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YARD AND GARDEN Proclamation By **CONTEST STARTS** WITH 30 ENTRIES

Large List of Contestants Indicates Commendable Spirit of Civic Pride; "Clean-Up Week" Set for April 5-11, Inclusive.

The first list of entries in Merkel's Second Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, numbers thirty and this is considered a most auspicious beginning.

The plan was outlined in the last issue of The Mail and the regular entry blank is printed elsewhere in this issue. Everyone, whether home owner or tenant, is urged to enter this contest as the combined efforts of all the citizens will best serve to accomplish the object of the Yard and Garden contest, to make Merkel a city of beautiful homes and yards and flower gardens. Anyone desiring to enter the contest may do so prior to June 1, which is the date of the first judging.

Mrs. Len Sublett is chairman of the ladies' committee and is being assisted by Mesdames Dee Grimes and Booth Warren.

One feature of the plan of encouraging the planting of flowers and beautifying of yards is that it gives opportunity for one to divide any surplus plants he may have with some other one needing just these plants and vice versa. In this connection Mrs. Rainfall Thursday Mack Buzbee has a large supply of verbenas, also of cannas in pink, red and yellow, and will be glad to divide with those desiring these plants if they will call by her home.

"CLEAN-UP WEEK." proclamation Mayor J. P. Sharp has designated the week of April 5 to 11, inclusive, as "Clean-(Continued on Page Five.)

E. M. Heeter, 59, Dies

News was received here Monday of the death at 4:30 Monday afternoon of E. M. Heeter, age 59, at the West Penn hospital in Pittsburg, Penn. Death was due to pneumonia, Mr. Griggs, residing at Dora, Friday, Heeter having been ill only a short March 20, 1931. time. The funeral was held at Pittsburg Thursday.

Mr. Heeter came here about ten March 21, 1931.

years ago as an oil driller and made | Girl, named Becky Nan, to Mr. and or four years. He was a man who bia, Wednesday, March 25, 1931. made friends readily and a large cirdeath.

with her mother.

Mayor For "Spring Clean-Up Week"

Whereas, an annual Clean-Up Campaign has become an important medium in each year's program of civic advancement; and

Whereas, it is impossible to estimate the vast number of lives saved each year by a thorough "Clean-Up" of all regions where the accumulation of the winter months has developed into a menace and a producer of diseases and fire danger; and

Whereas, the official records of this state reveal that the health of our citizens and the danger of fire is greatly increased by "carelessness" in the homes and business districts in permitting the accumulation of trash, rubbish and untidy conditions;

Now, therefore, I. J. P. Sharp, mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, do hereby designate the period from April 5 to 11 (inclusive) as Spring Clean-Up Week in Merkel. and I call upon every man, woman and child to diligently observe the occasion by clearing away all things that menace safety from fire, or the public health, stored within their homes or their places of business.

Given under my and and seal of office, this the 20th day of March, A. D. 1931.

J. P. Sharp, Mayor.

Black. It came at a timely moment, tants. being especially beneficial for small Hamner's 10-flat 100 yard race soften the crust of the ground before wind added seconds to most of the planting starts.

The only other rainfall of sufficient proportion to be registered this month Of Pneumonia Monday was on Sunday, March 15, when a quarter of an inch was recorded, Trent. Distance 91 feet 3 inches. making total for March three-quarters of an inch.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant, residing west of Trent, Saturday,

Merkel his home for a period of three Mrs. J. W. Seymour, residing at Nu-

cle of friends who came to know him C.C.B. Quartette Will Broadcast so well when he was a resident of The O. C. B. Quartette, composed of Merkel will regret to learn of his E. E., Bob and Pink Dunn and Ben Halstead, with Miss Ruby Patton at pley, Cross Roads. Time 19 seconds. He is survived by one daughter, the piano, will broadcast over KFYO, Helen Heeter, age 8, who resides here Abilene, Friday evening from 8 to 8:30.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkkel Mail, March 24, 1911.)

who lives north of our city, was the enter upon a course of advanced med- John Hadden will be master of cere- dice tables, valued at \$1000. victim of a mishap in some manner in ical and surgical study at the New monies. which he was dragged by his team he York Post-Graduate College and Hoswas working to a planter. The good pital. His practice will be cared for by old citizen suffered severe sprains and his associate, Dr. Miller. bruises. Mrs. W. E. Garroutte arrived this week to attend his bedside.

returned from a visit to Stamford of Coleman county to Mr. E. Rodden and Abilene. At the latter point they of Valero, Texas. Judge Blanton per- Four School Trustees were guests of Hon. H. A. Tillett.

Mrs. S. F. Keny was reported sick at her home six miles east of our city.

Sheriff T. C. Weir was up Monday, just to look at his old home town and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry in this Saturday, April 4. Those whose terms get a drink of good pure water.

g gerious illness.

of Miss Jesse Sutphen last week.

Oklahoma for an extended visit.

from a business visit to Odessa.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson will leave short- close friends were present.

week and was present at the mar- rodeo contests for a period of three county funds totalling \$93,000. Rev. and Mrs. J. T. L. Annis have riage of her cousin, Miss Lucy James, months. formed the ceremony during court

CHESHIRE-BERRY.

city, Mr. C. C. Cheshire of Abilene expire are S. D. Gamble, W. O. Bon-Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Clark left last ry Wednesday evening. Rev. A. M. son and these four citizens have indi- Cattle Raisers association, held at week for Tennessee where they go to Martin, pastor of the Methodist cated their willingness to continue to Corpus Christi, J. M. West of Housattend the bedside of the latter's fath- church, officiated. Those present at serve another term on the board. ton was made president, succeeding er, who is not expected to survive the wedding of this popular couple | So far as is known there will be no T. D. Hobart of Pampa, and El Paswere Mrs. W. T. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. opposition, as Merkel citizens are so was selected as the next meeting W. R. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. proud of the reputation of their place of the association. Miss Laura Winters was the guest Comegys, Miss Zora Coggin, Miss schools and feel that the management Bower of Abilene.

J. G. Sadler and son have gone to Nubia, March 21.-Mr. J. B. Solon of Big Spring and Miss Abbie Butman were quietly married Sunday, the arrival of a new son Tuesday S. C. Keith returned Monday night | March 19, at the ranch home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frank Armstrong at Fort Worth and cashed his veterans loan for \$250 he Butman. Only the family and few is duly elated over the birth of his left the money at his home and the

RODEO CHAMP HONOR GUEST AT BIG PARTY

Large Crowd for Trent's Holi- 24, were drowned near Greenville World Champion Cowboy; out fishing lines was overturned. Trent Wins Track Meet.

thop Wednesday and turned out in convincing majority from a field of Henderson, 20, of Rotan. a half dozen class B teams.

The crowd was said to be largest assembled in Trent since the Winters oil well blew in back in 1926. Gathering at 1 o'clock to witness a roping contest, it did not ter arriving at a hospital. disperse until late in the afternoon.

the roping event, tying his calf in with time of 55 seconds. Both are the house app.opriat.on committee. local cowboys. Bowman followed with an exhibition in which he roped a calf in 18.3 seconds.

Visiting teams at the track meet each follow: Cross Roads 34, North Park 23, Goodman 8, Golan 2. Trent's total was 84, and the summary showed nine first places for the host team.

Business houses of Trent effered a loving cup to the winning team, and John Hamner's feat of scoring 23 points for individual honors net-Night One-Half Inch ted him a gold medal, offered by Volunteer Weather Observer B. M. with 12 was high for visiting contest the animal and his arm fractured in stantial check for \$25.00.

grain and also serving to break and was the feature performance. High records.

> The summary: FIELD EVENTS.

Shot put-won by Hamner, Trent. Height 5 feet.

Trent. Distance 17 feet, 8 inches. Pole vault-won by Parham, Cross Roads. Height 9 feet.

TRACK EVENT. 1 mile run-won by C. Howell, Trent. Time 5 minutes.

220 yard dash-won by Murdock, 440 vard dash-won by Hale,

880 yard dash-won by Cooper, Goodman. Time 2 minutes 23 seconds. 120 yard high hurdles-won by Tar-220 yard low hurdles-won by Lewis, North Park. Time 31 seconds.

Trent. Time 10 seconds.

1 mile relay-won by Trent (for-

Fresentation of the Rodeo Asso-

Bowman has taken advantage of

To Be Elected April 4

At the home of the bride's parents, Merkel Public schools are to be nambeen assisting him, will take over the ed at the regular annual election on Fort Worth office. was married to Miss Genevieve Ber- ey, C. R. Tittle and Herbert Patter- tion of the Texas and Southwestern

is in capable hands.

First Grandson Arrives.

Dr. M. Armstrong received word of first grandson.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Charles Langford, 30, and Guy Bass, day Honoring John Bowman, when the boat they were using to set

Mrs. Francisco Leal, who claimed to have been 14 years old when she witnessed "the falling of stars" in 1833, Trent, March 26 .-- Trent closed was buried at Corpus Christi Monday.

force to honor its world champion ducing a fracture of the skull above A fail from his horse Monday, procowboy, John Bowman, and to watch the left eye and concussion of the its track team win first place by a brain, resulted fatally for Garnet

> On his way home from school Monday, Jack Rankin, 7, son of Foster Rankin of Austin, was knocked down by an automobile and died shortly af-

A bill to appropriate \$500,000 out Earl Stevens won first place in of the funds of the state highway department to construct a state highway 45 seconds. Bud Trent was second building was voted out favorably by

Frank Smyr, 14, died Wednesday as the result of injuries suffered Monday when he was dragged through a Merkel Volunteer and the number of points won by thicket by runaway mules on a farm near Yorktown in Southwest Texas.

> C. B. Akers, manager of a Pampa theatre, was acquitted on a charge of illegally operating a theatre the night of Sunday, March 8, the first Sunday motion picture case tried in Pampa.

two places.

W. S. Barron, former speaker of the Texas house of representatives and now practicing law at Bryan, and Miss Bess Dubois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dubois of Cameron, Discus throw-won by Dowdy, were married Tuesday in the latter

> Uhr. Mrs. Clara Uhr of San Antonio clair station. ty to the murder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mayes, residing at Roscoe, are the grandparents of Nancy Dover, who had the part of Donna, daughter of Yancy and Sabra Cravat in the motion picture classic, "Cimarron," recently shown in West Texas theatres.

In 1930, 67 counties of what truly may be described as West Texas produced 860,892 bales of cotton, as compared with 1,176,960 bales in 1929, 100 yard dash-won by Hamner, Taylor county's production showing a decrease from 21,102 bales in 1929 to 15,008 bales in 1930.

