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WILL COMPLETE SCHOOL CENSUS **NEXT FEW DAYS**

Every Child in School District Over Six and Under Eighteen, As of Sept. 1, Should be Listed; Carl Black Taking Census.

For the past few days Carl Black has been taking the school census for the Merkel Independent School district. He will complete this census sometime next week. It is very important that every child living within this district who will be six or over by next September 1 and under eighteen on September 1 is enumerated on this census. Every child within these ages should be listed on the census whether the child is in school or not. Even if the child is not to be in school next year or may plan to be living elsewhere, if the child now lives here and is within the above ages, he should be listed on the census.

MEANS SEVENTEEN FIFTY FROM STATE. For every child thus enumerated it means that Merkel will get \$17.50 from the state apportionment. Every dollar received from the state means just that much less to be raised locally. It is hoped that every one will help the school authorities get these children on the census roll now.

If after next week your child has not been listed by Carl Black, please notify Supt. Burgess at phone 174, and your child will be listed. This means all children within the school district whether living right in town or not. It means colored children and all. Each is worth \$17.50 to this dis-

Remember the ages: six or over and under eighteen on next September 1. It makes no difference whether or not Central hospital, where an operation they are in school now or where they had been performed for a burst apare to be next year. Help this year to pendix. He was operated on at 4 a. get every child within proper ages m. and died at 5 p. m. the same day. from an economic standpoint. He on the census. Some are always missed. You can help avoid this. This next year Merkel schools need them every-

Taylor Co. Medicos

The second-annual medical and surgical clinic sponsored by the Taylor County Medical society, held in Abi-

eon at the West Texas Baptist sani- cemetery. tarium the doctors continued their Hotel Tuesday night closed the clin-

Dr. R. I. Grimes.

The principal address at the ban- aunts. quet was given by W. W. Hair of Abi-

adjournment of the sixty-first con-

gress today by resigning his office

as senator from the state of Texas

All Confederates are invited to meet

A. A. Baker, Commander.

W. H. Hawkins, Adjutant.

by the announcement of their secret ing.

with members of the Merkel Camp.

Saturday, March 18, 2 p. m.

resignation.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

Senator Joseph W. Bailey added marriage Feb. 21st. On that date the

and a few hours later withdrew his in this issue that Eugene A. Hargrove

No. 79. U. C. V., at the City Hall |ied the Largent cattle to Fort Worth

The qualified voters of this com- March 4th in honor of her little son,

The Mail announces H. Clark Bur- Hamm, Lenora Williams, Hugh and

missioners precinct will vote on a Master Dallas McCauley. Games were

general stock election Saturday, enjoyed by the following little men

der city.

Requirements for Co. School Trustees **Hiked Two Notches**

Qualifications for district school trustees have been moved up two notches, says County Superintendent M. A. Williams.

In addition to being required to be a resident of the district six months and of the state one year and having ability to read and write the English language understandingly, a trustee now must be a property taxpayer and a qualified voter.

This is to say-to be able to qualify for trustee in the April 1 election a man must have owned property subject to taxation, January 1, 1931, and must also have paid his poll tax.

Instructions sent out by the state department of education recently called attention to the fact that hereafter trustees must meet these two requirements. Increase in the qualifications is required under a bill passed by the 41st legislature and to be observed completely for the first time this year. Countywide trustee elections are set for April 4.

Little Conard Hollis Age 4, Passes Away

Little Conard Philip Hollis, belov-Hollis of Hayward, Calif., passed

Death occurred at the Hayward part of the citizenship."

the attending physician voiced the opinion that the appendix had been burst some 24 to 48 hours, the child about the yard on the day before.

Services were held at the chapel of Sorenson Brothers on Friday, March 6, at 2 p. m. De Forest and lene Tuesday, was largely attended Robert Maxwell, cousins of the deby physicians from other points in ceased, and two of little Conard's the county as well as by Abilene mem- playmates, Johnnie and Francis Howe, acted as pall bearers. There were

The Tuesday afternoon program Oakland, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. day. included a paper on "Fractures" by B. B. Reynolds of Merkel, grandparents, and a number of uncles and if Mr. Warren is not there, Rev. R.

> His mother, Mina Reynolds Hollis, was born and reared near Merkel.

The Mail is requested to announce

is a candidate for the office of city

Tom and Will Largent accompan-

this time; Mr. C. M. Largent making

Mrs. Clayton McCauley entertained

and women: Madalyn Hunt, Mary

Farten, Hazel Harkrider, Frances

the trip on the passenger.

GOVERNOR ASKS REDISTRICTING OF STATE JUDICIALLY

Courts instead of New Ones.

message the day after his inaugura- day morning. tion, Governor Sterling Tuesday recommended that the state be redistricted judicially.

The governor stated he believed apportioned, it would be unnecessary to create any additional ones. He pointed out that there were pending bills proposing to establish 13 district courts nothwithstanding that Texas already had approximately 120 such courts.

"The state has not been judicially redistricted by the legislature, in so far as concerns district courts, for a very great length of time, if ever," Governor Sterling stated.

"By virtue of this last condition there has been brought about an unequal distribution of the work demanded of the various district judges in this state. This is at once apparent by a check of the population of the various districts, which shows the same to vary from a population of 17,000 to 107,000 per district.

"Such a condition is bound to rependiture of money, delay in the away Wednesday, March 4. He was trial of cases by virtue of congesborn Feb. 16, 1927, near Merkel, Tex- tion of the dockets in some courts and general dissatisfaction on the

redistricting, with a view of equally long Monday when the city of Borger distributing the work of the various celebrated its fifth birthday, an estidistrict judges, would be desirable mated 15,000 visitors being present His death came as a great shock suggested that both time and money to relatives and friends, for, although might be saved if creation of additional district courts were held up sition at Sweetwater were set for Octuntil the matter of redistricting had ober 20 to 24, inclusive, at a recent been passed upon.

Are Host at Clinic was apparently well and playing icksburg had introduced a bill ask-bers were godded to the directory board. ing redistricting.

Red Cross Office Hours From 2 to 3

Beginning next Monday, the local Red Cross headquarters will be open graphies were unfair to this section. Operations, case demonstrations many floral offerings and a large one hour each day, from 2 to 3 p. m., and presentation of papers featured group of relatives and friends ac- according to announcement authorthe morning program and after lunch- companied the body to the Lone Tree ized by J. T. Warren, local representative. Mr. Warren states that, after & M. college, and who retired several Besides his parents, he is survived the time has become so well established. sessions. A banquet at the Wooten by a sister, Leslie Faye Hollis, who those desiring aid can all be accommowas six years of age on the day of his dated in one hour's time and the above at Sherman Tuesday after a long ilideath; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hollis, of schedule will go into effect next Mon- ness.

> As has been the custom heretofore, A. Walker will be on duty at the appointed hour.

Nichols Ice to Open Produce Department

Preparatory to the opening of a vault on Front street and it is announ- due to heart failure. to the excitement and to the extra- Merkel boy was married to Miss Joseordinary episodes surrounding the phine Roberts, daughter of J. B. ced that the new department will be open for business Saturday. Roberts, wealthy citizen of the bor-

dition of produce-buying to the com- of justice agents, assisted by city pany's activities, stated that the Nich- and county officers, brought about the ols Ice company would pay cash for search of 20 places suspected as bootall purchases of cream, chickens and legging joints and the arrest of 23 eggs, based on market prices, and that persons, against whom officers said every facility would be provided for charges would be filed Thursday. the bonvenience of those offering their produce for sale.

March 12, 1931.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Falling as she was playing with a In First Message to Legislature pair of scissors, Lois Allyne Reeves, Since Inauguration, Sterling 6, daughter of L. B. Reeves of Porters-Recommends Re-Grouping of ville, met her death at Pecos Sunday.

Mrs. B. J. Forbes of Weatherford, wife of Representative Forbes, min-Austin, Mar. 12 .- In his first mes- ister-member of the state legislature, sage to the legislature since his initial died at an Austin hospital last Fri-

College Pride, Abeerdeen-Angus yeafling steer, owned by Texas A. & M. college, was declared grand chamthat if the district courts were re- pion of the 1931 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show Monday.

> W. R. (Bob) Gardner, 45, prominent ranchman of Coleman and Comanche counties, was killed instantly Monday night when his automobile was struck by a Santa Fe passenger

J. G. Watkins, Sr., 66, a native of Hamilton, Canada, who came to the United States while a young man, and founder of the first telephone system in Fort Worth, died Monday at Fort

Crushed beneath a four-ton tractor, which he was pushing onto a truck, when a chain supporting the tractor snapped, Luther Orr, 30, of Gladwater, died in a Fort Worth hospital late Monday.

To decide the question as to whether ed son of Mr. and and Mrs. Marley sult in a disorganized and ineffi- or not a commission shall be appointed cient judicial system, in needless ex- to draft a new charter, embodying the city manager plan, an election has been ordered for April 7 by the Abi-

A. P. Borger, founder of the town,

Dates for the 1931 Midwest Expo- field for his protection. stockholders meeting when 12 direc-Representative Petsch of Freder- tors were re-elected and 5 new mem-

The state board of education has adopted the revised geography text books, which were changed to meet the wishes of a large number of West Texans, who claimed the old geo-

first graduating class at Texas A. months ago as district judge of the court his father served years ago, died

An agreement with the major oil companies to limit production and importation of crude petroleum was recommended by representatives of seven states as the first step to be taken in restoring prosperity to the oil industry.

After halting his automobile to go to the assistance of a lady motorist, produce department for the purchase whose car had skidded into a ditch, of cream, chickens and eggs, the Nich- W. F. Poteet, 28, of Amarillo dropped ols Ice company is building an addi- dead on the Weatherford highway, tion to their ice station and storage his death, it is believed, having been

A series of raids in Abilene during Ted Nichols, in referring to the ad- four hours Wednesday by department

Virgil De Busk, 32, died in a Sweetwater hospital Wednesday morning, Record of Births. victim of a pistoi wound accidentally Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lem Dudley, inflicted when a gun was discharged Dudley's ranch, Thursday, March 5, as he was preparing to stand night guard at a Sweetwater tourist camp Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Camp, owned by his brother, which had been residing southwest of town, Thursday, the scene of three holdups in six

Lead Cotton Movement.

