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### KIDNAPPED ST. **LOUIS PHYSICIAN** RETURNS HOME

Wealthy Specialist, After Being In Hands of Kidnappers More Than Week, Shows No Ill Effects Upon Release.

St. Louis, Mo., April 30 .- Dr. Isaac D. Kelley, wealthy ear and nose specialist, returned to his home at noon Tuesday more than a week after being kidnapped, and ten hours after his reported release from the abducting

Kelley jumped from a car that drove up in front of his stone mansion, ran through a crowd of reporters to a rear door, and entered it, slamming it behind him.

He found within his wife, two young children and a group of relatives, none of whom earlier in the day would admit a rumored \$100,000 ransom had been paid for his release.

His return came several hours after the St. Louis Post Dispatch, in a copyright story, told how Kelley Accident Victim Is had been mysteriously returned to a reporter for that paper near a filling station outside East St. Louis, Ill., at 2 a. m.

The agility with which the 45-yearold physician sprinted into the house

He was kidnapped when lured from his home on a false emergency call, and no inkling as to his whereabouts had come until his release.

## Bill Comegys Able

Bill Comegys, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Oak street Sunday, April 19, was sufficiently recovered Wednesday to be Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys, where he was reported resting well.

#### 6,230 Deaths in Auto Accidents in 3 Months

Chicago, April 30 .- Automobiles caused the death of 6,230 persons during the first quarter of 1931, it was revealed today in figures compiled by of the accident. the National Safety Council. The fig- Reports Thursday were that Mr. water before removing here. same months last year and the highest satisfactory. total ever recorded for a similar per-

Last month, 2,150 deaths were reported compared with 2,020 for the op, Sunday, April 26, 1931. Neb., with a population of 214,000, residing north of town, Tuesday, Funeral services were held Tuesday was the largest city in the United April 28, 1931. States to report no fatalities in March. Rapids, Mich., and Youngstown, O. day, April 29, 1931.

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

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Class 1-Those who own their

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

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

### Moved to Brother's Home In Abilene of the treasury.

Lee Sheppard, Hawley farmer, who DEATH CLAIMS was injured in an automobile crash indicated he had suffered no ill effect about four miles west of Trent Tuesfrom being held captive more than a day afternoon and was brought to the Merkel sanitarium for attention, was removed Wednesday afternoon to the home of his brother-in-law, W. R. Sheppard, 540 Meander street, Abi-

Sheppard was riding west on the Bankhead highway in a Chevrolet cab-To Be Moved Home riolet, driven by W. O. Monzingo, who received only minor bruises. They were brought to the hospital by a passing motorist.

and has six children. His wife and Sheppard, of Abilene came to the sani-

ure was an increase of 450 over the Sheppard's condition was considered Mr. Pence was a member of the

Record of Births.

corresponding month in 1930. Omaha, Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jess L. Price, and eight nieces.

The two next largest were Grand residing southeast of town, Wednes- officiating, assisted by Rev. J. T.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 28, 1911.)

his Canyon farm the first of the week dent to succeed Prof. Hudgins, who and was kicking about too much rain will retire for a year's rest. and threatening to move farther west. He says that he has had too much.

Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. baseball but was a tie owing to some Bourn Toastmaster at

entine Saturday.

Thomas were visitors in Abilene Sat- Touchstone scored the winning run.

the people for their liberal patron- Largent. age of the Schubert Symphony club.

You can talk long distance twenty-

which occurred at her country home Nugent, L. D. Gaither, S. S. Harris, night, the regular monthly practice youth will begin a two year sentence north of this city Wednesday, the Mer- Abilene, J. P. C. Hunt, C. M. Me- of the Merkel Fire department was on a charge of impersonating a fedkel country lost one of its oldest and Cauley, W. H. Dickson, W. E. Brit- postponed until next Monday, May 4, eral officer, the officers making their best beloved women.

Saturday night R. L. Krigbaum of and Allie Jennings.

Uncle John Toombs was in from Weatherford was selected superinten-

A fast snappy game was played Saturday when the Abilene team at-Mrs. Dr. Dingle was in from Trent tempted to show the Clover Clouters clever base running which stopped the scoring til the twelfth when Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shaver of Ros- Touchstone got a life on McCoy's er-Misses Charlie Bell and Murphy ned, Hicks missed the third strike and named to assist the toastmaster. Batteries: Clouters, Stroud and Bor- red the matter of changing location ing; First team, Woodrum, Britain, of meeting place in case they should

been entertaining extensively this building, which has been leased to per cent cheaper at Rust and week complimentary to members of McCauley's over the independent lines. her house party who are Mesdames Will Fisher and I. E. Bachelor of

### **CONGRESSMAN TO** ASK IMPEACHMENT OF ANDY MELLON

ges Against Secretary of Tuesday. The Treasury.

Austin, April 30 .- Wright Patman for April. spite opposition of Secretary of the trical storm. Treasury Andrew Mellon, now propos- Sponsors of an automobile drivers es impeachment of Mellon.

visit to the Texas legislature, that engross and 66 against. at the opening of the next congress | A. H. Kirby, 71, of Ablene, promihe will prefer charges that Mellon nent pioneer lawyer of West Texas, fy him to be secretary of the treas- in a Fort Worth hospital. that the house of representatives will 12c a gallon and anti-knock fuel to certify the charges to the senate for 15c, the gasoline market at San An-

is a stockholder in the Aluminum world war. Corporation of America, Gulf Oil com- Seven men lost their lives at Glade-

Here; Funeral Heid Tuesday.

A familiar figure will be missed operates a filling station on the Anson from the neighborhood of The Mail with the slaying of Dan Horn, Ward highway out of Abilene, when the office where for so long an old man county officer, at Monohans in 1928. machine in some way left the highway was to be noticed, sometime early in Grand jurors in Wichita county, Federation of Odd and overturned, striking an embank- the morning, other times as the sun studying labor disturbances and alment at the side of the road. Shep- was sinking in the west, leading his leged communist activities, have recpard received several broken ribs and cow to choice grazing places and ommended that the county courthouse removed to the home of his parents, scalp wounds and his right lung was bringing her in for the night to the be closed to all mass meetings as long punctured, while the driver of the car wagon yard, adjoining his brother's as the present tense situation continhome, where he lived.

Mr. Sheppard is a farmer residing ness of about two months, at the home on route 2 out of Hawley, is married of his brother, W. H. Pence. He had Waco, two weeks ago, caused the death daughter and brother-in-law, W. R. ter and family off and on for the past 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. S. Bush thirty years and when they moved to of that city. tarium here soon after being notified Merkel about seven years ago he came with them. They had resided at Sweet-

> Christian church, but had not placed his letter in the local church.

Besides his brother here, he is sur-Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. George Bish- vived by a sister, Mrs. Tom Centers, who resides at Yantis, nine nephews

afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family have been confirmed by President Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bow, residence, with Brother W. G. Cypert

Active pall bearers were: Delmer Sanders, Mack Buzbee, Earl Hill, O. R. Rodden, L. L. Lohman, Sweetwater, and Pierce Horton.

#### George Pitcock, Jr.

The body of George Pitcock, Jr., age 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitcock, residing at McCamey, was afternoon where burial occurred at 4 o'clock at Rose Hill cemetery. His (Continued on Page Five.)

## Next Lions Luncheon

For the next luncheon meeting of coe were the guests of Miss May Val- ror, stole second and was advanced the Lions club, to be held next Tuesto third by a batted ball to the pitch- day, May 5, J. S. Bourn is toastmaser and Britain's error, Burroughs fan ter and Dr. W. T. Sadler has been

The committee, to which was refer-Hamblet's Variety Store.

Fire Practice May 4.

### KEEPING WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Alpha Johnson, mother of Mrs. Wright Patman of Texarkana Edgar Witt, wife of the lieutenant Says He Expects to File Char- governor, died in San Antonio late

> Shattering all previous records, customs collections at Houston on Tuesday reached a total of \$204,616.39

of Texarkana, the Texas congressman | Ruth York, 14, was killed by lightnwho put over the soldiers' adjusted ing at Giddings Sunday, as she was service compensation setttlement, de- standing under a tree during an elec-

license bill failed to secure engross-He announced here, while on a ment in the house by a vote of 54 to

owns business interests that disquali- died unexpectedly Monday morning

ury. Patman expressed confidence With regular gasoline reduced to gelo tumbled 4c a gallon on Monday Specifically he charges that Mellon to the lowest level since before the

pany and Standard Steel company, water when the Sinclair Oil company's Such ownership, he says, is prohibit- No. 1 Cole well, ignited in some ined by federal statute for a secretary explicable way, burst into a giant torch of fire.

Captain J. T. King, 67, veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars and who saw service on the JOHN J. PENCE Mexican border in 1916, died at his home in Fort Worth

The senate committee on constitutional amendments has reported out Succumbs After Illness of Two favorably, 3 to 2, the Beck home rule Months At Home of Brother resolution, which had already been passed by the house.

> The third trial is under way this week at Midland for Mrs. Leah Bailey on charges of murder in connection

John J. Pence, 83, passed away Tetanus, resulting from a sliver of anniversary of the organization, Monday night at 10:30, after an ill- wood which penetrated his right leg while playing at his home in East been making his home with his bro- in a Waco sanitarium of J. W. Bush,

ing the penalty for an attack on a 3- are expected.

year-old child. Reports that 12 members of the school faculty will be given compulsory leaves of absence June 1 because of decreased revenues of the school Selecman of Southern Methodist

Dallas won the selection as the next meeting place by 188 votes to 156 over Abilene and S. A. Stewart of Dallas was chosen state secretary at the close of the 13th annual convention of district 2, Lions International, at Port Arthur.

