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BOARD EXTENDS TAX RELIEF FOR SIXTY MORE DAYS

Ten Per Cent Penalty for Back School Taxes as Well as for 1931 Remitted, If Paid Before April 1, 1932.

At a meeting of the Merkel School board on Tuesday evening, it was decided to extend the time of payment of school taxes without penalty for another sixty days, that is until April 1, 1932. This will apply to all back school taxes as well as for 1931 taxes. Interest, however, at the legal rate of six per cent will be charged from date taxes became delinquent, the ten per cent penalty alone being remitted. By law a ten per cent penalty is added the day the taxes become delinquent.

If a man paid his 1931 taxes of \$100 on February 1st, he would have to pay \$110. If he waited a month, he would pay this \$110 plus the interest on this \$110 for one month at 6 per cent which would make a total of \$116.55. Under the extension granted by the board, a man could pay this same \$100 of 1931 taxes on March 1st for a total of \$100.50, the fifty cents being the interest on the \$100 for thirty days. In this case the tax-payer would be saving \$10.05 by this extension granted by the board.

Tax collections for school purposes have been far beyond expectations. The collector reports that the amount of school taxes collected this year practically doubles the collections for last year. In a check-up Tuesday evening, the board found that they were sure of having enough money to run the Merkel school for nine months this year on a cash basis. The extension of time that they have granted is expected to bring in more collections between now and April 1st so that Merkel will not have to begin her schools next fall in debt, but the board hopes to start off the next term on a cash basis.

ASSESSOR AND CENSUS TAKER.

Carl Black, who did such an efficient job of taking the school census last year, was named by the board to take the census for this year. This school census will be taken during the month of March. It is very important that every child between the ages of six and eighteen be on this census. Watch for Carl Black during the early part of March and see that your child is enumerated.

To assess taxes for the Merkel Independent School district, Thos. Durham was named. The ability of Mr. Durham in work of this kind is well known to the people of Merkel, and the board is expecting that a thorough and efficient job of assessing taxes for the school will be done.

UNIONS ACCEPT A TEN PER CENT CUT IN WAGES

Slash Went into Effect February 1st and Will End in One Year; Lines Promise to Find Jobs for More.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.—The unionized forces on United States railways Sunday accepted a 10 per cent wage reduction for the year beginning Feb. 1, making an unprecedented decision in the expressed hope of stimulating the revival of business.

Negotiations that started Jan. 15 ended Sunday afternoon as the representatives of nearly 2,000,000 rail workers agreed to the proposal of the employers and the representatives of more than 200 railroads promised an earnest and sympathetic effort to maintain and increase employment.

Basic rates remain the same, but a flat 10 per cent will be deducted from each railroad worker's pay check from Monday until Jan. 31, 1933, when the agreement automatically terminates. The railroads expect to save about \$215,000,000, making the reduction apply to unorganized employees, as well as the brotherhood and union men.

It was a momentous occasion, widely heralded as a possible spur to renewed business activity, as the men whose wages are protected by contract capitulated to the arguments of their employers. In addition to the immediate importance as a relief measure to the stricken industry, it marked an entirely new phase in the relationship between railway capital and labor.

For the first time, on a nationwide scale, presidents of railroads and heads of labor organizations sat at a conference table and proceeded amicably and unhurriedly to work out a solution to their problems. At no time during the seventeen days they were in session or were deliberating their next move was there any outward display of animosity between the two groups. There were no threats, no references to strikes, and lawyers were admitted to the conference room only at the final session to help word the articles of agreement.

Little Hershel Leon Jones Dies.

Hershel Leon Jones, little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones, who reside on the Beasley ranch, died Friday of scarlet fever. He was born May 23, 1929, and was not quite three years old. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Stith cemetery, with Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, officiating. Interment was in the Stith cemetery.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 2, 1912.)

C. T. Merston, wife and children left Wednesday for Van Horn. The former is taking a vacation and will spend several days in El Paso, his wife remaining at Van Horn with her sister.

Misses Faye Lowrey, Melissa Smith, Bessie Medlin and Jewell Garrett and their driver, C. C. Franklin, spent a very pleasant day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cranston near Stith Sunday.

Otto Carter of Sweetwater was in Merkel Wednesday looking after business matters and shaking hands.

R. B. Rains and son, Albert, spent Saturday in Abilene.

Miss Genevieve Rust and Dem Rust are at home from school in Dallas.

Roten Cypert is spending this week at Nugent visiting Ernest Owens.

Miss Mattie Murphy visited Abilene friends the latter part of the week.

Will Dunning was in the city from Eskota Monday visiting relatives and friends.

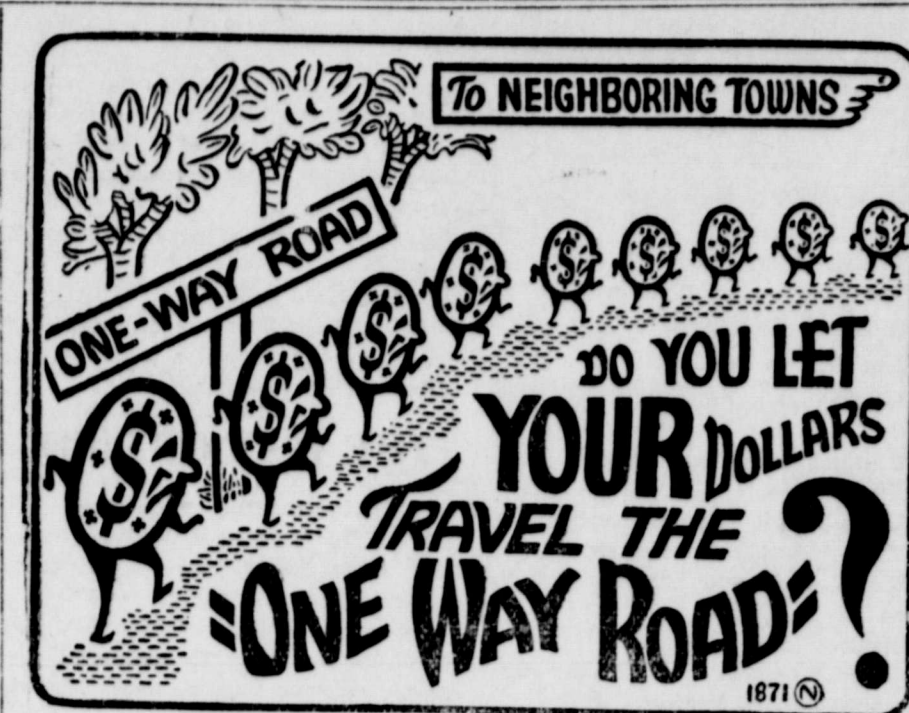
W. A. Cozart, J. D. Hogg, J. A. Collins, S. C. Keith, J. G. Sadler, W. F. Harbulet, Ennis Reidenbach, Judge N. D. Cobb, D. O. Huddleston, R. C.

Young, Rev. J. W. Saffie, S. P. Martin and J. L. McLean were among the tax-payers in Abilene Monday.

The commissioners court, with reluctance, accepted the resignation of Supt. E. V. White, superintendent of Taylor county's public schools. Prof. White has accepted a more lucrative position in the department of education at Austin to which place he will remove at once.

"YE PARTY OF LONG AGO."

Mr. T. J. Evans passed word around that he would entertain the 800 club on Thursday evening after the order of socials in his younger days. The entertainment consisted of none of "Ye New fandangled piano solos" but the old war time fiddle music that made even the savage Indian lay low his sneaking head. Aunt Nan Thompson was heard to exclaim that she felt like putting her crutch away and tripping the light fantastic. After each musical member had performed their part on piano, mandolin, violin and guitar we were served to real old time stories and tales of long ago. Those present were Rev. Cypert and family, Sam Roberts and family, J. N. Routh and family, Mrs. Deck Tyler and little daughter, Ocie Burns and sisters, Misses Pearl and Blanche Rawlings, John Crites and sister, Aunt Nan Thompson, social leader of the 800 club, Miss Winnie Sublett, general manager of the social event, B. J. Rhodes and family.



DEMO CANDIDATE AIRS HIS VIEWS

Roosevelt Opposes League of Nations, Debt Cancellation, Favors Tariff Parley.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York and candidate for the democratic presidential nomination believes:

- (1). The United States should not participate in the League of Nations.
- (2). European debts should not be cancelled.
- (3). An international trade conference should be called to level tariff barriers.

Roosevelt committed his views on these subjects to public consideration at a meeting of the state grange Tuesday night. His pronouncement on the League followed by a few days the challenge of William Randolph Hearst that he announce his views thereon.

As democratic vice-presidential candidate 12 years ago, Roosevelt "worked and spoke in behalf of American participation in a League of Nations."

"For that course I have no apology," he said. "The League of Nations today is not the league conceived by Woodrow Wilson. Rather it is a mere meeting place for the political discussion of strictly European difficulties."

Is Laid to Rest at Slater's Chapel

John Ray McCoy, age 23 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCoy of Divide, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Sweetwater. He had been ill for more than a year but was thought to be improving and death came unexpectedly.

