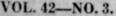
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Less Than 1.000 Enrollment as Their Representative.

A distinct honor has come to Supthrough him to the Merkel Public ranchman. schools in his selection as a member for two years of the state committee on classified and accredited schools, the total membership of the committee being fifteen. He was chosen by ballot of the 800 accredited schools in public utility. Texas having 1000 or fewer enrollment as their representative on the committee.

The first meeting of this committee will be in June of this year.

State Supt. S. M. N. Marrs is exofficio chairman of this committee.

The business of the committee is to lay down rules for the classification can be accredited. It drops from the \$75 and swallowed it. accredited list schools which the or university of the state without ex- high tension electric wire. amination. It lays down regulations that must be met in summer schools.

The committee now consists of fifteen members. Those representing the University of Texas, the College of Industrial Arts, and the Texas technological College are appointed by the presidents of these institutions. The other members are elected by ballot. The committee now consists of the following members: S. M. N. Marrs, chairman; E. J. Matthews, Universi-College; Walker King, C. I. A.; A.

Gray county Saturday voted a \$2,-Selected by Ballot of 800 Accred- 250,000 paving bond issue for hardited Schools in Texas Having surfacing state and federal highways and the principal county roads.

> Henry Altman Tuesday morning farmers who found him guilty of slay- pound.

erintendent Roger A. Burgess and ing Sam Tanner, 58-year-old farmer-

In the case of the state vs. Gulf States Utilities company, Judge J. D. Moore of the 98th judicial district at Austin Saturday declared ice manufacture and distribution was not a

An unmasked youth robbed the The project is similar to Mr. Wrig- "I cotton goes up, as we feel is a small automobile.

and affiliation of the high schools of to the fact that, while being question- the South. Texas. This committee sets the stan- ed, he snatched a check which he was The purpose of the plan, Mr. Wrig- pany's resources in cotton until we dards that must be met before a school accused of raising from 75 cents to ley said, was threefold:

John Paul McKee, 18, son of Lloyd state inspector finds not living up to H. McKee, president of the Waplesthese standards. When a school is ful- Platter company of Fort Worth, was ly affiliated it means that graduates killed last week at Williams College, of this school can enter any college when he threw a radio aerial over a

> E. P. Turner, 75, former general passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific railroad, who was known as the father of courtesy in railroad operation and who was credited with first using the slogan of "No trouble to answer questions." dled at Dallas Sunday.

J. Bailey Freeman and John Singleton of Houston, each 25 years old, were burned to death when the car in ty of Texas; C. E. Friley, A. and M. which they were riding to Houston caught fire after striking the side of W. Evans, Texas Tech.; C. E. Evans, & railway underpass near Cleburne, death of five of the bus. San Marcos, representing the nine and H. C. Clay, who was driving, was teachers colleges; C. A. Nichols, Dal- critically injured. las, representing the senior indepen- Harry Koch, editor of the Quanahdent colleges; E. M. Stamton, Jack- Tribune-Chief for about 40 years, re- together in one heap in the stalled daughter of Mr. and Firs. R. F. Mashsonville, representing the junior in- tiring in 1929 when he sold his in- school bus near the farm of August burn, who died almost at the beginning dependent colleges; B. B. Cobb, Waco, terest to Gene Howe and associates Reinert, several miles from Towner. of life. She became 17 years of age representing superintendents of of Amarillo, is a candidate for may- All the children were unconscious on Friday, only two days before schools of more than 1000 enrollment; or of the city of Quanah in the com- when Reinert found them. Three pneumonia claimed her at 9 o'clock Roger E. Burgess, Merkel, represen- ing city election.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1931.

WRIGLEY TO PAY 12 CENTS FOR 100,000,000 POUNDS SOUTHERN STATES COTTON

Chicago, Ill., April 2 .- William "We do not take cash out of the Wrigley, Jr., plans to purchase up to South, but on the contrary we leave 100,000,000 pounds of cotton on the our money in the South, in the was sentenced to ten years imprison- American market in the next eight South's own coin. ment by a Stonewall county jury of months at prices not to exceed 12c a

"All remittances from jobbers" Mr. is a good investment and that we will Wrigley, the chewing gum manufac- make money by locking up some of

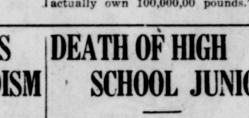
turer, announced Tuesday, "will be the company's resources in cotton and credited to the Wrigley cotton invest- holding it indefinitely if necessar . ment fund and cotton will be pur- "Wo believe our plan will relieve, to chased for delivery in December, 1931. the extent of our ability, a carrying "Our object is to purchase up to strain on planters, Southern business 100,000,000 pounds of cotton, thus and banks, at this critical time in the leaving our cash in the South.'

First National bank of Palestine of 10y's offer last year to aid grain pro- probable, we will profit. But if it \$7,620 shortly after it opened for busi- ducers by accepting wheat in payment goes down, we become partners with ness Saturday and after locking four of obligations to his Canadian corpo- the South, and as such, take our loss employes in the vauit drove away in ration. From April 1 to Dec. 1, pro- with them. Our real objective is to

vided cotton does not rise above 12c a let the South pay us in kind-pay in A forgery case against John Gacy pound, his company will accept cotton cotton for what the South owes us. at Uvalde bids fair to collapse due in payment for its products shipped to And, unless cotton goes up we pro-

pose to invest further of the comactually own 100,000,00 pounds."

South's affairs.



Age Just Two Days Before Pneumonia Claimed Her.

"We believe cotton at 12c per pound

Towner, Colo., April 2 .- A story of With sorrowing, aching hearts, that suffering from exposure and the hero- knew no comfort save the assurance ism of twenty-three school children, that Kathleen had gone to the heavenranging in age from 8 to 14 years, ly home above, where all is joy and came Saturday from one of the sur- gladness, classmates from High viving children in the blizzard that school and from her Sunday School swept Southeastern Colorado Thurs- class, joined by loved ones and many day of last week and resulted in the who came from a distance, taxed the death of five of the children and the auditorium of the First Baptist according to records, making a t. tal assist the city workers materially if auditorium of the First Baptist church beyond its capacity last Mon-tions filed through the local office. all rubbish and trash collections are put in old boxes, tubs, or sacks to All of the eighteen survivors were day afternoon when a last tribute was 120 applications were sent in Rainfall for First Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baplow on the 28th of March. It was while Rev. Mr. Parrack was pastor of the church here that Kath-

On the "Broadway of America"

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 homes.

Class 2-Those who rent their homes.

I	Name
I	Address
I	Mail to
I	Mrs. Len Sublett, Chairman
I	Yard and Garden Contest, Merkel, Texas
	(All entries must be received before June 1st.)

46 Checks Received Through Local Office Mrs. Booth Warren.

Forty-six checks for farmers residing in Taylor county have been re- E. L. Yeats and Supt. R. A. Burgess. SCHOOL JUNIOR ceived on federal farm loan applications through the local office in charge | of Sam Swann here. These checks have nual Yard and Garden contest, the

\$163.55. In addition, notice has been received that eight more checks were coming, four from St. Louis and four the old rubbish, tin cans. bottles, rags from the Fort Worth office.

The local office received applications from many who reside in Jones on stated days, as indicated below by county and sent in their applications divisions of the city, the street cleanfrom here but their checks would nat- ing department will take up the job, urally be reported in the Jones coun- removing the many unsightly objects ty allotment. Checks for 28 of those thus collected and prepared for haulin Jones county have been received, ing off. It will facilitate the plan and

LIST OF TWENTY PRIZES IN YARD **GARDEN CONTEST**

5c PER COPY

Many Highly Desirable Awards Are Offered by Abilene and Sweetwater Nurserymen and Florists and Local Merchants.

Besides the grand prize of the Merkel Mail silver cup for the most beautifu! yard, including front yard, back yard, flower garden and entire premises, the joint committee from the Lions club and the assisting ladies committee announce an inviting list of twenty prizes for this year's Yard and Garden contest in this issue of The Mail.

Every citizen, whether home owner or renter, is privileged and invited to enter this contest. Already 30 entries have been registered. The entry blank appears elsewhere in this issue and if you have not entered you are urged to notify any member of the ladies committee, of which Mrs. Len Sublett is chairman and the other members are Mrs. Dee Grimes and

Members of the Lions committee are C. J. Glover, Jr., chairman, Rev. CLEAN-UP WEEK.

As a preliminary to the second an-Kathleen Mashburn, 17 Years of totalled \$7,534, or an average of week of April 5 to 11, inclusive, has been designated "Clean-Up Week" by proclamation of Mayor J. P. Sharp. All residents are urged to collect all

> and papers, both about their own premises and on adjoining lots, and



Five Children and Bus Driver **Die From Effects of Freez**ing, When Bus Stalls.

ting the 800 superintendents of schools A new grand jury of the 42nd dis- after they were taken to Reinert's Funeral services were conducted by of less than 1000 enrollment; L. V. trict court assembled Thursday morn- home. Stockard, Dallas, representing larger ing on call of Judge M. S. Long to con- Bryan Untiedt, 13, whose brother, tist church, assisted by Rev. I. L. high schools; Taylor White, Tahoka, sider a charge of murder preferred Orlo, was one of those who froze to Farrack, former Baptist pastor here, representing the smaller high schools; at Baird against Jerry Kent, 19-year- death, told his story of the tragedy but now of Chillicothe, and Rev. E. Burl Bryant, Wichita Falls, repres- old Cross Plains youth, in connection from his bed in the Reinert home, L. Yeats. Interment was in Rose Hill enting the county superintendents of with the fatal shooting from ambus- Eryan is suffering from pneumonia cemetery. Texas; F. M. Black, representing cade of Bob Ensor, farmer of Cross and may not live.