When state rangers, led by Capt. ciation of America's award to Bow- Frank Hamner, raided Shadowland, man, of the Trent team's cup, and fashionable night club near San Anof the gold medal to Hamner will tonio, they arrested seven men and be made at the Trent high school burned gambling equipment, includ-One day last week T. F. Garroutte, ly for New York City where he will next Wednesday evening at 7:30. ing rouiette wheels, black jack and

> Arthur Mills, former McLennan county tax collector and a candidate a lull in the rodeo season to spend for state comptroller in the last eleca few weeks at the home of his moth- tion, has been indicted by a grand e., Mrs. May Bowman, here. In May jury in ten bills returned charging Mrs. Jim Eoff was in Abilene last he will sail to Europe to compete in misapplication and conversion of

> > Because of the illness of his daughter. O. S. Fisher, United States agronomist in charge of the federal loan office at Fort Worth, has given up his duties and will return to his post at Four members of the board of the Washington. E. J. Murphy, who has

At the fifty-fifth annual conven-

Hard luck followed O. E. Chafin, unemployed World war veteran of Brownwood, who has been selling tamales on the street during the winter to make a living for his wife and orning in the home of Dr. and Mrs. three children, when after he had latter was destroyed by fire.

Entry Blank LIONS YARD AND GAR-DEN CONTEST Merkel, Texas

Please enter my name in the class checked.

Improving and beautifying the home grounds by proper planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., better kept yards, and cleaner alleys and streets.

Class 1-Those who own their

Class 2-Those who rent their

homes.

Address _ Mail to

Mrs. Len Sublett, Chairman. Yard and Garden Contest. Merkel, Texas

(All entries must be received before June 1st.)

Fire-Fighters Are Presented \$25 Check

Scarcely had the Merkel Volunteers returned to the station after their valiant fight against the fire that deshouse of the Sinclair Refining com-While playing rodeo with a bucking pany last week when Oillie Dye, genial Bowman. Dowdy, another Trent steer, Winfred Crow, young son of Mr. manager of the Burton-Lingo com- part, I have consented to place my A half inch of rain feli Wednesday athlete was runner-up in scoring with and Mrs. W. F. Crow, living ten miles pany, came in person to present the name for mayor. night in this section, according to 15 points. O. Priest of North Fark north of Nocona, was thrown from appreciation of his company in a sub-

the check: to cut expenses, but I do not believe

Merkel, Texas, March 16, 1931. Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept., Merkel, Texas.

\$25.00 which we hope you will spend under the present depressed conditions

After having been sentenced to the We want you to know that we ap- and try and take care of what we have electric chair in a previous trial for preciate very much the heroic work got and work every legitimate means Broad jump-won by Hamner, the murder of her husband, Daniel you did in fighting the fire of the Sin- in lowering our taxes so that they

> was sentenced in a new trial to life We also appreciate the work done imprisonment upon her plea of guil- by the Fire Departments of Abilene citizens should work in harmony. As and Sweetwater.

> > Thanking you again for your good all to do their best. work and hoping that you boys will be operating a pumper before the next best for what I believe to be for the fire, we remain

Your very truly, Burton-Lingo Company. By O. R. Dye.

ELLIOTT ENTERS NAME IN RACE **MAYOR'S OFFICE**

Boney's Withdrawal in Interest of Harmony Follows; L. L. Murray Announces for Place As Member of City Council.

With the city election a little more than a week off, things happened rapidly Wednesday and Thursday in city politics, when the announcement of W. M. Elliott for the office of mayor had scarcely been handed the editor of The Mail before W. O. Boney announced his decision to withdraw from the race.

Thursday L. L. Murray announced his candidacy for one of the places as a member of the city council, two to be elected. Others already in the race for alderman are A. T. Sheppard for re-election and Len Sublett for the other place, W. O. Boney, one of the aldermen whose terms expire, having first announced for mayor in the coming election and then having withdrawn.

Miss Pauline Johnson is being opposed for city secretary and tax assessor and collector by Mrs. Floyd Dowell.

ANNOUNCES FOR MAYOR.

In announcing for the office of mayor of the city of Merkel, Mr. Eltroyed the storage tanks and ware- liott issued the following statement: "After earnest solicitation from friends and due consideration on my

"I believe I realize some of the needs of our citizenship and also I believe The following letter accompanied I realize some of the needs of the town. I believe, where it is possible, we need

it should be done to the detriment of our town and citizenship. "I believe in progress and public We are handing you our check for improvement, but I also believe that we need to work together in harm

> are not a burden. "I also believe that our officers and I see it, we need harmony in order for

> "If I am elected, I will try to do my best interest of all and try to promote

harmony among all. "W. M. Ellioft." (Continued on Page Five.)

NAZARETHS.

I was at Deerfield Academy visiting my boy, and on the way back I had an hour between trains at Northampton. It was Sunday evening. The main street was almost deserted. I walked into a side street and past the little two-family house where Calvin Coolidge lived until a few weeks ago.

I went around to the old building in which he and his law partner used to have their modest offices. I stood in front of the square town hall. It was interesting to think of the days when he was mayor. One could picture him coming slowly up the street after breakfast.

" 'Morning, Cal," people would say. " 'Morning," he would answer.

And a stranger in the town would probably have exclaimed: "Is that your mayor, that quiet little fellow? He doesn't look like much."

President of the United States, the laughter would have echoed from one end of Main Street to the other. A few years later, when Coolidge had become governor of Massachusetts, a merchant in Boston named Frank Stearns began to make the presidential suggestion. He came to New York and persuaded a few of

If any one had suggested that the quiet little fellow might one day be

us Amherst graduates that the thing was not impossible. Even then the idea was usually greeted with smiles, especially by folks in Massachusetts. "That's all right for you fellows in New York," they said. "But distance lends enchantment. We are his neighbors; we know

And one of the wisest men in the Commonwealth remarked to the son of Frank Stearns: "Calvin Coolidge is nothing but a figment of your

father's imagination." Nazareth is the immortal illustration of the attitude of the home town. After Jesus had gone out into the world and become famous; after He had performed His miracles in Capernaeum and even in Jerusalem, He

went back home. A crowd of His old neighbors greeted Him in the synagogue, but there was no pride or confidence in their attitude. Their skeptical expres spoke louder than wells. "You may have fooled them in those towns, but we know you. You are only the boy who used to work in the carpenter shop." And the record says sadly; "He could do there i

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Making Properties Real Beauty Spots in Communities Served

tion of its physical properties through States now than at any time in its histhe planting and cultivation of parks tory. continuation of the same policy that established May 14, 1927. in every community served.

offices at Big Lake, Rankin, Throck- Bank of France and the Bank of Thursday morning. morton and Memphis landscaped. Gen- England reveal. erating plants at Lake Pauline and The total is the greatest ever achiev- children and 20 cents for others will Vernon and the ice plant and ice sales ed by any country in financial history, be charged. The lecture will be open station at Memphis will also be land- and is about two and one-half times to students and all other interested scaped and planted.

both locally and by visitors on its civ- siderably more than dollar for dollar will retain 50 per cent of the door ic beautification program and its work backing for all currency in circulation receipts for the school benefit fund. along these lines has often stimulated in this country. a greater activity among other prop- About \$280,000,000 was added to The potato figured on the bill of erty owners throughout the territory this country's monetary gold during fare of the American Indian cen-

report include the extension of elec- and \$8,000,000 was imported last tric, water and gas service, oil field week alone, principally from South construction work and the replacement | America and Central America and 2,190 and is the home of one tribe, the of equipment at several points.

Oil field construction work announced includes the building of lines near States and France, which together Iraan to serve the Corvette Oil com- hold \$7,000,000,000 of the world's topany at three locations. Three phase, tal of \$11,000,000,000, has been given 440 volt lines will furnish drilling and considerable attention in banking cirpumping power to one lease to two cles and there are indications of ten-

line will be replaced, and at Rising particularly has depeleted its resour-Star a portion of the primary and secondary distribution systems will be constructed. Both improvements will be made to improve present service.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all for their presence, kind words of consolation, the beautiful floral offerings and the help extended us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. Especially do we thank the Merkel Quartette, Mrs. Dunnegan, the Sweetwater and Dora operators and our dear neighbors, who have stood by us so faithfully.

May God bless you is our prayer. Mrs. P. E. Rape and Children.



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the amount in this country at the out- people. The attendance by students The company has been commended break of the World war. It is con- will be absolutely optional. The school

Other activities announced in the pean and South American countries saw it. Mexico.

Concentration of gold in the United Polk county. wells, and two leases of one well each. dencies which will bring a more equit-At Matador an important primary able distribution of the metal. Britain

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times constipation. Or diarrhea— i condition that should always be checked without delay. Just keep Castoria hands and give it promptly. Relief will follow very promptly; if it doesn't you should call a physician.

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ces. The situation is regarded as largely a postwar condition.

Lecture With Slides on Wonders of Carlsbad | lief."

On Thursday, April 2, just after the morning recess, Phil D. Smith of surrounding plants, offices and sta- The amount, \$4,685,000,000, reveal- the National Park Service will give tions has been a constant activity of ed in the weekly federal reserve state- a lecture in the Grammar School audithe West Texas Utilities company ment for March 18, is 42.5 per cent torium on the wonders of Carlsbad boy may be a future conqueror. Unsince its organization, and the latest of all the monetary gold in the world, Cavern. This lecture will be illus- fortunately, most of us can never beconstruction report from the local of- and is \$1,000,000 greater than the trated with 75 colored slides. Mr. fices of the company here indicates a previous high mark of \$4,684,000,000 Smith is a ranger of the National Fark Service, of Carlsbad Cavern, has made its properties beauty spots The figure is more than twice that and should prove interesting both to ourselves. of France which has maintained an those who have visited the cavern Shrubs, trees, flowers and other astonishing rate of gold imports more and those who have not. The lecture plants will be purchased and the than a year and is seven times that of and the showing of the slides will ocgrounds and parks surrounding local England, the weekly statements of the cupy one hour-from 10:45 to 11:45

An admission of 10 cents for school

the last year in imports from Euro- turies before the rest of the world

Texas has an Indian population of Alabamas, who have a reservation in

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THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One) might work, because of their unbe-

It's a wonderful thing to realize that Greatness is growing up somewhere around us all the time-that the most unprepossessing threckled lieve that the home town could possibly produce anything better than

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

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The condition of the average cotton farmer has grown more and more precarious for the past several years. Something must be done about it . . . and the man who can do the most to improve conditions is the farmer himself! The staple of our cotton must be improved.

