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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1931.

On the "Broadway of America"

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MAYOR ELLIOTT ANNOUNCES LIST APPOINTMENTS

New Mayor, One New Alderman Also City Secretary Officially Installed at Monthly Meeting of City Council Monday Night.

Merkel's new city officials were installed at the regular monthly meeting of the city council held Monday night. The new mayor, W. M. Elliott, who succeeded J. P. Sharp, announced his working committees and the new city secretary, Mrs. Juanita Dowell, officially assumed her new duties.

Len Sublett was sworn in as new alderman, replacing W. O. Boney, and A. T. Sheppard, re-elected, also took oath of office for a new term.

Booth Warren was elected mayor

Working committees, announced by Mayor Elliott as follows: Water-Len Sublett, Asa Sheppard,

T. G. Bragg. Sewer-T. G. Bragg, Herbert Pat-

terson, Booth Warren. Streets-Herbert Patterson, Asa

Sheppard. Purchasing-Booth Warren, T. G. Bragg, P. P. Dickinson.

Police-Asa Sheppard, T. G. Bragg, Len Sublett.

Slats Bourn Brings His String Band For

The toastmaster, J. S. Bourn, had Perry, a popular local musician, was tries, which is June 1.

dered two selections that were unus- ion of the cup this season for the most ually well recived. Mrs. Sidney Foy of beautiful yard, including lawn, front Baird accompanied.

Yates Brown, with Mrs. Foy at the the list of awards, the entrants being Plan to Get Man by Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Abilene Chamber of Commerce, was class, for most beautiful front yard, the only guest.

president, Mat Dillingham, in an effort to bring the record up to 100 per

master, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats. tinues to get along fine.

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

Please enter my name in the class checked.

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

Class 1-Those who own their

Class 2-Those who rent their

Mail to

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

Merkel, Texas

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

Increased Interest Yard-Garden Contest

Timely rains, adding enthusiasm to gardens, have given fresh impetus to "I am going to press this and keep for lack of stability. the Yard and Garden contest, spon- it as memento of this visit." sored by the Lions club, with the assistance of a ladies committee, of Lions Entertainment which Mrs. Len Sublett is chairman and Mesdames Booth Warren and Dee Grimes the other members.

selored an imported two-piece string this week to 38 by the addition of the Tom Green county was named; her quirements. band as one of the special entertain- name of Mrs. P. T. Allday and it is ment features at the regular Tuesday expected others will join in the conluncheon of the Lions club. Clarence test before the closing date for en-

and rear premises and flower garden. The club singing was led by E. A total of 20 prizes are included in piano, and the invocation was given classified in two divisions, home ownlers and those who rent, and prizes are T. N. Carswell, secretary of the to be awarded the winners in each most beatuiful back yard and most While the attendance of members beautiful flower garden. In addition,

Moved From Sanitarium.

the five absentees to an individual an appendix operation at the West that they want to have done.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 4, 1911.)

Marion French, an old time citizen (of Merkel, gave us a pleasant call lene Tuesday. Wednesday. He was postmaster here over twenty-three years ago, a sonin-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine and g brother of Mrs. George Boyce. week-end. He claims the honor of being the original promoter of the Merkel Mail, that is, he advertised for a pewspaper man and through this "Mary Jane" Cox was induced to establish a newspaper at Merkel.

to announce the srvices of Mr. I. S. in town this week closing up a con-Allen as city editor of the Merkel tract for a new telephone line. Mail; he began his services this week.

Fred Hale of Trent was seen on the trading in Merkel yesterday. streets Wednesday.

folks at Eskota Tuesday and Wed- pst near Trent.

Col. Ed Teaff had business in Abi-

John Bradford of Sweetwater this ed.

Dr. Williams and wife of Noodle were in Merkel one day this week.

J. D. Daniels, W. C. Moore and C. L. Briton, three substantial farmers It is with pleasure that we are able of the Mulberry neighborhood, were

Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Trent was

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and Mrs. I. Mrs. T. E. Paylor visited home S. Allen are visiting Mrs. H. L. Pro- lene, head of the federation, presided, all possible for him to do so.

Misses Berta and Grace Diltz, as-R. R. Thornton has returned to his sisted by their mother, Mrs. W. L. home in Altus, Okla., after a pleas- Diltz, entertained in honor of their ant visit in our city with his sisters, cousins, Misses Winnie and Connie eration Sunday night at the West Tex- she slipped and fell in a bath tub at Mrs. A. L. Hogue and Miss Gertrude Garvin of Abilene. Progressive 42 was as Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, for ap- her home here Monday morning. She Burroughs, Sutphen, Gene and Carol Miss Willie Wheeler returned home Rister, Ona and Virginia Gunn, honlast Friday from a visit of several orees and hostesses, and Messrs. Pate months with her sister, Mrs. W. I. Hicks, Howard, Swann, Boring, Sharp, Johnson, in Deming, N. M. Miss Wil- Low and Otis Barnett, Clemons, Earl her granddaughter, Mrs. C. B. Gardlie is, like all who leave Merkel, glad and W. L. Diltz, Jr. Delicious refresh- ner, where she resides, but was re- Press, 100 years old Tuesday, is celements were served by Mrs. Diltz.

LEGISLATURE OF STATE RECEIVES ABILENE WOMAN

State, Daughter of General Tom Green, Confederate Hero. is Presented to Lawmakers.

state's great heroes.

tive of Austin and daughter of Gen- commerce department.

Mrs. Bentley came to Austin with volved. her son, Max Bentley, Abilene edi- | Meanwhile, the plane may be used

family and attended her as a child. were not made public.

those who have been working all him appropriated the red rose he aeronautics, announced that the navy

The senate resolution said:

father was General Tom Green, modifications had been made. It was The list of entrants was incerased of the Confederacy and for whom board again found it did not meet re- church, South, in the annual meeting fight to shut off the oil flow. istration of President Lamar; and navy had rejected the plane because tion. assisted by John, the shine boy, in a This is the second annual Yard and is the descendant of those who ac- of criticisms by Anthony Fokker of John Edward Williams, 17, of oil fires ever experienced in the duced to the senate of Texas."

There are a great many men, who are not only willing but anxious to

Lion to see to their attendance at the Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, So, in view of these circumstances, we have a social of about one hour of next luncheon, which will be Tues- Wednesday of last week, was suffi- the suggestion comes from J. T. War- talks and refreshments. Let us all ciently recovered to be moved to his ren, who is the local representative of come out and enjoy the occasion. Dr. G. B. Fain is to be next toast- home here Wednesday, where he con- the Red Cross and who attended to The present officers are: Mary Alice the work of receiving applications Dunn, noble grand; Evelyn Cox, vice for aid until this activity was dis- grand; Annie Daughtery, past noble continued, that it would be for the grand; Minnie Higgins chaplain; Aur. community good to get the man and ra Johnson, secretary; Jesse Higgins, the job together.

desire work and where they may be ductor. found; similarly, those having work | Evelyn Cox and Minnie Higins serthey wish to have done may inquire ved cream and cake as refreshments. Mrs. J. E. Pitzer is visiting Mrs. some assistance toward the end desir- ever. Don't wait for the faithful

Large Representation At Odd Fellows Meet Preaches Funeral

Abilene was represented to the number of local Odd Fellows.

while the program was arranged by L. L. Murray as chairman.

Mrs. E. B. Barnes, following an op-ton, received a fractured knee when played by Misses Nisbitt, Sheppard, pendicitis, is reporting "doing nicely." was carried to a Stephenville hos-

Grandma Brown Improving. of apoplexy Tuesday at the home of ported improving Tuesday.

BAR CERTAIN 1929 TYPE OF FOKKER SHIPS

Plane of F-10 and F-10-A Type, to Carry Passengers.

Austin, May 7 .- The senate and Washington, May 7 .- All Fokker last month, left \$30,000 to the Methohouse Monday honored a pioneer Tex- tri-motor planes of F-10 and F-10-A dist Orphanage at Waco, which leg- No. 1 Cole was extinguished by a shot as woman, daughter of one of the type built in 1929 were barred temporacy will probably be used for a new of nitroglycerin late Wednesday. arily as passenger carriers on regular dormitory. Mrs. H. L. Bentley of Abilene, na- air transport lines Monday by the

eral Tom Green, for whom Tom They will not be permitted to car- Corpus Christi by the Southern Al-Green county is named, was pre-ry passengers, Assistant Secretary kali corporation, who contemplate 1,500 barrels of oil hourly since it sented to the senate by Senators Young, in charge of aeronautics an- spending about \$10,000,000 in con- caught fire just a few hours more Woodward and Cunningham and to nounced until problems of mainten- structing the plant. the house by Representatives Wag- ance are worked out. When this is staff and Metcalfe, under resolu- done, they may be used again. It was tions unanimously adopted by both indicated by Young that maintenance of wings was the chief question in-

to carry freight and mail.

It was her first visit since 1910, The order, growing out of investiwhen she attended dedication of a gation of the accident in which Knute monument to General Green. While Rockne and seven others were killed, here she found an aged negro slave, affects 35 planes operated by four Idabel, who served the Tom Green companies. The names of the concerns

Mrs. Bentley met Governor Ross At the same time Rear Admiral S. Sterling, and while talking with Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of

The plane, the rear admiral said, was turned back last January but was "Whereas, Mrs. H. L. Bentley is again delivered to the navy last week one of Texas' pioneer women, whose by the Fokker factory after certain numbered among the heroic leaders tried last week and the navy trial

be worked out.