Plains, Saturday night. (Continued on Page Four)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 31, 1911.)

A BANK ROBBERY TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Blair Casel, Rusty Ticle and Matt Ticle, three young men, prevented the robbery of the Purdon State Bank. They happened to see 3 strange men ke! Dry Goods and Grocery Co. leave a vacant house at 8 o'clock. They then concealed themselves and at 2 o'clock the suspicious trio approached the bank, to pry off a door and go in. They could see the flare of matches as the highwaymen looked about the place. Finally, one of the robbers came to the door to see if the coast was clear and made a dash for the car whereupon the amateur detectives opened fire.

I take this method of notifying the public that hunting and trespassing ctherwise on my premises is positively forbidden and any one so doing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the Vol Martin.

A hot water artesian well has been sunk at Marlin and is gushing 152,-000 gallons daily with a temperature hottest wells in the world.

of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jennings, Mr. afire. and Mrs. James Cauthern, Grandma Cauthern, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, all spent the day Wednesday fishing on Sweet- we didn't have much left. Miller said Elmer McLeod, B. P. Middleton, Leo water creek-Trent Tribune.

MERKEL LADY MINSTREL A HIT.

lic library.

from Oglesby where he had just con- ier Brown, Homer Magness, Dr. She was dead. cluded e very successful revival meet- Davis, Mesdames Lanier Brown, Fred "The rest of us got hysterical then. Bigham, Homer, Magness, L. D. Gaith- One of the kids broke a window of

her home with her grandmother, Mrs. move, I started some boxing matches, placed their orders or desire to purof 152 degrees, making it one of the Vo! Martin. is visiting her mother in but they didn't last. I noticed my chase this variety of seed may see A. Abilene this week.

discovered late Frdiay night, after paid to the character of this splendid, thirty-six hours' exposure, huddled Christian girl, Kathleen Mashburn, were dead and two died a short time Sunday morning.

"We left the Towner Schoolhouse at 9 o'clock Thursday morning," leen was converted during a revival Bryan said. "Carl Miller (the bus in 1926 Ted by Dr. L. R. Scarborough driver) didn't want to start. About of Fort Worth. She joined the Misseven miles from the school the storm sionary Baptist church and her life got so bad we couldn't see and Miller was an open book for all to read. tried to start back. There were no A Junior in High School, beloved fences or roads to follow, as the snow alike by teachers and classmates; a was several feet deep, and the bus member of the Philathea class of the the business viistors here the first finally wouldn't budge. We were Baptist church and one of its most about three miles from the school, I zealous workers; a loving and dutiful

think. Miller drained the truck and daughter and sister, she will be missed See those new Harem Skirts and got an old cream can which he used all the more as days go by, but com-Dresses that just came in at the Mer- for a stove. We burned all our books fort there is for all in the exemplary and tablets and finally stacked the record she left and in the sure reseats of the bus up and set them ward of a heavenly resting place.

> "Our lunches were upset and fell vived by one brother, Terrell, who was into the snow when the bus crashed in the same grade at school with her. through a fence and stopped, and so Pall bearers were: Bud Harwell, we were up against it and asked us Tucker. Gerald Derrick and Paul to sing and wrestle to keep warm- Collins, Members of the Philathea anything to keep moving.

A few ladies of the library associa- Thursday and at daybreak we found ladies, who carried the flowers were: tion, assisted by local talent, under di- Louise Stonebraker had died some Thelma McAninch, Edna Wilson, Inez rection of Miss Eva Williams, pres- time during the night. Miller, who Robins, Mrs. Audrey Lou Mitchell. ented the "Belles of Blackville" at was wet clear through to his skin, Among those from out of town, who the opera house Friday night, March took a sheepskin coat and started out came for the funeral were: Mr. and 24, for the benefit of the Merkel Pub- in the snow for help. He left me in Mrs. Tom Mashburn, J. F. Mashburn charge of the bus and said not to let and son, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Mashburn anybody go to sleep.

An informal dance was held Sat- " 'Good-bye, kids.' Miller said, 'and lie McLeod, Delmer McLeod, Elmer urday night at the Crenshaw build- pray that I will come back with help.' McLeod, Bud Harwell, Asha McLeod, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker was visiting ing. The young people and their chap- He waved at us and soon disappeared. James McAdams, Trent; Mrs. Earl friends in Abilene several days this erones were Misses Zora and Jewel A short time later Mary Miller, who Beech, McCamey; Mrs. O. C. Brad-Coggin, Jessie O'Briant, Annie T. was huddled in the back of the pile ley, Mrs. Opal King, Mrs. George Daniels, Mossrs. Lester Magness, (we all huddled together, it got so McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Giles, Rev. T. N. Lowery returned recently Ernest Lester, Courtney Hunt, Lan- cold), stretched out limp on the floor. Mrs. Elvey Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Mashburn, Abilene.

er. Mexican music was furnished. the car by accident. We couldn't

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Besides her parents, she is sor-Sunday School class were named as "We stayed in the bus all night honorary pall bearers. The young Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mol-

Car Planting Seed Due. A car of Russell Big Boll planting

keep out the cold air. The kids then seed will be here either Friday or Little Miss Fay Perkins, who makes were so cold I couldn't get them to Saturday and those who have already J. Canon or Sam Swann.

be carried off.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, the department will work that Three Months 4.24 part of town south of the railroad and east of Oak street, collecting all

Rainfall for the first quarter of rubbish in the alleys. 1931 totalled 4.24 inches, according to On Wednesday and Thursday, the records of Volunter Weather Ob- April 8 and 9, they will work that server B. M. Black, distributed as fol- part of town south of the railroad and lows: January, 1.50; February, 1.99; west of Oak street.

and March, .75. Snow was reported On Friday, April 10, north of the March 27 and it was freezing and be- railroad and west of Kent street. On Saturday, April 11, north of the

for last year was only 1.75 inches.

Rainfall for the same three months railroad and east of Kent street.

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In London we visited a fashionable restaurant called the Embassy Club. It is a place where the hoity-toity dance, and my wife and I had the pleasure of feasting our middle class eyes on a large collection of young lords and ladies, with a sprinkling of multi-millionaires and even a coupple of dukes.

A little after midnight a waiter stepped up to each table, according to the law and custom in England, and reminded the diners politely that the bar was about to close. A few minutes later he came again and asked each diner to finish his drink because the glasses must be removed.

A gay party had arrived only a little while before, headed by a younger son of His Majesty, King George. I watched with interest to see what would happen when the waiter visited that table. Would a prince of the blood be asked to give up his glass like any common man? Or would a polite evasion occur in the case of one so exalted?

My question was quickly answered. The waiter did, indeed, go to the Prince's table last. But when he arrived, the Prince took one last gulp and handed over the glass with a smile.

A Tew hours previously we had sat in one of the English law courts. A young man had been arrested only two weeks before, charged with the heinous crime of murdering his mother. In the space of a few days he was brought to trial. The jury was chosen in a couple of hours, the case was heard fully, including the testimony of medical experts, the verdict was found, and the murderer was sentenced.

In our country the crime would have been a newspaper sensation for months, while the trial dragged its dreary way through the maze of Jegal obstruction.

We are ahead of the English in many ways. We do business more quickly, with more flexibility, and more steam. But when it comes to respect for the law they have us lashed to the mast. We pass thousands of laws and disregard them. The English pass fewer, but they certainly respect and enforce them. If you kill your mother over there you're hung, and promptly.

And when the bar closes even the king can't get a drink.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

Friday, April 3, 1931.

West Texas Counties Looking Forward Into

Abilene, April 2 .- The 48 West posite picture of the estimated conved by the West Texas Utilities com- company. pany look forward into 1931 with optimism, according to a survey made Amos 'n' Andy Humor available from the offices of the company here. The report points out that prospects for agricultural, ranching, and general business prosperity have,

not been so bright in several years. Abundant rainfall throughout the late fall and winter of 1930 and into the first months of 1931 has put a splendid "season" in the ground and with but slight spring and summer precipitation, all crops will have ample moisture for successful and profitable maturation.

Small grain, planted during the late fall of 1930, is up and gives every indication of an unusually large crop. It has been estimated that the 1931 grain production of West Texas will be increased over normal by approximately thirty per cent. Acreage sow- to school here for one day, but not to ed has been greatly increased over learn anything. former years and yield per acre should be substantially higher.

Cotton and other crops have not as engineer, and Miss Gertrude Natti, fce. yet been planted, although this work escaping with more than \$2000 in is going forward Enroughout the ter- jewelry and cash, doing the holdup ritory served by the company at the so quietly that the pupils were unpresent time.

Cattle and sheep ranchers are especially fortunate in having fine pasturage. Grass is heavy and high, and To the Farmers in Merkel Territory favorable market conditions will in- We have bought a new thrashing sure a prosperous year for the ranch- machine of standard make, complete ing industry.

the properties, and it is expected that you need us. the next sixty or ninety days will pro-

duce increasing volume for wholesale, retail and jobbing houses throughout the territory.

The report points out that considerable unemployment, lack of collateral for negotiating loans, and the poor condition of oil markets are the principal deterrents to improved conditions at the present time. It is felt that approaching harvest, resumption of oil activities, and the anticipated large crops will have a stabilizing effect on West Texas commerce and irdustry in the near future.

The West Texas Utilities company

makes a property-wide survey of gen- Officials Join eral agricultural, ranching and business conditions every thirty days 1931 With Optimism Covering a section some 45,000 square miles in area, this survey gives a com-

Texas and Panhandle counties ser- ditions in the territory served by the

is "Purely American"

New York, April 2 .- Because their work is "purely American," Amos 'n Andy, otherwise Freeman F. Gosden and Charles J. Correll, are nominated

for an American academy of humor along with stellar personages of the literary world.

