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WASHINGTON'S PRAISES SUNG ON ALL SIDES

**President Hoover Pays Tribute
In Addresses at Capital and
Europe Joins in Inaugurating
Bi-Centennial Program.**

Washington, Feb. 28.—The 200th anniversary of Washington's birth saw the silent eloquence of the setting in which its celebration was held combine with spoken tribute and imagery to tell of the man's vision and greatness.

His voice deep with feeling, President Hoover signalized the opening of the period in which the first president's memory will be honored by telling the assembled house and senate that he contributed more than any other man to the nation's origin.

A silent witness to his foresight was the vast building of stone and marble in which the chief executive spoke.

Washington once stood upon the summit of the hill which the Capitol surmounts and with L'Enfant, the Frenchman, pictured it and the city stretching on each side.

Every member of the congress listening intently from the house floor were reminders of the part the first president played in framing a government grown greater and more powerful through the years.

CELEBRATION WIDESPREAD.

The meeting at the Capitol was the focal point of celebration which extended over the country and it symbolized that of the nation. Crowds had gathered at the wide plaza of the Capitol and filled the galleries when the president arrived just before noon. Most of the members of congress were also in the house chamber.

"Proudly we report to our forefathers," the president said, "that the republic is more secure, more constant, more powerful, more truly great than at any time in its history."

George Washington needed no canonization, Mr. Hoover reminded, but he added that the people of the nation needed to renew the inspiration that comes from him "as the builder of a system of national life."

Almost all of the thirty-first president's day was given to honoring the memory of the first.

Attends Sessions of Southwestern Agents

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone was in Abilene Wednesday to attend the sales conference of representatives in this district for the Southwestern Life Insurance company, conducted by Richard R. Lee, vice-president and agency director of the company.

Mrs. Touchstone reports that about 30 were present to take advantage of the sales talks, besides enjoying a noon luncheon at the Hilton hotel as a courtesy from the company.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 23, 1912.)

T. J. Coggin returned this week from an extended visit to points in New and Old Mexico where he purchased a ranch of 60,000 acres and between 600 and 700 head of high grade cattle to stock said ranch. Otti Coggin and Jess Scarborough were left in charge and both are reported as being delighted.

The Mail is requested this week to announce the candidacy of Felix R. Jones for the office of sheriff of Taylor county. Mr. Jones was formerly a Merkel citizen and now a resident of Abilene. He would make a good, faithful officer, if elected, and we ask that you give his claim due consideration.

Latimore and Leigh will present Miss Billy Long and Bert Leigh in Harold McGrath's comedy, "The Man on the Box," at the opera house Friday.

Sterling P. Miller, who is now in the navy recruiting office at Dallas, was here the first of the week visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

John Brandon, an old-timer in this

Campbell Breaks Own Speed Mark At 253 M. P. H.

Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 25.—Sir Malcolm Campbell of England, Wednesday wrote another thrilling chapter to his years of racing history by hanging up a new world's automobile speed record of 253.968 miles an hour over a mile route.

The 47-year old driver who has been blazing new speed marks down the "roaring road" for a quarter of a century, drove his 12-cylinder Bluebird car twice over the ocean course to surpass by 8.235 miles an hour his former record of 245.733 established in the same car here last year.

It'll Cost Only \$1 To Fly Over Merkel

Lt. R. G. Vaughan, U. S. A. air service, of Tucson, Ariz., who was here for sometime in November, landed in Merkel the first of the week in his tri-motor cabin plane. He expects to remain for several weeks. His mother, Mrs. S. G. Vaughan, is visiting in the home of her sister, Miss Dora Garoutte.

For Saturday and Sunday of this week, Lt. Vaughan will carry passengers for a flight over the city for only \$1.00. He is using the field just east of the city for landing purposes.

Dies Tuesday at Home Of Her Grandmother

Mrs. C. K. Nuckols, 37, residing 20 miles south of Merkel, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. F. E. Conner, 718 Pine street, Abilene. Completion of funeral arrangements were pending word from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bradford, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Nuckols was born in Ohio, and moved to Ranger in 1917, where she was married in 1923. After living in Abilene some time, the couple moved two years ago to the present home, south of Merkel. Mrs. Nuckols went to Abilene a month ago for treatment.

Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Nuckols is survived by a son, Jack, six years of age; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Krumm of Columbus and Mrs. Bessie Fife of New Orleans, and a brother, George Bradford, Columbus.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hawkins, Sunday, February 14, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James H. West, Thursday, February 18, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder, residing on the Largent place, Friday, February 19, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Barbee, Saturday, February 20, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin E. Williams, Thursday, February 25, 1932.



200TH BIRTHDAY OF FAMED MASON

Large Contingent of Merkel Masons Attends Anniversary Ceremony at Sweetwater.

Approximately 300 Masons were present to honor the 200th birthday anniversary of George Washington at the invitation of Sweetwater Lodge No. 570 Monday night. Guests registered represented 53 lodges from ten states.

Sessions began at 5:30 in the afternoon with the presentation of the Master's degree by a team from Merkel and at 7:30 the 33rd degree team from Dallas, composed of some of the best known Masons in the country, presented the Master's degree in a very impressive way. F. H. Northern was the candidate.

W. A. Browning of Dallas, junior deacon, gave a most interesting address on Washington as a man and as a Mason.

Among members of the Merkel lodge who went for the George Washington anniversary program were: Euck Leach, Tom Allday, Castle Ellis, Charles Davis, Bob Fowler, Ed Lancaster, Bill Dunagin, Bryan Dunagin, Bob Miller, Mose Cummings, John Halbrook, Andy Shouse, Garvin Thompson, J. E. Risinger, Joe Owens, J. A. Patterson, Brooks Patterson, Cliff Boswell, Elery Smith, Vol Vesels, Sam Bankston, Perry Dickinson, Comer Patterson, Johnnie Winn, Curley Edwards, Leon Ashford, H. H. Jenkins, Comer Haynes, I. N. Reneau, O. N. Buford, Pete Voltich, E. O. Carson, T. M. Murdock, Royce Dowdy, A. E. Brown and T. G. Hamner.

To Break Dirt at Once For Post-Office Bldg.

Dirt will probably be broken Friday for the building to be erected to house the post-office in Merkel under the new lease. O. S. Tolle, Dallas contractor, arrived Thursday and is ready to start to work.

He stated to a representative of The Mail that construction will require about three weeks. It will be his policy to use all local workmen, he said.

The structure, to be of brick, will occupy space 25x70 feet, ground having been secured sometime ago from Mrs. E. L. Ash across the alley from the Farmers State bank.

Old Sol Makes Come Back After Vacation

After nine days' vacation, when he succumbed to the rain god, Old Sol put in the most welcome appearance of his engagement through the centuries on Tuesday morning of this week and has been doing a full day's service each day since.

Up to Thursday morning of last week, the rainfall had measured 1 3/4 inches here, according to the gauge of Grover Hale, volunteer weather observer, since which time .55 of an inch has been added in a slow and almost incessant drizzle, bringing the total for the protracted spell to 2.3 inches. January rainfall was 1.62, a total for the two 1932 months of 3.92 inches.

To Enforce Chicken Ordinance.

City Marshal Dickinson has asked The Mail to call attention of citizens to the ordinance against permitting chickens to run at large, as complaints have come to him of damage to gardens and yards by neighbor's chickens. Warning is issued against letting chickens run outside of one's own yard.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Will Rogers and Rudy Vallee, who live neighbors in Beverly Hills, met for the first time Monday at the Amarillo airport.

Two school principals, C. E. Godbey, 64, and S. P. Waltrip, 53, died suddenly within the space of 23 hours Monday in Houston.

