-end with her sister in Fort Worth.

Van Hines McSpadden was up from Austin to spend the week-end with his mother.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Christine Collins.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson was home from T. C. U. to spend the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. H. E. Fogleman of Anson has returned home after a visit with Mrs. E. C. Brown of Goodman.

Mrs. George E. Caple has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Bryan and Waco.

Misses Iris Garrett and Christine Moore visited with relatives and friends in Waco over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fugat and son, Bruelton Fugat, of Los Angeles, Calif., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby and baby of De Leon spent the week-end here visiting his father, J. M. Ashby, who is very ill.

Mrs. W. E. Lowe accompanied Judge and Mrs. S. A. Mauzey of

Sweetwater to Dallas for a visit, leaving Wednesday.

After a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Mrs. G. A. Roberts returned Wednesday to her home in Plainview.

Mesdames E. L. Yeats and C. B. Gardner attended a students' recital at the Leslie Studios in Abilene last Saturday afternoon.

After a visit of several weeks with his parents here, Mrs. R. W. Moore and two children returned with Mr. Moore Sunday to their home in McCamey.

Mrs. Roy Largent and children of Brownwood are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. Mr. Largent returned home after the Hereford show at Sweetwater.

Bob Crosby from Roswell, N. M., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe. He was en route to Fort Worth where he is to be one of the judges at the Stock Show.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes were his daughter, Mrs. Charles Hill of Milford, and his grandchildren, Miss Roger Hill of Milford,

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Hill and Miss Velma Hill of Chillicothe, Volney Hill and Miss Velma Hill are teachers in the Chillicothe High school.

### Shackelford Co. Men Buy Better Animals

J. T. Warren, accompanied by Tom Largent, attended the Hereford show at Albany Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, at which time 33 head, including 21 bulls and 12 females, were sold. The bulls averaged \$200.55 per head, while the females brought \$130.00 on an average.

Tuesday was given over to showing the cattle and on Wednesday the sale took place. There was a big barbecue on sale day.

An interesting thing, noted by Mr. Warren, was the fact that Shackelford county men were the buyers for the better animals, indicating that they were going to keep the best at home.



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### DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus

Panel 1: Dorothy Darnit says, "I've got a surprise for you." The other woman asks, "What is it about?"

Panel 2: Dorothy Darnit says, "My sister is going to be married." The other woman asks, "Is she going to be married?"

Panel 3: Dorothy Darnit says, "No! She's been taking lessons on the pianola for a week." The other woman asks, "How is she getting along?"

Panel 4: Dorothy Darnit says, "Great! Already she can play better with her feet than most people can play with their hands!"