The nomination, as well as the proposal for such an academy, is made by Thomas L. Masson, in his book 'Our American Humorists."

Robbers Go to School

Chicago, April 2 .- Three men went

They held up the principal, Mrs Mary Rodgers; Edward O'Neill, the

aware of it until afterwards. . WILL OPEKATE THRASHER.

outfit, engine, sparator, etc., and will General business conditions have be prepared to thrash your grain this experienced a slight improvement, ac- season. We want to give notice that cording to reports from throughout we will be ready to serve you when

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

Office supplies-Mail office.



HEADACHES NEURITIS NEURALGIA, COLDS

Whenever you have some nagging

In Working for Pecan Industry

Austin, April2 .- State and federal bile deaths in the United States duragencies have joined forces to work ing the past 18 months totaled 50,900, for improvement of the pecan indus- a report issued by the state traffic try in Texas, according to J. H. Bur- commission shows. kett, in charge of pecan work in the

state department of agriculture. Eurkett announced that as a re-

Traub, in charge of the federal de- ing 18 months. partment of agriculture's pecan exagencies as far as possible.

The principal problems awaiting last year. solution, according to the state chief, are standardization of varieties, selection of varieties to meet requirements of Texas varied soil conditions,

and rules governing pecan root stock. Dr. Traub expressed the opinion that sufficient data had been collec-But Not for Learning ted to recommend a few standard

varieties to Texas growers, in order to standardize the state's production of pecans. Burkett is the sponsor of one of the leading varieties, which is named for him.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of.

ACID

STOMACH

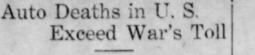
EXCESS acid is the common cause of

ndigestion. It results in pain and sour-ness about two hours after eating. The

ruick corrective is an alkali which will

neutralize acid. The best corrective

s Phillips Milk of Magnesia. It has



Trenton, N. J., April 2 .- Automo-

As a comparison the report said the number exceeded the American death toll of the World War in which 50,sult of conferences with Dr. H. P. 510 were killed or died of wounds dur-

In New Jersey, 1,251 persons were periment station here, it was planned killed by automobiles in the last 18 to coordinate the work of these two months. Last February 72 were killed, as compared with 80 in February

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.



A CRY in the night. Colic! No cause for alarm if Castoria is handy. This pure vegetable preparation brings juick comfort, and can never harm. If is the sensible thing when children are ulting. Whether it's the stomach, or he little howers: colic or constinution

iling. Whether it's the stomach, or he little bowels; colic or constipation; or diarrhea. When tiny tongues are pated, or the breath is bad. Whenever

here's need of gentle regulation. Chil-Iren love the taste of Castoria, and its

nildness makes it safe for frequent use.

And a more liberal dose of Castoria

always better for growing children han strong medicine meant only for

Condensed Statement of Condition of

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

At Close of Business March 25, 1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$254,730.10
Overdrafts	
Real Estate on Hand	12,274.10
Furniture and Fixtures	
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation _	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned) _\$ 24,300.00	
Cash & Sight Exchg 110,224.68	
AVAILABLE CASH	

\$417,143.07 Total

LIABILITIES	1.20
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000,00
Surplus & Und. Profits	30,708.80
Circulation Account	and the second second second
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	
Other Borrowed Money	and the second se
DEPOSITS3	

\$417,143.07 Total

The above statement is correct, BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.





Friday, April 3, 1931.

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FIRST INSTALLMENT.

the name men cailed him. Always be-

fore he had accepted it just as he

didn't, very often; they seemed to ex-

That was nearly six weeks ago,

The kid had pointed his pony's nose

spread his blankets twice in the same

camp. He'd be in Canada if he didn't

stop pretty soon, he thought. He didn't

want anything of Canada; too cold up

there. He'd stay down in Montana.

the way Pap always did.

why he had left home.

made it a taunt.

rancher did a most amazing thing. He the jerk of his big hat and took it The kid was running away, but he yanked his gun from its holster, drove off to see just what had happened. was taking his time about it, and he the spurs against his horse and came enjoyed every foot of his flight. He was running away from several

lunging straight at the kid. "Draw, you coyote; I'm comin' a-

things that had begun to harry him shootin!" he yelled as he rode. even at twenty: his father's enemies The kid was caught completely off hereafter. These nesters'll shoot a -such as had outlived straight-shoothis guard, but he had been trained man on sight." ing old Killer Reeves; but he was not in a hard school that accepted no running from the enemies so much as excuse for fumbling. The pow-w of from the impending necessity of shoot- his forty-five was not a split second and the Poole has called the turn," ing them. The kid had no ambition for carrying on the feud and getting ous jerk at his hat as his finger he hollered." the name of being a killer, like Pap. tightened around the trigger of his

He did not want to kill; he had seen gun. Then he was riding forward to too much of that and it carried neither where the man had toppled from his these days. The Poole has had four novelty nor the glamour of adventure. horse. The little pinto shied away and men fanned with builets in the last Then, too, he was running away from would have started running, but the month. We're needin' riders that can a girl who had called him Tiger Eye kid caught it with one sweep of his shoot. You come in time." to his face. The kid felt a streak of long arm that gathered in the trailing fire shoot up his spine when he lost?" reins. thought of the way she had pronounced

He was sitting there on his horse, staring incredulously down at the dead shake, laughed one hard chuckle. man, when another horseman came would have accepted any other nick- galloping down a grassy ridge, no meaningly. name suggested by something in his more than a stone's throw away. The character or appearance, but she had kid turned and looked at him hardly

along the barrel of his gun. He couldn't change the yellow stare "Yo'all stop where yo're at," he com-

told him he got that tiger eye at a cir- peculiar, tigerish eye, the other squint. down almost upon the roof of the crack. cus she had visited before he was ed half-shut. It gave him a deadly cabin. A woman came out and began born. The kid didn't know about that, look in spite of his boyishness, but he pulling the clothes off the line, her but he knew he had it and that it was did not know that. the eye that looked down a gun barrol "That's all right-I'm a friend. dress toddled out on the doorstep, sat

that stared back when somebody tried wasn't?" the stranger remarked easily. backward off the step. Wheeler's baby. to give him some of their lip. They "I'm riding for the Poole." Without moving his gaze, the kid more. Just a heap of dressed-up bones

off and his gun loose in its holster, twisted figure on the ground. "Yo'all heahd what he said?"

But the kid never wanted to shoot any one. That was the main reason comin', Kid."

I didn't aim to kill him." "You'd been outa luck, Kid, if you before. The kid could not understand to the north and never once had he hadn't. He'd'a got you." "Plumb crazy," said the kid. "Com- the killing.

in' at me thataway."

the paper up into the kid's face. His

own steely eyes were questioning, im-

"Bob Reeves." The kid looked full

Babe Garner glanced obliquely at

looked away, up the road and down.

"Say, you better fog along to my

camp with me," he said uneasily.

"These damn nesters is shore mean.

and catch you here, it's fare ye well.

"Good. That won't tell nothin' if the

nesters get snoopy. Come on, Tiger

He wheeled his horse, and led the

way back up the hill, and the kid fol-

The damned, dirty luck of it! Hav-

ing to shoot the first man he saw in

do it, though."

"Colt forty-five."

lowed without a word.

cinctly. "Yeah. My name's Garner.

THE MERKEL MAIL

night bird. "Us Poole boys hail each other that way at night. Safer. You hear that call, you know it's a friend." is?" "Thanks," said the kid, and repeated the signal accurately. "Shoah will re- A-he was ridin' a black pinto hawse."

member it. Babe." Babe went back to his bed and his book but though he stared at the open page he did not read a line for five minutes. He was wondering about the

kid. The kid was wondering too, but not about Babe. He was wondering who would do Nate Wheeler's chores, and he was wondering who would take in the body and who would bury Wheeler.

He kept wondering who would tell that woman down there in the coulee "'Cause they're damn' cow thieves that her husband was dead, and who

would meet that baby when it toddled slower than the other. He felt a vici- Babe said savagely. "You heard what out in its little pink dress, and give it a ride on a horse.

"Yeah, I heahd."

"What foh?"

The kid did not ride back the way Babe had brought him. He circled "That's the nester's war whoop, around another way, and so came into the trail from the north instead of the south. He hoped the body of Wheeler had been discovered before now, but "How many men has the nestahs it had not.

He rode at a sharp lope down the lower slope and around the point of Babe hesitated, gave his head rocks, across the wide mouth of the coulee and up to a gate not far from "You know of one, anyway," he said

the house A woman's face at the window The kid questioned no further but followed silently in Babe's lead. Over peered out at him. The kid felt that a lava bed they went, where the horses hot streak of shyness shoot up his must pick their way carefully but spine as her steps came toward the of his right eye, any more than he manded in his soft drawling voice, and where they left no track. Down along door. But the chill of the message he could remember not to squint his blue the stranger stopped, throwing up both the rim of the benchland, past the carried steadied him as the door pulled

left eye nearly shut when he really hands laughingly as he did so. The head of the coulee marked on the map open three inches-no more-and her meant something. His mother always kid surveyed him critically with his as Wheeler's. Once, the kid looked thin, worried face showed there in the "Evenin', Ma'am. Theah's a man

layin' back up there a piece in the back to the bluff. A baby in a pink road. I-is yoah husband-home?"

"No. Nate's gone." She opened the when he practiced shooting; the eye Think I'd rode out in sight if I down violently and began to squirm door another three inches and looked at him unafraid. "He ought to be

Only there wasn't any Wheeler, any peet him to ride with his right glove tilted his head slightly toward the and meat, back there in the trail.