Austin, March 12.—Janet Sheppard, for three negroes, charged with rob-Verdict of death in the electric chair roughs as a candidate for city treas- Virgil Mayfield, Morris Hogue, Wil- daughter of Senator Morris Sheppard, bery with firearms for the death of ber Parten, Eugene Potter, Marion and Rosalie Leslie, daughter of Judge Charles Hunter, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Johnson, Clayton and Douglas Mc- W. P. Leslie of Eastland, a member near Kosse Feb. 12, when Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Counts of El Cauley of Abilene and the little host. of the state court of civil appeals, his brother, Rufus, were robbed and Paso arrived this week and created Miss Genevieve and Master Q. Rust are among the University of Texas thrown from a moving freight train, much interest in local social circles assisted Mrs. McCauley in entertaining of cotton clothing on the campus. ty jury Tuesday.

Citizens of Trent **Extend Thanks to** Merkel Fire Dept.

The Merkel Fire Dept., Merkei, Texas. Gentlemen:

We, the patrons of The Trent Independent School District, wish to take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation for the kind and efficient service rendered in helping us save our school building from the ravages of the "monster fire" that was, in its greediness, trying to rob our children of

We do not know of any way of repaying you for your kindly deed but we want you to know that you have the thanks of everyone, even to the smallest boy and girl, of this community and that we shall remember always what you have

Please let us again express our sincere thanks for your neighborly deed of kindness and extend the hope that you will have many years of peace, happiness and prosper-

Your very truly, The Citizens of Trent. A. W. Wood, Mayor. Trent, Texas. March 8, 1931.

High Faculty Nine Meets Senior Girls

A spirited contest, guaranteed to be full of hair-raising thrills and sensational plays, is in progress this afternoon as The Mail goes to press between the faculty of the High School the game are for the benefit of the W. C. Eoff, Aral Sharp, Hail Der-Governor Sterling said he believed rode at the head of a parade two miles fund for the Memory Book of the Sen- stine, W. C. Lee, Miss Sally Curb,

Ralph Duke has been selected for the difficult role of umpire and it is reported that state rangers will be sta- by-laws reads: Mat Dillingham, Mrs. tioned at designated portions of the W. C. Lee, O. R. Dye and John R.

The line-ups:

Irvin, lss; J. B. Moore, rss; Riddle, lb; manifested. If; Tracy, cf; Patterson, rf.

lf; Clark, cf; McAninch, rf.

Judge Silas Hare, 68, member of the faculty second baseman in action. R. Dye and Bob Mayfield.

MERKEL POULTRY RABBIT ASS'N IS FORMED AT MEET

Poultry Fanciers and Rabbit Breeders Go Into Permanent Organization; Officers Elected and Committees Named.

With the election of officers and the appointment of standing committees, the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association went into permanent organization at a meeting of poultry and rabbit raisers held last Saturday afternoon at the Lions Club hall. Twenty-one charter members were enroll-

At a meeting to be called at an early date by the president, a report from the committee on constitution and bylaws will be heard and at that time dates for the fall show will be de-

R. A. Ellis was elected president of the permanent organization, with the following vice-presidents: F. Y. Gaither, first; John R. West, second; and E. H. Cerdell, third. Robert Hicks was elected secretary-treasurer. Messrs. Ellis and Hicks were superintendent and secretary-treasurer, respectively, for the show so successfully put over in February.

Mat Dillingham and Bob McDonald were named members of the publicity

The membership soliciting committee includes the following: Frank Irand the Senior girls. The proceeds of vine, Mrs. Watt Blair, Mrs. W. C. Lee, and Castle Ellis.

The committee on constitution and

The organization meeting was large-Faculty-Dubose, c; Proctor, p; ly attended and much interest was

Burgess, 2b; Williams, 3b; Martin, The list of charter members follows: R. A. Ellis, F. Y. Gaither, John R. Senior Girls-Bryan, c; Robbins, West, E. H. Cordes, Route 5, Robert p; Higgins, Isa; Smith, rss; Farris, Hicks, Mat Dillingham, Bob McDon-1b; Holden, 2b; Turner, 3b; Patton, ald, Frank Kirk, Abilene, Frank Irvine, Abilene, Marvin Smith, Earl For information of fans, it is stated Hill, W. C. Eoff, Route 2, Hail Derthat Dubose is not a ringer. He is stine, Route 2, Mrs. Watt Blair, Mrs. the janitor at the Righ School. Scouts W. C. Lee, W. C. Lee, A. R. Sharp, are reported en route to watch the Castle B. Ellis, Miss Sally Curb, O.

DOING THINGS FOR PEOPLE.

I have a friend who occupied a prominent official position in Washington for a number of years. After his retirement he opened an office and let it be known that he would act as an adviser to individuals and companies having business to transact with the government.

Recently he told me that his first year's income was about ten times as large as he had dared to hope for.

"The only way I can explain it is that I am now cashing in on my lifetime habit of doing things for people," he said. "When I was in office I never could see why it wasn't worth while to go to a little trouble for folks if you could do it properly. So when a man came to me I didn't try to side-step by saying, 'You will have to take that matter up with such and such a department.' I just tried to help him out.

"I wasn't scheming about it. I had no conscious notion that I was laying up treasure in Heaven, or anything of that sort.

"But apparently people remembered and appreciated, and now they are taking pleasure in paying me back."

Neither by temperament nor conviction do I belong to the United Brotherhood of Pollyannas. I do not hold that we live in the best of all possible worlds, nor that selfishness is aways punished and virtue always re-

On the contrary, I see many notable examples of men who have apparently never done a gracious thing in their whole lives who yet have achieved fortunes and are quite serene and contented in the enjoyment of the good things of the world.

But at several different times in my own experience I have been surprised by having bread which I had cast on the waters and forgotten come back to me spread with good butter and even considerable jam.

One of the most valuable contacts of my business life grew out of work which I did for a certain charitable organization, with no thought of personal gain. And a large piece of business once walked into my office, sent by the brother of a man whom I had been able to help many years before, and in an entirely different part of the country.

Speaking generally, I should say that the chance of being rewarded for

good works is sufficient so that any man is justified, from a purely selfish standpoint, in going out of his way occasionally to be kind. To say nothing of the fact that doing things for other people brings a

personal satisfaction which is, in itself, a reward.

HONOR ROLL OF 114 PUPILS ANNOUNCED

on the honor roll for the fourth six- Mae Moore, 91; Nell Contres, 90. weeks' period. Of this number 40 are from High school and 74 from Grammar school. In the High school slightly er, 95; Louise Toombs, 93; Burneal Boy of 3 Recites All over 30 per cent, or one in every three Scott, 92; J. V. Patterson, 91; Alice pupils, made the honor roll.

The highest average made for the Rice, 90; Ben Sublett, 90. six-weeks' period was 96 per cent, and this average was made by eight pupils: Roy Owens, Mary Jo Russell, Billy Woods, Ethelda Tucker, Walder-Richardson and Audrey Farris.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. First Grade, Mrs. Shelton. Louise Patterson, 93; Tilman Joe Sheppard, 90.

Rutledge, 93. First Grade, Mrs. Teaff. Forrest Glen Barnett, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue. Guy Manseill, 94; Euvalda Fox, 94; Betty Jane Diltz, 94; Billy Largent, 93; Billy Cox, 93.

Second Grade, Miss Curb. Don Wood, 92; Doris Gay West, 92; Emma Lee Pence, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer. Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billy Wood, 96; Mary Nell Morgan, 95; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Frances Owen, 94; Ralph Russell, 92; Mary Love Tipton, 92; Don Warren, 92.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson. Joyce Hays, 93; Mabel Murray, 92; Richmond Buford, 91; Comora Hughes. 91: Pearl Mathews, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson. Othar Suber, 91; Ruby Rice. 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes. Marvin Hunter, 92; Dana Derstine, 91; Billie George Gant, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan. Morris Wozencraft, 95; Billy Rose, 93; Laurence Thornton, 92; Pauline McAninch, 92; De La Vergne Teague,

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey. Robert Grimes, Jr., 93; Bettye Lou Grimes, 93; Altie Grayson, 92; Laverne Hughes, 91; Bud Gambill, 91; J. C. Porter, 91.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Patterson. Mollye Frank Touchstone, 94: Ella Mae Rice, 94; Harold Morgan, 94; Billie Woodrum, 93.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Irvin. Ora Derrick, 92; Hollis Floyd, 91; Cohrene Morrison, 90; John A. Jones,

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Aline McAninch, 95; Clara Frances Largent, 94; Mary Helen Lancaster, 94; Billie Bernice Gambill, 93; Thel-



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The following 114 pupils of the Mer- ma Mathews, 93; Jesse Margaret, 92; Mattilou Largent, 94; Norma Patton, know a great number of verces, so kel Public schools met the require- Lens Fae Harrell, 92; Ima Ruth 94; Elsie Lasater, 93; Beth Hamm, the mother turned accountant and kept ments to have their names placed up- Brown, 91; Vivian Davis, 91; Lena 92; Thelma McAninch, 92; Inez Rob- the list as the 3-year-old went through

> Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke. Ethelda Tucker, 96; Robbie Walk-Russell, 91; Lois Perkins, 90; Hazel

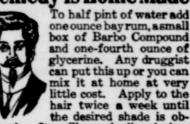
> > HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade. ner, 95; Fay Pinckley, 92; La Verne is launched forth on the first of the at Liberty Hardware Co. ine Huskey, Lucille Campbell, Elvis Holden, 91; Vivian Lasater, 91; Val- 150 poems that he can recite without Raymond Wilson, 91; Frances Ad- adult say the first line for him. cock, 90; J. R. Graham, 90; Reba Roy Owens, 96; O. C. Shouse, 95; Martin, 90; J. B. Moore, 90; Sarah Mrs. J. M. Gregson of Marshalltown,

Ninth Grade. Maria Duran, 95; Homer Tye, Jr., 94; Opal Huskey, 94; Florene Rider, mean. When Jerry is in the middle 95; Alene Cox, 94; Ova Martin, 92; 92; Fay Vantreese, 91; Mildred Rich- of "speaking a piece," and forgets ardson, 91; Imogene Middleton, 90.

> Junior Class. Leo Tucker, 95; Oleta Moore, 93;

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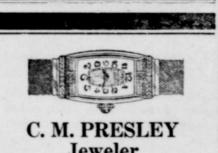
Lela Patterson, 92; Woodrow Wilson, but tells the meaning of the lines, 91; Robert Manscill, 90; Margaret the exact words of which he can not Canon, 90; Ida Mae Derstine.

Senior Class.