And Job Together Rebekah Lodge Meets Every Friday Night

of honest labor, and it has been found present and would be glad to have that a number of people living in town the absentees attend and invite the cent, assigned the names of each of Lynn McSpadden, who underwent and the outlying districts have work other Rebekah lodges to visit our lodge. After the close of the lodge,

> treasurer; William Cox, door guard-To this end, The Mail will be glad ian; Joe Riney, door guardian; Nancy to register the names of those who Polley, warden; Dota Garoutte, con-

> for workers through this office. This | As it is getting warm now, let us will be a free service and may be of try to go into the work stronger than few to roll the wheel always. -By a Friend.

Life Long Friend

ber of 22 at the monthly meeting held Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the here Monday night of the Taylor Presbyterian church here, was called County Federation of Odd Fellows. to Bairdstown in East Texas to There were 4 from Sweetwater and conduct the funeral services of a life-6 form Tuscola, besides a large num- long friend, W. H. Skidmore, who was buried at that place Monday. Rev. Mr. In the absence of Rev. R. A. Walk- Walker is expected to return Friday. er, who was out of the city, the prin- Years ago Mr. Skidmore asked the ipal address was given by A. H. Balch Rev. Mr. Walker to return and of Abilene. Herman Hulsey of Abi- preach his funeral service, if it was at

Breaks Leg in Bath Tub. Carlton, May 7 .- Mrs. Estha Car-Mrs. Barnes "Doing Nicely." alton, wife of Postmaster Elmer Carlpital for X-ray examinations and medical attention.

> Paper 100 Years Old. Detroit, May 7 .- The Detroit Free brating its centennial anniversary.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Judge R. C. Crane, pioneer Sweet-Mrs. H. L. Bentley, Pioneer of Commerce Department Will Not water attorney, was re-elected presi- Disastrous Flame, Which Burned Permit Fokker Tri-Motor dent of the West Texas Historical association at its seventh annual meeting held at Eastland.

> Mrs. Nellie Connellee, more than 70 years old, who died at Eastland

One of the largest industrial plants in Texas is to be constructed near

Yeggs Thursday night blasted the vault of the First National bank at Sylvester and escaped with their loot, homa, Harry and M. M., well known which consisted of only about \$76.00, all in pennies, stacked in sacks on the floor of the outer vault.

Sterling W. Copeland, 22, living near Itasca, was killed early Saturday when his automobile crashed into a freight truck near Hillsboro Tuesday, the car catching fire and young case. He helped direct the work Copeland being burned almost beyond while walking on crutches, or re-

Over-exercise that caused a heart attack brought death to Cecil A. Wilspring on their yard, lawns and flower was wearing in his lapel, saying had rejected a Fokker transport plane fong, 42, well known sportsman at Wichita Falls who as he played pole Sunday afternoon slumped over the neck of his mount and was pronounced dead five minutes later.

Bishop Samuel Ross Hay of San Antonio was elected president of the Tho job was expected to be comcollege of bishops of the Methodist at Nashville, settling any controvergrandfather being John Chalmers, Moffet, in a prepared statement, sy as to whether Bishop James Canpublic of Texas during the admin- counteract any impression that the post, according to the rule of rota-

number of mandolin-guitar selections. Garden contest for Merkel. The silver companied colonists from North Rear Admiral Byrd in a recent book. Gainesville, Fla., was killed instantly Southwest. The charge was placed Featured on the program was Dr. cup, offered by the Merkel Mail, was Carolina to Texas in 1835 and as The commerce department announ- and his traveling companion, W. C. at the base of the casing block. L. C. Zehnpfennig, a member of the won by Mrs. Sam Swann last year. Such she is recognized as a true cement made plain its action was not Butler, Jr., 21, of Citra, Fla., receivclub, who was in good voice and ren- Interest is growing keen for posses- daughter of Texas, therefore, be it taken because of any fault of the bas- ed cuts and bruisesg when the two air and spraying a wide area. resolved that Mrs. Bentley be es- ic design or original construction of boys were struck by a freight train The successful "shot" was the seccorted to the chair and be intro- the banned airplanes, but because cer- about half a mile west of Roscoe as ond the well had received. Early Wedtain problems of maintenance must they lay sleeping along the railroad nesday 70 quarts of the high explo-

granting of oil leases.

NITRO BLAST **QUELLS FIRE IN** SINCLAIR WELL

Eight Days and Killed Nine Men, Brought to End Late Wednesday Evening.

Gladewater, May 7 .- The Sinclair

The nitroglycerin brought to an end the disastrous flames which killed nine men and destroyed an estimated than eight days ago.

The "shot" was fired at 6:15 p. m. The Kinley brothers from Oklafighters of oil field fires, had been working at the well since shortly after the blaze started. M. M. Kinley had kept on the job, despite an injury, several days ago that caused one of his legs to be placed in a clining in a chair.

The strong explosive jarred the countryside for miles around. Reports from Kilgore said the tremor was plainly felt there, and was accompanied by a rumble as of distant thunder. Kilgore is about ten miles from the well. Workmen immediately began skid-

pleted Thursday. Then will come the

ding a new derrick over the well.

The crowd of spectators 'still was being held at bay by rangers.

The blast hurled flames high in the air as a grand finale to one of the most stubborn and disastrous

sive was loosed at the well, but with-Albert B. Fall, secretary of the in- out extinguishing the fire. The flames terior under President Harding, has receded upward for an instant, then announced from El Paso that he would climbed back down the black geyser seek a pardon from President Hoover to within a man's height from the instead of appealing his sentence of ground. The blast, however, knocked Merkel Lodge No. 14 meets every a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine for the "Kelly joint" loose, scattered fragis holding up remarkably well, the there are also several special prizes. find work and who will do any kind Friday night. All of the officers were conviction of accepting a bribe from ments of the rotary table over a wide E. L. Doheny in connection with area, and cleared the way for the second try late in the day.

THE VACANT LOT.

Ten years ago, in the midst of the depression of 1920-21, I made a talk before a thousand men, representing one of the country's basic industries. For weeks they had heard nothing but bad news from their salesmen. Their only mail was cancellations. It was a tough assignment for a

I showed these hopeless gentlemen a photograph of a vacant lot, a big corner, a couple of hundred feet square, in the very center of New York. I said to them: "Doesn't it strike you as strange that there, in the heart of the greatest city, where land is worth thousands of dollars a front foot, there should be this vacant lot?"

They were only mildly interested, but I took a deep breath and ploughed ahead.

"I'll tell you why that lot is vacant," I continued. "It was part of a farm. Just a hundred years ago the farmer died; his will gave definite instructions to his heirs. They were at liberty to do as they wished with his other property, but this particular corner of his favorite pasture was to remain forever unencumbered with buildings, as a resting place for his bones and the bones of his wife.

"Stop and think what that means," I said to my downhearted audience. "Only a hundred years ago . . . only a little more than one life-time, this island was farms. Moreover, the people who lived on it assumed that it always would be farms. Now look at it, a city of six million people.

"Yet you men sit here in the midst of it and assume that because business has slowed up a little America is never going to buy any more shoes, any more houses, any more automobiles. Don't be like the owner of that farm. The country which was pastures only three generations ago is going to step ahead. This is the time to make plans for a bigger future."

They looked at me as much as to say: "Here is a bright young man trying his best to cheer us up. But, of course, he doesn't know what he is

The other day, by a curious coincidence, I was invited to address the

same convention, in the same hotel. I made the same speech. "You thought I was talking through my hat ten years ago," I said to them. "But just look at the ten years. Every man in this room has done

more business than he would have dreamed possible in 1920." I told them about the vacant lot again. They looked impressed, and clapped their hands. But I suspect the most of them still think that was talking through my hat.

David Guion to Be Guest Artist For Next Monday Conoco Hour

of the open, and his negro spirituals here. equally high rating.

and attended the public schools there, Citizens of Old Glory have been anticilater attending the Polytechnic col- pating electric service for some time, lege at Fort Worth. His piano instruc- and the extension has been made in belonging to the Queen of Italy is valtion began when he was six and after line with the company's policy of wide- ued at nearly \$2,000. he finished college he studied in Vienna spread distribution of dependable elecat the Royal Conservatory of Music tric power. under Leopold Godowsky.

sic at Dallas from 1918-21; a member equipment, and at McCamey, where a of the factulty of the School of Music, Southern Methodist University, from 1921-24. Following that he devoted much time to composition and teaching in the East, returning to Texas in 1928 as director of the Southwestern School of Fine Arts at Dallas.

He is a member of the Texas Composers guild and the Texas Teachers' sociation and an honorary member the David Guion Choral club of San Angelo and the Harmony club of Fort Worth. He now makes his home in Dallas.

He will make a radio appearance as guest artist of the next Conoco Listeners' hour, playing some of his own compositions. The program will be broadcast Monday evening, May 11, by WFAA, Dallas, at 8:00. It will be repeated Tuesday at 8:00 p. m. from KFYO. Abilene.

Peggy and Pat, the listeners' representatives, the Conoco orchestra and the "Rondoliers," will also be heard on the program, the 24th of a series sponsored by the Continental Oil Co.

