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On the "Broadway of America"

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RESERVE SECTION FOR DELEGATION 250 MERKELITES

Members Local Baptist Church to Attend Closing Session of State Sunday School Convention at Abilene in Mass.

One of the highlights of the sixth annual meeting of the Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, which has been in session in Abilene Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, is to be the motorcade of delegates to visit the Sunday School of the Merkel Baptist church this (Thursday) afternoon. They will come here, following a visit to the Sunday School class at Caps, which only recently attained the advanced standard rating.

The Sunday School of the local Baptist church holds one of the outstanding records in the realm of the Southern Baptist convention, having been the first ever to attain advanced standard rating, highest possible, and having held it for the past five years.

The Abilene Reporter of Wednesday featured on its front page pictures of the class officers and the elder men's class, also photographs of W. J. Largent, superintendent of the Sunday School, and the Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the local church, under whose pastorate attendance in young people's work is said to have been largest in the history of the church.

At the closing session of the state convention Thursday night, members of the Merkel Baptist church are to compose a delegation of 250 to occupy a reserved section of the auditorium, as one of the special delegations from neighboring towns who are attending the Abilene meet.

It is estimated that total registration at the convention may reach 4,000, as more than 3,500 had registered up to noon Wednesday.

There were three features on the program for the last day: the election of officers, the selection of a meeting place for 1932 and presentation of nine special awards.

The awards to be made are pennants, to go for special achievement in Sunday School work. Banners will be awarded to the association with the highest percentage of standard Sunday Schools, to the church having the largest percentage of its members present, to the church whose members travel the largest aggregate number of miles to attend the convention, to the intermediate, young people's, college young people's and adult classes, making the best efficiency record, and to the first Baptist Sunday school reaching the advanced standard.

Mr. Banner Reported Better. J. L. Banner, who was taken seriously ill on Monday, was reported somewhat better Thursday morning.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 14, 1911.)

Otto Carter, a former citizen of this place but now of Sweetwater, passed through our city the latter part of the week.

Otho Williams is in Houston this week where he went to attend the lumbermen's convention. G. H. Adams is looking after his business at the lumber yard while he is away.

Miss Laura Cary is visiting friends and relatives near Ovalo.

Tracy Barlow has accepted a regular position on The Mail and will appreciate any and all assistance in his efforts to gather every week all of the personal and local items of interest for the columns.

Arthur Witt is a business visitor in the city from Hamlin.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood has returned from Dallas where she has been on a visit.

Mrs. N. C. Sinclair visited Mrs. R. O. Anderson at Trent this week.

Owing to illness in the family the

MERKEL FURNISHES MEMBER OF DALLAS NEW CITY COUNCIL

A former Merkel man, H. C. Burroughs, was elected one of the councilmen of the city of Dallas in the annual city election last week. He holds place 2, district B, representing Oak Cliff.

Mr. Burroughs, it will be remembered, was associated with his father in the ownership and operation of the H. C. Burroughs and Son drug store here for several years, having removed to Dallas about ten years ago.

The Dallas News gives the following interesting sketch of this popular ex-Merkelite:

"Mr. Burroughs was born in Merkel, Taylor county, Texas, 1894. He moved to Dallas in 1918, rapidly establishing himself among the successful young business men of this city and becoming owner of the Marsalis and Boundary drug stores. He is a director of the Oak Cliff-Dallas Commercial association, vice president of the Oak Cliff Kiwanis club, member of Washington Masonic Lodge and actively identified with the Brooklyn Methodist church. He is a leader in Oak Cliff philanthropic and civic tasks. He lives at 509 East Ninth street."

Additional Names Bring Total to 37 In Yard Contest

Seven additional names are included in the list of entrants in Merkel's second Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club and assisted by a ladies committee of which Mrs. Len Sublett is chairman and other members are Mesdames Dee Grimes and Booth Warren.

The new names are: Mrs. Dean Higgins. Mrs. Charlie Jones. Mrs. W. E. Lowe. Mrs. Earl Stanford. Mrs. J. S. Stalls. Mrs. A. R. Booth. Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

This makes a total of 37 entries to date and decided interest is being manifested as is visible to anyone driving over the city and noting the many yards that are being dressed up.

Besides the silver cup offered by the Merkel Mail as the grand prize, first and second prizes will be given to the most beautiful front yard, the most beautiful back yard and the most beautiful flower garden, both to home owners and renters in two separate classes. Special prizes are also offered for the best bed of zinnias, the best bed of periwinkles and the best rose bush, these latter open to all, and in the home owner class, special prizes will be given for the greatest improvement in the yard for owners of three room homes, four room, five room, and six room or over.

WEST TEXANS FORM UNIT OF HIGHWAY ASS'N

W. S. Stephens of Strawn Heads Broadway of America Division Organized at Colorado; Twelve Towns Represented.

Colorado, April 16.—Twelve towns along the Bankhead highway between Strawn and Pecos were represented here Friday for the organization of the Broadway of America association. One hundred men attended the meeting, 74 of them from out-of-town.

W. S. Stephens of Strawn was named president of the West Texas division. Other officers chosen were L. B. Campbell, Cisco, vice president; J. H. Greene, Colorado, treasurer; H. P. Davis, Pecos, secretary-manager. Mr. Davis, named temporary chairman, presided for the organization.

A board of directors was also named, one from each of the cities represented. They follow: J. T. Long, Odessa; C. H. Earnst, Colorado; H. B. Allen, Sweetwater; Dr. W. S. Pedego, Strawn; Fred Wimble, Midland; W. M. Rossman, Pecos; Alonzo Phillips, Lorraine; Hall Walker, Ranger; J. E. Spencer, Cisco; Earl Vest, Monahans; Tom Ashley, Big Spring; Van Boston, Westbrook.

President Stephens and Manager Davis were delegated by the body to visit chambers of commerce in cities along the route to present a tentative finance plan for the West Texas unit of the Broadway association. Their reports will be heard at a called meeting of the board of directors.

Visitors were guests at luncheon of the Colorado Lions club.

Annual convention of the Broadway of America association will be held at Hot Springs, Ark., April 20 and 21. Odessa, Strawn, Ranger and Colorado will be represented at the meeting, their delegates said.

Local Farm Loan Office Closes on Tuesday, April 28

Announcement is made by Sam Swann of the local committee for receiving applications for federal farm loans that Tuesday, April 28, will be the last day that the local committee will receive applications and that he will close his office after that date.

Regulations have been issued requiring that all applications must reach headquarters office on or before April 30 and therefore the local committee will have to wind up its work on April 28.

Pete White Elected Department Chief

At the annual meeting of the Merkel Fire department held at the station Monday night, Pete White was elected chief to succeed N. A. Dowell, who has held the place for the past five years. Pete White had been assistant chief. Morris Horton was elected to the latter place.

Officers of the association were all re-elected as follows: C. H. Jones, president; Tom Allday, vice-president, and Bob Dennis, secretary-treasurer.

Delegates to the state convention were named as follows: Bob Fowler, representing hose company No. 1, L. D. Henry, No. 2 and F. A. Saunders, No. 3.

Carl Thomas, Howard Laney, Sam Bankston and F. A. Saunders were named on a committee to police the crowds that gather for a fire and to regular traffic incident thereto.

Tuesday Next Date Lions Club Meet

Next Tuesday will be the regular luncheon meeting of the Lions club. Dr. W. T. Sadler is to be toastmaster, assisted by J. S. Bourn, the latter the tall twister of the club. Attendance since the first of the year has been most gratifying to the officers and directors and the new year is witnessing even greater interest by all the members in the club's activities.

Reported Doing Nicely. Following a major operation at the Merkel sanitarium last Friday Miss Lois Bush, whose home is in the Canyon, was reported Thursday morning as doing nicely.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Rev. Gary L. Smith of Sweetwater was named moderator of the Fort Worth presbytery, which convened at Graham Tuesday.

Breckenridge citizens by a vote of more than three to one Tuesday defeated a proposed measure of municipal ownership of the local gas company.

The house committee on criminal jurisprudence has acted favorably on a senate bill allowing local option on movies after one o'clock Sunday afternoons.

C. R. Simmons, Sweetwater laundry man, who was one of two new members of the city commission recently elected, has been named mayor for the ensuing year.

Asphyxiation from a gas reater in the bathroom of his parents' home caused the death of Buer Dawson Phipps, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Phipps of Cisco.

T. L. Bradford will be mayor of Dallas after May 1, succeeding Waddy Tate, the "hot dog" mayor, when the new council-city manager form of government becomes effective.

C. N. Shaver, superintendent of the Huntsville public schools and former member of the legislature, has been appointed to the state textbook commission, composed of five members.

Effective pulmotor work by city firemen and police saved the life of Miss Lois Childs, 25, of Elgin, who was overcome by gas fumes in the bath room of the home of relatives in Austin.

Striking his thumb with a hammer, Thomas H. Haynes, 42, fainted from the pain and fell twenty feet from a scaffold at the Magnolia Refining company, Beaumont, dying two hours later.

Paul Sheehan, Harry Sheehan and Ralph Pancake of Pioneer are being held in the Eastland jail on charges in connection with the death of Jack King of Rising Star, who died suddenly on March 25.

Maurice (Dutch) Baumgarten, guard, has been elected captain of the University of Texas football team, succeeding Grover C. (Ox) Emerson of Orange, declared ineligible by officials of the Southwestern conference.

Another election has been ordered in Childress for May 12 because the city election held there last Tuesday was declared illegal as Henry Hawkins, election judge, had not paid his poll tax and at least two of the clerks were not qualified voters.

Sol Mayer, San Angelo and Sonora, Texas, ranchman, has been named by the directors of the National Wool Marketing Co-operative association as president, taking the position made vacant by the recent resignation of Roger Gillis of Del Rio.

Suit for libel in the sum of \$260,000, based on 15 articles printed by the Houston Press in the recent city election, has been filed by Oscar Holcombe, former mayor of Houston, who was defeated by Walter E. Monteith, incumbent, in the race for mayor.

In an address before the joint session of the senate and house of representatives, United States Senator Tom Connally prophesied victory for the democratic party in 1932 and his prediction was met with cheers from senators, representatives and citizens crowding the galleries.

Two children, ages 6 and 8, respectively, of C. O. Harper, employe of a teaming contractor at Kilgore, died Sunday afternoon as the result of burns received early that morning when they were trying to start a fire in a coal stove with kerosene in the tent in which they were living.

The operator of a Sweetwater tourist camp found \$310 in currency Monday in a room occupied the night before by a man registered as "Dr. Qooley, state of Washington," but before the day was over the owner had discovered his loss, phoned from Strawn and returned to claim his possessions.

The house of representatives Wednesday voted 80 to 60 to engross the constitutional amendment proposing to authorize the issuance of \$212,000,000 in state road bonds to reimburse counties, but the large number of votes against the resolution, it requiring 100 votes to submit, leaves much doubt of passage of the bill at final action.

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Yard and Garden Contest,

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

VISITORS NAME RANGER PASTOR AS MODERATOR

Breckenridge Next Meeting Place: Pastor-Host, Grace Congregation and Choir Lauded in Resolution Report.