Of Mother Goose

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 12 .-"Barber, barber, shave a pig"-and Walderine Huskey, 96; Billy Gard- Jerry Gregson, just past 3 years old eria Parks, 91; Lois Whiteley, 91; the usual procedure of having an

The tiny lad, the son of Mr. and has learned all of the poetry during the past year, and not only recites Lucille Campbell, 96; Nell Hughes, the verses but explains what they momentarily, he does not stand and wrack his brain for the right words,



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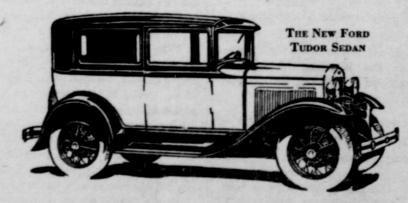
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remember. This serves in recalling the necessary verse to him and he con-Elvis Richardson, 96; Audrey Far- tinues on with his poem.

ris, 96; Jess Higgins, 95; Margarette | A few months ago someone remark-Turner, 95; Velma Lee Holden, 94; ed to Mrs. Gregson, that Jerry must bins, 92; Ford Smith, 90; Vera Rich- his pieces. Two evenings were consumed and at the end of that time 150 poems had been fully recited without prompting.

Someone gave Jerry a book for writing the other day-what he writes now doesn't make such good reading, but it'll mean something some day.

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ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT. man who has "seen better days," and breath-taking. her sister a bootlegger's sweetheart In the more than twenty years of who works in a beauty parlor, is stock their marriage, George Merrill had Maggie, looking Joe full in the face, Mrs. Merrill. girl in the "Mack" stores, the Five- changed her somewhat. He was a "and that's right-that's what he and-Ten of San Francisco. A boy good, simple fellow, amazed at his ought to do. And I promise you that rill asked sharply. whom she knows only as "Joe Grant," own success, proud of his wife, ador- I'll never see him again!" but who really is Josph Grant MacKen- ing his boy. zie Merrill, son of the owner of the It was at about this time, when by Miss Johnson," Mrs. Merrill said. "Mack," is learning the business by her brightened eyes and nervous "That's all right," she said in a starting at the bottom. He doesn't like voice, and by the two scarlet spots cold, nervous voice. "I guess he didn't the job until he meets Maggie. And that blazed in her cheeks, Maggie be- know how it would strike me. Will neither of them realize that they are gan to show the effects of the surprise you please excuse me if I go home 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

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 marrige.

know don't interest him as much as

Maggie does, and when Maggie dis-

closes her love in a burst of jealousy,

he realizes that he loves her, too.

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.

Joe's mother has him invite Maggie to a fine dinner party at a fashionable restaurant. There Maggie gets her first intimation that he is something besides a boy in the store.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY Quiet! He had never seen her so quiet. She had conquered her first ally.

trayed her, delivered her, bound and breath-"very well. They all like waiter. helpless, to her enemies. "I trusted him." you-I loved you when you were a "I'm proud to hear it," George Mer- Maggie, exhausted, confused, and shabby, dirty errand clerk, beside me rill said thankfully. in a cheap store," said Maggie's eyes, "Maggie," Joe began at this point fresh blow. The approaching couple moment came!"

She helped herself, awkwardly, unfamiliarly, to food, when it was pre- explained, with a patient glance at his sented at her left elbow on the big mother. platters. But he noted with a real pang of shame and concern that she in that second. hardly touched it.

"Would you ask the help if I could have some more water?" she said once. And Mrs. Merrill said quite his mother asked. audibly, as if in an aside, "Oh, price-

Joe looked down, his face dark. "Mother-" he murmured, 'chok-

A faint smile touched the older woman's painted mouth, and she said graciously: "I beg pardon?"

Merrill said, annoyed. It was the gie Johnson, Miss Millicent Russell waiter's business to see that the guests studied the other girl comfortably, inglass was filled, but Mrs. Merrill felt solently, as she talked. illogically irritated wth the guest who had had to call attention to the omis-

"And a fork, please," Maggie added. She said it so low, with such embarrassment, that nobody heard it. peated, audibly now.

"A fork for my fish," she said, clearing her throat. "And a fork- face. Mrs. Merrill laughed uneasily while you're up."

"While you're up!" Mrs. Merrill's lips twitched, as if unwillingly. Her tled, isn't it, Joe?" sardonic, triumphant glance, as it met Joe's wretched, defiant gaze, expressed eyes reading all their faces, changed a certain reluctance to laugh at his the subject tactfully and presently unfortunate little humble friend, but went on her way. Then Maggie, in an inability to resist the tremendous the little pause that followed the other

In such a situation as this tonight byes, said steadily: she could score. Not very clever, not "I'm going to ask you will you exreally a gentlewoman, she was still cuse me and let me go home now, enough of each to snub and suppress Mrs. Merrill. I oughtn't to have come Maggie Johnson. She enjoyed the —I know that. But I didn't under-chance. To feel herse f this girl's su-stand. You and his father have been perior, to cut her easily and carelessly pretty well worried about me, maybe. in a bored, beautiful, cultivated voice But it was because I thought Joc was gave Lillian Merrill real satisfaction. a poor boy-and that, if he loved her,

miserable and superfluous class known as me!-Don't speak to me, Joe. I'm

eager, beautiful, hungry. She fell added, to Mrs. Merrill, "I never would upon George Merrill with avidity; he have given you any worry-if I had was a commoner, but he was rich.

ever met, and to her own surprise and would I meet his folks-" She falconfusion she had come to like him tered for a second, went on. "I very much, to feel a strange loyalty thought maybe you and Mr. Grant

, and admiration for her commoner. | were like us -- I thought it'd be some Maggie Johnson, whose father is a His indifference to her family's ideals little place like we have. I might have to do! I give you my word that nothettercarrier, her mother, a lazy wo- and opinions was-well, simply known-I might have known Joe ing like this has ever happened in our

and the strain, that George Merrill now?" suddenly took a hand in the conversa-

He had been an almost silent spectator, so far, watching his wife and his ing hand upon her arm. son shrewdly, sending an occasional glance toward the girl.

Johnson?" "In Number Seven-on Eighth. she showed signs of a break.

Yes, sir." "How long have you been there? You don't look old enough to have know I never meant to hurt you." been there very long?"

her. She breathed easier, looked him ceiving her about your name and who in the eye.

years ago, when I finished Grammar. Joe." My father and mother had-considerable trouble."

"Your father's living then?" "My father's a postman."

George Merrill flushed with genput her at her ease.

I owe that store a debt of gratitude. again. My son Joe, here, seems to have gotdid out of college!"

"and all the time you were my em- uncomfortably, "thought that I was were her father, diffident and bashful ployer's son, ready to make fun of the dumbest thing she had ever gotten and frightened, and her mother, agime, ready to shame me-when your hold or, didn't you Maggie? She gave me my first start."

"I didn't know who he was," she

"You had no idea who Joe was?" "Nobody did," said Maggie.

"What did you call yourself, Joe?" "Joe Grant."

There was an interruption. A dance had ended, and a girl and young man came up to the Merrills' table. Joe and his father stood up, and a waiter pulled up another chair, and the girl -perfumed and rouged and beautifully gowned-sat down negligently

"Joe, I hear you're going to Japan?" "I may go."

"May go? Why, I thought-" said Millicent innocently, turning to Mrs. Merrill-"I thought you said something of a little good-bye dinner to-"And a fork, please," Maggie re- night, Mrs. Merrill? I thought he was going tomorrow??"

The colour drained from Maggie's as she said:

"Well, I think it is practically set--

Millicent, her bright, mischievous girl's chattering and laughing good-

She had been, as a girl, of that he'd be glad to marry a girl as poor done with you-tonight. I never At twenty-five, Lillian was sharp, would have come here, ma'am," she known. We were working together, He was the first real man she had only this afternoon, and he asked me

wasn't like the rest of us!"

"I don't think he meant to hurt you,

"Wait just a minute, won't you-Maggie?" George Merrill said. And in his turn he laid an arrest-

The voice, grave and sympathetic and distressed, shook her, as did the pronounced name. For the first time,

"Maggie," Joe said pleadingly, "you know what we had planned---you

"I think, dear, that Miss Johnson The kind, deliberate voice steadied feels nervous and tired, and your deyou are has upset her. I wouldn't say "I'm eighteen. I went in nearly four anything more about this just now

> "You don't have to come with me," Maggic said stonily, to Joe. And she herently, trying to draw her aside, turned to the older man. "Thank you, catching her by the arm. Mr. Merrill. Good-night."

And even while she said it, he saw uine concern; he had been trying to her eyes move beyond him to the door of the room and saw her face whiten. "Well," he said pleasantly, "I think She sank down weakly into her seat

The party in which Millicent Rusten a lot more out of it than he ever sell was prominent was still lingering Mail office. about its big round table, and all of Maggie looked at him unemotion- its members and everyone else in the room were staring, as Maggie was, at suffocating rush of shyness, she was "He didn't do very well there, for the man and woman who were somesitting erect, and when he or his awhile," she admitted quietly, "but what hesitatingly making their way mother or father spoke, she answered. now he is doing very well-good-" across the floor, restrained. rather Her look told that he had be- she changed it again, under her than guided, by the scandalized head-

It was all like a horrible dream to wearied almost beyond bearing this tated and bold.

Pop's shabby old suit, baggy and limp, Pop's searching rabbit eyes and bowed, meek little shoulders, looked doubly pitiful here, and Ma with the Something happened to Mrs. Merrill black veil falling impressively from the hat she had evidently assumed in great haste, and the dark hair in untidy strings beneath it, and the voluminous black cape she wore to funerals bellying about her like a sail. was the target for all the eyes in the

Maggie felt her mouth fill with salt water, and her throat thicken, and her legs grow weak. She said, "That's my father and mother. Joe."

Joe had the waiter once again drag "Water to Miss Johnson," Mrs. and easily and was introduced to Mag- Mrs. Johnson, obviously dazed and two chairs to the table, and Mr. and astonished, sat down and were intro- Cure Colds, Headaches, Fever

"I ast him was there someone here

named Grant, and he says, 'No,' " said Mrs. Johnson. "It was just luck I happened to look in the door and seen Maggie."

"What is it, Pop? Why'd you come?"

"Maggie, a cop just come to the house," her mother said abruptly. "That fellow 'Lizabeth runs with has been arrested, and she's at the night court. Pop and me didn't know what family before," Mrs. Johnson said, "He'll go to Japan tomorrow," said genteely, yet in a tone of shame, to

"What's the charge?" George Mer-

"They say they were speeding'," elucidated Maggie's mother, "an' Chessmy daughter's friend is named Chess Rivers-had some hootch in the car.' "You'll want some money!" George Merrill said suddenly. "How much

have you?" "It happens that I ain't got more than a quarter," Len Johnson said, in his reedy, troubled little voice.