What devil's luck was it that had made the kid shoot wide, like that? "Yeah, I heard 'im. He had it Used to shoot the pips out of cards somebody held out for him-sis would "I aimed to shoot his gun ahm down, hold cards out for him to shoot, any time. Never had missed that-a-way it. It worried him almost as much as

Babe Garner had a snug cabin, not "Sure was. You from the South?" to be approached save from one direc-"Brazos," the kid answered suc- tion, up a bare steep little ridge to a walled-in basin where two springs bubbled out from the rock wall and

the trail, Tiger Eye," he directed, and back any time now. Is it-is the said they would-they nailed a warnwhistled a strain like the cry of some man-"Dead, I reckon."

"No'm, nevah did see him befoah.

"Nate! They've got Nate! They

ing on the gate-they've killed him! Where is he? Is it far? I'll go with "Oh! Is he-do you know who it you. The murdering devils! How far is it?"

(Continued Next Week.)

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Total	205 802 80

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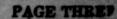
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in the middle of the crown.

There it was-a smudged hole right

"Damn close," Babe commented.

You want to keep your eye peeled

tana with the big trail herds and Garner. How come you're ridin' to oozed away through ferns and tall Lots of the boys went up into Mon-Wheeler's?" didn't come back; seemed to like the country fine.

It was nice country, all right, and and holstered his gun. the kid decided that he had about reached the end of his journey. From where the trail approached the edge "Yeah." Babe Garner looked from

of a high, wide plateau, he had a splendid view of the country spread out below him.

He could look right down into the pressed. "You sure as hell don't waste wide mouth of that coulee and see cor- any time. Mind tellin' me your name?" rals, the squatty stable and the small house backed up against the red sand- at Garner, a defiant expression around stone wall, Maybe he could get a job his mouth. "Folks call me Tiger Eye and stop right there, without looking back home. They gotta be friends to any farther.

The kid swung his slim body around in the saddle to see if his pack horse the heap on the ground, nodded and was coming right along as he should, and as he did so his buckskin horse squatted and shied violently away from something white fluttering in the top of a soapweed alongside the Let the pinto go. Anybody come along

He spurred Pecos toward the white What kinds gun you got?" flutter, talking to him softly; leaned ver and plucked the paper off the bush and examined the thing as he ode. It seemed to be a crude map of Eye. I'll see yuh through this." the country lying down below him, detween the bench and the river.

The kid spread the paper flat on his ddle horn and got it lined up with the country. Yes, there was the place he was coming to. According to the the country, the one he was going to paper, the ranch was owned by a man strike for a job! Another thing bothnamed Nat Wheeler and his brand ered him; how had he happened to was the Cross O. He was in luck. He miss, like that? He had aimed at could ride right up and call the man Wheeler's gun arm. How had he shot by name, just as if he'd heard all so far wide that the bullet went bout him. It would make a difference, through Wheeler's head? all right. Nate Wheeler wouldn't think | It never occurred to him that his he was just some fly-by-night stranger father or any one else would disapriding through. He'd probably give prove of the shooting. That would him work; he would, if he had any. be called a case of "have to." And as A man was riding toward him, com- he meditated gravely on the necessity

ng out of the wide-armed coulee to of defending himself, he remembered the left-the one which the map had identified as Nate Wheeler's place. The kid saw him the minute he came around the bold rock ledge that marked that end of the coulee and he wondered if this might not be Nate Wheeler himseif. He'd ask him, anyway, as soon as they met.

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The two solitary horsemen rode up into sight of each other suddenly, fifty yards apart and the slope dropping away on either side. The rancher erked his horse up as if about to sel and ride back whence he came. The kid kept straight on. Then the

grass with little blue flowers tilting on The kid gave one further look at the tops.

When they had eaten, Babe took a Garner, decided that he was all right paper-bound novel down off a high "This piace over heah was the clos- shelf where many more were piled. est," the explained. "This Wheelah?" He glanced at the kid inquiringly.

"Lots to read if you want it," he offered. "Make yourself at home, Bob."

"Reckon I'll take a ride," the kid said quietly. "Aim to get the lay of the land."

"Oh, sure." Babe studied the kid from beneath his lashes. "Want any help? We're pardners from now on-Tiger Eye."

"Don't need he'p' right now, thanks," said the kid. "Yo'll lay still and read yoah book, Babe. I'll come back." "Give this signal when you come up

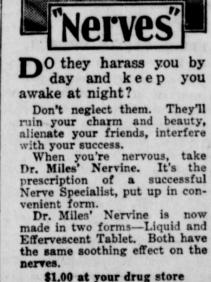


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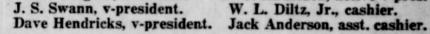
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Four trustees for the Merkel Independent School district are to be elected at the regular annual election Gamble, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patnames have been mentioned.

A mayor, two aldermen and a city he placed at the east of the garden of secretary and tax assessor and col- Eden . . . a flaming sword which byterian church where the services are the annual city election next Tuesday, the tree of life."-Genesis 3:24. April 7. W. M. Elliott is the only The story of the garden of Eden is at the evening services all the week. candidate for the office of mayor, a charming story, and whoever wrote The attendance at the morning hour is while three are in the aldermanic race: it had both brains and inspiration. line Johnson, present city secretary, son of Adam carries about an Eden the city-wide revival is made more is being opposed by Mrs. Floyd Dow- in his breast. We, all of us, believe a manifest each day. judge.

Wednesday noted the opening of day is coming is the Eden that we day evening service an all-male choir Mac's Cafe at the same location on carry about with us in our hearts. Kent street where the Fowlers former-, iy operated a cafe by the same name thought conditions would never be Men's chorus. first class.

the past few days on the walls of the is deep seated in the heart of the hu- On Friday night A. J. Tucker is to Farmers State bank building and the man race. exterior snows a brand new dress. Spring-time is usually marked by Edens. Do you recall the days of your day night. considerable clean-up and paint-up childhood with its innocency and sin-Work.

The work of replacing the two stor- thing was new and charming and in age tanks and warehouse and office your heart the spirit of gladness preof the Sinclair Refining Co. on Front vailed. The memory of it all is still SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. on this part of Front street.



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"A Vision Appears to Annias," J.

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and interesting Easter sermon at 11

ing. This is our last opportunity.

lins will be accompanist.

cerity?" inquires Rev. E. L. Yeats in The second week of the Union Rethis week's sermonette on "The Flam- vival, sponsored by the men of the ing Sword," as he compares the happy Men's Prayer Service, with the coto be held at the city hall Saturday, days of youth, which he calls the operation of the churches of the city, April 4. George W. Boyce is election "Eden of childhood," to the time has been marked by many evidences of judge. The four present incumbents when "we grew out of our simplicity" renewed pledges on the part of church are offering for re-election: S. D. and "lost the garden of Eden." The members to lead more zealous Chrisstory of Eden is given new signifi- tian lives so that their example may terson and C. R. Tittle, and no other cance in the discussion that follows: shine forth to lead others to the way of the Cross. The pastors of the local "And so he drove out the man; and churches are doing the preaching.

At both Sunday services, the Preslector ex-officio are to be elected at turned every way, to keep the way of being held was taxed to its capacity and large numbers have been present most gratifying and the resultant A. T. Sheppard for re-election, Len Eden is an inherited something. It moral awakening that is being exper-Sublett and L. L. Murray. Miss Pau- is in our blood. Instinctively every ienced in the city as the outcome of

ell. George W. Boyce is to be election better day is coming. None of us is For the morning service next Sunatisfied with conditions as they now day a prepared program of Easter exist. That inborn belief that a better music is to be given, while at the Sun-

> will be the feature. A special number Life would be unbearable if we is to be given at that time by the

to, so long. New fixtures have been better, and better days would never In connection with the Sunday night installed and everything is new and come. When we are tired of things as service, it is especially urged that all they now are we pull back the curtains of the men who have been practicing of our minds and gaze upon our Eden with the Men's chorus be present to

A crew of painters has been busy ______the perfect day of the future, which assist in the choir.

sing a solo and Delmer's Quartette We have been driven out of several will furnish the special for Satur-

cerity? You loved everybody and the lesson will be the first 7 verses thought everybody loved you. Everyof the 16th chapter of Mark.

street, which were destroyed by fire dear to us. The old path to the well, Attendance at the five reporting two weeks ago, is just about complet- the stream near by, the bathing pool, Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday ed. This makes a decided improvement the old home itself and the inmates. lacked only 6 of reaching the high Bue we grew out of our simplicity, Foint for 1931, there being 815 pres-

and learned that men were craving, ent last Sunday, as compared with That Merkel Mail want ads are read leager, straining, covetous and some- 821 on the previous Sunday. The Bapin New Mexico was brought to the times hateful. Thus we have lost the tist Sunday School had the largest attention of Bob Hicks this week Eden of our childhood, and though number present with 319, while there when he received an order for two set- we sigh for it again, we are forever were 313 present at the Methodist tings of Dark Cornish game eggs from driven from it by the very laws of life. Sunday School. The registers of the Ochoa, N. M. The lost and found col- Or who does not sigh for the Eden other three Sunday Schools showed: of his school days. Though it was an Presbyterian, 84; Church of Christ, 84, and Nazarene, 15.

MATTERS MUSICAL Sunday School. Easter music will be featured in all Union meeting that is in progress at wear. churches Sunday morning. A special the Presbyterian church. Easter program has been prepared

anthems, duets and solos. Easter specto attend. ials will also be sung at the Baptist W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

day. There were only 15 present for

Burgess Honored

(Continued from fage One) junior high schools and C. W. Bingman, Beaumont, representing municivention. Please let every member of pal junior colleges.

cordially invited to attend.