Breckenridge was named the place of meeting for the fall session of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., which closed its semi-annual session at the Grace Presbyterian church here Wednesday night. Dr. L. B. Gray, pastor of the Ranger and Strawn churches, was named moderator of the body, and a Merkel man, W. M. Elliott, was named principal elder delegate to the general assembly which meets in Pittsburg, Pa. Alternate elder delegate is L. J. McMillan of Ranger. The Rev. J. Wood Parker of Post was named principal pastor delegate and the Rev. J. A. Owen of Albany was chosen alternate.

Besides being the host church, it was the privilege of the Grace Presbyterian church to have furnished the retiring moderator, Rev. R. A. Walker, who called the session to order when it convened Tuesday evening.

The two-day session of the Abilene presbytery at the local Presbyterian church will go down in history both because of the number of speakers of outstanding ability and power whom it was the privilege of the body to listen to, and because of the excellence of the program of beautiful and inspiring music afforded by the Grace church choir and soloists under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, as well as for the earnest deliberations attending their sessions and the volume of business transacted.

Among the speakers of such eloquence and effectiveness as to be compared with leading church orators of the state and nation were Dr. J. H. Burma, president of Trinity university, Waxahachie, who delivered the opening sermon Tuesday evening on the subject of "Christian Education;" Rev. Eugene H. Surface, pastor at Lamesa, who preached the morning sermon Wednesday, and Rev. H. G. Markley of Breckenridge, who revealed most gifted evangelistic powers in the closing sermon of the session Wednesday night.

Besides the devotional at each of the sessions, the Grace choir rendered beautiful anthems Tuesday and Wednesday evening. The gifted soloists included Paul West Tuesday (Continued on Page 8.)

New Officers to Take Seats Next Regular Meeting

Returns of the city election, held April 7, were canvassed last Friday night by the mayor and city council and the following declared elected:

W. M. Elliott, mayor.

A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett, aldermen.

Mrs. Juanita Dowell, secretary and tax collector.

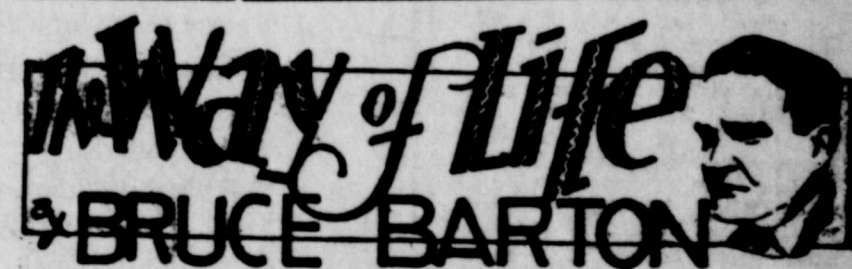
These officials will qualify and take office at the next regular meeting of the city council, which will be the first Monday night in May.

Many Interested in Free Poultry School

Up to Thursday noon twenty-seven had enrolled for the free poultry school sponsored by the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association to be held four days, beginning Monday of next week.

Bob Hicks is secretary of the association and anyone contemplating enrolling in the school is urged to file his name with the secretary.

The school will be taught by V. R. Glazener, former head of A. & M. poultry department and now poultry specialist with the Purina Mills.



TOO MUCH BELLYACHING.

I shall be criticized for the title of this editorial, but it is a good old Elizabethan phrase and there is no other which expresses so forcibly the thing I have in mind.

Let me illustrate with a story.

I stood in line one night at the ticket window in Providence, waiting to take up the lower berth which I had reserved to New York. In front of me was a man who had come up from Chatham on Cape Cod, having telegraphed for a reservation from there. Through a mistake on the part of the Chatham operator the telegram had gone to Boston instead of to Providence. If the man waited for the train to come through from Boston he would not get to bed until about two o'clock in the morning. If he got a Providence car he would have to sleep in an upper berth because all the lower berths were sold.

He bought an upper, but not without a great deal of grumbling. "This is atrocious," he exclaimed. "Give me a telegraph blank. I am going to wire that operator in Chatham and tell him what I think of him."

To which the station agent answered very sanely: "What good will that do? You're mad already. What's the use of getting two men mad?" Every hour of every day a certain number of things happen which just should not happen, but do. To err is human.

When I became a magazine editor years ago a very wise editor told me: "You are about to make a sad discovery. You are about to learn that there are no efficient people in the world."

He went on to prophesy that writers would consistently misinterpret my instructions about articles and that artists would insist on drawing their pictures all wrong.

To a certain extent the prophecy was fulfilled; but, having been warned in advance, I managed to get along without losing my temper often or increasing my blood-pressure much.

If you expect perfection from people your whole life is a series of disappointments, grumblings and complaints. If, on the contrary, you pitch your expectations low, taking folks as the inefficient creatures which they are, you are frequently surprised by having them perform better than you hoped.

Too many of us are like that man in Providence, who probably "belly-

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Warning Issued as to Federal Farm Loans

A pointed warning to borrowers under the crop production and farm rehabilitation loan plan is contained in a circular letter addressed to county agents and committee chairmen by T. Weed Harvey, administrative officer in charge, St. Louis.

Mr. Harvey says that "a large number of specific cases have been brought to the attention of the Farmers' Seed Loan office, U. S. Department of Agriculture, St. Louis, Mo., where farmers who have made application for seed, livestock and agricultural rehabilitation loans and, after having their applications approved by this office, have used a part or all of the money advanced to them for expenditures other than that for which they were authorized by law."

He adds that all the funds so advanced "must be used for the purpose of which they were approved and granted," and "flagrant misuse of these funds will not be tolerated."

Mr. Harvey also says it is rumored that the government "does not seriously contemplate the collection of these loans when they are due this fall." Such reports, he says, are erroneous. "This office is already making extensive plans for collection of these loans."

Both types of loans, he warns, are secured by a first mortgage on the 1931 crop "and it will be unlawful for any mortgagor to sell any part of this crop without applying the proceeds of such sales to the note held by the federal government. Payment of these loans must be made from the proceeds of the first crops sold. Any violations of the foregoing will be severely prosecuted."

Cat Mothers Rabbits.

Plainview, April 16.—A cat on the farm of J. M. Beavers, three miles southeast of Plainview, is mothering three cottontail rabbits. Beavers does not know how the mother cat acquired her strange family.

The first dynamo ever constructed was that made by Michael Faraday in 1831.



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DO they harass you by day and keep you awake at night?

Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.

When you're nervous, take Dr. Miles' Nervine. It's the prescription of a successful Nerve Specialist, put up in convenient form.

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Tues., Wed., Thurs. Marlene Dietrich in

"DISHONORED"

Fri., Sat. Conrad Nagel

"RIGHT OF WAY"

W. H. Bush, Helium Land Owner, Dies

Amarillo, Texas, April 16.—News of the death in Chicago Thursday of William H. Bush, owner of the world's largest helium producing lands, was received by many friends here who recalled Bush's early endeavors.

Bush pioneered the Texas Panhandle with Joseph F. Glidden, inventor of barbed wire, in the early '80s.

Coming to Amarillo in 1881, Bush acquired 200 sections of land in Potter and Randall counties. This land, long famous as the Frying Pan Ranch, contains the world's largest helium deposits. It supplies a government plant built here many years ago.

Bush's brother, James A., who has handled properties here for many years, has left for Chicago.

Texas brought in 4,361 oil wells and 356 gas wells during 1930 and drilled 2,889 "dry" holes in addition. (Authority: Oil & Gas Division, Texas Railroad Commission).

Try a Classified Ad for Results

THE WAY OF LIFE

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ached" to everybody he met the next day, saying that he was tired because a fool operator in Chatham had caused him to sleep in an upper berth. Doubtless he went home and "belly-ached" to his wife; and he may still be telling the sad story, for all I know.

What's the use of it all?

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y.-Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.



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AN Iowa girl, just out of her 'teens rushed excitedly to her mother with a crumpled newspaper in her hand.

"Look, mother! Sanford Abbott*, the New York producer, is reviving twenty operas. I'm going to ask for a place in the cast."

"Why Olive, dear, you'd be foolish to go to New York for that! Your chances are almost nothing."

"I'll telephone him and see!"

Let a noted newspaper tell the story (name of newspaper and date of article on request):

"She got long distance. And when a far-away voice said: 'This is Mr. Abbott speaking,' she talked as fast as she could. But Abbott cut her short. His casts were full. It was useless for her to come to New York."

"I don't want to come to New York," the girl said. "Just let me sing for you."

"And singing through those miles and miles of wire came a silvery voice—Olive Palmer singing the famous 'Shadow Song.'"

"Get the next train to New York," Abbott said quietly when the last note died away."

Olive Palmer went—and made good. Every Wednesday night in thousands of homes throughout the land, radios catch from the ether the liquid beauty of her voice. A radio magazine lists her as one of the ten most popular stars on the air.

*Fictional Name.

So clear is long distance that even the subtle shadings of a singer's voice are heard easily and correctly, though artist and critic be separated by half a continent.

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It's fast, too. In most cases, you are connected with the called telephone while you hold the line, particularly if you call by number.

And you can telephone 100 miles for 35 cents after 8:30 p.m. (station-to-station).

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Just list, on the coupon below, names and addresses of out-of-town friends and relatives. Mail the coupon. Without cost or obligation, we'll send a personal "out-of-town number book", listing the names, addresses, telephone numbers and the cost of a three-minute conversation with each of your friends.



"Get the first train to New York," he told her quietly.

Manager SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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"Applications for loans under these regulations must be mailed in time to be received by the designated representative of the Department of Agriculture at the Farmers' Seed Loan Office, (St. Louis or Ft. Worth), not later than April 30, 1931."

To assist you in the preparation of your application Mr. Sam Swann will be at his desk in the Lions Club building on the following dates, to-wit:

Saturday, April 18th
Tuesday, April 21st
Saturday, April 25th
Tuesday, April 28th

Since applications filed with him must come to the attention of the county committee before being forwarded to St. Louis or Ft. Worth, no application will be received by the local committee after Tuesday, April 28th, and you are requested to be governed accordingly.



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For they can't do it. They only move the bowels and a mere movement doesn't get at the cause. The reason for your down-and-out feeling is your liver. It should pour out two pounds of liquid bile into your bowels daily.

If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just decays in the bowels. Gas bloats up your stomach. You have a thick, bad taste and your breath is foul, skin often breaks out in blemishes. Your head aches and you feel down and out. Your whole system is poisoned.

It takes the good old CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS to get those two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up." They contain wonderful, harmless, gentle vegetable extracts, amazing when it comes to making the bile flow freely.

But don't ask for liver pills. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills. Look for the name Carter's Little Liver Pills on the red label. Repeat a substitute.

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

TIGER EYE

By B. M. Power



THIRD INSTALLMENT.

The Kid's name was Bob Reeves, but back home on the Brazos they called him Tiger Eye, because one of his eyes was yellow—the eye with which he sighted down a gun-barrel. His father was "Killer" Reeves, but the boy did not want to kill. If he stayed home he would have to carry on his father's feuds, so he headed his horse, Pecos, northward and encountered Nate Wheeler, who drew his .45 and fired just as Tiger Eye did. The Kid didn't want to kill Nate, only to cripple him, but his aim must have been wild, for Wheeler dropped from his horse. Babe Garner came riding up. Wheeler was a "nester," he said, and had it coming to him. Tiger Eye rode to Wheeler's cabin to notify the dead man's widow.

