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LEAGUE MAKES PLEA TO "SUPREME SENSE OF HONOR" OF JAPAN

Cannot Recognize Validity of Oc- LIMIT TO EACH cupation of Shanghai; Sees Discord Unabated if State of Affairs Continues.

Geneva, Feb. 18 .- Japan's "supreme sense of honor" was appealed to by the League of Nations in its latest note of protest requesting her to terminate hostilities at Shanghai, it was revealed Wednesday.

The communication as handed to Notake Sato, Japanese delegate, for | \$50,000,000 set aside for 1932 crop transmission to Tokio, said the council was "well aware of Japan's grievances" but regretted she should announced Friday by the agriculture "think herself unable to accept the department. method of peaceful settlement which the league covenant defines."

The twelve neutral members declared that out of respect for Article X of the covenant, guaranteeing the of the Shanghai area.

"We draw attention to these stipulations," the note said. "Encroachment on the integrity of member states will not be considered valid, The committee of twelve earnestly desires that Japan take a conciliatory and wise attitde in view of the fact that she is one of the members of the league and a permanent member of the league council.

"The committee of twelve earnestly trusts Japan will admit her obligations and justify the confidence reposed in her by the powers of the world. We point out that according to the Kellogg Pact all international disputes should be settled amicably."

WOULD HOLD JAPS LIABLE. Washington, Feb. 18 .- Secretary of State Stimson has been considering Rainfall for Week the notification of Japan that the United States wil hold her responsible for damage to life and property in the international settlement in Shang-

been reached. Musical Program by Presbyterian Choir

On Sunday Evening

invited to hear a musical program, of the current week. given by members of the Presbyterian choir on Sunday evening beginning at 7:30.

The program will be made up of Hoover has determined upon Judge solos, duets, instrumental numbers, Benjamin N. Cardoza, of New York, anthems and chorus in mixed harmony as successor to Justice Oliver Wendell of twenty-eight voices.

a wrestling match, Adams and Moore;

boxing match, Lofton and Snaffer;

debate, "Resolved, that the pen is

mightier than the sword;" affirma-

tive, Simpson Christopher, negative,

Abilene was honored by three auto

W. Daniel, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Saturday.

parties Saturday and Sunday, the

Miss Willie Bigham and John Daniel

while on Sunday the first car's occu-

pants were Misses Annie Lou O'Briant

nd Gertrude Thornton, Ross and

Frank Ferrier. In a second car were

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof and Mr.

and Mrs. Lanier Brown. All parties

report a grand time owing to the pic-

Wednesday evening at her home in

West Merkel Miss Margie Saffle, by

with the young men. This soon grew

into a dangerous stage for some of

nic weather that prevailed.

Jno. Moore.

FARMER IS \$400

\$50,000,000 Set Aside for 1932 Crop Production; Restriction As to Cotton Acreage.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- Regulations placing a \$400 limit on individual loans to farmers from the production under the Reconstruction Finance corporation act were

Farmers who apply for loans, which are available in every state except Connecticut and Pennsyl- Huge Amount of Construction vania, will be required to give a first mortgage on their crop and pay a territorial integrity of all members 5 1-2 per cent interest rate. Conof the league, it could not recognize necticut and Pennsylvania state the validity of Japanese occupation laws make no provision for such mortgages.

Southern cotton and tobacco planters cannot obtain loans on more than 65 per cent of their 1931 acreage unless they planted less than 10 acres of cotton or three acres of tobacco. A heavy surplus of both crops exists, and efforts have been made to reduce production by voluntary action and by state law.

Loans to tenants of any one land owner in a single county will be limited to \$1,600.

The eight regional offices will be located at Washington, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Memphis, Dallas, Salt Lake City, Spokane, and Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Over Inch and Half daily capacity now under construc-

Since Sunday night, the winter Arkansas Fuel Oil Company. ground season has been augmented by hai, it was learned authoritatively to- moisture measuring 1 3-4 inches. Up interests also are contributing. day. Tokyo reports, however, that to Tuesday morning, the precipitation such warning already had been given totalled 1 1-2 inches and the slow, ects are the Dow Chemical Company's were denied finally by the same au- drizzling rains since that time have bromine extraction plant at Wilmingthority. No decision on the point has added another quarter of an inch, ac- ton, N. C., and the Southern Alkali cording to the gauge of Grover Hale, Chemical Corporation project at Corvolunteer weather observer.

January rainfall for Merkei was 1 5-8 inches, making 3 3-8 inches for the year so far.

Growing grain, although not greatly in need at this time, has been great-The interested public is cordially ly improved by the opportune rains

> To U. S. Supreme Court. Washington, Feb. 18 .- President Holmes of the supreme court.

Homer Easterwood and Lester Ellis.

the city of Abilene Sunday.

tors from Abilene this week.

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 16, 1912.)

project at Houston. Utilities, the survey indicates, are **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO** keeping pace.

All the B. O. O. M. members will Misses Ora Teaff, Lurlyne Long, Mat- Adcock calls attention to a warning billed of charges of violating the state please remember that Friday night is tie Murphy, Maude Martin, Mattie that has been issued by the post-office banking laws in the report of the the regular meeting night. We have Paylor, Frances Buroughs, Murtice department with reference to persons ninety-fourth district court grand and Clara Saffle, Messrs Will Joe joining in a lottery through the Uni- jury of Bexar county. Largent, Robert Hicks, Olly Sharp, ted States mail, thereby laying themselves liable to being involved in court where another life was claimed less

At 7:30 p. m. on the sixth of this month at the home of the bride's par- the notice of the Merkel postmaster, er persons have met death since 1922, ents in Jefferson, Mr. Oscar Adams it is reported that numbers of Abi- Dr. John Houston Bailey, 61, prominwas married to Miss Florrie Faviell. lenians have mailed letters addressed ent Clyde physician, was fatally into a Mexican radio station or its jured Saturday morning. Lee Pribble of Trent, a tonsorial agents and most of these have been refirst one being composed of Mrs. J. artist of no mean ability, was here turned marked "Fraudulent-Return-burned to death Wednesday afternoon

Lester Ellis made a social call to

L. E. Adrian of Trent was on our streets looking after business yester- mailed the individual. The govern- WTCC; D. A. Bandeen, manager, and

the aid of St. Valentine, entertained. ity was here the first of the week and some mail has gotten by the depart- 13th general convention of the West She began by giving the young ladies judging from the smile on his face he ment. eight subjects, each dealing with some is expecting the oat crop to be greatly form of lover's delight, to be discussed benefitted by the rain.

was forced to call luncheon to avoid his brother, Edgar Parten, formerly scheme will more than likely embarrassment. Those present were of this place, but now of Richmond.

PLANS TO SPEND FIFTY MILLION Work Awarded in the South During January.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Baltimore, Feb. 18 .- The Manu- death penalty was assessed. acturers Record in its current issue reports more than \$55,000,000 in new banker and wool man, has been apengineering construction and building pointed a member of the regional work awarded and proposed during board of the Finance Reconstruction sult of large public expenditures the first month of 1932 in the South Corporation at Dallas. and Southwest.

A \$3,000,000 plant at Houston be- for teachers. ing discussed by Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company.

A \$3,500,000 refinery on the Neches river near Beaumont, said to be contemplated by the Hartman interests of Glendale, Cal. A gasoline plant of 30,000 gallons

tion at Willow Springs, Texas, by the

Chemical, mining, paper and textile In that category outstanding proj-

pus Christi. Preliminary work began on both last year.

The Eagle Picher Mining and Smelting Company at Picher, Okla., is building an ore mill of 3,600 tons daily capacity.

An ultimate expenditure of \$2,000,-000 is planned by the Texas Potash Corporation which soon will begin work on one mine near Odessa, Texas.