"But we feely couldn't take it from you," Ma added. "I s'pose young folks will be young felks, she said to Mrs. Merrill, "and it ain't as if Liz had "You work in the Stores, Miss touch, and the somewhat haltingly been stealing or anything like that. But I thought I would drop where I stood when the cop walked in. I'm not accustomed to having my daughter get into any trouble-"

"Ma," Maggie said. And Joe's father noted that she only touched the older woman on the arm. But her mother immediately began a sort of rotary curtseying in farewell.

"Maggie-Maggie-why do you go why do you mix yourself up in this?" Joe said wretchedly and inco-

Maggie was on her feet now, shepherding her father and mother away. (Continued Next Week.)

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SHALL THE PARTY SIDE-STEP! Experience is acknowledged to be a good teacher, but the leaders of the Democratic party seem to have so soon

forgotten the costly experience of

the 1928 presidential campaign when

the party approached the voters with

a wet candidate on a dry platform. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the running mate of Alfred E. Smith in that campaign, is opposed even to considering the prohibition issue in national politics, alleging that it is "one about which Democrats entertain conflicting opinons" and averring

that merely bringing up the controversy will divide the party.

After Chairman Raskob had proposed his suggestion looking to state control of the liquor question at the meeting of the Democratic national committee at Washington March 4, Senator Robinson voiced the following reply:

"You cannot write on the banner of the Democratic party the skull and crossbones emblematical of an outlawed trade and expect the party to accept your recommendations without resistance. This is a subject on which both political parties are divided. The only way in which the republican party can hope for victory is to rely on the lack of wisdom of those who lead the Democratic party. I repudiate insofar as I as a member of the party can repudiate the effort of the national chairman to submerge all other issues and to bring prominently to the front one about which he knows the democrats entertain conflicting opinion."

In the light of the report of the Wickersham commission, it would seem that the issue is one that neither party can side-step. Voters want some assurance of enforcement of prohibition, not another Wickersham commission-not a stroke in the dark, as it would be, if the Democratic part, should ignore the issue and leave a blank in the platform under paragraph thirteen, or whatever it might be, on law enforcement.

The Democratic party. mented in the solid South, is emphatically for prohibition. If the party is wet in the wet states, one fails to see how these two elements, both calling themselves Democrats, can belong to the same party.

The Texas Senator, Morris Sheppard, is on the right track: legislation to make the possession of liquor ir the home or elsewhere unlawful. "The object of the proposed amendment," Senator Sheppard says, "is to make clear that the act does not permit the possession of intoxicating liquor in the home outside of such Tique: seconded before nation-wide prohibition became effective."

West Co., 42 Years in Business, Incorporates

Marking no change in the personnel or style of the firm name, the West company was incorporated for \$50,-000 and a charter was issued Tuesday. Incorporators are G. F. West, H. C. West and Jas. H. West. Besides the three incorporators other stockholders are John R. West, Paul W. West and Mrs. Booth Warren.

The firm had formerly operated as a partnership.

G. F. West, founder of the business. moved to Merkel in November, 1889, after a residence of about a month in Abilene and on Nov. 28th of that year purchased the hardware stock of Kennon's store, which formed the L. B. Scott. nucleus of the present business, now in its forty-recond year.

In 1901 the West company constructed the brick building on Front street which they now occupy.

Odd Fellows Attend Session at Stamford

A trio of Merkel Odd Fellows, Rev. R. A. Waiker, Wm. M. E light and L. L. Murray, drove over to Stamford Morday night to attend a called meeting of the grand lodge of I. O. O. F., hea in the home lodge of Ray Rector, grand master, prior to the state meet | Sunday School and everyone enjoyed ing of the order.

Besides the grand master, whose Samaritan." home is in Stamford, visitors included | We wish to extend an invitation to three other state officers: F. M. all who are not attending services at Compten. Waco, deputy grand mas- one of the other churches to come ter: E. Q. Vestal, Dallas, grand sec- over and worship with us. You are very much enjoyed, after which the retary, and John A. Key, Fort Worth, always welcome at our church,

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

That Christ came to earth that God night speak to us through Him; that He came to do the will of the Father, and the will of the Father is that we might truly know him through His Son and should not perish are assigned by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in his sermonette for readers of The Mail this week, as the earthly mission of the

The Earthly Mission of Divine Son." Text: Hebrews 1:1-2, especially the first part of the second verse, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by

God in every age has revealed Himself unto the people of the earth as they twere prepared to understand and receive it, and then not to all people, but to the prophets, men who were anxious to know God and were faithful to Him after they had received the revelation and told it to others. How few, comparatively, have been Interested to know God to the saving of their souls, in any age, but have rejected the revelations. God has truly know Him: God in every age ning another.

all that Paul and Peter and others Christ, 70, and Nazarene, 25. new of Him in the later age.

Now, why did Christ come to the earth? That God might speak to us Him through His Son and not perish. of St. John. Last Sunday L. L. Mur-

er." Some today are suggesting plans at the Nazarene church. of salvation, according to their own

God is still revealing Himself to through his word and spirit, and out knowing God.

Christ on the cross said, "It is fin- the season. ished." That that the Father sent Him to the earth to do.

Our race will have soon been run; we, too, must say it is finished. Oh, and cooperation. Be there. that all could say, "we have done the tending His kingdom."

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. at the Baptist church. The pastor will | us preach a special sermon to Scouts vitation to worship with us.

Capt. L. H. Nixon will address the Business Men's Bible class next Sunday morning.

J. T. King, Pastor.

B. T. S. PROGRAM.

Business and records. Bible drill, Miss Dye.

Scripture reading, Mrs. Claude Per-

Song. Introduction, Mrs. Moore. "Prophecies Concerning Jesus," Miss Hazel Williams.

"The Birth and Childhood of Jesus," Mrs. Clarence Perry. "The Sinless Life of Jesus," Mrs.

Mrs. T. E. Collins.

"The Resurrection and Ascension," "Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit," Miss

"The Holy Spirit's Dispensation," Miss Valerie Dye. Closing prayer.

NAZARENE CHURCH. We had a very good service last Sunday. Everyone present seemed to have received a great spiritual blessing in the eleven o'clock service.

There were about 25 present for the wonderful lesson, "The Good

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

UNION REVIVAL BEGINS SUN-DAY, MARCH 22.

The Union Revival, sponsored by the men of the Men's Prayer Service, with the co-operation of the churches of the city, will begin Sunday evening, March 22, with the first service in charge of the laymen.

The revival is to be held at the Presbyterian church and, after the opening service Sunday evening, services will be held twice daily. The preaching will be in charge of the local pastors and local choirs will fur-

Committees appointed in connection with the revival meeting are as fol-

Managing committee-John Toombs, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, Everett King, Wm. Advertising-Charles H. Jones, Hurley Toombs, Mack Buzbee, Her-

bert Patterson. Program committee for the laymen's service-L. L. Murray, Wm. M. Elliott, John Toombs, S. M. Hunter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunwanted to help man in every age and day was 691, as compared with 790 condition of the race by having them the first Sunday in March a year ago. The Methodist Sunday School had the fulfilling one dispensation and begin- largest number present with a total of 289, while the Baptist register Abraham, Moses and others of the showed 233. The numbers present at old dispensation knew something of the other Sunday Schools were as God in their age, but did not know follow: Presbyterian, 74; Church of

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Next Sunday the Men's Prace Mrs. Ed McCrary, followed by a song, through Him. He came to do the will Service will be held at the Methodist of the Father, and the will of the church with W. L. Diltz, Sr., as lead- man. Father is that we might truly know er. The lesson will be the 15th chapter Yet some said, "Show us the Fath- ray was leader, the service being held

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

how many about us are refusing to Leaguers will have charge. We are Curb Lillian Cole, Addie Fay Patterhear, will pass out into eternity with- expecting this to be one of the most son, Lottie Butman, Julia Martin,

local church is of the finest order Claud Dye, Tom Allday, Gladys Mc-

The spiritual life of the people is will of our Father, can truly say we the chief interest of the church. Let know Him through His Son, our Sav- everyone aid in making the meeting Abilene. iour, and have done our part in ex- a blessing in our town. Remember the date-March 22.

Superintendent Patterson has a delightful program planned for Sunday Next Sunday night is Scout night School for next Sunday. Enjoy it with

Our hats are off to one Ed Turner, and their parents have a special in- of Merkel, a gentleman well known in these parts. He is responsible for My subject at 11 a. m. is a very about forty or fifty dollars worth of timely one. It is "Man's Day of De- improvements on the church yards. pression and God's Day of Suppres- A new chat walk around the church and the entrances makes appearances Sunday School 9:45 and B. Y. P. and conveniences delightful. Thanks, U. meets at 6:30. Comer Haynes, Turner, I didn't know there was that much money in town.

The new sidewalks have inspired others to help and several evergreens have been donated. We need about six more. Let us beautify our church grounds a bit. Chime in, while the spirit is on.

WESTERN UNION LEAGUE. err Union met in their monthly meet- building, to which everybody is ining at Merkel Monday night, March vited, especially the young people. 5. There were 126 young people present, this being the largest number ues of the entire Western Union.

the devotional and recreation. The Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. devotional consisted of several songs "The Words and Works of Jesus," by the entire union, a talk on "Stewardship Covenant" by Tracy Campbell, a talk about paying our pledges by Margarette Turner and also a tal : on "Culture" given by Rev. E. L.

Yeats. Bennie McAdams of Tuscola, Western Union president, then called the business session. New officers were elected as follows: Bennie McAdams, president; Mary Collins, recreational leader, Alma Burton, secretary and treasurer, and Faul Collins, reporter.

The president then awarded the union Banner to both Merkel Senior and Hi-Leagues as they tied for first place, their averages being 100 per

The union then went into the recreational hour which was in charge of E. L. Turner, Jr., and Mary Collins. Several games and contests were league benediction was said. The next



FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mrs. George Caple delightfullly entertained members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class with a St. Patrick's party on Thursday afternoon. Violets were used profusely as house decorations and Shamrocks were featured in table appointments. Mrs. Sam Swann taught an enteresting lesson from the book on "Large. Stewardship."