We are heartily in accord with and unconditionally approve the the plan originally worked out by the TEXAS CERTIFIED COTTONSEED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION and furthered in our own county by the county agent and his.coworkers.

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ing sound of Maggie sobbing bitterly, interrupted him, and the driver, mutdeeply, as a child sobs and as if her tering something unintelligible that at the long rails, first cabin, tourist and you also know the merchants aphert would break.

presently 'Lizabeth said slowly: "It aloud the single disgusted word, girl standing bare-headed-in the seems like we have the worst luck of "Flat." any fam'ly in this city."

Her mother took the theme up readily.

Pop, up to this point, had been silent, as Pop generally was. Now, suddenly, he rose to his feet

and dashed to the ground the striped she said, hurrying them on. "Goodtea cloth he had been using as a nap-

"Maggie!" he shouted.

Immediately she was in the kitchen. "Maggie, we've had enough of this!" said Leonard Johnson, in a loud, authoritative voice. "I can't stand no more of it, and I ain't a-goin' to! You take that towel there and wash your eyes and fix your hair. And, Liz, you pack your sister some clothes! She's got seventeen minutes-if that clock's right-to catch the steamer, and she's goin' to catch it! She's goin' to get married on board today, or maybe in San Francisco or Los Angeles tomorrow or next day-you help her out there, Ma. Quick, now-while I ingly. "I've seen 'em twenty minutes girl had sprung from the launch to 'phone for a taxi!"

"Len, are you crazy?" Ma began royally. But Pop, crazy or not, was at least unafraid.

"You guit talking, Minnie," he said sharply, "and get up and stir your- ain't many of these cars can jump over self." Pop said tenderly, solicitously, or under trucks, you know. You'd do for whole minutes-minutes, to Maggie, guiding her to the sink, better to take your little suitcase and and the world looked on, and laughed, switching on the cold water, the furi- run for it." ous glare in his eyes as he looked at the other women in curious contrast to the gentleness of his voice when he addressed her. "In this envelope is my half-month's pay dearie," he said-"You keep your mouth closed, 'Lizabeth, till I give you leave to speak!" Pop interpolated fiercely-"and you can get yourself some clothes first place you stop. Hurry up there, Mathe taxi's li'ble to get here any min-

"Len-it seems like I'm going to her. faint," said Mrs. Johnson, pausing pathetically in the act of rushing Mag. gie's black silk dress and her new clothes into a suitcase and adding 'Liz abeth's best nightgown and the Chi- each other. "She's sailed, miss; she some time this afternoon," Joe said Ffair.

"Well, you faint, then, but let me get Maggie off first!" Len said briskly and heartlessly.

"Len, don't yell that way!" Ma said,

"And we ain't going to miss you. Maggie, and we ain't going to slump," the blue water. Len interrupted the frightened chorus ain't got but fourteen minutes."

Laughing, crying, but always clingamazing parent, Mary Margaret had clasped. only time to leave a hysterical goodgreasy sink.

Then they were all four jammed into a taxi, and racketing through gulped, and her wan little face twisted the Saturday morning streets, past the into a smile as she said simply: church, and the market, down the schoolhouse way-among the ware-

Their talk was incoherent-inconsequential-monosyllabic. "Can he make it?"

"He says he doesn't know. Depends on the traffic on River Street." "This ain't exactly an ideel weddin',

"Ah, don't, Pop. You'll make me

cry!" "Driver, we goin' to make it?"

"How much time have we?-Lean forward there, Pop, and see can you see the clock at Rubenstein's?"

And then, down outside the big freemarket, suddenly the agony of a halt. blue-coated figure approaching.

But Ma, even though speechless, was not entirely without resources. She dismounted from the taxi, met the policeman, and as an interested little rowd gathered, and before that offimotion heavily, into his arms.

Maggie sat back on the seat, holding Liz's hand, beginning to breathe

"Pop, can we make it?"

They could hear the rending, grind- a soothing long breath, as of relief, and marlinspikes of the other. The three exchanged glances, and curb, stopped the car, and uttered racing out from the city, and a small solicit your business and make spec-

> 'Lizabeth Johnson had sprung from the machine, hailed another taxi, ed high above it, like the hands of a pushed her father and sister into it, and shouted feverishly: "To the Allegria. Dock seventeen. Quick, now! I'll stay here and pay this man, Pop," corresponding commotion, and a tall, bye, Maggie darling, forgive me if look upon his face, broke through I've been mean to you, and have a good time, and don't worry."

> Then Maggie and her father were rushing on again; they had reached hung, and shouted: the piers at last, Pier Eleven, Pier Thirteen-still so far to go! And they got to go back! Don't take that ladcould see the big clock saying that the der down-wait a minute!" hour had come and gone. It was three minutes past eleven.

Maggie turned deadly white, but she managed an agonized smile of reassurance for her father.

"That's all right, Pop. We did our

"Maybe they didn't sail on the minlate!"

said feverishly.

lady!" the driver said, hurt. "There one else was crying, too.

"Do that, Maggie!" said the newly was her father. "I'll stay with him, dear. Look out where you go-ah God bless you, my darling!"

"God bless you-and thank you, Pop dearest!" she whispered.

Then Maggie was running-running face: like mad toward the big arched entrance that said, "Pier Seventeen." A coat, and was running long beside and everything!"

"The Davenport Line, miss?" "No-the Allegria!"

"Oh-" And his feet stopped, and them. hers, too, and they stared blankly at

As in a dream, Maggie stood still fascinating drama and comedy in one. on the rough, thick, splintery boards "And you're all invited!" of the dock, and looked through the weeping as she put on her black veiled great arched opening, and saw the ves- you!" Maggie whispered. sel, balanced like a beautiful great swan, not moving now, but far out on and writing rooms and dining rooms

to say loudly. "Now, you come on out minute, now, miss. Ain't that a with its bath. -put your gloves on in the taxi-we shame!" said the baggage boy sym-

ing tight to this newly found and fixed on the Allegria, her hands ship, and she careened slightly, and

bye with the dog, and the cat, and the looked up and saw it was Joe's father. beloved, despised, shabby kitchen, with With him was Joe's mother; she had its cooling coffee and congealing been crying, and his father's face sausages and limp dish towels and looked grave, and his lashes were wet,

But Maggie did not cry. She

"I was going with him. I couldn't -I couldn't bear it. But it seemshe's gone."

"You were going with him!" his father said, sharply.

"Here!" Where are the launches, boy?-Mayne's faunches - they're somewhere around here! This girl and boy aren't going to be any use apart, Lillian," he said to his wife, smiling, yet blinking tears from his eyes. "Let em both go off to Japan and console each other!"

He was hurrying them along the dock, and Maggie found her hands filled with big green bills from Joe's father, and found herself kissing him, and liking the firm, fatherly embrace, An officer's imperative whistle and and-much more amazing!-received a perfumed, powdery, half-crying kiss

from Joe's magnificent mother, too. She was helped into a dancing little launch, the dirty surface of the water was bubbling close beside her. They were cleaving a straight track toward er could speak, fainted from sheer the big liner, and Maggie, leaning over the bow of the launch, was straining "She's all right-go on," Pop said toward it, was clapping her two hands over her head to attract its attention, to hold it one minute-one half-min-

The pilot's tug was alongside, ready to cast off from the sheer great side "We could, dearie, if nothing else of the steamer; a rope ladder dangled happens," Pop was beginning doubt- from the high steerage deck of the

launch, an aureole of gold blowing about her head, and her hands clapsmall martyr at the stake.

And sudednly, in their own ranks, on the steamer's deck, there was a lean boy, with a desperate and anxious them, ran down a companionway, and another companionway, to the break in the railing where the pilot's ladder

"Wait a minute, down there; I've

Then-so quickly that even during the whole long voyage, with the blissful young bride and groom affording a reminder before their very eyes some of the passengers couldn't remember in exactly what order it all occurred-then the flying launch had reached the pilot's tug, and the boy ute," said the new driver encourag- had descended the rope ladder, and the the tug, and there was a double scream "Oh, go on, then-go on!" the girl of "Maggie!" and "Joe!" and the two young things were in each other's "I can't go no faster than this, jarms, and crying-not but what every-

They stood on the rocking tug and wiped its eyes, and they neither knew nor cared. And it was only authoritative and decisive man who when the great Allegria actually blew her whistle and the little tug blew hers that Joe put his arm about Mary Margaret Johnson and said, dazedly and happily, without moving his hungry eyes from her exquisite and radiant

"Come on, darling, we've got a lot to do-we've got to start to Japan, and baggage boy had caught her bag and get married, and have lunch, and talk, One spoonful in water neutralizes many

> And then they negotiated the ropemade an aisle across the deck for them.

"We're going to have a wedding, se wrapper she herself had won at went out on time, this morning," the excitedly, and proudly and youthfully, boy said. "That's her-out there in to the lingering groups that simply couldn't disperse in the face of this

"Oh, thank you-thank you-thank

And Joe showed her boats and ropes and a Japanese baby in the steerage "The pilot's going to drop her any and his own big cabin-their cabin

"You'll hear the bugle for lunch, soon," he exulted, as the cool sweet The girl did not stir. Her eyes were ocean airs began to blow over the the colour was whipped into Maggie's Somebody touched her arm, and she face, and the gulls and the city drop-

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ped farther behind-and farther be hind-and farther behind. "You don't mind that rocking. You're a wonder! You're going to love it, at sea."

"I shouldn't wonder if it's the ideal life, Joe," said Mary Margaret. THE END.

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WHICH IS TEXAS' OLDEST WEEKLY?

is of interest chiefly to newspaper folk, but reading the daily newspapers faith." of the past few days one has noticed that the Bastrop Advertiser is gathering material for a special edition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the town. The Advertiser has been in existence 78 years, having been established March 1, 1853, and is reported in the daily press to be the oldest weekly newspaper in Texas.

Seventy-eight years is a long span in the life of newspapers, but the records show that the Huntsville Item, founded in 1850 by G. Robinson, antedates the Bastrop weekly by nearly three years. The Huntsville paper celebrated its diamond anniversary in 1925, it will be recalled.

The Bastrop Advertiser remained under the ownership of the same family for forty years, having been founded by T. C. Cain and later owned and published by his son, T. W. Cain, now a resident of Austin.