Oil production records lin Texas were again shattered last week when brought by motor to Merkel Monday barrels, 45,000 more than the previous the daily average registered 922,500 week and 192,500 barrels greater than the allowable for the state of 730,000 barrels, set last week by the railroad commission.

Voting 902 to 417, Upton county citizens Saturday decided to move the county seat from Rankin to McCamey.

Sweetwater was chosen Friday for the 1932 convention of the Oil Belt Teachers association, which was attended by about 1,200 teachers when it met recently at Eastland.

Fourteen deaths were counted as the week-end toll from accidents in Texas was taken Monday, including five The Methodist ladies wish to thank Petty and Hicks, and umpire, Tom decide not to remain in the same location, recommended the continuance merce, one by airplane at Dallas, one of the use of the same hall, but at Pampa and another at McAllen in Friends of Mrs. J. G. Jackson have occupying only the rear part of the auto accidents, one by lightning at Giddings and two by drowning at

Federal officers have carried Karl Casey Strain, 19, to the U. S. reforma-In the death of Mrs. T. B. Garoutte, Leuders, King and Hollis Roberts of On account of rain last Monday tory at Chillicothe, O., where the ain, Lanier Brown, L. Sparkman, Fred and all members of the department departure from Fort Worth just a Bigham. N. C. Sinclair, C. D. Mimms, are urged by Chief Pete White to be few minutes before service of a sanity At a meeting of the school board Misses Jewel Coggin, Jessie O'Briant present for practice at 7:30 that case warrant by a deputy sheriff was out to be made.

#### Gravely Exaggerated

(Abilene Morning News.) Somehow or other, before we accept any offhand statistics regarding the decadence of religion and the decline of the church, we'd like to get a final report from Midland,

Texas-or Merkel, Texas, either.

Last Sunday, A. D. 1931, more than one-tenth of the entire population of Midland was crowded into one Sunday school class. The class was organized about ten weeks ago with a membership of 88. It is interdenominational, or nondenominational, as you prefer. No women are allowed, even as visitors. Men dress as they please and sing only the old-time songs. The teacher is Paul T. Vickers, chamber of commerce manager; the president is T. Paul Barron, newspaperman.

The Midland Men's Sunday School class-such is its nameentered into a contest with the Victory men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church, Abilene. The Midthe month's contest. On the final ches for the two days. Sunday there were 521 in attendanmustered only 303. The Victory about being licked by a live bunch like the Midlanders.

The Merkel Mail last week said more than 800 people were in Sunday School there the preceding Sunday-about 40 pr cent of the total population, we believe. Abilene has a good record in Sunday School attendance, herself; but it would have to have more than 10,000 in Sunday School to equal Merkel's rec-

It seems to us that the reported collapse of the churches has been gravely exaggerated.

The meeting of the Taylor County here Monday night will mark the fifth which was formed, by the way, at Merkel and which is therefore coming home to celebrate.

A special program beginning at 8 Moncus Twitty, 30, of Gray coun- casion, the principal address to be night. ty, was executed in the state prison delivered by Rev. R. A. Walker, Work at Huntsville last Friday morning, in the initiatory degree is to be

### TIMELY RAINS IN WEST TEXAS AID **CROP PROSPECTS**

Grain Crop in This Section Practically Assured; More Than Inch and Half Rainfall in Merkel Section in Two Days.

General rains over West Texas, furnishing much-needed moisture for small grain and acreage just lately planted as well as preparing the soil for early planting where farmers had delayed planting until rain came, have been the cause of much rejoicing within the past few days.

The Merkel territory was visited by slow, steady rains both Monday and Tuesday nights, the precipitation, according to Volunteer Weather Observer B. M. Black, having been seveneighths of an inch Monday night and three-fourths of an inch Tuesday landers piled up a lead of 226 in | night, with total rainfall of 1 5-8 in-

In the opinion of many wheat growce at Midland, out of a population ers, these rains are sufficient to inof 5,000, while the Victory people sure the grain crop and the moisture afforded for cotton seed already in men need not feel downhearted the ground is considered ideal. Those who have been waiting for rain to soften the upper surface of the soil are eagerly waiting now for the opportunity to get in their fields and start planting.

Benefits to pasturage and grazing lands are said to be equally beneficial and ranges are considered in the best condition within ten years.

GRAIN MARKET HERE.

Simultaneous with the falling of plenteous rains that have practically assured the grain crop in this section, A. J. Canon, the gin man, stated to The Mail editor that Merkel will have a grain market right on the spot this season and buyers here would pay the same prices, according to grade, as Fellows Meets Here were paid in Abilene and Sweetwater.

#### Many in Attendance At Poultry School

Large numbers have been in atendance at the night sessions of the poultry shool sponsored by the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association, which began Monday and which is to continue through Thursday night. o'clock has been arranged for the oc- More than 50 were present Wednesday

V. R. Glazener, poultry specialist, is conducting the school and those in (his death being pronounced at 12:18 given and members from all the lodges attendance have expressed themselves a. m. by the official physician,) pay- in the county and surrounding towns as greatly benefitted by the information and instruction gained.

#### TAKE TIME TO THINK IT OVER.

There is a man, now old in years but still very vigorous, who built up the largest company of its kind in this country. One of his younger associates was recently giving me some sidlelights on his character and methods.

"Whenever we had some especially big problem on hand the same thing invariably happened," he said. "It might be a building program involving the investment of millions, or the launching of a new product, or a plan for extending our operations into a foreign country.

"Always, in the midst of our discussion, the Old Man would bring his fist down on the desk with a bang. "'We will stop right here,' he would say. 'We will not decide a single thing. I am going away to the country for two weeks to rest and fish.

When I come back I will tell you how to run this company., " My informant said the Old Man invariably returned with a better perspective, clearer vision and fresh courage.

Years ago I read a biography of Benjamin Disraeli who began life, as you will recall, as a writer with publishing ambitions. He conceived the idea of a magazine, and was bold enough to hope that he might persuade Sir Walter Scott to be its editor.

He took the train to the city where Scott lived and arrived late in the afternoon. Instead of making his call at once, he registered at the hotel, ordered a comfortable room, and went to bed.

In recording the experience, he said that he had made up his mind, even in those early days, never to attempt a difficult interview when he

Two men of my acquaintance were thrown out of employment by a merger. They were men of ability for whom opportunities were sure to

The first man preceded to worry himself into a state of nervolus inefficiency. He hurried around among his friends; he let fear show in his

The other man went away. When I met him last he was sun-browned and rested; he had purchased some new clothes, and was starting out serenely to conquer the world.

Most of us have to take our vacations at stated intervals, which are fixed by the routine of business rather than by our personal desi (Continued on Page Two.)

#### Reports Improved Crop, Ranching and **Business Conditions**

Abilene, April 30 .- Prospects for improved crop, ranching and business ducted by the West Texas Utilities and most sanitary-serving the most be kept prompt and courteous. company. The survey includes reports from the nine operating districts of West Texas counties.

Indications are that the 1931 wheat, the city and adjacent territory. small grain and feed crops will be far

main crop, while the abundant feed such a way that to the uninitiated the

low normal, a slight improvement has the stranger as well as the local peobeen noted throughout the properties ple. -chiefly apparent in the trade territories of San Angelo, Quanah, Mc-Camey and Dalhart. This improvement should become more rapid as confidence in 1931 crop conditions grows more widespread. Retail trade has picked up perceptibly during the past thirty days.

The survey concludes with the optimistic observation that with favorable weather conditions during the spring and summer, a good cotton, wheat and feed crop seems assured. Even though prices remain low, a large crop will give remunerative employment to thousands of men and put large amounts of money into circulation. Prospects for 1931, despite the shortage of ready money due to three consecutive years of crop failures, are more encouraging than at any time during the past two years.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of

#### GRACE HOTEL COFFEE SHOP IN ABILENE ENJOYS LOYALTY OF MANY PATRONS

In ABILENE, TEXAS, IN THE BALDWIN has had considerable ex-

This care has gained a name that above average, and although but lit- has spread far and wide as a place tle cotton is planted as yet, the excel- where the local and traveling public which showed a population gain of lent condition of the top and subsoils can more than satisfy their demands 8,775.3 per cent between 1920 and gives promise of yields considerably in the matter of obtaining good food. The menu consists not only of the 6,784. In the preceding decade it show A consensus of opinions from the prime necessities of life, but many ed a loss of 81.7 per cent. various sections served by the com- delicacies are offered that are inpany places the wheat and feed crop viting and tempting to the taste of yields at from twenty-five to thirty the most fastitious. They serve per cent above normal during 1931, only home cooking and are open day In the Panhandle section, wheat is the and night. The food is prepared in will be beneficial to all sections or the thought at once comes that "There never was such a good place in Abi-The report points out that while lene to eat." It is a pleasure to have trade and collections are still far be- such a modern place as this to refer

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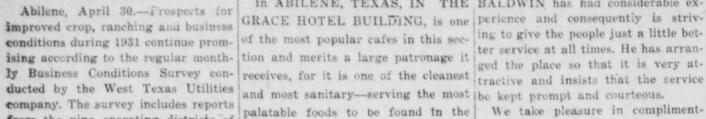
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For they can't do it. They only move the bowels and a mere movement doesn't get at the cause. The reason for your down-and-out feeling is your liver. It should pour out two pounds of liquid bile into your bowels

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#### THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One)

But it is possible for even the hum plest of us to avoid the mistake of making important decisions when our minds are weary or worried.

Lots of times the best thing we can lo is to say: "I shall now turn my back on this desk and leave the office, and I will not think about this thing again tonight.