He had been associated with his father in the grocery business at Divide and was a popular and deserving young man.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Slater's chapel, with Rev. Mr. McGlothlin, officiating. Interment was in the Divide cemetery.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Gladys, Mildred and Tommie Ruth McCoy; three uncles, Jasper McCoy of Merkel, Will Pool of Fort Worth and Everett Pool of Divide, and two aunts, Mrs. Tom Lane of Divide and Mrs. Claude Jenkins of Merkel.

Bob Mayfield Injured When Truck Overturns

Bob Mayfield will probably be confined to his bed several days yet from the effects of injuries he received Tuesday morning when the delivery truck of the West company, which he was driving, turned over near the east limit of Sweetwater.

It is thought one of the front wheels locked from some cause, turning the truck over and throwing Bob against the top of the cab. A piece from one of the bows stuck in his thigh, necessitating several stitches when it was removed.

He was going to Sweetwater for a load of feed and continued on his mission after the truck was set upright, and returned to Merkel with the feed.

The cab of the truck was crushed and damaged to a considerable extent, but the motor and running parts suffered no material damage.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oglesby, residing on the Butman ranch, Monday, February 1, 1932.

MELLON ACCEPTS AMBASSADORSHIP

To Leave Cabinet Where He Has Served Under Three Presidents; Mills to Succeed Him.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Mellon of the treasury Wednesday night accepted the ambassadorship to Great Britain.

The acceptance by Secretary Mellon, who has served under three presidents beginning with the Harding administration, was announced by President Hoover.

Mr. Mellon earlier in the day admitted after inquiries that the post had been offered him but he had not made up his mind as to whether he would accept it.

Ogden L. Mills of New York, under secretary of the treasury, is to become secretary when Mr. Mellon departs.

In spite of the critical attitude of some members of the senate, administration leaders and friends of Mellon were confident tonight that his nomination would be confirmed by an overwhelming vote.

Associates of the secretary said the one question in his mind in connection with acceptance concerned his physical ability to take the job. He is nearly 77 years of age, but nevertheless is active and in good health.

He came into the cabinet on March 4, 1921, under appointment of President Harding and has continued in office under three presidents. He has also served longer than any other cabinet officer except Albert Gallatin, who held the office from 1801 to 1813 and James Wilson who headed the agriculture department from 1897 to 1913.

R. M. Redding, Age 92, Dies at Son's Home

Funeral services were held at Rose Hill cemetery at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for R. M. Redding, age 92 years, who died at the home of his son, Pat Redding, at Tahoka. The body was brought overland, arriving here late Wednesday. Services were conducted by Rev. J. T. King, Baptist pastor, assisted by Brother W. G. Cypert.

Mr. Redding lived here up until about eight years ago, having been engaged in farming during his active life. He had of recent years, made his home with his son in Tahoka.

Besides the son at Tahoka, he is survived by two other sons, Bob and Pete Redding of Dallas, and a daughter, Mrs. Bob Jeffries, who resides near Abilene. Pat Redding and his wife accompanied the body from Tahoka and Mrs. Jeffries came over from Abilene to attend the funeral. A number of grandchildren also survive.

Pilot Spends Night Here.

Lt. Lynn Shepard, connected with the Nicholas-Beazley Airplane company of Marshall, Mo., as chief test pilot, landed in Merkel late Tuesday afternoon and spent the night here. He was flying a Barling Sport trainer and his final destination is Mexico City where he expects to make demonstration tests for the Mexican government.

Buys Hardware Stock.

L. P. Walters of Abilene bought the stock, fixtures, notes and accounts of the Liberty Hardware company at receiver's sale Wednesday afternoon, the consideration being reported at \$2,500. Mr. Walters did not disclose his plans at once but he will probably dispose of some of the stock here before moving same to Abilene.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Hugh Green, porter in the office of Governor Ross S. Sterling, was robbed of \$85 by a highjacker on his way from the capital to his home Monday night.

Robert A. Stubbs, 84, who aided Orville and Wilbur Wright in building their first airplane years ago at Kitty Hawk, N. C., died at Dallas Tuesday night.

Raymond S. Mauk, Dallas insurance man, has been appointed state fire insurance commissioner to succeed J. W. DeWeese, the appointment to become effective February 15.

To succeed S. M. Ramsey, who died of heart trouble last December, Clark Wright, 39, El Paso lawyer and farmer, has been appointed secretary of the state board of control.

Ballinger women who knew Melvin Traylor of Chicago when he was a banker there have formed a Traylor-for-President club, the first women's club in the Traylor movement.

Pete McKenzie, convicted slayer of a San Antonio detective and who escaped from the Bexar county jail a week ago, was captured Tuesday at the home of his father at Malden, Mo.

The closed Citizens National bank of Odessa has paid a 15 per cent dividend on its deposits of \$341,500 and George C. Embry, receiver, said another dividend will be declared later.

Military authorities announced Wednesday that the total completions in the East Texas oil field numbered 4,001, the total production Tuesday in the field being 383,351 barrels from 3,814 producing wells.

Robert J. McMillan of San Antonio was sworn in as judge of the federal court for the southern district of Texas, succeeding his former law partner, Judge Duval West, who has reached the retirement age.

The Houston Post-Dispatch, a merger of the Post, then 50 years old and the Dispatch, a relatively new paper, by Gov. Ross S. Sterling in 1927, Monday dropped the last word from its name and will be known hereafter as the Houston Post.

George H. Sheppard of Sweetwater, former mayor of that city and former Nolan county official, who was appointed to the comptroller's office by former Governor Dan Moody and who was elected to the place two years ago, has announced he would seek a second elective term.

JUDGE DENIES ORDER TO PUT LAW IN FORCE

Franklin Court Declares Cotton Acreage Reduction Statute Void; Case to Be Appealed to Higher Court at Waco.

Franklin, Feb. 4.—District Judge W. C. Davis Monday held that the Texas cotton acreage restriction law, passed by the forty-second legislature, is "unconstitutional, null and void." He denied an injunction sought by County Attorney T. L. Tyson of Robertson county to restrain Fred L. Smith of Calvert, farmer, from planting more cotton this year than the law would allow.

In his opinion the jurist declared that enforcement of the law would be "the essence of tyranny and destructive of the fundamental principles of free government, would violate sacred guarantee of our constitution and would make the bill of rights a nullity and a farce."

"The defendant being the owner and lessee of said lands, same being private property and having never been devoted to public use or invested with the public interest, he would be entitled to the rents and revenues therefrom; and it appearing that he could not profitably grow, cultivate and harvest any crop other than cotton on said lands, the enforcement of this statute would be to destroy 70 per cent of the revenues and rents derived from said lands; and there being no provision in said act providing for compensating him for said loss, same would be in direct conflict with Article 1, Section 17, of the constitution of the state of Texas and article 5 of the constitution of the United States."

The law would prohibit the planting of cotton this year more than 30 per cent of the total amount of land in cultivation in 1931.

County Attorney Tyson said he would appeal the judgment immediately to the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals at Waco and it was expected the case would be carried finally to the state supreme court, if necessary, since Attorney General James V. Allred has indicated his willingness to make the present case a test of the law's constitutionality.

Counsel for Smith had admitted that he owned 286 acres of land, and

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ONE MAN'S GUESS.

New York has been so thick with gloom that we have had to carry flash-lights at mid-day. Men talk about "thirty years of bad business" and "the collapse of the capitalistic system" and "the end of the gold standard," etc.

Millions of dollars in cash are hidden in safety deposit vaults. Since all the authorities have proved wrong, and one man's judgment is as good as another's, I venture to publish my little guess as to what is and what is not going to happen.

It has been the record of history that times of great tribulation result in the removal of great abuses.

Said Lincoln in 1864: "At the end of three years' struggle, the nation's condition is not what either party, or any man, devised or expected. God alone can claim it. Whither it is tending seems plain. If God now wills the removal of a great wrong, and wills that we of the North, as well as you of the South, shall pay fairly for our complicity in that wrong, impartial justice will find therein new cause to attest and revere the justice and goodness of God."

If the Civil War had ended quickly it would have settled nothing. It dragged through four weary years, but it abolished slavery.

If the present depression had been easily cured no good would have come of it. It is so bad, so world-wide, that it is compelling the peoples of every nation to realize the two fundamentals which were set forth convincingly in Sir George Paish's book, *The Way to Recovery*.

1. We are compelled to realize that the old-time insular, nationalistic thinking is out of date in a world which has been shrunk to a neighborhood. No nation can prosper unless all nations prosper. Tariffs and reparations and international jealousies are shackles on trade and mean less prosperity for us all.

2. If trade is once freed from these shackles, including the worst, which is international suspicion, the future has possibilities beyond our wildest dreams. The consumptive power of humanity is unlimited. Even in the most advanced nations the standard of living is still low. There are potential markets enough to keep all our resources employed, and to make all of us well to do.

I, therefore, am optimistic, not because this is a minor de-

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.

The Merkel High School library is a very good one and it is continually getting better. About seventy new books have been added to the library this year.

