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MERKEL YOUTH DIES IN FALL UNDER TRAILER

Funeral Services, Largely Attended by Students and Friends, Held Friday Afternoon; Six Sophomores as Pall Bearers.

J. W. Mansfield, Jr., 16-year-old Merkel High school boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield, met a tragically pitiful death beneath the wheels of a heavily loaded truck trailer on the Catclaw bridge in western Abilene at 11:45 Thursday morning of last week, brief and hurried mention of which was made in last week's issue of The Mail.

The youth was taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium in an ambulance, but died before the sanitarium was reached. His head was crushed beneath a truck trailer.

Just as soon as word was received here, the grief-stricken parents, accompanied by W. S. Dickerson, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, for whom the boy's father was lineman, and other friends rushed to the Abilene hospital, but death had been almost instant.

Young Mansfield was riding back of the cab of the truck, bed and trailer of which were loaded with plow tools. The implements were being carried to Abilene by Leroy Jinkens and Joe B. Toombs of this city.

A short time before they reached the bridge, Jinkens, who was driving, said he turned around and asked the boy if he was cold, or would he like to ride inside. He said the youth answered no to both questions. Toombs was in the cab with Jinkens, he stated.

It was not until the boys felt a hard bump just as they approached Catclaw bridge and had stopped to investigate that they realized what had happened. Both boys were badly shaken by the occurrence.

Just how the youth lost his balance, or how the accident occurred, will probably never be known. Clyde Foster, a Merkel truck driver, who was only a short distance behind the truck trailer, said he saw young Mansfield topple and fall from the machine.

Funeral services, held from the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, were largely attended and marked tribute was paid the popular high school student by his classmates and school friends. Rev. J. T. (Continued on Page Six.)

PENALTY LIFTED ALSO ON BACK SCHOOL TAXES

Penalty and Interest Waived, if Paid Before January 31st; Schools Need These Taxes Especially, Says Burgess.

A telegram has just been received by Supt. Burgess from State Supt. S. M. N. Marrs stating the act which exempts from penalties those who pay delinquent taxes before January 31st, 1932, does apply to Merkel school taxes. The act applies to all taxes except city taxes. It applies to all delinquent taxes from 1836 up to and including October 20, 1931; all taxes which were delinquent on October 20, 1931, may be paid by January 31, 1932, without paying any of the penalties or interest which have accrued. This means that any back taxes (except city taxes) may be paid without having to pay any of the penalties or interest that may have accrued up to date. One may get a tax receipt for these delinquent taxes by merely paying the taxes—no penalties or interest.

SCHOOL NEEDS THESE TAXES.
The superintendent of the Merkel Schools is again urging that if any taxes not paid by January 31, 1932, should be paid, that they be paid first. In many places, large tax payers are paying up their school taxes early in order for the school to run. We cannot afford to close our schools. To do so would be a calamity, so far as the children are concerned. They cannot wait for their preparation for life. It is now or never with them. Should the Merkel schools not run full nine months, it would mean that all our credits earned during these fifteen years of struggle would be lost. The existence of the schools depends upon people paying their school taxes. Since the penalties are removed, now is a good time to take advantage of the opportunity to clear up your title by paying all delinquent school taxes. He urges that if you can only one of your different taxes that this one be your school tax.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo McElmurry, residing at White Flat, Monday, January 4, 1932.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner, Trent, Tuesday, January 5, 1932.

NEIGHBORING TOWN MERCHANTS
1/2 OFF FREE COST
FACTORY COST HURRY BELOW COST
Do YOU LET THE HUMBUG of UNREASONABLE? CLAIMS 'STING' YOU?

SOUTHWEST SAID TO HAVE MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO THAN WHOLE OF U. S.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—A statement that the southwest has laid a foundation for an era of unprecedented industrial, commercial and agricultural progress, and "has more to look forward to than any other part of the country," was issued here Monday by M. H. Cahill, president of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas line.

Calling attention to the vast resources of the southwest, Cahill predicted that "this section of the country is certain of profit as a result of the changes that will result from the depression of 1931."

Pointing out growth of the southwest "has only commenced," the railroad president said:

"Depressions bring readjustments, and it is the territories offering greatest opportunities that profit most from the inevitable shifting of capital, population and industry."

Although 1931 was marked by a general lack of industrial development, 168 new industries located along the Katy route in the southwest, Cahill announced. They represent an investment of \$6,203,850, are expected to provide employment for 2,789 persons and to produce an annual estimated tonnage of 42,000 cars of freight.

Distinguished Visitor, Head of Buick Motor Spends Night Here

The Continental tourist camp, operated by B. P. Middleton, had a distinguished visitor Tuesday night.

E. T. Strong, president of the Buick Motor company, with his wife and a guest couple, traveling in a luxurious General Motors coach, built especially for him, and provided with sleeping quarters and dining facilities, arrived in Merkel about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, spending the night at the Continental camp and departing for the west Wednesday morning.

He is on a tour of the south, which probably will carry him to the west coast. Earlier Tuesday afternoon he had stopped in Abilene for a visit with the company's dealer there, Deavors-Ware, Inc.

Strong has been president of the Buick Motor company for 15 years and has made many trips in the equipment with which he was traveling when he visited Merkel, being said to be a great traveler.

It's Now Time to Pay Your City Street Tax

It's time to pay street tax in Merkel.

City Marshal Dickinson has asked The Mail to call attention to the fact that this tax is \$3.00 per man, if paid before January 31, but if not paid by that time the tax becomes \$5.00. If not paid at all, street work is required.

All that is needed is a reminder. When you see Perry Dickinson, be sure to hand him your three dollars and do not wait until after January 31st, when you will have to pay five dollars.

County Teachers Plan For January Session

Tentative plans for the second meeting of the Taylor county Teachers association were mapped at a meeting of the executive board at Abilene Saturday. The session will probably be held Saturday, January 16.

County interscholastic league program plans will be outlined at the meeting with R. A. Burgess of Merkel, director general, in charge.

Speakers and entertainment features for the gathering have not been announced. First meeting of the teachers for the current year was held in November.

Executive board members here for the board meeting were H. O. Harris of Bradshaw, president of the association; R. H. Jennings, Ovalo, and J. W. Woodruff, Tye.

Record of Business Changes in Merkel at Start of New Year

The beginning of the New Year witnessed several business changes in Merkel and negotiations for one or two others are pending, but not in definite shape for announcement.

On the first of January the ownership of the Busy Bee Cafe passed from Fred Latham to Mayor W. M. Elliott, who will be assisted by Oda Clark. Clark was in the employ of Fred Latham for some two years, having previously worked for Price Banner, and is well acquainted with the trade as well as being experienced in his line. Mr. Latham has opened a cafe on North First street in Abilene, the T. & P. cafe.

The L. D. Boyd grocery moved the first of this week from their old location on Kent street to the Percy Jones building on Front street, formerly occupied by the Martin Grocery before its removal last year to the Gaither building on Edwards street.

Comer Patterson has leased the Magnolia station, corner Front and Kent streets, from Charles H. Jones, Magnolia agent, the change having become effective on January 1st.

Joe Barron has moved his Blue Front garage from the J. D. Porter building on Edwards street to Front street in the building just vacated by Adams and Leverett. M. B. Moore, independent oil dealer, will also have headquarters with the Blue Front in its new location.

Miss Edna Tiner has consolidated the Modern Marinello Beauty shop, heretofore located in the Merkel Drug store, with the Marinello Beauty shop in the J. T. Dennis store, where the two shops have been combined.

Beginning on January second, the local banks changed their closing hour to five instead of six o'clock. They will continue to open at eight, as heretofore.

The new building to house the post-office, lease for which was secured by the A. J. Rife Construction company of Dallas, is one of the building projects in sight for Merkel for the New Year, while the extensive remodeling improvements under way in the West company building are just about completed.

Rainfall Three-Fourths Inch.
During the early hours of Monday morning Merkel and this section was visited by a heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by thunder, lightning and a strong wind. The precipitation here measured three-fourths of an inch, according to gauge of Grover Hall.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Texas State Bank and Trust company of Corpus Christi, which closed October 14, was reopened January 2, resuming business under the same charter and management, according to a statement by officers of the bank.

James Franklin Cox, former dean of the school and also former president of the institution and of John Tarleton college, was elevated to the presidency of Abilene Christian college on January 1, succeeding Batsell Baxter, resigned.

D. W. Campbell, 66, vice-president and general manager of the Texas Advertising Novelty company, publishers of the Hillsboro Mirror, and president of the Hillsboro Rotary club and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, died at his desk Friday.

Roy B. Henderson, state interscholastic league athletic secretary, has accepted the invitation to deliver the league's football championship award to Abilene high school, which presentation is to take place at the school's assembly hour Friday morning.

Following the decision by a three judge federal court at Houston sustaining the law regulating the weight, height, size and load of motor trucks operating upon the highways of the state, instructions to enforce the provisions of the law have been issued to all state patrolmen.

The third court of civil appeals at Austin has ruled that divorce seekers must actually live in Texas for a year and in the same county for six months before a valid separation can be had, the intent being that the divorce applicant must show himself to be a "bona fide inhabitant."

Judge J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene was sitting as chief justice of a special supreme court, appointed by Governor Sterling, when application for writ of error in the case of Mrs. Anna M. Cameron vs the Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, from Tom Green county, was refused.