The net operating income of Texas railroads for the year ending Dec. 31, 1931, was \$18,352,112, compared with \$29,533,552 the previous year, a decrease of \$11,181,440, or 37.86 per cent.

Dr. Robert Taylor Hanks, 81, of Abilene, retired Baptist minister, who helped found Simmons university, father of Bernard and Manly Hanks of Abilene and a distant cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died in Dallas Friday.

Pink L. Parrish, Lubbock lawyer, business man, farmer and stock-raiser, who has represented the 30th senatorial district in the legislature for the past four years, has announced his candidacy for congressman-at-large.

Mrs. W. I. Cook, 73, wealthy Abilene, Shackelford county ranch owner, died Monday in Fort Worth in the \$1,000,000 Cook memorial hospital which she built three years ago for worthy working girls of limited means.

Former Governor Pat M. Neff, Baylor alumnus and chairman of its board of trustees since 1903, was unanimously chosen president of that institution by the board of trustees in special session at Waco Tuesday morning.

Loading of Texas fruits and vegetables jumped last month to the highest figure for January on record with 6,347 cars being reported during the month, according to figures compiled by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Lynn P. Talley, former governor of the tenth district federal reserve bank, has returned to Dallas from San Francisco, having resigned last week as chairman of the board of the Bank of America after a shift in control of the bank.

Having served as a former president of Simmons university, as well as having held pastorates in Amarillo and Plainview, Dr. I. E. Gates, ill for several months, has resigned after 14 years service as pastor of the First Baptist church, San Antonio.

George Hill, Tom Green county turkey raiser, charged in the fatal stabbing of John R. Kiser, his neighbor, last June 19, was found guilty by a jury in 42nd district court at Abilene Tuesday and his punishment fixed at 12 years in the penitentiary.

The sale of a 183-acre tract by the T. P. Coal and Oil company to the Kewanee Oil and Gas company for a consideration of \$450,000, including three wells, while the T. P. retains one-eighth royalty, was announced early in the week, one of the largest all-cash deals in the East Texas field.

A. E. Pool, former president of the Abilene State bank, which closed August 28, who was assessed sentence of six years in the penitentiary on a charge of unlawfully receiving deposits in his bank, was released on \$6,000 bond Tuesday after motion by his attorneys for a new trial was refused by Judge M. S. Long of the 42nd district court.

Cattle Shipments.

Collins Bros. shipped a lot of 50 calves to Fort Worth Tuesday, which sold on the Fort Worth market at \$5.25, as reported in Wednesday's sales.

All-Time Entry Record is Made For Stock Show

Fort Worth, Feb. 25.—An all-time record for livestock entries in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show was set today, Manager John Davis announced.

Final check revealed 4,940 entries listed, 351 more than the former record, established last year. The large number entered in the horse division necessitated building extra stalls. Horses entered were 127 against 75 last year, also an all time record.

Filing ceased at midnight Saturday but the final count was not made known until today.

Missionary From Japan to Lecture

Rev. Ernest O. Mills, returned missionary from Japan, will lecture at the Baptist church next Wednesday night, March 2, at 7:30.

He has just recently come back to this country from Japan and brings with him 100 colored lantern slides that he will show. Rev. Mr. Mills is working under the supervision of the Southern Baptist convention. Due to recent experience in Japan, his lecture will be of unusual interest and the public is cordially invited.

Dilt Attends Meet Of District Bankers

W. L. Dilt, cashier of the Farmers State bank, attended sessions of the seventh district convention of the State Bankers association at Fort Worth Monday, returning Monday night. He reports a good attendance, considering that the weather was so bad all over this section of Texas.

G. F. Newberry, president of the First National bank of Gorman is chairman of the district organization. The district extends northward to Wichita Falls and includes the Panhandle-Plains areas.

Building Rig at Presidio.

B. H. Lancaster and crew expected to start Thursday building rig for Sadler Bros. of Los Angeles, Cal., on a location 4 miles east of Presidio. The rig was moved the past week. Assisting Mr. Lancaster are J. T. Miller, Ernest Higgins and Bob Fowler.

TEXANS CERTIFY GARNER AS FITTED FOR WHITE HOUSE

**Adopt Slogan, "Garner for Us;
U. S. For Garner." To Open
Headquarters in Chicago to
Widen Campaign.**

San Antonio, Feb. 25.—John Nance Garner of Uvalde was certified to the nation and to the national democracy as a man able, capable, worthy and available to become the president of the United States. This was done in a master mass meeting held in the handsome city auditorium of 7,000 capacity and consummated on the 200th anniversary of the natal day of George Washington. Practically every politician of note in Texas was here Monday to lend his voice in acclaiming John Garner as the man. Governor Sterling and nearly every state officer were present and joined in the testimonial to the speaker of the national house.

Lines were laid for campaign work for Speaker Garner national in its scope with headquarters to be opened in Chicago and the several states to be campaigned. This was a new political feeling for Texas, the serious consideration of a native favorite son for the presidency. It was a political meeting different from the many that have been held through the years in this state and it meant that the forty-six convention votes of Texas will be Mr. Garner's as long as he wants them.

AUSPICIOUS START.

It was a most auspicious start, especially because of its unanimity and the absence of the bickerings of previous presidential considerations in this state and nothing was said or done, about prohibition or otherwise, to embarrass Mr. Garner or injure his chances for the nomination.

"Garner for Us; U. S. for Garner," was the slogan selected by the committee consisting of Houston Harte, San Angelo; Sam Fore, Floresville, and Denver Chestnut, Kenedy, newspaper publishers, and the prize of \$25 offered by the Uvalde County Garner-for-President club was awarded to Mrs. H. C. Gilmore of San Antonio and Mrs. A. R. Ellis of Concan, who submitted the same title. C. M. Chambers, mayor of San Antonio, was the temporary and permanent chairman and Bob Barker of Fort Worth.

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THE FORGOTTEN ANANIAS.

Some years ago a chicken thief committed a series of robberies on big estates outside New York. He got away with some very fancy stock.

Finally, one of the gentleman farmers, whom we shall call Van Norton, hired a private detective and caught the miscreant.

Sitting in a New York club a few nights later, Van Norton received the congratulations of his neighbors. "You did a fine thing," they said. "Now we hope you'll send the rascal over the road for a good long stretch."

"What do you mean, send him over the road?" Van Norton asked.

"Why, prosecute him. Send him to jail."

"Prosecute him? I don't intend to prosecute him."

They were incredulous. "Surely you're going to see that he is punished for all the loss and worry he has caused us."

"Just a minute," Van Norton responded quietly. "Suppose I do prosecute him. Suppose I get a conviction and a jail sentence. What will happen? Ten years from now my name will be mentioned in a gathering such as this, and somebody will say vaguely, 'Van Norton? Van Norton? Let's see. Wasn't he mixed up in some chicken stealing business a little while ago?'"

It is a curious fact of human nature that we forget the best in our fellow men, while a single stain of scandal clings to our memories forever.

If I were to mention to any reader of this newspaper the name Judas, he would tell me immediately who Judas was. "He was the treacherous apostle, the betrayer of his Lord."

If I were to mention the name of Ananias, I should get a response almost as prompt. "Ananias? Why, Ananias was the man who claimed to have sold all his property and turned the proceeds over to the apostles. But he held some of it back, and for telling that lie he was struck dead. He was the prince of liars."

But how many readers remember this story?

When the apostle Paul saw the vision by which he was converted, he was divinely guided into Damascus to the house of a faithful disciple. What was the disciple's name? Judas.

Another disciple was sent to Paul to minister to his needs. What was his name? Ananias.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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The Staff:

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MRS. IRVIN, SPONSOR.