The Continental Can Company, preparing to let a contract for a \$400,-000 plant at Harvey, La., is reported to have acquired a site for a similar

Warns Against Mailing Radio Lottery Answers

Through The Mail, Postmaster O. J.

ed by order of the Postmaster Gen- when fire destroyed the home of his

The station or agents are said to James, at Austin and Raymond D. have been sending out receipts in James, his 2-year-old brother, proba drawing contest to individuals ably was fatally burned when he was Felix R. Jones was among the visi- whose names they had secured, ask- pulled from the building by neighbors. ing them to remit \$1, or announcing At a meeting of the Sweetwater over the air that upon receipt of Board of City Development with \$1, a chance in the lottery would be Houston Harte, president of the ment has fraud orders out against Maury Hopkins, assistant manager, several addressees, but addressees at Sweetwater Sunday, May 12, 13 Thos. Jenkins of the Divide commun- have been changed so frequently that and 14 were selected as dates for the

Stress is given to the warning that such is a violation of the law and eventually the station and its agents Early Tuesday W. Parten received will be involved in a court suit durthe leap year victims and the hostess a message telling him of the death of ing which persons joining in the

Charged with the murder of O. L. Jones, Waco auto salesman, Sept. 3, W. C. Beck was found guilty and the

Duwain E. Hughes, San Angelo

Oil refining plants lead the list University of Texas, ranks second in down should be made when budgets of present and contemplated industrial the nation in the length of service as and appropriations are considered. construction reported in the survey a college English teacher, according "A vigorous effort was made some to the English Journal, a publication three years ago, to move the peni-

with collection of fees as sheriff of power I had, because the removal A refinery of 2,500-barrel daily Walker county, N. L. Speer has been would have meant the junking of crude oil capacity at La Porte, Texas, sentenced to serve three years in the the prison properties at Huntsville; proposed by the La Porte Oil and Texas penitentiary where he once ruled as warden.

Fritz R. Smith, 55, judge of the 32nd judicial district, died Sunday at his home in Snyder, his death having payers of many millions of dollars. ly honored I recognize a special oblibeen brought about by a weakened heart condition, caused by several sieges of influenza.

With a capital stock of \$100,000 and a surplus and paid-in profit of \$20,-000, the First Coleman National bank, successor to three Coleman banks which suspended operations last October 9, opened Monday morning.

Believed to have been acting under suicide agreement, Miss Anna Seydler, a 62-year-old spinster, hanged herself at Schulenburg and a rope was removed from the neck of her sister, Marie, 70, also unmarried, in time to save her life.

B. B. Samuels, former president of the defunct Texas National bank of Fort Worth, who was indicted with three other officers of the bank in connection with the bank's insolvency, has been stricken with blindness in a New York hospital.

Thomas A. Johnson, vice-president of the Collin County National bank of McKinney, and former Merkel banker, has been elected district chairman of the Texas Bankers association to succeed W. L. Peterson, president of

the State National bank of Denison. Nine directors of the closed City-Central Bank and Trust company of San Antonio and State Banking Commissioner James Shaw were again no-

At a railway crossing at Clyde than two years ago, and within 200 While no cases have come locally to yards of a crossing where three oth-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodard, Trent, Sunday, February 14,

Texas chamber of commerce.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Reddin Stith, Monday, February 15, 1932.

MA FERGUSON ENTERS RACE FOR GOVERNOR ON LOWER TAX ISSUE

ASKS RE-ELECTION TO SENATE POST

Cunningham Again Wants to Represent 24th District; Submits Candidacy on Record.

Oliver Cunningham of Abilene has announced that he is a candidate to succeed himself as state senator of the 24th senatorial district, and submits his candidacy on the record but served only one term. Dan Moody, he has made in that body during his attorney general in her administrafirst four-year term. He speaks par- tion, defeated her for re-election. She ticularly of his part in the cotton ac- ran against Governor R. S. Sterling. reage control legislation, which he introduced in the senate.

Senator Cunningham advocates the payment of interest and sinking fund on county road bonds out of the state treasury, as a part of the highway income from gasoline.

Some of the salient features of his formal announcement are:

"High taxes are the necessary reand the pasage of huge appropria-Dr. Morgan Callaway, Jr., of the tion bills. And the fight to keep taxes

tentiary to a place near Austin. I Convicted of theft in connection opposed the movement with all the enty thousand acres of fine prison

> the treasury would go on a deficit. of Texas if I am needed With this as a moving argument, in the public service. those in the legislature who desired "I sincerely hope that the contest in economy sought to cut expenses by a which we are about to engage will be reduction of the salaries of all state | conducted on the basis of merit rathemployes receiving more than \$1,- er than personal antagonism. 'Who 800.00 a year. I helped all I could in can best serve Texas' should be the this effort, because it would have made uppermost thought in the minds of a reduction of nearly two million dol- the voter when the time comes to cast lars in the budget, or a saving of that the ballot in our democratic primary. amount to the taxpayers.

(Continued on Page Five.)

Starts Fourth Gubernatorial Campaign in Seven Years: Three Others in Race, With Sterling a Likely Entry.

Austin, Feb. 18 .- Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, Texas' first woman governor, laid aside her housewife's apron today and began her fourth campaign in seven years for gubernatorial votes.

Mrs. Ferguson, wife of James E. Ferguson, also a former governor, was elected chief executive in 1924, incumbent, in 1930 and went into a run-off primary with him, but was de-

Her formal statement follows:

"Responding to the written request of more than 400 friends in 200 counties in Texas that I again enter the service of the state and pledging their active support, I hereby announce as candidate for governor. These frends assure me that there is an urgent demand for my candidacy not only from all former supporters, but from thousands who have heretofore opposed me. They further say that there is a wide-spread dissatisfaction with the present administration of state affairs and that the public is demanding relief from governmental inefficiency and extravagance.

"While I am not anxious to, nor will I enter into any scramble for office, yet I do not feel that any citizen farm land; the purchase of new land is at liberty to decline to render pubat a high price, and the construction lic service in time of public need. My of new prisons, at a cost to the tax-"Last spring it became evident that gation to heed the call of the people

"In addition to my connection with "For the past four years, I have and my experience in the governor's (Continued on Fage Five)



MORALITY.

In Mary Roberts Rinehart's autobiography, My Story, occurs this reference to petticoats:

"They had to be made, two or three, very full . . . and generally a short flannel one to the knees . . .

'Not long ago a young girl of my aquaintance was going through an old trunk of her mother's and came across a brief bit of embroidered flannel. 'What on earth is this?" she demanded.

"'That? That was my flannel petticoat for my wedding.'

"Whereupon the girl burst into shrieks of delighted laughter. I smiled when I heard the story," says Mary Rinehart. "I too have somewhere just such a garment. I scalloped and enabroidered it myself for my wedding, and I should have felt a shameless woman without it." Julia Ward Howe, when a little girl, grew weary from a long

ride in the family coach, and allowed her knees to drop apart childwise. Instantly her father reproved her: "My daughter, if you cannot sit like a lady we will stop at

the next tailors and have you measured for a pair of panta-

The characteristics which distinguish a "lady" and comprise her moral code have differed widely in different genera-

I remember the first girl I ever saw who cut off her hair. She worked in my office. The president of the company called me on the carpet and wanted me to fire the young lady, which I declined to do. To his way of thinking, bobbed hair was a sure sign of an abandoned woman.

I recall the first lady whom I ever saw lighting a cigarette. All of us who witnessed the performance were sure that she was no better than she ought to be.

Only recently I ran across an old copy of the Book of Rules issued by a coeducational college a quarter of a century ago. It consisted of thirty pages of "Thou shalt nots" and, having prohibited almost everything, it wound up with this blanket

"In addition to the foregoing rules, students are expected to refrain from card playing, dancing and theatre-attendance, and to observe the other common rules of morality.

The Old Testament contains many precepts, but in the book (Continued on Page Two.)

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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THE T. A. C. CLUB.

Cephas Woozencraft. number of M. H. S. students, is opera- Boaz, Albert Cade, Bud Toombs, Ross tor of the famous Wozencraft's Store Ferries, Woody Wilson and Mardell C. Johnson from Wilson, Texas. on the picturesque campus of M. H. | Shouse. S. Cephas is an industrial young gen- The boys are very proud of their track team of M. H. S., a fighting them. basketeer, an industrious Senior, a member of the T. A. C. club, and joke will wear one first. Whoever it is, editor of the "Badger Weekly." "Woo- she will be highly honored. zy" is so industrious that he can not find enough vacant time in which to TENNIS CLUB. prepare his lessons, especially English. Cephas' main study period is the ball field in Merkel High school is history period.

Davis Williams.

Oh, you girls, look whose name appears in the Badger Weekly. Many of you girls may not know "Red," but I recommend that you get acquainted with him at once. For particulars, see Mary Elizabeth Grimes. I am sure this young lady can answer all questions concerning "Red;" that is, she should be qualified to answer all them. Yes, and girls, Davis was high-point man in the recent Taylor county basketball meet. Davis is a letter man at end on the gridiron team, a letter man at forward in basketball, a brilliant Senior, a member of the Senior Boys' club, and a member of the T. A. D. C. (Thursday afternoon Detention Club). Good for you, Davis, you have made good, even in your transferring from Noodle to Merkel.