The Kid breaks the news of Nate's death to his widow and then goes out and brings in the body, discovering he had not missed his shot to disable Wheeler but had broken his arm, while another shot had killed the man. A gang of strangers rides up. One of them insults Mrs. Wheeler by coupling her name with the stranger. The Kid shoots a hole in each of the ears of Pete Gorham, who hurled the insult, making his escape in the confusion. He lays in wait for the party and finally sees the men drive off with Wheeler's widow and child. He trails them silently.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

He followed the wagon to Becker's ranch and saw the men gathered there, and knowing the signal, he softly whistled the first two bars of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and so got by the man on guard at the gate. The room would not hold all the men gathered there, and some stood outside in the dark and talked and smoked. Drank, too, from bottles that went from hand to hand until they were emptied and thrown away. The kid did not talk. He kept his mouth shut and his ears open, like old Killer Reeves always had advised. When the gathering showed signs of breaking up, he melted into the shadows so quietly he never was missed, and presently he rode past the unsuspecting guard at the gate and went his way.

The kid unsaddled Pecos, rubbed him dry and went whistling up the path to the cabin. It was warm and reeked with the smell of coal oil fumes and stale cigarette smoke. Babe's paper novel lay open, face down on the table, only two or three pages left unread at the back.

"I damn' near saddled up and took out after yuh, Tiger Eye," he said querulously. "There are shore bad times to be ridin' around alone. Nester see yuh—well, you oughta know."

"Shoah do, Babe."

"Have any trouble? If it's a fair question."

"Not to call trouble. Trailed some nesters to Sam Becker's ranch. Had a meetin' theah. Right smart gatherin'. They aim to call the Poole men into a trap. Some talk of drivin' cattle into Oxbow Bend. Poole men'll go theah and half the nestahs will be caged in the pass—"

"Yeah?" Babe looked startled. "Say, that might's drawed the Poole riders out, at that, if they didn't know it was a frame-up. We been watchin' our chance to get 'em in the act, the damn' cow thieves! Say, you got no call to take a chance like that," Babe frowned as the kid's exploit recurred to him. "F they'd'a' caught yuh there, they'd'a' strung yuh up in a holy minute. Don't yuh take another chance like that, Tiger Eye."

The kid did not say anything to that.

"Say, you goin' to promise me yuh won't take no more chances like that?" Babe pressed the point. You got something more under your hat than what you told me. Damn you, Tiger Eye, what more you been doin' tonight?"

The kid turned and looked long at Babe over his cup. His yellow eye was curiously softened.

"I been hearin' talk about Nate Wheeler," he said finally, and blinked when he saw how Babe failed to repress a start. "I been findin' out I didn't shoot so wide. I aimed to hit his gun arm down, and that ahm shoah was hit, just like I aimed it would be."

"Yeah?" Babe's eyes took on a hard, watchful look.

"I heahed men say it was a rifle bullet hit him in the head," the kid drawled softly. "I reckon yo'all

thought he was goin' to shoot me. I shoah am much obleegd to yo'all, Babe."

Babe Garner stared, then laughed shortly and turned away.

"Yo're welcome, Tiger Eye," He turned and began thumping pillows with savage energy. "Which side the bed you want? Me, I like to lay on the edge, where I can roll out quick." "Just lay wheah yo'all feels the best, Babe," grinned the kid, swallowing the last of his coffee "I'm sleepin' sound tonight, no mattah wheah I lay my head."

The kid was scouting along the rim of the Big Bench a day or two later, playing his mouth organ as he rode. Softly, because yo'all had to be mighty careful nobody down in the valley noticed and took a long shot at you, just for luck. But shucks! Yo'all couldn't hear that mouth organ any farth'n you could flip a rock with your thumb and finger.

Bad country up this way. Nice country, but plumb full of ornery no-account cow thieves that wouldn't wait to see if a fellow was all right but would holler, "Draw, you coyote!" and come a-shooting, plumb crazy like.

Funny, though. If Nate Wheeler hadn't come riding and shooting that-a-way, the kid wouldn't have met up with Babe Garner. It shoah was worth riding all the way up from Texas to Montana, just to meet up with a fellow as nice and friendly as Babe Garner was.

Shoah was a snaky kinda country, though. The kid didn't know just all the ins and outs of the fuss. The way Babe told it, cow thieves, that let on like they were nesters, had banded together to wipe out the Poole, which was a big Eastern outfit. Babe said the nesters were stealing the Poole blind and the bosses back East wanted it stopped. Babe said the Poole wouldn't stand for no more, and they now looked on all cow thieves same as they did on wolves,—varmint to be got rid of. Nate Wheeler was gunning for Poole riders, Babe said, and that was why he rode at the kid that-a-way.

He played absently, his thoughts dwelling on what Babe had said. Babe seemed to think Poole riders had to be fighters. Reckon he ought to tell Babe he wouldn't kill a man for no body; he'd seen too much of that back home. Anyway Babe never asked him a word about that part. If he did, the kid would tell him straight out where he stood.

Poole riders kinda expected to down a man for keeps if it came to gun play between them and nesters, the kid reckoned. Babe said the Poole had tried the law and it wouldn't work, because the Poole was an Eastern firm and all the nesters and town folks hung together. No jury in the country would convict a cow thief, Babe said.

So the Poole was going to shoot it out with the gang.

The kid's job was to ride, along up here on the rim, just lazy like, and watch through field glasses for any bunch of cattle being rounded up or driven along in the nester country below. Anything that looked like a round-up down there, or even a bunch of riders going anywhere, the kid was to ride to the top of a small pinnacle, standing back from the rim of the bench, and signal with a little, round looking-glass Babe Garner had given him.

It wasn't much of a job. The kid would rather ride with Babe, wherever it was he had struck out for at daylight. But Babe didn't act like he wanted anybody along.

The kid watched faithfully for awhile, halting Pecos behind boulders or this ranch and that ranch and the tranquil range land in between. Quiet as Sunday afternoon in a Quaker village, down there.

The kid swung the glasses farther into the coulee and along the trail to the gate, and on up to Wheeler's cabin. There he held them steady, little puckers showing in the skin around his eyes, he squinted so. His lips fell slightly apart as he watched. No wonder the valley was empty and no nesters were stirring! Having a funeral for Nate Wheeler, that was why. Yard full of wagons and saddle horses, men standing around outside the house, not talking but just standing ther, looking sour. Every one packing guns.

The kid sharpened the focus a little, still gazing with his forehead wrinkled trying to figure out what was wrong. Now the men were edging back from

the door—plain as if he stood in the yard with them he could see all they did; plain as looking at a play on the stage. Fetching the coffin out now. Just a board box with strap handles nailed on, nesters all stretching their necks like turkeys in a grain field, minding their manners but wanting to see it all. Something mighty strange though. And then the kid knew what it was. There weren't any women at that funeral. Nate Wheeler had a wife and baby, but they weren't there, either. Just men, not dressed up in their Sunday clothes, but wearing colored shirts and overalls. Not shaved, either. Looked like they had just stopped by from their work. Plenty of guns, though, and belts full of shells.

The kid stared for two seconds longer and took the field glasses from his eyes.

Instantly that grim gathering in the coulee receded into the slight movement of vague dots three miles and more away. The scene was gone, wiped out by the distance. Instead, the kid was staring down off the hill at a wagon that came rattling down a long slope directly toward him. The driver was standing up, lashing the horses into a run, with the long ends of the lines which he swung like a flail upon their backs. The wagon was jouncing along over hummocks and a woman with her bonnet off, and her hair flying straight out behind her like the tail of a running horse, was hanging to the seat like grim death.

A man on horseback came tearing up over the top of the little ridge. He started shooting, but he didn't hit anything at first and the team came on, leaving the road at the first turn and galloping straight down the slope.

The horseman spurred closer, still shooting, and at the third shot the driver made a sudden dive down on one of the horses, rolled off onto the ground and lay still. The team shied violently aside and sagged the front wheels in a big clump of buckbrush which they tried to straddle. The girl jumped out and started running for the hill, the man taking after her, yelling at her to stop. But she didn't do it, though.

She was a girl, all right. The kid knew that as soon as she jumped out and started running. She didn't run like a woman. This one legged it for the hill like a boy, her hair loose and waving out behind her like a yellow flag.

The fellow after the girl was trying to catch her before she got in among the rocks where he couldn't ride. It kinda looked as if she might make it all right, especially when she went over that wash in one long jump like a deer and the fellow's horse balked and reared back on the edge. The man yelled again, pulled down with his gun and sent a bullet kicking up the dust right in front of her. That scared her so she stopped, not knowing which way to turn. The fellow didn't shoot again but took down his rope and jumped off his horse.

The kid was waiting with his blue

left eye squinted nearly shut and his yellow right eye open and staring like a tiger. They kept coming closer and closer, and the kid's gun barrel jabbed forward and spat.

The man was widening his loop as he ran, but he dropped it as his arm jerked down to his side. He wore two guns, though. He started to draw a second gun with his left hand, but the kid fired another shot. The man gave a lurch and almost fell. Suddenly he sat down right where he was and leaned over sidewise, acting kinda sick.

When the kid took another look at the girl, she was lying on the ground all in a heap, like she'd fainted or been shot or something. He watched her for a minute and saw she didn't move, so he went jumping down the bluff like a loosened boulder.

He was plumb sorry for her and he hoped she wasn't hurt, but he hung back and didn't want to touch her or turn her over to see if she was dead. Her hair was all down over her face, and it was the longest, yellowest hair he had ever seen in his life. She gave a deep, gasping sigh and he stepped back a little farther. She had just fainted. She'd be coming to in a minute, and she wouldn't thank him for standing there gawping at her that-a-way.

The kid walked over and stood looking down at the fellow on the ground. The man glared up at him like a trapped wolf. Both eyes were swollen and red, a puckery round hole showing in the outstanding shell of each. "When I plugged them eahs," he drawled contemptuously, "I shoah thought yo'all was just plain skunk. I wish I'd known then yo'all was half skunk and half Sidewinder!"

(Continued Next Week.)

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Those who are inclined to criticize the growing popularity of football and to condemn college sports in general may find certain weaknesses to back their objections, but there is one outstanding feature of college athletics that offsets many of the so-called evils. This was illustrated during the past week when the news dispatches from Austin told that Grover C. Emerson of Orange, who had been elected captain of the University of Texas football squad, had announced he would drop the fight to be declared eligible for another season, assigning as his reason that even though he should win his contention there would be a tendency to place a stigma on the University of Texas. The point at issue was that his name appeared in the lineup of the Baylor-Texas game of 1928, whereas he states that he did not play in that game but that traded jerseys led to his name being put in the lineup. His withdrawal from the picture spells Sportsmanship with a capital "S."

It was ex-governor Dan Moody who, during his term of office, had occasion to jeopardize his own peace of mind by announcing to the world that he could clean up Chicago in a certain given time with Texas rangers, or something of that kind, which he really meant. The newly elected mayor of the "windy city" is similarly convinced as Texas' former youthful governor was, that Chicago can be rid of crime and vice, taking a slightly different attack of the matter. Going at the cause of the thing and reasoning to effect, he told the acting police commissioner quite pointedly: "The partnership between the police department and politics is now dissolved." Outside observers have long believed that Chicago could cure its own reputation, if aimed to do it.