The Senior Girls' club is proud of their sponsor, Mrs. Irvin. With her help they intend to accomplish a number of things. And she is just the person to help them. She is always ready with her rank and reliable advice to help anyone.

It was a happy day for the Seniors when Mrs. Irvin was chosen sponsor of this class.

RUTH CALLOWAY.

Ruth, the reliable president of the Senior Girls' club, is one of the best all-around girls in school. Her straightforward manner of speaking, her sunny smile and her laughing eyes have won for her many friends in M. H. S.

Besides being the president of the girls' club, Ruth is assistant business manager of the Senior year book staff.

This lovely little lady and her winning personality will certainly be missed next year. Wherever she goes we wish her the best of luck.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors are beginning to feel important. Why shouldn't we? Our pictures are in a window downtown, and we ordered our diplomas last week.

We are proud of our new member, Selma Jones, who moved in from the Junior room last week.

Mr. Riddle says that the good record of the Senior class may change if conditions do not change in the American History class.

WE JUNIORS.

Pardon us for being so quiet. (We mean not having a very long write-up in the Badger Weekly.) Why should we have much to say when we haven't seen the sun for a solid week. Everyone seems to be as dull as the days, but maybe by next week the sun will be bright.

We are hoping that the "Junior News" will begin to get bigger in about a month, and you all will wonder why.

BY THESE SHALL YOU KNOW

THE SOPHOMORES—

Kenneth Cribby riding in a blue Ford.

David and Deverle with new football sweaters.

Pauline and Julia with blonde hair. Silas drawing pictures.

Billy stopping on the railroad track to scare Mildred and Duncan.

Kennedy with a box of candy going to see Louise.

Caribel with a hair set.

Annie Lee talking about Bud.

Rogene by whom she had a date with this week-end.

Elan by his wise cracks.

Duncan writing notes.

Frances and Mary Olive being together.

Floy with dimples in her cheek.

Jack Patterson with a smile on his face.

Sarah with a little green coat.

FACTS THAT SHOULD BE KNOWN

Lois Whiteley is the first girl to wear a new football sweater.

Nell was seen at church Sunday night with rouge and lip-stick on.

It has been proved to be an evident fact that the Seniors have no rules (12 inch ones) because a Senior boy had to go into the Junior room the other morning to borrow a ruler from a certain young lady.

Some of the Senior girls have proved to be good nurses.

The Seniors like the looks of Bragg's window now!! Wonder why?

Ida does not like for people to faint and fall on her.

Merkel High School is thinking of making a swimming pool out of the campus.

Dr. Surface spoke to chapel Monday.

Sis has her "spring shearing."

Margaret likes to wear her over-shoes to school.

Hail's first problem of life has been discovered: Spanish verbs.

Mary Elizabeth Grimes regrets to state that up until last week she didn't know she was an "information bureau."

JOKES

Irishman: "What did you get out of the services this morning?"

Scotchman: "Not a thing. I was sleeping when the offering was taken."

Judge: "You say the defendant

turned and whistled to the dog.

What followed?"

Witness: "The dog."

H. C.: "I used to think."

Coach: "And why did you stop?"

With one sweep of his strong arms

he lifted her from her feet and

crushed her to his breast. His trem-

bling and nervous hands encircled

her silken neck. She struggled close

against him and felt the passionate

thrust of his heart in the excitement

of the crucial moment.

"Ah, Bertie, you are mine," he

cried as he coolly placed her neck

across the chopping block and sig-

nalled to the cook to let the ax fall.

NOTICEABLE FACTS ABOUT NOTICEABLE PEOPLE

"Woody" Wilson is an extremely

good history student.

Marshall has very beautiful black

hair.

"Muscle-bound" is the world's most

famous pacer.

To the students of M. H. S., Monte

is just another kid.

Mr. Riddle says some people

should have excellent English lessons

as they study during every history

period.

Gerald says he guesses it must be

his hair that makes all the teachers

think he is very unruly.

It's time to start buying your wax

out at Woody's little store;

For Mr. Riddle has paid his tax.

So we know the depression is over.

BEING "EDEDUCATED."

We have often heard the saying

"Sweep your own back door before

you sweep someone else's," but not

until the Freshman English class

began to put sentences on the board

had this, saying aroused the interest

in the Senior room. A Freshman

student, Truett Patterson, put the

following sentence on the blackboard:

"Read fifteen minutes a day in some

book," said the teacher, "and you

will become in some measure educat-

ed."

CHAPEL

Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene spoke

to the faculty and students of Mer-

kel High school Monday morning.

Dr. Surface spoke on a subject

that will never grow old, "The Life

of Washington." It has been said

that Washington was the greatest of

good men and the best of great men.

That Washington had a sense of hu-

mor is known to but a few people!

This is because Washington never

laughed in public. He had a pair of

false teeth that wouldn't "stay put"

unless he kept his mouth firmly

closed. Washington had ten princi-

ples by which he ruled his life. Two

of these principles were: Never

sleep when some one is speaking;

and let your gesture be in keeping

with your idea of discourse. Every-

thing Washington did was done well.

In fact, Washington's memory will

remain with us always.

VACCINATIONS

The second shot of the typhoid vac-

cine was given last Friday, Feb. 19,

school. We can certainly say that our Badgers had that old spirit and were ready to fight when they heard the sound of the whistle. Although we did not win so many games during football season, it was not because the Badgers did not have "that old fight." The team was somewhat small beside of their opponents, but this did not keep them from fighting until the last whistle. We appreciate our Badgers for they belong to us.

Merkel High had an outstanding basketball team this year. We had much more material to work with this year than usual. We won almost every game we entered. This goes to prove that the Badgers put forth a great deal of work.

Our Badgers went to county meet and won the first two games, but in the third game they were defeated by two points. That wasn't bad, was it? Next year we will come out on top.

Badgers, don't think the school is not for you and will back you in everything you undertake to do.

Each year our Badgers always have one great regret—they always have to lose some of their team mates. There are about ten Badgers finishing their school career in Merkel High this year. They will be missed next year, but we are sure our Badgers we have left will carry on the work as it should be done.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK.

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Announcement.

The next meeting of the Stith Home Demonstration club will be held March 4th in the home of Mrs. Kern Daniels. The subject for the afternoon will be "Color in the Home." Every lady in the community is urged to attend.

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THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

Saturday at 2 o'clock an extra Special for the ladies at Brown's Bargain Store.

Life boat crews of Great Britain and Ireland saved 269 persons last year.

Fires, most of them accidental, in homes caused the deaths of 572 babies in England and Wales within a year.

Robert Manell

Oh, what a boy this Robert is! He is studious and full of wit, which he uses to its limits. And yes, Robert is a real artist, especially when it comes to drawing Texas flags. Rob-

ert was a squadman in both basket-

ball and football, and a "fence bust-

er" in baseball. With it all, Robert is good natured and full of work, as all T. A. C. members are.

THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One)

Everybody remembers Judas the betrayer and Ananias the liar. Nobody remembers the other Judas and the other Ananias—quiet, unselfish men who aided Paul in his hour of need and helped to start him on his great career.

A wise and good friend of mine had a motto. Said he: "Every man has a right to be judged by his best."

Will some psychologist explain why it is so hard for us to remember the best?

And so easy to remember the worst?

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PEACHES, No 2 1-2 Gold Bar, sliced 18c

CHEERIES, red pitted, med. can 18c

SUGAR 10 lbs. granulated 45c

CORN, No. 2 can 10c

PEAS, sweet wrinkled, No. 2 can 10c

HOMINY No. 2 1-2 can 10c

SALMON, Nile, can 10c

SALT, B & W, 3 boxes, 10c

MATCHES, B & W, 3 boxes 10c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lb. 60c, 48 lb. \$1.05

LUX FLAKES, 2 packages 23c

SOAP, Lux Toilet, 3 bars 23c

Compound Swift Jewel 8 lb. pail 61c

JOWLS, dry salt, pound 5c

RAPTURE BEYOND

KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



NINTH 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 trifle.