VACCINATIONS.

The first shot of the typhoid vaccine was given by one of the town's physicians who has offered his services in the giving of the vaccines, Dr. C. B. Gardner. Dr. Gardner was assisted by the United States Health nurse in giving two hundred and forty-one pupils and teachers the typhoid vaccine. This shot was given Friday, Feb. 12, in the Grammar School office. JUNIOR NEWS.

This vaccination seemed to have more reaction than the diphtheria, "swell." Can you guess why? Most therefore, several students and teachers were ill over the week-end.

DRAMATIC CLUB NEWS.

matic club was held Feb. 12 at the Senior banquet! High School building. Margaret Mil- A Junior got industrious the other ler, Imogene Middleton, Elleta Fos- day and figured up just how long it ter, Lela Patterson, Van Roberts, Red is until school will be out. It is only Williams and Cephas Wozencraft 141,120 seconds. Believe it or not, and were the hostesses and hosts.

The program was as follows: Colonial play, given by Margaret Miller Imogene Middleton, Red Williams, SOPHS CHATTERBOX. and Elleta Foster; a talk on the art of cultivating friends by Albert ted about anything lately? Cade; a reading by Margaret Canon; duet by Margaret Miller and Mildred Richardson; and business meeting.

Two one-act plays were presented for the Dramatic club: "Nevertheless" and "Farewell, Cruel World."

JOKES.

Mr. Riddle: "Give me a custom that you think existed in Biblical times." H. C .: "I think that the beds were

very large, and about five people slept in each bed." Mr. Riddle: "What makes you think

H. C.: "Well, the Bible tells about

Moses' sleeping with his forefathers." Gerald: "What is the difference be-

tween a king's son, a monkey's mother

a hald head, and an orphan?" B. P. "A king's son is the heir apbarent: a monkey's mother is a hairy parent; a bald head has no hair apparent; and an orphan has nary a par-

Stanley: "Why do we admire the pretty feet of a young lady?"

Lowell: "All's well that ends well'." Mr. Burgess: "Why do the Ameri-

can soldiers never run away?" Meyer: "I don't know; unless maybe, it's because they belong to the standing army."

SENIOR NEWS.

The Senior class seems to be the most popular class in M. H. S., as three out of the four favorites were chosen from this class: Nell Durham and Davis Williams as best-all-around students and Margaret Canon as queen.

The football sweaters have arrived and we are certainly proud of the six that help to decorate our Senior room.

The Badgers of Merkel High school received their football sweaters Monday morning at chapel. Those receiv-

ing sweaters were: Paul Williams, Gerald Derrick, Red Williams, B. P. "Woozy," as Cephas is called by a Middleton, David Gambie, Bussie

Everyone is wondering which girl

The grand champion in the basketabout to be settled, and the grand champion in the tennis field in Merkel High school is about to be found. This tennis contest that is to be held is not for the purpose of deciding the racqueting champion of M. H. S., but it is to be held to decide the winning class. Maybe each class has a star performer, but when the star performer teams with a fellow classmate who may not be so brilliant a ONE ACT PLAY. performer as he, he may lose; consequently, the champion performer of the school would not be fairly decided.

The likely challengers are: Wiliams and I. Mellinger from the Senfor class, G. Derrick and M. Mellinger chosen this year for the contest. from the Junior class, Howard Carson and Tommy Jones from the Sophomore class, and Harry Boaz and someone to be decided later to represent the Freshman class.

The four-sided battle will be started as soon as Mother Nature permits. All you likely challengers beware. The Senior couple is hot and ready to go.

The Senior class has practically won the basketball laurels and is going to give the three competing teams plenty of competition.

If you are asked to carry the colors of your class, please do so to the best of your ability, even if it is limited.

The Juniors certainly do feel popular boy? Certainly.

Yes, the Juniors are very proud The next shot of typhoid will be that the most popular boy, Gerald Then, there was a little leak in the

hall Monday when it was raining, and The fourth meeting of the Dra- we heard something about a Junior-

if you don't, count it up for your-

Does Billy Gardner seem disappoin-Did Caribel go to see the sick this

week-end? Two Sophomores have new football

sweaters, David and Bud. Wanda has a scrap book. Julia has her spring haircut.

Lois received a s w e e t Valentine!



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ause Cullen has moved.

Bessylea can sing pretty alto. Duncan is between a rock and a

hard place, kinda. David likes to work algebra since

he has a new sweater. The depression hit Jack Patterson so hard he cannot buy a pencil for

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Fish have two more Fish in the pond. Dot Swafford, who has been going to school at Sweetwater, and O.

The Freshmen beat the Sophomores in basketball 38-7. We are going to love mercy, and to walk humbly with tleman. He is a letter man of the 1931 sweaters, for they worked hard for beat the others, too. Watch the Bad- thy God?" ger Weekly!

> Jack S.: "Who is the straightest man in the Bible?"

Milton: "I don't know." Jack: "Moses, because Pharaoh made him a ruler."

Jessie Margaret: "I bet I can thread a needle faster than you can?" Lena Mae: "I guess you can. Every time I start to thread one it blinks

The Freshmen had only one boy to get a football sweater. Harry Boaz. We are proud of him and expect more to get a sweater next year.

The play that has been chosen to be given in the Interscholastic League contest is "Mansion." This is a play that was presented last year by the speech department and it has been

Those who are entering the contest are as follows: B. P. Middleton, Van

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Even the Sophomores grieve be- Roberts, Meyer Mellinger, W. M. Taylor, Monta J. Moore, H. C. Toombs, Miss Patterson's nature is to be Marie Stanford, Frances Marie Church, Mildred Richardson, Duncan Briggs, Ida Mae Derstine, Sis Boaz, Ruth Calloway, Opal Huskey, Mary

Elizabeth Grimes and Melba Taylor. The Merkel High school is expecting this play to win first place in the

THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One) of Micah there is one verse which is a summary of them all. It reads:

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to

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pense ate at her vitals.

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of each inspection, whether her heart leaped up or dropped. Jock's

eyes, Felix's clear profile, both were

haunting her. She endured not only

of discovery but Jock's, where he

against the wall, waiting. No mat-

meant. He really hoped, he really

feared. It was not, for him, only a

test, a mad experiment; it was sim-

ply-life, or his death. It was

shame or clean justification, a prison

She thought she had imagined the

"Algernon Talley, Lost Valley

"I agree to give your engineer the

kind of look-in you suggest, pro-

vided you come across with the mil-

lion." Her sick eyes ran down the

page. She saw his name, "Jock Ayle-

ward." Another letter: "I've got

such easy doing either. He's a

shrewd chap and knows his job. But

I kept him away from a shaft and

It was true. Felix Kent had baited

When you can get just as good

work at home

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I let him go over-"

Why Take

Your Shoes

To Abilene

words but her eyes had really picked

them off a folded stiff sheet. She be-

gan to shake.

Mine."

sentence wiped out, a curse lifted.

RAPTURE BEYOND

EIGHTH INSTALLMENT.

Fresh from a French convent, Joce- room. lyn Harlowe returns to New York Jock rose. He was dressed in a moved up silently and she let herself by replied with its shallow eyes and to her socially-elect mother, a religious, dark suit of rough tweed and took down upon the office floor. She its hard mouth, "I ride life with a hotel Felix Kent spent what was ambitious woman. The girl is hurried up a cap from the floor. into an engagement with the wealthy "Speak low," said Lynda. "Is Nick Felix Kent. Her father, Nick Sandal, here?" surreptitiously enters the girl's home one night. He tells her he used to call treatment. He'll be able to get out revelation of the glittering knob of blocdy dust. Suppose that she had her Lynda Sandal. The girl is torn by in a few days." her desire to see life in the raw and "I'm glad he isn't here. I've been to become part of her mother's soc- followed. A man's across this alley eight . . . three turns to the left, shine all a girl's phantasy. No way iety. Her father studies her surround- in a doorway. My mother has en- eight-five-two. Two turns to the to handle shrewd and scheming

quarters. She finds four men playing seen me come out. In fact I know cards when she arrives. One of them, that I've been noticed already in Jock Ayleward, her father tells her, this get-up. Jock, what shall we do? is like a son to him, but warns the girl If we go out together now we'll but with hieroglyphics which mean who waited at the bottom of the he is a trifler.

father and Jock takes her home, on put on some of Nick's clothes? the way stopping with her at an un- They'll be looking for a woman." derworld cabaret.