Paralleling the Bastrop contemporary, but going it a decade better, the Huntsville Item was under the ownership of the Robinson family for 50 years, having been founded in 1850 by G. Robinson. A son of the latter George Robinson, was associated with his father in the publication of the Item until he went to Belton, where he purchased the Belton Journal. Later he became one of the owners of the Waco Times-Herald, of which he was editor for a long period. After his brother left Huntsville, Fred Robinson succeeded to his place with their father and took charge of the of the owners of the Waco Times- also fought with beasts at Ephesus meeting. Let us work, pray and ex-

When the sale of the Times-Herald was made to a New Orleans publisher in 1927 and was transferred at once to the ownership of the Southern Publishing company, Waco, also publishes of the Waco News-Tribune, George Robinson retired from the newspaper field, but Fred is still connected with the News-Tribune, editing "With the

of The Mail was, through his father, and eighteenth verses Paul's commislinked with both of the Texas weeklies referred to. As a young compositor, not out of school, my father learned the printer's trade at the cases in the ownership of the beloved Captain der that they might receive forgiveoffice when visiting relatives in Bastrop in later years. And, when George Robinson went to Belton, he was joined in a short while by my father, who became business manager of the lat- to do. When the end of our lives is ter's Belton Journal. The two went near, will we be able to say with the to Waco together and my father was there associated in the ownership of the duties that God has enjoined on us the Waco Times-Herald with George and Fred Robinson, sons of the founder of the Huntsville Item. Upon the of the Lord." death of my father, the writer took his place in the corporation and was then asociated with the Robinsons for some fourteen years.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during the illness of our wife and daughter; also to Doctor Grimes, the nurses and hospital attendants. Especially do we wish to thank those neighbors who plowed my crop and assisted in many material ways, while I was not in position to devote full time to the work.

Henry Young and Family.

Veteran Actor Dies.

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 26. Edward Hanlon, 84, last of the fam ous "Six Hanlons," celebrated acrobats and pantomimists of 50 years died here Sunday.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

Urging preparedness to meet death, Rev. W. P. Sibley in the weekly sermonette for readers of The Mail, printed herewith, cites the example of the great apostle Paul, who said: Newspaper history, it is conceded, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the

"Being Ready to Meet Death." "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at ! hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."- 2 Tim. 4:6-7.

I do not know any subject any more appropriate than being ready for the dying hour. "For it is appointed uno man once to die, but after death the judgment."-Heb. 9:27.

There is something very peculiar about Paul's writing. So far as I know all denominations claim Paul and seem to think that he preached just their line of teaching, and I am willing to take Paul's testimony.

In giving the charge to Timothy he tells him to preach the word and to make full proof of his ministry; and knowing that he was soon to be beheaded he makes the emphatic statement "I am now ready to be offered."

Paul gave three reasons for being ready. First: I have fought a good fight; second: I have finished my course, and, third: I have kept the faith. I am wondering if when we ome down to the last moments of tion during the Union Revival and life we can say with Paul that we next Sunday the meeting is to be held have fought a good fight.

From the time of his conversion on the road to Damascus until the end, Paul fought bravely. When he was dragged outside the city walls at Listra and left, thought to be dead, God E. O. Carson as leader. carried him to the third heaven and showed him things unlawful to be uttered. Then when he was locked in and through all the difficulties of life pect a great revival. ne never falled to stand true to God. The services will be at the Presbyder that we might be awarded a crown 7:45 p. m. of 'righteousness when life's journey

When Paul said, "I have finished had done exactly what God had told him to do. We find recorded in The Church of Christ at Wheeler, Texas, Acts of the Aspostle the twenty-sixth will preach for us next Lord's Day. Now, a word personal. The editor chapter and the sixteenth, seventeenth, sion. First: he was to go to the Gentile nation. Second: he was to open their eyes and, third; he was to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. "In orness of sins and an inhertance among them that are sanetified by faith in apostle that we have performed all present for Sunday School.

I do not know all that is embodied in the statement, that I have kept the faith, but I think he meant to say that he had contended for the fundamentals of the Christian religion. He each Thursday evening 7:30 p. m. believed the Bible account of creation, he believed there was a hell for the final impenitent and that there was a Heaven to gain for those who appearing."

May we all be able to say with the apostle-"I am now ready to be of- in the picture. fered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, ly at 6:30 p. m. There will be no I have finished my course, I have kept preaching service at the evening hour

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. For the first time in 1931 the Sunday School attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel ast Sunday exceeded 800, the exact total being 821, with the Baptist Sun-Izer. day School showing the largest numper present, 320. The attendance at the Methodist Sunday School was only 10 less, 310, and the numbers present | Haynes. at the other Sunday Schools were: Church of Christ, 93; Presbyterian, 68, and Nazarene, 30.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING. The Sunday afternoon prayer serINTEREST GROWS IN UNION REVIVAL.

Characterized with daily growing interest, the Union Revival, sponsored by men of the Men's Prayer Service, now under way at the Presbymany to a more active Christian life and large numbers are in attendance at all the services, which are held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Local pastors are doing the preaching and the song service is in charge pard, J. M. Meek, O. B. Tatum, J. S. of Cyrus Pee and Harry Burnett, with Swann, F. B. Causseaux, J. H. En-Mrs. C. W. Delmer pianist.

for the morning service at the Presbyterian church, except the Baptist Barnes. church where a special Missionary Day program had previously been announced, but the Baptist congregation will join in the Sunday evening service of the Union Revival.

Special music is to be rendered at the Sunday morning service by Delmer's Quartette and Sunday evening by the Men's chorus, who were heard at the Laymen's service last Sunday evening.

Lynr McSpadden will give a violin solo at the Friday night service and the Salt Branch Quartette is to sing Saturday night.

Services will continue throughout next week twice daily.

vice will continue without interrupwill be the twenty-sixth enapter of and Merle and Marion Delmer. Matthew. Last Sunday the meeting! was held at the Baptist church, with will meet with Mrs. J. T. King for the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Ou' atthe Phillippian jail he and Silas sang tendance should be above the average and prayed at midnight and God shook during the revival. The attendance the old jail and gave them liberty. He and interest fine so far during the

So let us all be true to our trust in or- terian church Sunday at 11 a. m. and

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother Ollie Dial, minister of the You are cordially invited to hear him. lows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 vices 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' services at 6:30 p. m., ladies Bible study at 2 p. m. Tuesday, and Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH. We had real good interest in the service Sunday morning-about 30 were

The night service was dismissed in to do? If so, we can hear that welcome order that we might cooperate in the progress at this time should engage plaudit, "Enter thou into the joys Union revival which began last Sun- the serious thought and effort and day at the Presbyterian church.

You are always welcome to come to our services.

Sunday School each Sunday beginning at 9:45 a. m. Frayer meeting Christ. "He that winneth souls is W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. met Bible conditions. He also believed member of the Baptist church should next Sunday. Last reports were to in the resurrection of the dead and be present next Sunday at 11 a. m. in the second coming of our Lord. First, it is Missionary Day in all the "And from thenceforth there is laid Sunday Schools of the Southern Bapup for me a crown of righteousness tist convention. Be present and do which the Lord the righteous judge your part. Second, it is the day when shall give me in that day; not to me we are to make photographs of our only but unto all them that love his Sunday School to be used in our coming Sunday School convention. Let every member of the Sunday School be

> The young people will meet prompt. on acount of the Union Revival. J. T. King, Pastor.

POST SENIOR B. Y. P. U. Scripture-Romans 10:1-15. "The Jews," Mrs. T. E. Collins. "The Missionary," Miss Vennie Hei-

"The Work," Byars Petty. "The Negroes," Mrs. L. B. Scott.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

next Tuesday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. gery of wash-day. Sam Swann for visiting. On the fol- THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. lowing Tuesday, April 7, the circle



Members of the Dorcas Sunday School class were most graciously entertained in the home of Mrs. Chas. West, with Mesdames Jim Meek, O. B. Tatum, Chas. West and W. L. Johnson, Sr., co-hostesses, on Thursday afternoon, March 19. The devotional terian church, has talready stirred was given by Mrs. Johnson, followed with prayer by Mrs. Meek.

Several contests were held which caused much interest. A delicious salad plate with lemonade was served to Mesdames C. M. Largent, S. W. Shepsminger, C. P. Stevens, Chas. West, Sunday all the churches will unite and W. L. Johnson. Visitors were Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and Little Glenn

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle met in the home of Mrs. Chas. West on Mc thinks some visions need no word Tuesday afternoon, March 24. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. S. Swann and Mrs. Causseaux directed an interesting Bible lesson. Then followed a short business period, after which the guests enjoyed a social hour with Mrs. West. The circle will meet with Mrs. T. E. Collins Tuesday, March 31.

WEINER ROAST.

On Saturday evening a gay crowd set out via the banana wagon for Blowout mountain in search of the "idea!" camp spot for the roasting of sausages and when found a delicious outdoor meal was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, Misses Anna at the Presbyterian church, with Hor- Lou Russell and Mary Hutcheson, bert Patterson as leader. The lesson Messrs. Ralph Duke, A. J. Tucker,

regular session.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. P. U. WILL MEET HERE NEXT SUNDAY. The associational B. Y. P. U. of the

Sweetwater Baptist association, of which Ralph Grant is president and C. D. Owen, association missionary, will meet at the First Baptist church here next Sunday, March 29. Special ten-minute talks on train-

ing will be given by three speakers, C. G. Sewell of Tuscola discussing "Training for Prayer-Life," Thomas Cole of Sweetwater speaking on Training fo. Stewardship," and the Rev. C. A. Powell of Abilene talking on "Training for Soul Winning."

Taylor McCasland, educational director of the First Baptist church, Sweetwater, will talk on the subject, Our services for the week are as fol- "Why the Associational B. Y. P. U.?" A program of special music will be a. m., preaching and communion ser- under the direction of Curtis Owen

> The meeting will open at 2 o'clock with a song service led by C. E. Meredith of Simmons university, and Miss Lula Hassey of Tye will conduct the devotional. Time is provided for a brief business session, when banners will be awarded.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

There is just one major object Tor our church at this time. The revival in attention of every Christian.

No man can be engaged in a more worthy work than persuading men to accept the life and principles of wise."

Regular Sunday School services at 9:45. The attendance last Sunday was fine. Present prospects are that Bur-Two important reasons why every gess and Patterson will be present the effect that recovery was progressing satisfactorily.

Women were three in the majority last Sunday. Will they repeat?

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Prayer. Song No. 162. Leader, Mollie Frank Touchstone. Scripture lesson, by leader. Bible story, Robbie Walker, Quartette, J. V. Patterson, Truett Patterson, Holt Vaughn, George H.

Buford. Bible story, Holt Vaughn.

Benediction.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. We want all the families and business houses of Merkel as our customers and feel sure that you will be as well pleased as are hundreds of our "The Mountain People," Mrs. Bill regular customers. We call for and deliver promptly. Just give us a trial and see for yourself. Also just think what a difference it will make to the The Elkin Lockett circle will meet housewifg to be relieved of the drud-

Mrs. Jay, Manager.