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Electric Service Now to Old Glory

Abilene, May 7 .- Featured by the David Guion, Texas "cowboy com- extension of initial electric service to poser" who is equally at home on a Old Glory, a large construction and cowpony or a piano bench, is one of the improvement program, carrying the systems throughout the properties. and all four reside at Scottish Rite most colorful figures in the world of advantages of dependable electric ser- The system at Stamford will be streng- dormitory. These young women, Elizamusic and his place in the front ranks vice to oil field, rural, urban and com- thened and improved through the beth, Harriet, Helen and Margaret of American composers is undisputed. mercial customers, has been announced building of a 2,300 volt single-phase Harper, are the daughters of Mr. and He is best known for his concert by the West Texas Utilities company, primary line and the stringing of a transcriptions of cowboy songs and according to information received from three-wire secondary; the system at zabeth is a junior, Harriet is a sophoold fiddlers tunes, reflecting his love the construction office of the company Eldorado will be improved; two exten-

Guion was born in Balinger, Telxas, dential and ten commercial customers. dential customers.

Important extensions will be made He was director of the School of at bilene where a 2,300 volt feeded line Music, Daniel Baker college, Brown- will furnish the Independent Ice & wood, Texas, from 1915-17; director Refigerating company with power for of the Fairmont Conservatory of Mu- the operation of its new electrical



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pany's current proram is the extend- McGregor. In addition to being sisters, ing and re-building of distribution however, two of the girls are twins, sions will be made at Lueders to serve are freshmen. in the true spirit of the south. These Giving the residents of Old Glory new customers; at Dalhart, an extencompositions have been acclaimed by their first electric service, a 6,600 volt sion serving six new customers and critics, musicians and singers as truly transmission line, insulated for fu- the electrical cooling equipment of the of America and deserving a rank with ture service a 1,2000 volts, will be built Hudson Dairy, will be made, and at the greatest folk music of other na- from Asperment to Old Glory. A Dumas two distribution extensions will tions. His other compositions, although 6,600 volt distribution system will be serve the J. W. Beasley Elevator comnot so popular in appeal, have an erected in the town, from which ser- pany, the Tom Connally Grain comvice will be supplied to nineteen resi- pany, and other commercial and resi-

The coral handle of an umbrella

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of

Four Sisters at Varsity. Austin, May 7 .- Among the stu-

dents of The University of Texas are Another important part of the com- four sisters, the Harper girls from Mrs. Loyd Harper of McGregor, Elimore, and Helen and Margaret, twins,

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MOTHER'S DAY Sunday, May 10th

The nationwide observance of next Sunday as Mother's Day reminds us anew of the great debt of appreciation that we owe our mother.

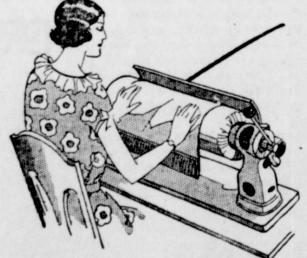
Someone has very fittingly said that every day should be Mother's Day, that our obligation to her can better be repaid on an installment basis, day after day, throughout

Let us suggest-that on this Mother's Day you attend the special services at some one of our local churches. This suggestion and invitation is not intended for our fellowtownspeople alone but for the citizenship of our trade territory. You folks in the rural communities round about us are heartily invited and you will receive a joyous welcome.





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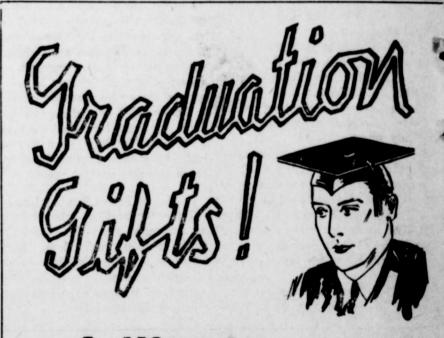
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SIXTH INSTALLMENT.

Bob Reeves, the Kid, was nicknam- lobo." ed Tiger Eye by his friends down in "Git 'im boys!" raved Jess, hold- with me." Texas to avoid continuing his father's he done to me!"

succors Wheeler's widow and is inter- that's why." er nesters. He shoots Gorham through enough," the kid reminded him. both ears for coupling his name with "He's a damn killer and the son of Wheeler's widow. Later he rescues a a killer!" raved Jess. spite of her belief the Kid is an impor- said coldly. ted Texas killer, warns him the nes- Walter Bell himself came with long, ters will kill him. The kid warns Gar- angry steps from the house. on the Poole outfit. He meets Jess boss?" Bell snapped. Markel, a Texan who is boss of the Poole wagon crew.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY. (that?"

The kid tilted his head in response to a nod or two, and took his place side, which left his gun arm free and gave him a clear path to his horse.

Babe left him, going on to the house, where he knocked on a door.

Babe was a long time in the house. 'Peared like he must have a right smart to say to the Oid Man. The kid's feet grew tired, standing there leaning against the fence, but he didn't the foreman here remarked, and pointsit down.

or other. He told them to feed their straight. I was comin' from the stable friendly and shielded him from view kel Mail for one year for \$2.00. horses and stay for dinner, and the group stirred and went off to attend saddle on Fecos and Babe's norse, slip- ves, here, whirled and shot. He must his full attention to the ranch he was ped off their bridles and turned them nave drawned his gun, but I never saw into the corral.

Babe's voice calling out some care- ing his hair with his six-gun-" beyond the cottonwood some one was turned to Jess. pounding on a tin pan to say dinner "You brought it on yourself," he The kid was glancing this way and was ready.

wash basin on the bench outside the doctor. Reeves, I'll see you at the girl with yellow hair. Wonderful hair! door when the kid came up. Babe emp- house after dinner." tied his basin with a fling of soapy water into the bushes at the end of the house, gave the basin to the kid Babe, as the two lingered outside. and went inside, but stopped just inside the door and stared back over his shoulder at the kid as if he were ex- when we was over there at the round- an angel in a gingham dress, kinda. pecting something.

bucket standing there-gently, lest the on the Brazos. He wanted your name struck away those thoughts. splash should drown some little sound and I gave it to him. He never said And ten he heard te piercing he ought to hear; some little sound anything, but I suspicioned he knowed shriek of a woman. The kid knew

gry men don't walk that-a-way to of his. their dinner. The kid took out his The kid drew a long, relieved little black pocket comb, unfolded it breath and looked at Babe with the old and leaned to the wavy miror in its faith shining in his eyes. cheap frame. He looked within and "You'll get the job, all right," Babe out at the kid, waiting for him; wait- Walter Bell. ing for something else too.

whirled and fired.

the wall. His yellow right eye had ened a little as Jess passed. Killerthe cold glare of a tiger, as he watched but he never would kill again. Not the men rushing out to see what had after those smashed knuckles got well. happened. Twenty feet away, a man They'd be stiff as sticks. Jess would steadied himself and reached back- lose some of his fingers, the kid reckward with his left hand, and the kid oned hopefully.

ing from them to the kid. raid to those at the door, and they didn't think Jess was that kinda man."

halted on the broad step. Reeves!" raved the man with the Babe."

bloody fists. "Yo' kaint," the kid replied in his melodious drawl. "Yo'all nevah will pled," he said shortly.

shoot no moah, Jess Markel." Jess."

Texas names awn the trail up heah, to the Old Man. Just red tape, but

ced to draw on Nate Wheeler, an irate sen theah's a gun in it," the kid said. streak of cottonwoods showed there tote him inside." nester. In the exchange of shots "What yuh pull a gun on him for, was a creek-the kid would like to She looked up at him blankly, her Wheeler drops dead, the Kid later Jess?" The foreman walked scowling know the name of the folks that lived eyes too full of her tragedy to see learning that Bob Garner who had al- toward the wounded man. "The kid's there. But he couldn't ask, or Babe aught else. so shot at the same time, really killed dead right. You had your guns out might kinda suspicion it was the girl, when he shot."

Garner gets the Kid to join the "He's Killer Reeves' son, didn't I about. Poole outfit as a rim rider. The Kid tell yo'all? His pap killed my pap,

rupted by Pete Gorham and some oth- "Yoah pap nevah did draw quick

girl, Nellie, and her dad from Gorham, | "I don't nevah shoot a man in the the other day; seemed like he oughta

wounding Pete again. The girl, in back, like yo'ail tried to do," the kid ride down there and see how the old can tote him inside-"

ner the nesters are planning an attack | "You the fellow that shot my wagon

"Yes, suh."

lessen he kicks 'em like a muie."

ed to the two smeared six-shooters him do it. He sure as hell wasn't comb-

growled. "Come on up to the house that, to the garden patch, the grove, Men were already splashing at the and I'll fix you up till you can get a the corral, the house, looking for a

"Yes suh."