John F. Wallace, secretary of the Texas highway commission, has been appointed by Governor Sterling to be a member of the state board of control, replacing Roy I. Tennant, purchasing agent of the board for the past six years. Tennant was an appointee of former Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

HEARST SUGGESTS GARNER OF TEXAS FOR PRESIDENCY

Speaker of House is Lauded by Publisher As "Another Champ Clark;" Hearst Refers to Hoover as a Wilsonite.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 7.—Speaker John N. Garner of the house of representatives was lauded as "another Champ Clark" Saturday night by William Randolph Hearst in an address in which the publisher asked "Who will be the next President?"

Termining Clark's defeat for the democratic presidential nomination by Woodrow Wilson in 1912 America's great misfortune, Mr. Hearst called on the nation to "think carefully and act firmly regarding the political situations of this eventful year."

The publisher's address, delivered by radio, also advanced an explanation of President Hoover's unprecedented unpopularity in the assertion that "he has always been a Wilsonite."

SAYS INFLUENCES BEAT CLARK.
He said Champ Clark was the natural candidate of the democratic party in 1912, and continued:

"Great influences, which were in no sense democratic, and which had no place in democratic councils, because they had no interest in democratic success, stepped into the situation.

"Their object was to secure the to prevent a genuine democrat from being nominated.

"Their object was to secure the nomination of some one who would either insure the election of the republican candidate, or who would, if himself elected, not be unfriendly to the selfish purposes of these powerful influences.

"With the aid of two-thirds rule, and the egotistic activities of Mr. Bryan, Champ Clark was cheated of the nomination and Woodrow Wilson nominated in his place.

SAYS WILSON MISFORTUNE.
"No greater misfortune ever happened to the United States and surely no greater calamity ever happened to the democratic party.

"The main reason for Mr. Hoover's unprecedented unpopularity is that he has always been a Wilsonite since he was in the Wilson administration, and has led his republican party to join the democratic wreckage at the end (Continued on Page Five.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 5, 1912.)

Miss Sophia Howard visited her father, J. T. Howard, and family last week.

T. L. Grimes and family formerly of this place, who have resided at Vernon for the past one or two years, have returned to Merkel to make their home. They have a host of friends here who greet them with a hearty welcome.

Miss Bessie Medlen visited relatives at Anson during the holidays.

Miss Winnie Warren spent the holidays at home, returning to Waco Tuesday to resume her studies in Baylor university.

Mr. Wesley Edwards, assisted by his mother, Mrs. Lulu Edwards, and little daughter, Lucille, entertained in a novel manner Tuesday evening. A camp fire was built on the lawn where meats had been barbecued, eggs roasted, an Irish stew and biscuits cooked in a skillet, together with coffee, served camp style. After serving the guests were invited into the house where T. A. Johnson sang an Irish song, Miss Laura Jennings playing her accompaniment. Nuts and fruits were served and the host then asked his guests to go to the picture show with him. Those who participated in the pleasures of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown, Mrs. Lulu Edwards, Misses Bessie Medlen, Melissa Smith, Laura Jennings, little Lucille Edwards, Messrs. Paul Cranford, James Guitler and the host.

A dance Friday evening was one of the social features arranged for the

holidays. A stringed instrument furnished music for the following dancers: Misses Annie T. Daniels, Zora Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Jessie O'Brian, Mabel Collins, Lulu Thornton, Miss McMurry from Colorado City, Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Mitchell of Midland, Messrs. and Mesdames Lanier Brown, J. W. Daniel and Davenport Gaither, Messrs. Coleman and Gamble of Colorado City, Ernest Faucett, Olly Sharp, Clayton Brown, C. Hunt, W. R. Walker and T. J. Coggin.

LEAP YEAR PARTY.

The Bachelor Girls were hostesses to their boy friends Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt. Boys were not left to come alone or stay at home. Each was escorted to the party by a fair young maiden. The boys met at one place with the exception of four timid ones who waited at home for their company. In one room the party stopped at the picture show. Mrs. Hunt as a hostess is always a success. Music and games were the diversions planned. Everyone wrote New Year's resolutions which were then read. Salad, crackers, olives and hot chocolate were served to Messrs. Choc Jones, Bufford and Carl Evans, Jessie Ferguson, Frank Ferrier, Bill Sheppard, Lester Ellis, Lowe Barnett, Sam Swann, Luther Grimes, Parker, Olly and Roscoe Sharp, John West, Lytton Howard, Tyre Sublett, Taylor Jennings, Misses Mattie Naylor, Fannie Burroughs, Eunice Nibbitt, Elma Sheppard, Virginia and Venona Hamblitt, Ezma Allday, Winnie Warren, Pauline Johnson, Winnie Barnett, Ruth Mims, Maude Martin, Mary and Floy Gunn and Maggie Roberts.

Way of Life
BRUCE BARTON
WHO ARE THEY?

A man stopped me on the street to say that he had some important information. "They are going to put the market up in the next few weeks," he said.

"Who are they?" I asked him. He looked at me scornfully, as though I ought to be ashamed to confess such ignorance. "Why they," he answered, "are the big shots, the insiders, the international bankers, the Interests."

"Oh," I said, and thanked him and went on my way. When I graduated from college I had a great deal of awe of the Interests, and at that period they were indeed pretty powerful. Important corporations were comparatively few, and those few were small in comparison with today.

Their stock was controlled by a compact group of men who, by acting together, could often make or break the market. Morgan could get them all in a room and tell them what to do. But times have changed. Corporations are enormous; shares are scattered among millions. They, the interests, are not what they used to be.

One time I served on a civic committee, most of whose members were bankers. The executive secretary was a bright young college graduate. He said to me: "I don't have to worry; when this job is over these big bankers will take care of me."

Well, the job was over, and I told him: "You are going to have a great shock as to the power of the International Bankers. They may control millions, but one thing they can't do is to get you a job. They may send you to the heads of certain corporations with letters of introduction, but they can't insist that you be hired. Those corporation managers will reply to the bankers, 'You hold us responsible; you must let us alone.'"

It turned out as I predicted. The young man finally secured a job, but not by any help of the Interests.

I have seen several national elections, but never one in which the partners of any of the big international banking houses were agreed upon a candidate.

Two partners, sitting side by side, would offset each other's votes.

In the last analysis, who are they? I'll tell you. You and I are they. We run things. A business may have millions of capital, big plants, and huge sales forces.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '32—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.
 Assistant Editor—Lela Patterson. Assistant Sports Editor—Ross Ferrer.
 Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

We, the students of Merkel High School, wish to express our most heartfelt sympathy and tenderest devotion to Caribel Mansfield, Vernon Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield upon the death of their brother and son.

J. W. was loved by every student in Merkel High school and the memory of him can never be erased from our minds.

BROTHER YEATS SPEAKS AT CHAPEL.

Brother Yeats, the Methodist pastor, spoke before the student body December 23 at the Christmas program.

His subject was "Happiness." Under this subject he told us of the different ways in which we could be happy. Some of the ways to obtain happiness are: don't be a martyr; try to be somebody; hold high ideals in life. He also stated that happiness was easy to miss, so always be looking for it.

We always enjoy hearing Brother Yeats speak for he seems to really enjoy talking to young people.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

As our forty-eight Sophomores entered school Monday morning, they greatly felt the absence of one of their friendly members, J. W. Each one sincerely regrets the fatal accident. J. W. will always be remembered as a beloved classmate.

JUNIOR GIRLS ENTERTAIN.

On Wednesday evening, December 23, the Junior girls entertained the boys of their class in the home of the class president, Imogene Middleton.

After various games were played refreshments were served to Mr. Riddle, Imogene Middleton, James West, Carroll King, Maurine White, Gordon Murray, Virgil Lee Perkins, Florene Rider, Margaret Miller, Van Roberts, Bill Hamm, Mildred Richardson, Melba Taylor, Selma Jones, Jim Patterson, Etta Pruitt, Meyer Mellinger, Gerald Derrick, Mardell Shouse and Nell Hughes.

SAY DID YOU KNOW—

—That Santa brought almost everyone of the Seniors boys a haircut?
 —That Santa brought lots of perfume to lots of girls?
 —That Santa met an auctioneer with some watches; hence he brought some certain girls some watches?
 —That the Seniors are going to have a year book?
 —That Ola thinks the moon has a tail light?
 —That "Wozy" went places and did things during the holidays?
 —That Mr. Riddle carried his basketball team to Blair during the holidays?

THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW.

The way to be popular is to make everyone think that you think they are popular.

Johnnie has a great problem on her hands. This problem lives at Roscoe, Texas.

Marshall and Felis have gone into competition with one another and it looks as if Marshall is getting the worse end of the deal.

"Neta" likes to see her name in the Badger Weekly.

Lena went to the show last Saturday night and says she had a good time, although the show was no good.

Helen Yeats came back to school with a permanent. We wonder how she managed it.

Ask Lucile C. to tell you what was in a Christmas package that was given her the other day during the fifth study hall.

Have you seen Mary Olive's new jewelry? Maybe the depression is over after all.

A number of new students, young ladies, have started to school. If any information concerning them is needed, you may ask most any Senior boy with the assurance of getting complete details.

THOSE WHO WENT PLACES AND SAW THINGS DURING CHRISTMAS.

Lena Mae Hokit spent the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Margaret Miller spent the holidays in Stanton.

Carroll King visited in Mason during part of the holidays.
 Margaret Canon and Ida Derstine

made a short visit to Stamford last Sunday.

Paul Collins visited friends in Lamesa.

Nell Durham was in Albany for a few days.

WE WONDER.

Why examinations have to come every year.

Why some people think they are clever when they really are not.

Why "Mike" Vickers and Neil Durham hang around the Merkel Garage trying to find out how to operate a cafe.