Front Street



Fifth part, Mr. Childress. Phone 18 NAZARENE CHURCH. The attendance was small last Sur

Friday, April 3, 1931.

Story of Heroism (Continued from Page One.)

We did not have the regular ser- brother, Orlo, was freezing. I game vices at the church on account of the him all my clothes except my under-

"After a while I was so weak and We have Sunday School each Sun- exhausted I couldn't keep awake. I by the Presbyterian choir, including day at 9:45 a. m. You are invited laid down in the pile with the rest of

them and started to doze. I was not discouraged, but so weak I couldn't do a thing. I don't remember any. thing after that until I woke up some time this morning near a stove in Mr. Reinert's house."

Will Preach at Trent. W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ

If you here any visitors, Phone 29 at Trent next Sunday. Everyone is

umn has also been productive lately. resulting just last week in the finding unsightly, shack and the course of of a fountain pen by E. L. Turner, study was crude and the one teacher Jr., and of a lost puppy by the little of the educational institution was son of Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

The announcement was made this on it all, never to return. week by L. B. Scott that he has formed a connection with the Jesse Scott that beautiful, satisfying something Realty company of Abiene, but much that the world ever searches for. The to the delight of the many friends of least denies possession of it and the Mr. Scott and his wife and family west answers back "It is not in me." they will continue to make their resi- Yet men have found it in their own dence here.

country, their own homes and in their own hearts. Do you recall that it was

is obviously noted on the faces of

many we met. Humanity is still being

loveliness and the shame of it is not-

ed on the very face of an unnumber-

ed host today. This story is so modern

that it seems impossible that it could

have been written thousands of years

The story of the Christ and the

cross is the, story of how one may

regain his lost Eden and come back

to his Father's house. You recall it

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

leader. It is the plan of the organiza-

Christ.

A belated blizzard viisted this sec- when Adam sinned that he was driven tion the latter part of last week, driv- irom his Eden? Likewise every man ing the thermometer down to 19 de- when first he deliberately turns his grees last Friday morning, the coldest back or God and chooses to transit had been in this section for the last gress the known path of righteousweek in March in 45 years, the records ness, is driven from his Eden. The show, and a second cold spell arrived sweetest garden on earth is the Eden Monday night. The coldest registered of a clean conscience, a pure heart and during the latter spell was 28 degrees a worshipful spirit. When we lose that we have lost life's dearest Eden and on Tuesday morning.

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> can never hope ford to forget. One, the Brutsche and Families

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. The Sunrushed for time, it was a sad day when day School is a very important part of we were forced to turn our backs up-Eden is a state of the heart. It is

the program of the church. An opportunity will be offered for church membership at the close of the Sunday School. Offering for Reynolds Home Preaching services for the revival

at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. W. M. Elliott, Supt.

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ily into the service. We give enthusiastic welcome to a flaming sword ever forbids our reour new members: Mr. Thomas Durturn. When a man loses his manliness, ham, Mrs. Thomas Durham, Miss Nell or when a woman loses her woman-Durham and Neal Durham.

Sunday School attendance is good but with the coming of spring and This story of the Christ and the the rise of temperature let us have : raise in attendance. in the headlines of the newspapers. It

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CHURCH OF CHRIST.

was the man that was removed, not Brother Forest Waldrip of A. C. the garden. Eden still exists. There C., Abilene will be with us next Lord's is an Eden of purity and cleanliness Day and preach morning and evening for every man. "Return ye, return ye hours. You have a cordial invitation. for why will ye die" is the call of the to hear him on these hours.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., preaching and communion services Again Sunday a large number of 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' promen turned out for the Men's Prayer gram 6:30 p. m., preaching 7:30 p. m., Service, the meeting last Sunday havladies Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. ing been held at the Presbyterian and prayer service and Bible study church with Herbert Patterson as Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

tion to continue their meetings regularly right on through the Union Re-THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. vival and next Sunday the meeting | Because of sickness and had weath will be held at the Nazarene church, er, we failed to get the picture of our Joe Risinger is to be the leader and Sunday School for our coming c

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THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greetings: You are hereby commanded to summon Verna Mae McDougal by mak- and Collector: ing publication of this Citation once" in each week for four consecutive | weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in

were married on or about July 8th, 1927, and separated on or about Deember 1st, 1927; plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, all of which is fully alleged in his original petition. ing after a serious fall a week ago.

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 Dennis

said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 10th day of March A. D. 1931. in Abilene Christian college for the Belle Wellborn, Clerk, spring semester.

By Zola McKee, Deputy.

WANTED

mains in Colorado. DROF IN and see our complete line of upholstering; will trade for your ola furniture. J. T. Darsey. Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

DON'T FORGET the Gasoline Mileage Contest for Model A Ford Owners Saturday, April 4th; \$10.00 in Mrs. W. M. Elliott. maize for you and put it in your gold; three big prizes. Merkel Motor Company.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT-4 room house with ton of Wichita Falls. lights and gas; rent cheap and will R. A. Ellis has enjoyed a visit from take work; also another 4 room house his brother, W. S. Ellis, of Moody, spading fork, by West company; secnear school building. S. F. Haynes. who returned home last Thursday.

LOST AND FOUND

California. LOST-Brown leather coin purse, containing one white gold diamond ring, Falls this week. one yellow gold diamond ring, two small baby rings and necklace. Reward for return to Merkel Mail.

ious operation at the Merkel sanitarium Qualla for 50 cents per bushel. Robt. charm. Reward for return to Carl Black or Merkel Mail office.

> LOST-Bridle for Shetland pony. Reward. Woodrum Filling station.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL For Mayor: and Mrs. B. E.-Dalton. W. M. ELLIOTT. For Alderman (Two to be elected:) Long and Judge T. A. Bledsoe of Abi-A. T. SHEPPARD (Re-election.)

LEN SUBLETT. L. L. MURRAY. For City Secretary and Tax Assessor | Trent on business matters. MRS. FLOYD DOWELL.

PAULINE JOHNSON Re-election.) to 30c, although only 500 head arrived. election.) .

THE MERKEL MAIL

Personal Mention List of Prizes (Continued from Fage One) Mrs. C. S. Higgins is stowly improv-

LIST OF PRIZES. For home owners, six prizes will be warded as follows:

Most beautiful front yard-first; for burial. D. L. Stevens, son of the \$10.00 in trade, by Dwyer Floral com- deceased, is a partner of Roy Lar-

the guest Wednesday of Miss Lola purchase of awnings by Army Store, Brownwood and was formerly in the

Most beautiful back yard-first, farmer. \$5.00 in frade to be selected by donor,

Camey for the funeral of Miss Kath- second, smock, by Bragg Dry Goods company.

Most beautiful flower garden-Loring Hamblet is again with the Max Mellinger store while his wife re- first, \$5.00 in trade, Philpott's, Abilene; second, \$2.50 in trade, Clay Lum- ston, Merkel farmer, against the Aus-Lester Ellis of San Antonio spent ber company.

Sunday with his parents, Mr. and For those who rent their homes, six prizes will also be awarded as fol-Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Giles of Abi- lows:

lene were guests Mond. y of Mr. and

Miss Allyne Riley is attending the

North Texas Teachers college at Den-

leen Mashburn.

J. L. Banner home.

Nubia.

Slaton were guests last week in the chair by Barrow Furniture company. the boy and \$5,700 for himself. Most beautiful back yard-first,

Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Blair is \$5.00 in trade, by J. L. Mashburn, visiting her sister, Mrs. Mae Hor- Sweetwater; second, \$2.50 in trade by Jones Dry Goods.

> Most beautiful garden-first, ond, garden hat, by Max Mellinger. SPECIAL PRIZES.

Mrs. Vera Brewer of Fort Worth Special prizes are offered as folis the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze, en route home from lows:

Best bed of zinnias, pair of Society Mrs. George Caple is in Wichita Maid Hose, by J. T. Dennis.

Best bed of periwinkles, window box by Burton-Lingo Co. The many friends of Mrs. W. L

Best rose bush, \$2.00 in trade by Johnson, Jr., will be pleased to learn she is rapidly recovering from a ser- Abilene Nursery, Abilene.

The above prizes are open to all. The Abilene Nursery has also of-

Mrs. Bill Cogburn returned to her fered special prizes of \$2.00 in trade home in Fort Worth Wednesday af. each for the following (home owner ter visiting her two daughters, Mrs. class only:)

Ray Cox and Mrs. A. V. Henslee of Owner of three room house, showing greatest improvement in yard; While visiting with her grandpar- owner of four room house, showing ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier, greatest improvement; owner of 5 Miss Gilla Frances Walker was the room house, showing greatest improveguest for dinner Monday with Mr. ment, and owner of 6 room house or more showing greatest improvement. Judge Ed Clack, Judge Milburn

Record of Births.

Girl, named Anna Lou, to Mr. and lene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Stith, Thursday, Mrs. George Caple as they were pass-March 26, 1931. ing through the city on their way to Girl, named Betty Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Riley E. James, Saturday, March 28, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates The top was \$7.80 on loads and truck- Brown, Wednesday, April 1, 1931. ers, to shippers. The packers top was

Death Saturday of D. L. Stevens' Father

C. M. Largent has been advised of the death last Saturday of the father of D. L. Stevens at Brownwood, the

body having been shipped to Mexia resting well. Mrs. Melvin Pittman of Anson was pany, Abilene; second, \$5.00 credit on gent in ranching interests near

Abilene, and one quart of paint or employ of C. M. Largent and Sons Miss Pauline Toombs has enrolled varnish by Merkel Lumber company. here. His father was a retired stock-

Mrs. Earl Beech was here from Mc-|Granger Floral company, Abilene; Suit for \$30,700

Damages is Filed strated.