THE MOON THRU A WINDMILL BLADE.

Turning and winding, Squeaking and grinding, And sometimes finding, A wisp of truant beauty for us all.

I saw the moon rise thru a windmill blade.

A great ball of fire, Higher yet higher, As the from the mire, With clouds like smoke before it and it made

his mind. For phrase or word, Like the note of a bird, Or some poem he'd heard,

or pen.

to find.

Words grow so sooty, They fail in their duty. Just drink in the beauty, Then store it in your mind for use again.

-Mary A. Delmer.

Drop in and examine G. M. Sharp's stock of Grain and Field Seed at the Crown Hardware corner.

Final Check-Up On School Census Before April 1st

Carl Black, who is taking the school My little town is full of windmills tall, census for Merkel, is now making his fina! check-up. His count will be smaller than last year. It is very important that every child living in the district during the month of March be enumerated.

Every child that will be 6 or over and will still be under 18 on next September 1 should be enumerated. This should be done, whether the child is in school now or not; whether the child plans to attend next year or not, whether he is married or single, whether he is in college or not, makes The most prosaic gasp, and search no difference. Just so his home is Merkel and he is under 18, he should be on the school census.

If you know of any such child that you think has not been enumerated on To 'scribe it, but 'twas passing hard this census, please telephone Supt. Burgess at No. 174 at once.

"Everyone we miss," Supt. Burgess states, "means \$17.50 we have missed getting from the state apportionment. The co-operation of all in this matter this week (before April 1) will be greatly appreciated and very valuable."

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

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In order to get the few odd-sized tires in our stock into the hands of car-owners while they are fresh and serviceable-we make the following low prices:

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1-4.40 21 (sample), each	\$4.50
1-4.75 19, each	86.50
1-4.75 21, each	\$6.75
1-4.95 21 (500 21) each	\$7.00
1-5.25 20, each	\$8.25
1-6.00 18, each	\$11.00
1—6.00119, each	\$11.25
2—6.00 21, each	\$11.50

FIRESTONE OLDFIELD

1-4.75 21, each		\$5.90
1-5.00 20, each	1	\$6.00
1-5.00 21, each		\$6.15
1-5.25 20, each		\$7.00

TUBES 6-4.40 21 Firestone, each \$1.00

If you have a car that will use any of these sizes, it will pay you to take advantage of this offer.

A complete stock of those famous FIRESTONE TIRES—the largest and freshest in town-

AT PRICES THE LOWEST IN FIRESTONE HISTORY

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Merkel's Complete Auto Supply House

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NEW PRICES ON KODAK FINISHING-ENLARGING

(One Day Service-Special Attention to Mail Orders)

V. P. No. 127 Size 1 5-8x 2 1-2, price, each print 3c
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No. 122 P. C. Size 3 1-4x 5 1-2, price each print5c

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Enlargements 5x7, each 50c Colored, each Erlargements 6x8, each 65c Colored, each Enlargements 8x10, each, .65c Colored, each

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Merkel, Texas



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FOR SALE-Farmalls and epuipplements, cream separators, milking machines and feed grinders. We trade for and sell horses and mules. See Harry Barnett, Adams and Leverett, 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.

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

FOR SALE-C. C. Farm Type Case tractors; will trade for saleable stock or merchandise; also have combines, For Alderman (Two to be elected:) threshers, binders and farm machinery of all kinds. Liberty Hardware Company.

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

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

FOR SALE-First year Mulberry cotton seed; \$1.00 per bushel, A. J Barbee, Merkel, Texas. Route 2.

FOR SALE-One pair of mules. J. come. T. Warren.

WANTED

HAVE YOUR PLANTING SEED culled; 8 cents per bushel, or will take seed in payment. Bryan Dunagin, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

DROF IN and see our complete line movement, whether he has entered of upholstering; will trade for your the Yard and Garden contest or not. old, furniture. J. T. Darsey.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT CHEAP-6-room house in charge to announce the list of prizwith all modern conveniences; 4-room es in next week's issue of The Mail. house with lights and gas, and a 3room furnished apartment. S. F. Hay-

FOR RENT-4 room house, all modern conveniences. Phone 165.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Two sows, south of town. Notify Henry Ellerbee, Merkel, Texas.

Lost-Tan colored, woolly pup. Reward. Notify Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

LOST-Black shawl between Ed's Cafe and High School. Reward. Mrs. E. L. Turner.

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 weeks previous to the return day hereof, 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, Texas, on the third Monday in April A. D. 1931, the same being the 20th at Liberty Hardware Co.

day of April A. D. 1931, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of March A. D. 1931, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 8792-A, wherein Chick (Lonnie) McDougal, is Plaintiff, and Vera Mae McDougal, is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and defendant FOR SALE-Cormsh Game eggs, were married on or about July 8th, \$1,00 per setting. Robert H. Hicks at 1927, and separated on or about December 1st, 1927; plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, all of which is ment; also McCormick-Deering im-fully alleged in his original petition. Herein Fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon,

showing how you have executed the Given under my hand and seal of aid Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 10th day of March A. D. 1931. Belle Wellborn, Clerk,

By Zola McKee, Deputy. ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Court Taylor County, Texas.

POLITICAL For Mayor:

W. M. ELLIOTT.

A. T. SHEPPARD (Re-election.) LEN SUBLETT.

L. L. MURRAY. For City Secretary and Tax Assessor and Collector:

MRS. FLOYD DOWELL. MISS PAULINE JOHNSON (Reelection.)

LODGE NOTICES



Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors wel-

Andy Shouse, W. M. C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

Yard and Garden

(Continued from Page One)

Up Week" in Merkel and the co-operation of all citizens is urged in this Full details of the plan for "Clean-

Up Week" will be announced in The Mail next, week. It is also planned by the committee

LIST OF ENTRIES.

Up to noon Thursday the following entries had been received in the Yard

and Garden contest: Mrs. Allen McGehee. Mrs. J. E. Richardson. Mrs. A. J. Canon. Mrs. George Caple. Dr. W. M. Gambill. Mrs. Mack Buzbee. Mrs. Roy Miller. Miss Iris Garrett. Mrs. E. O. Carson. Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Methodist church.

Mrs. Pick Allen.

B. E. Dalton.

Mrs. John Wheeler.

Mrs. Walter Boden.

Mrs. Hale Lancaster.

Mrs. C. K. Russell.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins.

Mrs. Len Sublett.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

Mrs. J. S. Bickley.

Missie Dye.

Sie Hamm.

\$10.00 IN GOLD

THREE BIG PRIZES

\$7.50 IN MERCHANDISE—SECOND PRIZE

Saturday, April 4th, we are holding a GASOLINE MILEAGE

CONTEST for MODEL A FORD Owners. Tune your car up and

allow you 25 per cent discount on your bill if same is in the amount

Ladies Are Especially Invited to Participate.

See us for further details.

MERKEL MOTOR CO.

\$5.00 IN MERCHANDISE—THIRD PRIZE

\$10.00 IN GOLD—FIRST PRIZE

Mrs. John West.

Mrs. Edward McCrary.

J. D. Ashby.

Mrs. J. T. Warren. Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. A. T. Sheppard. Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

have insisted on me allowing my name to be placed on the ticket for one of your aldermen and after serious thought I have decided to do so.

"As you all know, my name was on the ticket one year ago and at that time I was defeated by only three votes and I want to say that I do not See Case Farm Type Tractors have words to express my appreciation to those that voted for me and have no ill feeling for those that voted against

> "I have lived with my family in your midst for the past eight years and, if my life and conduct has been such before you that you think I will stand and work for the things that will make this town a better place to live in and raise your family and mine,

"I believe I am fully aware of some of the needs of the town and citizenship. I do not have the time to go into detail, as I see them all, but, first, I will say I believe in progress and public improvements where it is for win one of the prizes. Or, if you want us to tune your car we will the best interests of all the people or as a majority; second, I believe the board and people should work in harmony and cut every expense possible, not to be detrimental to the citizen-

ship and town. "I also believe we should, if possible, work to lower our taxes so that they will not be such a burden, but a sure to know what you are pay-in taxes is going for something

DELIVERING BABY CHICKS BY THE TON.



the people.

The picture shows the delivery of one ton of baby chicks by Kirk's Hatchery, Abilene, to the Farmers State bank of this city, through whom they were supplied to customers of the bank. The shipment includes close to 10,000 chicks.

In February the Farmers State bank announced the offer of three cash prizes: \$15.00 for first, \$7.50 for second, and \$2.50 for third, for the ones having the greatest survival of chicks by October 15, this year, out of lots of 100, which the bank arranged to furnish through the Kirk Hatchery to wives of their farmer customers at a special price.

So far it is announced that shipments have exceeded 12,000 baby

City Politics

(Continued from Page One.) BONEY WITHDRAWS.

Mr. Boney's statement, announcing his withdrawal from the contest for

"At the earnest and repeated solicitation of my friends I allowed my name, in last week's issue of the Merkel Mail, to be offered as a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of

"Since that time I have been advised that Mr. W. M. Elliott, one of Merkel's best citizens, has agreed to become a candidate for the same office.

"Feeling that he is well qualified for this position and that he will make the race on virtually the same platform as that on which I announced and that he will have more time than I to devote to the affairs of the office, if elected, and in keeping with my sincere and heretofore expressed desire that the coming election may be kept entirely free from partisan politics, I have concluded to withdraw my candidacy and to support Mr. Elliott. It is my conviction that when a man of his character and qualification can be induced to offer to serve the city in this capacity that he is entitled to the unanimous support of the voters. Had I known, last week, that he could be prevailed upon to make this race I would not have consented to the announcement of my candidacy.

"I wish to thank those of you who have heretofore shown an interest in my candicacy and to assure you that I appreciate your many expressions of confidence.

"W. O. Boney."

MURRAY FOR ALDERMAN.

In announcing for place as one of the two aldermen to be elected, L. L. Murray gave out the following state-

"For sometime several of my friends

will appreciate your support.

we should maintain these two first of \$5.00. Two cars of choice year all. I believe also we should keep the were taken at \$8.25. Bulls were very very best equipment for our fire de- scarce, a few sales of individua partment, as that means much to all reaching \$3.75. Heavy calves in the people.

"Lastly, I will say I believe the taxat least once each year or I shall tell the market being steady. Shorn lambs you why.

"L.L. Murray."