Why Florene wants some geometry knowledge.

Why Spanish reports have to be written every term.

Why it can't be summer all the time.

Why three Sopomore girls like to play baseball so well at noon.

Why Mr. Riddle says that he could be dead four days without knowing it.

What school teachers would do if there were no schools.

What Carroll would be if he were not a "ladies man."

How Helen will fix her hair next.

How a person can learn American history without studying.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Cade, Williams and Ruth, resolve to be late every morning.

Van Roberts, resolves to sing more (also louder).

Zada resolves to get her a permanent before long.

Toombs resolves to keep his mouth shut in history class.

Gerald resolves to buy himself a pair of boots.

Lela Patterson resolves to make better English grades.

Caribel Mansfield resolves to wear red during the coming year.

Helen resolves to become feminine again.

JOKES.

Oscar: "Why all the clothes on such a hot day?"

"Bud" Toombs: "I'm going to paint my fence, and it says on this can: 'to obtain best results, put on at least three coats'."

"Neta": "I'm in love with a very plain, poor boy, while a good looking boy with lots of money wants to marry me. What shall I do?"

Thelma Leach: "Marry the one you love, and give me the name and address of the other."

Mrs. Irvin: "Tomorrow is our first wedding anniversary. Shall I kill the turkey?"

Mr. Irvin: "No, let him live. He didn't have anything to do with it."

B. P.: "What did you do with that hundred dollar bill your dad gave you for Christmas?"

Gerald: "Well, I spent five shooting craps, seven in a poker game, three on licker, ten betting on ball games and twenty-five on a girl."

B. P.: "But that only makes fifty what did you do with the other fifty?"

Gerald: "Oh, I don't know. I must have spent that foolishly."

Doctor (inquiring after Stanley Lee, who had just swallowed a quarter): "How's the boy?"

Mr. Riddle: "No change yet."

Prison Chaplin (to doomed murderer): "Is there one last favor I can do for you?"

Prisoner: "Yes, sir. I'm terribly afraid. Will you hold my hand while I'm in the chair?"

"Out with 'Em!"

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ABILENE NOW!

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JOAN BLONDEL

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CHARLES FARRELL
And
MADGE EVANS

In
"Heartbreak"

Wants to Serve Again As Public Weigher

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

Having served you as public weigher, the office to which I was elected two years ago, I realize more clearly than ever before that careful and unbiased attention to the detail work of this office is the one thing most thoroughly appreciated by the people with whom I have come in contact and on this basis I am asking re-election for the second term, knowing that having had two years experience I am better qualified to take care of this office and, if elected, I will continue to render you the best service possible.

In all my dealings with my fellowmen I have tried to do the right by all, regardless of their standing, and have never betrayed the confidence of anyone to favor another and I wish to thank my many friends for the frank expressions of their approval for my past administration, and I shall, if re-elected, continue the office on the same high standard, for it is and has been my desire to respect my Creator in word and in deed.

On the same high standard on which I have endeavored to conduct my business with the public I will conduct my campaign and respectfully solicit your support.

Houston Robertson.

Sub-Station is Opened For County Tax Payers

A sub-station for the payment of county and state taxes has been opened in Merkel, according to announcement by County Tax Collector Earl Hughes, with Byron Patterson in charge. The office will be at Patterson's market.

The tax rolls will be here all of next week, it is announced, but taxes may be paid at this office any time before January 31, including county and state, poll and automobile taxes.

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HARRY L. HUSSMANN, President

HOTEL HUSSMANN

"On the Plaza" EL PASO TEXAS

THE WAY OF LIFE

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But if you and I do not like its products, all these huge assets are merely liabilities.

Talleyrand said a shrewd thing when he remarked, "There is one person wiser than anybody, and that is everybody." You and I are everybody, and we decide.

Mr. Morgan does not awe me. Even the editor of this paper, who is my boss, does not fill me with any great alarm. But believe me, I care about you, gentle reader.

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RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$191,898.77
Overdrafts	218.78
Real Estate on Hand	11,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$ 20,600.00
Bills of Exchange Cotton	5,387.46
Cash & Due from Banks	119,195.79
TOTAL CASH RESOURCES	145,183.25
Total	\$363,949.59

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	17,690.08
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscouts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	290,009.51
Total	\$363,949.59

The above statement is correct.
 BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

1932—A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

1932 is the Opportunity Year. We enter it with a renewed vigor, with increased enthusiasm, with optimism for the future, and sincerely believe that it will be truly the Opportunity Year for those who take advantage of all the good things it holds in store for them. For our part, we have resolved that we shall strive harder than ever to serve you better, help you more, and extend to you the friendliness that exists always between good friends.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Marjory Adrian returned to school at Abilene Monday after spending the holidays at home and with her aunt, Mrs. Claud Swann, on the Adrian ranch.

Mesdames Adcock and Barbour of Stephenville were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Goodman. They also visited Grandpa Adcock and his daughter here.

Little Marshall Thixton of Big Spring came Saturday to spend the winter with his auntie, Mrs. Rose Edwards, and to attend school here.

Miss Virginia Prior of Stephenville was a week-end guest in the A. C. Terry home. She was accompanied back to Stephenville by Allen Terry, who will continue his school work at John Tarlton college.

Miss Inez Parker of Post was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steadman.

Jack Bowers returned to school at Abilene Monday after spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry had as week-end guests Mrs. Carlos Robinson and little son and two daughters, Misses Mary Fancie and Alta Grace, of Post.

Mrs. G. T. Walker and Mrs. John Merrick of Big Spring are still visiting in the home of Mrs. Toliver Walker.

Mrs. Goma Fowler and children returned last Monday to their home in Pampa.

Mrs. Mollie Winn, who has been quite ill for the last ten days, is reported some improved at this writing. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Wesley Harris, of Abernathy is still with her.

Some few business changes have taken place this last week. J. Cal Hamner having put in a nice meat market in the building recently vacated by O. L. Bishop. The Terry barber shop has moved in with the Murdoch shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner are announcing the birth of a boy on the fifth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo McMurry of White Flat are announcing the birth of a girl on the fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pounds of Pampa are announcing the birth of a son on the fourth.

S. E. Fass and wife and baby of Abilene were guests of Mrs. T. J. Williamson and Mrs. Billings Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod Saturday made announcement of their marriage, which was solemnized in Altus, Okla., on Dec. 19, 1931. They will make their home here for the present. Mrs. McLeod was formerly Miss Opal Yocum. She is teaching school at White Flat.

SCHOOL FACULTY ENTERTAINED.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson entertained at their home New Year's night, honoring the school faculty and their wives and husbands. At the arrival of each guest they were given a pencil and paper and asked to make a resolution using each letter in his or her name. Mr. Garland Franks and Miss Nona Burgess were voted as best. Tables were arranged for "42". Refreshments of banana fluff, cake and coffee were served to: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Jenkins and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Misses Virginia Strawn, Nona Burgess, Mary Shepherd, Maurine Smith, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and Glen, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Dorothy Jo and Willa Dean and the host and hostess.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.
Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 2 p. m.

High School News.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—
—Thelma wants to go to White Flat to play ball?
—Joella is interested in Sweetwater?
—Asha is "Skinny?"
—Erma Faye is interested in Merkel?

—John and Johnie can sing?
—The High School girls can sing?
—Asha stayed home one night last week?
—The depression is on?
—Sarah Julia has a new dress?
—Mildred has a permanent?

SOME IMPORTANT FACTS.
It rained at Trent Monday.
Veda doesn't like Floyd any more.
Sarah Julia tries to impress on Merkel boys that she is "cute."

"Out with 'Em!"

Blair School News

Honor roll for the second month: Primer—Ludean Henslee, 93; J. H. Price, 90.

First grade—Lloyd Haire, 95; Billie Campbell, 91; Nina Osborn, 92; Madlyn Brown, 90.

Second grade—J. D. Rankin, 90; Mary Lou Hughes, 93; Mildred Maddera, 90; Frances Peterson, 90; Desie Marie Baker, 90.

Third grade—Evelyn Latimer, 90; Noma Lee Clinton, 90; Lena Fae Osborn, 90; Jewel Moore, 91; Madaline Addison, 92.

Fourth grade—Joy Doan, 91; Orrie Lee Maddera, 90.

Fifth grade—J. L. Meeks, 90; Louise Addison, 92.

Sixth grade—Edith Akin, 94; Catherine Orsborn, 91; Marvis Peterson, 90.

Seventh grade—Odelle Latimer, 94; Mary Francis Harris, 90.

The basketball boys played Merkel Wednesday afternoon of last week, the Blair five defeating the Merkel boys with a score of 14 to 4.

White church returned their game with Blair winning 18 to 6.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER.

Our hearts are calling you, Mother, As they've called you o'er and o'er. 'Tis five years now since you left us, And we miss you more and more.

Yes, five years you've been in heaven, Five years of joy and things divine and true.

What wondrous beauty you are be-holding Which here 'you never knew.

Did your loved ones await your coming? Did angel faces greet you with a smile?

Were all your friends eager to receive you? Whom you had lost a while?

Five years on earth for us without you, Five years, oh, such lonely ones. But we could not keep you, Mother, When your mission here was done.

We miss you in our joys and in our sorrows, And so oft' we bow our heads and weep.

As we listen for a soft footfall From out the silence deep.

We miss you, yes, we miss you, But we know you are not far away. For you could not leave your dear ones Even in heaven to stay.

And we know that you'll be waiting There upon the heavenly shore Watching for your loved ones, Listening for the boatman's oar.