These new books take in every field of literature that will be beneficial to all the students. Some of these different fields are: "Reading From Literature of Ancient Rome;" "Reading from Literature of Ancient Greece;" "Literature Dramatized for Classroom Use;" "One Act Plays;" "Famous Speeches;" "New Texas History" and an abundance of new novels.

One of the ways to acquire an education is to read good books. Everyone read our new books!

CHAPEL PROGRAM.

Miss Winnie Lu Compere and James and William Couch entertained at chapel Tuesday morning. The Couch brothers played the xylophone and Miss Compere the piano.

The program was as follows: "One More Chance," "Faded Summer Love," "Running Rain," "Whistling in the Dark," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Love Letters in the Sand," "Song of the Islands," "If I Could Be With You," "Goodnight Sweetheart," "Kiss Me Goodnight" and "Bye-Bye, Blues."

The student body enjoyed the program very much. We would be very glad to have these musicians play for us again.

T. A. C. CLUB.

Paul Collins.

I know that no student in M. H. S. knows this strange name. In case you do not know this strange creature, it would be a good idea for you to become acquainted with him. He has helped the Badgers win many a football game for you. Collins, as he is called by many, is president of the leading class in school, the Senior class. He was also our Junior president last year. Paul is a chartered member of the T. A. C. club and a three-times letter man in football. Paul ranks with the best as a sport but by himself as a genius.

Albert Cade.

"The boy they can't catch." That group of words describes Albert. He is short in height; but if one judges one's ability and skill by one's height, he is often misled, especially when using Albert for an example. Albert came from Noodle to a Badger football uniform. Not being familiar with the game, Cade caused little comment at first. After a week's workout, he caught the eye of the players and the gallery and soon became our shining light, both on offense and defense. This young man is also a distinguished member of the T. A. C. club. Still more, everyone must wake up, for Albert donated fifteen cents that he had in the class treasury to the class beauty. Looks bad to me, but you can be the judge.

BASKETBALL NEWS.

Merkel Badgers were defeated a few points Friday afternoon, but they didn't mind a little thing like that. Goodman school came to Merkel Friday to play our boys and won by a few points. The score was 31 to 21. The game was well played. Goodman boys did some good playing. Williams and Monta Moore were outstanding players for the Badgers. The rest of the team did some good playing also.

This small defeat by Goodman will not interfere with the Badgers because we are going to win at the county meet this week-end. The county meet will begin Thursday afternoon. The games will be played at Simmons corral. Badgers will play Buffalo Gap Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock. If they win this game (which they will) they will play Ovalo Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. If this game is won by the Badgers, the semifinals will be played Friday night.

We are not expecting a thing from the Badgers, except great victories from both of the teams they are to play. If the Badgers win the games with Ovalo and Buffalo Gap, they are sure to win the rest. We feel sure our Badgers will win, because they have played both of these teams and have beaten both teams. Badgers, we are expecting a great victory from you. Fight 'em Badgers!

The Badgers went to Buffalo Gap Monday afternoon for a practice game and to Divide Tuesday afternoon. Coach Irvin is practicing the boys ev-

ery minute to get them in shape for the county meet.

Maybe we had better not mention the score of the Buffalo Gap game Monday.

SENIOR NEWS.

"Mysterio" still has the Seniors baffled. In fact, they wish that they could find the solution to their math problems as easily as Miss Hamilton found the answer to an addition problem that was given her. The Seniors made \$27.00 from this play.

The Seniors are going to have a Memory Book. The officers are: Edith Adcock, editor-in-chief; Ruth Calloway, assistant editor; Leo Tucker, business manager; Nelle Durham, assistant business manager. In this book there will be the pictures of the Seniors, the faculty, the favorites of high school, the school building and snapshots.

The contest for the queen is on this week. Each class has a candidate. Of course, the queen will be from the Senior class! Margaret Canon for the "Queen of M. H. S.!"

BADGER GOSSIP.

The Senior class seems to be making and establishing a record in high school this year. Why shouldn't they go—look at their ability.

The Mysterio turned out to be just what his name implied. Anyone who can follow Paul Collins' writing while blindfolded has a right to be called Mysterio.

Since the exams are over and forgotten everyone seems to be getting lazier every day.

I heard the other day that Merkel has played nine games of basketball and hasn't lost a game. However, we have played eleven and lost two now.

The American history class might turn out to be a good class by the time school is out.

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

The Interscholastic league will begin in Abilene April first; therefore, M. H. S. has already begun working on some of the things that she expects to take part in.

Those that have entered for extemporaneous speaking are: Imogene Middleton, Ola Smith, Marshall Stalls, Cephus Wozencraft, Leo Tucker, James West.

Those that have entered for debate are: Opal Huskey, Lucille Campbell, Jim Patterson, Ross Ferrier, Lowell Vickers, R. D. Ely, Mardell Shouse, Albert Cade.

Those entering the declamation contest are: Frances Marie Church, Lona Bryan, Mary Helen Lancaster, Nell Hughes, Monta J. Moore, Van Roberts, Jim Patterson, Howard Stanley, Albert Cade, Margaret Dean, Melba Taylor, Lucille Campbell.

Everyone in the Dramatic club is eligible to enter in one-act-play contest.

THE SOPHOMORE GOSSIP.

Wonder who Billy Gardner receives so many notes from?

David likes chewing gum.
Mary Olive and Floy can pronounce Spanish words.

Some Sophomore boys refused to pull off their shoes to be measured.
Silas is back in school again.
S. G. Russell and Kenneth Cribley are "buddies."

Caribel's baseball team hasn't lost a game this year.

Miss Patterson has a smart 9-A algebra class.

Johnny Jacobs has started back to school.

There is a new club in school.
Whom was Rogene with Sunday night?

Writing letters to Spaniards seems to be getting popular.
Duncan likes red-headed and blonde-headed boys.

Wonder why Lois goes to the library so much?

Annie Lee doesn't think Bud has large feet.

Whose ring is Julia wearing?

THE SOPHOMORES.

The Fish are fickle—
The Seniors are smart as well
And if so happened that the
Juniors were studious—
Oh! Well—you couldn't tell?

M. H. S. CHORUS.

The Merkel High School chorus is growing in number as well as in interest.

We have had several new members and their names are as follows: B. P. Middleton, Lona Bryan, Frances Marie Church, Bessie Church, Clara

Frances Largent, Jack Patterson, Kennedy Whiteley, Bernie Tucker and Johnny Jacobs. We are hoping that there will be several other new members to join the M. H. S. chorus.

The chorus is working on several numbers which it intends to give in February.

WE JUNIORS WONDER WHY?

Lucille is brilliant?
Joyce likes long hair?
Meyer likes to ask questions?
Sandifer and Meiba are small?
Carroll is mean?
Terrell is so quiet?
Van likes the "M" System?
Opal has red hair?
Jim likes to debate?
Mildred and Jimmie have curly hair?
Bill and Gerald are friends?
Florence and Nell like each other?
Mardell made 91 on the civics exam?
The Junior class prefers brunettes?
Margaret D. and Etta are so stubborn?
Mildred likes red coats?
Ouida Mae doesn't act like the angel she was in "The Perfect Gift?"
Mr. Riddle is always hollering for the class to be quiet?

JOKES.

Wanda: "If minnie in Indian means water, what does Minnesota mean?"
Julia: "That's easy. It means sota water."

Storekeeper: "Shall I draw the chicken for you, madam?"
Mrs. Irvin: "No, thank you, your description is quite sufficient."

Mr. Riddle: "Didn't I tell you to notice when that mixture boiled over?"
Gerald: "I did. It was exactly twelve o'clock."

Jim: "How would you classify a telephone girl? Is hers a business or a profession?"
Vic: "Neither. It's a calling."

Marshall: "Don't you enjoy those slow motion pictures?"

Woody: "No, they remind me too much of some of my credit customers."

Mr. Irvin was giving his class a lecture on charity. "H. C., if I saw a boy beating a donkey, and stopped him from doing so, what virtue would I be showing?"
H. C. (promptly): "Brotherly love."

Oh, that some genius
Would haste to make and sell
An onion with an onion taste
But with a violet smell.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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pression but because it is so very serious, so world-wide, so packed with suffering for everybody.
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And when we do get business going again our prosperity will amaze us.

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KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



SIXTH 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.

Lynda visits her father in his dingy quarters. She finds four men playing cards when she arrives. One of them, Jock Ayleward, her father tells her, is like a son to him, but warns the girl he is a trifter.

Lynda pays a second visit to her father and Jock takes her home, on the way stopping with her at an underworld cabaret.

Jock gets into a fight with a gangster who insists on dancing with Lynda. He then takes Lynda home. Later she mentions Felix's name to Jock and Ayleward's face displays his demoniac hatred of the millionaire.

Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused him to be sent to jail unjustly by fixing up his report on a mine. Lynda says she doesn't believe his story. She pays another visit to her father and goes to a cabaret with him and dances with Jock, who suddenly stops and tells her he is going to take her right home. He had seen Felix dancing with another woman.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

A few moments later she stood outside on the pavement with Jock. He hailed a taxicab.