Jock gets into a fight with a gang- them pretty well." .His eyes im- took them out, returned them. Susster who insists on dancing with Lyn- personally measured her. and Ayleward's face displays his de- the bed, got a shirt, a tie and a moniac hatred of the millionaire.

Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused pays another visit to her father and goes to a cabaret with him and dances with Jock, who suddenly stops and night. Where are we going to when we tells her he is going to take her right leave here?" home. He had seen Felix dancing with another woman.

Nick discovers Jock making love to Lynda when he returns home immediately after the others get there and reviles him for being a convict. Returning home Jocelyn finds her mother handling some immensely valuable jewels, hidden behind her prie dieu.

Felix tells Jocelyn that Jock is a orthless scamp. Later Lynda tells ock the does not believe in his innoe but will try and find, through elix, some letters Jock claims will

Marcella finds her jewels stolen and hires a private detective, who uncovers the mysterious prowlings of Lynda, without knowing who she is. Lynda suspects her father.

Jocelyn decides to marry Felix quickly and preparations are made for the wedding. She asks him to tell her the combination of his safe, as a mark of his confidence in her.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY-"Spiritually? To know the combin-

ation of an office safe?" "Well psychologically then. It would give me a feeling of knowing you better, of being in your con-

Felix lifted the hair from one of the delicate close-set ears and bend- ing. I can't help hoping that we'll ing his mouth to it whispered, find what is bound, I suppose, to "Three-eight . . . three turns to the hurt your happiness. But I must say left . . . eight-five-two . . . two turns two things to you; One- that I to the right. One-one-seven . . . think you are brave. Very few wosix turns right. Turn to the left. Did men would have the courage and you get that, my sweet foolish the honor to search out such a truth. wife?"

"Say it again, Felix."

"really your wife . . ."

He repeated it and she in her brain of a schoolgirl conned it over and over, sick with her own deception. To lie so in a man's arms and to cajole his secrets from him for him. "It is to prove my confidence in him . . . This conscience must be silenced! It is only to prove his bonor in such a fashion that he may ne er know it has been questioned; to rid myself of this-Other ... this Other . . . forever and for- your love." ever-and forever."

Next day she wrote a line to Jock "If I succeed in arranging matters as I hope, I'll come to you tonight about eleven o'clock. I shall have to ask your help."

This she mailed with her own hand. Pleading weariness, she asked and set her teeth upon it. The ac-Felix to stay away that evening and tion kept her from speech and tears. to her relief he decided that he would take advantage of this dismissal for one of his flying business trips.

At half past ten Jocelyn got up and locked her door. She took her disguise from its hiding place and time she must wear the dangerous semblance of that "conspicuous young woman."

As she stepped briskly out along the street past the awning of the apartment house she thought that a just left and walked, not very rap-

Arrived at Nick's place, she ran | felt the ice of his fingers.

both be arrested."

"Good thought. You could wear tracts, letters, signed papers, she

da. He then takes Lynda home. Later He took her into the bedroom, she mentions Felix's name to Jock tumbled a suit from the closet to

soft hat and left her. The clothes weren't such a bad him to be sent to jail unjustly by fix- fit. The felt hat, because of her her own horrible suspense and fear ing up his report on a mine. Lynda thick hair, was a tight squeeze but says she doesn't believe his story. She she pulled it down. When she came stood down there in the chill fog,

> out Jock smiled at her appearance. "You'll do, I guess, on a foggy ter what his delusion, this search

"Have you one of those small

searchlights, Jock?" "An electric torch? sure thing."

"Then take it. We're going to Felix's office downtown."

Three blocks away from the tall narrow tenement they took a taxi-

Not many days before, Jocelyn Harlowe had driven through the diamond air of noon along one of the glittering avenues of the gaytown in Kent's smooth-running limousine, while his voice, eager and possessive, exulted in her ear. She could not avoid his lips, his touch. Now, plunging and jerking in the narrow stuffy darkness of the taxi, she crossed a city lurid and confused, whose air was a wandering marsh light across her face and hands, while the man beside her crouched forward, silent and controlled.

She said to herself, "After this ride I shall never be alone with nim again. And I love him. And I have never given him a word of kindness. He will remember me only as one of many wounds." And the longing to speak softly to him took possession of her almost irresistibly.

Jock spoke: "I won't see you fidence of being-" her voice fell, again," he said in his subdued voice. "You won't forget me-no mafter what is found-something or noth-And the other is . . . I love you. It can't hurt you to know that. Lynda, I love you."

She did not answer. The murky city went past their silence in blurred light. Speech of any sort would be disloyalty. She said at what might . . . no, she trusted last, however, in a sweet muted voice, "It hurts me. It hurts me . . . that you love me."

"I'm a fool, Lynda. Not even prison has cured me of folly. I hope I'll die in the gutter hoping. Great things . . . like the possession of

"You mustn't hope."

He drew one of her hands quickly over to his lips and let it go.

"Good-bye, Lynda Sandal," he said. "As long as you live. I'll hope." In the darkness she took that hand he had kissed up to her mouth

It was more difficult than Jocelyn had foreseen, to locate the spot they

wanted. But finally they found it. At the foot of the fire escape they stood together looking up.

"You must wait her, Jock. I know dressed herself. She ran her fingers just where the safe stands. I have through her hair. For this one last memorized the combination. Let me have your torch."

"I must go up with you. You don't imagine that I'd let you take this chance alone?"

"You have to. If I am caught I've only to let them know who I erged from the alley she had am in order to be released. But if

She took the light from him and

a trap for an unsuspecting friend, a sound behind her terribly close. boy he'd played with. Felix Kent two cold hands.

It would mean, for Kent destruction. By her treachery. And he had urgently. She had swung her leg chosen her to be his wife.

could not do. She could tell him and a weight crashed down upon She counted the windows and when he returned tomorrow, she her blinded head. found the one to Felix's office. It could leave it to him. His face vividspur and a whip and I ride over left of an active and wakeful night. paper. There's a message in every one The electric torch, as she pressed fallen men." If she told him he it, gave out a round white spot would ride her down. And Jock "No. I took him to a hospital for which startled her with its precise would be trampled deeper into the She repeated to herself: "Three- Kent . . . No. That was all moongaged a private detective to find out right one-one-seven. Six turns men. She must either put the papers Lynda visits her father in his dingy who took her jewels. He must have right. Turn to left." The thick back and keep silent for all her life, loyal to a knave, or she must stand it was already eight o'clock. The small compartments were up now and go over to that window labeled, not with letters or numbers, and then down to the honorable man nothing. She took out bundles of wall, the honorable man who had Lynda pays a second visit to her "Wouldn't it be better for me to papers and stealthily examined them. served a prison sentence while Felix Bundle after bundle, with names enjoyed a million dollars in the sun. caught a boy leaving by the win-She stood up, closed the safe and and titles utterly unknown, con-

went over to the window.

As she leaned out she heard a



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"Get out. Be quick," she called out over the sill when heavy hands

In the bedroom of a Washington The spur of opportunty and of an of them that may enable you to save tagonistic forces, these were not the money. At least you will know where only fevers in his blood. His mar- to find what you want without doing riage was but a few hours ahead a lot of hunting and asking questions, the papers and threatened Felix of him and the image of Jocelyn and you also know the merchants apkept his pulses stirred.

After day break he fell asleep and was awakened by the sharp call of a ial offerings of their goods. telephone beside his bed. His watch on the night table showed him that

The voice was Becky Deal's. "Is this you, Mr. Kent? Michael Rory has just telephoned from the police station. It seems that your office was entered last night. He

dow. I don't believe anything's bee

Felix committed himself to an

(Continued Next Week.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. V. Vessels spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and little son, Mark, were week-end guests of Mrs. Sidney Pass in Api-

Misses Mattie and Fannie Scott of Abilene visited with relatives from of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt Sat-Friday till Sunday.

as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gregory and Mrs Tom Stev- dance were entertained with bridge enson from Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. and "42." John West and daughter, Gay, of Merkel.

Mrs. W. J. Mennis of Fort Worth Mrs. Bud Brown. is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley have as die Dance" Saturday evening. their guest this week Mrs. Nalley's father, Mr. Rutherford, of Cotton- in the home of L. D. Williams Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter had as and Jo Ella McLeod.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Miniter. worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Lad- doing fine. ies Bible class Thursday 2 p. m.