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## APRIL SHOWERS

The showers of the past few days have been fine indeedsufficient for planting-they have made the prospect of a small grain crop more promising too.

This additional moisture will bring forth all the nature life in springtime and will call for labor on the part of man, so that this new life may be

controlled and yield sustenance.

The busy season, especially for the farmer, is just beginning.

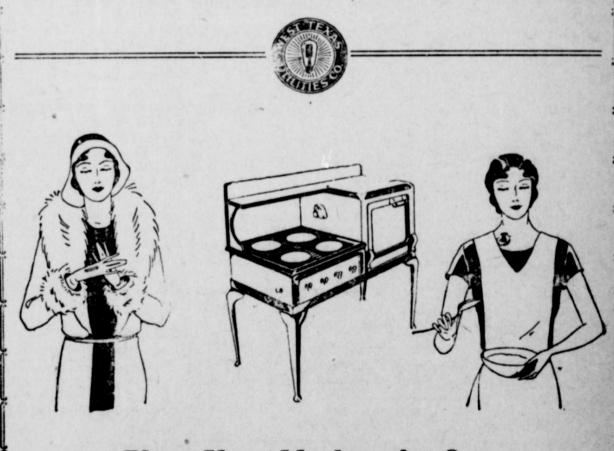
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he would have to carry on his father's of the story which Babe did not know. want to kill Nate, only to cripple fair question?" him, but his aim must have been wild, for Wheeler dropped from his horse. was a "nester," he said, and had it from his face while he looked hard at coming to him. Tiger Eye rode to the kid.

and brings in the body, discovering away again. he had not missed his shot to disable "Shore. Well, let's go," he said another shot had killed the man. A note of respect in his voice. "I'll tell gang of strangers rides up. One of the Old Man how it was. You done them insults Mrs. Wheeler by coup- the right thing, Tiger Eye."

draw the Poole riders into a trap, the to the brass. Kid informs Garner, telling him at the same time he had learned it was the latter's shot that killed Wheeler and Eye?" not his own. Garner is grateful and gets the boy a job riding range for the Poole outfit. The Kid sees a lone Tiger Eye." rider attack a man and a girl driving

Kid is given a grateful warning by the staring at the smoky bottom of the girl, who thinks he is one of the Tex- dispan hanging back of the stove. as killers, to get out of the valley before the nesters shoot him. The boy is t' be ridin' at dawn." touched by Nellie's concern and lets "Shoah feel that-a-way, Babe." his mind dwell on her, realizing she must have liked him personally to warn him when he was supposed to while he eyed the kid. be one of the imported gunmen. Later he tells Garner he wounded a nester who tried to ambush him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY. "You son-of-a-gun!" Babe stepped forward and clapped a hand admiringly down on the kid's shoulder. "I

Babe?"

man, he suspicioned something was dies as he rode. wrong about the percession, so he sends us all over to the buryin' ground the kid's slim body in the saddle, and to stay with yo'all." over on Cotton Creek. That's where the occasional click of his iron-bound they was headin' for. Shore had more stirrups against Babe Garner's wooden mourners than what they figured on!" ones. The tune didn't matter; a medley

"Yo'all didn't fight 'em, Babe?" "No-shore, we didn't. But we shore along with his idling thoughts. beat 'em to that buryin' ground! Thirwatched 'em dig it."

Wheelah ovah theah?'

"Nate Wheeler? Naw, they never Poole ranch, and it's a good seven any one he liked. miles across to Cotton Creek from Babe got out his tobacco and papers here. If they got over on Cotton Creek and rolled a cigarette as he rode along. vestments. with a funeral percession, they could He lighted it, blew out the match. sneak on up the creek to the Poole. broke the stub in two and dropped the Seven miles of bald prairie, and four pieces to the ground. The kid was miles under cover, Savvy now?"

thoughts flashing to the girl and what went true to form. Almost a week little she had dared to say.

trouble, Babe," the kid said.

Eye." Babe's eyes veried themselves ask. Pap shoah had learned him not suddenly from the kid's questioning to ask questions unless he plumb had and dictated a letter to his superinstare. "Know what they done, Tiger to. Eye? They knowed they had to go | Far ahead across the level benchland through with that buryin' or we'd a faint veil of dust crept slowly toward age must stop right there. a coffin full of rifles they aimed to use that fanned the kid's left cheek as he on us. When they was gone, the old rode. Cattle, bunched, and riders drivman had us dig up the box and open ing 'em. Reckon maybe Babe was tak-

with a careful finger tip, rolled it deft. come all the way up from the Brazos ly and drew the edge of the paper to find. lightly along the tip of his tongue be- "Shoah will enjoy swingin' a rope

fore he pressed it down and folded up (again, Babe," he said in his soft drawl. The Kid's name was Bob Reeves, one end. He fished a match from a but back home on the Brazos they pocket, flicked his thumbnail across a startled note. called him Tiger Eye, because one the head and got a flame, and lighted was yellow—the eye with which he the cigarette, then snapped the match cows." sighted down a gun-barrel. His father stub in two and dropped the pieces at was "Killer" Reeves, but the boy did his feet. The kid watched him, his minded him shortly. "Old Man isn't not want to kill. If he stayed home mind piecing together certain details likely to put yuh on round-up."

feuds, so he headed his horse, Pec- | "I shore was worried about you, os, northward and encountered Nate Kid," Babe said finally, drawing a dust cloud, and because his heart was Wheeler, who drew his .45 and fired mouthful of smoke. "Where'd that fel- there he unconsciously communicated just as Tiger Eye did. The Kid didn't ler jump yuh, Tiger Eye-if it's a

"Back down the rim about a mile."

Wheeler's cabin to notify the dead "Takes a right smaht while, Babe, to trap a wolf." A strange, implac-The Kid breaks the news of Nate's able look came into the kid's boyish

Wheeler but had broken his arm, while after a silence, and there was a new

ling her name with the stranger. The In the cabin at Cold Spring line Kid shoots a hole in each of the ears camp that evening, the kid was playing riding here and there, giving his quiet of Pete Gorham, who hurled the insult, the mouth organ, his slim browned making his escape in the confusion. | fingers cupped and touching the metal Learning that the "nesters" plan to where the nickel was worn through was just an outsider, and Babe wasn't

> "Moah rim ridin,' Babe?" "Why? Yuh like rim ridin,' Tiger

"Shoah do, Babe."

"Yuh shore look happy tonight,

Babe spoke from the bunk, when in a wagon and wounds the assailant. the kid's dreams could no longer be After rescuing the girl's dad, the compassed by the music and he sat

"Time to roll in, though. We got

Babe pulled off a boot with a vicious yank and sat holding it in one hand

"Damned if I can eithah, Babe." He yawned as he looked at Babe. to be happy about, Tiger Eye."

"Damned if I can eithah, Babe," He light, Babe." picked up the water buckets and went

The air was clean and crisp and knowed there was some reason why drops of dew on the grass winked like you let that damn' fake funeral get diamonds in the sun. The horses had galloped steadily for more than a mile, meet the boys. You said-" "Yo'all say it was a fake fune'l but now they had settled down to a walk and the reins lay loosely along lass rope. Nevah said I was achin' to "Shore, it was a fake. One of the their necks. Riding so, a habit born meet anybody, though." boys got wise 't they was goin' to of the long trail up from Texas took ull off something. You was sent over hold of Tiger Eye. Instinctively his here to keep cases, but one of the boys hand went to his breast pocket and Might put you on, when this trouble over at the Poole happened to see 'em pulled out his mouth organ, and he bewhen they come up on the Bench. Old gan to play soft snatches of old melo-

> The music timed the easy swing of of this thing and that thing drifting the name mean anything, Tiger Eye?"

When the Rid played, he thought of ty-five punchers was settin' on their the girl down in the valley behind up No'th. Plumb easy to lose yo'all's horses back on the ridge about a hun- him. Reckon her old pappy was a Texas name awn the trail." dred yards away, when that funeral rustler, like all the rest of them down percession come along. There wasn't in the valley. Leastways, the kid had no grave dug, so we set there and gathered that Nellie's brother Ed had been shot by a Poole rider, and they yet." "Yo'all shoah they buried Nate shoah seemed to hate the name of Poole.

The kid didn't feel that he knew buried Nate Wheeler there. Jim Babe' even after a week of living with spoken agreement they touched spurs Poole's nobody's fool. He saw through him. Babe always seemed to have a to their horses and went galloping their little scheme right off. It's like lot on his mind. But Babe shore was steadily across the prairie at right this. Right up the creek, about two a fine man and a fine friend, and the angles to the herd. This way lay the miles from the burying ground, is the kid wasn't the kind to pick flaws in headquarters ranch of the Poole,

watching for that little trick and his "Shoah do, Babe," said the kid, his eyes twinkled when Babe's fingers now he had lived with Babe, and never "Shoah hope yo'all didn't have no had he seen Babe throw away a whole match stub. Always broke it in two. "Never had a word of trouble, Tiger The kid wondered why, but he didn't

smell a rat. So they did. They buried the north, carried far on the breeze ing him over so he could go to work Babe folded a paper into a trough, on round-up. The kid hoped so, for sifted in a little tobacco, evened it that was the work he wanted and had

"Swingin' a rope?" Babe's voice had

"Er ridin' herd-anythming, so it's

"Ye're ridin' line with me," Babe re-

The kid did not argue the point, but his eyes clung to the slow-moving his desire to the horse.

Riders were visible now in the fringes of the dust cloud. Riders and "Unh-hunh. Musta took yuh quite a slow-moving river of backs seen dim-Babe Garner came riding up. Wheeler a while." Babe fanned the smoke away ly as the breeze whipped up the haze. Cattle going to some chosen round-up ground. The kid's eyes glistened at the thought.