At tea time refreshments of upide-down cake and coffee with Shamrocks as plate favors were passed to Mesdames Pete Rutledge, Sam Swann, Charlie Higgins, Dean Higgins, Neil Class, J. D. Bolin, W. T. Sadler, S. E. Martin, Claude Perry, M. B. Moore and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church was delightfully entertained by Mrs. W. D. Butler Tuesday afternoon. The devotional was given by Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr. After an interesting program and contest, refreshments of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames J. J. Russell, Sam Derstine, J. L. Tucker, L. L. Murray, J E. Tucker, S. G. Russell, R. A. Walke. W. M. Elliott, J. A. Patterson, Jr., A. A. Baker, and Misses Mary Keny, Dota Garoutte, Jenny and Lizzie Keny. Visitors were Mrs. Ted Lassater and daughter, Miss Bernice. The class will meet April 7 with

Mrs. Derstine. PHILATHEA CLASS PARTY. On Tuesday evening of last week Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., was hostess to the Philathea class of the M. E. church. The devotional was given by

and prayer was said by Mrs. But-

Various games and contests were enjoyed as diversion for the evening. Decorations were in keeping with St. Patrick's day. The hostess served a levely plate of sandwiches, olives, hot chocolate and cake with miniature The Sunday evening service will be | Shamrocks for plate favors, to the 'League Anniversary Day' and the following: Misses Rose Laney, Sallie interesting and helpful services of Anna Lou Russell, Stella King, Eunice Richards, Sis Toombs, Mesdames Cecil The work of the Leaguers in the Guthrie, Kenneth Pee, Cyrus Pee, and they deserve everyone's praise Crary, Juanita Dowell, Butman, Golladay and the hostess.

day night in April at First Church,

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. If posible, let's make an effort to have every member of all classes present. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Special music at 11 a. m. will be "Going Home," sung by Messis. A. J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, C. W. Delmer and Harry Barnett. Mrs. Delmer will play "Boat Song" as a prelude and "Sun of My Soul" as an offertory, Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Glad to have you come and worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We have with us this week-end Miss Lillie Cypert, a missionary to Japan. She will remain over Lord's day, the 15th, and wil give a program this The Epworth Leagues of the West- Friday evening at 7:30 at the church

Services for the week are as folows: Bible study Lord's day at 10 present in sometime. These live young | c. m., communion service at 11 a. m., people represented the different leag- young peoples program at 6 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 3 p. m. The Merkel Leagues had charge of and prayer service and Bible study |

In love, The Elders.

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To answer, "Coming," then I'd go, Without a thought or care, And scatter Spring as on we roam, Through fields long frozen bare.

But now I think about it all. This burden, home and friends, Is not an obstacle at all, Is not where Romance ends;

So while the Southwind takes, Fresh happiness to ice bound North, I'll stay, and bake the cake. -Mary A. Delmer.

They're where my Romance must en-

Personal Mention

Miss Delphine Moore was among the week's visitors to the Stock Show. Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes were

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy were

week-end. Miss Mattilou Largent accompanied C. M. Largent, Jr., to Fort Worth district manager for the company,

for the Stock Show. Jeff Ison and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mail office Tuesday. Ison of Loraine were guests Sunday

of R. A. Reagan and family. Fain.

Prof. and Mrs. Elvis E. Gil- enjoyed the Stock Show also. and family.

day last week.

Smith attended the semi-annual convention of the West Texas Druggists at Big Spring.

W. W. Campbell, owner of the "M" System store, left Wednesday for the W. O. W. hospital at San Antonio where he will remain sometime for the benefit of his health.

Rev. E. L. Yeats, Sam Mashburn. Rev. T. D. Davis of Tye and W. C. Church went to Munday last Monday to attend a conference of pastors are church officials called by Bishop Boaz.

Among Merkelites attending the Stock Show during the week, the folllowing were noted: C. K. Russell, W. E. Lowe, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., J. S. Swann, Tom Largent, C. M. Largent, Jr., and Orion Tittle.

After a seven weeks' stay in Brownwood, where she was seriously ill, Mrs. L. B. Reeves was expected home Thursday morning, according to a telephone message received by Mr. Reeves, who drove over to Blair to meet her.

Mrs. Verner Sublett and daughter left Sunday to join Mr. Sublett at Carlsbad, N. M., where they will make their home. Mrs. Edith Gilmore. who had been a guest of her daughvisitors to the Stock Show last week- ter here, returned with Mrs. Sublett to Carlsbad.

Frank Snoup, public relations direcvisitors at the Stock Show for the tor for the Southwestern Bell Telephone company for Texas, with headquarters in Dallas, and N. H. Moore, Abilene, were pleasant callers at The

While guests of Miss Roberta Sloan in Dallas, Misses Fannie Belle Boaz Mrs. G. B. Fain and two children, and Missie Dye were foined by Miss Burton, Jr., and Dorothy, of Abilene, Louise Booth from C. I. A. at Denton. spent Tuesday here as guests of Dr. J. E. Boaz accompanied his sister and Miss Dye to Dallas and the party

breath of O'Donnell were week-end | Fire Chief N. A. Dowell and Mrs. guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster Dowell, accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Dowell and Miss Alleyne Riley, spent T. C. (Tom Cat) Moore, of Abilene, several days in Dallas, while the fire General Foods representative, was chief attended the annual convention calling on friends and customers one of the Southwest division, National Association of Fire Chiefs. Return-Messrs.' S. D. Gamble and Warren ing they also visited the Stock Show.

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

FOR SALE-Farmalls and epuip, lowing open letter to parents of pument; also McCormick-Deering imements, cream separators, milking Merkel and Abilene.

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

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

FOR SALE-Cornish Game setting eggs. Robert N. Campbell. Phone

FIRST YEAR Qualla cotton seed, culled and sacked; \$1.00 per bushel. Bryan Dunagan, Route 1, Merkel, (especially activities that require the include it on their summer vacation

FOR SALE-Used tires. I have a few used tires at a bargain, various sizes. his school work worthwhile, worth- various sections of the country since Sie Hamm.

FOR SALE-Model A Ford roadster and coupe. See Charlie Jones.

WANTED

SEWING MACHINES and rocking enairs repaired; all kinds of upholstering. See J. T. Darsey.

HAVE YOUR COTTON culled: cents per bushel, or will take seed in payment. Bryan Dunagin, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Verna Mae McDougal by making publication of this Citation once In each week for four consecutive ceks previous to the return day hereor, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, the dead-line. Extra effort on the part Texas, on the third Monday in April of these for the remaining months of the estimate calling for 3,500 head. A. D. 1931, the same being the 20th school may mean the saving of an en- Prices held steady. Fat lambs sold day of April A. D. 1931, then and tire year's work on the part of the from \$6.00 to \$7.00, wooled feeder there to answer a petition filed in child. Most of the work can be made lambs reached \$6.00, yearlings and said Court on the 10th day of March up, if the child will but get at it. What wethers notched \$5.25 and aged weth-A. D. 1931, in a suit, numbered on the is to be done must be done quickly. We ers were taken at \$4.00. docket of said Court No. 8792-A, are appealing to you as parents to No choice beef steers arrived, the wherein Chick (Lennie) McDougal, help us as the teachers of your child- best here clearing around \$6.00 to is Plaintiff, and Vera Mae McDougal, ren to get the child to realize that his \$6.50. Cows were picked up in packis Defendant, and a brief statement were married on or about July 8th, time and thought to the important small drafts only, brought \$8.00 to 1927, and separated on or about De- task of preparing himself for the \$8.75, with carloads selling at \$6.50 cember 1st, 1927; plaintiff sues for competition that awaits him a few to \$7.35. Calves were disposed of witha divorce on the grounds of three years hence. years abandonment, all of which is "Your help in the matter of getting Good feeder steers sold at \$7.50.

this writ with your return thereon, much to do with the future success of showing how you have executed the

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 10th day of March A. D. 1931. Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Zola McKee, Deputy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

for City Secretary: MRS. FLOYD DOWELL.

China is generally regarded as a rold and silver is thus hidden away. ing.

Texas has 579 incorporated towns and cities, according to the 1930 cen-170 disputes which might have de-sus—136 of them having been incor-veloped into wars were settled by ar-

CO-OPERATION OF

Superintendent Burgess in Open Letter Calls Attention to Need of Close Application.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess has asked The Mail to publish the folpils in the Merkel Public schools:

for and sell horses and mules. See the fourth six-weeks' period. This list Harry Barnett, Adams and Leverett, contains the names of 114 pupils, about one out of every three now in school. Besides these, there are many others who made the required 90 per cent average, but due to absence or tardiness their names do not appear on the honor roll. A vast majority of the pupils of the school are doing excellent work. This is especially true in the lower grades where there are fewer distracting influences.

> "While the above is true, yet there are many who are failing in their work. There are more failures in High school than in the lower grades. A large part of this is due, I feel sure, There, in far too many cases, school work is a mere side issue. The student comes to school, perhaps regularly but his heart is elsewhere. Until with the help of all the parents, we thought and time of the student on schedule. school nights,) until we with your until we teachers and the remainder to motorists. of you parents co-operate to secure failures in school work.

little thought and time. If getting an will be featured. in their nature-tend to get the child's 8 from KFYO, Abilene. mind off his school work. Judged from the amount of money spent on our schools, the matter of education is one of major importance. Then, what a prise, and then devoting little time or head of cattle and 600 calves. thought to its success.

up the work sufficiently to pass to the and \$7.35 was paid for good truck Latimer. next grade. But many are still near consignments.

fully alleged in his original petition. the attention of your child centered Herein Fail not but have before on this task, will be greatly appreciasaid Court, at its next regular term, ted by the teachers, and may have

> Your respectfully. Roger A. Burgess, Supt. Merkel Schools."

Chaplin Goes to Berlin. London, March 12.-Thousands thronged the Liverpool street station Sunday to see the departure of Charlie Chaplin for Berlin. When the little move comedian appeared he was anatched from his car and carried on the shoulders of admirers to the train.

Blind Student Leads.

Atlanta, March 12 .- C. M. Witcher oor country, but this is not actual-ly the truth. The Chinese have lit-department at the Georgia School of the faith in banks and hoard their Technology, led all the 2355 students ey. No one knows how much at the institution in scholastic stand-

Between 1820 and 1900 as many as

Willie Joe Largent Heads Hereford Men

A Merkel man will head the Texas Hereford Breeder's association this

night in connection with the South- last services, western Exposition and Fat Stock Show. He succeeds another West Texan, John M. Gist of Odessa.

West Texans continue to dominate gin O. Kothman, Mason.

The new president, son of C. M. are ranked among the finest in the as was Mr. Doan. United States.

wise choice in selecting him as its around the throne of God.