At the door of Nick's lodging house Jock let her in and in spite of her repelling gesture, sort of instinctive protest against her own confused submission, he mounted with her.

As Jock turned to rejoin Nick, Lynda approached him and offered him her hand. It was an unconscious gesture of trust and forgiveness. Over her hand, his fingers closed strongly.

Lynda felt a rapture of body and of blood. It was sweeter than honey, more heady than red wine. She felt his lips moving, she heard him say "I love . . . I love . . ."

And she was conscious of what he said, of its meaning, of the havoc that it caused. She lifted her eyes as though for help.

They met Nick's eyes. He had followed them from the cafe instantly, had come in, and had seen them and now throwing himself in one painful contortion across the room set his tormented hands upon Jock's collar and, using all his strength, jerked him up and back. The young man half rose and was forced into a chair by Nick, who shouted at him:

"You dare to take my daughter here, to make love to her. My daughter! Kiss her with your mouth of a convict, touch her with your hands of a card-sharper."

Jock fairly cowered. His face looked dazed. He quivered at the two words as though Nick had used a lash upon him. Then carefully, not to hurt Nick's hands, he freed himself and went out into the night.

Nick went over and laid down on the couch, exhausted.

"You did wrong to come to me," groaned Nick. "No matter where I live my life defiles your fingers."

Speaking, he was caught by a paroxysm of physical agony which kept Lynda there in pitiful and sacred attendance until early morning.

At last she was driven to summoning Jock Ayleward. Her father had gaped out a number and almost at once after she had taken down the receiver Jock answered.

"Nick's suffering terribly. I have to leave him."

His reasonable cool voice answered instantly, "I've been expecting it. I'll be there."

In fifteen minutes Lynda admitted him to Nick's bedroom. He passed her and went to Nick. The sick man's contorted face smiled crookedly. Jock passed his arm under the writhing body and seemed at once to give it greater ease. Neither of them said good-bye to Lynda nor even seemed to notice that she went away.

When she climbed in at her bedroom window she was scared by the brightening sky.

As she slipped into her nightgown, she heard a movement somewhere beyond the bedroom passage. At its end the door stood partly

open and a faint and golden light shone from the room.

Jocelyn came as far as this door. She could see then that the leather entrance to her mother's little sanctuary had not been closed, that its curtain, too, had been pulled aside. The two tall candles burned steadily and a figure crouched before its altar, surely the figure of a stranger. With a chill upon her flesh Jocelyn then recognized Marcella.

Marcella spoke breathlessly and harshly, "Go back to your own room. What are you doing there?"

A few moments later there came a knock at Jocelyn's door. She opened it and stood aside. She was trembling. But the woman who entered in a long red dressing gown was now Marcella, her usual self, sterner, perhaps, prepared to deliver a reproof. "Did you feel ill, Jocelyn?"

"No, Mother. I heard you moving about. I wondered who it could be."

"You might have known that at this time I should be at prayer. It's nearly morning. You disturbed me."

"I'm sorry, Mother. I—I did not think that you were at your prayers. You were holding something. I thought that you were . . ."

"You must have been dreaming. Perhaps you walked in your sleep. I shall have to lock you in. Go to bed now. You're cold. If you hear such sounds again you will know better than to disturb me."

Seeing the girl upon her pillow, Marcella bent over her for one of the dry kisses and went out.

Jocelyn lay broad awake. The clock in the living-room chimed five. Chimed six.

Jocelyn's suspicion, her curiosity, had become a fever, pain that she could not endure. Ghost-softly she crept again out to the living room.

Almost instinctively her hand rose to the velvet drapery behind the altar. She lifted it.

A small deep-set door with a lock, the key still in it, lay behind that tarpiece. Marcella had been startled, had moved away quickly, had left her key.

Jocelyn tightened her lips and spoke to her uneasy conscience: "She will not let me know her secrets. She will not love me. I must learn the truth of my own life by my own efforts."

She turned the little key and pulled open the thick small metal door.

Behind it lay a leather box and this she drew out and set upon the top of the prie-dieu. She raised the lid.

The glory that had lain hidden there guttered across her eyes like a mesh of living stars. Jewels as rich as a queen's. Rubies, emeralds, sapphires and white diamonds cut into blazing angles and set in a heavy intricacy of dark gold. The barbaric Slavic splendor of this ornament made even the ignorant convent child catch at her breath, it was so beautiful. Two long earrings to match were cradled at either end of the old leather box which was decorated with a worn golden coronet. The value of these jewels in such a setting must be fabulous.

She returned them to their hiding place.

All other thoughts and fears were obliterated by the shock of her discovery. She knew that she had indeed been living with a stranger, that she was motherless. She knew that Marcella was a sombre unreality in a black gown with a silver cross against its breast but within it a blaze of jewels glamourous an earthy spirit. Marcella and she were strangers. No explanation could move her toward the woman who had crouched, greedily absorbed, above those jewels.

The shock and the excitement of the long night were suddenly too much for her. She fell down and wept in a sort of helpless spiritual agony.

When Felix Kent came to see his young fiancée the next morning, which was a Sunday, he found her so white and heavy-eyed that not only his pride of a possessor but his lover's tenderness was roused startled.

He suggested a day's trip to the seashore. So they drove down. Felix proved so sympathetic that Jocelyn was encouraged to ask him if he had ever known a man named Ayleward.

Felix turned his head to look at her more sharply than ever he had turned or looked before. His condensation which was so integral a part of his really great desire for

her—the little innocent girl—was momentarily shaken.

"What the dev—! Now where did you ever dig up that name, child?"

For the first time, to keep Lynda's secret, Jocelyn made use of an invention:

"Cousin Sara Mullet once knew a clergyman of that name . . . who had a son."

"And who kicked the son out and changed his own name in order not to share it with a convict. Wasn't that it? Yes, I knew that unlucky parson."

"What did the son do to be sent to prison? A clergyman's son— it seems so dreadful."

"Clergyman's sons are a proverb, darling. This one took a bribe and handed in a false report on a zinc mine. I lost a good lot of money myself through that report. Ayleward junior got away with his profit all right, I guess, but I was lucky enough to catch him out and I had him sent up."

"I was sorry for his father and his two sisters but if ever a man deserved what he got it was that fellow, the dirty trickster!"

"You don't think there could have been any mistake, that the owner of the mine perhaps deceived him? I mean . . . I feel so sorry for that clergyman."

"Be sorry for the clergyman by all means but don't waste your pity on the young one. I knew that boy, knew him from the time he was a kid. He was always a pretty slick young customer. Queer how it came out in him. He had a crafty gift for sleight of hand. He could make a pack of cards do anything. He'd pull coins out of the air. Got a circus chap to show him how to throw a knife. I got this little scar on my cheekbone letting Jock practice knife-throwing on me. I certainly did trounce him for that. And his father gave him a bigger whipping afterward. The old man was always trying to beat some virtue into him."

"He was a no-account entry from the starting post. Seemed to settle down at college and came through the mining school with honors. But that yellow streak was there; and when it came to riding life — he didn't put his spurs in straight and, well—he bit the dust."

Jocelyn schooled herself to believe him.

By ten o'clock of that Sunday morning Nick's fever, with the worst of his pain, had left him and he lay still with a white racked face and looked sanely at Jock. The



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young man had not yet changed from his evening clothes.

"You'd better go and get some sleep," Nick whispered. "Business good last night?"

"Pretty fair. We lost Judson."

Nick's eyes began to beg.

"I'm a great one to call you a convict and a card sharper, eh? When I taught you most of the game myself and live on what you make from it. Why don't you chuck me, Ayleward?"

"Got the habit of holding on to you."

"Last night—when I came in . . . you and Lynda, you know? I'd like you to understand why I—why I—flew out the way I did. When I saw you making love to her I thought of other women I'd seen you with—and of myself—and—"

Jock swore softly. "Why not shut up?" he suggested. "You were right at that. Only it was a superfluous exhibition of paternal chivalry. I don't love your daughter, Nick."

"What were you doing, saying then—on your confounded knees . . . holding her hands?"

"I was teaching her something about an automatic pistol. I lost my head for a second; but she doesn't lose hers. I tell you I don't love her."

Nick looked at him hard but could make nothing of the cool set smiling face.

But, between them, they agreed they must move and hide from the girl, for her own good.

A few days later, spurred by an impulse, Lynda hurried to her father's home. She opened Nick's door and found herself looking down

upon Jock Ayleward. In the midst of a great confusion of things, of scattered clothing, of trunks and boxes, he knelt busy with packing.

Lynda went weak and breathless. "Is Nick here? I thought — I thought—" she closed the door, faltered over to the old sofa and sat

down there as though her legs refused to hold her up.

"You thought we'd give you the slip? We were foolish enough to think so too."

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Friends of Mrs. Eva Parker of Post have received announcements of her marriage to Herman Hurst on Sunday, January 24. They will make their home at Post.

Miss Magdalene Payne, who is teaching at Oplin, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde were here Sunday visiting relatives and attending preaching at the M. E. church. They enjoyed the all-day meeting and dinner on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dowdy and little daughter of Abilene were week-end guests of Postmaster Dowdy and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and baby daughter were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mrs. G. C. Johnson has returned home from Cisco where she had been summoned to the bedside of her daughter, Miss Fama, who was quite ill. She left her much improved.