"I'll ride over and see who's in

The kid's hand tightened on the reins. A cold weight fell like a lump lene, Texas. of iron upon his chest. He didn't know those riders up ahead. They were not the same old boys, with Pap, tall and hawk-eyed, on his big horse, orders. Plumb strangers, these were. Babe knew them, but he didn't. He taking him over to get acquainted.

A man galloped out to meet Babe and the two talked, hands and head ial offerings of their goods. making little unguarded gestures now and then. The kid's sidelong glance saw every move they made. They were talking about him, and they seemed to find a right smart lot to

Babe finally turned in his saddle and flung out an arm in a beckoning gesture, but the kid kept his face straight ahead and gave no sign that he saw the signal. Babe cupped his hands around his mouth and let out a loud 'Ya-a-hoo!"

"Hey, Tiger Eye! Y' asleep?" The kid slid over so that his dangling foot might find its stirrup, and

"Yo'all got me outa baid befo' day-

"Come on over and meet Jess Mar-"Ain't impawtant, is it Babe?"

"Hell, no!" Babe gave him a studying look. "Thought you wanted to

"Said I'd plumb enjoy swingin' a

"Jess is wagon boss," Babe further explained. "Good man to know. with the nesters is settled."

"Reckon I bettah make shoah of my job, first. And if yo'all want me line riding ovah on the rim, I'd shoah love

"Jess is a Texas man." Babe remarked in too casual a tone. "Thought maybe you might know him. Don't

"Shucks, Babe, names don't nevah mean anything to a Texas man. Not

"Did you?" "Ain't wore my name only twenty yeahs, Babe. No call to change it

Babe accepted the reproof and said no more, though his eyes stole another sidelong glance at the kid. In unwhich was in reality a firm of Eastern capitalists dabbling in range in-

The Poole owners never saw their cattle. John Poole, president of the Poole Land and Cattle Company, gave orders from his New York office. This sum for cost of operation, that sum deducted for normal loss, and the investment paying a certain percentage to the shareholders. But when the calf tally dwindled out of all proportion to adverse weather conditions, John Poole sat up in his office chair tendent. Rustlers or disease or whatever the cause, this alarming shrink-

The superintendent was an old



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range man named Walter Bell and he was growing rich at managing the Poole. He replied to that letter and he didn't beat around the bush. The nesters, he said, were rustlers in reality and were stealing the Poole blind. John Poole replied that Bell must know what medicine to use on rustlers, and Bell wrote back that he did, but it would cost some money.

So Bell went quietly and methodically to work, hiring men skilled in the fine art of administering laden pills as required, with no talk or fuss about

Saddled horses stood in the shade of big cottonwood tree, some still breathing quickly from hard riding, others resting a leg while they dozed. These awakened with a start as the two rode into the unfenced yard. Lean riders perched on the top rail of the nearby corral or squatted on boot heels against the fence. The kid felt them eyeing him as he swung down from Pecos and followed Babe, but they didn't smile at the sight of him.

(Continued Next Week.)

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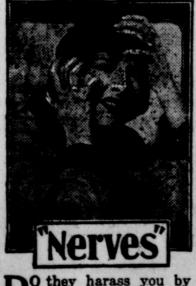
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idea can be adapted to commencement ferred to by St. John as "Siprograms, twelve state officials have their work and make our civilization joined in a message urging all Texas possible. In his sermonette, printed beto give a prominent place in 1931 com- low, the writer effectively analyzes mencement graduating exercises to the place of "Second Fiddlers" in the Texas' most beautiful flower and Tex- world. as' most valuable agricultural product-the bluebonnet and cotton.

"We, as your state officials and DREW SIMON PETER'S BROTHpublic servants," the message said, ER." John 1:40. "would be delighted if Texas teachers | The writer was afraid we would and pupils would clothe themselves are the pupils would clothe themselves are the pupils and pupils would clothe themselves are the pupils would be defigited in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defigited in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defigited in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defigited in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defined in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defined in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defined in the second throughout and will portray the life ty. Six other pipels the pupils would be defined in the second throughout and the pipels throughout and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves and pupils would clothe themselves get him mixed up with some other Anonder and pupils would clothe themselves are considered as a second clother and the second clother ton garments upon which is pinned a bouquet of bluebonnets picked from Texas prairies or gardens."

Officials signing the message were: Governor Ross S. Sterling; Edgar of state; J. E. McDonald, commissioner of agriculture; S. M. N. Marrs, sup-I. Tennant, member of the state board of control; Charley Lockhart, state treasurer; C. F. Petet, secretary, for the state railroad commission; James V. Allred, attorney general; J. H. Walker, land commissioner, and would soon learn him. He was always figure, the attendance at the five re-

Speaking of the bluebonnet, which fiddle. grows at this season in Central Texas But Andrew was not so colorful. Presbyterian 83; Church of Christ, in such profusion as to literally blank- He startled no one. He made no at- 73, and Nazarene, 50. et mounds and prairies and which this tempt to do so. He belonged to that season has been found in parts of Tay- crowd to which most of us belong. He lor county surrounding Buffalo Gap, was a part of that crowd that Abra- Sunday School at 10 a. m. If you depicting the birth of the State's He was just ORDINARY ANDREW, classes to suit every age.

"Years ago when Indians roamed swept the vast state which was not yet a state. The Indians prayed to the Great Spirit for relief. Their animals dying, even the strongest of them.

"At last the Great Spirit in his comed that she be sacrificed.

altar, her blue bonnet fell from her same party at another time inquirshoulders. The next morning the hills ing why it was so few people were craft, secretary; Ceaphas Wozencraft, to attend any, or all, of our services were covered with vivid blue flowers iriendly. That spirit of rule or ruin reporter. ir the shape of small bonnets splotch- is always detested. They can never ed with a drop of blood red.

"Thus it is the bluebonnets came to have.

"Thirty years ago the State Legislature voted the bluebonnet the Texas fiddler. Be it said to his credit he Gamble; attendance, Jack West, flower. Many other specimens were never did try to act like Simon. He suggested but as the legislative body gazed out of the windows of the of his own and was only too glad to building they saw the hills covered with fields of blue, for it was March body loves Andrew. then, too. With such a sight to guide them they passed the bill naming the State Flower.

"Nevertheless, many, Texas people have never seen their State Flower, and have never heard the legend of its birth. Those who do know it are proud of it and are urging that seeds and plants themselves be planted all over Texas. Why not a campaign for beauty, as well as education, health and numerous other things sponsored by Texans?"

"SAVING THE RAILROADS."

Writing in Collier's Weekly, John T. Flynn, associate editor of that magazine, says that saving the railroads is a major national problem. "It is a problem," he states, "which aifects the investments of a million peo- cent more traffic with 20 per cent less ple, the jobs of a million and a half operating expense. men and women directly and as many more indirectly, and the servicing of

and 1929, at a time when gross earn- railroads" arises. ings were steadily declining. This was The main question, of course, is, vice per dollar received. The railroads needed to save one of the most essential of all industries from disaster.

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

our glorious second fidders" is the his work and makes our civilization way the Reverend E. L. Yeats, pastor possible. COTTON CLOTHES FOR SENIOR of the local Methodist church, eulogizes the "unnoticed and unproclaim-Suggesting that the "All Texas" ed," who, like Andrew, three times remon Peter's brother," quietly go about

"One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was AN-

'Andrew, Simon Peter's brother."

to make the explanation "Andrew, Si- THE SECOND FIDDLER. president of the senate; Fred H. Min- mor Peter's brother." I venture to or, speaker of the house of represen- say he was thus introduced until many people thought "Simon Peter's | The Men's Prayer service will be tatives; Jane Y. McCallum, secretary brother" was a part of Andrew's held at the Nazarene church next Sunname. And I will venture another day afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. statement, namely, that it took a good The scripture lesson is found in the erintendent of public instruction; Roy bit of grace on the part of Andrew to fifth chapter of 1 Timothy. R. L. Grifstand it.

It is significant that Simon is never come and worship with us. introduced as Andrew's brother. It was not necessary. Eeveryone knew SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Simon. If they did not know him they Continuing to hold above the 800 George H. Sheppard, state comptroll- at the forefront. You could not keep porting Sunday Schools in Merkel from knowing him. He played the lead last Sunday was 847, distributed as

Flower. This is the way the story or ANDREW, THE SECOND FID- There will not be a preaching ser-DLEE.

the plains of Texas, hunted in the Apostles was difficult. He had been the Blair school. Offering for Rey- We had an increase in attendance mountains of Texas, and fished in the associated with Simon, and James and nolds home Sunday morning. Evening last Sunday. There were about 50 rivers of Texas, the Great Spirit was John in the fishing business. Now he service at 8 o'clock. but they form the inner circle in close day evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. About the usual number was out relations to Christ and he is not in- which every member of the church is for the night service.