We would not call you, Mother, From your rest, your victories won, But we would only whisper, "O, God, Thy will be done."

While Christmas sun in all its state Was flooding the western skies, She passed through evening's glory gate To walk in Paradise.

When heaven has dissolved and the stars gone out By the hand of Eternal Fate I expect to meet my dear Mother, There by the Pearly Gate.

In the realm where the rainbow never fades, Close to the great white throne, Where I hope to meet my Mother And claim her as my own.

—A Daughter, Mrs. C. F. Doan.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1932, at 5:00 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Fruit and nut exports from the United States in the third quarter of this year were greater than in the comparable period of 1930.

Office supplies—Mail office.

BLAIR ITEMS

The Christmas season that has come and gone was a delightful one and last Thursday night the old year was rung out and the new one rung in. Any account of the season's activities would be incomplete without a compliment to the weather man for his contribution to the pleasure of the event. It was almost as balmy as spring and the rains that had lately kept things in a muss obligingly let up for the Christmas holidays.

Visitors throughout the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins were his brother, Mr. J. M. Rankins, superintendent of Ralls High school, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dodson and family of Lueders and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dunkin and two children, Leta Mae and Edward, of Cisco.

Mrs. Alva Bland and children of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mrs. O. W. Walker, and family Tuesday.

Misses Ola Smith and Lona Bryan of Merkel visited the Blair school Wednesday.

Mrs. Emory Jones and her handsome little son of Merkel spent a pleasant afternoon with Mrs. R. B. Horton and family Wednesday.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, accompanied by Miss Tinsie Jones of Castle Peak, visited Mrs. Jim Campbell Monday.

Mrs. Dewey Phillips and children of Itan, Texas, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Several out-of-town visitors were in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons of White Church were interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins and children, J. D. and Mary Theresa, made a flying trip to Abilene Saturday.

R. B. Horton made a business trip to Roscoe the first of the week.

Rev. John Walker of Abilene filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday.

Mrs. John Neighbors has returned from King county after several days stay with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burfeind, and the latter accompanied her home.

Pat Addison is attending court at Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chandler and family of Dora have moved into our midst. Mr. Chandler has opened up the blacksmith shop at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and little son, Leon, Jr., have moved to their home at Merkel. We are very sorry to have to give them up.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears from the Plains are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

IN MEMORY OF BONNIE WAYNE ANDERSON.

Bonnie Wayne Anderson was born March 9, 1924, and died at 1:30 in the afternoon of December 26, 1931, at her home in the Mt. Pleasant community. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson. Bonnie was a sweet and loving little girl and the Lord lent her to us for 7 years, 9 months and then He saw fit to take her to fill a place in heaven.

We cannot understand why these things are done, but the Lord knows best and does all things right. We know that Bonnie is in heaven at rest with the angels. Our loss is her gain, for we know that, if she could look down from heaven and speak to us, she would say "do not grieve over me, for I am where there is no more trouble and sorrow. In this pretty place where I am, there is no crying and weeping." She has gone to be with the Loved One over there. Bonnie is not dead; she is only asleep in Jesus' arms. If we will live as the Lord would have us, we will meet her some sweet day over there.

We will not grieve over her, for we know she cannot come to us, but we can go to her, if we will live as the Lord will have us, and will meet Bonnie on that shore over there.

She leaves to mourn her death her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, one sister, Nola, and a brother, J. T. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphreys, and her aunt and uncles.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 12 o'clock at Rose Hill cemetery, conducted by Revs. Marvin Williams of Abilene and O. D. Pruitt of Merkel.

—A Friend.

Retail book prices in Germany have dropped 20 per cent since 1929.

Greenland, the largest island in the world, is mainly a granite formation.

Minnehaha, the Indian maiden, is buried at DeSoto, Wis.

GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill had all of their children home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West canned a beef last week. 4-H club members helping were Mrs. W. C. Hill, Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Mrs. L. C. Williams, Mrs. Elmer Persley and the husbands of these women.

Mrs. E. R. Schroeder and husband of Santa Fe, N. M., were visitors in L. C. Williams home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West, Miss Pearl and L. C. Williams and son, Theron Hill, spent Christmas in Lubbock.

Those giving dinners for their families, respectively, were Homer Lawlis, G. M. Byrom, E. S. Williams, Dawson McCarl, W. C. Hill, J. F. Cox and Will Herron.

Mrs. Nig Herron has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Edd Jones and children of Abilene have been visiting relatives at Golan.

Miss Jewel Fae Hill returned to Alpine Thursday.

Mr. A. D. Hill of Presidio returned to his school work Thursday.

Teachers and school children of Golan enjoyed Jan. 1st as a holiday.

Several of our neighbors are moving out of our community and some from others are moving in.

We are expecting several new pupils in our school next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown were Goodman visitors a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Persley were visiting home folks in Sylvester Friday.

Patrons of our school met at Mr. Vancil's early Friday morning and hauled ten loads of wood to the school house.

Misses Justine Hoop and Eva Mae Vancil returned to Sul Ross, Alpine, last Monday.

Clifford Davis and Lucy Cooper of Brownwood were visitors through our community a few days ago.

A few gathered in the home of L. C. Williams Wednesday night to play "42."

CANYON NEWS

More rain. We had a "real" storm Sunday night. Thunder, lightning, wind and rain. Made us think of spring time.

Miss Fern Evans of Sweetwater, who has been visiting in the E. L. Frazier home the past week, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Neill returned home Friday from De Leon where they attended the funeral of the latter's mother, Mrs. Smith, who had been ill several days at Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, and niece, Elizabeth Cathcart, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean and family awhile Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and grandson, Bobby Glen Peterson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves and family Sunday.

The I. X. L. school girls met the outside girls last Friday afternoon for a game of basketball, the "outsiders" winning 8-2.

Members of the Literary Society will meet at Butman school house Friday night, Jan. 8, and render a program. Everyone is invited to attend.

GEORGE TOLIVER WALKER.

George Toliver Walker was born in Hubbard, Hill county, Texas, in 1881. He moved to West-Texas at the age of five and settled near Trent, where he has lived since. He was married in 1905 to Miss Maggie McCloud and to this union were born four daughters who survive him: Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Mrs. D. H. Pounds, Miss Vivian and Miss Nathalie Walker.

Mr. Walker, at the age of 18, obeyed the gospel and was baptized by Rev. W. A. Barnhill of Trent. Mr. Walker's father, who was one of the founders of the Merkel Church of Christ, died in Big Spring 16 years ago.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Maggie Walker, and his four daughters, Mr. Walker is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ella Walker, and five sisters and three brothers. They are: Mrs. T. D. Richards, Big Spring; Mrs. J. R. Merrick, Coahoma; Mrs. J. S. Riley, Arch, N. M.; Mrs. J. N. McGinnis and Mrs. H. E. Laws of Big Spring and Owen and Jim Walker of Big Spring and W. B. Walker of Arch, N. M.

George Toliver Walker was known to a host of friends as a good man, a true friend and a loyal citizen.

W. G. Cypert.

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RURAL SOCIETY

TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Stith Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bill Dunagin. Twenty-three members answered to the roll call: "What I Can do in January to make my home more cozy."

After a short business session a program on "Ideals in Home-Making" was rendered by Mrs. Walter Vantrees, Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mrs. Edgar Bradley.

Following the program hot chocolate and cake was served by the hostesses.

The club adjourned to meet again Friday, January 15, in the home of Mrs. Edgar Bradley. The program will be on "The Family Garden" and Miss Sue Bonner, our demonstration agent, will give a hot bed demonstration.

GOLAN CLUB NEWS.

The beef canning at W. C. Hill's Tuesday was conducted by Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Mrs. W. M. West, Mrs. A. S. Lawlis, Mrs. Elmer Presley and Mrs. L. C. Williams.

President Mrs. C. A. Duncan, vice-president Mrs. W. C. Hill, and Mrs. C. E. Brown, 1931 council member, attended the council meeting at Anson last week.

A meeting of all secretaries is to convene with Miss Brown at 2 p. m., Jan. 9, 1932, in the court house at Anson. All secretaries are requested to be on time.

We have our New Year books. Programs are to be filled out Monday by Mrs. W. C. Hill, Mrs. E. E. Brown and Mr. Tom Kemp.

The club meets Wednesday, Jan. 13, with Mrs. Vernon Herron. All club members are invited. We will get our year books at this meeting.

Let's all come and bring a new member with us. All new officers are to be installed also.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. JONES HONORED.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Union Ridge were host and hostess to a large number Wednesday evening, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones of Chicago, Ill., the latter being Mrs. Walker's sister. Progressive "42" was enjoyed by all until a late hour, after which sandwiches, cookies and cocoa were served to the following: Misses Ruby and Normal Patton, Alice and Hazel Reeves, Blanche and Ruba Carey, Selma Lee and Mary Alice Russell; Messrs Woodrow Patton, Arthur Newberry, Eldon Reeves, W. J. and Hale Derstine, Leo Harris, Truett Meeks, Gordon Murray, Pink Dunn, Clements Carey, Norris Barnett, Bernard Clark, S. G. Russell, and Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

Prizes for high score were awarded to Leo Harris and Alice Reeves.

CALLED SINGING CONVENTION.

I'm asking all classes to meet at Blair third Sunday at 2 p. m. and arrange place to meet on Fifth Sunday. So come, bring your books and let's start promptly at 2 p. m. and have a real good singing.

Fifth Sunday will be election day. Have some good man in mind to elect as president to serve for next year. So all come, let's have a good crowd and a real singing.