Granville Nugent left Thursday for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will start training for the ball season. He had the good fortune of killing a large wolf in the pasture near his home a few hours before leaving.

Miss Marie Adams of Haskell visited friends here over the week-end.

Prof. M. E. Taylor of Durant, Okla., was a recent guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Hutcheson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers had as their guests a few days last week Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowers of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Breckenridge were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts.

Mrs. Billie Green has returned to her home here where she will remain sometime in the interest of her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter visited with relatives at Lamesa over the week-end.

Mrs. Jack King of Sweetwater was a guest on Wednesday of Mrs. Charles Hutcheson.

Mrs. Benny Butman of Merkel was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau, on last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley entertained a few friends in their home on Thursday night with a "42" party. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Whalley of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. B. Edwards and Bill Nalley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Barnes of Anson was a guest Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Buster Edwards.

PARTY AND MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. W. R. McLeod, Mrs. Bud Winter and Mrs. Buster Edwards were co-hostesses for a pretty party and miscellaneous shower on Saturday afternoon in the latter's home, honoring Mrs. Sam McLeod, a recent bride.

A Valentine theme was used in appointments of room decorations and in other details. Piano numbers by Mrs. Edwards, two songs by Joe Ella McLeod and Mrs. Edwards, a reading by Mrs. Edwards and two clever contests furnished entertainment for the afternoon.

The gifts were then presented to the honoree in a very unique way.

A delicious sandwich plate reflecting the favored colors of red and white, with dainty plate favors was served to the honoree, Mesdames Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, Bud Burks, C. L. McLeod, N. L. McLeod, Royce Dowdy, Milton Sherman, Bounce Hayes, Frank Allen, Wallace Kelly, Volley Vessel, Misses Cook and Elliott of Goodman, Nathalie Walker, Asha McLeod, Joe Ella McLeod and the hostesses.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

Bible School 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Prayer meeting each Tuesday evening at 7:30. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 2 p. m. All members are urged to be on time with a good lesson. Come and enjoy these services with us.

High School News.

SPORTS.

The girls' basketball team was invited to White Flat last Tuesday, January 26, to play a game with them. The score was 17-10 in Trent's favor. They have promised to return the game soon.

Union Ridge girls came over Friday afternoon, January 29. The score was 36-9 in Trent's favor.

The girls and boys were invited to Potosi Saturday to a tournament of basketball and volley ball, the boys to play basketball, the girls to take care of the volley ball.

After the teams had assembled there happened to be three teams of girls basketball; however, no mention had been made of their playing. Trent did not have their regular team

over, but took advantage of the situation to play all her subs. Elmdale was drawn and won the contest 22-11. It was a fine workout for our subs.

In the volley ball contest Potosi drew Wylie and defeated them two games to one. Trent then played Potosi for the winner of the meet and won two games to one. That was all the girls went to win and that's their share. We got what we went after, also some good practice in basketball. We all had a fine time and Potosi is going to return our game some fine day to test who really is best.

The points were even 34 to 34, but points don't always win, you know in volley ball.

The boys met two defeats, one at hands of Potosi and the other to their honorable opponents from Wylie. Oh well, you know when it comes to winning it takes the girls to put it over!

DEBATING CLUB.

The debating club met in regular session February 1, 1932, with a full swing. The negative side won the debate. The subject was "Resolved that Texas should be divided." Fanny Vessel and J. E. Jaynes were on the negative side. The honorable judges were Nona Burgess, Ray Elliott and Johnny Terry.

The next meeting will be Thursday after school. The next debaters will be Edith Hale, Jack Perkins, Veda Orand and Johnny Terry on the same subject, which we all know will be a hot debate. Any person is asked to stay and hear the debates at any of our meetings. We have a list of new subjects that we intend to begin using soon. We are going to send two of our debaters to the county meet.

CAN YOU IMAGINE—

Sarah Julia using a brace and bit to repair her compass?

The Juniors' program being a success?

Thelma not laughing?

Miss Burgess capturing a white skunk?

That Fannie should grin at the mere mention of McMin?

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

Miss Helen Hogue was hostess to the Home Ec. club on Wednesday, Jan. 28. "Entertaining at Valentine" was discussed by different members. During the social hour, Valentine games, readings, and contests were enjoyed. Refreshments of dainty heart-shaped sandwiches, Valentine salad and lemonade were served to Sarah Julia Johnson, Mildred Steadman, Helen Bright, Joe Ella McLeod, Edith Hale, Victorine Bishop, Fanny Vessel, Nona Burgess and Mary Shepherd.

Last week the manual training class prepared and served a three course luncheon. Those enjoying the luncheon were: Bob Howell, Alton Martin, Freddie Allen, Fred McMin, Jack Perkins, John Hamner, Johnnie Terry, Eugene Murdock and Nona Burgess. Special guests were Miss Mary Shepherd and Ross B. Jenkins.

JUNIORS ENTERTAIN AT CHAPEL.

The Junior class, sponsored by Miss Mary Shepherd, gave an interesting program Wednesday morning. "The Census Taker," a one act play, was played by Sallie Freeman and Bob Howell. Another humorous act was given by Erma Fay Boyd, Charlie Howell, N. L. McLeod, and Don Williamson. Sara Julia Johnson gave an interesting monologue. Between the acts were several songs given in costumes by "The Senoritas and Senores" from the Spanish classes.

DID YOU KNOW—

That Miss Shepherd and John have new shoes?

That the playmates got home at 4 a. m.?

That Johnnie Terry was really dressed up Sunday night?

That Jack had been playing paper dolls?

That the Sophs are trying to get up a program equal to the one the Juniors gave?

That Charlie Howell, "The Spanish Caballero," broke another heart?

The cute little Spaniard who announced the Junior program?

That Eugene Murdock tries to tap dance?

That Doreen Scott is really two-timing Mackie?

That Sarah Julia has been ill?

That Edith Hale was learning to shoot a pistol?

That we have a regular monkey in our school?

That Jack Perkins could sing "Tight Like That"?

That Bob Howell was a real declamer?

That Mary is getting young again and Nona is getting older?

BLAIR ITEMS

Sam Price departed this life here at Blair on Monday, January 25, and the subject of this sketch was one of this section's best citizens. The entire community sympathizes deeply with the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Clyde visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, Sunday. Mrs. Susie Doan, mother of Mr. Doan, accompanied them home after a month's stay here. Mrs. Doan has been on an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Mae Horton, of Dallas and other relatives in the east.

Bill Price and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thornton, all of Oklahoma, attended the funeral of their father, Sam Price, last Friday; also a brother, Charlie Price, wife and family of Clyde were here for the funeral.

Mrs. Luella Atwood of Nubia was the delightful guest of Mrs. Maggie Hunter and children for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe visited in the home of their sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddox and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, over the week-end.

Rev. John Walker of Abilene is to fill the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

Sam Province is visiting his brother-in-law, B. M. Williams, and family of Merkel this week.

Pat Addison made a business trip to Winters the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson and family have been attending the sick bedside of Mrs. Tom Johnson of Merkel. All of her friends are very much concerned over her condition and sincerely hope for her early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsborn spent Saturday with Mrs. Orsborn's mother and sister, Mrs. Eula Province and Miss Nola, of Merkel.

Uncle Bobby Hannah of Merkei spent the week-end with the H. E. Campbell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family have moved to Kale where they will reside for another year. We surely hate to lose these good people.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Zuma, attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle Sunday.

Charlie Jacob of Merkel was seen in our midst Tuesday.

RURAL SOCIETY

GOLAN CLUB NEWS.

Miss Bonner met Wednesday morning, Jan. 27, to talk with the school girls about the organization of a girls' club and Miss Byrd and the girls organized their club on the following Thursday. Miss Bonner visited in the home of Mrs. L. C. Williams for lunch and time for the club meeting with Mrs. W. C. Hill. Sixteen members out of twenty-one enrolled were present for the meeting, also one visitor.

We are happy to know we will have three new members.

Three home demonstrators were present. Mrs. Tom Kemp was appointed poultry demonstrator.

We had a very interesting program. Miss Bonner gave us a few hints on cheese curing and the names of some new vegetables to plant, after which she gave a "hot bed demonstration."

Several songs were sung and literature distributed among the members by Miss Bonner.

Feb. 10 we will meet at Mrs. A. D. McCain's and all members are urged to come. Those on the program are: Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. G. M. Lawlis and Mrs. Ollie Skidmore, also some special songs. "Citizenship" will be our subject for discussion.

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL CLUB HAS BREAKFAST.

The H. L. C. of the White Church school on last Saturday held its first outing. The H. L. C. is a secret club composed of girls only. The purpose of the club is to develop health and morals of school girls.