In putting his plan into operation, agents of William Wrigley of Chicago, largest chewing gum manufacturer in the world, purchased one thousand bales of cotton, representing the first \$60,000 which southern jobbers had turned over to the Wrigley company in the first week of operating the "cotton for chewing gum" offer made April 1, and this quantity of cotton is now lying in two to five bales lots in various southern warehouses waiting to be picked up. Practicing what he preaches, the head of the chewing gum business is going to use letterheads of cotton fabric. The company has ordered through a St. Louis establishment 800,000 letterheads of the fabric paper, which itself will require the consumption of nearly 20 bales of cotton. One bale of cotton, it is stated, makes 42,000 sheets of the paper under the processes used.

Merkel welcomes returning activity in the local oil fields and is equally warm in its welcome to the oil men and their families, several of whom have just recently moved in. They are a fine lot of people and to many of them it is like coming back home, as in times past a number of the operators and drillers were actively engaged in the field here.

THREE GRATEFUL PREACHERS.
Our gratitude is so deeply felt that we cannot be content to keep silent. To those who made it possible for us to wear new suits last Sunday, in keeping with the call of Spring, we do sincerely thank you. Come to church Sunday and note the transformation in scenery.

W. P. Sibley.
R. A. Walker.
E. L. Yeats.

THANKS TO VOTERS.

I want to thank the good people of Merkel for the expression of confidence so loyally manifested in the recent city election wherein you honored me by selection as one of your aldermen. It will be my endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability and I shall appreciate your cooperation and suggestions for the good of the city.

Sincerely yours,
Len Sublett.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Horton, residing about five miles north of town, Tuesday, April 14, 1931.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown, residing north of town, Wednesday, April 15, 1931.

CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

In the sermon, which Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered to his congregation last Sunday morning on the theme of "The New Birth," and which is offered readers of The Mail herewith as the weekly sermonette, the pastor emphatically places himself on record as believing in the Biblical story of creation. This, incidentally, however, in connection with his able discussion of the reasons for rebirth, the process of re-birth and the joys and happiness of the new life in Christ.

"The New Birth."
Text: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3.)
"God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him."

That's the simple story of how man was ushered into the world, and I believe it. Some do not.
The Bible says that man was made in the image of God. That means that man has an understanding that can know the things of God, and a heart that can love the things that God loves.

The temptation came and man fell. The temple of the most High God he debauched with sin and the spirit of God went out. In short, this is the story of the fall of man. Then follows the decent of a ruined race.

Adam begat a son in his own image; not in the image of God, but in the image of Adam, with the image of God marred and defaced. This is what the Bible means by being born in sin and shapen in iniquity. The image of God is gone out and must be restored—the restoration of the image of God by the re-coming of the spirit of God through Jesus Christ.

The text says: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." It does not say, "may not," or "shall not;" it says "cannot," and that's the hardest "not."
Every creature has a nature after its own kind. You cannot train a bird to crawl or a snake to fly. True to nature, a caterpillar crawls and when we see him fly we do not say "what an accomplishment;" we say the creature has been changed, has a new nature now, it has been born again. It's a butterfly.

The same is true of the natural and spiritual man. Peter says "We are made partakers of the divine nature." That's what makes you a child of God and, if you are not a child of God, you are a child of the devil.

There is a difference between reformation and regeneration. The drunkard reforms and becomes a keeper of a brothel. He reforms again and becomes a gambler. Reforms again and becomes a man of leisure, but he is the same old child of the devil.

Morality is outward adornment. Righteousness is the fruit of a "new nature," implanted by the spirit of God. Some of the worst men out of hell are reformed men. Some people say that certain sinners need to move to a new town and change companions and environments. It's not a new town, nor new environments that sinner needs; it's a "new birth."

Paul says: "I am crucified to the world." Some church members make a lively corpse when they get around where the things of the world are being pulled off. Some say, "I just love to dance, play cards, etc." Jesus said: "The world will love its own."

If you were born again, you would love the things that God loves. Are you a Christian? You answer, "I have been baptized into the church." That is not the question. Have you been "re-generated" and born again? If church membership and baptism saved, Ananias and Sapphira would not be in hell today. They never were in good standing in the church at the hour of their death. They had never been born again. No one is qualified for baptism unless he has consciously believed upon Jesus Christ as Saviour.

No church or minister in the world can confer the "new birth" upon a soul in the act of baptism.

How can I know that I have been born again? "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son."

Do you want to go down to death and fear no evil? "Ye must be born again." Do you want to meet the loved ones gone on to heaven? "Ye must be born again." Do you want to stand unafraid at the judgment? "Ye must be born again."

"TWO POWERS."

The Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the

Baptist church, preached a sermon Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience on the subject of "The Challenge of Modern Youth." In his discussion, the speaker divided his subject into two divisions: the Empire of this world, and the Empire of the Kingdom of God. He clearly defined each division and certainly left a serious thought in the minds of his hearers. He also left the inspirational thought, as is evidenced by the following poem, which was written by Miss Carrie Coffey and presented to him as an appreciation of his sermon:

To the youth of today
God sends out His call;
Will you answer His pleading
And give Him thy all?

Then comes the call
From the world also;
It beckons and calls
For the earth below.

"Ye shall receive,"
Saith He on high;
"Joy to live
And comfort to die."

The world says, "Come
And to thee I'll give
Pleasures and joys,
Yet while you live."

Oh, the Youth of today
Have such a hard fight
To reject all the wrong
And cleave to the right.

Yet, God, the Wise Master,
In His infinite love,
Woods them and wins them
Back to heaven above.

The Youth of today
Answers His call.
They give of their best,
Their service, their all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Only one was lacking to make the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel an even one thousand last Sunday, the exact total present being 999. The number in attendance as compared with 800 a year ago, was distributed as follows: Baptist, 423; Methodist, 359; Church of Christ, 90; Presbyterian, 82; and Nazarene, 50.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Charles H. Jones is to be leader of the Men's Prayer service to be held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. The subject will be "Peter the Fisherman," and the lesson will be found in the 21st chapter of John. Last Sunday W. D. Butler was the leader and a good attendance was noted when the meeting assembled at the Methodist church.

METHODIST NOTES.

Our second quarterly conference for the current year will be held Sunday evening after services.

Rev. E. E. White will preach at the evening hour.

We welcome with delight our new members: Mr. G. F. West, Mr. S. A. Wells and Mrs. S. A. Wells.

The Sunday School training course in progress at the First Methodist, Abilene, is proving a wonderful success. Several unusual courses are being offered. More than 200 church workers are taking advantage of this course. The local people attending are: Mrs. T. J. Taylor, Bernice Tucker, Gwendolyn Vickers, Addie Fae Patterson, Duncan Briggs, E. L. Yeats and Mrs. E. L. Yeats.

There will be an all day district meeting of the Womens Missionary society here next Wednesday. Something like 150 visiting ladies will be present. We urge the local forces to be on hand and do a full share of the entertaining.

WESTERN UNION MEETING.

The Epworth leagues of the Western Union met in their monthly meeting April 13 at the First Methodist church, Abilene, with 135 present. Ovalo is to be the next meeting place of the Western Union May 11.

The devotional was given by the First Church leaders and the program, centering on the topic, "The Church and its Young People," was as follows:

Scripture, Eph. 6:10-17, Thelma Sharp.
Song, First Church quartette.
Talks: "What Does Religious Education in the Church Mean?" Lance Webb. "Do the Needs of the Life Determine the Program of Religious Education in the Church?" Mrs. Rankin.

After the devotional, Bennie Mc-

Adams, the president, took charge and, when business matters had been attended to, attention was turned to the awarding of the Western Union banner. When the leaguers were graded, it was found that four leaguers had an average of 100 per cent: Merkel Senior, Tuscola, First Church and Merkel Hi league. It was, therefore, necessary to draw for the banner and First Church got to keep it.

Following a short period of recreation, the session was dismissed by the league benediction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Well, the League is still doing fine. The new staff of officers stands as follows: president, Paul Collins; vice-president, Leo Tucker; secretary, Lela Patterson; corresponding secretary, Roy Patterson; treasurer, Margaret Turner; era agent, Gwendolyn Vickers; first department superintendent Tracy Campbell; second department superintendent, Addie Fae Patterson; third department superintendent, Opal Patterson, and fourth department superintendent, Mary Collins.

We feel confident these new officers will forward the work of the Epworth League.

The program for Sunday:
Leader, Mary Collins.
Scripture, Luke 7:24-35; John 10:10.

Scripture read and discussed by leader.

Physical Growth, Addie Fae Patterson.
Mastery of Body, Lela Patterson.
Re-creation, Roy Patterson.
Quickness, Jim Patterson.
Ability to Follow and Lead, Leo Tucker.

Cooperation, Bernice Tucker.
The Spirit of Democracy, Margaret Turner.

Fairness, Vernon Hudson.
Courage, Lois Suber.

Clean Living and Thinking, Marie Finckley.

Character, Mattilou Largent.

These topics are to be discussed at the leaguers' own discretion. No discussion is given in the Era and one minute is allowed for each discussion. Let's all come prepared and have a good service Sunday night.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song.
Prayer.

Song.
Scripture, by leader, Willie B. Toombs.

Story, "Borrowed Flowers," by Stanley Toombs.

"The Fisherman's Son," a story of Palestine, by Ben Robert Hicks.

Discussion period.
Benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. This is the beginning of the new church year; we should strive to make the Sunday School attendance and every part of the church work better than the past year. We have held a good average attendance during the year.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. Glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.

There were about 50 present for the service Sunday morning, and good interest was shown in the Sunday School. The Sunday night service seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

We have prayer meeting each Thursday beginning at 8 o'clock. Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Preaching both morning and night on each second and fourth Sundays. We invite you to attend our services.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday was truly a banner day with the First Baptist church; the Lord gave us six additions to the church; two of our fine Junior girls were happily converted and joined for baptism.

Our superintendent, W. J. Largent, was at his best Sunday; likewise was our Sunday School with 423 in attendance. Come on, folks, let's keep step with him and go on and grow.

Great services have been planned for all hours next Sunday. Our preaching service at the evening hour will be 8 p. m. instead of 7:30 p. m. B. T. S. will meet at 7 p. m. Come and bring your friends.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Topic: "Holy Spirit and Regeneration."
Introduction, Lona Bryan.

"The Nature of Regeneration," Gerald Derriek.

"The Necessity of Regeneration," Iris Garrett.

"Regeneration, the Work of Holy Spirit," Estelle Clement.

"The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin," Rogene Dye.

"When Does Regeneration Take



T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The members of the T. E. L. class were most graciously entertained in the suburban home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter with Mrs. F. C. McFarland co-hostess. The singing of the class song, "Our Best," by the entire assembly, with Mrs. Booth Warren at the piano, opened the program. Mrs. L. H. Nixon led an inspiring devotional and Mrs. A. R. Booth led in prayer, followed by a short business session.

In the delightful social hour that followed Miss Clara Frances Largent read "Willie's Revenge" and Miss Madra Lane Nixon gave "Quarrel" and "When Pa Shaved off his Whiskers;" in responding to an encore she played "Secrets of the Attic."

The next half-hour was spent in revealing the class "Polyannas" and selecting new ones. The hostesses were assisted at the refreshment hour by Misses Rose Mary Lassiter and Elma Maye Gamble in serving angel food cake and cream to Mesdames L. B. Reeve, A. R. Booth, Joe Owens, Earl Teague, Booth Warren, Bob Conner, M. D. Angus, L. H. Nixon, T. E. Collins, Wes Derstine, S. D. Gamble, W. J. Largent, E. W. King, Earl Lassiter, F. C. McFarland, Madra Lane Nixon, Cheatem McFarland, Clara Frances and Billie Largent, Rose Mary Lassiter, and Elma Maye Gamble.