TRUBY NEWS

A fine rain fell here Monday which will be of much benefit to grain and early gardens.

There was quite a crowd at the Bap- home folks. tist church for Sunday School and Mrs. Pete Rutledge of Merkel was

preaching. The school children rendered a nice program Friday afternoon which was SAY, DID YOU KNOW-

enjoyed by all present. Truby basketball teams motored to Hawley and to Union last week and

played some good games. The Truby women were to meet at the school house last Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Home Demonstration club, but Miss Bonner, the demonstration agent, could not

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell spent Feb. 19-20? Sunday with Mr. Bell's parents south | Trent forfeited their game Satur- er, Mrs. H. West, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mathis made a business trip to Abilene Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Garrett and

children and J. B. Cranston of Sinclair attended church here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Miss

and Mrs. J. H. Palmer.

NOODLE NEWS

Our community was visited with an- cent. other good rain, which will be very beneficial to the grain.

Preaching at the Church of Christ Sunday was attended by a large Dixon and William B. Dixon, 90 years no admission charge. The play is a

Merkel by V. O. Stamps. the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester are hardy and spry.

Lucas Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M.

Cecil White spent the week-end with

home folks at Brownwood. The Cross Roads Senior boys and girls went to Goodman Friday and

Saturday where they played in the tournament. C. R. Williams of Neinda spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Lee Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas were Compere visitors Sunday. The regular basket ball tournament

of Jones county will be held at Noodle Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20. There will be preaching at the Methodist church the fourth Sunday afternoon instead of the first. Everyone is invited to come.

" Mr. and Mrs. C. F. White and family and Miss Faytine Howell were Abilene visitors Friday night.

Miss Lucille Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. John Reece Sunday.

We are still having choir practice each Friday night. Everyone is invited to come.

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GOODMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey of Kale spent Monday in the home of W. N.

Lenord McCoy spent the week-end with his parents at Morris.

A large crowd gathered in the home urday evening and danced. String mu-Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson had sic was played by Algia Hall and Roy Williams. Those who didn't care to

> Mrs. Glenn Elliott of Sweetwater has been visiting her parents, Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson entertained a few friends with a "Ra-

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams visited

The Goodman school had their "invitation basketball meet" Friday and their week-end guests Miss Edna Wil- Saturday and were lucky enough to son of Merkel and Misses Mollie and win two banners, the finals being played Saturday afternoon. The Good- ! man Senior girls had to play Noodle's Seniors, winning 22 to 18. Goodman Senior boys played Union, winning 27 Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and to 12. Good for the players, they're

Mrs. H. L. Barnes and son, Wel-Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. mon, have returned from Midland, Come and enjoy these services with where they have been visiting Mrs. Barnes' sister, Mrs. Osburn Flem-

The Seniors put on their play, "Vagabond" over at Noodle Wednesday evening before a large crowd.

Miss Georgia Ferrell, who is teaching at Miles, spent the week-end with

at Goodman Friday.

Bess can blush?

Daisy likes to ride in a coupe? Goodman won two banners? John could dance? James smelt a skunk?

Cook likes hamburgers? Smakee had temper? Ruth looks toward Noodle? Roy could wink? The basketball players are going to

was postponed until some future time. Noodle to play Friday and Saturday, families and Mrs. Cliff Perry and

Audie has curls?

Aubrey was in love? Augusta is learning to "help?"

Few Lost In Chicago.

girls are lost in Chicago. Of the 6465 Anson Sunday. were found, and only 49 of these were evening at the school.

Claims Oldest Twins.

old, claim the title of being the oldest Quite a few Noodlites are attend- twins in the United States. They are ing the singing school being taught at Civil war veterans and have entered a national contest to defend their ti-Mr. Ashby of Compere visited in the They fought with the south. Both

> All main contracts except one went to Texas concerns when the University of Texas Regents recently let building contracts totaling nearly \$4,-000,000. Nine new buildings were included in the letting.

FO AGENTS FOR YEAR 1931

Geo. W. McDaniel, Abilene,

Mrs. H. A. Snively, Clyde,

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way, the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

We list below a few of the late death claims paid.

RURAL SOCIETY

LEAP-YEAR-VALENTINE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin grac-Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips made fously entertained the young people worded speeches, and Miss Mamie bankers. Walker was awarded a cookie man for having the most proposals accep-

After each guest had found his forserved a dainty refreshment plate of investigation shows. hot chocolate and cookie hearts, with Walker and Vernie Derrick; Messrs. ert Malone, Marcus Clinton, Monta A. Keel, Woodrow Price and Jay Dell til higher price levels are reached. of Blackwell.

GOLAN CLUB NEWS.

The Women's Better Home club ing one way in which the house is supply in hstory.

kept in touch with the outside world. Those on the program were: "Who are Citizens?" Mrs. E. C. Brown; Citizen?" Mrs. C. A. Duncan; "Duties

of Citizens," Mrs. Ollie Skidmore. Two new members were added,

making 24 on the roll. The ladies are preparing a program

for Monday, Feb. 22. Miss Bonner will met with us Feb. 24 in the home of Mrs. G. M. Byrom. All members are urged to be present and visitors are invited.

White Church News

We are having quite a rain here. Messrs. L. A. and John Dudley and daughter, Beatrice, visited their moth-

The young people had a very fine time at the home of Mrs. Weston Friday night when they entertained with a Leap Year party.

Messrs. Houtson Martin and Ross Richie of Big Spring visited in the Chicago, Feb. 18 .- Contrary to pop. A. D. Barnes home Saturday night. Fay Samson were Abilene shoppers ular belief, statistics show that few Lloyd West visited friends near

Mr. George Samson and wife spent men, women and children reported Our teachers, Misses Baucum and Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. missing here in 1931, the missing per- Chaney, entertained the school childsons bureau reports that all but 201 ren with a Valentine party Saturday

> women and girls. The efficiency rat- D. D. Coats and son, Leon, attening of the department was 96.8 per ded to business in Abilene Saturday. The pupils of our school are to put on the play, "The Daughter of the Desert," at the school house Feb. 25 Mexico, Mo., Feb. 18 .- John J. and the public is invited. There will be western play and it will be well worth your time to come.

The players are as follows: Harold Morgan, Maurice Pressley. Clarence Ogden, Virgil Turner. Samuel Hopkins, Etzel Farmer. Pedro Silvera, Buford Malone. Jim Parker, Woodrow Barnes. Bill Jones, Clayton Coats. Ruth Arlington, Lena V. Harrison. Lucy Hopkins, Margie Coats. Mrs. Ogden, Erma Bell Berry. White Bird, Isla May Snow.

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Volunter Acreage Cut Seems Likely

Dallas, Feb. 18.-Investigations made by the Texas Cotton Cooperaa business trip to Anson Saturday of Blair community with a Valentine tive association indicate that, regardparty in their home last Saturday less of the holding of the cotton acreevening. Following the leap year idea age reduction law as unconstitutional, the girls brought in their swains with farmers will reduce cotton acreage lassoes and rolling pins. During the from 20 to 40 per cent because of evening numerous games were play- cheap prices, lack of credit, abnored, interspersed by radio music. The mally wet weather, boll weevil threat, girls proposed to the boys in cleverly public sentiment and influence of through here Sunday on his way to

Some farmers say they can buy cotton cheaper than they can produce it. Sentiment for large acreage reduc- day. tion is much greater in West Texas tune in a Valentine cake, the hostess than in Central and East Texas, the

Aside from personal desires of incandy Valentines as favors, to Misses dividual cotton growers acreage re-Zuma Spears, Anna Addison, Clara duction is a matter of credit and pub- from Goodman Sunday. Lee Peterson, Clara and Dewene Clin- lic sentiment in each district. Bankton, Bessilou Windham, Sarah and ers will not finance growers who wish tended church services in Sylvester | . Neva Malone, Lyra Jones, Dora Mae to overplant. Most bankers themsel- Sunday. Meeks, Lucy Moore, Vera and Mamie ves are holding-directly or indirectly -large quantities of 1931 cotton in Bob Phillips, O. B. Walker, Howard accordance with the New Orleans Windham, Red and Cecil Melton, Rob- agreement of Southern bankers and the cooperatives to keep approximateand Hardy Moore, Bernard Jones, G. ly 7,000,000 bales off the market un-

Bankers do not wish to see too large a new crop raised to compete with cotton in the southwide holding movement that has proved effective met Feb. 10 with fourteen members in stabilizing prices since October in present. All answered roll call by giv- the face of the largest visible cotton

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W. M. West of Seagraves was Anson and Stamford.

guests of G. M. Lawlis and wife Sun-Orvel Hill was home a short while .