To Dedicate Conoco Program to Southwest

Dedicated to the Southwest, the next are able to get the student to put program of the Conoco Listeners' school work first, until we are able Hour, weekly broadcast sponsored by to get the student to devote some time the Continental Oil Co., will feature and thought ouside of school to his songs typical of that section of the work, until we can get many other country; its charms will be described distracting influences sidetracked and motor travelers will be urged to

help can get the student to consider dedicating some of the programs to Route 3; also 33 grandchildren and while enough that it should demand many listeners requested songs typisome of his attention, time and cal of their own region. Future broadthought to the exclusion of many casts will salute other sections of the minor and unimportant activities, and country which are of unusual interest Mrs. Ruby Cook and Madaline Garner,

The program will be the 16th of the this end, there will continue to be these series. Peggy and Pat-the represen-"No one, not even a student in as usual, direct the program in acschool, should reasonably expect to cordance with requests from listeners. Mrs. Luther Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. succeed at a task to which he gives The Conoco orchestra and the quartet Silas Scott, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. J

education is a matter of importance, Tune in next Monday evening, and families, Trent; Mrs. W. W. then all other activities should take March 16, for this broadcast, trans- Tambrough and Mrs. Farrel Hood and minor rank in the list of the child's mitted in this territory by station daughter, Ive Gene, Abilene, and othactivities. This is especially true WFAA, Dallas, at 6:30. The program ers whose names we failed to get. when the activities are distracting can also be heard Tuesday evening at

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, March 12 .-

Hogs were late in finding an out-

Sheep receipts were rather liberal,

in a general range of \$5.50 to \$6.50.

Cattle Movement. On Monday Baker and Collns shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth, the only cattle movement during the week.

At Liberty on \$2500

Abilene, March 12.-Mrs. Virginia Pigg is at liberty on \$2500 bond on a charge of murder, after the fatal shooting Sunday of her husband, M. I. Pigg, salesman, at his home.

Mrs. Pigg told officers her husband had been dirnking and began 'chasing me around the room" when he returned home after being absent since early Saturday. She said she took a pistol from a dresser and fired once "to frighten him." She and her husband and an 18-months child were alone in the house at the time.

Texas has four towns nearly or quite 200 years old-San Antonio 1718, Goliad 1739, Laredo 1755 ar Nacogdoches 1779.

TRIBUTE PAID TO LATE JAMES DOAN

Services were held at the Blair Bap-Willie Joe Largent, Taylor county's tist church Wednesday, March 4, for leading exhibitor, was elected new James Doan. Revs. O. J. Adcock of president of the Hereford association Merkel and R. E. L. Stutts and John at their annual banquet, held Tuesday E. Walker of Abilene conducted the

settlers of the Blair community, having moved to the home place south of Blair with his family 27 years ago. machines and feed grinders. We trade Mail will be found the honor roll for Vice-presidents named were Walter always a good, kind neighbor, always L. Boothe, Sweetwater; A. W. Rey- ready to stand up for what was right. nolds, Albany; J. P. Osborne, Miami; He will be missed on every hand, in Stamford, Ranger, Ballinger Brady, D. L. McDonald, Hereford; and El- the home, in the church and in the community.

We feel like we cannot go on with-Largent, "grand old man" of the cut our fathers but when God calls we Hereford breeding industry, is active have to be submissive to His will. It las, Rotan, Santa Anna, Chicago, Putmanager of the firm of C. M. Largent just makes us more anxious to live nam, Big Spring, Mason and Amariland Sons, well known to everyone in more true to our Saviour, so when lo. this section, and whose show cattle our time comes, we will be prepared,

Children, do not mourn for your The Mail joins his legion of friends father, even though the circle is brokin extending congratulations to Wil- en here. But live such a life that the lie Joe Largent and the association circle will be unbroken in heaven. is to be felicitated on making such a Your father is just waiting for you

Mr. Doan had belonged to the Baptist church ever since early in life and had been a deacon in the Blair church for several years. He was born Dec. 2, 1858, and died March 3, 1931. Was married to Miss Susie Francis Cook Nov. 8, 1883, and to this union ten children were born, all of whom with their mother survive and were present at the funeral. The children are: Claud Doan, Clyde; Mrs. Mac Horton, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Blanche Campbell, Blair; D. C. Doan, Roscoe; Roy Doan, Rotan; and Mrs. Essie Farmer, Hurman, Virgie Lee, Peggy and Pat evolved the idea of Carl and Marcina Doan, all of Merkel, great-grandchildren.

Out-of-town relatives and friends, who came for the funeral, were: J. M. Cook and son, two granddaughters, Frankston; Mrs. M. E. Myers and daughter, Miss Dovine, Daniel Myers and wife, Anson; Hiram and John tatives of the radio audience-will, Patterson, Huron Horton, Wichita Falls; Henry Stubbs, Roscoe; Mr. and A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton

The large gathering of neighbors and friends was a splendid tribute to his life. His two sisters, Mrs. Bettie Hamilton of Jacksonville, Texas, and, Mrs. Rushia Bell, of Oklahoma, were unable to be here. Yates Brown and tragedy it is for this money to be Moderately brisk trading was in evi- Nathan Wood conducted the song serwasted so far as your child is concer- dence in the cattle division Wednes- vices. Flower girls were Misses Vera ned? It is just like investing a large day, all classes selling at steady and Maimie Walker, Bell Patterson, amount of money in any other enter- prices. Receipts amounted to 1,800 Sarah Malone, Mabel Scott and Virginia Fuqua.

There were 48 honorary pall bearers. "School is now two-thirds out. Some let, and the market was steady to 10c Active pall bearers were: W. C. Mathave already so badly failed that lower. Receipts were close to 1,000 thews, Bob Malone, J. J. Toombs, E. there is little chance for them to make head. A good carload brought \$7.50 J. Morris, A. D. Barnes and J. W

(Contributed by Mrs. A. D. Barnes.)

"The Old Maids' Club" At Goodman Big Hit!

A large crowd enjoyed to the fullest the play, "The Old Maids Club." sponsored by the P. T. A. and presented at the Goodman school Tuesday night. The staging was complete to the minutest detail, as those who saw education is of some importance, and age lots as high as \$5.00. Good butchof plaintiff's cause of action, being as that to get it he must sidetrack some er cows went at \$3.25 to \$3.50. Yearfollows: Plaintiff and defendant unimportant activities, and devote some lings of choice quality, available in testify, and members of the cast were equally clever in presenting their

A special feature on the program was the appearance of the Merkel Quartette, including Harry Barnett, C. W. Delmer, Ralph Duke and A. J. Tucker, with Mrs. Delmer as accompanist, who rendered several popular numbers.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method, as it is the only way we have, in giving our heart-Bond in Man's Death felt gratitude to our great host of friends. It is impossible for us to express our appreciation for their untiring efforts and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear husband and father; especially do we thank everyone in the community for the wonderful good eats, also the beautiful floral offerings.

> May God's guidance be upon each one of you is our prayer. Mrs. Susie Doan and Children.

Saw War Start and End. Chester, S. C., March 12 .- Dr. John J. Stringfellow, 93, who was at Charleston when the first shot was fired on Fort Sumter and at Appomatox when Robert E. Lee surrendered, died Thursday.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

Ranger Gets Next Meeting of Legion

The next quarterly convention of the seventeenth district, American Legion, will be held in Ranger, it was decided Sunday at Abilene in the closing sessions of the sectional gathering held with Parramore Post.

A large number of Legonnaires James Doan was one of the early from Merkel and this section attended the two-day convention and J. L. Speck, who assisted in registration, reported that ex-service men were present from the following cities: Comanche, Baird, Cross Plains, Melvin, Abilene, Sweetwater, Eastland, Winters,, Mineral Wells, Clyde, Coleman, Anson, Burkett, Seymour, San Angelo, Lawn Austin, Moran, Cisco, Swenson, Hawley, San Antonio, Dal-

Earl Earp of Sweetwater, who is Many Signs Pointing 17th district committeeman, presided during the business sessions.

More than 300 Legionnaires were in a parade Sunday morning, and also took part in a bean feed Saturday night in opening the convention. Separate functions were held for the Legion Auxiliary, with a good attendance reported.

Find Huge Diamond.

partners, Dutoit and Boutha, just back places, and maybe two. from the Transvaal, turned in one of In last week's issue, The Mail rethe biggest diamonds ever found in ported several building operations the Litchtenburg fields. After suffer- now in progress in the city, including ing extreme hardships and hunger, the erection of the retail ice station they dug the stone after all their food for the Dillingham interests and the had been consumed. The diamond remodeling and renovation at the Merweighed 200 carats in the rough. They kel sanitarium, which is to open in received a fortune for it.

For Sale-Model A Ford roadster and coupe. See Charlie Jones.

Submit Name of Mrs. Floyd Dowell For City Secretary

Friends of Mrs. Floyd Dowell have submitted her name as a cándidate for the ofifce of city secretary, to be

filled at the April election. Mrs. Dowell has lived practically all her life in Merkel, having been born at Noodle. Her parents and grandparents all resided in this section before her.

In urging Mrs. Dowell to consent to permit the use of her name, friends have stressed her wide acquaintance in this city and refer to the fact that she completed the course in the Merkel High school. They feel that she is well fitted for the position for which they have asked her to offer the use of her name and have started an active canvas in her behalf.

To The Upward Trend

A note of returning optimism was sounded by John S. Hughes Wednesday in conversation with a representative of The Mail when he stated that practically all of the houses in Havnes-Moody addition were now occupied. In addition to the almost 100 per cent tenancy, he also remarked that he had Kimberley, S. A .- Two prospector a good prospect to sell one of the

the near future.

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

SPECIALS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, Buck Rabbit, 48's \$1.00 SUGAR, paper bags, 20 lbs. \$1.00 SPUDS, No. 1, Colorado's, 15 lbs. BAKING POWDER, Calumet, 10 lbs. \$1.45 COMPOUND, Swift's Jewel, 8 lbs. COFFEE, Peaberry Blend, bulk, 6 lbs. \$1.00 OATS, Redi cooked, 3 lb. pkg. 20c COCOANUT, Baker's Premium, 1-4 10c 35c SOAP, Light House, 10 bars MATCHES, Monarch, 3 boxes 10e CRACKERS, Brown's, 3 lb. caddy 33c COFFEE, White Swan, 2 lbs. 90c

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Rural Community Correspondence

Cross Roads Women, Girls Form Clubs

The Cross Road Demonstration club was organized Saturday, March 7, at | 2 c'clock by Miss Chambers. The members decided the first and third Mondays as their meeting days. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Snow, seventh grade, 93; Lloyd Snow, Baptist church last Tuesday. Myrtle Pitts, president; Mrs. Dee sixth grade, 91; Woodrow Barnes, Teaff, vice-president, Mrs. Earnest sixth grade, 91; Lewis Farmer, fifth Teafi, secretary.