"Shoah tried to, Babe."

up. He asked me who I had with me, The sharp, venomous crack of a rifle The kid dipped water from the big and I said a young feller from down up on the ridge behind the house Babe was listening for, there inside yuh or had heard of yuh, just by his that sound bitterly well and ahot looks. But you never let on like you crimple went up his spine. With one Somebody coming across the yard, knowed him, so I let it pass." Babe savage lift of his spurs he jumped walking kinda slow and careful. Hun- gave the kid that sharp, sidelong look Pecos out from behind the stack and

with his left hand he drew the comb said in his ear, when the two paused through his thick, wavy locks that just outside in the shade of the cabin to missed being red. Babe was still stand- roll and light a cigarette apiece being just inside the door, still looking fore the kid went up to interview

Jess, on his way to the stable with But even though Babe stood there the foreman, scowled and turned his waiting, he jumped when the kid face the other way, walking wide of the kid. Both hands were bandaged The kid ducked past the window and and carried in a sling before him and then backed slowly, keeping close to he looked sick. The kid's lips tight-

saw and let him get the gun before "You done right, Kid," Babe flicked he fired again. The man dropped the his thumb-nail across a match head, second gun and stood there, holding lighted the cigarette and snapped the two bloody fists out before him, star- stub in two pieces before he dropped them at his feet. "He'd'a' got you and "Ye'all stop wheah yoah at," the kid nover give warnin'. Damn' sneak-

"If every killah had his hands broke, "I'll kill yo'all foh this, Tiger Eye this would be a right peaceful land,

Babe shivered in spite of himself. "I'd as soon as be kined as crip-

"Shucks! Yo'all ain't a killah, Babe, "Fer Gawd's sake, Tiger Eye!" Man's got a right to defend himse'f. I cried Babe from the step. "What's it reckon. That's what Pap always said. all about? You said you didn't know Yo'all wouldn't shoot a man lessen he come at yoh with his gun out, Babe." "I nevah did say I don't know Jess "Shore not." Babe shot a keen Markel. I said men easy drop theah glance at the kid. "Come on and talk

not in the couiee but tucked down be- of her man. feuds. Reaching Montana he is for- "I nevah do bust down a hand les- hind a low ridge, where the long "Ma'am, take away yoh ahms, till I

The kid focused his field glasses on but a fence running up along the side. Old pappy wasn't feeling right good sistent. feller was getting along, anyway. feeling. Babe never need to know a Mother-" thing about it.

So the kid went down into the bed-" "You've crippled him for life. Know valley where the nesters would shoot With the limp, bony old man saga Poole rider like a coyote. Babe had ging a deadweight in his young arms, "Yes suh. That's what I aimed to told him to ride across the Bench to the kid went into the house. Little old "Did eh? You'll have to show a any sign of branding fires or cattle he walked out into the yard. Killer's at one side of the group-the right damn' good reason for that, young held within corrals hidden in the work. Dry-gulched, they called it up thickets.

"Yes suh. I was combin' my hair The kid felt pretty guilty and mean, with rifle ready till his man came and I saw Jess slippin' up, aimin' to going off like this on a side trip of his along. Then pull the trigger a time or shoot me in the back. Seems like a own, but he didn't feel guilty enough two, look to see if the bullets went Markel kain't face a man in theah or mean enough to turn back from the straight-and then run for a horse killin's, nohow. He kain't kill no mo'- quest of Nellie's home and Nellie's tied somewhere outa sight in the

"Jess had both guns out, Mr. Bell," By the time he reached the lower end of the ridge the kid realized that he was head and shoulders above the on the ground. "The kid's telling it level of the valley. But the ridge was and I saw the whole thing. Young to the south, and the brushy under-Reeves was combin' his hair, just as growth along the creek gave protecto their mounts. The kid loosened the ne says. Jess pulled his gun and Ree- tion there. He feit safe enough to give

This was where Nellie lived. Yes, sir, she lived right up this road less remark to the foreman came to The group at the mess-house door piece. The kid's heart thumped so he him at last, and over at the log house laughed at that, and Walter Bell could feel it. He rode forward and unhooked the gate.

> The kid never could forget how it looked flying loose. Like a banner of "You done right, Tiger Eye," said gold whipping in the sun. It made a funny kind of lump in his throat now. just to think of the way she looked "I thought Jess acted kinda funny, with all that hair flying loose. Like



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Too well the kid knew that tragic litany. His lips pressed their soft curves into a thin line. His twinkling I nevah did say I don't know 'that you oughta meet him. He told me blue eye half closed to let the tiger he'd put yuh on and let yuh ride rim look through that yellow right eye of his. He stepped limberly down from the Brazos country because his "gun- ing out his two shattered hands, There were things the kid would the saddle and ran and knelt on one "Was yellow. When his father, "That's Killer Reeves' youngest boy— like to ask Babe about the valley. knee beside the wailing woman, hud-Killer Reeves," died the Kid left and the worst of the iot! Look what That ranch out a ways from the rim, dling to her breast the lolling old head

Then Nellie came running from Nellie, that the kid wanted to know somewhere up along the base of the

"You! What've you done? What'd the ridge, but he couldn't see anything you do it for? Ma-oh, Mother, don't!" Pity tore at the kid's heart as he The ranch was over behind, about looked at the two of them cowering where the line of cottonwoods quit. together, but his voice was gently in-

"If yo'all would get her away so I

"Come, Mother." Obediently the Wouldn't take but a minute to ride girl began pulling and coaxing. "We down and see how her old pappy was must get him in-You go fix the bed,

"Yes-yes, I'll go spread up the

the river and scout around there for pappy had been shot in the back when here. Killer waiting behind a rock

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MOTHER'S DAY.

It was Kate Douglas Wiggins who so truly pictured every man's moth-

"Most all of the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide world."

To those whose Mothers have gone to their blessed reward, the designation of Mother's Day grows even more hallowed. "Not until our mothers are gone," writes George Matthew Adams, "do of the Men's Prayer meeting at the we come to realize all they meant to Methodist church next Sunday afterus. Then their memory grows more noon at 2 o'clock. The lesson will be and more precious, until each succed- the second chapter of 1st Corinthiwith their love."

The place of Mother in every man's rounding communities to attend. life is one that needs not words to describe-Kate Douglas Wiggins approaches an appraisement, "Only one mother in all the wide world."

BRUCE BARTON.

Readers of The Mail are familiar of the spring season. Elaborate prewith the practical philosophy of Bruce parations are being made. Barton, whose contributions on "The The morning worship hour will be Way of Life" brighten the front page Mother's Day service. A record con- reason why they should have been savof our paper regularly.

read about and learn about "the great winning the prize in contest with all had plenty of clothes; wore purple and and the near great," what O. O. Mc- the leagues of Abilene district. The fine linen every day. Wealth drags Intyre had to say about Barton in his award was made at Albany last Sun- down instead of lifting up. At least, well as a deserved tribute from one of our young people attended the meet- thers. What a power those six browriter to another. O. O. Mc had this ing.

the youngest and most popular prof- Merrell, former pastor here, will ted. Death visits the rich as well as essor of English at Amherst at 23. preach for us Sunday, May 17. His students still recall his youthful blushes when he addressed classes. One of his pupils, incidentally, was

newspaper syndicated articles, is head pin bearing the league cross and hell; it will be too late then. of a large advertising agency, speaks meant that Merkel was the best league V. It was a family whose surviving of Paris. Bill Brown, Anson, Doris at two or three luncheons weekly. And in Abilene district. Hurrah for Mer- brothers were all on the road to hell. Clyde Miller, Herman Leroy Gray, finds time to play golf."

STERLING AS GOVERNOR. (Abilene Reporter-News.)

could get a lot of publicity by even gram:

so much as lifting his little finger. Governor Sterling promised the people of Texas a businesslike administration. It is too early yet to pass judgmert on his work as governor, but it is not too early to speak of his quiet, unassuming personal conduct in office Succeed Saul," Jim Patterson.

administration We were assured that Mr. Sterling lins was a plain business man, one who "His Friendship for Jonathan," brother recoiled (sank back) at the Williams Conner, Boyce, Mitchell, would bring to the problems of the gov- Lois Carson. business experience.

Nothing has happened during his term so far to disprove that conten- Mary Collins. with a minimum of noise. He has not sey. openly clashed with the legislature a single time. In the highly controversial matter of prison paroles, he has in every case, we are assured, followed the recommendation of the board. He is the father of the proposed statewide road bond movement in Texas, but he has not taken any hand in the ted to the people.

There have ben no sensational interviews or rabble-rousing orations,

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All churches offer special services Sunday evening, in commemoration of In a recent Sunday night sermon to choir will present "The Life of Christ" thy, but a Sad Family," from the text in music and song. The Baptist choir in the nineteenth verse of Luke 16, will present as guest artists, Mr. W. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Bap-

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, distributed as follows: Baptist, 376; Methodist, 318;

86, and Nazarene, 60. MEN'S PRAYER MEETING. W. W. Toombs is to be the leader

to all the men of the city and sur- are two destinies of men.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES. given Sunday evening, portraying the fering." life of Christ, will be one of the most interesting and best worship programs

gregation is expected.

And, as it is always interesting to All honor to the Senior leaguers in "New York Day by Day" column day. Paul Collins proudly and just- this is often the case. It should not be. brings just another bit of color as ly wears a new league pin. Some 35

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Epworth Leaguers are rejoicing victory? over the district meeting at Albany IV. It was a family, one of whom

came away with a new joy in the been opened while on earth, they would Lord and a new determination to con- not have been opened in hell. One look The name of Ross Shaw Sterling tinue in their Christian work. League into God's description of hell ought seldom appears in the newspapers, will be held at the usual time (7:00 to open any man's eyes and move him though he is governor of Texas and c'clock) Sunday evening. The pro- to accept God's way of escape, which

Subject, "The Epic of David." Hymn. "Faith of Our Fathers."

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and the total lack of horseplay in his "David in Saul's Court and Saul's live and see how many lost ones in Growing Dislike for David," Paul Col- homes before you go.