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill were

Sunday evening. Miss Jewel Cox of Coleman visited

home folks Sunday. C. E. Brown had visiting relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner at-

Mrs. E. S. Williams has been very

sick the last week.

Mr. Jim Jeffrey of Dallas is vis ing home folks.

Miss Jewel Boyd visited her bro-Some farmers were glad to see it ther, in Abilene, the past Saturday

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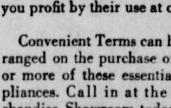
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habits, a field that no other agency has present or future favors. usurped in the glorious years of just as essential to the small town as at any time in the past; for this reason, and for this reason alone, The Mail reprints the following from the Waco News-Tribune:

"Speaking of local papers in small towns and cities, Editor Henry Edlooks at the situation: 'A live newspaper seems essential to the welfare of our small towns. Many small towns allow their newspaper to subsist on a branch water diet and then bemoan the absence of a live newspaper. I know of no little town that has achieved much without a newspaper that reflects the hopes, purposes and ambitions of the community.'

Tevery word of which is true as ospel. No small town ever amounts to much without a good local paper, ditional second term. For some time and it is the patriotic duty of every citizen to lend support and encourage- ted on a "business man" plaform, ment. And the same thing can be said for every town and city, although, of course, the need for active support is more keenly felt in the smaller pla-

COUNTRY'S LARGEST BANKS.

States, in point of deposits, are the following, ranking in order named: Chase National, \$1,578,000,000; National City, \$1,308,000,000; Guaranty Trust, \$1,269,000,000, all in gar Witt, lieutenant governor. Neith-New York City.

Trust Company of Chicago, \$827,- discuss their thoughts along political 000,000.

Bank of America National Trust and Savings of San Francisco, \$792,670,411; Central Hanover, \$680,-000,000; Bankers Trust Company, \$633,000,000, and Irving Trust, \$533,000,000, of New York.

First National Bank of Chicago, \$531,000,000. First National Bank of Boston,

\$516,000,000. Security-First National of Los few packing sows \$3.25 or steady.

Angeles, \$480,000,000. First Wayne National Bank of

Detroit, \$487,000,000.

Texas Rice Fields to Supply Book Paper

Orange, Feb. 18 .- Rice straw will be combined with wood pulp in making steady; other classes cattle including a special book paper at the plant of the Yellow Pine Paper Mill company ues; stocker trade nominal; slaughhere, it has been announced by the Commercial Pulp and Paper company. ly good heavies up to \$4.50; small lots This company recently acquired the good heavies up to \$4.85; cull sorts tragedy. This story has just been money. At least you will know where paper mill.

Commercial uses for rice straw have been sought for years by rice growgress of the new undertaking will be watched with interest.

Lip Readers Give Play. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 18 .- A complete Kansas Day program-speeches, sengs and even a playlet-was presented here, and not a single word was spoken. The celebration was held in the night lip reading class of Miss Al-

Civil marriages in Giasgow, Scotland, last year totaled 2017, an increase of 53 over 1930.

Egypt has appointed a committee to select substitute crops for areas which will not be permitted to raise cotton this year.

Numbers at Opening Missie's Floral Shop

Visitors came in large numbers, both city folks and those from neighboring cities and adjoining communities, in response to the open house invitation of Missie's Floral Shop during the hours from 2 till 8 last Sunday and were most complimentary in their expressions of praise for the well arranged green house as well as the complete display of cut flowers, pot plants and green things.

Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chaney, M. V. Chaney, Mr. and Mrs John Woodrum and From time to time the publishers of daughters, Miss Winter Dean and Genell, and Mr and Mrs. Price Boyce and family, all of Abilene.

"Ma" Ferguson

(Continued Irom fage One) so generously manifested at all times office, I shall avail myself of the adand for the substantial support in a vice and cooperation of competent material way, both of which essential friends, of the legislature and my huselements have made it possible for band in determining a policy that will The Mail to "carry on" during these relieve the present perilous condition

the progressive spirit of Merkel and "In submitting my name as a candiits citizens and of the wonderful ad- date I deem it proper to take the peovantages of Merkel and the Merkel ple into my confidence and tell them that I am not financially able to It is not with an idea, therefore, of make any extensive or expensive camcalling attention to any shortcomings paign and will have to leave myself -for such do not exist when every- in the hands of my friends in the one's straightened circumstances are various counties of the state. I will considered-but in order that no one go into office again, as in the past, may forget the unique sphere of use- under no promise or obligation to any fulness which the local newspaper in- special interest or faction for past,

"In answer to those who may think newspaper history and which is still that a woman should not hold high station, permit me to call attention to my admistration of only one term in WHIPPET SEDAN for sale \$125.00 comparison with the last four admin- Dr. Curley's Repair Shop. istrations of men.

riotic and the intelligent voter. At a stock. Sie Hamm. wards of the Tyler Journal thus later date I shall publish my platform for the information of the people, but I will say now that the chief plank will be the material reduction

> "In the meantime I will appreciate the activity of all good citizens in my

> Although he never has formally announced it is generally expected at the state capitol that Governor Sterling will be a candidate for the trathere were reports that Sterling, elecwould retire at the end of his term to give his full time to private affairs, but this talk seems to have subsided.

A minister, farmer and oil man had preceded Mrs. Ferguson with anthe Rev. Scott W. Hickey of Cleburne, cents per bundle on farm east of town. The 12 largest banks in the United Harry Miller of Brady and Tom F. R. B. Wells. Hunter of Wichita Falls.

There has been considerable speculation on plans o James V. Allred, ambitious attorney general, and Eder has announced for re-election to Continental Illinois Bank and their respective offices. Neither will

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb 18.-Hogs -Receipts Wednesday 600, including 336 directs: market steady to 10c higher; rail and truck top \$4.25; load good to choice around 200-pound rail butchers \$4.25; bulk better grades 175 to 250-pound truck hogs \$4.20 to \$4.25;

Cattle-Receipts 1,500, including 300 calves; steers and yearlings fairly active, fully steady, some strength in slaughter steers; slaughter steer sales \$3.35 to 5.25; several loads common grades \$3.35 to 3.65; good lightweights \$5.25; several sales better grades at yearlings \$5.00 to \$5.50; one load low cutter bulls \$1.50, cows too scarce to permit test of valter calves fully steady, car lots fair-\$2.00 and 2.50.

Sheep-receipts 1,200; no good wooled fat lambs offered; medium ers of Texas and Louisiana and pro- grade wooled lambs and good shorn lambs fully steady; medium grade wooled fat lambs \$4.75 and 5.50; shorn fat lambs \$4.75.

Oliver Cunningham

(Continued from Page One.) vigorously and actively opposed the proposal to issue from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 of state road bonds, and I am proud enough to take to mount Theatre, Abilene, on Monday. myself a considerable portion of the The story was adapted for the scren credit for its defeat."

One bargain lot of Children's Shoes going at 99 cents-Brown's Bargain Store.

If you have any visitors. Phone 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Demoeratic Primary in July.) For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-

election.) For County Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) GRADY PARMELLY.

For County Judge: JOHN CAMP. JOE E. CHILDERS.

For County Commissioner, Precinct P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) A. J. CANON.

For County Tax Assessor: C. W. BOYCE. For County Clerk:

L. L. MURRAY.

W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.) For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)



FOR SALE

S. C. RHODE ISLAND RED eggs, cockrels and pullets. See Bob May-

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTE setting eggs, 15 for \$1.25; 30 eggs \$2.25; 50 eggs, \$3.50; 100 eggs for \$5.50. Joe E. Davis, Blackwell, Texas

"I repeat that, 'Who Can Best Ser- HAVE DODGE SEDAN for sale or ve' should be the standard of the pat- will trade for cow, hogs or work

> FOR SALE-I have cedar posts 5c to 25c and wood \$1.00 per load at brake. If interested, see J. L. Cargill, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE Two nice milk cows, four gallon. 2500 bundles hegari feed. Several tons maize. One good wagon.

One electric stove. Have several used cars in good condition: can offer a bargain in these. Have for rent six room house with plenty, outside room.

farm near Merkel.