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.

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 worthless scamp. Later Lynda tells Jock she does not believe in his innocence but will try and find, through Felix, some letters Jock claims will clear his name.

Marcella finds her jewels stolen and hires a private detective, who uncovers the mysterious prowling 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.

Armed with the combination and accompanied by Jock, Linda enters Felix' office at night, abstracts the wanted papers from the safe and throws them down to Jock, who is waiting below. Then she is captured by the janitor and turned over to the police. Felix learns the next morning, in Washington, that a "boy" had broken into his safe.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Yes, sir. I know how you must feel. When I heard it, it went right through me like a bullet. About one o'clock, or a little earlier, Rory thought he heard a movement on our floor and let himself into the outer office. There he saw a light moving close to the inner threshold. He caught a young boy in the act of climbing in at the window.

"Rory struck him over the head with his stick. He thinks he got him in good time. Nothing seems to be disturbed. The safe is quite as usual. All the papers on your desk and inside it are intact. I do believe, Mr. Kent, that no harm's been done. But I'm just kind of scared. I wish you were here to go over your papers in that safe. And, though Rory is almost sure he was climbing in of course he might have been climbing out. They didn't find anything on him. They're holding him at the station. You'll be back before noon?"

"I'd have to make it by airplane to do that, Miss Becky."

"Well, perhaps it isn't that important but I do feel kind of scared." Kent, without troubling himself to reassure her fears, hung up and pondered the exasperating news.

If the thief had taken something from that safe . . . a thousand hideous betrayals darted through his fancy, whitening his lips, pulling down lines beside the grim mouth- corners. He saw wolf faces, hyena faces.

He stood up. He'd take to the air. No use putting himself to the strain of these imaginary disasters. At precisely noon Charles having been warned by wire to meet him at the landing field, Felix presented himself in his office.

Miss Becky was glad to see him. She repeated to him the disorganized details of her information. One that she added caught Kent's breath.

"But Michael does say that for an instant he kind of thought maybe

the boy threw something down to the court before he knocked him out."

Kent was now at the safe and his face was pinched as he began to pull out the contents of the metal drawers.

Miss Deal said timidly, "By the by, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Harlowe's been ringing and ringing to ask for you."

"Mrs. Harlowe?" snapped Kent. "If she rings again put her off until I'm through with this. Just tell her I'm on my way from Washington and that you'll put me in touch with her as soon as I get in. It's some idiotic woman business about the wed—"

He stopped in the middle of that word.

Miss Deal turned her pince nez upon him and all the blood in her body rushed up into her square face.

"Oh, great heavens, what's gone?"

Kent had stood up. He was chalk white, a pallor that showed blue about his lips.

"Get me the police station quickly!"

A minute later Felix, seated at his desk, was stabbing space with his questions. Between his brows a deep straight line looked like a scar. He identified himself to the voice at the other end of the telephone and then went on. "You've got the man my night watchman caught in my inner office early this morning. He has been searched? . . . Yes. I'll hold the wire."

While he waited, Kent moved the fingers of his left hand in and out like a tiger's claws.

"Nothing, eh? But I tell you he did get some papers. Yes, they're missing. Important papers. . . . An accomplice at the foot of the fire escape? Jove! Get his name, his whereabouts. . . . Well, get 'em. Find out. Can't you make the boy speak?"

The officer at the other end demurred at some length.

Said Felix presently, interrupting. "A woman? What difference does that make? Oh, to hell with such hysterical slush. She'll speak all the quicker if you turn on the works. I'll take the responsibility. All of it. I tell you," his voice lifted to a shrill whining note, "you've got to get back those papers for me or I'll make your place down there so hot for you that you'll wish you'd put your young lady on a gridiron to save your own skins."

Except for an uncertain sort of numble there was no further protest from the other speaker. Felix sat, his hand picking cruelly at a blotter, his face ugly as though it watched torment.

He bent forward again. "Wants to speak to me? Won't speak to anyone else?" He sat thinking. "All right. Keep her squirming till I get there. Trust me to make her come clean."

Miss Becky asked no question as her Great Chief turned to the door. A moment later the 'phone rang shrilly.

"Oh, Mrs. Harlowe, I am so sorry. He was here but he's just gone out. I did tell him and he just hadn't a second to get round to calling. He was brought back on very urgent business and, as it's turned out the matter is even more serious than we feared. I'll take your message. . . . Yes indeed, Mrs. Harlowe, I'll keep it perfectly quiet. I'll tell it

only to Mr. Kent himself privately at the earliest possible moment."

She listened, her face was all aghast.

"Oh, Mrs. Harlowe, how dreadful that sounds. . . . Oh, I am so sorry. Yes indeed I will."

Five minutes later, having in the interval walked distractedly up and down the room, she wrote down on a pad: "Urgent. Miss Jocelyn Harlowe was not in her bedroom this morning. After repeated summonses the door was forced. She had gone to bed early. None of her outer clothing seemed to be missing. There was no message or note of any kind and no explanation has yet been discovered of her absence. She seems to have completely disappeared. No one saw her leave the building."

This message Miss Becky, crying and blowing her nose, placed in an envelope and sealed. She labeled it, "For Mr. Kent. Urgent. Personal. Private" and propped it conspicuously on his desk.

The room where Lynda Sandal sat waiting for the arrival of Jocelyn Harlowe's fiancé was neither comfortable nor luxurious. It was on the contrary incredibly grimy, dingy, depressing and suggestive of down-trodden guilty and hunted lives. Three men were in attendance upon her. They ringed her like a wolf pack and like a wolf pack they snapped and snarled and circled and squatted, wearing her out so that she might drop down unprotestingly to suffer the fleshing of their fangs.

Since morning of that April day which was only so short a tale of hours before her wedding hour, she had sat on a hard chair gripping its edge with both hands, turning her white face from this tormentor to that, listening to threats that made her blood attack then leap away from her scared heart.

She still wore Nick's shabby suit but her collar had been torn open under Rory's grasp. Her tie was lost, her hair had been taken from her and above the crumpled male attire her fine feminine throat and head gave an effect of startling delicacy. There was no particle of her vivid coloring in this trapped face but the tilted eyes flared, angry and golden, and the lips still went tight when she closed them at the end of each reiterated reply.

"I won't tell you anything," Jock must be given his chance, her will doggedly repeated. This until, after some outside message, her arm had been savagely twisted and she had turned faint. Then, "I won't speak to anyone but Felix Kent," she had conceded.

"Why do you keep on torturing me now?" she wailed when this message and one of the men's departure and return with the news that Kent was on his way, had brought no surcease to the rain of furious question and threat. She had begun to weep.

A voice in the room beyond her torture chamber put a question sharply and Jocelyn opened her strange and lovely eyes wide.

That was Felix Kent. For the first time they were about to meet.

She forgot her attendant inquisitors. She sat up straight, commanding the cruel bewildered throbbing

of her head, and as the door opened she rose slowly to her feet.

Felix Kent, staring down at her, turned scarlet and his eyes changed. He drew in his breath, put up one hand, let it fall and mastered his face. He turned to the men.

"Here, let me alone with her a moment. I think I've seen the girl before. There's more in this. . . . This is hardly a police matter. I'll explain. Just let me have her for an instant," his even voice cracked under the force his will had put upon it but smoothed itself immediately, "and I think I can find out all I want to know."