Saul," Margarette Turner.

"His Grief for Saul and Jonathan,"

League benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The program for the week is 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 campaign to get the matter submit- p. m. and prayer service and Bible study Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The young people have a discussion Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The sub- tor will be at Baird. Let every memject for discussion is "Resolved that ber remember our church night next Peter was a greater character than Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and be was Paul." Joe Stalls leads on the there. A program of interest is being affirmative and Hurley Toombs leads arranged. on the negative. Others will help them in the debate. There are other parts of

the program for others. You have an invitation to come to this service, as well as all others dur-

ing the week Friday evening at 8 o'clock we meet for song drill conducted by Nathan Wood. If you enjoy a program of that nature come out and be with us. In love, The Elders.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE MEPKEL HOME LAUNDRY. interest is fine and we appreciate all church. Our motto is "Bring Mother the interest that is manifested, but to church." Our musical program will we have room for more. We urge all be inspiring, with out of town singthe members to be on time and ear- ers to assist. nestly invite others to join us.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. No Abilene will be the principal speaker.

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

Mother's Day: the Methodist church his congregation, discussing "A Weal-J. Work, teacher of voice in Simmons tist church, explains that the reason university, his Choral club and church God tells us of hell is to "persuade fusely decorated with a lovely disus to go to heaven." "As a skillful play of summer flowers providing a painter," he says, "fills the background of his picture with his dark-A total of 930 was present at the er colors, God puts in the smoke of torment and the black clouds of Sinia of The Mail:

> "A Wealthy, But a Sad Family." Text-Luke 16:19.

stress on God's mercy and not enough and Merle Delmer. on "God's justice." God is merciful, ing year colors anew our consciousness ans. A cordial invitation is extended but he is also "just." Friends, there

> 1. There is a heaven-a place of eternal happiness and everlasting joy. II. There is a hell-a burning hell-The special program of music to be a place of everlasting, "conscious suf-

> > If hell does not exist, heaven does not. (Matt. 25:34-41.)

> > I call attention to leading features of this family:

I. It was a wealthy family. A good ed; they had plenty of time to go to church; had plenty of money to give;

II. It was a large family. Six brothers could have been for God with It is with great pleasure that we this wealthy brother leading the way. "Dr. John Erskine, the author, was announce Murrell day. Rev. W. M. HII. It was a family death had visi-

the poor. Though he was rich, he could not say, as Paul did, "Oh, death, where ing, Okla. is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy

"Bruce Barton is, perhaps, Amer- Saturday and Sunday. Merkel came was in hell. (1) A place of physical ice's most versatile scribbler. Aside away with the chapter award and suffering. (2) A place of spiritual from his lectures, he writes a monthly helped a lot toward winning the disagony. (3) A place of memory and a gent, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter, essay for a magazine, a novel or so trict banner for our Western Union. place of remorse. May God help peo- Joe Owens, E. W. King, T. E. Collins, a year, numerous magazine articles, The chapter award was a small gold ple to think now before they go to class members; guests were Mesdames

Is there a family in Merkel like that? Wesley Owens and Nancy Jean Scott. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and Listen, friends, if this man's eyes had is Jesus Christ, God's only begotten

Listen, friends, one thing sure: if Scripture reading, 2 Samuel 23:1-5. God's word (the Bible) and God's gospel dods not do it here, the flames of

VI. It was a family whose deceased idea of reunion. Never meet again. Is their loved ones again after death?

you lived, and are you living now? tion. He has been on the job at Austin, "David As King of Judah First; There is but one ladder out of the pit Lou Pee, Mary Joe Russell and Rusty carrying out his duties quietly and then of All Israel," Ouida Mae Hul- of hell, and that is Christ. Will you accept Him?

God indeed tells us of hell, but it is to persuade us to go to heaven.

As a skillful painter fills the backners. Trust Him now.

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

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. The great crowds at all services last Sunday were very inspiring. We were delighted to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy into our church evening fellowship. Come on, folks, and get the First Baptist church spirit and be in all our services and on time.

Our church is planning to make next Sunday, "Mother's Day," one of Our Sunday School attendance and the greatest days in the history of our

At 8 p. m. Judge Cliff Colwell of preaching services Sunday, as the pas- Mr. Work, voice teacher of Simmons

HOUSE GUESTS COMPLIMENT-ED.

tained on Wednesday evening honoring Mrs. Deimer's father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wade of Newell, Penn., who are visiting in their home this past week. The house was prolovely background for tables appointed for games of bridge and "500."

Delicious strawberry shortcake was served with coffee at the refreshment Where I can rest in peace at night, to give brighter prominence to Jesus hour to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wade, Mr. And I know that the world is quite Christ and His love to the chief of sin- and Mrs. Frank Hathaway of Abi-Church of Christ, 90; Presbyterian, ners." A synopsis of this lesson follows lene, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Delaney of as the weekly sermonette for readers Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Misses Christine Collins, Anna Lou Russell, Messrs. Ralph Duke, A. J. Tucker, C. J. Glover, Edwin Wade, were served by Mesdames White and city was not responsible for pay-It may be that we put too much Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, Marion Swartz and Miss Luna White.

T. E. L. CLASS.

on Wednesday. A delectable luncheon and Missie Dye. was served buffet style at high noon after which the program for the afternoon was opened with a group of are Gathered" and "Rainbow in the the home of Mrs. Hagood. Rain." Beautiful piano numbers were rendered by Mrs. Yates Brown. Readings, "Dirty Face" and "When we Haven't Said our Prayers" were delightfully given by Miss Doris Clyde Miller. The devotional was led by Mrs. Earl Lassiter, the subject of which was "Mother." The class song, "Our Best," was played by Mrs. L. B. Scott, the entire class joining in the singing of it. Prayers were led by Mrs. A. R. Booth and Mrs. R. J. Miller. The class gave a shower to the Bap-

tist Sanitarium, also sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. J. F. Hodo, Cush-

Those enjoying this hospitality were Mesdames L. B. Scott, B. H. Lancaster, Earl Teague, Yates Brown, M. D. Angus, Bob Conder, Sam Swann, A. R. Booth, R. J. Miller, W. J. Lar-Charlie Largent, Herman L. Gray

"MOTHERS" HONORED.

The Kings Daughters entertained the Mothers of the church on Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of the Methodist church. The theme of "Mother" was stressed in a delightful program, also piano numbers by Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth were enjoyed.

Delicious sandwiches, cream and cake were served to Mesdames E. L. eternal hell will not do it hereafter. Yeats, Richards, Calvert, Armstrong, "How David was Chosen King to But, like the rich man, it will be too Black, Toombs, J. A. Patterson, Sr., late then. Get your eyes open while you Thornton, Cox, Dry, Gaither, Harkrider, B. A. Patterson, Brown, Watts, Ferrier, Russell, Ellis, Pee, Pike, Graham, Martin, Coats, Curb, Jenkins, Golladay, Hollingsworth, King, Campernor's office the fruits of forty years' "David's Generous Attitude Toward it possible that some will never meet bell, Bird, McRee, Estes, Sam Butman, Sr., McSpadden, Roberts, Beech, May I ask, to what purpose have Hutcheson, Misses Loraine Boyce, Rose Laney, Anna Lou Russell, Gertie Largent and Rev. E. L. Yeats.

> WINNERS CLASS PARTY. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones entertained members of the Winners Sunday ground of his picture with his darker School class on Friday evening. colors, God puts in the smoke of tor- Games of progressive 42, Hearts and ment and the black clouds of Sinia other indoor games made the evening to give brighter prominence to Jesus hours pass all too happily and at the Christ and his love to the chief of sin- refreshment hour a delicious salad plate with hot chocolate was passed to members of the class and their girl friends.

SLUMBER PARTY. A gay group of girls were guests of Miss Willie Mae Swartz at a slumber party on Saturday night. Games and dancing were enjoyed until the midnight hour when ice cream and cake

university, with his Choral club and church orchestra, will furnish an inspirational musical program for the

Be in your Sunday School class at 9:45 and the B. T. S. at 7 p. m. Bring your visitors and worship with us. J. T. King, Pastor.

B. A. U. PROGRAM. Scripture reading, Matt. 21:33-46. Leader, Mr. G. M. Sharp. First part, Mrs. F. A. Polley. Second part, Mr. John Childress. Third part, Mrs. A. M. Daughtery. Fourth part, Mrs. S. Carson. Fifth part, Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

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And the keeper of this lovely spot, Is dainty as her for-get-me-not, And she makes my home in a little

In the midst of the garden.

And she planted the garden for my delight.

alright,

While she keeps my garden. -Mary A. Delmer.

Members of the T. E. L. class spent Largent, Vera Richie, Aliene Child- company did not know it, and pura most enjoyable day at the ranch ress, Artilee Simmons, Lois Clark, chased the warrants in good faith, home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes relying upon representations made

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mesdames T. H. Hagood and Scott in 1928, songs by Nancy Jean Scott, accompan- E. Martin will be joint hostesses for ied at the piano by Mrs. L. B. Scott. the Fidelis Matrons party and class W. S. Hamner and Tom Vessels, city The numbers were "When the Saints meeting next Thursday, May 14, at commissioners, and G. H. Stutts, city

> WITH MRS. CHARLES WEST. Members of the Blanch Rose Walker circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Charles West on Tuesday, May 5. Mrs. Jim Meeks gave the opening prayer, which was preceded by a Bible lesson taught by Mrs. West. A business hour followed. The members will meet with Mrs. T.