Girls who attended the sunrise breakfast were: Margie Coats, president; Erma Dell Berry, first vice-president; Ila Mae Snow, second vice-president; Beulah Harrison, Lois Royals, Olive May Reed, Edna Lee Odum, Fredia Farmer, Rubie Royals, Odessa Stout, Leona Harris and Elsie Riggan. Lena V. Harrison, secretary of the H. L. C., was the only member unable to attend. Irene Snow, a visitor, and Misses Chancey and Baucom also attended.

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GOODMAN NEWS

Mrs. Ben Clark and Mrs. N. R. Campbell visited in Merkel Saturday. Mr. Earnest Hale and Ada Dove Kennedy of Golan motored to Hobbs, N. M., Jan. 22, and were married. The couple will make their home near Lamesa.

Little Welmon Barnes, son of H. L. Barnes, has been sick and is reported some better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt have returned from Lamesa where they have been visiting Mr. Truitt's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams helped in the beef canning at Clifford Eoff's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Fleming of Mildand spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of H. L. Barnes.

The Senior class students put on their play, "Vagabond," Tuesday night before a large crowd.

Odell Pomroy has been real sick for the past week.

Anna and Ruth Williams spent Monday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips entertained the young folks with a play party Saturday evening.

A good many from our community went to the singing at Noodle Sunday.

Roy Williams made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

The ladies met with the demonstration agent at the school house Friday and organized a club. It was announced the demonstrator will meet with the club women ever second Tuesday in each month hereafter.

Mr. Frank Farrell went to Miles this last Wednesday and his sister, Georgia Ferrell, teacher in Miles school, returned home with him to spend the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. Jim Grayson is still on the sick list this week.

The Senior girls went to Roby to the tournament Thursday where their game was with Dowles. Score was 31 to 14 in favor of Goodman.

The Junior girls played Boyd chapel Thursday, defeating them several points.

WARREN NEWS

We are proud to see the sun shining again after so much rain. We are sure we will have a good season for the grain crop.

Warren school is progressing nicely; five more pupils have started to school.

We wish to welcome Mr. Stello and family to our community, also Mr. and Mrs. Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward of Anson.

Mrs. R. L. Newman is spending the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Woodrow Brewer of Goodman spent Saturday night with T. B. Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stevens entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Miss Oneta Finch of Hodges has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Emmett Patterson, recently.

Mr. Stello motored to Sweetwater Saturday on business.

Mrs. Brooks Patterson spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Quite a few from the Baptist church of Merkel, were baptized in Warren lake Sunday afternoon.

A few from this community attended Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle.

Cicero Stevens has returned home from Knox City.

DORA DOINGS

Rev. McDonald filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swansey of Ft. Sill, Okla., are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver, before they move to their new home near Holland, Texas.

W. T. Darsey has returned home to Littlefield after being here several days at the bedside of his mother, who has been quite sick but is improving at this writing.

Pete Tyrone made a trip to Fort Worth Monday with a truck load of fat steers.

Our basketball boys won in class B by beating Blackwell two straight games Friday night, score 18-9, and Saturday night, 18-17.

Roscoe is our next meat and we will be county champions.

Our girls lost at Roby in the girls' district meet, Ira winning over them.

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GOLAN NEWS

W. M. West-of Seagraves was in Golan last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hill of Snyder were visiting in the W. C. Hill home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were visitors at the Noodle singing convention Sunday.

Miss Pearl West, teacher at Anderson chapel, visited with Miss Jewel Boyd Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

Elmer Persley of Seagraves came for another load of household goods last week.

Mrs. Maggie McCright is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Brown, this week.

Orvel Hill of Truby visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Rollie J. Hill left Mrs. L. C. Williams' home Friday for Lubbock.

The teachers and school children are expecting the health nurse Wednesday morning. All parents are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner were

in Sweetwater and Roscoe Friday and Saturday on business.

Brother Biggs preached for us Sunday night, the fifth Sunday giving him extra time.

Some of the men have put in full time on the road near Gap and others are just beginning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Herron Monday.

Those visiting Mrs. L. C. Williams Monday afternoon were: Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. Hubert Turner and Mrs. Maggie McCright.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each one who in thought, word or deed remembered us during the illness of our dear brother and we want to thank those in the community for the wonderful good eats. Especially do we thank the Blair school teachers for the beautiful floral offering.

We hope when sorrow comes to each of you, you will find friends as true as we did. May God's blessing rest on each of you.

J.H. Price and Family

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SPUDS 10 lbs. 18c

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c

CABBAGE, fresh green, pound 2 1-2c

APPLES, Delicious, doz. 30c

BANANAS, green tip, pound 5c

ORANGES, large California, each 3c

ONION PLANTS, 4 bunches 25c

CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c

PEAS, R & W, No. 2 can 19c

SOUP, R & W vegetable or tomato, 2 cans 15c

TOMATO JUICE, R & W, 3 cans 25c

MILK, R & W, 6 small or 3 tall 23c

MAYONNAISE, R & W, 8 oz. 17c, 16 oz. 33c

SUGAR 10 lbs cloth bag 47c

BRAN FLAKES, R & W, package 10c

OATS, B & W Glassware, package 21c

GELATINE DESSERT, R & W, 2 pkgs. 15c

COFFEE, R & W, 1 pound 37c

SOAP, Luna, 10 bars 25c

MEAL, cream, 5 pounds 12c

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Compound Swift Jewel 8 lb. pail 63c

BACON, 1 lb. sliced, sugar cured 17c

Sausage pure pork 2 lbs. 25c

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)
For County Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
GRADY PARMELEY.
For County Judge:
JOHN CAMP.
JOE E. CHILDERS.
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
A. J. CANON.
L. L. MURRAY.
For County Tax Assessor:
C. W. BOYCE.



FOR SALE

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES, the kind that wins and pays; hen pullets and cockrels, \$1.50 to \$3.00; just a few to offer. Joe E. Davis, Blackwell, Texas.

WANTED

GOOD SEED OATS, clear of Johnson grass, for sale. M. Armstrong.
FOR RENT—The Pick Allen home on Oak street, all modern conveniences, either furnished or unfurnished. Pick Allen.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The basketball girls of Union Ridge played Trent at Trent last Friday and were defeated. The team is under instruction of Miss Terry with Miss Anna Mae Davis as captain. Other members are: Hortense Barley, Mildred and Maurine Dean, Ruby Carey, Ethel Dean and Lena Fay Douglas, substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas had as their guests last week relatives of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irvin of Noodle.

Several from here attended the singing at Noodle Sunday.

Misses Marybel Douglas and Margaret Dean, who are attending Merkel High, were home for the week-end last week.

Every one is urged to remember that there will be church at the Baptist church Sunday.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 4.—Cattle—Receipts Wednesday 2,300, including 500 calves; market very narrow, uncertain outlet for all classes slaughter cattle despite short receipts; trade as a whole practically at a standstill; scattered bids not materially lower but buying demand extremely dull and market scheduled for afternoon movement at lowest prices of season; slaughter steers mostly of value to sell in \$4.00 range and similar grades fat yearlings at much the same prices; cows scarce but not wanted; stocker trade poorly tested, country demand quiet, some mixed stock calves \$4.25, steady; slaughter calves unchanged, few good heavies \$4.25 and \$4.75; cull shorts \$2.00 and \$2.25.
Hogs—Receipts 1,000, including 521 directs; market mostly steady, some sales heavy butchers strong to higher; truck top \$4.30 to small killers; 4 loads good to choice heavy weight butchers \$4.25; bulk better grades 180 to 240 pound truck hogs \$4.25; butcher pigs \$3.25; packing sows \$3.25.
Sheep—Receipts 5,000; practically no forenoon sales or bids.

A charter was issued Tuesday by the comptroller of the currency at Washington to the First Coleman National bank of Coleman, Texas, with a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$20,000. The new bank is a reorganization of Coleman's three former banks, which were closed several months ago with the purpose of reorganizing.

Brinkley Quits Radio.
Del Rio, Feb. 4.—Dr. John R. Brinkley Tuesday prepared to return to Kansas to campaign for governor after announcing he had severed connections with radio station, XER, across the Rio Grande in Villa Acuna, Mexico. Brinkley built XER, second largest broadcasting station in the world.

In its reconstruction plan, Canton, China, will raze or reconstruct all buildings over five years old.

Chevrolet Presents Complete Line of Commercial Trucks

The most complete commercial line ever built by Chevrolet Motor company goes on display today in the showrooms of the Hughes Chevrolet company, local dealers. Three new chassis and 23 new bodies, covering 90 per cent of all commercial needs, are featured.

New low prices, with reductions as high as \$65 on some models, are included in the 1932 price range. Twenty-eight standard production models, an increase of eight over last year, comprise the 1932 Chevrolet commercial line. There are three types of vehicles—light delivery, 131-inch wheelbase truck and 157-inch wheelbase truck.

Increased power, a smoother clutch and a more rigid frame are outstanding features. Other refinements include roomier, neater cab, newly designed wheels, silent synchro-mesh transmission on the half-ton models, stronger springs and stronger rear axle.

The engine develops greater horse power throughout the entire speed range, reaching a peak of 53 horsepower at 2,800 revolutions per minute. This additional power insures better acceleration in traffic as well as providing sufficient torque for exceptional pulling power at low speeds.