GLEANER CLASS.

The Methodist Church parlors were the scene of a happy gathering on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames Lowe, Gambill, Guitar and Rodden were hostesses to members of the Gleaners Sunday School class.

During a pleasant social hour readings were given by Dora Marie Gaither, Marilyn Sue Grimes and Robert Rodden and musical numbers by Billie Bernice Gambill and Virginia Denison.

A refreshing salad plate was served to Mesdames Dunn, Buford, Yeats, Hail, Vickers, Case, Patterson Largent, Ferrier, Toombs, Iddings, Taylor, Vaughn, Latham, Richardson, Poor, Brown, Delmer, Briggs, Gaither, Grimes Burgess, McGehee, Sublett, and the hostesses.

BANK NOTICE.

Tuesday, April 21, San Jacinto Day, being a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.
FARMERS STATE BANK.

THANKS TO VOTERS.
I am taking this method of expressing my thanks to the citizens and voters of the city of Merkel for your loyal support on April 7 in the race as one of your aldermen. I do not have words to express the good feelings I have for you that voted for me and no ill will to those that opposed me. So the thing I want to say to all is: let's all pull together to make this a better town and community in which to live, is my desire.

Sincerely yours,
L. L. Murray.

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"Why Are We Late," Thelma K. Mathews.

"Late Automobile Rides," Robbie Walker.

"The Harm of Being Late," R. T. Blair.

"Tardiness is a Habit," Veron Davis.

"Overcoming the Late Habit," Annie Lee Owen.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program 7 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and prayer service and Bible study Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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

FOR SALE—2 good mares, 1 ordinary mare, 1 real good jersey milk cow, 1 jersey steer yearling, 1 jersey bull well bred 2 years old, 1 double row planter first class condition, 1 double row cultivator in good repair, a few other good implements various kinds. Farmers and Merchants National bank.

BIG BOLL RUSSELL cotton seed for sale, culled and sacked; just planned one year; price \$1.00 per bushel; also a few tons of maize for sale, \$20 at the barn. See Comer Haynes.

FOR SALE—Four wheel trailer. See Sie Hamm.

FOR SALE—Melbane and Qualla seed, first year, culled and sacked; \$1.00 per bushel. See F. B. Huddleston, L. L. Murray or BoBb Dennis.

FOR SALE—One team of mules, 6 year old, 15 1-2 hands high; good steppe. Clarence M. Foster, Route one, at Comper School House.

FOR SALE—Black Langshan hatching eggs; \$1.00 per setting. O. R. Dye.

FOR SALE—Head lettuce plants, 10c dozen or 3 dozen for 25c. Mrs. F. O. Patton. Phone 9037E13.

FOR SALE—Pure Kasch and Mebane cotton seed, culled and sacked, \$1.00 per bushel. Andrew Baker.

FOR SALE—Year before last cotton seed at 75 cents per bushel; also good milk cow, \$50.00. A. W. Hunter.

FOR SALE—Full blood Poland China pigs. See S. G. Russell, Route 5.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—5 room house north of Guitar Gin. See O. B. Tatum. Phone 191.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Shaeffer fountain pen and Eversharp pencil. Reward for return to P. F. Dickinson.

LOST—Firestone tire and tire carrier off Studebaker coupe. Reward. Notify Merkel Mail.

Lost—Fountain pen. Notify Julia Proctor.

FOUND—Wrist watch. Owner can have same by paying for ad. L. A. Watt at McDonald Grocery.

LOST—Shepherd puppy, black and brown; lost between Merkel and Sam Butman's ranch Monday morning. \$5.00 reward. Herman Hicks, Merkel, Texas, Route 5.

BANK NOTICE

Tuesday, April 21, San Jacinto Day, being a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.
FARMERS STATE BANK.

Radio Program.

Misses Mamie and Vera Walker will be on the air tonight, (Thursday,) assisted by Misses Lena Lee Demere, Zuma Speers and Bessie Lou Windham over KPYO, Abilene, from 8:30 to 9 o'clock.

Election Returns for Trustees Canvassed

Taylor county commissioners in April session Monday completed a canvass of returns of school trustee elections, held Saturday, April 4.

W. A. Graham, with a total of 153 votes, was declared elected county trustee in precinct 4 and C. B. Tisdale was re-elected with a vote of 81 in precinct 3. Mr. Graham's opponent, Ben Smith, received 147 votes, according to the official count. Mr. Tisdale was unopposed.

One woman and 67 men were elected trustees in common and independent school districts of the county. Mrs. Alice Rhodes was chosen on the Iberis board. In the Cedar Gap district a tie was declared between two candidates.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, April 16.—All classes of cattle sold on a weak to lower basis Wednesday, and the trade was very slow. Receipts were more than sufficient to meet all demand. Steers had to be peddled, fat cows lost 25c, yearlings were weak to lower and calves lost 25c. Most of the receipts ran to steers and stocker yearlings.

Hogs gained about 5c, the top being \$7.40 on loads and \$7.35 on trucks. Sows went at \$5.75 to \$6.25.

Prices in the sheep division ruled steady to 25c lower. Spring lambs brought as much as \$8.50, shorn lambs made \$6.50, 2-year-old wethers went at \$4.75 and aged wethers notched \$3.25.

Cattle Movement.

E. W. Myers shipped a car of mixed cattle to the Cole Meat company, El Paso, Wednesday, which was the only movement in the cattle market here this week.

Former Merkel Girl Wins Essay Contest

McCamey, April 16.—Miss Phala Diltz was the winner of the essay contest held in the McCamey High school to determine who should represent McCamey in the Upton County Interscholastic league meet at Rankin Friday. Miss Diltz also won in the district meet which was held in Alpine. The young lady is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton of Merkel.

Loring Hamblet to Open Variety Store

Loring Hamblet will open a variety store in the Max Mellinger building, now occupied by the Lions club and adjoining the "M" system grocery, about the first of May, according to announcement by Mr. Hamblet the first part of this week.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP. Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of the Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, for April 1, 1931.

State of Texas,
County of Taylor, ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, Jr., who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of the Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws, and Regulations:

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C. J. Glover, Jr.
(Signature of Editor.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of April, 1931.
(Seal) N. D. Cobb,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

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If you have never given us a trial, we want to show you the kind of work that we do and we feel sure that you will be pleased, just as hundreds of our regular patrons are. We call for and deliver promptly. We want all the families and business houses of Merkel as our customers. Thank you.
THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.
Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Motion Picture With Sound Part of Ford Show Now at Abilene

Residents of Merkel and this county will have an opportunity to "visit" the great plants of the Ford Motor company through the medium of a sound motion picture to be exhibited in Abilene the latter part of this week, W. W. Haynes, local dealer, announced today.

The movie will be a part of a Ford show to be held April 15 and continuing through April 18 in a large tent on the T. and P. right of way across from the High School in Abilene. The show will be open to the public free of charge from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. each day.

Those who visit the show will be able to learn not only how Ford cars and trucks are manufactured in quantity production, but to obtain some idea of the vastness of the Ford enterprises, Mr. Haynes of the Merkel Motor company pointed out. They will see how coal obtained from Ford-owned mines is transported to the plants in Dearborn, Mich., in Ford-owned railroad cars; how iron ore from Ford mines and lumber from Ford forests are carried in Ford lake ships; and how in the manufacture of the car various by-products are utilized for making fertilizer, charcoal briquets, chemicals and other things.

Besides the motion picture, the show will include a number of special exhibits revealing step by step how various parts of the car are made, a cut-away truck chassis, and a Tudor body cut in half to reveal the details of its construction.

A feature of the show will be a display of the full line of Ford passenger and commercial cars.

Arrangements for the show were made by the local dealer in cooperation with Ford dealers in nearby towns and the Dallas branch of the Ford Motor company.

O. C. B. Quartette.

Our O. C. B. (Old Country Boys) quartette is being enjoyed by scores of people throughout the land and country. Let us stand behind our country boys and girls and push them forward; the country boys and girls are the ones that are the real stuff, but they are the ones that have the hard fight to fight. So let us stand by and encourage a good work when we see it is being done. This quartette, composed of Robert and Paul Dunn, Ben Halstead and Walter Barnett, with Miss Ruba Patton as pianist, broadcasts each Friday night over KPYO, Abilene, from 8 to 8:30. Calls, cards and letters are all more than appreciated.

—Contributed by a Friend.

Spent Two Months in Panama.

Mrs. M. C. King has received word that her son, Ray, who has been in Panama for the past two months, had returned on the U. S. S. Melville to San Diego, Calif., where he is stationed as machinist in the Navy.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

College Entrance Exam Dates Named

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 28, 29, and 30, college entrance examinations will be given at the Merkel High school building to all students of short-term, unaffiliated schools near Merkel—that is, to all students wishing to enter college next September or to those wishing to enter any affiliated high school. The questions are sent out from Austin and the papers are sent to Austin for grading.

All that Merkel has to do with it is to allow the pupil to take the examination and send his papers on to Austin for him. Grades made upon these examinations are acceptable in any college in the state or in any high school. Pupils who plan to enter any affiliated high school in the future should take these examinations now while the work they have taken is fresh in the memory of the student.

The fees for taking the examinations are merely collected here and forwarded on to Austin to bear the expense there of grading the papers. Pupils who plan to take this examination should report to Supt. Roger A. Burgess on Tuesday morning, April 28, at 8 o'clock. The schedule for taking the exams will then be worked out.

Simple Rites As Longworth's Body Is Laid to Rest

Cincinnati, April 16.—Leaders of the nation paid silent tribute to Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house, as he was buried here Saturday beside his father in Spring Grove cemetery.

Funeral services at Christ Episcopal church were simple. The Right Rev. Henry Lee Wise Hobson, bishop coadjutor of the diocese of southern Ohio, read the service. No words of eulogy were spoken.

At the cemetery, with a short ritual, Bishop Hobson committed the body to the earth.

President and Mrs. Hoover, Vice President Charles Curtis and members of the congressional delegation, representing the government, paid their tribute by their presence at the church among Mr. Longworth's friends and relatives.

The president, Mrs. Hoover and the vice president also attended service at the grave. Shortly afterward the chief executive and his party boarded their special train for Washington.

Mr. Longworth, who had just completed his third term, as speaker of the national house of representatives, died in his sixty-first year Thursday at Aiken, S. C., after a short illness of pneumonia.

For hours people stood outside on the lawn of the Longworth residence, open to townspeople, atop a hill on Grandin road, awaiting the funeral cortege which left shortly after 1:30 o'clock. Thousands stood along the route.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

Mayor Cermak Lops 3000 Off Pay Roll

Chicago, Ill., April 16.—Chicago's new democratic mayor, Anton J. Cermak, spent his first full day in office lopping from the pay roll appointees of his predecessor, William Hale Thompson (Rep.). He promised to go outside the democratic party if necessary to pick the "best possible cabinet."

In the wholesale dismissal of temporary employes, begun Thursday, nearly 3,000 temporary appointees have been discharged outright and the pay rolls of 3,000 more ordered held up until the work of each employe could be investigated.

Among department heads given enforced vacations, asked to resign or discharged Friday, were the superintendent of the water department, the head of the department of streets, the harbor master, the city engineer and the consulting engineer to the commissioner of local improvements. Their places were filled temporarily, in most cases by the highest ranking civic service employe.