BURL SCOTT Phone 54

nouncement for governor. They are PLENTY OF GOOD CANE 1 1-2

LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Two Jersey yearlings, weight about 350 pounds. Phone 276 or see Ed

Lancaster.

Poe's Greatest Story Reaches Screen at Last

As a writer of weird and gruesome mystery stories, Edgar Allen Poe stands at the head of American authors. His morbid tales have never been excelled, either in ingention of horror.

Poe was born in Boston in 1809 and died in Baltimore in 1849, and during his short lifetime he produced many stories which have become classics of literature. Moody, sensitive and aloof, his manner was exactly what one would expect from a man whose brain evolved plots of such weird strangeness.

Perhaps Poe's most famous story is "Murders in the Rue Morgue," that horrifying tale of the most ghastly crimes in the history of Paris, with a gigantic gorilla as leading roles of what has been described as the motion picture's most hair-raising drama. Robert ial offerings of their goods. Florey, himself a native Parisian, directed the picture, and other important parts are enacted by Leon Waycoff, Brandon Hurst, Bert Roach, Betty Ross Clark, D'Arcy Corrigan and others.

"Murders in the Rue Morgue" opens. a three day engagement at the Paraby Tom Reed and Dale Van Every, with added dialogue by John Huston.

One bargain lot of Children's Shoes going at 99 cents-Brown's Bargain Store.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Deputy to Come to Abilene to Assist **Income Tax Payers**

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file federal income tax returns C. E. Vickrey, a will be at Abilene, with headquarters last week-end. at the U. S. Internal Revenue office, Federal building, on March 10th to 15th, 1932, to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service.

The matter of filing income tax returns should be given immedate attention, in order to avoid penalty and brother, Mr. and Maben Rogers. interest. Income tax returns for the calendar year 1931 shall be filed not later than March 15, 1932, with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer resides or has his principal place of business.

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Brother Sherrill, the Methodist pasor from Trent, delivered a very inhere Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number enjoyed a party in night.

This community received a splendid ain the first of the week.

Florence Kegans and her mother were Saturday afternoon shoppers in dio in Abilene, with Merkel classes Sweetwater.

Several boys and girls went to the basketball tournament at Goodman Friday night. Those who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield were: Flor-McElmurray, Mattie, Velma and Dessa Horton, Thelma Casey and Daisy

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Freeman returned Sunday from an extended visit with her parents.

Edd Freeman went to Merkel last Thursday night with the Trent Epworth league.

Mrs. Ben Quattlebaum and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Quattlebaum of Trent Sunday after-

The puipls of Mrs. Sam McLeod's and Mrs. Melvin Westbrook's rooms enjoyed a Valentine box and party on last Friday afternoon. Several of the parents were present to help the children enjoy lemonade and cake.

Returns as Cashier Local WTUC Office

Effective Monday morning, J. Olin Lusby, formerly connected with the West Texas Utilities office here and for the past two years local manager for that company at Tuscola, assumed his duties as cashier of the Merkel office of the utilities, succeeding George West, who with his brother, Weston, has formed the West Broth-

ers Service Station. Olin's service with the West Texas Utilities company covers a period of five years, the first three of whch

were spent in this city. Last fall he claimed a Merkel girl, nee Miss Lola Dennis, as his bride, uity or plot or in powerful descrip- and hence it is with double pleasure that business men and friends welcome their return to make this city their home.

Lynch Favors Garner.

Houston, Feb. 18 .- It would be a tactical mistake for the democrats to nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency when there is a man like John N. Garner available, Lynch Davidson, lumberman and former lieutenant governor, said in an interview Monday.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one one of the leading actors in the of them that may enable you to save adapted for the screen by Univer- to find what you want without doing sal, and the screen play presents a lot of hunting and asking questions, Bela Lugosi and Sidney Fox in the and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make spec-

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Personal Mention

Mrs. Johnny Cox of Abilene is spending the week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy and son, Billie, of Grandbury were guests deputy collector of internal revenue, of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore

> Oliver Webb of Clyde spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Mearkel visiting his sister, Miss Lena Webb, and other friends. Mrs. Jack Durham and two child-

ren have gone to McCamey to visit her mother, Mrs. B. C. Duke, and her Mrs. Warren Smith and little son, Jackie Boaz, accompanied by Miss

Gwendolyn Smith, spent the week-end

with the latter's parents at Robert

Lee, returning Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs Bert Melton returned the latter part of last week from aligned himself with those who vigor-Muskogee, Okla., where Bert had gone for examination and treatment at the

government veterans hospital. teresting sermon to a large audience thirteen years, Taylor Tucker return- the medical school, in the Yale Alumed from New York City the latter ni Weekly, "to restore to medicine the part of last week. He has been in the point of view of the old family physithe Earl Stevens home Saturday big city for the past five years, ap- cian and at the same time to retain pearing first on the vaudeville stage the benefits of concentration in speand later teaching instruments in Amberay's studio there. He expects to remain here, having opened a stu-

Colored Quartette on KFYO.

A colored quartette has been organized in Merkel for the benefit of ence Kegans, Alvy Statser, Mildred the First Baptist church, colored. To all of those who like good old negro |. spirituals and songs of long ago, lis-Lucas. While there, we saw the Trent | ten in on KFYO, Abilene, every Tuesgirls go down in defeat before the day and Friday night from 9:30 to 10 Goodman team, Trent boys won a and you will hear this quartette, comgame from the Mars players and Es- posed of Marie Gambles, W. B. Mckota boys got the small end of the Elroy, Hal McElroy and Lorena Mcscore in a game with the Goodman Elroy. You will receive a real treat. Also come to the colored Baptist church and hear them there.

-Reporter.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Popular Merkel Boys Open Service Station

Announcement is made in the advertising columns the week of the opening of West Brothers Service Station, located on the highway, in the old Maverick Motor stand. These young men. George and Weston West, are too well known to everyone in the city to need further mention and they are ready to serve you with Magnolia oils and gas, Firestone tires and tubes, also equipped to do car washing and greasing, tire repairing and supply storage

Passing of "Family Doctor" is Deplored

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 18 .- The head of one of the most highly specialized medical clinics in the nation has ously oppose the passng of the old "family doctor."

"It is the aim of Yale University." After an absence from Merkel of wrote Dean Milton C. Winternitz of cial fields."

> France still is seeking ways of disposing of part of its 1930 wine stock. Asia occupies more than a third of the land surface of the globe.

Try a Classifled Ad in the Mail

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MAIL 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 29.

Specials for Friday and Saturday SUGAR, 10 lbs. cloth bag, limit 1 to a 46c customer 20c YAMS, 10 pounds 15c BANANAS, dozen SOAP FLAKES, 1 package 9 oz. Quick Ar-25c row FREE with 1-21 oz. package 63c COMPOUND, 8 pounds 17c SPUDS, 10 pounds 10c TOMATOES, No. 21-2 can CATSUP, large size 13c 14c BACON, smoked, pound 6c JOWLS, pound

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The wedding ceremony of Miss Addie Holler and Ervin H. Jowers was solemnized early Sunday morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, the Rev. R. A. Walker officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Pee were the only at-

Miss Addie Holler is the daughter few years been stenographer for the Farmers State Bank. In this capacity she is most affable and in all social

Mrs. J. J. Jowers, pioneer residents church, Abilene, will conduct the serof Tye. He is a graduate of Abilene vices beginning Sunday night at 7:30 High School and is at present engag- and each evening next week at the ed in the filling station business at same time. Tye. Mr. Jowers is well known in Brother Ashford is a young man them both.

will be at home in the home of Mr. are of interest to all. Everyone is inand Mrs. Cyrus Pee.

DINNER PARTY.

evening of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gard-

ployed in table decorations-a beau- you believe the world is lost without tiful center of red carnations in cry- Christ? Then I urge you to hear our stal base augmented by four red tap- pastor on the above subject. Pastor ers in crystal candlebra. Miss Wilma will show that "Rich Man" had op- ing. Gardner presided as hostess at the portunity in life, but no "concern;" table, where a most delectable three now he has "Concern" but no opporcourse turkey menu was served.

Gusts for this lovely affair were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Misses Julia Martin, Lucy Tracy, Helen Patterson, Laura Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. Gardner, Wilma and Becky.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Naomi Grayson was a most surprised honoree on the evening of Lucy Tracy. her birthday, Monday. A delightful evening of games was spent after Boaz. which Miss Lena Webb served delicious cake and punch to Misses Clara ish. and Edna Mae Marshall, Ruby and Pearl Davis, Etta and May Pruitt, et Canon. Lottie McCoy, Messrs. Lendall and Rex Martin, Glenn Roberts, Ira Harshall, Raymond Stapieton, Norvell Dowell, Chester Bryant, Chester Rhea, Minter King, the honoree and

FETED WITH PARTY ON TWELFTH BIRTHDAY.