Body appearance in the 1932 models has been greatly improved. A choice of 12 colors is provided at no extra cost, including two-color combinations on the panel bodies.

The light delivery models on the 109-inch wheelbase are offered in 11 popular types. Ten standard production models are available on the 131-inch wheelbase truck, including a new standard stake express. A combination farm body and a stake express are the new models offered in the 157-inch wheelbase. The remaining five models have the same general appearance as in 1931, but feature changes which increase the structural strength of the new refined bodies.

Dr. Cuning is Added Paramount Attraction

As a special added stage attraction starting Monday the Paramount theatre at Abilene has booked Dr. Cuning, noted seer and mind-reader. He will appear daily during the week in addition to the regular picture program, which includes "Hell Divers" with Clark Gable and Wallace Beery on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; "Dance Team," featuring James Dunn and Sally Eilers on Thursday and Friday, and "Makers of Men" with Jack Holt on Saturday.

Dr. Cuning is the acknowledged peer of all mentalists and offers twenty minutes of most interesting entertainment.

He will answer questions for those of the audience no matter of what nature. Problems pertaining to love, courtship, marriage, divorce, whether it is best to buy, sell, transfer, move or invest; in fact, any question that is perplexing to you.

In all theatres where Dr. Cuning has appeared thousands have greeted him, as his work is most uncanny. He is well named the man with a thousand eyes.

In addition to appearing on the stage, he will answer questions privately in the lobby of the theatre. This is a free service to all attending the theatre during his engagement in Abilene.

On Friday morning Dr. Cuning will give a special matinee for ladies only, at which time no one under 16 will be admitted.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE — ABILENE ADDED ATTRACTION ON STAGE ALL WEEK



—ON THE SCREEN—

Mon., Tues., Wed.
"HELL DIVERS"
with Clark Gable
Wallace Beery

Thurs. and Fri.
"DANCE TEAM"
with James Dunn
Sally Eilers

Saturday
"MAKERS OF MEN"
With Jack Holt

Colorful Dago Mike In the Talkies Now

Not so long ago, the story goes there operated between Cuba and the Florida coast, a daring young run-runner known as "Dago Mike." He was quick with his gat, when occasion demanded, but was never known to shoot unless as a last resort. Customs officers and prohibition agents were always on the lookout for him, but never succeeded in capturing the elusive gentleman.

Then it was whispered through the mysterious "grapevine telephone" of the underworld that "Dago Mike" had gone screwy—had fallen for his moll and married her! He disappeared from his old haunts and is said to be peacefully raising children on a New England farm.

He comes to life again on the screen, however, as "Dingo Mike" in "Pagan Lady," the Columbia picture adapted from William DuBois' famous stage play, showing Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre. Charles Bickford plays this delightfully whimsical character and those who knew the original are sure Bickford must have known "Dago Mike," for his characterization is perfect.

Evelyn Brent has the title role in "Pagan Lady," and besides Bickford, the cast includes Conrad Nagel, Roland Young, William Farnum, Lucille Gleason, Leslie Fenton, Gwen Lee and Wallace McDonald. It's a John Francis Dillon production.

Murray Announces for County Commissioner

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:

In announcing as a candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 2 I am no stranger to the people, as I have been among you for the past nine years. I have always stood for the things that make this community a better place in which to live.

First, I will say I believe all salaries should be cut, beginning at the top, and come down and every expense that can be cut should be reduced so as to lighten the burden on the tax payer. It must be done.

I believe in good roads as much as any man. I have had quite a lot of experience in road work some years ago and had rather prove my ability than to tell you so.

I haven't a lot of promises to make, only to put my whole mind and soul into the work for the best interest of all the people.

I will certainly appreciate your vote and your help in my behalf in this race.

Your for service,
L. L. Murray.

Among the birds that have longer lifetimes than man's threescore years and ten are the parrot, the raven, the goose, the swan and the falcon.



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J. D. Porter Named Wholesale Agent for Sinclair Refining Co.

became wholesale agent for the Sinclair Refining company, succeeding Homer Foster. Mr. Porter was manager of the Magnolia company station on the railroad right of way for more than a year and is well prepared by experience for the added responsibilities of his new duties.

Homer Foster, retiring as wholesale agent for the Sinclair, announced Thursday his lease of the new Magnolia company station just opened up in the old Maverick Motor company building on Front street and expects to be ready to serve the public on or before Saturday in his new location.

Charlie Higgins has removed his garage to the same building, the old Maverick Motor company location, being already prepared to serve both old and new customers at his new shop.

Shortsellers Doomed.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Short selling in the commodity markets is on trial for its life. No less than six bills before the house agricultural committee are aimed at its destruction or virtual paralysis.

Statistics Show Loss.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—Latest birth and death figures show a loss of 100,000 per year in Germany. The detailed statistics show 1.6 per cent more deaths than births, or a death excess of 16 per 10,000.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

A Member of Curtis Honor Organization

William Hawkins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hawkins, has just been notified of his selection for membership in the league of Curtis Salesmen, an honor organization maintained by the Curtis Publishing company for boys who sell its publication.

Admittance to this organization depends upon regular school attendance and a record of efficient service to customers. Through this training, teachers very generally report that boys gain a sense of responsibility that tends to make schooling more real to them.

As William's friends know, he is developing a sense of self-confidence and an ability to make decisions quickly. That is one reason why he is proud to show his badge of membership to his friends and is now looking forward to advancement to the next higher degree in the organization.

NOTICE

We need more family bundles at THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Why send your laundry away from home when you can get first class work right at your door by home folks at reasonable rates? We give ONE DAY SERVICE when possible. We call for and deliver promptly.

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T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. class were most graciously entertained in the home of Mrs. Earl Teague with Mrs. John Toombs the assisting hostess. A motif commemorating the approaching birthday of George Washington was exemplified in party arrangements.

Mrs. Derrick led the devotional; Mrs. Ann Brown and Mrs. L. B. Scott gave a vocal duet and Miss Wilma Gardner, a piano number. Miss Laura Barnett gave two readings and a short skit, "George and Martha Washington," was given by Betty Lou Grimes and De Laverne Teague, accompanied at the piano by Miss Lucy Tracy.

Delicious pie, olives and coffee were served at the refreshment hour to Mesdames Largent, Reeves, Brown, Scott, Booth, Gardner, Robbins, King, Warren, Collins, Lancaster, Renfro, Tarleton, Davis, Derrick, Stevens and the hostesses.

PHILATHEA CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames Allan McGehee and Juanita Dowell were co-hostesses in entertaining members of the Philathea Sunday School class in the home of Mrs. Earl Teague.

A colorful Valentine motif was employed in party accessories. Games of progressive "42" were enjoyed until the refreshment hour when delicious individual pecan pies, olives and coffee were passed to Mesdames E. L. Yeats, Claude Dye, Cyrus Pee, Dub Johnson, Lois Dunn, Homer Foster, Lois Curb, Velma Shelton, Tom Allday, Misses Rose Laney, Mary Eula Sears, Emma Toombs, Mabel McRee, Julia Martin, Mesdames Teague, Dowell and McGehee.

CLASS PARTY.

The Alethean and Dorcas class met in their regular meeting last Thursday, Jan. 28, at the home of Mrs. J. T. Dennis. After the scripture reading by Mrs. E. N. Brown prayer was led by Mrs. Causseaux.

The class then had a short business session after which those present did some kind of hand work till the refreshments of apple pie and coffee were served to the following: Mesdames Hamm, Polley, Chunn, Brown, Baker, McDonald, Daugherty, Porter, Meeks, Causseaux, Largent, Carson and the hostess.

J. U. G. CLUB.

Little Miss Doris Gay West entertained members of the J. U. G. club with a Valentine party. The house was decorated with beautiful cut flowers. Valentine favors were used throughout at tables appointed for games of pit, bridge, dominoes and books. Out door games were also enjoyed until tea time when the hostess was assisted by her mother. Mrs. John West, in serving delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate to Billy McGehee, Ann Leonard, Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Anne Lee Blake, Helen Heeter, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Mary Sue Russell, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Frances Owens, Missie Dye and the hostess.

ENJOYABLE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle were at home to a few guests at their country home Friday evening. Bridge and dancing were enjoyed until a late hour when sandwiches and coffee were served to Misses Mary Collins, Nell Durham, Margaret Canon, Ida Mae Derstine, Miss Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins, Messrs. Joe Largent, Clyde Mayfield, Leonard Reeves, Gerald Derrick and Mr. and Mrs. Tittle.

Re-Enlists in Army
At Fort Warren, Wyo.

According to information received here Carl D. Walker, a former Merkel boy, has re-enlisted in the United States army at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

Walker has been a diligent soldier and immediately upon re-enlisting his company commander, Captain Frank LaRue, 1st Infantry, designated him as one of the men from the regiment to attend the three months course for bakers and cooks at Fort Riley, Kansas.

All of Walker's service has been with Company "C," 1st Infantry, Fort Warren.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they sell your business and make special offerings of their goods.