There were twenty charter members present: Mesdames J. J. McCartney, E. A. Clack, W. R. McCartney, R. F. England, Myrtle Pitts, Dee Teaff, W. O. Perry, Earnest Teaff, Earl Baze, Johnnie Rister, R. J. Smith, Henry Smith, Ted Bigham, Theo Newton, Arch Teaff, Sybil Smith, Lorena Mc-Cartney, Fay Perry, Etha Ely and Vera Ely. Visitors were Mack Alexander and Willie Dixon.

Miss Caroline Chambers met at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 7, with the Cross Roads girls and organized a 4-H Girls' club. Miss Una Mae Rister was elected president, Miss Marie McCartney, vice-president and Miss Ideen Ely, secretary. Those present were: Misses Una Mae Rister, Marie McCartney, Ideen Ely, Audra Ely, Aura Ely, Allie Mae King, Georgie Fay Rister and Ruby Perry.

Miss Lorena McCartney was chosen spensor of the club.

STITH NEWS

Miss Albera Butler was ill last week, but is better at this writing. Hattie Mae Dwiggins was ill after playing ball last Thursday.

Leonard McCoy of Hope has been ill, but is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley entertained the young people of Stith with a party Friday night. All reported an

enjoyable time. Paul Simon of Abilene Christian college preached at the Hope Church of Christ last Sunday and will preach

each second Lord's day. Mr. Davis from Tye preached at Stith last Sunday.

The young peoples' meeting of Hope had a good service last Sunday. Everybody is invited to meet with after spending several months at Lov-

The Baptist B. Y. P. U. assembles one is invited. Preaching every first | Sweetwater was awarded the contract

The Stith School Junior girls and boys played baseball at Goodman last ted her mother, Mrs. Lee Magee, Mon-Thursday. The girls lost but the boys day won first place.

Misses Hazel and Martha Jo Armvine and Miss Irmaree Dwiggins of Anson came home last week-end.

Miss Vera McCoy spent Sunday with her Grandmother Kelso at Stith.

Miss Alma Morgan spent Sunday with Miss Leola and Austin Varner. Then in the latter part of the evening. Austin Varner, Paul Simon, Leola Varner and Alma Morgan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

Bradford Ramsey, Orville Ramsey, Wilburn Thompson, Gus Cheathem, Jack Armvine, Roy Kelso and Dick Dwiggins spent Sunday with Mr. Ray

Shiloh Happenings

On Thursday, February 19, Mes dames Tom Greene and C. W. Seago were joint hostesses for a shower, honoring Mrs. Velma Robinson, a recent bride. Many useful gifts, including cooking utensils and towels, were presented to the honoree. Coffee and home-baked cookies were served to about twenty guests.

Last Wednesday, March 4, Mrs. Tom Greene was hostess to the Happy-Go-Lucky-Bridge club. At the culmination of the games, sandwiches, fruit salad, whipped cream and cake were served to Mesdames Gamble, Grimes and Sadler of Merkel, Beasley of Trent, Hamner, Beech, Bonneaux, Cummings, Murphy, Anderson, Smith

HEBRON NEWS

The Dean children have returned to school. They were out quite awhile with scarlet fever.

We are glad to have Thomas Harris and wife and baby in our midst again. M. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter Lenalee of Blair were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack

P-" Junday. Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Williamsor Sunday. Paul Pan ell is on the sick list this

Miss Annamac Harris spent the week-en! with Miss Blanch Carey.

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

White Church News

Eleven names appear on the honor roll for the White Church School this past month. They are as follows:

Etsel Hunter, fifth grade, 94; Ermadell Berry, seventh grade, 93; Maurice Pressley, eighth grade, 93; Fredia Farmer, fourth grade, 93; Ila Mae grade, 90; Doyal Barnes, primer, 90; Irene Snow, primer, 90, and J. D. Rogers. primer. 90.

We have been having quite a cold spell in the Canyon.

A number of our farmers are about to finish plowing.

Mr. J. W. Latimer spoke at the Sunday School hour last Sunday. He ertainly brought a good message and those that missed it missed a real

Our teachers, Misses Irene Chaney and Mary Dean Baucum, visited in Abilene over the week-end.

Mrs. H. West is announcing the arrival of a new grandson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sem Dudley on Elm. Mr. D. D. Coats is better at this Moore.

Mrs. Zelma Snow has been visiting in Abilene.

Mrs. Raymond Demere is spending in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. P. R. Demere is sick at her daughter's, Mrs. John Comer, We hope beans, for her speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barnes and son

of Cross Roads, N. M., and H. E. Patterson of Muskogee, Okla., have been visiting in the A. D. Barnes home.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mr. James Doan at Blair last Wednesday. We extend our deepst sympathy to the bereaved family. Everyone is urged to remember that next Sunday is preaching day. Come time for Sunday School.

We will have a cemetery working Thursday, March 19.

DORA DOINGS

J. B. McCoy returned home Monday ington, N. M.

The contract has been let for our at 7:30 each Sunday evening. Every- new school building. J. J. McLoen of and work began Wednesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Phillips of Roscoe visi-

Mrs. H. S. Wright was shopping in Sweetwater Monday.

Lige Pruitt and family of Butman spent the week-end with John Dudley

to Gorman Saturday, returning home Sunday night.

Mrs. G. T. Rogers entertained the 42" players Saturday night with five Sunday night. tables of the popular game.

O. S. Moore and Rev. Hibbert and danghter, Mrs. George Smith, Mon-Jim Cook attended the Methodist rally de

at Lubbock last Tuesday. A large crowd enjoyed singing at W. G. Oliver's Sunday night.

R. L. Ford is on the sick list and J. C. Rogers and Mr. Rape continue about the same, very poorly.

Church on Wheels. Quinston, Eng.-The Wesleyans of this community have built a church

on wheels so that they can draw it from one village to another. BANK NOTICE. Beginning Monday, March 16, and continuing until further notice, the following banks will close at 3 p. m.,

instead of 4 p. m., as heretofore. Customers will please take notice. F. & M. NATIONAL BANK. FARMERS STATE BANK.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mesdames Buena Mc-Leod, Alex Williamson, J. E. Bowers,

Mr. and ars. Davis Jones and lit-Mrs. T. L. Stevens, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roberts were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts recently. They were en route to Mil-

guest last Sunday Messrs. Arch and Hugh Campbell Sunday. J. P. McWilliams of Lubbock and Miss Lena Bright.

week-end with friends at Roby.

liamson, McLeod and Winn attended the past week. the Sweetwater association Thursday. week are James Bright and B. C.

Mrs. Garnett Bryan honored her little daughter, Kathleen, on her fourth birthday with a party Friday af- ette, accompanied by Miss Opal Rowell ternoon at her home south of town. of Claytonville, Texas, spent the day a month with her brother and family Many nice and useful gifts were re- with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette Sun- Stops Gas, Constipation ceived. Each guest was presented with day. a dainty pink basket filled with candy

> Fire of undetermined origin broke out in the school building about 8:30 Friday night, damaging the building to the amount of something like \$5,-000. Our fireboys, assisted by the Merkel Fire department, did some good work and had the flames under control in something like an hour and half. School is going on this week, as usual, as only two rooms were damaged beyond immediate repair.

Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene, accompanied by Mrs. Ben Howell and little daughter, Betty Lou, of Corpus Christi visited friends and attended to business here Tuesday.

COMPERE NEWS

The "4-Cornered" singing at Zion Chapel was attended by a large crowd Sunday afternoon.

Quite a large crowd attended singng at the Bantist church here Sur

A number of our citizens were in Merkel Saturday.

Several children are out of school on account of colds. Mrs. S. S. Sherrill visited school

Miss Maude Cook of Svivester spent Alvis Tyrone made a business trip the week-end with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. George Cook. Ray and Earnest Spurgeon of Noodle attended singing at Compere

M-s. T. K. Marshall visited her

Merry, Roman Palmer, Edd Breeze and M. K. Milner were in Merkel on business Monday.

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BLAIR ITEMS

There has been a great deal of sickness in the community since our last letter, but all are now on the convales cent list and doing nicely.

Mr. Will Meeks and family of Ham-J. A. Brown and Miss Minnie Brown lin visited the past week with Mr. attended the Workers meeting at Stith and Mrs. John Meeks and Mr. and of Post City, who had been visiting were let here Saturday by the board tle son, Joe Deverl, of Abilene were her children for several weeks, accom- of trustees for a total consideration guests of Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and panied Mr. and Mrs. Meeks home and of \$28,024.39. Eighteen bids were subwill visit there for an indefinite time. mitted.

Mrs, Sam Grayson and son, Clar-Miss Roena Perkins had as her lene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs in 116 working days.

family have been attending the bed- on a bid of \$4,500 and the electrical Miss Erma Dean Duncan spent the side of the latter's father, Mr. Rey- contract was awarded to Sweetwater nolds, who underwent an operation Electric company at \$170. C. T. Beckham and Mesdames Wil- at the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene

Among those from here attending Reggie Marie, have returned home M. Lambert of Abilene, submitted the the Stock Show at Fort Worth this after two weeks' stay with her par- lowest 57d of \$23,000. D. R. Griffin of ents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker, at Sweetwater is the architect. Buffalo Gap.

Roy Cavette and two daughters, Cora and Thelma, and Arthur Cav-

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ladies who lack pretty features-here's on BOTH upper and lower bowel balm for each unlovely head; a smart and removes old poisons you would British artist who's studied the crea- never believe were in your system. tures says women can all knock 'em Stops GAS bloating in 10 minutes!

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J. J. McLoen, Sweetwater contracence, of Merkel, accompanied by Mrs. for, was awarded the general contract Earnest Hill and son, Boyd, of Bur- on his bid of \$23,354.39. Contracts leson and Miss Rosa Cozart of Abi- call for completion of the structure Plumbing and heating contract

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and went to David Vickers, Sweetwater, The highest bid offered was by E.

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did not know the speaker was George Vierheller, Director of the St. Louis Zoo. She did not know that nine minutes earlier Marlin Perkins, curator of reptiles, had been bitten by a deadly Gaboon viper. She did not know that Ditmars, curator of reptiles at the New York Zoo, is one of the few authorities on

the treatment of American snake bites.

In New York, three or four minutes later, Ditmars lifted his telephone receiver.

"I'll do my best," said Molly. "Hold the line."

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"Perkins has been bitten by a Gaboon viper," he heard Vierheller say. "We have injected serum. We want to know how far we can go-what kinds of serum to use, how much, and at what intervals."