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, March 26 .-Moderate Wednesday receipts of cattle and calves arrived, the estimate that is for the best interests of all calling for 3,100 head. The market was generally unchanged, but beef "I believe the water and sewer sys- sters met with a decidedly weak detems, which are already installed and mand and it was late before anything Worth market. which are worth so much to the town much was finding an outlet.

-especially the sewer system means | No choice beeves were available, the so much to our schools and the busi- most desirable around selling at \$6.00 or 61.

ness section of the town-I believe to \$6.50. Cows sold as singles up package lots up to \$7.25.

Rail hogs sold on a 5c lower basis, payers should know what every dol- the best going at \$7.95, but truck conlar of their money is spent for and, signments gained 5c, the top being if you see fit to elect me to this place, \$7.85. Receipts amounted to 900 head. you shall have that laid before you Genuine lambs made \$8.50 to \$10.00, sold mostly at \$6.35 to \$6.75 and were 25c lower than at last week's close. Wethers were about steady, choice twos going at \$5.50 and aged sheep bringing \$4.00. Receipts amounted to 11,000 head.

Cattle Movement.

Jim Patterson shipped a car of mixed cattle Sunday and the following day Baker and Collins shipped a carlot of mixed cattle, both for the Fort

If you have any visitors, Phone 29

We Are Now Ready

to serve you better with groceries that are clean and sanitary. We will be very glad to have you visit our store and inspect our new arrangement. We have just completed a three weeks overhauling and rearranging of our grocery stock. We have added every new feature available for the convenience and safety of our customers.

If you wish, you may now go through our stock and choose your own groceries, or you may be waited on, as before, by a clerk who is eager to serve you to your best advantage. Remember, too, that we are still delighted to have you call us over the telephone for your wants, which will be supplied just the same as if you were here in person.

Saturday is to be our opening day. Be here and get your cup of WOMAN'S CLUB COFFEE.

Coffee and Pecan Pie Free to the ladies; Coffee and Sandwiches FREE to the men.

With each purchase of a three pound can of WOMAN'S CLUB COFFEE, on Saturday, we will give FREE a number two can of Heart's Delight peaches.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COFFEE, Woman's Club, 3 lb.

can and a No. 2 can Peaches. \$1.08

MEAL, 20 lb. sack cream 50c CRACKERS, 3 lbs., Brown's 30c

BEANS, Pinto, recleaned 10 lbs. for

LARD, 8 lbs., Swift Jewell 89c RICE, 2 lbs., Watermaid **OATS, 3 Minute China**

BAKING POWDER, 1 lb. Calumet

FLOUR, 48 lb. LaFrance \$1.35 SUGAR, 25 lbs., pure cane \$1.35

BE SURE TO SEE THE CINDERELLA WASHER IN ACTION

West Company "Forty-Two Years In Merkel" Phone WE DELIVER

Here is the "WESTERN" you have been waiting for

TIGER EYE

By B. M. BOWER

Rather than become a killer himself, Tiger Eye Reeves left his feudscarred home down on the Brazos in Texas and went to Montana, looking for a job as cowboy.

As a scout for the Poole outfit, who were waging war against "nesters," the kid meets Nellie Murray. He sees her father, a nester, shot down in cold blood in front of his own door by a Poole rider.

It is then that he vows war against all killers.

But can be turn traitor to the Poole, about which he hears dark and sinister revelations? Can he go back on his resolve never to be a killer himself?

> Read how he works himself out of this TERRIBLE DILEMMA at the risk of his life.

STARTS NEXT WEEK IN THE MERKEL MAIL

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Rev. U. S. Sherrfil and Mesdames Ross Young, E. L. Mangum and R. B. McRec, Sr., attended the workers meeting at Anson last Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Pennal and children of Sweetwater were week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry and daughter, Gene, and little son, H. B., of Clyde were guests in the A. C. Terry home Saturday.

Miss Marjory Adrian spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Mr and Mrs. C. T. Beckham went to Temple last Sunday. Mrs. Strawn, who has been in ill health recently, will go through the clinic of Scott and White hospital and Mr. and Mrs. Beckham will visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goode and Mrs. W. B. Goode attended the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. Will McCombs, of Rotan last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rutherford of Floydada were recent guests of Mrs. Rutherford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Smith.

Misses Mattie and Fannie Scott of Abilene visited friends here Sunday evening.

Miss Norene Weaver had as her guests Sunday evening her cousins, Miss Bertha and Bryan Weaver, of

Mr. and Mr. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin were visiting friends here Sunday af-

Miss Beatrice Burleson of Abilene was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dudley, last week.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman has returned home after a stay of several weeks with Mrs. E. E. Biggs of Pecos. She left Mrs. Biggs much improved in health.

Mrs. Phoebe Green of Lamesa is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ab Ves- Orsborn, 90. sells.

Rev. H. B. White of Byers visited his daughter, Mrs. Buster Edwards, last Monday.

Mr. Joe Boone of Amarillo, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis, came Sunday for a short visit scholastic League meet in Abilene, as ing. with the former's mother. They requite a number of them are working turned by way of Hermleigh where for different entries. they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. English and Miss Perle Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watson and daughter, Miss Johnnie, of Sweetwater visited relatives here last Sunday.

Miss Lucy Burch of Mobelle is visiting Rev. and Mrs. U. S. Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards had as their guests for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coppedge and Miss Mattie Lou Couch of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neil of Hamlin visited relatives here Sunday.

The members of the Senior Enworth league spent a most enjoyable even-E. church, dressed as hoboes they went Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Friday. to different homes where they received sandwiches, cakes and other nice things to eat, and returning to the church they were served with hot coffee. Those enjoying the occasion were: Misses Florence Sherman, Victorene Bishop, Mary Jo Howell, Mediah Rawlings, Veta and Willie Orand, Messrs. Leonard Stribling, J. P. Orand, Oscar Sherrill Bishop, Rev. U. S. Sherrill the world, more than half are in and Mrs. Ross Young.

The Trent Public schools will receive \$3,200 insurance for fire damage to the two-story brick school building, which was partially swept by fire of undetermined origin on the night of March 6.

REVIVAL STARTS NEXT SUNDAY.

The revival at the Methodist church will begin next Sunday, March 29th, at 11 a. m. Rev. W. B. Morton of Abilene, conference evangelist of the Northwest Texas annual conference, will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to come and take part in all these meetings. If you sing, come and help with the singing; if you don't sing, come and enjoy the services anyway. If you are a child of the Heavenly Father will you not pray the Father, that He will give us a gracious spiritual revival, and a mighty evangelization of the whole com-

"With God all things are possible Matt. 19:26.

"Give God a chance." Services morning and night. Ural S. Sherrill, Pastor.

See Case Farm Type Tractors at Liberty Hardware Co.

For Sale-Second hand Farmall tractor, with full equipment, in good condition; at a bargain. See Mrs. D. Hutcheson. Phone 179.

COMPERE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown and daughter, Ima, and granddaughter, Ruth Estelle Pursley, of Sylvester visited Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Milner Sunday afternoon.

Singing at this place was well attended Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Walker of Abilene filled

"Grandmother" Palmer returned Saturday from an extended visit with

relatives in Fort Worth. School visitors the past week were: Mrs. C. C. Rister and daughter, Miss

Miss Ina Mae Childers. H. C. Palmer and son, John Henry,

were Merkel visitors Monday. Miss Gert ude Harris spent the of school, week-end with her parents near Hod-

Ross Merritt goes "Dear" hunting at the Bland ranch pretty often these pretty days. No capture has been reported yet.

The farmers of this community are getting their land in good order and good rain would be very beneficial.

Blair School News

The following pupils have made the onor roll for the fifth month: Frimer: Nina Orsborn, 95; Madlyn Brown, 93; Therese Fae Dulin, 90; Bonnie Fae Zimmerman, 91; Lloyd

Haire, 95; Wallace Melton, 92. dred Madderra, 92; G. C. Burk, 90; Clyde Deavers, Jr., 93.

Second: Lena Fae Orsborn, 91; other places now. Evelyn Latimer, 95; Madalene Addi- Little Jo Ann, daughter of Mr. and Third: Joy Doan, 92; Orie Lee Mad- ing.

derra, 91. Fourth: Louise Addison, 92.

Sixth: Cdell Latimer, 92. Eighth: Marcus Clinton, 90. Tenth: Lena Lee Domere, 91; Zuma

School will be dismissed Friday for and family at Wichita Falls.

Hodges Happenings.

and Mrs. C. M. Walsh visited Mr. M. with breakfast. Carter and family Saturday night. Mrs. Neely Spradlin and Charles

Walsh, Jr., spent the week-end at Tye ing last Thursday. Meeting at the M. Stith spent the day with her parents, who resigned.

The party given by Mrs. Bill Mashburn was well attended Saturday

Mr. Carl Thomas and family of Merkel and L. M. Walsh and family as at Warren Sunday

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GOLAN NEWS

We are having plenty of sandtorms for all.

School last Sunday than usual. We are excellent outlook. glad warm weather is near and hope to increase Sunday's number. Every- list at this writing. one is invited to come.

Ruby, and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey and a number of visitors were present to Oklahoma Thursday. enjoy the program.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of Duncan, Okla., came Friday for an extended visit with her son, W. C. Hill.

Miss Audra Dell Hudspeth of Abinight and Sunday. E. S. and J. T. Williams were in

Roby on business Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Cap James were Goan and Newman visitors Sunday.

White Church News

This part of the Canyon was blessed with a good rain last Thursday. Quite a few of the farmers are planting feed.

We had a large crowd at the ceme First grade: Mary Lou Hughes, 93; tery working last Thursday and the Frances Peterson, 94; Ima Gene Ros- cemetery is all cleaned up. The day was son, 93; Dessie Marie Baker, 92; Mil- leatured with a basket dinner at the church at noon, with several old settlers present, some of them living at

on, 95, and Noma Lee Clinton, 93. Mrs. Beryl Brown, is sick at this writ-

The White Church league rendered its anniversary program Sunday night Fifth: Margie Mellon, 93; Catherine and we certainly appreciate the large crowd present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson en tertained with a party Saturday night. ed home from a visit to her brother Saturday night of John Reece of tion. John Palmer won second place

Mrs. H. West is sick at this writ-

Restaurant Price War.

Mercedes, March 26 .- A restaurant price war has made this Rio Grande valley town a "ham and eggers" para-Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruton visited dise, "ham and" selling for 15 cents Mrs. Rex Holder at Tye Sunday. and other prices being reduced from Mr. and Mrs. Cody Stevenson, Mr. 30 to 50 per cent. Grapefruit, bumper and Mrs. Stanley Waiker and Mr. crop of the valley, was given free

Newspaper Man Named.