The mayor has made only one permanent cabinet appointment, Col. A. A. Sprague as commissioner of public works. He also named Francis X. Bush corporation counsel, but for a term of only sixty days at the latter's request. Mayor Cermak said he would not announce the rest of his cabinet until his formal inauguration April 22.

TRIBUTE TO CLEO HUNTER.

Cleo Hunter passed to his heavenly home April 7, 1931. He was born Sept. 28, 1898, and was married to Miss Maggie Lackey, Oct. 10, 1919.

It was very sad to see Cleo go, for we know he will be missed by all who knew him. He was a kind and loving father and husband; not only that, but he was a good neighbor and an upright citizen. He has been an obedient son from his youth up.

We can not say do not grieve after him for it is human nature, but we should rejoice for he is far better off than we. He has fought his battle and we still have ours to fight. He is at rest not only from his pain in this world, but at rest with God; we know that heaven is brighter today with Cleo than it was before God called him from his earthly home.

He lived a life that he would not be ashamed for his little son and daughter to follow. We can not call him back but we can go to him. May we all live the life that we can meet him in years to come.

He is survived by his widow and two children: Willie Joe and Melba; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs.

A. W. Hunter of Merkel, and four brothers and three sisters: George of Lubbock, John of Amherst, Walter and Roy of Merkel; Mrs. Roy Cox, Lubbock, Mrs. J. E. Clark, Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Lou Ella Atwood, Merkel. All were present for the funeral.

Relatives and friends from other places were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey and family, Southland; Mr. and Mrs. Aris Garland, Kerrville; Mr. George Hunter and sons, Nye and Luther, Munday; Eugene Hunter, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Huston Watkins, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son, Snyder.

Rev. Marvin Williams conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats.

The bereaved family have the entire community's sympathy. May God bless each and every one of you.

A Friend,
Mrs. Elmer Patterson.

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- LETTUCE, California, firm heads 5c
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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Rev. C. H. Ledger and wife and Miss Knight of Moran were in Trent Tuesday visiting old friends and looking after some matters of business.

Mrs. Joe Nalley visited in Putnam and Cottonwood Sunday and her father, B. E. Rutherford, returned with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Mrs. C. M. Stribling visited Mr. and Mrs. Odie Stribling of Sylvester Monday, the latter remaining for a week's visit.

Rev. Mr. McGinnis and wife of Smiley are visiting relatives and friends here this week and attending the Sunday School convention at Abilene.

Miss Estelle Terry was home Saturday for a short visit with home folks.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel was the guest of her mother last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Vol Byrum and family of Golan, Mrs. Kate Williamson of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Miss Ima Gene Mangum.

Among those attending the Sunday School convention were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mrs. Jake Roberts.

Mrs. Cecil McRee has returned from a visit with her parents at Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey and children of Hamlin spent the week-end with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Forester and children of Roby, Mr. Mack Forrester of Lubbock, Miss Forrest Forrester of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Forrester and Mr. Bill Forrester.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and baby daughter of Abilene were week-end guests of relatives.

Little Miss Helen McLeod is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Kate Williamson returned Monday to her home in Big Spring after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Stribling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman left Monday for an extended trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock had as their guests Tuesday the former's cousins, Lawrence and Harrell Durham of Dallas.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene visited Saturday with Mrs. Alex Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Byers and little daughter, Hanky, of Oklahoma are visiting in the home of Mrs. Byers' mother, Mrs. Charles O'Brian and sister, Mrs. J. P. Stevens.

Mrs. Burgess of Abilene was the guest Sunday of her daughter, Miss Nona Burgess.

REVIVAL CLOSES.

The revival at the Methodist church closed Monday night. The whole town is loud in its praise of the excellent preaching of Rev. W. B. Morton. There was not an "off" day in the whole series of meetings. The Holy Spirit was manifest in the first service and on through to the last one. Good crowds attended both the morning and evening services. Twenty-six souls professed faith in Jesus and twenty-four united with the Methodist church. The whole community was blessed by the revival and the kingdom of God has come to hold a new place in the lives of many of our people. The cooperation of the people of the other churches of the town was fine and the spirit of Christian unity was manifest throughout the meeting. Eternity alone will reveal the whole of the good accomplished. To God we give thanks, and praise His holy name for what He has done for us.

The pastor and family were made happy at the close of the last service when they were presented with a new radio set, the gift of the good people of Trent. But that is like Trent folks always doing nice, fine things. May the blessings of the heavenly Father be showered upon them continually.

SCHOOL NEWS.

W. B. Jenkins, superintendent of the Trent school, was re-elected for the third consecutive year at a meeting of the board of trustees, Wednesday night, Garland P. Franks was elected principal of the school.

Other teachers chosen were Miss Mary Sheppard, English and Spanish; Miss Nona Burgess, home economics and history; Miss Virgie

Strawn, second and third grades, and Mrs. O. L. Reaves, primary.

Repair to the school auditorium which was partially destroyed by fire on March 6 is expected to be completed in time for the closing day exercises. Other fire damages will be repaired after the school closing.

Members of the board of trustees are John Halbrooks, president; Walker Steadman, secretary; R. M. Beasley, Will H. Hale, R. L. Reeves and Lon Martin.

BLAIR ITEMS

Jim Moore is on the sick list at this writing.

This community was made sad indeed by the news of the death of Cleo Hunter of the Canyon. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. Friends extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Miss Margaret Dean of Kale spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Zuma Spears.

Blair put over a rabbit drive, assisted by Merkel, Abilene and surrounding communities Wednesday. The ladies served a bountiful lunch at the noon hour.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell returned home Sunday after a two weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. May Horton, of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean and sons of Rotan visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Sunday.

J. W. Mayfield, Hugh Campbell and Johnnei Latimer are all attending court in Abilene this week. Will Mathews attended court the past week.

Barton Province of New Mexico visited his brother, Sam Province, recently. Fat Addison and Emmett Morris attended services at Nubia Sunday.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Everyone is urged to remember that next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock a conference of all officers and members is to be held and all are expected to be present.

C. E. Harrell and daughter, Lavern, attended Sunday School and church at Trent last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Douglas and son, Billie Joe, of Sidney were week-end guests of Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

Miss Bernice and Bernard Clark were Friday night guests of their cousins at Goodman.

Miss Margaret Dean was the guest Sunday of Miss Zuma Spears of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas of Noodle Sunday afternoon.

We were glad to have Miss Lily Claude Barnett and two brothers out to Sunday School Sunday. Everyone is urged to come and be on time.

Miss Lucille Jones and three of her pupils rendered a short program at Noodle Friday night. They were accompanied by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder, residing on the Largent place, entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

DORA DOINGS

Rev. Mr. Young of View preached at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

J. C. Rogers and Mr. Montgomery are very sick at this writing. Mr. Montgomery being in the Grogan sanitarium at Sweetwater.

The Seniors put on their play Friday night. It was entitled "Poor Father" and was well rendered to a large audience.

Mrs. Hibbert, Mildred Hyde and Ruth Jones were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Alvis Tyrone and family went to Carbon Sunday.

Claude Jenkins of Noodle was calling in this community last Sunday.

F. A. Magee made a freighting trip to Lamesa Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

GOLAN NEWS

Farmers here are planting feed and cotton, hoping for rain soon. New gardens are coming up since the freezes.

Mrs. D. A. Hill is spending a few days in Merkel with her daughter, Mrs. Costephens.

Jake Lawlis and wife of Wilbarger county were visiting his brother, A. S. Lawlis and other relatives here Sunday.

Our Sunday School is increasing in number—we are glad and invite all.

Visiting in the homes of Mrs. C. A. Duncan, L. C. Williams and H. T. Jeffery Sunday were Mr. Davis of Fannin county and his brother, Q.

Smith of Tucumcarie, N. M.

Quarterly conference will be held in the Sylvester Methodist church Sunday. Arrangements are being made for a special program to be given during the day.

W. C. Hill, L. C. Williams, W. M. West and Isaac Vancil are among those going to Anson Monday.

Frank Lawlis was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lawlis, Saturday and Sunday.

White Church News

Quite a number of our farmers are planting these pretty days.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris entertained with a musicale Saturday night.

The Epworth league of the First Methodist church, Abilene, rendered a fine program here Sunday night. We were sure proud to have them and want them to come again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West visited their son, L. A. Dudley, of Elm Creek one day recently.

The rabbit drive was very successful last Friday, with quite a large crowd and lots of dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown and Mrs. W. H. Brown left Tuesday morning for a visit with relatives at Rochester and Wichita Falls.

The pupils of our school rendered a good program at the schoolhouse Monday night.

Elgin Riggan had the misfortune of a horse kicking him last Saturday. He is resting fine at this time.

Will Butman made a fine talk Sunday morning at the close of Sunday School. Next Sunday is Brother Wil-

liam's day and everyone is urged to come.

Miss Opal Beal is making a visit with her aunt, Mrs. A. V. Henslee, who is sick at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Lena Lee, transacted business in Sweetwater Saturday.

Johnnie Frazier was thrown from his planter last Monday and suffered some broken ribs, with other injuries. We hope they will not be serious.

Hodges Happenings.

Most everyone has finished putting up their land and gardening seems to be the order of the day now.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones of Abilene spent the week-end with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh and Miss Marie Walsh spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas at Merkel Saturday night.

Mrs. Les Melton has as her guest her sister from Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spradlin of Tye visited relatives in this community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walsh entertained with a dinner Wednesday afternoon honoring their 6th wedding anniversary. Several pretty presents were presented the hostess. Games of "42" were diversion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker and the host and hostess.

Mr. L. D. Bruton and son, Alphas, from Malone are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins, Mr. and

Mrs. Terrell Collins and children and Grandma Vaughn all of Hawley, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson Sunday.

Mr. Jenk Winter and family of Aspermont spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night. Brother Ramsey, pastor of the Stith church, delivered two fine sermons. There were not very many present as few knew there was to be preaching. Brother Pope will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at eleven. Everyone is urged to come that can.

RURAL SOCIETY

DEMONSTRATION CLUB ORGANIZED AT BLAIR

When Blair organized a demonstration club April 1, the following charter members enrolled: Mesdames Will Mathews, Carl Hughes, Hugh Campbell, M. G. Hatchel, M. P. Latimer, J. H. Madera, G. I. Clinton, C. L. Mayfield, J. W. Latimer, J. W. Mayfield, Clyde Deavers, Pat Addison, T. R. Melton, Sam Butman, J. A. Neighbors, Misses Imo Jessie Clinton, Vergie Adkins, Lottie Butman and Clara Clinton.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Caroline Chambers, county demonstration agent, and several different kinds of salad were demonstrated.

Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Will Mathews, president; Mrs. Carl Hughes, vice-president; Miss Imo Jessie Clinton, secretary; Mrs. Hugh Campbell, press reporter.

The organization meeting was held in the home of Mesdames M. P. Latimer and Hugh Campbell.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Honoring her son, Jack, age 9, and her little daughter, Mary Dale, age only one, Mrs. Dale West invited a group of their friends in last Saturday evening for a birthday party at her home at Cross Roads. After enjoyable games, cake and candy were served to the youngsters, while their parents entertained themselves playing "42."