But in all this Andrew maintains | Frayer meeting Wednesday evening. were dying; and they themselves were the swetest of spirits. Herein lies the Come worship with us. said, "If I can't be in the inner cirpassion said he would terminate the cle I will get out of it all." Then all famine if the most sinless of the the beauty of the man would have Indians would sacrifice his life. One been spoiled. I recall hearing a cerof the Indian maidens who was fair tain person say "I am a natural born the "Winners" class of the Presbyto see and the purest of them all, ask- leader and unless I lead I will not terian Sunday School met at the home have anything to do with any organi- of their teacher, Mr. Chas. Jones, and Abilene, will preach for us Lord's "The day she climbed the hill to the zation." Strange to say I heard the elected the following officers: W. J. Day at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. You hope to have friends. They should not pointed. membership, Jim Patterson,

> But thank God for Andrew, just ordinary Andrew. Andrew the second chairman, S. G. Russell and David never did envy Simon. He had a place

The world would blow up over night if all were lead fiddlers. That is the thing that brings wars on us. Too many trying to play the first fiddle. That is just another way of saying this old world is held together by our glorious second fiddlers. The cynic will say Andrew was a second fiddler because he could not be the first fiddler. It would be possibly more truthful, however, to say that Simon took the lead because he did not have grace enough to take a more humble place. Jesus said he that serves most is greatest. That sounds as if he might be talking about Andrew. Andrew did things, though unoticed and unproclaimed. Down beneath the

But the time has been reached, according to rail executives, when it is countless industries which cannot oth- impossible to further cut operating expense. Further savings can be ef-Flynn points out that railroad fected only at the expense of service. net earnings increased between 1921 And thus the problem of "saving the

accomplished by decreasing expenses. how? Mr. Flynn says that there are A tremendous drive against ineffi- only two ways-by getting more busiciency and waste was carried out, ress or higher rates. There are great with the result that the lines estab-lished an amazing record for ser-The best thought of the nation is now

"This old world is held together by named hero who quietly goes about tended to.

I have been a pastor for some twenty years or more and during that ted with many lead fiddlers. They encraft and Ceaphus Wozencraft. have been able and good men and men. They have greatly blessed the church. But some of the most lovable and useful people of all were not even officials in the church. They quietly took an unnoticed place and made the church the more glorious. And the who would much prefer not to be an official and only consents to be one for the sake of the church, and for the service he is requested to tender.

Lord Give us grace enough to susdrew. But everybody knew who Simon in service to humanity, though we ted by all. Peter was. So he introduces him as have no official position. Help us to Three time the writer mentions An- for the honor or publicity, and give us do good for the joy of service and not

> MEN'S PRAYER MEETING. fin will lead. We urge everyone to

follows: Baptist, 325; Methodist, 316;

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

an exchange, the Shamrock Texan, re- ham Lincoln said the Lord must love are not in a Sunday School e sewhere, cently printed a typical Indian legend because he made so many of them. come be in ours; we have interesting

vice at 11 c'clock, as the pastor will Andrew's place in the college of preach the baccalaureate sermon for

expected to attend.

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

"WINNERS" CLASS. Thursday, April 16, the members of

The following committees were apchairman, Gordon Murray and Gresham Dowell; social, James West, chairman, Woodrow Patton and Overton Patterson.

The fact that the membership comhis humble part in life. Every. mittee and the attendance committee have been at work was shown by the church is growing. The fifteen new increased attendance of the next meet- members during the month have great-

ing, Thursday, April 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. West. At MATTERS MUSICAL this meeting the members of the class were favored with a bass solo by Mr. Jones and with a quartette by Mr. Jones, S. G. Russell, W. J. Derstine Orpheus club will give their annual and M. T. Spence. Several hymns spring concert in the form of a sacred subsills of our civilization is the un- then all old and new business was at- ternoon at four o'clock at the First

J. Derstine, S. G. Russell, O. C. Blair, The interested public is cordially in-James West, Gresham Dowell, Over- vited to attend. ton Patterson, M. L. Spence, Woodtime I have had occasion to be associa- row Patton, Jack West, Monroe Woz-

> METHODIST NEWS NOTES. Next Sunday is first Sunday and therefore communion service day.

The Abilene district Epworth league will meet at Albany Saturday part of local Senior leaguers.

On Sunday evening, May 10, the The daughter of Captain and Mrs. choir will render "The Life of Christ L. H. Nixon of Merkel, the child is in Song." It will be a song service a piano student in Simmons universithroughout and will portray the life ty. Six other places were won by Sim-

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

will be present. A program has been ian church in Abilene. made out which consists of leaguers only and will be an exceptionally good one. All who can will go over Satur- ly strengthened our forces for larger day night and stay until Sunday. service. There will not be a league meeting Sunday night; so no program appears this week.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song. Prayer.

Scripture, Mark 15:1-5, by leader, Marvin Hunter.

Story, "Team Work," by Clyde Sears.

Feem, by a junior, Richard Buford. Story, "A Sugar Sermon," an Indian story, by Holt Vaughn.

Sentence prayers. Discussion.

Benediction.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

present and the lesson on "Prayer"

We would like for all those who are

not attending services elsewhere to come to our church. Your help and resence will be appreciated. Remember the prayer meeting each

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother Forest Waldrip of A. C. C., Derstine, president; Monroe Wozen- are cordially invited to hear him and for the week which are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. communion at 12 m., young peoples service at 7 p. m., preaching at 8 p. m., ladies

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The Abilene Musical Coterie and were sung by all those present and twilight musicale on next Sunday af- pard. Methodist church, Abilene, assisted by Those present were Mr. Jones, W. the Abilene Classical String Quartette.

> Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her pupils in "An Evening of Melodies" at the Methodist church next Friday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock.

MERKEL GIRL WINNER. (Abilene Reporter.)

Madra Elayne Nixon of Merkel evening and continue through Sun- took first place in the junior plano day. We are making a special effort solo contest at the Temple meeting best official in the church is the one to get 100 per cent attendance on the of the State Federation of Music ciubs.

Delmer's Quartette, consisting of A. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, Harry Bar-Leaguers are looking forward to a Delmer as accompanist, sang last Sun-Prayer Meeting for my services durnett and C. W. Delmer, with Mrs. drew and twice he feels called upon the lovely disposition of ANDREW, great good time at Albany Saturday day at the morning service of the and Sunday at the district meeting. Presbyterian church in Baird and in All the leaguers in the Abilene district the evening at the Central Presbyter-

a great service next Sunday at 11 a | It will come like a vacation every m. Come and bring your friends.

preach on "New Testament Baptism." be lifted and you will be more than Comer Haynes; leader. Come and join service. We want all the business this fine group of young people for houses and families in Merkel as our Bible study.

every Baptist to be in Sunday School at 9:45. We welcome you.

J. T. King, Pastor.

BAPTIST CIRCLE. The Elkin Lockett Circle of the

Booth. The lesson begins with the 26th chapter of Exodus and extends through the 30th.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. Introduction, Ida Mae Derstine. "Persons of Decision," Benny Shep-

"The Purpose in Decision," Vera Richie.

"The Power of Decision," Yates Brown. "The Plea for Decision," Truett Meeks.

B. A. U. PROGRAM. Devotional-five minutes.

Song, "I Would be Like Jesus." Scripture reading. Song, "Let Others See Jesus in You."

Discussion-1. "The Meaning of Character,"

Mrs. Booth. 2. "The Growth of Character," Captain Nixon.

3. "The Elements of Character," Mr. Barnett. 4. "Some Tests of Character," Mr.

Largent. 5. "Christ, the Goal of Character." Mrs. Barnett.

I wish to express my appreciation ing the recent revival, which comes as a pleasant surprise. May I say that my talent is at your service at any time and it is a pleasure to use it in that way for you.

Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

Preparations are being made for THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. week for the housewife, if you will At 8 p. m. the pastor will baptize let us call for your laundry every a number of new converts and will Monday. The dread of wash day will Our B. T. S. will meet at 7 p. m. pleased with our workmanship and customers. We are a home institution. Supt. W. J. Largent is expecting THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Seventy years ago it took mail twenty-four days to go from coast to

Baptist church will meet Tuesday af- St. Augustine, Fla., is the oldest city ternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. A. R. in the United States.

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1 choice jersey milk cow

4 Other wagons, choice

1 Set Davis blades

3 Thrible disc plows, choice

4 Double disc plows, choice

#### LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE. The State of Texas, County of Tay-

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Clerk of said 104th District Court, for the sum of Five Hundred Seventy One hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, De Leon. on the 30th day of April 1931, levy on the west 10 feet of lot No. two (2) of the Don Davis Subdivision of a part of lots Five (5) and Six (6) in block Seven (7) of Fair Park Acres, an addition to the city of Abilene, Taylor

County, Texas, as it existed on January 17th, 1929; it is further order-FOR SALE-Black Langshan hatch- ed that the deed of trust lien on the ing eggs; \$1.00 per setting. O. R. above described property, dated January 28th, 1929, in favor of C. W. Gill, to secure the payment of a cer-FOR SALE-Good work horse at a tain \$1250.00 note, is second and inferior to the lien held by Don Davis; it is further ordered that the judg-Good 80-acre farm, near Stith, to ment lien for \$51.87, held by Brooks trade for property in Lubbock terri- Dry Goods Company, a corporation, (abstract of judgment of record in 60-acres improved, near Golan, sale Vol. 9, on Page 13, of the abstract of Judgment records of Taylor County, Manager for filling station wanted; Texas) is second and inferior to the small investment; good location; indebtedness and lien in favor of Don chance for young man to make some Davis, and the indebtedness and lien above mentioned in favor of C. W. Gill; and levied upon as the property of Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a minor, and that on Hamburg hens and one cock; one year the first Tuesday in June 1931, the old; hens now laying. Price \$10.00 for same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virture of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public ven-

And in compliance with law, I give iriend, Mrs. Emory Jones, at Blair. RELIABLE DEALER wanted to this notice by publication, in the Enhandle Heberling Products in Taylor glish language, once a week for three of Lamesa and Edgar Elliott of Dora, County. Excellent opportunity for the consecutive weeks immediately pre- has returned from a visit of several right man. Earnings \$60 weekly not ceding said day of sale, in the Merkel unusual. Write for free catalogue. G. Mail, a newspaper published in Tay- Clovis and other points in New Mexi- Stoker shipping seven cars of mix-

> Witness my hand, this 30th day of April 1931.