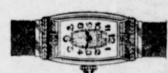
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City of Trent Loses Waterworks Bond Suit

Abilene, May 7 .- Judgment for the plaintiff in a suit to collect warrants and coupons issued by the city of Trent on construction of its waterworks system was given by Federal Judge James C. Wilson, before whom the case was presented Saturday.

Suit was brought by the Brown-Crummer Investment company of Wichita, Kan. Amount involved approximates \$10,000, assertedly due since early in 1928. The investment company purchased \$32,000 in warrants from Fermin & Johnson, contractors who drilled wells and made other waterworks improvements, and to whom the city issued its warrants. The warrants were issued in November, 1926, when Trent was making improvements in keeping with devopments resulting from oil activities in the Noodle Creek area.

The defense contended that the ments on the warrants, holding the A good "Truth Party" was enjoyed waterworks system is defective. the remainder of the night. Guests Plaintiff counsel held that if the were Misses Thelma Leach, Mattilou system is defective, the investment by the city and its officials. Testimony was introduced showing payments had been defaulted since early

Defendants named in the case were ecretary and treasurer.

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

lor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, on the 27th day of April 1931, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 104th District Court, for the sum of Five Hundred Seventy One and 12 100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Don Davis in a certain cause in said Court, No. 905-B and styled Don Davis vs. Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a minor, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 30th day of April 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. three (3) and 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 ordered that the deed of trust lien on the above described property, dated January 28th, 1929, in favor of C. W. Gill, to secure the payment of a certain \$1250.00 note, is second and inferior to the lien held by Don Davis; is further ordered that the judghent lien for \$51.87, held by Brooks Dry Goods Company, a corporation, (abstract of judgment of record in Vol. 9, on Page 13, of the abstract of Texas) is second and inferior to the indebtedness and lien in favor of Don 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 Come, a minor, and that on the first Tuesday in June 1931, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor

County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, Mrs. T. T. Earthman's 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 vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately pre-Harry Barnett, Adams and Leverett, Mail, a newspaper published in Tayceding said day of sale, in the Merkel lor County.

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

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

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7 .- Wednesday's cattle market was quiet, but steers, yearlings and bulls cleared on a generally steady basis. Veal calves lost 25c or more and were quoted 50c Miller. to \$1.00 lower for the week, to date. Heavy calves sold around steady. Re-FOR SALE-Tomato plants, 50c per ceipts were estimated at 2,600 head of cattle and 400 calves.

Only a few cars of plain, common FOR SALE-One work horse, also steers were on offer. Cows sold in double row planter; prices right. See package lots at \$4.00 to \$4.50. A small draft of toppy yearlings notched \$8.75 and one carload of good quality went FOR SALE-Second year Mebane at \$8.25. Veal calves brought \$8.00 to cottonseed, 75c per bushel. Claude \$8.50. Heavies sold around \$5.00 to

> With only 500 head here, hogs were quoted 15c to 25c higher, a top of \$7.00 being quoted in both divisions.

Spring lambs sold up to \$8.25 and were 25c higher. Shorn lambs and wethers remained steady, the former reaching \$7.00 and the latter \$4.75. Aged wethers went at \$2.75. Feeder sheep and lambs were slow. The estimate called for 20,500 head.

Cattle Movement.

Collins Bros. shipped a car of cows to the Fort Worth market Wednesday, the only cattle movement of the week, according to the records.

New Naval Academy Chief. Annapolis, Md., May 7 .- Rear Admiral Thomas C. Hart is the new sup- McAninch. erintendent of the naval academy. He succeeds Rear Admiral Samuel S. Robinson who retired a month ago. He is one of the youngest officers of his rank in the navy. Captain Charles P. Snyder has been acting superinten-

The grass-green emerald is found in day. an almost inaccessible locality in the Salzberg Alps.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel the handle of a safety razor.

Pupils in Recital

The pupils of Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present "An Evening of Melodies" at the Methodist church this (Friday) evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The program follows:

Quotation, Don Wood. Invocation, E. L. Yeats.

Song, class. Solo-Dance of the Woodsprites, ior is receiving a new coat of paint. ent service is assured. 'Forman," Mary Jo Russell.

Duet-At School March, "Streabbog," Ruby and Katie Bigham. Solo-Sunlight Waltz, "Metcalf,"

Elma Mae Gamble. Duet-Military March, "Bucher," Thelma McAninch and Mary Zoe

Solo-Mocking Eyes, "Anthony,"

Mabel Murray. Duet-Little Brothers Birthday March, "Streabbog," Billie and Don

Solo-Soldiers March and Happy Farmer, "Schumann," Juanita Bishop. Duet-Our Conquering Hero, "Johnson." Thelma McAninch and Margaret

Solo-The Bugle Corps, "Morrison," Mary Joe Garland.

Duet-Listen to the Mocking Bird, "Hawthorn," Alice and Mary Jo Rus-

Solo-Sweetheart Waltz, "Kern,"

Mollie Frank Touchstone." Duet-Up-to-date March, "Giebel," Lois Whiteley and Julia Proctor.

Solo-Stephanie-"Gavotte," "Cziabulka," Margaret Miller. Duet-Cecilia Waltz, "Philie," Mrs.

Earthman and Mrs. Ollie Bigham. Solo-Golden Rain, "Cloy," Mary Trio-Four Leaf Clover, "Spencer,"

Mrs. Earthman, Billie Bernice and Bud Gambill. Solo-Madrillena, "Wachs," Thelma

Trio-Under The Mistletoe, "Englemann," Lois Whiteley, Billie Bernice Gambill and Alice Russell.

Solo-Fly Away, "George F. Root," Ruby Bigham.

Solo-Trembling Dewdrops, "Blake," Song-Sam and Tilda's Courtship, Billie Wood and Mary Jo Russell.

Duet-Lutespeil Overture, "Keller-Bela," Mrs. Earthman and Thelma

Clara Bow Seriously Ill.

Hollywood, May 7.-Clara Bow, film star, was placed in a sanitarium after a nervous collapse on a set at her studio and her condition is regarded as serious, it was announced by Paramount-Publix and her physicians Tues-

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Miss Edna Tiner, proprietor of the Bob Martin Grocery, the Gaither ted in the Merkel Drug company, an- away" competition. building on Edwards street, former- nounces that she has secured the serly occupied by Fred Latham's Busy vices of Miss Alice Deweese of San-Bee cafe, is being remodelled. All the to, an experienced operator and gradpartitions have been torn out, floor- uate of Sellers school, Fort Worth, Teagarden of Dallas, junior in Texas ing is being replaced and the inter- and a continuance of the usual effici- Christian university here, comes from

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Rural Community Correspondence

Sunday Services at Baptist Church at

church fast Sunday were unusually Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore. well attended. At the morning preach- Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Horton and pastor, chose as his subject the word, our midst, motoring around in their "Flowers," using the letters that spell new car Sunday. Faith, Love, Obedience, Work, Ear- of White Church dined Monday with nestness, Righteousness, Service.

was a very spiritual alabaster service, seen in our midst Wednesday.

was a baptismal service, wehn Walter mon at the M. E. church Sunday.

gram for the B. Y. P. U.

After a very inspiring address at Monday only a short while ago from Alabama, Wood, and granddaughter, Miss Bon- the benediction by Jimmie Orand. joined the church.

Merkel Next Host Meeting of Singers

meeting, set for Sunday, May 24, at Mamie Walker, teachers,

group of selections and a chorus num- Price; class will, Cecil Melton; fare- baccalaureate sermon last Sunday ber was presented by a group compos- well song, class; valerictory, Devene ed of Spergin Reeves, Anson; J. R. Clinton; address, by Prof. R. B. Irvin Cornelius, Sweetwater; Bill Spurgin, of Merkel, and presentation of diplo-Zion Chapel; Luther Webb, M. Shaw, mas by J. W. Latimer. E. W. Jones, Z. D. Hailey, Jim Lan- Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the drum and W. A. Jones of Abilene; Presbyterian church at Merkel, deliv-Miss Opal Jonken, Mr. Quattlebaum cred the baccalaureats sermon at the of White Flat; Walter Vantresse and 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Truett Jones, Stith; Mrs. Pete Rut- Mrs. Vance McClain was pianist. The ledge and Nathan Wood, Merkel; and gong service was led by Will Mathews, Houston Robertson and Buster Hor- with a special song by Misses Mamie

were Miss Ruby Plowman, R. C. Lev- vocation was given by J. A. Neigherett, Abilene; Joe Nalley, Trent; Na- bors. than Wood, Merkel; S. E. Clark and Graduating exercises for the Senior daughter and Geraldine and Dorothy class came on Monday night, with de-Jean Shaw, Abilene.

Mr. O. E. Harwell.

been visiting his parents, Mr. and well song, class, Vernon Melton; ad-Mrs. J. L. McRee, and with his sister, dress, S. M. Hunter of Merkel; pres-Miss Mabel, is now spending awhile entation of diplomas, Clyde Deavers; with relatives in Lubbock.

Miss Lucille Jones from Sidney spent the first part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J L. Douglas and will visit the latter part of the week with Wicks of the Wicks Hatcheries is ex-

ily were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chan- parently as healthy as any of the othcey of Warren Sunday afternoon.

home of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton other hangs from its chest. were Mr. William Sheppard and Miss Gladys Middleton of Merkel.