Guests of Jack and Mary Dale were: Junior, King, Lavern and Irene Moore, Estelle, Annie and J. C. Crawford, Wilma Lee Willard and Emma Gene Payne, Afton West, J. T. and Bonnie Wayne Anderson, D. C., Jack and Mary Dale West.

At the conclusion of the "42" games, cake and coffee were served to the older folks. Parents present were: Messrs. and Mesdames M. G. King, J. T. Anderson, O. W. Payne, D. F. Moore, Mrs. Crawford and son, Bill, and Miss Juanita West.

SHOWER FOR MRS. FRANK CARR.

At the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark at Cale on Thursday, April 2, Mrs. Frank Carr was honored with a shower. Following interesting games and contests, special musical numbers were given by Miss Clemmie Bristow. A delicious plate of cake and chocolate was served to Mesdames Minnie Farr, Sharp, Carl Johnson, D. I. Shelton, J. L. McCree, A. J. Pannell, Cleo Douglas, Dubose, Willie Harris, V. L. Merritt, Misses Mabel McRee, Lona Shelton, Bernice Clark and the hostesses.

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CHORAL CLUB NEWS.

The Choral club is now working on a new operetta, "Lady Frances." It is a college story and takes place in a sorority house.

The characters are: Lady Frances, assuming role of maid, Ida Mae Derrstine; Bridget O'Harrigan, Irish servant girl, Duncan Briggs; Ella, Maud, Claire, Susie and Jennie, college girls, Ola Smith, Margaret Canon, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mattilou Largent and Vera Richie; Lucile, Freda, Miriam Emily and Fay; other college girls, Thelma McAninch, Marie Stanford, Inez Robbins, Lona Bryan and Eloise Manscill.

The chorus girls are Joyce Wheeler, Ruby Grace Jones, Melba Taylor Louise Rose, Maurine White, Lois Whiteley, Mildred Richardson, Madeline Murray, Margaret Miller, Hazel Jay and Willie E. Boaz.

On the night of April 21, the Choral and Glee clubs and the Dramatic club are presenting a program in the Grammar School auditorium. The Choral club is presenting "The Nifty Shop." The Dramatic club is presenting two one-act plays, "The Man upstairs" and "Followers." The Glee Club boys will also sing a few numbers. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CHAPEL SPEAKER.

Mr. Bert Lowe was the competent speaker in chapel last Monday. He is one of the speakers that Mr. Burgess chose to lecture on "Why Go to College?" A number of such talks are to be given by various noted men of Merkel and cities located nearby.

Mr. Lowe is a business man of Abilene as well as the president of the Lions club of that city.

The speaker asked why the students were here in school and then answered his question by saying, "To better equip yourselves for life's program." He added, "If you haven't a program get one." He urged the students to dream; to set their ideals high and keep them there; to make those dreams come true. Harvard, he said, had conducted an investigation and found that the value of each day spent in college was one hundred and twenty-five dollars. "We owe a debt," he pointed out, "to mother and dad, to our teachers and to each other to become leaders; to become a 'somebody' in the world."

"Life," he said, "is real—very real, and we must face its problems. There is a position waiting for each one who is willing to 'dig' for it." Mr. Lowe said he doubted that girls and boys should be allowed to go to college without having to work. By work we learn the art of self-reliance; we get more out of our education; we learn to appreciate our education more than we could otherwise.

Before closing, Mr. Lowe urged us to keep striving; not to compromise; not to fall short of a college degree.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores have a new classmate from Plainview.

Now we realize it will not be long till we'll have to be learning some knowledge for those terrible exams. From all reports, some of us may get to be Sophs next year.

The Sophomore girls are feeling their importance now. Why? Have you heard of the ten little waitresses at the Junior-Senior banquet? Those ten are chosen from the Sophomore class; why shouldn't we feel our importance?

"WHY STUDY ENGLISH?"

(By Mardell Shouse.)
 "Why study English?" is asked by many students of both Grammar and High school. This question is asked without serious thought, or else might never be asked.

Students think, "I will not need to speak correct English in the kind of work I intend to follow. Why should I waste my time studying how to speak correct English?"

This may be true if one has no higher ambition than the tramp who goes along the highways and by ways asking that other people give him a living. Or the unskilled laborer who has no education to speak of, who has not prepared himself for later life. Provided the person does accomplish something, he afterwards says, "If I had studied English and prepared myself, the struggle would not have been half so hard."

The English language is rapidly be-

coming the language of the world. The executives of other nations must learn to speak our language. The modern student should be proud that he has the chance to learn the English language and to speak it correctly.

After one's education, as far as books are concerned, is completed and the individual applies to an employer for a position, he tears down any recommendation his or her school may have given him or her. When an employer accepts a young man or woman who is recommended by some educational center he expects the person to know at least something about his or her native tongue, the English language.

The boy or girl who intends to make a success of his or her life—it matters not whether he or she intends to be a farmer or the highest type of business man or woman—should learn to use the English language correctly. Your language is the only way of expressing yourself. Why not cultivate it?

DID YOU KNOW—

—That Friday is "the day?" So Miss Lucy thinks.

—That Audrey went to Colorado last week-end?

—Margarette, Jess and Lona went to Blair last Friday?

—That the Choral club is giving an operetta next Tuesday evening?

—That Himalaya visited school last Friday?

—There is a new student in the Sophomore class?

—That basketball letter men have new sweaters?

—That Benny knows a great deal about Moose?

—That High school students can leave the building in thirty-eight seconds?

—That Mr. Riddle said the Allies "weren't so hot?"

—That Oleta told the history class that America said to France, "We will be right over?"

—That the track boys went to Blair last week?

CAN YOU IMAGINE—

—Margarette T. Without Jessie Mae?

—Mattilou wearing pink?

—Jess without her Ford?

—Gerald not acting "cute?"

—Benny without his curls?

—Holley being haughty?

—The Seniors having a play?

—Nell D. having long hair?

—Silas being a Senior?

—Helen acting dignified?

—Ola Ellen being a blond?

ASK.

—Sir how Olly is.

—The Juniors how many are going to the banquet.

—The Seniors what their motto is.

—Lona who Loran is.

—Lou who is coming Thursday.

—Cecil if he is proud of "rocking."

—Inez how she likes being introduced to radio announcers.

—Thelma Mc. whom she was with Sunday.

—Ola Ellen what's going to happen Saturday.

—Vera who came to school Tuesday afternoon.

THEMES ON VISIT TO MERKEL HATCHERY.

The following themes received first and second places, (two tying for second,) in the contest on the visit of Grammar school pupils to the Merkel Hatchery. The pupils all receive little chicks as prizes for this work.

Copies of these themes will be sent to St. Louis, where they will be published in behalf of the splendid work done by these pupils as well as by the Merkel Hatchery.

FIRST PLACE.

"A Visit to the Hatchery."
 (By Billie Bernice Gambill.)

As we entered the hatchery the first thing I noticed was how the window was arranged. There were bottles of Germozone and Flu Koff Emulsion, boxes Lee's Lodge Powder, and cans of chicken feed. A cracked egg lay in the left hand corner of the window. On

each side there was an artificial chicken.

Next, what most all of us enjoyed was the refreshments, which consisted of soda pop, Easter eggs and chocolate rabbits. After we had finished our refreshments, we were shown how the eggs were put in the incubator.

The eggs, when put in large trays, are packed in paper so that they will not fall out. Then they are put into the incubator. The eggs are turned three times a day by slanting them to the left and then to the right. Here the eggs stay for twenty-one days.

After this, we were shown the other side of the incubator. Here the chicks are already hatched and are in a tray. Mr. Hill, the manager, asked us to guess the number of chicks in the tray. Then Mr. Hill counted the chicks and there were 93. Loretta Cox guessed 93 and received fifty cents as first prize. Truett Patterson, Burneal Scott, Vivian Davis and Waymon Richards each received four chocolate rabbits as second prize for guessing 95.

Then we were shown the air elements which consisted of three electric fans in the top. On the floor lay three pans of water directly under the fans. There were three steel rings that hung from the fans. They helped to heat and break the wind so the air would go all over the incubator which must have a temperature of 99 degrees.

In the back room is a wire pen and a brooder where all the chicks are kept. The chick's water is a light purple which is made by putting Germozone in the water to keep the chicks healthy. The chicks are not fed for about 24 hours after they are hatched. Their first feed is Startena Chow.

In the middle of the brooder there is a small stove kept burning all of the time so they will stay warm and not become chilled. Mr. Hill taught us how to tell a pullet from a rooster. You take their feet, place them together, and hold them up in the air. If they try to put their heads up they are roosters; if they keep their heads down they are pullets.

When the chicks are ready to be shipped they are put into a four-room box which is called a Hawkeye Chicken box.

SECOND PLACE.

"A Trip to the Hatchery."
 (By Burneal Scott.)

On the afternoon of March 31, 1931, the members of the English club of the seventh grade were honored with a visit to the Merkel Hatchery. We left school at 3:30 and marched to the hatchery, accompanied by Miss Coffey and Mrs. Len Sublett. On arriving we were received by Mr. Earl Hill, who is present manager of the Merkel Hatchery. He and a few other men in the receiving line served us with delicious refreshments.

After we had enjoyed this, we assembled in the rear of the building where a large number of baby chicks were on display. Mr. Hill explained how the brooder worked and also told many other facts about poultry. Next we went to the big incubator and watched Mr. Hill take out a tray of baby chicks which were just hatched. We all guessed at the number of baby chicks and prizes were awarded to the winners. After this, Mr. Hill explained the incubator thoroughly and gave us an opportunity to ask questions.

We then passed around and were shown all parts of the incubator.

We understand from Mr. Hill that there will be more chickens raised in this section of the country this year. The reason for this is that the banks are loaning money on chicks and the notes are payable in the fall, thus enabling more people to buy chicks. We were shown how the baby chicks are marked. Mr. Hill also showed us how eggs are set in the incubator.

The Merkel Hatchery is selling good high grade chicks at exceptionally low prices. Chicks are available at nearly all times and they also do custom hatching. Mr. Hill tells us that next year they expect to have a much larger incubator, thus making many more chicks for sale.

We have never before experienced anything so delightful as our trip to the hatchery. The visit was not only enjoyable but it was also educational. We all came away with a great deal more knowledge of the process of incubation. We feel indebted to Mr. Hill for his kind invitation.

SECOND PLACE.

"A Visit to the Hatchery."
 (By Ethelda Tucker.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1931, the two Seventh Grade English clubs paid a visit to the Merkel Hatchery. Accompanied by Miss Coffey and Mrs. Sublett, they walked in pairs, Miss Coffey leading the way and Mrs. Sublett bringing up the rear.

Arriving at the hatchery they immediately went inside to be treated to a surprise. They were served soda water, candy rabbits and candy Easter eggs.

As it was time for a tray of chickens to be taken out of the incubators, it was arranged that the person present who guessed the number of chickens in the tray would receive a prize. Loretta Cox, who guessed the exact number of 93, received the prize which was fifty cents.

Mr. Hill, who manages the hatchery, showed them all around and explained everything they did not know.

After a delightful hour most of the pupils returned home.

Those who remained learned how to tell whether a chick was a pullet or a rooster. Mr. Hill said that the way he told them apart was to hold them up by their claws and the pullets would hold their heads down and the

roosters would hold their heads up. Of course, everyone tried it to see.

As it was then growing late, everyone went home after thanking Mr. Hill for the wonderful time.

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See me if you want maize heads; I will help you all I can.