Burl Wheeler. Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By E. D. Davis Deputy.

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night, brown heifer, about one year any collections during the absence of

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1 brown mare, sm, 14 1-2 hands, 900 lbs.

1 Yule Special wide tire wagon ....

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1 John Deere sin. row cultivator

#### **Personal Mention**

Paul Causseaux of San Antonio is visiting his mother for a few days.

ed from a weeks' visit with her parents at Ropesville.

Miss Mary King left Thursday to

visit her sister, Miss Maggie King, have each served just one term, neith-

home of her sister at Eastland. son spent the week-end with her bro- several years. ther, Joe Ben Ashby, and family at

home Sunday.

Mrs. Dewey Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Drake and day with his completed audit.

R. A. Reagan home. Week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. to McDonald's barber shop. George Caple were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck from Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Crain of Eldor-

Mrs. Guy Darsey returned to Aus- 2,300 head of cattle and 400 calves. tin Monday after a week's visit with Most of the steer supply lacked qualrelatives here. She was accompanied ity, and sold around \$4.50 to \$6.00. home by her sister, Mildred Hamm, Some desirable fat cows went at \$4.00 for a visit.

son and R. L. Griffin returned Tues- \$2.85. Good to fairly choice yearlings day from a trip to Coleman and they made \$7.00 to \$7.50. A car of bulls report grain prospects in that sec- brought \$3.50. Veal calves reached tion exceptionally fine.

Miss Lucille Hill has come to make her home here, assisting in the book- yearlings sold up to \$7.75. keeping and clerical work at the Merkel hatchery, of which her brother, the market being steady to strong Earl Hill, is manager.

Mrs. M. M. Coleman of Lubbock is a guest in the S. M. Hunter home.

Carl Black, joined by Lloyd Elliott days to Albuquerque, Fort Summer,

Mrs. Dean Higgins, who has been ill for El Paso the same day. for the past two weeks, is much improved. Mr. Higgins, however, had to remain in bed Thursday with a case of tonsilitis.

Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig will be at the San Antonio stopped by a short while station. Seven were taken to hospitals. Merkel Sanitarium to take care of to see their cousin, C. J. Glover, Jr., as they were returning from their honeymoon trip to El Paso and Carls-

bad Cavern. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Quitman are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, since the closing of school term. They will later attend the University of Texas

\$25.00 summer school. Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. \$50.00 Lackey were his sister, Mrs. L. W. tive Baptist church of Mullen, Texas, Howell, and her daughter, Mrs. Riley will preach at the community taber-\$50.00 and son, Sam Riley, also Bill Howell, nacle here next Sunday evning at 8 all of Carlsbad, N. M. Mr. Lackey will o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited \$35.00 go to Kerrville and San Antonio with the Howells to visit relatives there for \$25.00 two weeks.

\$65.00 Texas spent \$62,000,000 on its public schools in 1930, 46 millions for tarium in Abilene Wednesday morn-\$50.00 teachers and 16 millions for maintenance, free textbooks. Fifteen years earlier the total spent was \$13,766,000, a per capita of \$12.19 against a per capita of \$43.70 in 1930. (Authority: Texas Weekly).

> The United States leads the world in the production of apples.

#### New City Officials to Be Installed Monday

On next Monday night, the regular date for the monthly meeting of the from spending a week with relatives tively. A. T. Sheppard, re-elected, will begin a new term as alderman.

The retiring mayor and alderman er one being a candidate for re-elec-Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter, tion. Mr. Boney had served as alder-Duncan, were week-end visitors in the man for four years at another time and Mr. Sharp had also been a mem-Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wells and little ber of the city council formerly for

Mrs. Juanita Dowell, elected city secretary and tax collector to succeed Miss Verna Tee Beasley of Ropes- Miss Pauline Johnson, was expecting ville was the week-end guest of Miss to qualify for this office sometime Mary Elizabeth Grimes, returning Thursday and enter her new duties have been visiting in Austin, received Mrs. J. A. Milliken and Mr. and the final report of the audit of the pher's brother, Mr. E. S. Christoph-Mrs. Wilbur Thomas drove over to retiring secretary's records. The aud- er of Lubbock, was not expected to Quanah Sunday to visit Mr. and itor had indicated he would return live. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher return-

Abilene were visitors Sunday in the ced the removal of her insurance of- brother died shortly after his arrival.

#### Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, April 30 .-While visiting relatives in Abilene, Everything in the cattle division, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lafevers of Waco beer steers excepted, met with a fair and their, uncle, Mr. Wallace, paid a demand Wednesday and sold at generbrief visit to Mr. and Mrs. George ally steady prices. Steers again were neglected. Receipts were estimated at

to \$4.50, good butcher grades made Messrs. Tom Huffman, Bill Peter- \$3.50 and canners sold at \$2.25 to \$10.00 in small drafts and a car of plain heavies brought \$5.60. Stocker

> Hog receipts amounted to 500 head, with a top of \$6.85 on truck consign-

During the early hours the sheep Miss Thelma Deavers of Noodle market was at a standstill with \$14,-Dome is spending the week with her 000 head offered. The close was generally 25c lower on all kinds.

#### Cattle Movement.

Eight carlots of cattle were shiped cattle to Fort Worth Saturday and Friends will be glad to learn that W. H. Laney loading a car of cows

#### Trains Crash, 80 Hurt.

Paris, April 30.—Eighty passengers were injured Monday when two sub-Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hughes of way trains collided at the Bastille

## Walnut Tree Sprouts Oak.

Chico, Cal., April 30 .- Out of a black walnut tree, 25 years old, in this vicinity, is growing an oak limb ten feet long and three to four inches in diameter. It is considered a botanical rarity, as walnuts and oaks are not an

Elder McNeill Will Preach. Elder E. P. McNeill of the Primito hear him.

#### Undergoes Operation.

Following an operation for acute appendicitis at the Alexander saniing, Lynn McSpadden is reported "doing nicely."

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#### Woods Retired from Active Job Monday

Miss Bertha Moorehad has return- city council, W. M. Elliott, newly elec- ergency committee for employment carpenter. He was the grandson of ted mayor, and Len Sublett, alder- Monday announced his retirement J. T. Pitcock, a farmer of this secman-elect, will be installed, succeeding from active administrative duty. He tion. Clarence Williams has returned J. P. Sharp and W. O. Boney, respec- said that simultaneously the commitwithdrawal of seven persons who have J. Adcock. been associated with him here this

Woods is leaving next week for Europe where he will investigate unmittee later, Woods said, would "depend on conditions."

#### Brother Dies at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who with the first of May, depending on a message last week that Mr. Christohere either Thursday afternoon or Fri- ed home immediately and were accompanied to Lubbock by Mr. and daughter, Mrs. Trudy Halbrook, of Miss Pauline Johnson has announ- Mrs. Len Sublett. Mr. Christopher's guard troops of Cushing and in his fice to the building on Elm street next The funeral was held at Lubbock last friends among his schoolmates and Saturday, after which the body was sent to Hobart, Okla., for burial.

Texas has 15,062 churches with a membership of 2,280,336 and a Sunday school enrollment of 1,102,292.

#### Obituary

(Continued from fage One)

Washington, April 30 .- Chairman parents formerly lived in Merkel Artnur Woods of the president's em- where his father was engaged as a

tee would be reorganized following the Brother W. G. Cypert, assisted by O.

#### Harold Cash.

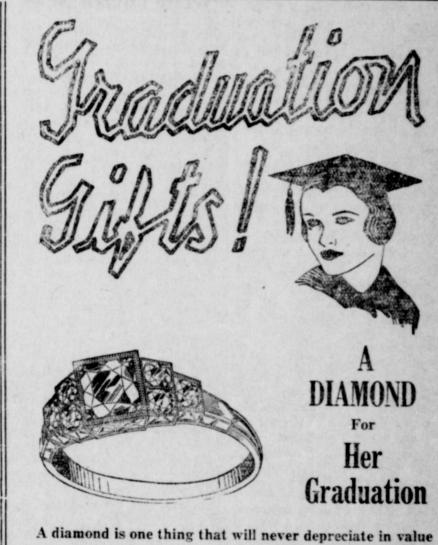
Friends here have received the sad news of the death of Harold Samborn employment insurance and conditions Cash, age 13 years, at the home of generally in Great Britain and Fran- his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodo ce. Whether he will return to the com- in Cushing, Okla. Death was due to pneumonia. Funeral services were held at Cushing.

> Harold was born June 17, 1918, at Merkel, the son of Claud and Josie Marie Cash. The father died fourteen years ago this month.

With his mother and step-father, he moved to Cushing in August of last year and had attended the Cushing schools this year. He was a member of the Baptist church and the national new home it is reported, as was to be expected, that he had made many associates.

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## Rural Community Correspondence

#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Frank Allen was in town Monday attending to business matters. He was accompanied by Mrs. Allen.

Mr. John Atkins and daughter, Divide Sunday night. Zada Lee, of Cross Plains were week-

Mrs. Joe Wash and children of Royston have returned home after a visit hre with her husband' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. So Relle, Jr., and son, Billy Jean, of Tucson, Ariz., to Albany Monday. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner the first of the week.

Prof. and Mrs. Jenkins have as their provement for the past ten days. guests this week his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jenkins.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott are welcoming them back day home after an absence of several weeks at Fort Stockton.

Those attending the M. E. confer-Musdames Mangunt, McRee, Winn, ium Monday. Cribley, Reaves, Johnson, Scott and Miss Imo Gene Mangum.

daughters and Miss Vergie Strawn us some of Nubia's former team; so, attended the revival being held by Rev. if you feel lucky, come over and we Billie White at Abilene Sunday even- will see about it.