Washington, March 26 .- Theodore visiting Marion Spradlin and family. Joslin, Washington correspondent of John Ackens and Emsey Faiks have the Boston Trangcript has been seleceach purchased a new Farmall tractor, ted by President Hoover to be his Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dusican of secretary, succeeding George Akerson,

ILL OFEKATE THRASHER.

To the Farmers in Merkel Territory We have bought a new thrashing machine of standard make, complete outfit, engine, sparator, etc., and will spent the day with Mrs. C. E. Thom- be prepared to thrash your grain this season. We want to give notice that we will be ready to serve you when

> A. J. Barbee. J. S. Bird.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. Tarver and family spent Sun- in years, the farmers have between Sweetwater Saturday. day in Sweetwater visiting a sister. 80 and 90 per cent of their land put Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, little Brother Biggs filled his fourth Sun- up ready for planting. Frequent rains Miss Vanita and Mr. K. D. Jones of day appointment here Sunday morn- and snows of the winter and the un- Sidney were Sunday guests of Mr. and Epworth league Sunday night, with ing at 11 and Sunday evening at 7:30. usually fine weather which has per- Mrs. J. L. Douglas. Our Sunday School secretary re- mitted plowing earlier than in most Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his reg- meets every Sunday night at 7:30. his regular appointment here Sun- ported quite a few more in Sunday years give farming conditions here an ular Sunday appointment and a very Everyone is invited to the preaching

Miss West's room gave several num- visit from the former's sister of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sloan bers Monday morning in chapel and California, as she was en route to in our midst Sunday night.

The Seniors are to begin practic- been visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. months with a goodly number on the ing their play this week for the last O. L. Mayfield, for several days, re- honor roll. Those averaging 90 and turned to his home at Buffalo Gap over for the past month are: Wednesday.

> ed into our midst recently. Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathews visited

lene visited Mrs. Green Saturday home folks at Nubia over the week- ris;

Mrs. Derrick and daughter of Merkel were visitors here Sunday. Several from Nubia attended ser-

vices at the M. E. church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers and sons spent the week-end with rela-

tives at Noodle. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown visit-

ed home folks at Nubia Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family spent Sunday with their son, Mr. nell. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks, at Butman.

Hugh Campbell is attending court at Abilene this week.

The Blair school girls enjoyed a picnic at Castle Peak Saturday. They were chaperoned by their teachers, Mamie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore left for Reed Springs where Mr. Moore will do some terracing on his farm lands at

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Noodle.

Lola, accompanied by Miss Mabel Mc- have been taking a B. Y. P. U. course

Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark and

large number was in attendance. We services and the league meting. Mrs. E. J. Orsburn is on the sick were glad to have a number of members from the Baptist church for the has been visiting Austin Varner. Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore enjoyed a services. We were also glad to have Misses Faye and Nina Vantreese

The Union Ridge school has pro-Oscar Bennett Walker, who had gressed very nicely for the past six

First grade: Guinn Pannell, Maimie Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Price have mov- Lee Harris, Neda Lee Pannell, Clara Joyce Cox and Lavern Douglas; Second: Sybil Harris and A. B. Dor-

Third: Dorma Lee Shelton, Effiebell Pannell, Junior Clark, Pauline friends again. Dean, Doswell and Blanton Carey; Fourth: L. S. Tipton and Laverne

Fifth: Reid Whatley:

Sixth: Woodrow Clark, James Hass, Lenora Fay Dougias; Seventh: Anna Mae Harris, Ruby

and Alice Carey; Eighth: Ruby Hass and Paul Pan-

STITH NEWS

Stith young people were entertained with a party Saturday night giv-Misses Vernie Derrick and Vera and en by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mashburn Jones, Dorma Lee Shelton, Lavern and everyone reported a nice time.

Much interest was manifested in the county meet Friday and Saturday. Henry Burns and Gladys Mashburn won first place in Arithmetic. Mary Helen Mashburn and Anna Lou sick list this week. Church won second place in Junior Spelling, Miss Gertrude Stanley won Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones and second place in Essay Writing. Gladys o'clock and B. Y. P. U. Sunday night, Mrs. Raymond Demere has return- daughter, Miss Lucille, were guests Mashburn won third place in Declama- with group No. 3 in charge. in low hurdles.

D. I. Shelton and daughter, Miss This past week the B. Y. P. U. folks

Ree, made a business trip to Anson and Sunday they went to Anson to win the banner.

Brother L. H. Davis preached at With the best season in the ground family were guests of relatives at Stith Sunday at both morning and evening services. Mr. Davis preaches

every second and fourth Sunday. There was a good attendance at the a good program. The Epworth league

Mr. Willie Wells of Ralls, Texas,

of Noodle. While at Sunday School Mrs. Davis

received a message of the death of her brother in Oklahoma. Messrs. Orville and Rufus Ramsey

and Truett Jones motored to Eula

HEBRON NEWS

We are glad to report that Paul Fannell is back in school with his

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs.

Charley West in Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder entertained the young people with a party Saturday night, everyone reporting a nice

Anna Mae and Leo Harris' Sunday afternoon guests were Mildred Sharp, Ruby Hass, Gladys and Hortense Bailey, Bernard Clark and Clements

Wednesday afternoon, March 11, the Girl Scouts and their sponsor, Miss Lucille Jones, went for a marshmellow roast. Those present were: Lucille Harwell, Lavena Fay Douglas, Maurine and Pauline Dean, Gladys and Hortense Bailey, Anna Mae Harris, Ethel Dean and Beafrice and Odessa

Reeder. All reported a nice time. Mrs. Willima Burleson is on the

Everyone is urged to remember

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ber of the Senior class and a favorite Davis, rss; Lois Perkins, If; Thelma of all the teachers and students of Patterson, cf; Billie Bernice Gambill. M. H. S.

Isaac, because of his outstanding rene Morrison, If; Mollye Frank personality and gentlemanly manners, Touchstone, cf. is not only loved and admired by his In their first game, the boys declassmates but also shares the friend- feated Trent by a score of 5-4. Their ship of the business men and other second game was lost to Bradshaw people of Merkel. Many of them know by a score of 14-2. The line-up was: him as "the paper boy," since he del- Hollis Floyd, p; Horace Boney, rss; ivers the Abilene Reporter to his city Alva Peterson, 3b; Robert Higgins,

valedictorian and has a good chance Moore, if; R. T. Blair, c; Haroid Morof winning. He is history editor of the gan, rf; Vernon Davis, sub. rf. Senior Memory Book staff and joke editor for the Badger Weekly. He is also the efficient president of the M. BOOTH. H. S. Players' club, the most active organization of the High school, Elvis seems to be endowed with unusual mental capacity. His oral recitations, such as speeches and short talks, are excellent, while his themes and essays are little short of perfect. His essay won first place in county and district INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE meet last year, and he is again to represent Merkel in the essay contest track.

Elvis next year, and he hates to day and Saturday. leave, but bigger things are in store for him, and he must press on. All the main auditorium of the University his friends and fellow-students wish Baptist church, beginning at 9 o'clock. him success and not one of them doubts his reaching the very top. Not many people possess such sterling Friday morning and at 1 p. m. Friqualities of character as does Elvis.

CLARK AND COLLINS.

The contest for the most popular girl and best all-round boy was held Monday. Every student was given a Sublett. chance to vote. After the first count Junior Girls declamation, High at base ball till they met Bradshaw est were chosen to be in the run-off. The girls were Jess Higgins, Willie Evelyn Boaz and Lois Clark. Boys in the run-off were Paul Collins, Fred A. Baker and Gerald Perrick.

The Seniors are especially proud of Lois Clark, the demure little girl who was elected the most popular. Lois room 1, Ora Derrick and Juanita Hus- boys by a clos' count. is a favorite of all Merkel; therefore, key. if was not extraordinary that she won. Her winning smile and friendly ways Farris and Velma Lee Holden. will surely be missed next year.

Paul Collins, "the letter man," was given a hand by his fellow football players and the Junior class. He was a candidate for most popular boy but Ross Ferrier and B. F. Middleton. lost to a Senior. Then the Junior class took charge and began proclaiming the merits of their beloved president. The effort was not in vain-Paul won.

TENNIS. .

Jess Higgins and Audrey Farris represented Merkel High school in playing doubles. Both girls played excellent tennis, winning two games Saturday over Trent and North Park. When the finals were played Monday, the Merkel girls lost to Potosi and were awarded second place.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR BOYS.

The Junior high baseball boys carried off first place last Saturday at county meet. They won over Buffalo Gap by three points and over Pleasant Hill by thirty-six points.

HIGH SCHOOL BADGERETTES. Mr. Riddle's baseball team of Junior high school girls was a great attraction at North Park in Abilene last Saturday. They won by a score of 23 to 6 over Trent. Saturday afternoon ST. PATRICK PROGRAM. they met Bradshaw in one of the hardest games of the day. Merkel was day afternoon to render a program in ahead until the last inning, when honor of St. Patrick's Day. Margaret Bradshaw ran in a couple of scores and won by a score of six to five. The Merkel girls, therefore, were awarded second place.

JUNIOR GIRLS WIN IN

BASEBALL. Merkel Grammar School was well presented at the county meet in baseball, which was held last Saturday at College Heights School, Abilene The Junior boys' and girls' teams, the Grammar School pep squad, eight achers and a number of other Mer-

kel people attended the meet.

The Junior Girls won first place by defeating Bradshaw, 19-5, Trent, 18-8, and Elmdale, 10-2. Only two home

RICHARDSON MOST POPULAR runs were made during the three games; these were by Merkel girls, In a contest held last week at the Alice Russell and Lois Ferkins. The Farris. High School building, Elvis D. Rich- line-up was: Ethelda Tucker, c; Alice ardson was elected most popular boy Russell, p; Annie Lee Dubose, 1b; Hughes. of Merkel High school. Elvis, some- Ima Ruth Brown, 2b; Lena Mae times known as "Isaac," is a mem- Moore, 3b; Janet Hayes, lss; Vivian

rf; substitutes-Opal Buzbee, cf; Con-

lss; Willie B. Toombs, 2b; Fred Baker, Richardson is ahead in the race for 1b; Overton Patterson, cf; L. V.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO HAVE

Merkel is to have a booth in the basement of the University Baptist seems that I can go no place unless I church, Abilene, during the Interscho- see you." lastic meet Friday and Saturday, where work of various kinds from all day for me not to associate with you of the grades in Grammar school will since she saw you in Mrs. John's be on exhibit.

this year. Elvis also won first in dismissed all day this Friday, on ac- scratching her eyes before she could spelling last year, as well as honors in count of the Taylor County Inter- finish. Mr. Brown heard the fight; The High school will certainly miss versity Baptist church, Abilene, Fri- awakened at such an hour, he threw

General assembly is to be held in which scampered away. Merkel has a long list of entries in JACK SEZthe various contests to be held at 9:30

Those trying out in the morning I went down ter Abilene las' Sattidy

School division, main auditorium, Ben about it.