Suit for \$30,700 has been filed in 42nd district court by F. B. Huddletin Brothers Bridge company, for in-

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Owens of Hardware company; second, porch plaintiff seeks \$25,000 damages for ted the young man at his home last

Sugar

ornamental lawn spray, by Liberty en and other injuries sustained. The Mrs. J. T. King of this city, who visi-

Sanitarium Notes. Mrs. C. M. Partridge, of Houston, who underwent a major operation at

the Merkel sanitarium Wednesday, was reported Thursday morning as

Following an appendix operation Tuesday morning, Cleo Hunter was getting along nicely, as reported Thursday.

Demonstration Club Meets. The Salt Branch Demonstration club meets Friday, April 3, at 2:30 p. m. Meal planing and cheese making are to be discussed and demon-

Little Grandson Convalescent. J. T. King, son of W. J. King of Abilene, who suffered a broken limb, juries sustained by his 12-year-old when run into by a street car while son, Jack, when he was struck by a riding his bicycle some three months truck on Front street several weeks ago, is convalescent at this time, as Most beautiful front yard-first, ago and bones in his feet were brok- reported by his grandparents, Mr. and

\$1.00



Corn	large size (pound cans) Limit 6 cans-2 cans		150
Cabbage	make your Kraut now-lb.		20
Strawberri	es pint baskets		190
Peaches	No. 2 1-2 Heart's Delight		190
Raisins	4 lb. Market Day	i	280
Bananas	dozen	<u></u>	150
E	VERYDAY PRICES		

20 lbs:

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STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: the best of our knowledge and belief.	President
that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	Cashier.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of March, A. D. 1931. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, A.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1931. ADDIE HOLLER. (SEAL) Netary Public Taylor C	
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PAGE SIX THE MERKEL MAIL Friday, April 3, 1931. Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND 220 yard dash and Bishop won fourth in pole vault. PERSONALS

We started training on track the

DORA DOINGS

Freezing weather is regular for the We are glad to report that Mr. Bil first week after Christmas. We took last several days. We told you the Cox and daughter, Miss Genevieve, Funeral rites were held Monday up school each morning at 8:45 and ground hog never saw his shadow have improved very nicely in the past

afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Christian gave the boys and girls fifteen minwhen he came out. Church at Trent for Mrs. Walter utes intensive running and volley ball

few days.

Brutche, age 33, who died at Kerr- practice. This has given the stamina ville Saturday, Brother Cypert of that is so much needed on track; al-Merkel officiated, with interment at so we have attended four invitational Clyde Magee and Doris Jones. The the Trent cemetery. Death came to track meets, which gave plenty of latter were married at the Methodist Donna, as we like to call her, after competition, so the boys were not exparsonage Saturday evening. an illness of a year. All that loving cited when they faced competition. We

hands could do was done to restore believe this kind of training will win her to her health, but God in His wis- year by year; so long as we train the dom saw fit to take her home to Him. track and field events, our boys and In her going the church loses a girls will have splendid health and

staunch member, the community a use- added vigor to make better grades and ful citizen, the brother and sisters a that is the real end sought.

beloved sister, the father a loving daughter, the husband a true and faithful wife, and the three little babies, June, Leo and Joy, a kind and loving mother.

Out-of-town relatives and friends and Monroe, of Wichita Falls, who Mrs. Clement and three children, Dub- bell, who will remain several days!

Fail bearers were: Carl Murdock, week-end. ry, J. E. Bowers and Bert McRee. Mrs. O. W. Shelton of Abilene was has been sick for several days the signs get right. here Friday on business matters.

last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Fannie Bell Welch of Sweet- we have heard. of Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep have vice this week. their home.

of Little Rock, Ark., were recent son of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer We are glad to report Jack Knuck- Brown, Morris Phillips, Lindsey Cox, guests of Messrs. Ben and Leonard of White Church, who is real sick at les recovering from a severe attack Clyde Brown, Austin Cooper. Quattlebaum.

are visiting Mesdames Titsworth and and sons, Kenneth and Jimmie, Jr., spent the week-end here with home Armour of Rankin.

ter, Elizabeth, and little son, J. B. county. Admission ten cents. were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh. Carlton McLaod of Abilene was population increases of more than

week. Cupid shot his darts this way twice Alva Peterson from Merkel spent last week-end when Robert Oliver and the last week-end with Hester Ash-Elizabeth Martin were married, also craft.

Plans have been made for the play, "Poor Father," Friday, April 10.

Mr. G. W. Hughes and sisters, Miss-Ivy Tyrone of Eastland is visiting es Isla Maye and Lou Ella, were visihis brother, Pete, and family for a tors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton Sunday night.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Sanders an-Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson and son, Pet, motored to Abilene Saturday nounce the arrival of a girl at their home on the twenty-fourth. morning.

O. Z. and Waldo Porter made a Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky motored business trip to Abilene Saturday. Brother Hibbert preached at the Methodist church Sunday and Sun-

day night. Everyone that was sick is improving nicely at this writing.

(Received too late for last wek.) Here we are enjoying real West ries thrown in for good measure.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregg an-

Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, A. C. Ter- Mrs. John Meeks has been with her seen looking up the hook and line and daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Patterson, who are talking of going fishing when the

E. I'. Perry and family visited old Messrs. Hardie and Lawrence Mur- Mr. and Mrs. Riley James are the friends on Bitter creek Sunday. dock of Dallas visited relatives here proud parents of a fine baby girl. F. A. Magee and Pete Tyrone are The little lady weighs nine pounds, the proud owners of new International Williams, Bessie Jones, Beryl Brown, trucks.

of diphtheria.

schoolhouse Friday night, put on by eight playing.

home after several days' visit with her deepest spot in the Atlantic is off Por-

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and

MERKEL



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for your

Nashville, Tenn., April 2 .- ted Friday by the Davidson county

Rogers Caldwell, president of Cald- grand jury on two charges of receiv-

well & Company, investment banking ing deposits in an insolvent bank.

house now in receivership, was indic-

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BLAIR ITEMS

Cold weather, did you say, Oh, my. Mrs. Mae Horton and sons, J. C.

attending the funeral were: Miss Opal visited her mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Nalley, Dublin; Mr. Bill Nalley, Ir- and other relatives, for the week-end, aan; Mr. J. L. Nalley, Mission; Mrs. returned home Sunday. She was ac-Charles Brutche, Mission; Mr. and companied home by Mrs. Hugh Camp- | Texas weather with a few rain flurlin; Mrs. Hitchcock and son, Breck-. Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Carns and enridge; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dowdy, baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of rounce the arrival of Bobbie Wayne. Entertain Goodman Abilene, Nathan Wood, Merkel; Mr. Noodle Dome visited their parents, Mother and baby both doing nicely at and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford, Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes, over the this writing.

past week.

John Quattlebaum and son,, Bill, tending the bedside of their nephew, look

this writing.

visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. folks.

TELEPHONE THE

MAIL

receive news of entertainments

or visitors in Merkel homes,

phone 61 or 29.

The Mail will be glad to

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to Abilene Monday evening. An egg hunt is to be held at Castle Peak school Friday evening; then a ball game is to follow. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky spent

last week-end at Bronte. Miss Modenia Whiteaker spent last week-end with home folks at Dora.

Cleo Henley spent Sunday with Marie and Connie Rogers at Mt. Pleas_ ant.

High Boys and Girls

able games, refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Opal Agnes Williams, Audrey Phillips, An-

With another store house, two new Brown and Messrs. Gerald Tiner,

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W. L. Cooper of McCamey was the Whit Farmer, at Snyder Sunday. Mrs. G. T. Rogers entertained the east of the Philippine Islands, is the guest of Miss Florence Sherman last A play will be presented at the Blair "42" players 'Saturday night with deepest part of the sea yet sounded. The depth recorded there was about

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and daugh- the Denton community in Callahan Mrs. F. A. Magee has returned 5,900 fathoms, or seven miles. The

Several of the citizens have been

water was a recent guest in the home J. W. Mayfield, Hugh Campbell and Work is progressing nicely on the na Williams, Thelma Brown, Lora Johnnie Latimer are doing jury ser- basement for the new school building. Hail, Ruth Williams, Ora Hail, Daisy

returned from Kilgore to make their Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks and Mr. dwellings and two wells being drilled, Algie Hail, Dick Bailey, Earnest Hail, and Mrs. A. L. Farmer have been at- our new school site takes on a town Odell Pomroy, I. J. , Hail, Melvin

Mrs. Clark Hamner and little son Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell Dorothy Phillips of Sweetwater having had a most pleasant evening.

Jones, Raymond McAdams, Melton

On Thursday, March 19, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McGriff entertained the Goodman High school boys and girls

with a "42" party. Following enjoy-

shaking hands with friends here Sat- 5,000 per cent in the 1920-30 decade: urday afternoon. . Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of 6,686.9 and Crane 5,902.7.

Lamesa are moving back to our community.

M. E. REVIVAL.

The Methodist revival opened at the 11 c'clock service last Sunday with a large attendance and the crowd was even larger at the evening hour. Rev. Mr. Morton of Abilene is doing the preaching and the sermon preached by him Sunday morning from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah was indeed soulstirring. Everyone is urged to come and help. Preaching each morning at . 10 c'clock and 7:30 is the evening hour.

SCHOOL NEWS. (Furnished by Superintendent

Ross B. Jenkins.) Trent won the Interscholastic meet in class B Schools with 117 points, the runner-up, Potosi, making 105. (This is on a recount Sunday by W. C. McKinsey and Ross B. Jenkins, superintendents of Potosi and Trent, respectively.)