CHURCHES

Called Meeting West
Zone at Trent Feb. 11

A meeting of all Women's Missionary societies of the west zone of the Abilene district of the Methodist church has been called for next Thursday, February 11, at the Trent church by Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, new zone leader, succeeding Mrs. Tom Largent, who resigned.

The meeting will be in the nature of an all day affair, beginning at 10 o'clock and including a covered dish lunch. The program will feature officers' training day. All ladies are invited to attend.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our "Church Day" last Tuesday was quite a success. The ladies furnished the most appetizing dinner one could imagine while the men dug holes for the trees, hauled fertile soil, planted the trees, leveled the lawn, planted the grass, finished the hot house and cistern. Besides doing the improvement, which has certainly added to our church property, the entire day was enjoyed by everyone present.

Mrs. Brooks Patterson gave the trees, ten in number, box elders by name and A-1 by class. We greatly appreciate this gift.

After serving the delightful dinner, the ladies gathered about the piano and sang a special song to the men. The title of the song was "Work for the Night is Coming." The men seemed not to appreciate it.

Regular services next Sunday.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Subject: "What Should be Considered a Vocation?"

Scripture: Joshua 24:13-18; John 5:17, 19, 20, 36; 6:32-42; 10:10-18; Mark 8:29-38.

Leader: Addie Fae Patterson.

Talks:

"Listening Intelligently to Possible Calls," Orpah Patterson.

"Christian Tests for Vocations," Christine Boyd.

"Calls to Common Places," Mary Collins.

"A Challenge to Follow the Call," Leo Tucker.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Laymen's convention February 10 at City Temple church, Dallas.

Glad to have visitors in all our services.

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

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The famous Stamps Quartette will sing at the Baptist church Sunday night. The community is cordially invited to hear them.

The pastor's subject for Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "The Agony of Unanswered Prayer in Hell."

Let's start the new month with a large attendance at Sunday School. Don't forget Bill will be looking for you at 9:45. Meet Prof. Riddle and his youngsters at 6 p. m.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "A Closer Walk with God." Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. "Distance is Dangerous," Iris Garrett.

"Paying the Price of the Closer Walk," Lucy Tracy.

"Cultivating the Closer Walk," Miss Parish.

"Receiving the Return of the Closer Walk," Ida Derstine.

"The Closer Walk with God Bequeaths to Us the Likeness of God in Character," Janie Escue.

"The Mighty Transformation of the Closer Walk," Leonard Reeves.

INTERMEDIATE B. T. S.

"Some Bible Teachings on Spiritual Growth," J. R. Lassiter.

"Growth Through Meditation," Joe Earl Lassiter.

"Daily Bible Reading," Thelma Matthews.

Prayer, Harold Morgan.

"Growth Through Service," Vernon Davis.

"Growth Through Giving," Frances Tarleton.

"Association with Spiritual People," Anna Lee Owen.

Every Intermediate boy and girl should be in our training service. We want you to come.

A Prayer Book which belonged to Louis XIV was sold in London recently for \$180.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

BARACA SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

The Baraca Sunday School class of the First Baptist church elected officers for the year. Those elected were Clark Mundy, teacher; William Sheppard, president; Ted McGehee, first vice president; Allen McGehee, second vice president; Ed Lancaster, third vice president; Leonard Reeves, secretary; Charlie Largent, treasurer; and George Caple, reporter.

This class has just been reorganized to include men from the ages of 20 to 30. Be there Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. You have a cordial welcome.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

We had three great messages from Brother Land. Both morning and night Sunday were great times for us. All who did not come surely missed a great blessing. So come next Sunday.

Sunday School 10 a. m. and preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. with Mrs. Vergie Stapleton as president. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Cottage prayer meeting each Tuesday 3 p. m. A hearty welcome to everyone.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching and worship 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young people's work and training classes 6:15 p. m. Ladies' Bible class each Tuesday 2 p. m. There are 37 enrolled in this class and many others should be coming. All women are invited to this class.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Our attendance at prayer meeting is running from 60 to more than 70 present each week. Come and enjoy these services with us.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Charlie Jones will have charge of the program. The lesson will be found in the second chapter of Romans, read by Mr. Tarleton. Rev. E. L. Yeats of the M. E. church will tell us what a revival will mean to Merkel and who should be interested in one.

Two special songs will be rendered by Misses Louise, Francis and Lurline Tarleton and there will be other specials by the various churches. Thanks to those who have made our song service possible, may we as men strive to be a blessing to you.

Our interest will continue to grow now that we are in our permanent meeting place, the Grace Presbyterian church. You men who do not attend the services surely miss a treat.

—Reporter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, which was the fifth Sunday in the month, was 714. The number present at each Sunday in the month of January exceeded the 700 mark, the average attendance for the five Sundays having been 726.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our church has more than doubled in membership since it was organized. Fine interest is being shown. Eight people were buried beneath the chilly waters, arising to walk a new life, last Sunday afternoon. Others are yet to be baptized.

Next Sunday night three ministers and two deacons are to be ordained. Meeting is still going on. Services each night at 7:30. Bible School each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Sunday services each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Candidate for Re-election.

Austin Fitts, Taylor county's efficient treasurer, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election. He has authorized The Mail to say that his formal statement will appear in next week's issue.

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Missie's Floral Shop
New Enterprise Here

Missie's Floral Shop is Merkel's newest enterprise. Miss Missie Dye announce the opening of her green house and sales room in the flower garden of the Woodrum hotel where she will be prepared to furnish pot plants and cut flowers for all occasions.

A hot house, with sales and display rooms in connection, has been especially constructed for Missie's Floral Shop which will further exemplify the proprietor's well known love for flowers and her talent in the cultivation of them.

Department Banquet
Attended by Over 100

The adult department of the First Baptist church was given great evidence of its efficiency by the attendance of its membership on Monday evening for the banquet hour, which had been so well planned by the officers of the department.

As Mr. Tarleton, toastmaster for the evening, led in singing "Blest Be the Tie," more than one hundred persons found places for the chicken dinner served by the ladies of the church.

A very timely program was provided. Good messages in song were offered in a duet sung by Mrs. Yates Brown and Mrs. Burl Scott and in quartette numbers rendered by Messrs. Buzbee, Tarleton, Scott, and Tucker. Miss Lucy Tracy gave a reading which was concerned with the month of February. Mrs. Tarleton and daughters, Louise, Frances and Lurline, pleased their audience with vocal and orchestra numbers.

Bert Lowe of Abilene brought the message of the evening in his theme, "My Pastor—yesterday, today, and tomorrow." Everyone was inspired to be more faithful to the Lord's work by the heart-message from this respected and capable layman.

Other distinguished guests were Mrs. Lowe of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Joiner of Caps.

Bill Haynes, superintendent of the Sunday School, closed the enjoyable affair by holding a department council meeting, during which time plans were made for the Sunday School work.

Statute Void

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was lessee of about 1400 acres of land from R. W. Mayo; and had entered into contracts for planting all of this land to cotton in 1932.

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Personal Mention

Lynn McSpadden has been in Dallas since Tuesday.

C. J. Glover, Jr., returned Sunday from a business trip to Waco.

Miss Christine Collins was a week-end visitor with Miss Iva Bragg at Glen Rose.

Q. Brown has been ill with a case of la grippe for the past several days but is reported improving.

Mrs. W. D. Williams and Mrs. George Caple visited relatives and friends in Waco last week-end.

Miss Anna Lou Russell has accepted a position in the office of County Auditor L. R. Thompson at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Olly Sharp were here from Fort Worth to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. J. J. Harkins returned Wednesday to her home in Roscoe after a visit of several days with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

After spending several days at home with her mother, Miss Ethel Hamil-

ton returned Sunday to resume her studies at John Tarlton college at Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and Master Boyd Hill, also Floyd Grayson and wife, all of Burleson, spent a week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Mrs. Will Webb and children, G. ver, Joyce Marie and little Tommy, from Clyde visited their daughter and sister, Miss Lena Webb, in the home of Mrs. S. L. Grayson here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Miss Lenalee, and Mr. Billy Moore of Blair were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell Sunday. Billy is Mrs. Demere's and Mrs. Pannell's nephew.

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SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	22c
MATCHES, 6 boxes for	15c
MILK, large size, 3 for	21c
MILK, small size, 6 for	21c
PICKLES, sliced, quart jar	15c
SALT, table, 5 pounds	12c
OATS, Quick Cooker, large size	18c
CORN, Fancy Country Gentleman, No. 2 size, 2 for	25c
PEAS, No. 2 can	9c
DRIED APPLES, 2 lbs. for	23c
DRIED APRICOTS, 2 lbs. for	23c
COFFEE, 3 lbs. Woman's Club with 20c jar Pecan-Nut Butter FREE	95c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lbs., quart jar	25c
PEANUT BUTTER, 5 lb. bucket	53c
CRACKERS, Iten's Fairy's, 3 lb. box	36c
CRACKERS, Iten's Fairy's, 2 lb. box	25c
GRAHAM CRACKERS, Iten's 2 lb. box	26c
CAKES, Fig Bars, 2 lbs.	23c
GINGER SNAPS, 1 lb. package	19c

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