Mr. C. T. Beckham went to Wichita Falls Monday to visit with relatives. His sister, Mrs. A. Tevathin, is expected to return with him the last of the week for an extended visit.

at Jacksonville, had died suddenly. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left immediately to attend the funeral.

Sam Owens of Slaton stopped over Monday for a short visit with relatives, as he was returning home from San Angelo, where he had taken Mrs. Owens in the interest of her health.

Miss Florence Sherman has returned from a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill, and friends of Hamlin.

Mrs. E. J. Rawlings spent the first of the week in Merkel attending to

Messrs, E. D. and Milton Sherman attended to business in Albany Mon-

Mrs. B. C. Hamner honored Mrs. Carl Murdock on her birthday last Wednesday with a six o'clock dinner, after which bridge was enjoyed until a attended services at Nubia Sunday.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Eighteen little friends and relatives his playmates attended. gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Cycle Phillips were W. R. McLeod Friday afternoon at 4 called to Abilene one day recently to c'clock to help them celebrate the the bedside of Mr. Phillips' niece, who eighth birthday of their eldest son, had become poisoned, but who is bet-Gregory. Each little guest was receiv- ter at this time. ed by Gregory's mother and after greetings were said, Miss Vivian Walker conducted them in a series of lawn games and contests.

late with nut cup of candy for favors. week. Each was given a piece of the birthday cake in which was concealed the drawing quite a few visitors. emblems of the future. Gifts were then presented and admired.

Those wishing Gregory many happy returns of the day were: Nelson ticing their class members in songs and Mary Alice Sherrill, Luther War- and readings for the Mothers' Day ren, Ashford, Buddie, Harold Winter, program Sunday afternoon, May 10. Mark Williamson, Billy Jo Bowers, Willadean and Dorothy Jo Strawn, Bobby Rawlings, Kenneth Burkhart, Ida V. Estep, Lady Fred Crane, Billy Dick Payne, Johnnie Roberts, N. L. McLeod, S. D. and Bobby Ruth Mc-Leod, and the following elders: Mesdames Reaves, John Payne, Bud Winter and Miss Vivian Walker.

M. E. CHURCH .NEWS.

We are delighted with the new and healthy growth of our Sunday School. We have a class for you and want you to become a regular member. We especially mention our Young People's class, with Mrs. Ross Young as teacher. You will find a splendid fellowship

Next Sunday, May 3, will be Sunday School day. A suitable program will be rendered. You are cordially invited to this special service. You will be well entertained and helped. The program will be given at the 11 a. m.

-Reporter.

1.482.672 Vet Loans. Washington, April 30 .- Loans to war veterans, under the legislation passed by the last congress, on April 18 totaled \$562,360,930 to 1,482,672 holders of compensation certificates. The veterans' bureau has an addition al 315,500 pending application

#### DORA DOINGS

A real wet rain fell here Monday evening and Tuesday morning, which John W. Newson of Fort Worth kel. closed a two weeks' meeting at the

The Baptist people of Nolan vote end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mur- Sunday to move their church over to dock and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mur- the Divide; there it will be near the E. H. Patterson. center and serve more people.

Mrs. Rape and son Oscar visited her daughter and family in Bomarton Sunday.

Pete Tyrone made a business trip

J. B. McCoy visited his doctor Sunday and got a favorable report on im-

Shin Harris, Willis and Leonard Perry and Douglas Jones report fine er. luck fishing on the Concho last Thurs-

E. H. Ensminger and family were night. Merkel vistors Sunday.

V. T. Montgomery is not improving ence from here were Brother Sherrill, very fast and returned to the sanitar-

Our baseball team organized Saturday. Frank Magee is manager and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Jack Quiett captain. We have with

#### White Church News

very glad to see it.

Friends of Mrs. W. H. Brown will Pat Ford, of Weatherford. news Friday that his father, who lives be glad to know she is still improving. W. M. West and family were Anson that time. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats have as visitors Sunday evening. their son, Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. on the sick list Sunday. Spikes of Big Spring.

Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. West.

planning on attending the district roe News-Star. eague meeting at Albany May 2 and

Mrs. P. R. McLean returned to her home in Wichita Falls last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier are sick at this time.

Leon Toombs and W. A. Harrison Clayton Coates celebrated his birthday Monday with a supper. Several of

#### GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey were in Sweetwater Saturday on business. They were then invited into the Miss Pearl West visited relatives beautifully decorated dining room for in Haskell, Saturday and Sunday, refreshments, which included home- Grandma Dean had several grandmade animal cookies and hot choco- children visiting for a few days last

> Edward Lawlis' new croquet set is Brother Biggs filled his fourth

Sunday appointment here Sunday. Sunday School teachers are prac-Mrs. W. Thornton left early Tues-

#### CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Mr. J. D. Sandusky attended court two days last week.

Robert Malone spent the week-end

Miss Modenia Whiteaker spent the week-end with home folks at Dora. Brother Wiliams and wife of Blair ter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan. were Sunday geusts of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky motor-Mr. A. D. Fulton has been down with rheumatism but is improving nicely now.

Mr. Raymond L. Stapleton spent Mrs. John Ray. Sunday as the guest of Alva Peter-

ing, also Miss Alma Cox and her fath-A large crowd was present to en-

joy the play, "Poor Father," Friday

Miss Sarah Malone spent last weekend in town. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky spent

the week-end at Capps with her par-

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. G. W. Hughes motored to Abilene Saturday evening. Little John Andrew Stapleton visi-

ted school Friday. This part of the Canyon is enjoy- day morning for Ft. Worth. Mrs. Ef-

ing a slow rain. The farmers will be ford Brown accompanied Mrs. Thornton for a vist with her sister, Mrs. on May 6. Miss Caroline Chambers

their guests through the week-end Mr. G. M. Byrom was among those

#### New Orleans Publisher Dies. New Orleans, April 30 .- Col. Rob-

Mr. W. C. Neill of Nubia made a ert Ewing, publisher of the New fine talk here Sunday, following Sun- Orleans States and three other Louisiana newspapers and Democratic na-Etsel Hunter is sick at this time. tional committeeman from Louisiana, Messrs. Raymond and Clarence De. died here Monday night of heart dismere transacted business in Bronte ease. Celonel Ewing was publisher of the States, the Shreveport Times, the Several of our league members are Monroe Morning World, and the Mon-

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"Reaching for the Moon" Tues., Wed. Richard Barthelmess "THE LASH"

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#### BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Mayberry and will promote planting in a large way. with his cousin, D. C. Johnson at Mer. ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore, the "flu." one day recently.

Miss Sybil Horion of Trent spent the past week in the home of her sis-

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family, accompanied by Mrs. Sam Phillips, attended the bedside of the ed to Sweetwater Thursday morning. latter's granddaughter in Abilene recently.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves returned home from Baird Thursday, accompanied by

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Ballew of Abi-

lene visited the latter's sister, Mr. Miss Genevieve Cox is still improv- and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden of Nubia spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wid Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and on, Mrs. Duell McClain of Nubia, Miss Orpah Patterson and Mr. Troy Campbell of Merkel attended the ser-

vices at the M. E. Church Sunday. was the house guest of Little Peggie visited relatives here Sunday. Marie Mayfield the past week.

Bill Sandusky and Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan motored to Rotan Mon-

Will Mathews, Emmett Morris, Pat Addison and Johnnie Latimer atten- world is Brazil, with 3,220,000 square ded services at View Sunday evening. miles. The Blair adult 4-H club will meet in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell will demonstrate on cheese-making at

John Latimer and Sam Phillips are attending court at Abilene this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. H., of Butman, visited Mr. and

Mrs. John Meeks Sunday. If you have any visitors, Phone 29



#### Hodges Happenings.

There are quite a few on the sick

Mrs. Bud Moore's father has been real sick, but is reported to be on the road to recovery now.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bruton Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hilley Bruton, Midway, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard, and Mr. T. D. Bruton and son, Elphas, of East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mashburn enter- 90. tained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. H. Armwine's brother and his wife from California have been visit- 90. ing her for the last few days. Mrs. Armwine will accompany them to Tennessee for an extended visit with

relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and Winona of Merkel and Mrs. C. E. Thomas Little Bettie Jo Ballew of Abilene and Miss Hazel Thomas of Warren

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#### **Blair School News**

The pupils of the Blair schools have children of Abilene visited the lat- list this week, mostly light cases of finished the sixth month of school with the following on the honor roll:

Primer-Nina Orsborn, 94; Madlyn Brown, 94; Bonnie Fae Zimmerman,

First grade-Mary Lou Hughes, 90; Mrs. J. W. Woodard is also on the Lloyd Haire, 93; Frances Peterson 91; Ima Gene Rosson, 92; Mildred Maddera, 91.

> Second grade-Lena Fae Orsborn, 91; Evelyn Latimer, 94; Madalene Ad. dison, 94; Noma Lee Clinton, 94.

Third grade-Joy Doan, 94; Orie Lee Maddera, 92; Norman Windham,

Fourth grade-Louise Addison, 92. Fifth grade-Margie Melton, 91; Lois Rosson, 91; Catherine Orsborn,

Tenth grade-H. E. Addison. School closes Monday, May 4, with graduation exercises for the seventh

and tenth grades. \$625,000 Road Work Planned. Temple, Texas, April 30 .- Work on sixty-two miles of concrete paving is expected to begin within a short time. A bond issue of \$625,000 for the con-

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struction of the paving already has

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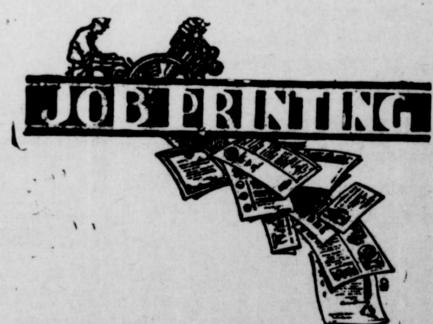
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Abilene, Texas

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TENNIS NEWS.