Mr. George Ballinger and Miss Ella Merle and Margaret Weed of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett and other relatives of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mrs. H. C. Barnett.

White Church News

This part of the Canyon was wonderfully blessed with two good rains last week.

We are very glad to report Mrs. W. H. Brown as improving. She returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Will Martin, and family at View Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes were called to Abilene Monday to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. E. B. Barnes, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday night at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. She is re-

ported as resting fine. Quite a few of our leaguers attended the district league meeting at Albany Sunday. They report a wonder-

W. C. Hunter attended the funeral of her cousin's baby in Merkel Monday.

A number of our ladies attended the kitchen shower at Mrs. Mayfield's at Blair, honoring Mrs. Rex McLean,

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons Stith Well Attended of Red Springs motored over to spend the week-end with their par-The services at the Stith Baptist ents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks and

Mr. and Mrs. Wid Mathews.

using the flowers from the altar as A goodly number of people from

Merkel and the surrounding commu-In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there nity attended the commencement ser-

Windham; class history, Hardy C. Terry. The Merkel Baptist quartet sang a Moore; class prophecy, Woodrow

and Vera Walker. The opening prayer Others on the afternoon's program was led by J. W. Latimer and the in-

and green, when the following pro-UNION RIDGE NEWS gram was rendered: salutatory, Zuma Spears; song "We Come to Greet Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell of Abi- You," class; class history, M. L. lene were guests Monday of their son, Windham; class prophecy, Arthur Moore: address. Monta J. Moore: Dr. Judson McRee of Dallas has valedictory, Lena Lee Demere; faresong, Merkel quartette.

> Chick With Four Legs. Clovis, N. M., May 7 .-- Gordon

hibiting a baby chick with four nor-Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean and fam- mal legs, hatched Thursday. It is aper chick's. One of the chick's extra legs Sunday afternoon guests in the protrudes from its right wing and the



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PERSONALS

This week marks the close of the 1930-31 session of the Trent Pubilc schools. Grammar School graduation ing hour, Rev. Thomas B. Ramsey, the family of Salt Branch were seen in commencement program of the Sen-

Opening the Grommar School gradthe word for the following definitions: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons uation program, Miss Doreen Scott will give the salutation. Miss Rosalie So Relle is valedictorian of the class. At the close of the message there Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman were The principal speaker will be Prof. Everett M. Sheppard, of McMurry The class prophecy will be given by Russell Owens. The presentation of land P. Franks, while Supt. Ross B. A number of relatives and friends Jenkins will present the diplomas and noon. The preaching will be in charge The Intermediate B. Y. P. U. had of the family from here attended the awards. Mrs. Rado Archer will play charge of the general assembly pro- funeral services of the infant son of the processional and recessionl num- ing ministers. Mr. and Mrs. Melt Hand at Trent bers, and two special numbers, "Now the evening hour, Mrs. Hester Lee Mrs. John Neighbors and daughter are to be given by the graduates. The Sunday is communion day. Lenox, who moved into our community and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hague invocation is to be by W. J. Armour,

nie Fae Mathew, left Friday for a Foy B. Steadman gives the salutaweek's stay in the home of the latter's tion for the Seniors, while Medeah mother, Mrs. Burfeind, in King coun- Rawlings will say the valedictory. The Choral Club will give two numbers Blair schools closed Monday after and Mrs. Rado Archer is to play a most successful year under the directhe processional. Supt. C. Wedgeworth Merkel will be host for the Taylor tion of Clyde Deavers, principal, and of the Snyder schools will come to county singing convention at its next Misses Vernie Derrick, Vera and deliver the address to the Seniors. Prin. L. R. Reaves will present the 2 p. m. Selection of the place was Grammar Cchool commencement class and Supt. Ross B. Jenkins will made at a called meeting Sunday, was held last Friday night at the M. present the diplomas and awards. W. when approximately 1,000 singers at- E. church. Decorations were in class E. Hale will reveal the class prophecy, tended a gathering at Salt Branch. S. colors of orchid and green. The pro- the invocation to be by Rev. U. S. E. Clark of Abilene, president, was in gram included: salutatory, Bessilou Sherrill and the benediction by A.

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"The Mystery of the Third Gable" was the title of the Senior play, so capably presented Tuesday night, followed on Wednesday nihgt by the exercises are to be held Thursday Grammar School play, "A Little Clodnight and on Friday night comes the hopper," a three-act comedy drama that was well received by a large au-

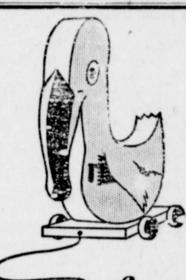
Foot Washing Service At Sand Bur Sunday

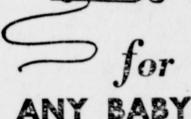
A three days meeting will begin at the Primitive Baptist church at Sand the class is to be made by Prin. Gar- Bur Friday of this week, the first service to be held at 2:30 in the afterof Elder J. W. West, assisted by visit-

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ENIOR PICNIC.

were in a large truck.

No one spent an idle moment, but "Oily's" shadow, Cephas Woozencrait. me if he were only a cur?" questioned spent his time in playing some game or in indulging in some amusement.

from person to person and each wrote Ola Ellen Smith. Norma Patton is had done during the week.

the trees and how all did enjoy that faculty. lunch!-at least they seemed to, by Since there was not enough boys in the way they ate. The lunch consisted the Senior class, the following Junior day and kept him in a bottle? of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, boys are taking part in the play: Ross stuffed eggs, fruit, cakes and soda Ferrier, Leo Tucker, Paul Collins,

ing Lake Abilene, the Seniors went successful. back to Buffalo Gap for a while, then came on to Merkel.

Maybe they were all somewhat tired when they got back and their faces Choral and Glee clubs are presenting of school? blistered; but they did not care, be- two operettas. The boys are presentcause it was their day, Senior Day, ing "Freshies," a college operetta; class went to court Tuesday? and they all had a good time.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

ton and Elsie Lasater as hostesses Norma Patton and Gerald Derrick. since it was the last one. Lovely May cordially invited. baskets were given each guest upon his arrival. On the back of the baskets, guests were asked to make toasts to the M. H. S. Player's club. Fartners Sweet little bird were chosen in a very fitting manner. Under God's own care, Misses Ida Derstine and Thelma The winter will get McAninch sang a duet entitled "Oh. You if you don't beware. Month of May." Many contests were held during the evening. Miss Mary I see you fly Elizabeth Grimes made a toast to the Over hill and dale plays given by the M. H. S. Player's And often fear club. In her toast she named all of the Your wings will fail. plays presented and the players in each. Miss Canon, in her toast to the officers of the club, expressed an ap- Beats upon you, preciation to each officer of the club. Miss Sis Boaz made a toast to the Still flutters within you. attendance of the club. Mr. Elvis Richardson made a toast to the girl When spring comes, players of the club. He complimented I hear your gay call very highly the young ladies. Miss As you perch high Ida Derstine, who gave a toast to the And jauntily upon a wall. boy players of the club, made a poem about each of the boys, in which she But when dark winter expressed each boys' disposition. E. L. Turner and Fred A. Baker sang three I must say good-bye

merriment of the club. The club then went to Grammar school to see the play "Saved." Misses Marie Stanford, Inez Robbins, Madeline Murray, Zada Bell and Velma Lee Holden acted the roles of stern old maids. Thelma McAninch acted the role of a modern Miss very much in love. The players are to be commended on their acting.

Refreshments consisting of pineapple sherbert, cheese, crackers and cakes, were served.

The meeting was then turned over to the president, Elvis Richardson. Members of the faculty made talks expressing their appreciation of the club and Miss Tracy. Votes were cast for the president of the Dramatic club for 1931-32. Mr. B. P. Middleton was elected president. A motion was made and carried for adjournment.

Guests for the evening were Misses illiams, Patterson, Heizer and Marin; Mr. Riddle and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess. All regular members of the club were also present.

"WHIMSY." The Senior play, "Whimsey," under direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, is well under way. The cast for the play is as follows: Jack ("Prexy") Marshall, leader of the W. Y. W's., Elvis Richardson; Bob ("Tip") Bryant, Benny Sheppard: Willard ("Flagstaff") Martin, Ford Smith; Donald ("Brick") Owens, Fred A. Baker; Chauncey ("De Luxe") Abbott, Ross Ferrier; Raymond ("Derby") Toler, Leo Tucker; Orville ("Dusty")

Rhodes, Paul Collins; Gilbert On Friday, May 1, the Seniors spent ("Speed") McDermott, Gerald Dera very enjoyable day at Buffalo Gap. rick; Gene ("Whimsy") Chester, Mar- going to?" They left Merkel about 8:30 Friday shall Stalls; Judith Denning, Yack's morning and had a very pleasant but Sweetheart, Mattilou Largent; Dale and if you had treated him kindly rough trip to Buffalo Gap, since all ("Oily") Denning, her brother, B. F. you would have had a good friend." Middleton; Howard ("Bunk") Peters,

The following are Kantrell co-eds: Barbara Chatterton, Beth Hamm; Baseball games and leapfrog were Estelle Johnson, Thelma McAninch; played and also the girls seemed to en- Marjorie McHugh, Inez Robbins; Helen Mitchell, Velma Lee Holden; Before lunch everyone was given a Ruth Morris, Audrey Farris; Julia diary, which had blanks in which the Brown, Jess Higgins; Andy Baker, happening of a week's time were to Holley Perry; Rebecca Thompson, be recorded. The diaries were passed Elsie Lasater; and Thelma Wright, in the diary given him; therefore, Mrs. Ollie Sanders, house mother; and when each individual was finally giv- Lona Bryan is to play the part of en his own diary, he was quite sur- Rosalind, her daughter. Margarette prised to find out the things that he Turner is Hermione Mediel Du Pont, chaperon extraordinary, while E. L. Lunch was spread on tables under Turner is Dean Russell Coulter, of the

Gerald Derrick, Marshall Stalls, B. After lunch all piled on the truck F. Middleton and Cephas Woozenand went to Lake Abilene; this, of craft. The Senior class surely apprecourse, was a lot of fun. After leav- ciates their working to make the play

CHORAL CLUB NEWS.