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SOUP, R & W, all kinds except chicken, 2 cans	17c
CHILI, No. 1 can, 2 for	25c
COCOA 1-2 pound Hersheys	13c
SUGAR, 10 lbs., cloth bag	52c
SHOE POLISH, Dyanshine	19c
MACARONI, R & W, 2 packages	13c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lbs.	25c
SALT, B & W table, 2 packages	5c
BRAN FLAKES, R & W, package	10c
BEANS, Pinto, 3 pounds	14c
SALMON, Nile, can	10c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafer	25c
COMPOUND, 8 pounds Swift Jewel	65c
SAUSAGE pure pork pound	10c
BACON, sliced, sugar cured, pound	20c

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RAPTURE BEYOND

by KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



SECOND INSTALLMENT.

Fresh from a French convent, Jocelyn Harlowe returns to New York to her socially-elect mother, a religious, ambitious woman. The girl is hurried into an engagement with the wealthy Felix Kent. Her father, Nick Sandal, surreptitiously enters the girl's home one night. He tells her he used to call her Lynda Sandal. The girl is torn by her desire to see life in the raw and to become part of her mother's society. Her father studies her surroundings.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"U-hum. I suppose so. Will you get my picture for me?"

"Felix Kent's?"

"Sure thing. Your young man's?"

She laughed. The whole experience began to be an astonishing adventure. This father had a way with him that opened a door in her heart. He was so casual, so hard, so vibrant. There had been nothing like him in her life. She hurried to her room to get the picture.

She was very quick, being really afraid that he might just vanish forever if she left him. So, coming back light-footed she found him returning to his place from some swift furtive investigation of the room. She noticed this, but in her confused excitement it made on her at the time no particular impression. Later she was driven to remember it.

Her father stood up to go, catching his cane, smothering a cry at the pain all sudden movements cost him.

"I mustn't see you again. But—here's my address." He pushed a folded scrap of paper into her hand and bent her fingers over it. "I want you to have that for two reasons. If you ever need me you can send for me or come to me. But I advise you unless it's a very serious business to forget me and my whereabouts. The other reason . . . well, I won't bother you with that. May I kiss you?"

She lifted her face. She was in tears.

She followed him into the small back room, her own bedroom. It startled her to think that he had climbed in at her own little dark window. Now Sandal got himself painfully cut across his sill and Jocelyn watched him climb down the fire escape, swiftly and quietly in spite of his pain and his twisted body.

Jocelyn shut the window, went back to the lighted front room.

This was her father, she thought. One day Felix offered to take her to his office.

"Oh, Felix will you? I'd love to see your office. I've never been inside an American office. Will you show me everything? Will you explain everything?"

In Kent's inner sanctuary she was introduced to Miss Rebecca Deal, a little ruddy sturdy woman with bright eyeglasses and a wide mouth.

Jocelyn was amused by this new manifestation of womanhood. When Felix left to interview someone in the outer office she sat down in his revolving chair before his great neat handsome desk and looking at Miss Deal with all her eager eyes began to question her:

"You work here with him every day?"

"Half the time he's off. Miss Harlowe, in Chicago or the Southwest. He's interested, as of course you know, in all these mines."

"It seems so queer to me," said Jocelyn with her slow wistful smile, "that all this side of his life just means nothing to me. How much better you know him than I do!"

Rebecca blushed and laughed.

"I wish I were as clever as you are and had your experience. I would so love . . ."

Here Felix entered and the girl came toward him, speaking earnestly. A new Jocelyn seemed to meet him at every turn he made.

"Felix, can't I learn how to do these things for you? I mean, if Miss Deal could teach me, I'd love to work with you, to understand."

"You shall know whatever you want to know, sweetheart."

In the limousine, on their way to lunch, Felix spoke tenderly:

"I do want you to be in my confidence but I never thought you'd be interested in this sort of thing."

"But this sort of thing is just part of all I must know, Felix. I have been so put away and shut up . . . like one of these unlucky princesses in towers. It is horrid to be a medieval infant in a world of grown-up moderns. I must know. I must

learn. If I had friends here who could teach me . . . young people . . ." Felix controlled a wincing motion, "but without them how shall I ever learn unless you will teach me? Do you think I could take a business course, perhaps, after we are married?"

"You may take any course you like, beloved. But you mustn't hate your beautiful innocence. It is just because you are so exquisitely different that I love you."

In her own room, she sat down on her bed and thought. After a while she pulled out a big leather valise from her closet and rummaged there. She dressed herself in a pleated short plaid skirt, a black tight jersey, long-sleeved, high in the throat, a little jacket and in a big old tam-o'-shanter.

Before she put this on her head she ran her fingers back and forth through her sleeked thick hair until it was the wild unruly mop of a goliwog. She went to her mother's room and examined the likeness she had so achieved: a girl with a slim high-colored face, a firm rich mouth, a pair of tilted gleaming eyes: a girl with a swagger that was made charming by its lines of race and breeding.

"Oh, Lynda Sandal," said Jocelyn "I am going to like you. Maybe it will be wonderful!"

Tere, in the little bedroom, its door locked, coiling a trunk rope around her arm she switched off her light and swung her leg across the window sill.

She drove to the address her father had given her. She got out, paid the driver and climbed up the dirty steps of an old-fashioned brownstone building on a street which must once have been lined with sober dwellings. A Japanese boy answered her ring.

"Does a Mr. Sandal live here?"

"Yes'm. T'ree flight up."

Jocelyn paused before she took the last few steps of her ascent of the three flights of stairs.

Across the room Nick Sandal crouched on a battered sofa against the wall. He was twisted up painfully among some tattered cushions and smoked a pipe with deep eager sucking noises, cuddling its bowl in one of his swollen and disorted hands. His bright eyes watched a group of four men playing cards at a table.

She came rapidly up the last few steps and stood in the doorway.

Nick Sandal, brushing away the smoke of his pipe, made a queer gasping exclamation, then put up his hand as though to prevent an insult and struggled to his feet.

"Boys, this is my daughter," he cried out sharply.

There was a strained silence in the room.

It was Jocelyn herself who broke the silence.

"Go on with your game, please," she said. "I came to talk to my father."

The men obeyed with alacrity. They returned to their cards and to their smoking, ignoring Nick and his visitor. But one of them, with a wink and a twist of his whole face, got up and shut the door.

Jocelyn sat down beside the cripple on his battered lounge and put her hand uncertainly upon his free one. He took it up as though it had been something more perishable than his own and peered up into her face. They spoke in low voices, trying to create for themselves an illusion of privacy.

"I wanted to see you, Father. I got out the way you showed me. Mother doesn't know I'm here."

"Nothing wrong then?"

"No. I felt that I must see you. There's something in me that belongs to you. And I am really very lonely."

"Lonely? With a fiance and a mother and a crowd of friends?"

"Felix is still a stranger. I have no friends."

Nick put his arms roughly about her.

"All right, Lynda. I'll be your friend. I don't mind loving you. I'm not the most creditable parent in the world. And I don't want to get you into trouble with your future husband and with the reputable side of the house."

"I'll never let them know."

"I say, Lynda, take it easy. Let's talk it over sort of quietly. That's better," as she let her body relax against the seat. "I'll tell you frankly. I have no feeling of obligation toward your mother or your young

man. I like you. I like your running off by way of the fire escape to visit me. It's the way I began, running away nights by a back window. But I don't want to hurt your life or spoil your chances any. What do you want?"

"I want," said Jocelyn speaking low and rapidly, "I want to know what life looks like when it comes round from behind and you can see its face. I want to know people, all kinds of people, different sorts of people. I want to know how good it is to be bad, and how bad it may be to be good. I want adventure, risks, dangers; I want—"

"You want too much. You're only a girl and what's worse, you're a young lady! I laugh that off if you can, Miss Jocelyn Harlowe."

She put her hand across his lips.

"Hush! Not here. Here I'm Lynda Sandal."

At that Nick pulled down her hand, threw back his head and laughed with a great painful yelling of delight.

"You win. And I surrender, Lynda Sandal. I hereby take you as my child for better or for worse and promise to show you all the reality and the adventure I can decently supply. And if this madness be the death of Jocelyn Harlowe I do hereby promise to aid, succor and support Miss Lynda Sandal to the best of my very poor ability. "In order to seal our compact and to show my sincerity," he stood up, lifted his hand in a great gesture and raised his voice, "Lynda, I want you to meet some of my friends."

At the changed timbre of his voice, the four card players turned.

"Boys, I want to present to you my daughter, Miss Lynda Sandal. Mr. James Drury, Mr. Saul Morrison and Mr. Gustave Lowe. Jock Ayleward, my protegee and my protector."

Jock rose and bowed. The other men sat where they were and shook Lynda's hand with cordiality, staring and grinning hard grins up into her face, Jock Ayleward did not stare. He looked at her once keenly and looked away.

"Don't stop playing. May I watch the game?"

"We're quitting, Miss Sandal. So long, Old Nick. See you later at the hunting grounds, Ayleward!"

They went, slipping into tight neat coats, slapping on their hats at rakish angles, smiling at Lynda last with probing looks.

"What is the hunting grounds?"

"A gambling place."

"Is that how you make your living, Father?"

He held out his crippled hands with a gesture and a look which clearly meant, "How could I? No. Jock Ayleward, who is like a son to me, does all of that," he told her.

After a long and troubled silence she asked him "When may I come again to see you?"

"Whenever you please, my dear, or can make it convenient. I am nearly always at home. Most of the

time on this old sofa. Everyday I find it harder to get about."