Mardell Shouse 6-4-6, David Gam-

The girls' will start playing about

The physical education class under the direction of Miss Helen Patterson

has been participating in a number

winner. The class is divided into sev-

eral groups. The contest was between

leaders of the group that tied for

We dream and think but never rush.

Now that th' Junior banquet is over

th' onliest thing of any importance

-Isaac whom he went with Friday

-Artilee who else has a fever-blis-

-Vera and Zada who works at

-For "his" record at the Christian

-Thelma L. where she spent Sat-

-The Seniors how much they enjoy-

-The girls where they were to sign.

-Someone who the good looking

-Cecil where he went Saturday

Helpy-Sefly Store.

institution at Abilene.

boy was in town Sunday.

-Melba Taylor.

third.

fever pest.

hooks.

light;

JACK SAYS-

Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Joke Editors-Elvis Richardson and Lois Clark.

The Junior-Senior banquet, given encourage the better use of Spanish. April 24 at the Lions club hall, was On April 20 Better Spanish Week beone of the most important affairs of gan, and the Spanish students were

delighted to show the High school the the year. The hall was decorated in a very manner in which they were observing attractive manner. At one end of the this week. hall was an imitation lighthouse which | The plays were: "La Mendiga y la was made by several of the Junior Senora," "La Criado Nueva El Barboys, and which was very real look- bero de Seville," and "La Lavandera ing. There were also several minia- de Napoleon." ture lighthouses in the center of the This conversation was overheard: tables, which added much to the ap- Caribel (speaking of the Spanish pearance of the hall.

"A Goodwill Criuse" was featured | Billy: "Silly, this is Spanish, but during the evening.

as for me it sounds like German." Mr. Paul Collins, who is president | Cullen Tittle said that he did not of the Junior class, was the captain, know when to laugh, but he "followed suit" and laughed with the rest. or toastmaster.

The "Bon Voyage," or invocation, was given by Mr. Riddle.

The passport was a song, "A Boat for Two," given by the Sophomore school are staging a tennis tourna- ected? girls, Thelma Leach, Joyce Wheeler, ment this week and next week. Con-Nell Hughes, Margarete Miller, Oneda tests are being held in boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles, girls' Bell, Voncil Gilbert, Florence Rider, Imogene Middleton, Duncan Briggs, doubles and mixed doubles. The only and Mildred Richardson, who waited games played so far are as follows: on the table.

A talk was given by Ross Ferrier on siter 0-0. "Friendship." He told how necessary friends are to us on the different Whiteley (default.) ships of life.

As each member of the crew on the ble 4-6-0. ship "Friendship" was introduced, he made a short talk.

Leo Tucker, as pilot, gave an inter- The playing is taking place at the esting talk on class spirit. He told of court owned by Mr. Glover, which is the necessity of a class spirit; how, south of the schoolhouse. if one wishes to put anything over in PHYSICAL ED. CONTEST. his school life, he must have class

The steward, Elmer Adcock, talked about the future and what it would of stunts. A prize was offered to the mean to each of us.

The cook on the ship, Artilee Simmons, read two Jewish poems, "Rosa" and "De Belin Et Op All De Pells."

these groups, each of which is under the supervision of some High school Margaret Canon, Willie Evelyn girl. Nell Hughes' group won first, Boaz, Mary E. Grimes, and Ida Mae the group under the direction of Mar-Derstine, as shipmates, sang the song garette Turner won second, while Sis "Don't Forget Your School." Boaz and Anna Lee Owens were the

Oleta Moore, as midshipman, introduced each of the Seniors.

The stowaway, Miss Tracy, gave as a reading, "The Family Upstairs." SPRING FEVER. The Junior girls, who represented We lounge and yawn upon our desk

the passengers sang "Love Ship."
Thelma McAninch, president of the And wonder who'll catch that spring Senior class, gave a report of the voy- Our meals all disagree. age in which she expressed apprecia- We feel so bum-oh, gee! tion of the friendship of the Juniors Fumbling along with our school books, and also appreciation of what the fac- Dreaming of shady banks and fish ulty had done for the Seniors of '31.

The Reverend Willis P. Gerhart of With sweeping branches o'er our head Abilene, who was the main speaker of Makes us think what poets have said. the evening, gave a talk on "The Set How we wish the term would end! of the Sails." He told why it is im- Then no longer our books we'd tend. portant the way we set our sails in In our brain there seems to be no life, and he also told us how we should set them. However, the sky seems very bright.

The menu consisted of the follow- The air speaks of flowers and such.

Pressed Chicken New Beans Fruit Salad

Rolls

Pickles Iced Tea Strawberry Short Cake

Those present were Paul Collins, that matters now is Senior Day an Leo Tucker, Fred A. Baker, Lois Senior pienic. Clark, Lona Bryan, Audrey Farris, Speaking uv' at banquet, such ex-Beth Hamm, Jess Higgins, Elmer Ad- presshuns as "good," "fine," an' "dancock, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Margaret dy" hav' been voised. I sez it wuz a Canon, Mattilou Largent, Nell Dur- "whiz," an' no foolin.' Why wouldn't ham, Thelma McAninch, Velma Lee it be turmed as sech with Rosie, Paul, Holden, Elsie Lasater, Holley Perry, an' Coach passin' out them wise-Elvis Richardson, Vera Richie, Inez cracks'. Well, that fer th' banquet. Robbins, Benny Sheppard, Artilee Well, now th' gossip has come ter m' Simmons, Ceaphas Wozencraft, H. C. 'at th' school-beauty never liked all Toombs, Marie Stanford, Lela Patter- thet wuz sed in las' issue uv this colson, Oleta Moore, Isadore Mellinger, lum. Someone has sed 'at th' hit dog Elleta Foster, Ouida Mae Huisey, allus hollers, but I am ter perlite fer Mary E. Grimes, Clinton Bryan, Ola that. Jes th' same when she ain't Smith, E. L. Turner, Margaret Tur- asleep, she is makin' Wisecracks. ner, Gwendolyn Vickers, Helen Yeats, Wun more month an' we can all join and Ford Smith, Jr.; Mesdames Bur- the city anglers' club an' go fishin' if gess, Irvin, Adcock, Boney, Patterson th' cotton ain't reddy ter chop. and Case; Messrs. Burgess, Irvin, Ad- | So long fer this time. cock, Boney, Patterson, Case, Riddle and Gerhart; Misses Martin, Tracy, Williams and Patterson.

CHAPEL.

On Tuesday, April 21, at the Merkel High school, Don Morris from A. ter. C. C. spoke on "Why Go to College?"

Mr. Morris told the students four sons for going to college. They are: first, that others go, and to keep up with competition, one must go; second, that one should form his life-long friends at college; third, that —The Seniors how one should train for his vocation in ed the banquet, and be sure to stop up life; and fourth, that it enables one your ears when they say, "Fine." to be of the best service to his fellow-

SPANISH CHAPEL. Thursday, April 23, the Spanish night.

-E. L. whether he knows anyone this soup." whose name is Janie. -Fred whether he knows anyone you don't like."

whose name is "Smoky." -Inez what she hung up in Beth's

-Thelma M. who "Fainting Fan-

SAY DID YOU KNOW-

-That we have too many other in--That Margarette T. could read a

class to sleep?

-That Mr. Irvin is proud of the third year Spanish class?

-That Thelma Mac. can keep the way." history class awake? -That most of the Juniors and Seniors should be pretty good at "Walk- thing you hear."

ing My Baby Back Home" after Fri--That certain Spanish students are receiving letters from Spain?

-That Mr. Riddle is conducting a program): "This is all Greek to me." tennis tournament? -That Benny answers to the name ding sir. Like it?"

-That Isaac keeps late hours?

-That Senior day is approaching? -That the Senior play has been sel- I The tennis students of Merkel High

-That Mr. Riddle was carrying a red handkerchief?

-That U. S. has convicts to make

Gerald Derrick 6-6, Joe Earl Las- JOKES. The five biggest men of the camp- collector and I'll sing to him." Meyer Mellinger (win,) Kennedy us:

I. Gerald Derrick. II. Gerald Derrick. III. Gerald Derrick. IV. Gerald Derrick.

V. Gerald Derrick.

Waiter: "Well, just pick out those

Miss Williams: "What can I do to get order in this room?" Earl: "Offer prizes."

Ola Ellen: "Can you tell me the date, sir?"

Mr. Burgess: "Sorry, but I forgot to wind up my calendar."

Mr. Riddle: "Dugan, the baby has -That Mr. Riddle had a new bow swallowed a cent. What on earth shall I do?"

> Mr. Riddle: "Oh, well, let him keep it. Next Friday is his birthday any-

Voncile: "You can't believe every-Thelma: "No, but you can repeat

Mr. Irvin: "What sort of pudding is waltress: "We call it college pud-

Mr. Irvin: "I'm afraid there's an -That there are two more Badger egg in it that ought to have been expelled."

> Mr. Burgess: "When I was twenty made up my mind to get rich." Fred: "But you never became rich." Mr. Burgess: "No, I decided it was

> a lot easier to change my mind." Mrs. Irvin: "Here's my new dress, dear. I bought it for a song." Mr. Irvin: "All right; send in the

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