Mary Helen Lancaster.

Sub-Junior spelling, Room 1, J. C Foster and Barbara N. Dewitt.

Essay contests, room 2: class A

school, Aline McAninch.

Girls debate, educational building, all tennis. Mattilou Largent and Lois Clark.

The afternoon contests include: Senior girls declamation, High School division, main auditorium, Ola DID YOU KNOW-Smith.

Senior boys declamation, High School division, main auditorium, Jim

Ex. Speech boys, educational buildng, Benjamin Sheppard. Ex Speech girls, educational build-

ing, Margarette Turner. Picture memory contest, room 1, P. A. Diltz, Sylvan Mellinger, Laurence back to school all cut up? Thornton, Billie Rose, Morris Wozen-

Music memory contest, room 1, Nell Contres, Ethelda Tucker, Ima Ruth Brown.

Arithmetic contest, room 2, Truett Patterson, Aline McAninch.

Art contest, room 2, Lona Bryan. The Choral Singing contest will be held at 7:30 Friday evening in the main auditorium.

The English club 9-B met Wednes-Dean acted as chairman and Lena

Just Like An Ostrich A medical authority says that a

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Mae Hokit and Margaret Miller as

The program was as follows: Roil call-to answer with an Irish

Minutes of previous meeting. St. Patrick, Mardell Shouse. Irish story, Jim Patterson. Shamrock, Floy Welis. Trish poem, Vergil Lee Perkins.

"The First Great Event," S. G. Rus-Irish poem, Mary Bell Douglas.

bert, Duncan Briggs and Hasseltine nesday night? Play, Margaret Miller and Nell tennis?

Irish songs, class.

TWO CATS EXPLORING THE

BACKYARD." Old Tom was, since Blacky had stolen a piece of meat from him, an enemy of Blacky. The two cats would do all that was in their power to hurt

It was in January, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown had moved near the home of Tom. Everyone knows that when a person moves he throws away many things cats love; so Tom decided to go to see how the Browns lived. It just so happened that Blacky had the

"What are you doing here?" deman-

"That is what I would like for you to answer," exclaimed Blacky. "It

"Well, mother was saying the other cream again," said Tom.

"Is that so?" hallooed Blacky. Well, if you weren't a man, I'd-'

But it was too late. Old Tom could The Merkel Public Schools will be not stand it any longer, and he was scholastic meet to be held at the Uni- and in his anger, caused by being his wife's best shoes at the two cats,

-Helen Yeats.

(Jack O'Keefe.)

Here I am agin' pesterin' th' readers uv th' Badger Weekly.

an' seen them there young uns play Junior Boys declamation, High ball an' I jes' hav' ter tell th' worl'

They licked everything in th' county

Th' high school boys never even had a clos' game. Th' grammar school girls were almos' as good. After beatin' Junior spelling, High School, room Trent in proper fashun th' high gurls Nell Hughes and Walderine Hus- lost ter Bradshaw by wun point in th' Wife, Gas, Scare Man tuffest game uv th' day. Bradshaw Jun'or spelling, Grammar school, also took th' measure uv th' grammar

Base ball wuzent all th' attrackshun Senior spelling, room 2, Audrey down there by a long hop. Them two seniors kicked th' dope bucket fera row an' took second place in tennis. High School, Elvis Kenardson; ward An' that is sompin, specially when they wuzn't spected ter place by some. Boys debate, educational building, They even took th' measure uv Trent who wuz doped ter take th' meet in

You downright bettcha I am good an' proud uv our bunch. Aint we all!

-That Cecil went to Midland? -That "Dugan" has been wearing

someone's red tie? -That Sis tells "little white lies?"

-That the Juniors have no use for our so-called dignified Seniors? -That Fred got out of the road for Mulberry Bridge?

-That Thelma McAninch came -That Paul is the best all-round

-That Vena has curley hair now?

-Tnat the baseball girls won second place in the county meet?

-That the Speech Class is making

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books for the library?

-That Lois is the most popular girl in High School?

-That some of the girls are getting over the long-hair craze and are having their hair cut?

-That Thez is more commonly known as "Slim?"

-That the American history class had a program Tuesday?

-Oneda and Voncile spent Sunday in Slaton? -That six girls of the gang had

Irish song, Oneda Bell, Voncile Gil- all-day suckers for dessert last Wed-

-That Jess and Audrey can play

-That Marie added "Amen" to her speech in English and had to say it

-That E. L. is good at collecting LEE R. YORK

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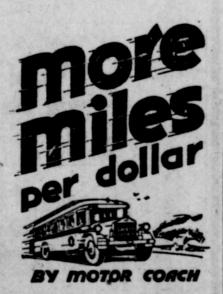
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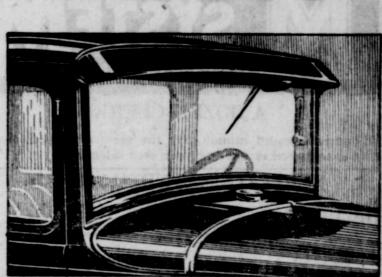
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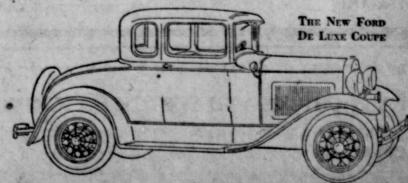


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Barbara Stanwyck Brilliant As Love-Rebel In "Illicit"

"Illicit," a Warner Bros. and Vitaphone comedy-drama of modern love last week in Eldorado. and marriage, comes to the Palace Willie Joe Largent is in Lubbock theatre, Sweetwater, next Tuesday this week to attend the Hereford and Wednesday.

Stanwyck, as a modern young woman, in Chillicothe. the daughter of divorced parents, who honestly believes that marriage is in- Blackwell were guests Sunday in the with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. imical to happiness, and for that rea- J. L. Banner home. son refuses to marry her common law Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey were husband whom she deeply loves.

The tongue of Mrs. Grundy, the day with relatives. kindly urging of her lover's million- Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of ting along much better, but still not aire father, and that of the lover him- Chillicothe were week-end guests in able to return to his duties with the self finally make her consent to the the 1. G. Bragg home. marriage. What happens to prove or Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ranger spent disprove her theories-make up the the week-end with her parents, Mr. enthralling picture. Those who appear and Mrs. M. D. Angus. nie, Natalie Moorehead, Joan Blondell, Shiloh were week-end guests of Mr. Chas. Butterworth, Ricardo Cortez and Mrs. Pete Rutledge. Thew did the adaptation from the Sublett made a business trip to Pecos play of Edith Fitzgerald and Robert the first part of the week. Riskin. Archie Mayo directed.

ject in such a way as to create a real- E. L. Kinsey, at Sylvester. ly moving bit of life, intensely hum- Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann spent an, amusing on occasion, and always the week-end in San Angelo with their understandable.

wyck is one of the most brilliant since ing her sisters, Mrs. Sam J. Nunnalthe coming of the talking picture. She ly and Mrs. Sam T. Redwine, in Abiis so wholesomely feminine, so frankly lene. bewildered by her "theories" and so appealing in appearance and manner Hamilton from John Tarleton spent that she unwittingly dominates every The week-end with their mother, Mrs. scene whether present or absent.

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Personal Mention

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sale there.

ing picture is headed by Barbara a visit of several weeks with relatives

with Miss Stanwyck are James Ren- Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Robinson of

and Claude Gillingwater. Harvey Messrs. T. H. Christopher and Len

Mrs. George West, Jr., and little "Illicit" deals with a delicate sub- daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs.

daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles. The performance of Barbara Stan- Miss Selma Lee Russell is visit-

> Misses Ethel and Eleanor May Seth Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Haynes returned Tuesday to their home in Waco after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mrs. Henry Cooper and baby son of Sudan are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Mashburn, in the Shiloh community.

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her mother, Mrs. A. E. Steadman of First Hatch of Season Abilene, and her sister, Mrs. A. B. Lewis of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland and Frank, Jr., have returned from Medina, Tenn. Mr. McFarland states that his mother is some better.

Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock have had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves of Lubbock, who The cast that presents this dar- Miss Iva Bragg has returned from returned Wednesday to their home. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reaves of Shive from Big Spring spent Sunday

> G. Russell. After spending several days with over from San Angelo to spend Sun- his parents at Colorado, Schuyler Farris has returned home. He is get-City Drug Store.

> > Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Japan has three times as many automobiles as in 1925.

Over Thousand Chicks

In company with Mr. Irvine and Joe H. Merritt of the Purina company, V. R. Glazener, poultry specialist for the Purina people, has been culling the flocks visited in this section this week and Mr. Glazener reports a most gratifying interest in the chicken-raising line hereabouts.

It is probable that at a later date he will come here to conduct a week's poultry school.

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Sanitarium Notes.

Operations in four major cases were More than 1,000 baby chicks were during the past week, including Mrs. ncluded in the first hatch of the sea- Henry Young of Compere and Mrs. son Thursday morning from the Mer- F. F. Smith, who resides south of Gerald, the little two and one-half be brought home.

belonging to F. Y. Gaither proved a All of the patients were reported well, but it will be several days yet perfect hatch, in the language of the Thursday morning as resting well. | before he is recovered sufficiently to

year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, underwent an appendix opperformed at the Merkel sanitarium eration Wednesday and is reported doing nicely.

Continues to Improve.

Friends will be glad to learn that kel Hatchery, now owned by Frank town, last Thursday, Grandma S. L. J. M. Ashby, whose right leg was am-Irvine and being operated by Earl Lent of Mulberry Canyon on Monday, putated at the West Texas Baptist Hill. The tray of White Wyandottes and Mrs. W. L. Johnson on Tuesday. sanitarium last Thursday, is retting

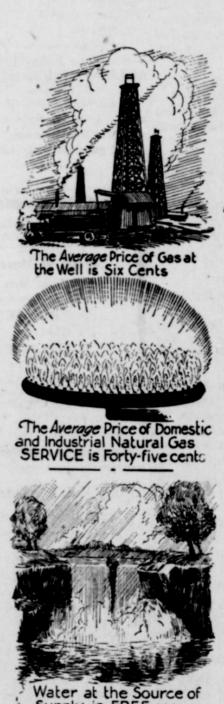
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