"Oh, Father, can't something be done?"

He shook his head.

"Jock has done what he could for me. He takes care of me now, you must know. It's fair enough. There was a time when I took care of him."

"He loves you, Father. I can see that when he smiles."

"He's not a bad scout but don't get romantic about him, Lynda. He's not the man your Felix is, for instance. He has a poor outlook in life and a character which might be called unstable."

"He's loyal to you."

"U-hum."

"There's a sort of stability in that."

"U-hum. Emotionally I should say he was a sort of bulldog. But that's because, perhaps, he's not been coddled any by life. He knows the value of the few people that care for him."

"Who else beside you, Father?"

The bright-eyed cripple laughed in a low and taunting key. "About a dozen women, roughly speaking."

(Continued Next Week.)

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, being the 12th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. L. Diltz, cahier.

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Statement of Condition of
**FARMERS STATE BANK
IN MERKEL**
At close of Business Dec. 31, 1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$123,223.63
Overdrafts	184.78
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash and Exchange	\$23,409.86
Bills of Exchange	13,670.74
U. S. Bonds & Warrants	12,000.00
Available Cash	49,080.60
Total	\$194,989.01

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	10,060.92
Bills Payable	28,598.29
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	116,329.80
Total	\$194,989.01

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

Capital \$40,000.00
Paid-in Surplus \$10,000.00

OFFICERS

C. M. Largent, President Dave Hendricks, v-president.
J. S. Swann, v-president. W. L. Diltz, Jr., cashier.

DIRECTORS

C. M. Largent, Dave Hendricks, J. S. Swann, Max Mellinger,
W. L. Diltz, Jr.,



Poor Home-Lighting Will Affect Your Boy's School Standing

THE kind of home-work your boy is able to do is, to a certain extent, governed by the efficiency of your home-lighting—and largely determines his progress in school. Are you giving him the benefit of the good light he needs? If not, his education will suffer.

If he finds concentration difficult . . . if he becomes drowsy quickly . . . if he complains of headaches, or if his eyes become bloodshot easily—it is entirely possible that poor lighting is the cause.

Lamps must be of sufficient wattage to give plenty of light, and fixtures must be so arranged as to produce no glare—either direct or indirect. Check your lamps and your lighting arrangements. . . . Are you giving your boy a fair chance?

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EXPERT ADVICE ON ADVERTISING.

Harvard and Northwestern Universities, after devoting considerable study to the amount of advertising certain lines of business should carry, in a report say: "It is no longer a theory to be proved, but an established fact that gross sales will increase directly with an increase in advertising, psychological attitude of the buying public to the contrary notwithstanding. If the merchant wants more business, he should use advertising as a horse and not as a cart, he must advertise first and count his percentage afterwards."
"Some merchants have preconceived ideas as to the unusual nature of their business, and interpose the objection that an average does not apply to their case, but these averages are taken from thousands of retail stores over the United States, from which figures are available, and there are no special cases that might affect the average. Furthermore, the stores that approach this ideal are the successful ones."
Their figures given on the percentage to the gross annual business as given out is as follows: grocery stores 1; general stores, 1; haberdashers, 3.3; women's wear shops, 3.1; furniture, 6.1; general merchandise, 1.5; drug stores, 1; department stores 1.9 to 3.1; cleaning and dyeing, 3.3; electric shops, 2.7; hardware, 1; jewelry, 3.1; meat markets, 1; florists, 5; millinery, 2.2; music stores, 3.3; restaurants, 3.1; specialty stores, 3.8.

When you come to select your next county tax collector, I will appreciate it if you will give me and my work careful consideration. If re-elected, I promise to the taxpayer the same devotion to duty and the same business-like conduct of the office as in the past. Thanking you for your many past favors, and assuring you that I will appreciate your support this year, I remain
Respectfully,
EARL HUGHES.

Men of Texas Synod to Meet at Dallas Feb. 10

Presbyterian men of the Texas synod will gather in sixth annual convention at Dallas on Feb. 10. The place is to be the City Temple, "oldest Presbyterian church in Dallas," of which Dr. Floyd Poe is pastor.
Hon. W. W. Hair of Abilene is one of the speakers on program and M. M. Morelock of Haynesville, La., will preside.
It is not known at this early date whether any from Merkel will attend this meeting, but the program is very inviting with several prominent speakers listed.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 7.—Short receipts of cattle, a fairly active demand and fully steady prices for most classes were features of Wednesday's trade at Fort Worth. Occasional sales of slaughter steers and yearlings depicted strength, but low cutter cows, although scarce, were neglected at weak to lower figures. Otherwise, firm values were maintained in all divisions of the market. Cattle sales of slaughter steers were reported from \$5.00 to \$5.20, including one load on order account at the latter price. Several loads of plain fed steers brought \$4.75 and \$5. A part load of good medium weights brought \$6.75 and two loads sold at \$6.25. Good fat cows found an outlet around \$3.25 to \$3.50 and carlot sales of butcher grades were reported at \$2.75 and \$2.85. Desirable mixed stock calves brought \$4.75 and two loads of very good stock cows changed hands at \$3.65 and \$3.75. Packers bought slaughter calves mostly at steady rates, paying \$7.75 to \$5.25 for good grades. Salesmen collected steady to strong prices on truck hogs, but trade in the rail ton remained untested. Best truck hogs topped at \$4.80 and bulk of the other grades averages of 180 to 250 lbs sold from \$4.75 to \$4.80. Fat hogs were wanted at prices strong to higher. Woolled fat lambs sold for \$5 to \$5.50.

Cattle Shipments.

On Dec. 31, the last day of the old year, Fred Baker shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth and on Wednesday night of this week Col. Brothers loaded a car of calves, destined for Fort Worth.
Arriving on Dec. 28 were twelve loads of cattle shipped from Rankin G. C. Allison for pasturage on west land of Pines Horton north of Wn.

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Hooks, Texas.

FOR SALE—A Fedelco electric washing machine, or will trade for a radio. Mrs. Charles Higgins.

One hundred peach trees, two to three feet high, Elbertas, Indian Cling, Mammie Ross, Early Wheeler, Heath Clamie and many others, only \$7.50.

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Several tons maize; will sell any amount.

2500 bundles feed in nice shape. Good wagon to trade for killing hog, or what have you?

Nice farm to rent to party who can run self.

Eight repossessed used cars for sale or trade; at sacrifice prices. See them at old Maverick Garage, next to Chicken Hatchery.

If you have something to trade or want to buy something see me.

BURL SCOTT
Phone 54.

Elberta Peach Trees, six to nine feet high, the kind that sell for One Dollar or more each everywhere, as long as they last only Three Dollars per dozen. No less than one dozen sold at these prices.

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Hooks, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good Red Seed Oats, 25 cents per bushel; good late cane, 2c. See R. E. Wells.

FOR SALE—Two almost new McCormick-Deering double row cultivators; also several sets of harness; for rent—one side of A. H. Thornton building. See me or Mr. Darsey. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

WANTED

PAJAMAS AND HOUSE DRESSES, 50 cents; children's dresses, 35 cents; remodelling a specialty. Mrs. Joe Bailey Toomb.

WANTED—A few more butter and buttermilk customers. Leave orders at Merkel Mail office. Clarence B. Williams, Merkel, Route 1.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two south rooms, well furnished, also hall out off with curtain, and closet. Mrs. T. J. Toombs. Phone 34.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—Black Essex sow pig, weighs about 100 pounds; swallow fork cut in right ear and underbit in left. Notify O. J. Fikes, Route 4.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
No. 1973 in the matter of the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased in the county court of Taylor county, Texas.

Notice to the creditors of the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased:

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration de bonis non with the will annexed upon the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1931, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence is Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Phillip A. Diltz,
Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)
For County Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Hughes Announces For Re-Election As County Tax Collector

To the Voters of Taylor County:
In announcing for re-election to the office of tax collector of this county, I desire to thank the people for their votes and for their many kindnesses to me in the past. I have tried my best to give them efficient service in a courteous manner. I have tried to play no favorites, but to treat everybody alike—with as much courtesy and consideration as humanly possible. It has always been my belief that a public office is a public trust, and that I owed it to them to give them the best service of which I was capable.

By reason of my experience in this office, I feel better qualified than ever before to render service. It isn't an office anybody and everybody can handle with the proper degree of service, or with the best protection of the people's interests. It calls for a high degree of skill, skill than can come only with experience and practice.

When you come to select your next county tax collector, I will appreciate it if you will give me and my work careful consideration. If re-elected, I promise to the taxpayer the same devotion to duty and the same business-like conduct of the office as in the past. Thanking you for your many past favors, and assuring you that I will appreciate your support this year, I remain
Respectfully,
EARL HUGHES.

Charles Farrell Tells Of Tensest Moment

On the Fox studio lot during the picturization of "Heartbreak" the picture starring Charles Farrell and Madge Evans which the Paramount in Abilene will show to its patrons beginning next Sunday some one of the newspapermen who had come on the set in search of food for the ever hungry press, asked Farrell what, in his opinion, was the most intense scene he had ever played on the screen.

"Well," he answered, "if I tell you the truth, and it appears in the paper, everybody will shrug it off as a transparent piece of publicity for this picture I'm making now. Nothing is so unpleasent as to tell the truth and get no credit for it but here goes. The most dramatic scene I ever played through in a film is the one I've just finished going over now. And that is the part right near the end where I meet Miss Evans after our long separation caused by the death of her brother which my ignorance has brought about. Let me say, boys and girls, that scene has a grip, and I've been through some tense ones as you know."