To honor her son, Perry Preston, Jr., on his birthday, Mrs. Perry Dickinson, assisted by Mrs. E. C. Davis, entertained a few of his friends at a party Sunday afternoon. Candy hearts with verses as favors, were presented at the refreshment hour when Valentine cakes and pink ice Bud Gambill, Robert Jr. Grimes, Mur-Alphord Dickinson.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY. Alice Reeves entertained in the home and the first Sunday in February recof Mrs. H. C. Barnett in honor of Novis Barnett's and Hail Derstine's

games were enjoyed until a late hour, Russell, Leonard Reeves and the hon- ing that is to be held in Albany April after which Novis Barnett and Hail orees. Derstine cut the cakes, decorated with hearts to express their ages.

Many happy returns of the day were expressed to them as they were cutting the cakes, which were served with hot chocolate to the following: Misses Blanche, Ruby and Alice Carey, Hazel Reeves, Anna Mae Har-

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The series of services that have of Mrs. H. Holler of Gail, where she department for the last two Sundays was educated; graduating from high will be continued through next Sunlege in Abilene and has for the last terest to all of the young people of therefore, arrangements have been and religious circles she is most popu- made to continue these services through next week. Brother W. C. The groom is the son of Mr. and Ashford of the South Side Baptist

Merkel and a large number of who knows and loves young people. Black, J. R. Pee, F. E. Church, D. H. friends extend congratulations to Every young person in Merkel should Vaughn, Sid Roberts, Buck Mashburn, avail himself of this opportunity of T. V. Touchstone, E. C. Richards, M. Mrs. Jowers will continue her duties hearing him. Though his messages are R. Hale, Sam Butman, Thos. Durham at the Farmers State Bank and they especially for the young people they and Miss Lottie Butman.

Be in your place at Sunday School on time. Your department needs you; Members of the High School fac- your class needs you and your teach-

Brother King will preach at the eleven o'clock hour on the subject, "The A colorful Valentine motif was em- Spirit of Evangelism In Hell." Do

Tom D. Riddle, Director of Young People's Training Service.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. Subject: "The Humanity of Jesus." Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. "The Bible Picture of Jesus," Carroll King.

"Jesus Had a Real Human Body," "Jesus Had a Human Soul," Sis

"Jesus, the Son of Man," Miss Par-

"Jesus, Humanity's Hope," Margar-

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Playlet. Junior boy, Don Warren. Junior girl, Elma Mae Gamble. Betsy Ross, De La Vergne Teague. Red. Arthur Wiman.

White, L. B. Gibson. Blue, Pearl Matthews. Yellow, Lena Mae Moore.

Angel, Murphy Dve. Foem, "Our Colors so True," Bud

Come and be with us at 6:30 Sun-

cream were served to Horace Boney, SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. by the choir. For the seventh Sunday in succesphy Dye, Ted Hamm, Marvin Hunt- sion attendance at the five reporting Come be with us. er, Arthur Wiman and W. G. and Sunday Schools in Merkel exceeded the 700 mark, the attendance last Sunday being 708. The five Sundays Misses Lillie Claude Barnett and in January showed an average of 714

birthday on Saturday night, February ris, Messrs. Clements Carey, Leo Abilene. The house was called to or-Harris, W. J. Derstine, Paul Dunn, der by President Gordon Weir. Plans Progressive "42" and other party Eldon Reeves, Walter Barnett, S. G.

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Methodist Ladies in All-Day Meet at Trent

been conducted in the Intermediate leader for an all-day meeting of the west zone of the Methodist Woman's Missionary societies, held at the Trent church on Thursday of last week. Rev. school she then attended business col- day. These services should be of in- W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins our church. We believe they will; and Mrs. R. E. Rankin, all of Abilene, were the principal speakers for the

Reports of delegates from the auxconcluded the day's program.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour to about fifty. Among those going from Merkel were: Mesdames R. A. Burgess, L. D. Boyd, W. D. Hutcheson, B. M.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

A young people's study course inday and Sunday at Tye. Three courulty were guests at dinner, Friday er will miss you if you are not there. ses will be offered and quite a group of our local leaguers will attend.

We have special reasons for requesting every church official to be present next Sunday morning without

Regular services morning and even-

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Leader, Molie Frank Touchstone. Song. Prayer.

Story, Marvin Hunter. Song. Benediction.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

talk by Bishop Hunter. There will be special songs by sing-

ers from the various churches. Last Sunday's meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all present, especially the talk by Rev. J. T. King. If you missed that, you missed some-

thing worth while. Now that we are permanently located and better organized, the future looks bright for the greatest work the men of Merkel can do. -Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The success of a church does not depend on dollars, but on loyal men and women. Washington's birthday program will be given by the young men's class at the Sunday School hour.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. At 7:30 a musical program will be given

Frayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HOLDS COUNCIL MEETING.

Last Sunday, February 14, the Abilene district held a council meeting at the Central Presbyterian church in were completed for a district meet-29-30 and May 1. Also a discussion

of the last Fifth Sunday meeting was | heard. Reports were made by the different committees and societies. Those present were: Mary Pence, Mrs. Deavours, Gordon Weir, Huie Tucker and Hansel Granger, Abilene; Janette Holmes, Ranger; Zack Combes, Stamford, and Pat Patterson and Mike Vickers from Merkel.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Why go to church? Because the Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Merkel was church is the mightiest agency on earth for human help and progress. Go to church to feed your soul. Publie worship brightens the sky. When a man tells you be absents himself from services because the church is full of hypocrites, tell him not to stay away on that account. There is always room for one more.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 iliaries and officers' training period a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Ladies' cottage prayer meeting Tuesday 3 p. m. Thursday night prayer meeting 7:30. A hearty welcome to all.

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. Training classes 6:30 p. m Ladies Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Come and enjoy these services with us. We are still having very fine stitute is to be held Friday, Satur- crowds for prayer meetings. We are studying the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit," followed by other phases of the Holy Spirit in His work.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our meeting closed with 21 approved for baptism and a membership of 53. Brother Lovell from Trinity Baptist at Abilene preached a very soul-stirring gospel message Tuesday night. On the fourth Thursday in each month our church will be on the air over KFYO from 1 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Preaching services every Saturday evening at 7:30, Sunday morning at 11, and Sunday evening at 7:30. Scripture will be found in the four- Street services every Saturday afterth chapter of Romans, read by John noon at 3 o'clock. Bible school at Toombs. "The Value of a Men's Pray- 9:45 each Sunday morning. Our goal er Meeting" will be the subject of a for attendance next Sunday is 100. Everybody is welcome. Come, bring your Bibles.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, Extra High Patent, 48 pounds, every sack guaranteed	95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	25c
PEACHES, Del Monte, No. 2 1-2 size	.17c
BROOMS, 4 string, a dandy value	20c
CRACKERS, 3 pound box	34c
CRACKERS, 2 pound box	23c
SALT, table, 5 pounds	12c
DRIED APRICOTS, choice fruit, 2 lbs.	23c
DRIED PEACHES, choice fruit, 2 lbs.	23c
RICE, choice, 4 pounds	21c
SPINACH, No. 2 can, 2 for	23c
BEANS, cut, stringless, No. 2 can	10c
CORN, No. 2 can, 2 for	21c

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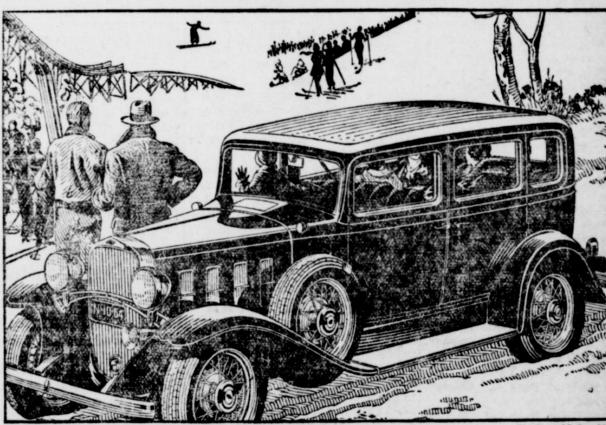
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