Trent winners were as follows: John Hamner, first in tennis singles; girls volley ball team, second; Mediah Rawlings, first in senior girls DALLAS declamation; Oscar Lee Reaves, third in senior boys declamation; W. E. Hale, third in boys extemporaneous \$150 A MONTH speaking; Harold Terry, second in junior boys declamation.

Music memory, Rosa Lee So Relle and Elizabeth Winn, second: subjunior spelling, Lucille Howelf and Mark Williamson, second.

Trent won second in junior boys track with 15 points. Trent won the senior track meet with 70 points to Name 44 for nearest opponent.

The track team won as follows: John Hamner was high point man with 23 points. He pointed on 100 yard dash, first; discus, first; javeiin, first, broad jump, first, and shot put second. the all

Dowdy was next man in meet with winding first in high hurdles, first in pole vault, second in discui. Murdock scored 10 points with first in 220 yard dash, second in low hurdles and third in 100 yard dash.

Hale won 11 points, first in low hurdles and second in 440 yard dash, second in high hurdles.

Howell won first in mile and third in low hurdles; Orand won second

parents in Clyde. Texas has three counties showing O. Z. Porter returned home last registered. week after a three months' stay in

California. Winkler 8,775.3 per cent: Hockley

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Oliver visited in San Angelo Sunday. Brother Ike Hayhurst preached at Typewriting and carbon paper at the Divide Sunday night to a large audience. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Holland and

daughters visited in Shep Saturday. · and Sunday.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '31-Hazel Williams, sponsor.

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give at the closing of school.

The girls are working on "The Nif- Excellent work in these two depart- my companions appeared to wish to ty Shop." The setting for the operetta ments was clearly demonstrated last be democratic, for they stood on the Temple last week-end? is a large style shop. The characters week. These teams will be heard from are Madame Lazare, Lois Clark; Mrs. again. The writer was not privileged Goldora. Thelma Leach; Bess and to witness any other contests but is Jackie Goldora, Frances Adcock and sure that every department was good. stage from the Renaissance through are good extemporaneous speakers? Beth Hamm; Olga (a maid,) Sis

Boaz; Rosemary and Janet (French MERKEL WINS IN TRACK. maids,) Mildred Richardson and Mar- Merkel won the county champion- ies, the mysteries and the interludes, garet Miller. Julia Proctor and Lois ship in track last Saturday by default. explaining that the distinction of them a chorus of models which includes track in this county, Coach Irvin's The origin of the play is thus: first Duncan Briggs, Lona Bryan, Mar- sprinters ran only for practice. Coach the deed, then the story, then the letters from Spain? garet Canon, Ida Mae Derstine, Mary Irvin seemed very well pleased with play; he gave the life of Christ as the E. Grimes, Hazel Jay, Ruby Grace the showing his boys made. He is in- example for the origin of plays: first Jones, Eloise Manseill, Madeline Mur- clined to think that when the district was His life, then His story and worray, Holley Perry, Vera Richie, Ola meet is held his runners will give some ship, then its depiction. The first plays Smith, Marie Stanford, Joyce Wheeler, Maurine White, Mattilou Largent, were carried to the meet: Benjamen they became too worldly and drew too Melba Taylor and Louise Rose. The boys are working on "Fresh- Shouse, Kennedy Whiteley, Marshail took them to further their developies," which has for its setting the Stalls, J. R. Graham and Ceaphas ment, originating the cycles. Then Wozencraft. Wanta Pie Fraternity house. The characters are Charies (president of A VISION OF SHAKESPEARE. the fraternity,) E. L. Turner; Jack I entered enthusiastically into the

(a medical student.) Cecil Clark; company who were to be escorted to Fred (a law student,) Paul Collins; and through this re-erected theatre Bill, Paul and Rod (three football of Shakespere, raised across the stars,) Benny Sheppard, David Gam-Thames by the Theatre Guild of Lonble and Jack West; Joe, George, and Jim (upper classmen,) Fred Baker. Elvis Richardson and Lowell Vickers; niversary; procedure of the party was Harry, Clarence and Frank (Freshmen serving the fraternity,) James enthusiasts of long ago; too, I had West, Carroll King and Burneal Scott. read extensively upon the subject of The girls will also start to work

on "Lady Frances" Thursday. When and had found romance in the period these are given, we want every one to of Elizabeth. Therefore, as I say, I come, because we feel it will be well was enthusiastic about being able to worth anyone's time. join the company and to obtain real

MERKEL WINS ALL AROUND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the Taylor county Interscholastic League held at the University I walked across the stone bridge which Baptist church, /Abilene, Friday, spans the Thames, said to have served the theatre-going public of the time of March 27, the following events were won by students of the Merkel schools: Shakespeare. I glowed with the

place)-Ben sublett.

THE MERKEL MAIL stage in the model theatre was fitted ing again to the action, I saw the last with only a few properties, but there actor leaving the stage. were several wings of scenery. I re-! "But-but, why-?" flected that I had read many disputes | I turned to my companion. He had upon the subject, but it is generally vanished, too. Then it dawned upon conceded that signs to announce the me that it was twelve, the end of this scenes were not wholly relied upon. anaiversary day of Shakespeare's My attention went from the stage birth. to the yard in which I was now stand--Elvis D. Richardson. ing. It was unfloored, and the heat radiated by the ground was terrific. I SAY DID YOU KNOW. ielt for those who were forced by cir- - That checkers is the most fashioncumstances to witness a play during able game in high school study halls? CHORAL AND GLEE CLUB NEWS. first place winners. Mr. Sheppard the hottest part of the day from this -That the Senior girls are all getting

The Choral and Glee clubs are now chose as his subject the "Machines position. The sun drove me to the gal- new permanents-wonder why? working on the operettas they are to and the Next War." Miss Turner's leries, where the more prosperous -That Miss Patterson likes to subject was "The Farm Depression." classes had been seated. Several of keep plane geometry class in? -That Miss Patterson went to -That Lou, Lois, B. P. and Benny baking earth of the pit. . Our giude stood upon the stage and were great debaters?

lectured about the evolution of the -That Margarette T. and Benny the powerful theatre of the Elizabethan period. He told about the moralit- meet?

-That spring "has not came?" Whiteley are manikins. There is also As Merkel is the only class A team in and of the period of each is difficult. blonde boys?

> -That B. I. likes the "Wild West?" -That Ids went to the Boaz ranch 'dear" hunting this week-end but regood competition. The following boys were sponsored by the clergy until ported no luck?

Sheppard, David Gamble, Mardell large attendances. Then the guilds egg? CAN YOU IMAGINE.

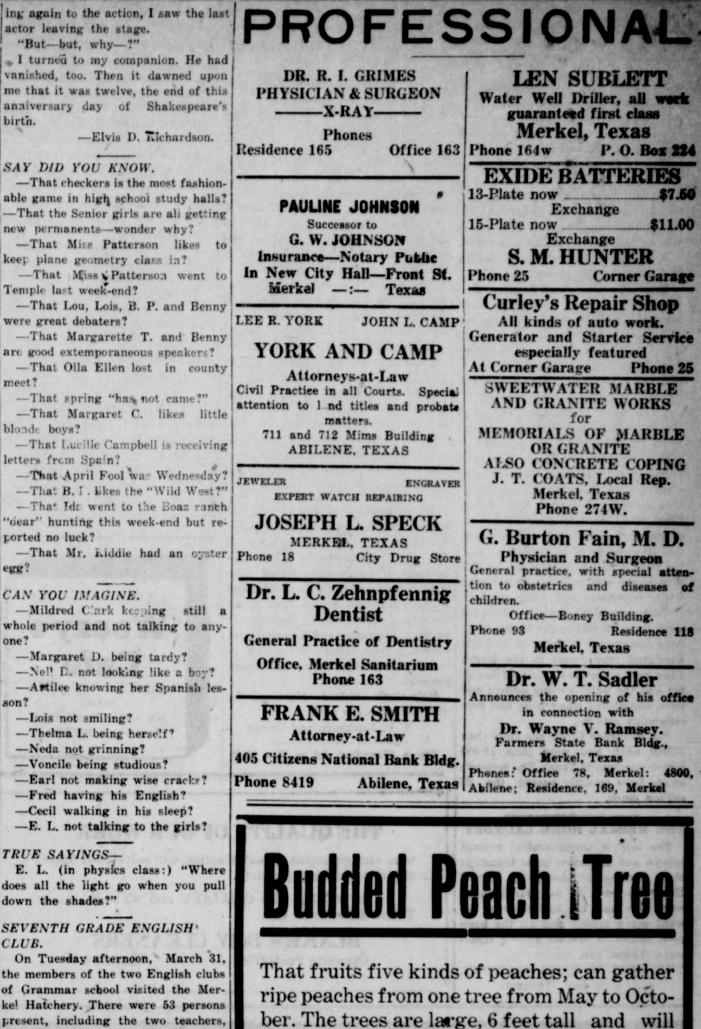
came the step of portraying life and men and women as they are. The classone? ical element was introduced and then

came the final development which made the theatre of the sixteenth centuary the greatest of all theatres. He gave a sketch of Shakespeare's development as a dramatist and contindon, the hosts of our party. The occa- used on and on about things I already sion was Shakespeare's birthday an- knew.

I was grateful when the wearying to be the same as that of the theatre ordeal was over. I had hoped in vain, to find some of the inspiration and romanticism of the ancient theatre in sixteenth century plays and theaters reliving those days. I must have been physically weary, too; for when TRUE SAYINGS-I reached the room of my hotel, I lay across my bed without undressing and fell asleep almost immediately. down the shades?"