On Thursday night, May 7, the and the girls are presenting "Lady so sing.

The climax of the Dramatic club's The Dramatic club will present the activity was reached last Friday even- one act play, "Mansions." The meming with Misses Tracy, Norma Pat- bers of the cast are Ida Derstine, way?

was one of the most impressive meet- be given in the Grammar School Audi- way? ing that have been held this year, torium at eight o'clock. The public is

TO THE SWALLOW-

Sometimes the rain But your little heart

Comes,f arewell, little bird. popular numbers; this added to the To the gay call I have often heard.

-Melba Taylor.

CONGENIALITY.

I used to think to smile was futile Congeniality held no charm of which I knew.

And then I saw, through eyes new born All things were changed, dear

smiles, because of you. As I gazed on the moonlight and the

stars. And breathed the fragrance of the night,

I seemed to feel the magic of your strength Dispel the shadows from the light.

You gave me sight, new things to see, Joys of which I never knew. And touched my heart with ecstasy-

All this, Congeniality, I owe to you.

-Lona. AN EXAMPLE OF COURAGE.

Ted was walking down the street next to the dock when he heard a dog whine in pain. Looking around, he saw a man beating a small dog.

Ted was furious. He screamed loud-



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ly, "Don't hit that dog again."

The man stopped suddenly, and the that." dog ran off. The man asked sullenly, "What business is it of yours what

I do?" "Plenty business of mine," replied you are to succeed in business." Ted, "when you are beating a little dog like that one. What did the dog

"I found him on my porch intending to chew the mat."

quiringly. "He wasn't chewing the word." mat, was he?"

"No, but how do I know he wasn't

"Because he didn't," replied Ted, "What good would a good friend do

"A friend will always do good no drawn up before the fire, my slippers matter what he is," answered Ted. ready for me to put on, my pipe filled, "Remember that and see how much and-

-Jack West.

SAY DID YOU KNOW--That Friday, May 1, was Senior STATION.

-That most of the Seniors spent the day in the trees?

-That the Choral and Glee clubs are presenting two operettas Thursday night?

-That there are some little owls at Castle Peak? -That Byron caught a snake Fri-

-That the Merkel Seniors were not the only Seniors at Buffalo Gap?

-That Mr. Burgess can play ball? M. H. S. Players' Club party?

-That B. P. is president for the M. H. S. Players' club next year? -That there are two more weeks

-That Mr. Burgess and his Civics

-That Elvis' scratched ear was slide into the truck and be ready to Frances." The boys' quartette will al- caused by a hit from the crank of his Ford?

-That "Saved" was a good play? -That "Whimsy" is well funder

for a lovely May party. This meeting These operettas and the play are to strings on Oleta in a most peculiar similar occasions.

-Thelma had an orange in history class Tuesday?

JOKES. Gerald: "Are you going with a

Wild West show next summer?" B. P.: "No, the big desperado work is being done in the metropolitan centers. I'm going to organize a Wild East show."

Mrs. Riddle: "Remember, dear, you took your husband for better or for worse."

Mrs. Irvin: "But I didn't take him for good, did I?"

Miss Williams: "Seven towns, I believe, claimed Homer." Fred: "That's nothing; some of our

citizens are wanted by more than

Mr. Watts: "My boy, there are two things that are vitally necessary, if

Earl: "What are they, dad?" Mr. Watts: "Honesty and sagacity."

Earl: "What is honesty?" Mr. Watts: "Always-no matter what happens nor how adversely it "How do you know?" Ted asked in- may affect you-always keep your

> Earl: "And sagacity?" Mr. Watts: "Never give it."

Melba: "How did Mama find out

you didn't take a bath?" W. M.: "I forgot to wet the soap."

Mr. Riddle: "Last night, when I got home, my wife had my chair

Miss Patterson: "How did you like her new hat?"

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The doors of the fire station are -That Miss Williams can jump the queer. They slide up to open and down

There is a slick iron pipe near the -That Friday night was the last fire truck. If the firemen are upstairs when the fire alarm is given, they slide down this pipe, to get down

> in a hurry. The boys went upstairs and slid down the pipe. I know how they can improve the fire station. They can make a slide where the pipe is, so that the men can

> > -By Othar Suber.

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He thinks something must be wrong, Texas. or things wouldn't be going along so smoothly.

Brendel studies harder than any McRee. other actor in the film capital, and Mrs. Esker Curtis was up from spends hours working out tricks and Ranger to spend the week-end with funny situations which he is sure will her parents. get laughs when he does them before | R. A. Adcock of Gustine is visiting

"Traveling around the country in their families. upon myself," he said. "I used many Eldorado, Okla. 'props' in my act, that is, funny | Mrs. Earl Beech is visiting her parclothes, funny equipment and things ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, of that sort. Everything had to be just for several days. right or it might fail when I wanted Mrs. Herman L. Gray and son, Herto spring it on an audience. If it didn't man Terry, of Paris, are visiting Mr. work, the stunt would fall flat. So I and Mrs. E. W. King. spent hours practicing with them, and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and fam-

"I even did all my own sewing on end here with relatives. my famous 'breakaway' suit gag which Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Haygood will go The tuxedo I used had to be put to- Day with the home folks. time. I couldn't trust anyone else to ter and family Wednesday. doing everything for myself."

Brendel is regarded as the hardest ating after a very serious illness. than any other player. He rehearses Camey, Barnhart and San Angelo. starts worrying about something else. ley.

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> Dr. Judson McRee of Dallas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L.

each week, I learned to depend entirely spend the week-end with hismother in

used to be such a great laugh getter. to Cross Plains to spend Mother's

could break the right one at the right Russell of Cleburne visited Eari Fos-

be glad to learn that she is recuperworking actor in pictures, spending Robert N. Campbell has returned more time in preparation of his roles from a trip of several days to Mc-

his roles at home before a mirror until Mrs. D. Sheppard of Fort Worth he is sure that every gesture and fac- was the week-end guest of Mesdames .

Others in the cast include William Mrs. N. Causseaux accompanied her

Mrs. Mac Angus enjoyed a visit one day recently from her sister, Mrs. 5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Nat Anderson, and children from Abi-

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mercantile cities during the fif- Mrs. John T. Morgan of Shawnee,

Miss Loyce Dry is visiting with rison, Mabel and Lottie Butman and friends in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Class spent one Russom attended the Abilene district Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hail and son

Sweetwater, is the most easily wor- home from T. C. U. to spend the week- the J. Ben Campbell home, returned

his sons, O. J. and R. L. Adeock, and vaudeville, playing a different town | Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson will

preparing them for each performance. ily of Owens, Texas, spent the week-

gether just so with threads, so that I Judge O. O. Chrisman and Alden and you also know the merchants ap-

do it right, so I got in the habit of Friends of Mrs. H. H. Jenkins will

ial expression is exactly right. He Frank McFarland and S. D. Gamble. works at top speed until a picture is Mr. and Mrs. Delbert R. Polley . finally completed, and then relaxes of Houston were week-end guests of completely for a week or so before he his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pol-

Sweetwater and Mrs. Roscoe Bland spent the day Sunday with Mr. and

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tle son of Abilene were also guests in considerable interest. Sweetwater and Mineral Wells, both Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. candidates last year at Abilene, when 9,000 feet long and the maximum C. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. this city won the meeting for this year, height from the river bed will be 137 Comegys were Messrs. Henry Thur- are again bidding for the convention, feet. Turbines, to be erected in the nond and John Roundtree and Mr. Amarillo, host city to the big confer- powerhouse, will be capable of developand Mrs. Will Thurmond, all of De- ence in 1926, is back again, basing its ing 30,000 horsepower. catur and uncles of Mrs. Anderson and claim on the marvelous growth of its Mr. Comegys. Mr. Will Thurmond was population since the organization last met there, and Dallas, although not in Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren drove the West Texas territory, is energeticover to Dallas to spend the wek-end ally trying to get the convention, in with their daughter and son-in-law, order, officials of the chamber of com-Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit. They were merce in that city say, to get West accompanied by Mrs. Sam Swann, who Texas better acquainted with them.

visited a sister in Dallas, and Mrs. Voting in the convention on selec-Bob Mayfield, who visited with an ting the 1932 convention host will be aunt in Fort Worth, and who had the by towns. Each community affiliated pleasure of meeting her sister, Miss with the West Texas chamber being Louise Booth from C. I. A., there. | allowed one vote for each paid up membership in the body, and no town Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one

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