The men, curious, grimly amused and cynical, went willingly away. The greasy door was closed. Felix waited. He moved close to Jocelyn, caught her wrists in his two hands and drew them up to his breast, pulling her near to him in a gesture that was passionately possessive, furious, masterful.

"Now," he said between his teeth, "if you haven't gone mad since I left you yesterday—at your own request, as I seem to remember—or if I have not myself lost the use of my wits, you will please explain this preposterous joke. . . . for which I imagine, you've been already sufficiently punished by orders of my own. And you will please return the papers you took from my safe. I see now why you coaxed that combination out of me. At least I begin to see why. Say it over to me now."

She found herself whispering, "Three-eight. Three turns to the left. Eight-five-two. Two turns to the right. One-One-One-seven. Six turns right. Then turn left."

"Right. Now tell me why you took those papers and what you've done with them. And the whole purpose and reason—if there can be one—for this disgusting masquerade." He held her away from him and looked her from head to foot with a contempt that scorched.

"You'll do me a penance for this," he told her. Then he went over and sat down on the chair of her long torment and, forcing her to her knees there on the floor before him, he held her between his own knees. The young strong body in his grasp straightened and tightened proudly. "Let me go, Felix," said Lynda Sandal. Her voice was resonant. "I'm not a child. Nor any property of yours. I'll not be held like this, bullied and threatened."

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J. M. Ray, Cisco,	1,100.00
R. S. Hardy, Rotan,	1,100.00
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Sallie Brown, Snyder,	1,100.00
S. W. Sheppard, Merkel,	961.81

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian have as their guests their daughter and her husband, Brother and Mrs. T. O. Norton, of Sterling City. Brother Norton filled the pulpit at the Church of Christ Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nalley had as their guest the last week the latter's father, Mr. Rutherford, of Cottonwood. He left Saturday for Abilene where he will visit in the home of his son, C. R. Rutherford, for a few days.

Mrs. Lewis Murdock and little son are guests in the home of her father, F. G. Boyd.

Mrs. M. L. Jones and two daughters, Bessie and Kathleen, returned Tuesday from a week's visit in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Murry of Colorado.

Miss Beatrice Burleson and Mrs. Carr of Abilene have gone to San Antonio where they will open an up-to-date candy shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee had as their guest for the week-end the latter's sister, Miss Louise Matheny, who is a teacher in the school at Albany.

Miss Marjory Adrian has returned to school in Abilene after an absence of two weeks on account of illness.

Miss Daisy Mae Kegal of Abilene visited friends there last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Medeah Rawlings, who is attending school at McMurry, was the week-end guest of home folks.

Mrs. J. M. Billings was the week-end guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens have as their guest Mrs. Stevens' father, Mr. Dodson, from Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowls of Eastland are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Little Glenn Reaves is on the sick list this week.

W. L. Boyd of Hamlin was a visitor Monday in the C. T. Beckham home.

Miss Mollye McLeod visited with Mrs. B. Edwards from Friday till Monday.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit of two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Lula Duckett, of Fabens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lansford and little daughter, Joy Win Nell, have returned from a ten days visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Cassie Lansford.

Misses Asha McLeod and Erma Faye Boyd were guests of Mrs. Arnold Dressler of Sweetwater Sunday.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Mrs. Cecil McRee was hostess to a number of friends Saturday evening with a gay and most enjoyable bridge party, naming her sister, Miss Louise Matheny, who is teaching at Albany, as honoree. Royce Dowdy and Mrs. John Bowman won high score and each in turn was presented an ash tray and a lovely box of stationery. A colorful Washington motif was used in plate favors and table appointments and a pretty plate consisting of chicken salad and date nut cheese sandwiches made with red, white and blue bread, strawberry fruit jello with mayonnaise on lettuce leaves, olives and cake topped with whipped cream and coffee, on red, white and blue doilies, with Washington hatchets as plate favors were served to Mr. and Mrs. H. McRee and little son, H. L., Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Lesly Beasley, Mr. and Mr. R. E. Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hammer, Mrs. John Bowman, little Billie Jean SoRelle, Messrs. John Hammer, Alton Boone and the honoree and host and hostess.

SLUMBER PARTY

Misses Asha and Joella McLeod, assisted by Miss Erma Faye Boyd, entertained a group of friends Thursday night with a slumber party at their home. Games of bridge and 42 were played and at midnight sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served to the following: Misses Pauline Watkins, Lucille Taylor, Marjorie Hall of Sweetwater, Loretta and Elda Mae Mathews of Hamlin, Edna Wilson of Merkel, Molly McLeod and the hostesses.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

L. E. Carpenter, Minister
Bible School 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Ladies Bible class Thursday 2 p. m. This class is making a detailed study of Christ's great "Sermon on the Mount." Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

High School News.

JOKES.

Mr. Terry says Johnnie did not have any trouble learning where the "starter" on his car was but that he has never found the "stopper."

Sara Julia likes for her mother to sit up with her when she has a pain in her head, but when that "pain in the neck" comes she expects mother to go to bed.

Miss Shepherd: "Please don't bring us any more of that horrid milk. It is positively blue."

Mr. Jenkins: "Well, it isn't my fault lady. It's the long evenings that make my car depressed."

Mr. Hamner says the only midnight oil John ever burns is "motor oil."

Advice:—

There is meter in rhyme.
There is meter in song.
But the best way to "meet her"
Is meet her alone.

Did you know we have a new pupil in the Freshman class?

Miss Shepherd: "What is the plural child?"

Bo Terry: "Twins."

Cullen: "Do you know a fellow out your way with one leg named Henry?"

Jack: "I'm not sure, what is the name of his other leg?"

Yesterday—Johnny: "Mr. Johnson, please give Sara Julia to me. I'll make a living for her."

Today—Sara J.: "Dad, Johnny and I are going to get married."

SPORTS.

We, the volley ball team, are hoping to get a great deal of practice this week. We invite anyone over to play us, especially Goodman, and we promise to return any game. Maybe we can't beat Goodman in basketball, but we can certainly pour it on to them in volley ball! Let 'em come.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

Miss Sarah Julia Johnson was hostess at Home Economics club meeting Wednesday. The program was as follows:

Poem—Mildred Steadman.
Life of Washington—Edith Hale.
Rules of George Washington—Miss Burgess.

Honesty—Victorine Bishop.
Truthfulness—Fanny Vessels.
Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and lemonade were served to members and hostess.

Edith Hale will be hostess next Wednesday.

Wednesday new officers were elected by members of Home Economics club as follows: reporter, Joella McLeod; president, Mildred Steadman; secretary, Helen Hogue.

WHAT WOULD—

Alton look like with black hair?
Fanny Bill with a hair cut?
Helen Hogue with little feet?

Edith look like going out with "Red" Martin?

Freddy with mustache?
Gladys look like with socks on?

Mr. Jenkins look like without a smile?

Miss Shepherd look like weighing 150 pounds?

Miss Burgess look like weighing 100 pounds?

DID YOU KNOW—

That the girls are going to organize a choral club?

That the public speaking class is going to put on a play?

That the volley ball girls want a game?

Trent basketball girls beat White Flat 22-2?

Cullen Tittle of Merkel is going to Trent?

THE GREATEST THINGS.

The best day—today.

The greatest gift—forgiveness.

The greatest need—common sense.

The greatest trouble maker—talking too much.

The best teacher—one who makes you want to learn.

The biggest fool—the boy or girl who will not go to school.

HONOR ROLL.

First grade—H. H. Jones, Jr., Jessie Brown, Ernestine Massey, Gene Billington, Sammie Rossin, Billy Jones, Norma Mae Wilson, Ruth Howard, Willie Jo Hammer, Othel O'Kelley, Talmadge Vessels, Adelia Garcia; highest average, Billy Jones, Othel O'Kelley.