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"POOR FATHER."

The play, entitled, "Poor Father," will be presented this Friday night, April 17, at Castle Peak school house. The characters are: Dewey, Irene, Alwyn and Ed Sandusky, Tommie, Flora, V. H. and Belle Patterson, Raymond Stapleton, G. W. Hughes, Modenia Whiteaker and Sarah Malone. Everyone is invited. No admission charges.

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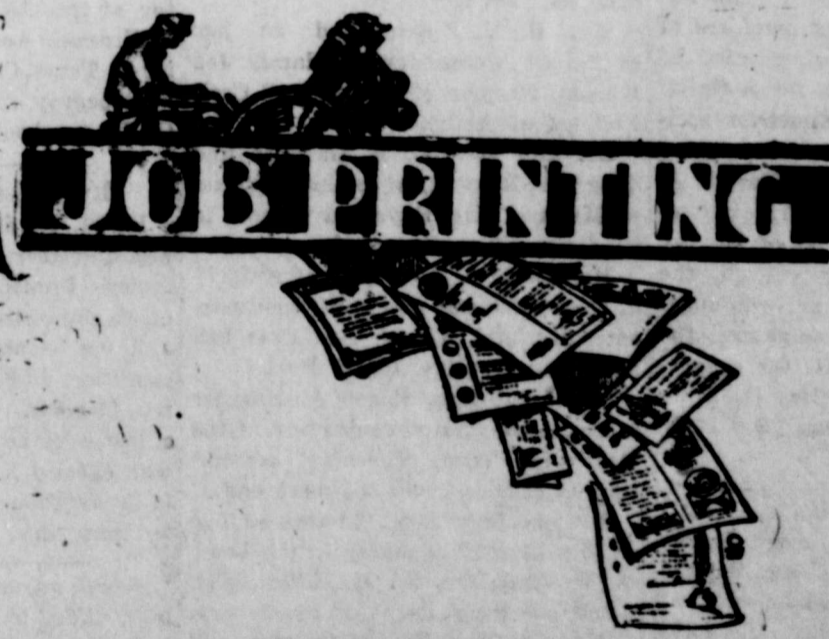
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Presbytery Meet

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evening, A. J. Tucker Wednesday morning and Delmer Compton on Wednesday evening.

OPENING SESSION.

The Abilene presbytery convened at 7:30 Tuesday evening, with Rev. R. A. Walker, local pastor, the retiring moderator in charge. The address of welcome was given by James H. West, an elder in the local church and a former moderator. The response was by Rev. S. P. Collins of Cross Plains, stated clerk.

Dr. L. B. Gray, elected moderator at the opening session, has returned to the Abilene presbytery only recently, having been pastor for 13 years of the church at Ferris before coming to Strawn to accept the pastorate of the Ranger and Strawn churches. He was formerly in the Abilene presbytery, having been pastor at one time of the Baird church, at which time he served the Merkel church once each month. By strange coincidence, the Merkel pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, is now serving the Baird church on part time.

The moderator-elect appointed John F. Sedwick of Albany as vice-moderator.

At the suggestion of the moderator, Dr. J. H. Burma, president of Trinity university, Dr. B. A. Hodges, field representative of the Texas board on Christian education, and Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the local Methodist church, who was in the congregation, were made corresponding members.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The personnel of standing committees at the Wednesday morning session included:

Bills and overtures: Rev. R. A. Walker, Merkel; Rev. J. C. Bryant, Cisco; J. B. Thomas, Tye; finance and treasurer's account: John F. Sedwick, Albany; Rev. H. G. Markley, Breckenridge; Rev. G. D. Robinson, Lubbock; minutes of Synod, Rev. Eugene H. Surface, Lamesa; Rev. J. J. Richardson, Abilene; O. M. Childers, Tuscola; leave of absence: Rev. E. C. Lambert, Snyder; Eugene McCluney, Breckenridge; L. J. McMillan; Ranger, resolutions: Rev. J. A. Owen, Albany; J. S. Hart, Baird; W. S. Allred, Zion.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

At the Wednesday session the following reports were given; on national missions, Rev. R. A. Walker; Sunday School and field work, Rev. G. D. Robinson of Lubbock; Presbyterian encampment, Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene, R. L. Bland and Graham Webb; Christian education, Dr. L. B. Gray of Strawn; foreign missions, Rev. Eugene H. Surface of Lamesa, and program and field activities, Dr. E. B. Surface.

At the afternoon session, W. M. Elliott, elder of the local Presbyterian church, delivered a most helpful talk on "Trusteeship of the Gospel."

At the closing session Wednesday night, brief talks were made by Gordon Weir, superintendent of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, and Huie Tucker, district president of the Young People's league, also of Abilene, outlining plans for a flying squadron to organize Endeavor societies in all churches.

Resolutions presented by Rev. J. A. Owens, chairman, of Albany expressed appreciation to the city of Merkel, the Grace Presbyterian church, the Christian homes in Merkel who opened their doors to the delegates, the pastor-host and his wife, the congregation, the choir and its inspiring music, and the moderator, Dr. L. B. Gray.

BANK NOTICE.

Tuesday, April 21, San Jacinto Day, being a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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To all those dear friends and loved ones, who were so kind to us in the sad hours of the illness and death of our dear son and brother we are indeed thankful; to the pastor, Brother Williams and to all those who by their floral offerings of such beauty and wealth paid tribute to the worthiness of our departed loved one, we are more than grateful; and we shall always hold in memory your loving acts and tender words of sympathy that so greatly helped us in our hour of bereavement.

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Personal Mention

Miss Martha Bird was home from Graham for the week-end.

Miss Billie Gambill spent the week-end with friends in Sweetwater.

Miss Doris Foy of Baird is the guest of Mrs. Sid Foy in the home of her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and two children visited the Misses Hunter at Lubbock last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer and children, Marian and Merle, spent the week-end in Cross Plains.

T. J. Floyd and son, Ray, of Abilene were guests Tuesday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Floyd.

Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and little son, C. M. III, have returned from a visit with her parents at Ireddell.

Miss Fay Binnion of Sweetwater was the guest Tuesday of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker and family.

Mesdames J. S. Bourn and Earl Teague, accompanied by Dub Bourn, were week-end visitors to Dallas.

Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene was a guest early in the week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Lenalee, of Blair were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell Sunday.

Mrs. Bascom Hayes, nee Miss Donna Loyless, of Burleson was the passing guest of Mrs. E. Yates Brown Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton are spending the week with their son, D. I. Shelton and family, of the Union Ridge community.

Velma Shelton returned from Dallas the first of the week where he had been as representative of the Farm Bureau gin.

Friends will be glad to know that H. C. Floyd is somewhat improved after a very serious illness extending over the past month.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins had as her guests on Wednesday Mesdames Joe Borden, Herman McDaniels and Cecil Folliard of Abilene.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and daughter, Rebecca, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere in the Canyon Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid of Amarillo were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reid.

Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess attended the annual convention of the Northwest Texas Teachers' association at Lubbock over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas of Tye were visitors Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, also attending the sessions of presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Overton and little daughter, Charlotte, were over from Sweetwater Sunday to visit with her parents and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Melvin S. Davis of McCamey was the guest of friends early in the week, having come to attend the Baptist State Sunday School convention at Abilene.

Messrs. N. A. Dowell, Ross Ferrier and Jeff Bird have returned from Dallas where they attended the state ginners convention, of which the latter is a member.

T. M. Smith, joined by his brother, O. A. Smith, and the latter's daughter, Miss Maurine Smith, of Trent, has returned from a visit to their parents at Stanton.

Recent guests in the R. W. Conder home were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sutton, Ruth Sutton Kyle and R. J. Sutton, all of Waxahachie. Mrs. Sutton is a sister of Mrs. R. W. Conder.

Pierce Horton, accompanied by his mother and sister Miss Eva Horton,

and Mrs. M. L. Lucas and son of Noodle, visited relatives and friends at Plainview a few days last week and also attended the Plainview dairy show.

When Hon. Thomas S. Christopher, assistant in the attorney general's office at Austin, and family returned home, they were accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who will visit in Austin several weeks.

Mr. W. A. Pannell and sister, Mrs. Evalyn Zercher, from Dallas spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. William returned to Dallas Sunday afternoon, but Mrs. Zercher will spend the summer with her parents.

**College Sweethearts
To Don Cotton Dresses**

Underneath a photograph of striking beauty of Frances Anderson, captioned "T. C. U. Beauty," a recent issue of the Austin American carried the following story, which refers to the University of Texas Round-Up revue and ball in Gregory gymnasium, Austin, April 17, in which she had been chosen by the student body of Texas Christian university as "Sweetheart of T. C. U.":

"Sweethearts of the Southwest Athletic conference, who accompany the University sweethearts and the ninety Cactus beauty candidates in the Round-Up revue and ball Friday night, April 17, in Gregory gymnasium, will wear cotton dresses, if the request by Mortar Board and adopted by the Friday night program committee is carried out.

"Sarah Elizabeth Alexander of Itasca, junior in Baylor university, has been announced as the Baylor sweetheart to represent that school in the Round-Up. Miss Alexander was chosen as one of the eight beauties to be represented in the Baylor yearbook.

"This is the second enrollment which has been received by Roland Boyd, editor of the Cactus. The other entrant is Frances Anderson of Merkel, senior in Texas Christian university. She is a beauty representative of the T. C. U. yearbook."

Mr. Rainbolt Ill Again.

H. M. Rainbolt, one of Merkel's highly esteemed citizens, suffered a serious fainting spell Tuesday afternoon, while sitting in a chair at home, and was considered in a dangerous condition at first. He was much better Thursday morning. On Saturday of last week he fell, while up town, and was carried home by Bob Dunn, but it is not thought that he had fainted at that time.

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Fort Worth Texas, March 26, 1931.
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In paying this check to the proper authorities of the fire department there, please at the same time express our sincere appreciation of their work, thus obliging

Your truly,
W. O. Gattion.

**Conrad Nagel Might
Have Been Architect**

If a bricklayers union had not insisted on a long, tiresome period of apprenticeship, one of the most genuinely talented and versatile players on the talking screen might now be designing setback skyscrapers and giant suspension bridges.

Conrad Nagel, featured with Clive Brook in Frank Lloyd's Fox Movie-tone production, "East Lynne," starring Ann Harding, showing at the R. and R. Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, once worked as bricklayer's helper at \$1 a day as the first step in fitting himself for the career of architect which he had marked as his own.

The artistic life was bred in Nagel's bones. His father, Dr. Frank Nagel, was not only a pianist but a composer. His mother was a singer of concert calibre. Reared in such a home atmosphere it was inevitable that the boy should follow some fine art, whether architecture or not.

Chance turned him to the stage. His first part was in "The Natural Law." Following this came portrayals in "Experience," "The Man Who Came Back" and "Forever After."

It was not until after the war, in which he served in the Navy that Nagel tried motion pictures. He made his debut in "Little Women."

When the talkies captured the screen Nagel's stage training made him doubly valuable. Some of his most successful audible appearances include "Slightly Used," "The Girl From Chicago" and "Tenderloin."

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Death of Brother-in-law.
J. Ben Campbell recently received the sad news of the death of his brother-in-law, R. L. Wood, veteran rural carrier at Honey Grove. He had been in the service for 27 years, ever since the route was first started, having been the first man to serve on the route. Pneumonia was the cause of death.



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