I had slept I know not how long when I was awakened by a courteous SEVENTH GRADE ENGLISH rap upon my floor. My room was dark, CLUB.

and I had difficulty in finding the electric switch. To my surprise the the members of the two English clubs light did not snap on, so I proceeded of Grammar school visited the Merto the door and opened it. There were ke! Hatchery. There were 53 persons 1. Junior boys' declamation (first thought that perhaps even the great no lights in the hall, either. I could, present, including the two teachers,



schools (first place)-Elvis Richard- of the comedies of the most beloved

(scond place) -Aline McAninch. Ferrier and B. P. Middleton.

tilou Largent and Lois Clark.

(first place)-Benny Sheppard. 9. Girls' extemporaneous speech scope of the sixteenth century theatre- though, and by their light I got my The members of the English clubs

place)-P. A. Diltz, Sylvan Mellinger, drama.

Morris Wozencraft. er, and Ima Ruth Brown.

inch.

the pupils won third place.

Everyone knows that Merkel took octagonal and some square; but for the all around county championship the greatest part they were, like this at the county meet last Friday, but we model, round. The walls were about the joy of witnessing the production wise to remind you that there were forty or forty-five feet high and were or Shakespeare." some really worthwhile first places usually built of wood, lath and plaswon by our teams.

In debate Merkel teams excelled. All this I had read, so I did not day. The theatre lacked lights except The boys' team composed of B. P. find that my zeal was surmounting for a dim light on the stage. Middleton and Ross Ferrier met and my disappointment.

defeated Potosi by unanimous count | We entered the gateway. The aras the first event of the day. The boys rangement of the interior was identidrew the negative side of the ques- cal with the descriptions I had read. tion.

The girls' team, Misses Mattilou jutted into the middle of the yard Largent and Lois Clark, were not so from the wall opposite the gateway. the milling mob in the pit or the forfortunate, since they had to meet It was two-thirds deeper than mod-Potosi and Bradshow in quick succes- ern stages and differed from modern sion. They defeated the former with stages in that it occupied a great part ittle trouble and won a 2 to 1 decision of the "auditorium," or yard. The er the stronger team from Brad- balcony which rose from the back shaw. Merkel drew the affirmitive part of the stage was a necessary fixture to the sixteenth century theatre: both times in these contests.

Both teams and their coach, Miss for it portrayed battlements of a city, they Tracy, are to be complimented the upper story of a house, and the balcony for "Romeo and Juliet." Pos-

The event that is more difficult than sibly it even housed distinguished any other to win and that requires guests when it was not needed for more original work is that of extem- dramatic purposes. Its lower story poraneous speaking. Benjamen Shep- was utilized as a tiring room for the pard and Miss Margarette Turner actors. The stage was without a roof took first places in their respective except for a thatch or tile roof which divisions in this event. They not only extended completely around the walls took first place but made the task and projected over the galleries and climax! I looked for Shakespeare to of the judges rather easy in selecting from the balcony on the stage. This see his reactions. He was gone! Turn-

master himself had toiled through the however, make out the form of a man. Mrs. Sublett and Miss Coffey. 2. Junior girls' declamation (sec- dust up the very hill I was climbing. I began to apologize for my darkened ond place)-Mary H. Lancaster. I tried to picture myself as being reception of him. (I had the feeling hatchery, served refreshments of so-3. Senior Spelling (first place) - contemporary with him, living in that he was not an attendant of the de water and candy Easter eggs and Audrey Farris and Velma Lee Hol- "Merrie England," walking with the hotel but a guest who had lost his rabbits to the members just before rollicking crowd or the more reser-4. Essay contests for class A high ved class to a performance of one shall see.)

material about the Shakesperean

I felt somewhat like a pilgrim when

stage.

of English dramatists. Try as I I believe, a patron of the drama?" Essay contests for ward schools might, however, to prod my enthusi-No ardor of pilgrimage warmed my pleased if you will follow me."

". Girls' debate (first place)-Mat- veins after the sun shone his intensest trying to place themselves in the unnoticed. Candles were being lighted second prizes.

10. Ficture memory contest (second discuss earnestly Shakespeare and the

saw the tall building; but, like my to the shadows, so I could tell little, 11. Music memory contest (first companions, I could find scarcely any- about him. We proceeded silently, and 5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are place)-Nel! Cantres, Ethelda Tuck- thing to comment upon. Indeed, my soon I could tell that we were on the Better Loans. Longer time, lower former hopes of inspiration were burn- same road that I had made my "pil- rates; plenty of money; never come 1". Arithmetic contest (first place) ing down to embers of commonplace- grimage" in the afternoon. When the due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y.-Treas., -Truett Patterson and Aline McAn- ness, I was glad when the guide be- outline of the theatre appeared, my Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, gan to speak: guide spoke:

A booth representing Merkel Gram- "The Elizabethan, or Shakespearmar school exhibiting work done by can, theatre, as you can see, was con- of the birth of our great master of the lene, Texas. structed in a round shape. Some were

English drama. We of the spirit world have met again, for the first time in hundreds of years to relive

ter, on stone or brick foundations."

lery where I had sat earlier in the

My guide explained that lights would arouse the inhabitants of the countryside and that they of his world did not need them anyway. The Most promincat was the stage, which light on the stage was for such guests as I. I, therefore, could tell little about

> merly influential persons who were allowed to sit with us in the gallery. But I could see the jesting nobles who sat upon the stage.

We quietly climbed up to the gal-

Thunderous applause caused me to look more carefully at the stage. In the shadows, bowing, was the immortal Shakespeare! He seated himself, and then ensued the most remarkable and gorgeous performance of "Romeo and Juliet" that I had ever seen. Costumes of splendor, the superb acting necessi. tated by the lack of properties, the onder of it all, did more for me than I had ever hoped for earlier in this same day. The great play reached its

Mr. Hill, who is in charge of the way; I was mistaken, in a way as you they began their inspection of the establishment. "Sir," he addressed me. "you are,

-Margaret D. being tardy?

-Lois not smiling?

-Neda not grinning?

-Thelma L. being herself?

-- Voncile being studious?

-Fred having his English?

-Cecil walking in his sleep?

son?

As it was time to remove a tray of chickens from the incubator, Mr. Hili Before I could answer, he contin- offered prizes to the ones who guessed asin, no inspiration would come. The ued, "I am sure that you will be very the number of chickens hatched from 6. Boys' debate (first place)-Ross rising dust was not inducive of it. interested, and I shall be extremely 111 eggs. Loreta Cox, who guesed the exact number of 39, received a prize Why I followed the stranger, I can- of 50 cents. Burneal Scott, Wayman in this early afternoon. Most of my not say. The lobby of the hotel was Richards, Vivian Davis and Truett 8. Boys' extemporaneous speech companions, too, quit the game of dark, too; so I proceeded through it Fatterson received candy rabbits as

(first place)-Margarette Turner. goer; for only a few had continued to first glimpse of the stranger. He wore will write themes on some phases of some unusual attirement. In the light the visit to the Merkel Hatchery. The of the streets I made out his dress to best themes will appear in the next Lawrence Thornton, Billie Rose and My enthusiasm was evoked when I be of the sixteenth century. He stuck issue of the Merkel Mail.

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Important business to be taken up this station for the past four years, at the convention includes the election has sold out to J. D. Porter, long time of state officers and the election resident of Merkel and engaged in the of 24 national delegates to the same business on Kent street several society's national convention which years ago. Mr. Porter will have as will be held in Buffalo next summer. his assistants Morris Horton and

A number of drill teams will attend Virgil Hass, the latter having been in and compete for state honors.

Mrs. Etta Davidson, Houston, nat- Ben Bird is removing to Abilene at ional director and state supervisor, an early date to take over the manwill take part in the convention and agement of Magnolia's newest service other prominent officers in atten- station, corner Tenth and Pine street. dance will be Mrs. Mary E. LaRocca and Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Omaha, Nebr., national president and here, he has made many friends by national secretary, respectively.

The national officers will tell about the Home for Aged Members and Or- Merkel business circles regret to lose Anderson, senior from Merkel, Texas, phan Children which the society 'op- him, he is followed to his new home will represent Texas Christian unierates at Sherman, Texas. The first with best wishes for continued suc- versity at the annual Round-Up of building of the Home, a 33-room brick structure of Georgian architecture, was formally dedicated last spring. Plans were recently accepted for the second unit, a children's cottage which will be constructed to harmonize with the first building. A farm on the 250acre Home site provides guests with fruit, vegetables and dairy produce.

teachers at High School, and to all Texas members have contributed the host of others who by their tender more than \$24,000 to the Home. They words of sympathy and kindness minhave contributed 37 acres of land and furnished four rooms in the Home. They have given the electric refrigeragrateful. tor and the water cooling system and have contributed many trees and miscellaneous articles.

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Of Magnolia Station of Tye Community, Dies Funeral services were held Monday Announcement of the change of

afternoon at the Presbyterian church in Tye for M. B. Flippin, 87, pioneer resident, who died Sunday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Seyurday. Ben F. Bird, who has operated mour, at Nubia. Mr. Flippin was born Tennessee in 1844, but had been a respected resident of the Tye community and a faithful member of the Presbyterian church there for over forty years.

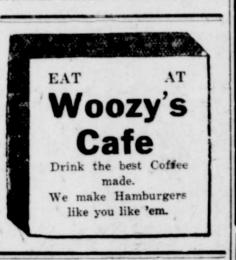
Services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city.

Besides the daughter at whose home Mr. Flippin died, he is survived by four other daughters and two sons.

Merkel Girl Chosen Sweetheart of T. C. U

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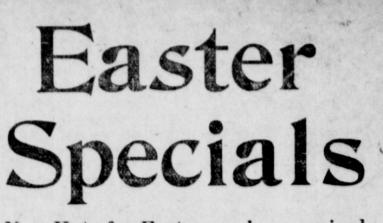


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