Second grade—Rado Archer, Nelson Sherrill, Glen Stayton, Ladie

Fred Crain, Avis Neill, Virginia Cloe McRee, Willadene Strawn, Mary Frances Bright, Ilena Perkins, Harweda Worthan, Billy Tittle; highest average, Ilena Perkins.

Third grade—Devearl Bishop, Lee Roy Martin, Vertis Ross, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Veneta McDonald, Helga Beasley, Marjorie Jo Stewart, Pauline Stayton, Faye Hampton, Elsie Bishop; highest average, Vertis Ross.

Fourth grade—Bobbie Glenn Rossen, Kirby Steadman, Kenneth Burkhardt, Mark Williamson, Cecil Ross, Jake Roberts, Doris Steen, Kathryn Shannon, Dorthy May Howard, Margaret Rellihan; first honors, Bobbie Glenn Rossen.

Fifth grade—Elery Smith, Jean Scott, Eda Lane, Othel Jones, T. G. Murdock, Billie Joe Bowers, Glyn Reaves, A. C. Terry; first honors, Elery Smith.

WHITE FLAT

We are still receiving good showers of rain every day.

So much mud has prevented us from indulging in school athletics lately, but a great number find it a lot of fun and amusement to play "42" during the noon hour.

Singing and Sunday School services were dispensed with Sunday on account of the inclement weather.

Nolan Duncan and Bondie Vessel were callers in the M. C. Graham home Sunday evening.

The pupils of Mr. Sheffield's room are glad to welcome Ella Lee Rogers, a new Senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westbrook were business visitors to Sweetwater Saturday.

We are glad to report that all the children who have had chicken pox are improving.

School is progressing nicely in every department; mid-term exams and reviews coming in for their share of attention the last few days.

Mr. Melvin Hand was at the county capital while Saturday.

Miss Sibyl Horton surprised her many friends here by marriage to Mr. Tommy Corbin of Sweetwater last Friday. After returning from a trip to Altus, Oklahoma, and several points in Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Corbin will be at home in Sweetwater as he is employed there. Mrs. Corbin's friends here wish them much happiness.

MATCH THESE:

1. Mildred McElmurry.
2. The Trent girls.
3. Carrie Mae and Mattie.
4. Hubert McLeod.
5. Velma and Louise.
6. Mrs. Melvin Westbrook.
7. The Saturday night dance.
8. Ike's Place.
9. Covered Wagons.
10. Florence Kegans.

1. likes? good popcorn.
2. inquire about the White Flat boys.

3. want a new spring hat?
4. makes almost 100 per cent in spelling.

5. are champion "42" players.
6. hasn't had chicken pox.
7. was a wet affair (climatically.)

8. is the most popular spot in town.
9. are back in style.
10. is interested in a certain young man.

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COMPERE NEWS

Although Compere news has not appeared in print the past two weeks it is by no means dead. All heads are reported above water since the recent floods.

Our school was recently visited by the state inspector and County Superintendent B. F. Beaver. A fine report was made and state aid was rendered in full.

Our last P. T. A. program was rendered by the school children, which consisted of a George Washington program, mixed chorus numbers and a short play. This unusual program was enjoyed by a full house.

Parents will have charge of the next program, which will be Friday evening, Feb. 26, if weather permits. Several cases of "flu" are reported in our community.

Foy Wilburn's Sunday dinner guests were as follows: Misses Vallie Bond, Ina Mae Childers, Kathleen Milner and Mrs. M. K. Milner; Messrs. Clyde Chancey, Burrus Davis, Charles Childers and Albert Chancey. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, M. K. Milner and daughter, Kathleen, were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Compere community is being well represented at the Stamps' singing school at Merkel.

Sunday afternoon singing was enjoyed at Zion Chapel last Sunday afternoon, with quite a few visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Justice and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Spurgin of Noodle, were Compere visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. W. T. McAninch, visited relatives in McCauley recently.

Clyde and Jeff chancey were Saturday night callers at the teacherage.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas of Noodle, were passing visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. A. W. Clemmer and Mrs. John Caffey visited Mrs. R. S. Palmer last Wednesday afternoon.

Leap Year claimed its first victim in this community recently, when Miss Vergie Marshall became the

bride of Mr. Pierce Horton of Merkel. We are wishing them much happiness on their matrimonial voyage.

R. P. Horton canned a beef the past week.

Lee Stanley and George Smith made a business trip to Merkel one day last week.

Our community's latest invention has been completed. Call at the teacherage and look it over.

M. K. Milner made a business trip to Sweetwater Friday.

J. H. Palmer of Truby stopped at Compere one day last week.

WARREN NEWS

It has been raining quite a bit lately, delaying the farmers from breaking their land.

Woodrow Brewer from Goodman has been visiting Gaston Hobbs recently.

Quite a few from this community attended singing at Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Gilmore from Big Spring have been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. L. Newman.

Miss Clara Marshall of Merkel spent the week-end with Lottie McCoy.

We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins to our community.

Euster McCoy has been visiting J. B. Foster of Salt Branch recently.

The pupils of Warren school put on the play, "The Flag of our Country."

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones, have been visiting Mr. Walter Jones of Abilene.

NOTICE.

I have bought all accounts owing to the Liberty Hardware Company and will appreciate your calling promptly to settle same. See me at the Liberty Hardware store.
A. R. Johnston.

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BLAIR ITEMS

More dampness invades this section. After three weeks of sunshine and baby spring, the rains have come again, with two inches or more and with cooler weather. The moisture is barely welcome, as there is already ample seasoning and farm work is being delayed. However, a continued siege of wet weather is probably better at this time of the year than any other. The weeds are not disastrous, as there is nothing in the fields to be cultivated.

Those who have been on the sick list since our last writing are: Mrs. Richard Melton, Denzel Ray Melton, R. B. Horton and probably others whom the writer failed to get.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter and family of Nubia visited Mrs. Maggie Hunter and family recently.

Mrs. J. H. Doan and children spent a pleasant day with her aunt, Mrs. B. M. Williams, of Merkel the past week.

Clyde and Odie Latimer and Barney Reynolds and son of Nubia attended services at the M. E. Church last Sunday, Mr. Reynolds making an interesting talk at the evening services.

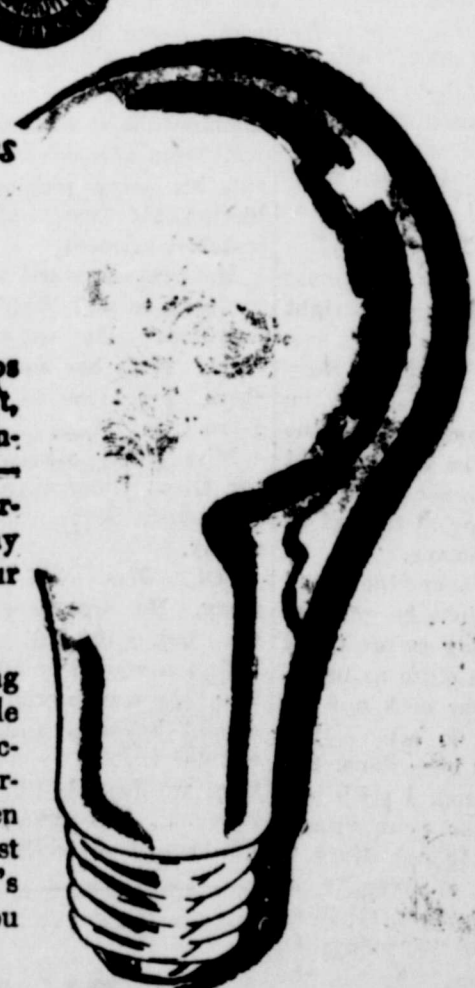
News is scarce since the rains have the roads all mugged up and transportation is almost impossible at this writing.