"I thought acting was a matter of craftsmanship," said one scribe. "You don't mean to say that you actually feel these things do you, Mr. Farrell?"

"Some actors can act that mechanical way," he replied, "but I never could. When I say I can feel that scene yet I mean it."
Alfred Werker directed this picture in which Hardie Albright, Paul Cavanaugh and John Arledge have the added featured roles.

Presbyterian Pastor Head of Pastors Ass'n

At the first meeting of the New Year, held Monday morning at the Methodist church, Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor, was elected president of the Merkel Pastors association and Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, was elected secretary. Rev. J. T. King, Baptist pastor, and Rev. R. A. Walker have been president and secretary, respectively, for the past year.

It is planned to hold meetings of the association twice each month during the coming year.

Thomas Heads Group On Texas Centennial

Austin, Jan. 7.—Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas was elected president of legislative committee for Texas Centennial Celebration at the first meeting held here Monday.

A committee was designated to draft resolutions declaring in favor of celebration in 1936, passage of amendment that will permit the state to participate and declaring the question of location shall be left until a later time.

Man Guillotined.
Paris, Jan. 7.—Although eleven of the twelve jurors who condemned him to death on the guillotine were eager to sign a petition that he be granted clemency, George Gauchet was executed at dawn Saturday for the murder of an aged jeweler.

Merkel Girl Elected To School Position

Miss Nell Swann has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Merkel Public schools, caused by the resignation of Miss Alzada Pogue, and will have charge of the second grade pupils.

Miss Pogue has been in ill health for several months and decided to tender her resignation. For the time she has served in the Grammar school, she has been one of the most efficient teachers in the system and her resignation was received with regret by the school board at the monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Miss Nell Swann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, estimable and pioneer residents of Merkel, holds a B. A. degree from Simmons and taught last year in the Meridian schools.

She has been in Galveston the past few days visiting her brother and his wife, but was expected to return to Merkel Thursday.

Fire Extinguishers Quickly Route Blaze

The department was called to the Woodrum hotel at 2:45 Thursday afternoon and by the use of fire extinguishers routed a stubborn fire in books and rolls of wall paper in the top shelves over the telephone booth in an ante-room of the hotel lobby. Smoke was first seen coming from the house by a group of men at the Continental filling station across the street and Frank McFarland notified those in the hotel, assisting in trying to find where the smoke was coming from.

City Fire Marshal W. L. Burns was not ready to say just what could have caused the fire, but thinks it was probably due to a shorted wire in between the ceiling of the first story and the flooring above.

Damage was only slight, being confined mostly to books and other articles stored on the shelves in the small room.

Planning Program for WTCC 1932 Convention

Sweetwater, Jan. 7.—Preliminary plans for the 1932 convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Sweetwater will be made at a meeting here Jan. 11th of directors of the organization.

The session, called by Houston Harte, San Angelo, president, will draw directors from many of the member towns in Texas, New Mexico and Mexico.

Dats for the annual event will probably be adopted at the meeting and other details for staging "Texas' biggest show" will be worked out.

The visiting directors will be guests of the Sweetwater board of development at a luncheon on the day of the meeting.

Sixteen Ex-Service Men Enjoy New Year's Feed

Ex-service men of Merkel and this section enjoyed another banquet on Thursday night of last week, welcoming in the New Year before adjourning. The celebration was held at Mack's cafe and the list of those present, as reported by J. L. Speck, in charge of publicity in local ex-service matters, included: Dr. W. M. Gambill, O. C. Shouse, Homer Tye, Mack Fowler, L. J. Renro, J. L. Speck, Dent Gibson, A. D. Fulton, A. A. McGehee, A. E. Sharp, O. R. Burns, John Leonard, F. A. London, Clyde Foster, Jake Massey and Eudell Jolly.

Entertainment was furnished by a stringed orchestra consisting of O. R. Burns, Dr. W. M. Gambill, Mack Fowler, Clarence Perry, Juggy John Leonard and Homer Tye.

The Merkel ex-service men's stringed orchestra will furnish music for the regular monthly meeting of Parramore Post Legionnaires, scheduled to be held at the Abilene city hall Friday night.

Tide Favors Railroads.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The tide turned in favor of the railroads with the New Year, the Railway Age said in its annual review. It offered a prophecy that Jan. 1, 1932, would long be recognized as the critical point at which the earning capacity of the railways ceased to decline and began to increase.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 33.

Two Merkel Men on 42nd Grand Jury

Two Merkel men, W. B. Petty and H. C. West, are on the grand jury empaneled by Judge M. S. Long of the 42nd district court Monday. M. G. Scott of Trent is foreman of the grand jury. Other members are: John Harrison, Ovalo; Leon Copeland, Lawn; Elmo Jones, Tuscola; Dee Jones, Bradshaw; W. I. Hughes, Omar Radford; S. M. Jay, Jay Musser, Abilene; Walter Hammonds, Tye.

Judge Long charged members of the grand jury with special investigation of recent burglaries, of violations of the liquor laws, of laws governing the disposal of mortgaged property and of one murder and one assault with intent to murder. In concluding, he asked the grand jury to follow the investigation concerning a bank that closed last summer, "which another grand jury investigated, without completing their investigations."

Merkel Hardware Men Enter Bankruptcy Plea

Petition for judgment in bankruptcy was entered in the United States district court at Abilene Monday by Frank E. Smith, attorney for the Liberty Hardware company of Merkel, and for three individuals operating the firm.

Those signing the petition, involving both the firm and the individuals, were Henry Roberts Hicks, Ben Tyre Sackett and Albert Robert Knox Hicks.

Liabilities are listed at \$19,523.37, and assets at \$45,630. Exemption is claimed on property valued at \$17,026.

Letter of Appreciation From Elmer Landreth

After returning to his home at Wheeler from Merkel, where he preached at the Methodist church on Sunday, December 27, and where he visited with relatives and old friends, Rev. E. D. Landreth wrote the following much appreciated letter to Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the local Methodist church:

"Since I am back home and at my task, inspired by the memory of the recent visit to your church and the beautiful spirit manifested toward me by you, together with the congregation, may I take this method of further expressing my appreciation to you and to them for the honor done me. I trust that I am a better man and more thoroughly appreciate my responsibility to God and to my friends after this experience. You have manifested a great spirit, and may the Lord bless you for it.
"Sincerely and gratefully,
"E. D. Landreth."

Hearst Boosts Garner

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of Mr. Wilson's political blind alley. "DISCIPLES OF WILSON."
"The democratic candidates—Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Smith and Mr. Young—all are good men in their way, but all internationalists—all like Mr. Hoover, disciples of Woodrow Wilson, inheriting and fatuously following his visionary policies of intermeddling in European conflicts and complications.
"John Gagner, speaker of the house of representatives, a position universally pronounced next to importance to the presidency, is a loyal American citizen, a plain man of the plain people, a sound and sincere democrat; in fact, another Camp Clark."

Chevrolet Wins First Place in Auto Show

When the doors open Saturday to the National Automobile show in Grand Central palace, New York, Chevrolet will occupy the position of honor on the show floor for the fifth consecutive year.

Each year the National Automobile chamber of commerce awards first place at the national shows to the member company which has done the largest dollar volume of business in the previous 12 months.

The award is much coveted in the industry, because in addition to the distinction it conveys it also carries with it the right to first choice of exhibition space at the national shows in New York and Chicago.

Chevrolet first achieved the position of honor in 1928. Since then the company has consistently maintained its leadership.

Texas Lynch Slate Clear, Sets Record

Dallas, Jan. 7.—For the second time since 1882, when records of mob actions were started in the state, Texas in 1931 passed a year without the loss of life through mob vengeance.

However, the year was not without mob threats, and several times rangers and extra officers were called out to guard prisoners against the fury of the mob.

The only other year in which no lynchings occurred was 1925. Three persons lost their lives at the hands of mobs in 1930.

County's Jail Is Empty.

Perry, Okla., Jan. 7.—For the first time in Sheriff H. H. Isham's memory, the Noble county jail is "plumb empty." Sheriff Isham credits a big woodpile in the jailyard for the absence of vagrants.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.



"Nerves"

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

Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.
When you're nervous, take Dr. Miles' Nerveine. It's the prescription of a successful Nerve Specialist, put up in convenient form.
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MR. AND MRS. LEN SUBLETT ENTERTAIN.

On two evenings last week Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett entertained with parties of progressive "42". The party Friday evening was more or less a family affair. Games were played and refreshments served to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter, B. T. Sublett, W. J. Hayes, Robert Hicks, Henry Frazier, Mrs. Coleman of Lubbock, Misses Wanda Hunter, Imogene Hayes, Jeanette Hayes and Joyce Hayes, Messrs. Marvin Hunter, Jack, Ben and Jim Sublett, Ralph and D. C. Hayes and Ben Robert Hicks.

On Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett most graciously entertained with a "42" party.

The house was beautifully decorated with pink rosebuds, which made a pretty setting for five tables of progressive "42."

Mrs. Sublett, assisted by Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., and Wanda Hunter, served a delicious plate of sandwiches, olives, salad and hot chocolate to the following guests: Messrs. and Madames B. Irvin, Herbert Patterson, Frank Golladay, Roger A. Burgess, Bishop Hunter, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Velma Shelton, Mrs. Coleman of Lubbock, Misses Imogene Hayes, Wanda Hunter, Mary Faye Johnson, Messrs. Alvice Yeats, Marvin Hunter and Truett Patterson and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett.