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Perkins did pull through*. . . Today he is back at work in his laboratory. Scars, marking the incisions in his left arm, are the only evidence of his ordeal. On ordinary calls, long distance is just as speedy. just as dependable. If you give the number of the

telephone you are calling, in most cases you will be

connected while you hold the line. It's like telephoning across the street.

And you can talk 100 miles for 60 cents. Dr. Forest H. Staley, St. Louis authority on make me with Ditmars — pulled Perh letin of Anti-Venin Institute of A Vol. III, No. 2, July, 1929.

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tives and foreigners. Many of the in-

be a foreigner or a native.

they ain't going to have no troubles.

-Opal Huskey.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS.

accompanied by his Junior High till dinner, When we heered Ma callschool team, went to Trent where the in,' we come out. When Ma seen us, Merkel team participated in a game she threw up her hands and hollered. that they had to compete with several me to get the coal dust off, and then plete disregard of punts and first know what you'd call it.

VOLLEY BALL TEAM.

last Thursday and organized for the know what a dreary place it is. purpose of playing volley ball. Miss | The boathouse was old, and it didn't you. Patterson is the efficient sponsor, take long to find a loose board in the The girls chose Jess Higgins for cap- back o' the thing. We pushed it down tain. They expect to send a team to and got out. Pa sure was mad that judge from the interest shown al- terrible. kel High school.

MERKEL TRACK ORGANIZES.

started his track team to work. Benjamen Sheppard was chosen captain of the track events, while Gerald Derrick was chosen captain of the field and ice cream. events. As has been the case at Merkel, Coach Irvin has a track Team most of the members of which have never before participated in track events. Merkel's first meet will probably be March 27 and 28, when the county meet will take place.

Those coming out are Joe Earl WHY STUDY ENGLISH? Lassiter, Kennedy Whiteley, William Cypert, David Gamble, J. R. Graham, Lowell Vickers, Jack Patterson, Milton Shannon, Jack West, Jim Patterson, Earl Watts, Marshall Stalls, Gerald Derrick, Woodrow Patton, Mordell Shouse, Benjamen Sheppard, Ceaphas Wozencraft, Cecil Clark, America should learn to speak his Grisham Dowell and Elon Harrell.

A peaceful school-just study, then portance of English, and some have

All my desire;-To read the books I like the best, By authors I admire-

Panyson's word and Poe's to look habitants can neither read, write nor

Above the page, in sunlight gleams, And catch, like far heroic rhymes, The on march of our school—and dreams.

A peaceful school;-to hear the tick Of the study hall clock, Or typewriters that click and click; The echoes seem to mock

Me as I meditate on the price Each of our parents pays and this

So that we may have a peaceful school -and life.

The emulation and sacrifice

-Lona Bryan.

PROBLEMS OF A SMALL BOY.

Most people think that a small boy has no problems, but I know better. A small boy has just as many problems as anybody. I guess I'm six, and I ought to know.

The other day Ma called me in from my game of tag with Ted and Dick. Now, we was right in the middle of the game, and I didn't want to stop; but Ma kept callin.' I went in the house and ast her what it was she wanted.

"Go to the Corner Drug store and get Pa some cigars," she says.

'Course there wasn't no way to get out of it; so I went. As if that wasn't enough for one day, Aunt Eppie had come when I got home. She thinks that little boys should sit in a cheer and hold their hands on their laps; so I had to stay in the livin' room the rest of the morning.

Well, she left 'bout noon, and I

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use good English also.

It some day you should go to a foreign nation on a pleasure trip and DID YOU KNOW THATsomeone discovered that you were an -Lona went to Anson last week-American, he would, of course, hon- end? or you to the best of his ability, for slipped out the door; and me and Last Monday afternoon Mr. Riddle, Buck, our dog, hid in the coal-shed the Americans are the favorites of the Spanish is that they are in love? world. If you were called upon to -We have some new pupils make an address before a large audi- school? ence and you should use slang ex- -A general description of Zada has tomers will please take notice. of baseball. Notwithstanding the fact She liked to scrubbed the skin off o' pressions, I am sure you would not appeared in this section of the paper leave a good impression in the coun- at different times? Senior girls, they won by a score of she made me go to the wood-shed with try after your departure. Some day 10 to 7. The girls manifested a com- Pa. If that ain't trouble, I don't you might also have a desire to hold show? a state or national position. If you base hits, making it hot for the Trent- Last summer we went up to the lake lacked knowledge of English, I am cute, and love to "priss" down the fishin.' Me and Buck lit in the water sure you would be disposed of at once. halls?

In the United States many people as soon as ever we could. Pa said we scared the fish away; so he shut us own public businesses. Do you think in "Gertrude" Sunday afternoon? A group of High school girls met up in the boathouse, If you ain't never anyone would make a success of his in room 2 of the High school building been shut up in a boathouse, you don't occupation if he were not able to speak attention in physical ed? ??? English? If you do, I disagree with -Tennis shoes are being worn by

There are also many nations in the world. Some are strong and some are pleted some of its work? weak. All the nations do not speak the county meet; and, if one should night, and he looked at me somethin' English, but they speak their native exercises to the Memory Book staff tongue. One thing that puzzles me Saturday morning? ready, there will soon be a splendid That ain't all of a small boy's prob- much is that when all was said and team of Senior girls to represent Mer- lems, either. I can't never go fishin' done, English was selected the official language of the world and is and we wonder why? by myself like Jack Rogers, who lives down the street. He's always pickin' nations have representatives precent. | sound? on me about it, too. 'Sides that, I Last Monday afternoon Coach Irvin don't like to go to school. I just hate Even the dictator of Italy was comit. I'm goin' to quit 'fore long and go how jealous he is of our progressive into buizziness. An' then when there's

company, I don't never git no cake After considering the matter ser- Stock Show? iously, you will, I believe agree with I guess you don't know what trouble is. A small boy's got plenty. I English is essential to a person in any didn't name all of 'em, either. When

schools a large number of teachers are able to speak, to read, and to write know her lesson? employed in order to encourage the the language we should be proud of; students to use English correctly. In Just stop one moment and say to dow? many places English clubs have been yourseli, "If the dictator of Italy and organized for the purpose of persuad- the representatives of different naing the citizens of different cities to tions can learn English, I can also." -Isadore Mellinger.

-The reason pupils cannot learn

-Some of the girls think they are at Liberty Hardware Co.

-The Merkel girls went to Abilene -Vers and Thelma L. are paying fice.

High school girls-and boys? -The Memory Book staff has com-

-Mrs. Young taught some new

-Inez is being watched? -Thelma M. is rather lonesome.

spoken at all conferences when many -The physics class is studying Residence 165

-Margaretta has proposed to Benpelled to learn English, no matter ny, even though it isn't leap year? -Some one had rather stay home and see Lois than to go see the Fat

-When the Abilene friends are me and others that a knowledge of over. Sis can't find the Merkel girls. -Mr. Riddle said when a pupil

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speak English. In our many high occupation and everyone should be wanted to leave the class, she didn't

-The Seniors are proud of their

-Sis cut out paper dolls Monday -Mr. Riddle says it pays to be a cali in Texas rather than a child?

-M. E. and Cecil have "got it bad?" -E. L. found a cat with nine lives? -E. L. isn't sentimental? Huh?

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profession of driving ox-teams. Bushwhackers-One who kills from

ambush or without warning. are buried. Every Oklahoma town through the Fort Worth office. had one, aloof from the regular ceme-

care not whither.

Chain Lightnin'-A particularly liquor.

Diggings-Homestead or domicile. Hogwallows-Pitfalls found in corrections or for further data. prairie countries.

Scallyhoot-Go! Beat it! Vamose-The same. Flummixed-Failed. much, or out of turn.

Neck Tie Party-Lynching. Tin Horns-Cheap and boastful. Cimarron-Wild, unruly, incorrigible-applied to man and territory. Dust Hole-An oil well that doesn't

produce oil. Gusher-An oil well with a natural

flow. Tubby-A hefty Indian squawmuch admired by the braves.

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He was a law-abiding citizen And loved his neighbors true; And his life a guiding light In our home we all knew.

He provided well for his loved ones, Always fondled our every care; And we will miss you, dear father, But we shall meet you over there.

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Seven checks for federal farm recontributed its share of new words lief loans were received by the local lived in this section and was engaged 1889 and 1893, depicted in Radio Pic- total of nine checks that have come suddenly Thursday, March 5, at 6:15 tures' "Cimarron," to be shown Sun- to applicants through the Merkel com- p. m. at Memphis, Texas. He was

mist, in charge of the Farmer's Fed- tist church there, officiating. in that era, taken from Edna Ferber's eral Seed Loan office at Fort Worth Bullwhackers-Men who made a loans handled up to the close of busi- to Miss Ida Lazenby of Gatesville and Boot Hill-A plot where bad men holding good in the loans made death. He had professed religion at

At the closing of the office Satur- the church. day night, 774 applications had been Boomers-Travellers, going they received, and all of these have been 6 years ago and is buried at Rose Hill given attention, Fisher said.

Of the 774 applications received, powerful brand of early Oklahoma 395 were approved, 19 disapproved, vived by his mother, Mrs. M. L. Smith, and 360 are being held in abeyance, ago 77, who resides north of town while the papers are sent back for with two sons, W. H. and C. C., and

Blatherskite-One who talks too designated highways within its bor- are W. H. and C. C. Smith, already

Jeff A. Smith, 48, Dies at Memphis

Jeff A. Smith, 48, who formerly committee this morning and two had in farming about 12 miles north of been received previously, making a town in the Shiloh community, died buried in the Memphis cemetery, the O. S. Fisher, United States agrono- Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of the Bap-

He was born Nov. 8, 1882, in Marhas announced that loans to 3,242 shall county, Ala., coming to Texas Texas farmers have been made when 13 years old with his parents, through the St. Louis office of the who settled in Coryell county and lat-Federal Seed Loan organization, total- er moved to the Shiloh community in ing about \$492,000. This includes all 1907. He was married April 19, 1917, ness last Friday, Fisher said. This is shortly after their marriage he movan average of about \$150 per loan, it ed to Memphis, Texas. He was forewas said, and this average is also man of a gin there at the time of his the age of 20, but never united with

His father, A. T. Smith, died about cemetery.

Besides his wife, the deceased is surby four sisters and two brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. F. Howard, Merkel, Texas improved 2,402.88 miles of Route 2; Mrs. J. E. Gay and Mrs. G. highway in 1930 and will do better in G. Inman, Maryneal; Mrs. Essie Laz-1931. It has more than 18,000 miles of enby, Big Spring, and his brothers mentioned.

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