Eight of the nine persons killed in street accidents in Oldham, England, last year, were pedestrians who crossed the street carelessly.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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POLITICAL**(Subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic Primary in July.)For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-
election.)For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.)For County Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

GRADY PARMELLY.

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 County Clerk:
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Box 12.**WANTED**HAVE 10 White English leghorn
pullets to exchange for Rhode Island
Red hens. W. J. Sheppard.**LOST AND FOUND**LOST—Two Jersey yearlings, weight
about 350 pounds. Phone 276 or see Ed
Lancaster.**Mrs. N. M. Perry.**We were reminded again last Fri-
day, Feb. 19, that in the midst of life
there is death, when Mrs. Nancy M.
Perry, age 84, passed into the Great
Beyond. Funeral services were held
at the Methodist church in Merkel
Saturday, Feb. 20. Rev. Marvin Wil-
liams of Abilene conducted the ser-
vices. Interment was in Rose Hill
cemetery beside the grave of her hus-
band, W. G. Perry, who preceded her
in death seven years."Granny," as she was known to all
her friends, was born in Dawson
County, Ga., Sept. 5th, 1847. She lived
a short time in Marion County, Ark.,
and 34 years ago came with her hus-
band to this county, settling in Mul-
berry Canyon. She was a life long
member of the Methodist church. She
lived a true Christian life and was
always ready to help others. We miss
her, oh! we miss her, but we know
that she is safe in her home the Mas-
tey has prepared for her.Four children survive her. They
are: M. E. and J. L. Perry, Mrs. A.
R. Toombs, all of Nubia, Mrs. J. D.
Cozart of Bryson. A daughter, Mrs.
H. H. Toombs, died in 1918. There are
20 grandchildren, and 11 great grand-
children.Flowers of all kinds and for all oc-
asions. Missie's Floral Shop at
Woodrum Hotel.Every visit appreciated— Bird
Bros. Sinclair Station.**Taylor Co. Sheriff
Seeks Re-Election**

To the Voters of Taylor County:

Two years ago I received what I
consider a great compliment in being
elected sheriff. I have not forgotten
that expression of confidence. I feel
that the promises I made have been
carried out, and that the office has
been conducted in a courteous, dig-
nified, and business-like way, with-
out favors or partiality to any one.
If I am honored with another term,
I will pursue the same policy.I am soliciting your vote and sup-
port for a second term.

Sincerely,

BURL WHEELER

**Local Ex-Service
Men Hold Banquet**Twenty-five were present Wednes-
day night at an ex-service men's ban-
quet held at the Lions club hall when
several features combined to afford
a most pleasant evening's entertain-
ment.Tom North of Abilene was toast-
master and special numbers were fur-
nished by a trio of Hawaiian music-
ians and H. E. Ryan, with cartoons
and works of magic. The Hawaiians
were Eddie D. Roberts, Marion, Ind.,
Wm. J. Raber, Kalamazoo, Mich., and
Ralph Robes, Baton Rouge, La.The guest list, besides the toast-
master and entertainers mentioned,
included J. L. Speck, O. C. Shouse,
Stanley B. King, L. J. Renfro, Clyde
Foster, L. P. Liles, Dent Gibson, John
Westenhover, Jim Mayfield, P. P.
Dickinson, H. E. Regan, Cincinnati,
Ohio, J. L. Warren, Abilene, Ruck
Sibley, Abilene, chief of police, L. S.
Daniel, Abilene, J. Carl Thomas, O.
R. Burns, M. D. Fowler, J. Parker
Sharp, F. R. London and F. C. Hugh-
es.The district convention of the leg-
ion which was to have been held at
Brownwood Saturday and Sunday of
this week has been postponed until
March 19 and 20, on account of the
condition of the roads.Gold mining in New Zealand is
booming.**Brunk's Comedians to
Present 'Laff That Off'**One of the most enjoyable theatre
weeks ever offered patrons of the
Queen theatre will be presented be-
ginning with Monday night's per-
formance, Feb. 29.The playhouse management has
announced full length stock com-
pany programs by Brunk's Comedi-
ans, widely known in this section for
their many appearances under the
canvass the past few years. Arrange-
ments have been completed for pre-
senting the Brunk players a week. Pro-
grams will be changed daily.The comedians are under the man-
agement of Henry L. Brunk, who
has appeared here with his com-
pany successfully before. The com-
pany carries a full list of players
for the plays it will present, a clever
group of vaudeville and between-
acts entertainers, its own orchestra
and band and special stage scenery,
fittings, and lighting apparatus.The troupe will open its engage-
ment by playing "Laff That Off."
The play had a three-year run at
the Wallack theatre in New York
City. It is a simple play, deriving its
humor from the travesties of three
bachelor buddies suddenly called to
war.Besides the play, a three-act com-
edy-farce, the program offers vaude-
ville between each act.Manager Hodge announces that in
keeping with the policy of the Queen
in giving the greatest in entertain-
ment at the lowest prices, the ad-
mission will remain at 10 and 25
cents.**Comic Strip Artist
Spending Week Here**H. E. Ryan, cartoonist and origi-
nator of the newspaper comic strip
"Tom and Jerry" which is featured
through the Federal Syndicate and
appears in papers all over the coun-
try, spent the week in Merkel with
his wife, who is nationally known as
Madame La Maie over the radio
stations. She later gained the nick-
name of "Miss Radio" and "The Lady
With the Radio Mind." During thir-
teen months over KOA, she answered
over sixty-four thousand questions
and received thousands of letters and
telegrams thanking her for informa-
tion she gave, indicating that her
answers were of more than ordinary
value.Travel gives Ryan ideas for his
work and at the same time he makes
an effort to introduce his characters
where they are not appearing in the
local papers. A series of cartoons was
drawn here for Dr. W. M. Gambill to
be used in the advertising of Ogene."I will have many a good word to
say for Texas and the reception ten-
dered me all over the state, when I
return to my home in New York" was
Ryan's statement while in The Mail
office Tuesday.**WANTED**
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C. E. CONNER**She Has Leads**Miss Delphia Trusler, leading lady
of Brunk's Comedians, stock com-
pany which is showing all next week
at the Queen theatre. The comedy-
farce "Laff That Off" will open the
engagement Monday.**Dietrich's "Shanghai
Express" Leads off
Week at Paramount**The Paramount (Abilene) Theatre
program next week embraces a wide
variety of appeal for the theatre-go-
er. First on the list is Marlene Diet-
rich in her latest picture, "Shanghai
Express," which will be the attrac-
tion on Monday, Tuesday and Wed-
nesday. "Shanghai Express" is said
to be a most timely and sensational
picture as the scene of action takes
place in war-torn China on the rail-
road running from Pieping to Shang-
hai. Supporting Miss Dietrich in this
unusual attraction is Clive Brook.
Others in the cast are Warner Oland,
Anna May Wong and Eugene Pal-
ette.On Thursday and Friday the wide-
ly heralded and much awaited pro-
duction, "The Guardsman," will be
the attraction. "The Guardsman"
marks the first screen appearance of**FLY
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"The Guardsman" are Roland Young
and Zazu Pitts. On Thursday only, in
connection with the showing of "The
Guardsman" the Paramount will
present on the stage the Ernest Gris-
som Spring Fashion Revue displaying
the latest in spring fashions.For those who like red-blooded ro-
mance with plenty of thrills, "The
Suicide Fleet," which will be shownon Saturday only, is sure to meet with
approval. "The Suicide Fleet" is a
story of our submarine mystery ships
during the late world war and was
produced with the co-operation of the
U. S. Navy. William Boyd, Ginger
Rogers, James Gleason and Robert
Armstrong head the cast of this mar-
ine sensation.If you have any visitors. Phone 29
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BRIDGE GAMES.

Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent most graciously entertained a number of her Abilene, Merkel and Trent friends in the lovely home of her sister, Mrs. John West, on Oak street on Thursday afternoon of last week.

A George Washington motif was suggested in all party appointments for games of auction bridge which progressed as happy diversion for the afternoon. Miss Mary Evelyn Brooks entertained with piano and vocal selections and at the refreshment hour delicious cherry pies, topped with whipped cream, olives, stuffed dates, coffee, with George Washington plate favors, was served to Mrs. Gene Childes and Miss Mary Evelyn Brooks of Abilene, Misses Maurine Smith and Lillian McRee, Medames Royce Dowdy, John Bowman, Leslie Beasley, Hale McRee, T. G. Hamner, Buddy Burks, Rado Archer, Garland Franks, Ross Jenkins, all of Trent, Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, Mrs. John West, all of Merkel, Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Roger Burgess visited Wednesday with Mrs. W. M. Murrell in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baze from Eden spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Miss Lana Barnett's recent guest, Miss Lue Lackey, returned Wednesday to her home in Dallas.

Mrs. R. H. Moore and son, Wayne, of Fort Worth are visiting their father and grandfather, J. S. Hutson.

Misses Coy May Callihan and Mary Millican from Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

Medames John Toombs and Mac Angus returned Saturday from a visit to Mrs. Angus' daughter, Mrs. Esker Curtis, at Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graham, accompanied by little Joe Earl Kimbrough, of Port Arthur are spending several days with Mrs. Graham's mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Managers for National Tires Banquet Guests

Tuesday evening about twenty West Texas managers of National Tire stores were entertained at a dinner at the Blue Bonnet hotel in Sweetwater. Chief spokesmen were Stacy Cox of Denver, Col., manager of the merchandising department, and W. A. Green of Dallas, district manager.

Joe Barron, proprietor of the Blue Front Motor company, was one of the store managers who enjoyed this courtesy from the company. Besides a number of interesting talks, Joe reports a mighty good feed, with smokes, etc. Mr. Cox, the manager of the merchandising department, congratulated the managers on their rapid success as evidenced by the growing sales of National tires, he said.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind words and deeds of our dear friends and neighbors, also to Dr. Sadler, during the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone.

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J. L. Perry and Family.
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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Due to the protracted spell of bad weather, which was at its worst last Sunday, the attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel was reduced to the low for 1932 that date. Only four Sunday Schools reported, the attendance being 383 at these four.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The scripture lesson for next Sunday's prayer service, Romans 5, will be read by L. L. Murray, with a special song service by singers from the different churches.

We are proud to know that our program committee has been doing some good work. So by special invitation Mr. Bert Low of Abilene will be with us next Sunday. Everyone knows Mr. Low and knows him to be one of the greatest lay leaders in this part of the country. Don't miss his talk. We urge that every man in Merkel be there. It will be well worth your time to come and hear him.

—Reporter.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The Abilene District Young People's meeting will be held at Anson Saturday and Sunday. This is to be a big event in the young people's work of the year and some fifteen or more loyal Leaguers will attend.

Beginning next Sunday afternoon a new Teachers' Training course will start and will meet each evening thereafter during the week, finishing the course in one week. It will be a Bible course on the book of Mark. Regular services next Sunday.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Scripture, by leader, Clyde Sears. Song. Story, Richmond Buford. Duet, Dora Marie Gaither and Becky Gardner. Story, Charles Iddings. Benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We sincerely trust that weather and health conditions will be much better by Sunday and that our people will feel that inward urge to find their way into God's house and devoutly worship Him.

The morning service will be featured by special music and the pastor's sermon at 7:30 p. m. will be "something new" and of "special interest to all, 'The Three Angels of Hell.' Who are they? He will call them by name. Make a special effort to come and bring your friends.

Sunday School 9:45 and B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. A warm welcome awaits you at the Baptist church.

J. T. King, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Services well attended last Sunday, considering the rainy day.

There will not be preaching Sunday, as pastor will be at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, 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. A hearty welcome to all.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bad weather does not keep our church from having services. Rain or shine, cold or hot, remember there will be services. Preaching every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the streets, every Saturday evening at 7:30, Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday evening at 7:30. Bible School at 9:45 every Sunday morning. Bible study every Monday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Young people's Bible study Sunday

evening at 7 o'clock. Subject: "Temptation of Christ?" Scripture, Mat 4:1-11; verses 1 and 2, Irene Salters; 3, Alice Gray; 4, Della Miller; 5, Leonard Gay; 6, Louis Ketchum; 7, Mac Salters; 8, Thomas Gay; 9, Mrs. Griffin; 10, John Reagh; 11, Mae Pruitt. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Texas for Garner

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Worth, secretary of the senate and of numerous state democratic conventions, was named secretary. Mr. Chambers and Mr. Garner were born in Red River county and migrated to South Texas, both showing a penchant, and successfully, for politics.

RAYBURN HEADS COMMITTEE.

Congressman Sam Rayburn of Bonham heads the committee to handle the national organization work in behalf of Speaker Garner's candidacy, which will be carried on intensively ahead of the Chicago convention. The permanent organization committee will see to it that only "true and tried" Garner men are placed on the Texas delegation to be sent to Chicago.

Senator Walter Woodward of Coleman is head of the Texas committee on permanent organization, while Representative A. P. Johnson of Carizo Springs was named as chairman of the resolutions committee.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Texas Independence Day, a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day Wednesday, Mar. 2, 1932. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

The members of the Presbyterian choir rendered the following program on Sunday evening, which will be repeated at Baird next Sunday evening at 7:30:

Hymn recital, Mrs. C. W. Delmer. Prelude, Mrs. C. W. Delmer. "Bow Down Thine Ear," choir. Prayer, Rev. R. A. Walker. "Give God the Glory," choir. "In the Garden," Delma Compton and A. J. Tucker.

"Ready," choir. Scripture, Rev. R. A. Walker. "Break Thou the Bread of Life," choir.

"Somebody," Delma Compton. Offertory, Mrs. C. W. Delmer. Saxophone solo, Taylor Tucker. "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," choir.

Duet, Misses Mary Eula Sears and Christine Collins. Solo, A. J. Tucker.

"Shall We Gather at the River," choir.

Quartette, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Mrs. Henry West, Harry Barnett and A. J. Tucker.

"Hail, Hail, Immanuel," choir. Reading, Mrs. Robert Walker. "Now the Day Is Over," choir.

Saturday at 2 o'clock an extra Special for the ladies at Brown's Bargain Store.

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Stith Honor Roll.

The following pupils are on the honor roll for the period at the Stith school:

Third grade—Florene Varner, Pauline Bradley, Angie Conley, Mildred Browning, J. T. Burns.

Eighth grade—Mary Helen Mashburn, Gladys Mashburn, Annie Lee Church.

Tenth grade—Clarence Church.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Taking Course as Nurse.

Miss Selma Lee Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and a graduate of Merkel High of 1929, has entered the training school for nurses at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. The course will require three years.

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FLOUR, Extra High Patent, 48 pounds, every sack guaranteed	95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
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OATS, with glassware, large package	22c
PICKLES, quart size, sour	15c
MACARONI, 3 boxes	20c
PEACHES, No. 2 1-2, Del Monte,	17c
CORN, No. 2 can, 2 for	19c
PEAS, No. 2 can, 2 for	19c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 50c size	38c
APRICOTS, choice fruit, 2 lbs.	23c
PORK & BEANS, 3 cans for	21c
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