NEW YEAR PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague welcomed the New Year in with a bridge party at their home on Oak street, nuts and candy being served during the progression of the games. At a late hour a covered dish luncheon was served banquet style to Messrs. and Madames Tom Allday, J. S. Bourn, Cyrus Pee, W. L. Johnson, Kenneth Pee, Misses Rosie Laney, Anna Lou Russell, Julia Martin, Messrs. Floyd Davis, Howard Laney, Herbert Dennis and Hayden Pycatt of Abilene, Mrs. Juanita Dowell and Mrs. Lerah Hutcheson and the host and hostess.

J. W. Mansfield, Jr.

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King, the pastor of the church, conducted the services. Active pall bearers, selected from the Sophomore class, of which J. W. was a member, were: Jack Patterson, Gordon Murray, Lynn Shelton, Kenneth Cribble, James H. West, Jr., and Milton Shannon; honorary, Harold Reese, Howard Carson, Cullen Tittle, Jimmie Patterson, Jack West and J. R. Lassiter.

Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery where a mass of beautiful floral designs literally covered the mound and lot space.

As a mark of respect, the local office of the West Texas Utilities company was closed all day Friday and the stores and business houses downtown closed during the hour of the funeral.

Besides the bereaved parents, young Mansfield is survived by a brother, Elbert Vernon, age 11, and a sister, Carrie Bell, age 14. The family moved here from Ovalo about five years ago, J. W. having been born in Hill county.

Relatives of the family, who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jarman, parents, of Mrs. Mansfield, and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jarman and little daughter, Billie Jean, a brother of Mrs. Mansfield, all of Slaton; Mrs. N. H. Wilson, an aunt of Mr. Mansfield, from Ovalo, and Miss Dale Spracklen of Weatherford, who is his niece. Others from out of town were: R. B. Comer and K. K. Francis of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Dillingham of Munday, Mrs. Jim White and son, J. D., of Ovalo and Mrs. Rex Reddell and daughter, Helen Faye, of Anson.

CARD OF THANKS.

Words fail us in trying to express our appreciation for the tender evidences of kindness and sympathy extended us by so many friends during the sad and trying hours surrounding the death of our dear boy and brother. We are indeed grateful to everyone and want especially to express our thanks for the beautiful flowers that made so tenderly memorable his last resting place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield and Children.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our dear friends, who were so good and kind to us through the sickness and death of our dear husband, father, son and brother, Toller Walker.

Mrs. Maggie Walker and Children.
Mrs. Ella Walker and Children.

CHURCHES

Boys' Winners Class Select New Officers

The Presbyterian Sunday School class of boys from fourteen to eighteen years of age elected new officers last Sunday. The class has been named "The Winners Class" and has adopted the motto of "Bound To Win". The class has been organized for a little over a year with Mr. Chas. H. Jones for its teacher.

Gordon Murray was elected president of the class, James West, Jr., secretary and treasurer. Overton Patterson, Bob Rice and Cephas Wozencraft were appointed members of the attendance committee. Jack West, Jim Patterson and Grissum Dowell were appointed members of the social committee.

The class is having a membership campaign and invites boys from fourteen to eighteen years of age to come next Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Good attendance the first Sunday of the New Year. A little effort on the part of those not in the habit of attending Sunday School and church and soon the habit will be established.

No preaching services Sunday, as pastor will be at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our first quarterly conference will be held following a banquet at the church Friday at 7:30 p. m.

The monthly stewards meeting will be at 7 p. m.—just before the conference.

The pastor has several to thank for kindness in remembering him with fresh meat of late. The slogan, "Say it with Flowers," has been changed to "Say it with a Roast." Mrs. Bacus, Clark Church, Lee Cox and others.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Union Epworth league group meets at First Church, Abilene, Thursday night. As usual, our leaguers will go determined to bring back the banner.

Regular services Sunday, pastor speaking at morning and evening hours.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic: "The Power of Jesus." Leader, Gwendolyn Vickers.

"Weeds and Our Dependence," leader.

"We are Invited to Consider," Jim Patterson.

"Adequate for the Usual," Orpah Patterson.

"Power to Differ," Ouida Mae Hulsey.

FUNDAMENTALIST MEETING.

Fundamentalist Baptist meeting next door to Carson grocery, conducted by Waymire and Dowell, from Abilene, Texas. Come, hear the old-time, John-the-Baptist, heaven-sent, spirit-filled, mourners'-bench gospel. Every night at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

We enjoyed a good service last Sunday in spite of the weather. To those who did not come, let's make a new start next Sunday and do our best to attend Sunday School and church more this New Year.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Worship 10:45 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Training services 6:15 p. m. Ladies' class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The First Sunday of 1932 witnessed 733 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel, an increase of 71 over the previous Sunday. For the corresponding Sunday, a year ago, the first Sunday in 1931, the attendance was only 569, due to a bad spell of weather.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

A special song service with quartette numbers will feature the first part of the program for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Herbert Patterson will have charge of the scripture reading and Charles H. Jones is to be the leader. The lesson will be the 27th chapter of Acts.

Workers Conference To Meet Here Jan. 14

The January meeting of the Workers Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association is to be held at the First Baptist church here on Thursday, Jan. 14. The program in full follows:

10 a. m.—Devotional, C. W. Clark.

10:30 a. m.—"Bible Doctrine of Giving," R. M. Cookson.

11 a. m.—Reports of Every Member Canvass, led by Henry Weldon.

11:30 a. m.—Address by Henry Littleton.

Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Board meetings, Associational and W. M. U.

2:30 p. m.—Associational Training School Week, Walter Jackson.

Benediction.

The next meeting will be held at Ovalo, Feb. 11.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The large attendance at all the services last Sunday and the special music was an inspiration to all. Let's make next Sunday a better day.

Pastor's subject for Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "God's Inventory of the Family Circle." Unless God shall definitely change "my impression," Sunday night my subject will be "What's the Matter with Merkel?" Come and face the facts.

Sunday School 9:45 and we urge all church members to be present. B. T. S. meets at 6 p. m. You have a cordial invitation to attend all our services.

J. T. King, Pastor.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Group No. 1, Joe Earl Lassiter, group captain.

Subject: "Lost Without Christ."

"The Word Lost," Joe Earl Lassiter.

"Who is Lost?" Annie Lee Owen.

"God's Plan for Saving the Lost," Thelma Mathews.

"What the Lost Must Do to be Saved?" Frances Tarlton.

"What Saved People Want to Do," J. R. Lassiter.

"Unite with the Church," L. V. Moore.

"Bear Fruit for Jesus," Coehne Morrison.

A welcome to all Intermediates and visitors at 6 p. m. Sunday.

Four of every five automobiles being sold in Spain are from America.

Personal Mention

Miss Naomi Grayson is visiting her sister, Mr. Earnest Hill, in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Angus of Fort Worth were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson and Miss Lena Webb spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Webb's parents at Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox and family have just returned from Wichita Falls and Amarillo where they visited relatives.

After spending a week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey, Mrs. Wade Darsey returned Friday to San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Balch and children of Abilene were Saturday guests of Mayor and Mrs. Wm. M. Elliott. Mr. Balch is a cousin of the Merkel mayor.

Mrs. J. T. Keifer and little daughter, Betty Jage, and Ocie Burns visited their sister, Mrs. R. C. Hampton, last week at Hico where a family reunion was held.

Mrs. Sidney Foy returned to Baird Sunday after spending several days with her parents here. She had as her guest last week-end Miss Ethlyn Clark of Abilene.

St. Sgt. Frank H. Mathews and wife of College Station visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, during the holidays. He is an instructor at A. & M. college.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell returned Sunday to Amarillo, where she is teaching in the public schools, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs of Roswell, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones and son and daughter of the Goodman community were Sunday afternoon visitors in the M. L. Douglas home at Union Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Limmer and children of Odessa were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes during the holidays. Mr. Limmer, who is superintendent of the Odessa schools, is a nephew of Mr. Haynes.

Miss Avis Weir of Georgetown and Miss Mary Hall of Austin, teachers in the school at Wink, Texas, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes en route back to their school after a holiday visit to home folks.

Miss Martha Jo Sears of White-wright, who accompanied her cousins, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears, home for a visit after Christmas, has returned to resume her studies at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton.

Morris Horton, who has been in California for the past three months, returned to Merkel Wednesday, accompanied by Byron Walton, another Merkel boy. They made the trip from

Sacramento here in 54 hours, leaving the California city at noon Monday and arriving in Merkel at 6 Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kile and daughters, Misses Ida Mae and Franky, and son, Robby Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kile and little son, all of Hardesty, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fletcher and three sons, of Perryton, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Keifer during the holidays. Mrs. Kile is Mrs. Keifer's sister.

After having been dragged from her burning room upstairs by a neighbor, Mrs. Jennie Lain Ball, 69, of Cleburne died from burns sustained which were so severe doctors could not save her life.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Canon in Race for County Commissioner

A. J. Canon let it be known Wednesday that he is in the race for county commissioner of Precinct No. 2 and states that he will make formal announcement at an early date.

Mr. Canon came to this section of the country 33 years ago and has lived in Merkel 9 years. For the past 8 years he has been engaged in the gin business. He has never asked for public office before, but will appreciate the careful consideration of the voters of this precinct in the summer primary.

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- BEANS, green stringless, No. 2 size 10c
- MUSTARD, quart jar 16c
- PICKLES, sour, mixed, quart jar 15c
- SPINACH, No. 2 size, 2 for 23c
- OATS, Instant Cooker, large package 18c
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