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CROP LOAN WILL REQUIRE PLEDGE TO CUT ACREAGE

Applications to be Denied to Those Who Plant Over 65 Per Cent of Last Year's Cotton Acreage, It is Announced.

Dallas. Mar. 3 .- The Reconstruction Finance corporation will deny loans for 1932 crops to all cotton and and New Mexico who plant acreage to Austin and reburied in the state to these crops in excess of 65 per cent cemetery there Wednesday. of last year's acreage.

This announcement was made here Monday at a meeting of the Agricultural club by Owen Sherrill, day brought the total for the meet-Georgetown banker, who has been ing to \$1,804,151. appointed manager of the regional W. E. (Bill) Lea, attorney of Oragricultural loan branch of the cor- ange and former mayor of that city,

Sherrill also announced the aphead of the legal department of the regional branch and Henry T. Crosby as head of the agricultural department. Both are from Dallas.

Operations of the agricultural branch will be explained by Sher- by the weather bureau in its sixtyrill in a two-week state tour beginning Wednesday at Tyler. Thursday he will speak at Houston and Friday at San Antonio. He will talk at Waco Saturday morning. Next week he will speak at Abilene Tuesday and Amarillo Wednesday.

The new branch office was crowded Monday with job seekers hoping to obtain the 120 positions to be filled in the new organization.

Early Taylor Countain Dies in Fort Worth

Funeral services for Mrs. J. C. were held Thursday afternoon of last weighing 880 pounds. week from the home of a niece, Mrs. E. E. Andrews, in Abilene, with Dr. throughout the country for many Hollis, Okla., Church finds both courses are legal it then

Mrs. Harkrider and her husband, who was an early groceryman in Abilene associated with a nephew, D. T. Harkrider, came to Abilene more than 40 years ago. They later moved to Fort Worth and were residing there at the time of the death of Mr. Harkrider in 1917. Mrs. Harkrider was residing on Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, when she passed away Wednesday night of last week after an illness of about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and Mrs. Asa Sheppard office this week specimens of small went from here for the funeral and figs growing on one of the trees in Two Merkel Men Booth Warren, a great nephew of Mr. his yard. Barring opposition from a Harkrider, was one of the pall bear- late winter spell, they look very prom-

month to accept a position with the

Farmer and Merchants National

Homer Easterwood, who will also act

as local reporter. Homer is well and

favorably known and already he has

exhibited a talent and likeness for the

work which assures us that his ser-

vices will be satisfactory to all inter-

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 1, 1932.)

Falling timbers at the site for Beaumont's new federal building Monday killed Tom Frugia, 38, who had gone there to apply for a job.

Little one and one-half vear old Ethelyn Nelson was drowned at Lamesa Friday when she fell into a tub of rainwater while playing in the

The body of John Wheeler Brunton, a signer of the Texas Declaration of tobacco growers in Texas, Arizora Independence, was carried from Kyle

Highway betterment contracts aggregating \$1,000,183 were awarded by the highway commission Tuesday, which added to the \$802,968 let Mon-

has announced his candidacy for congressman-at-large, chief plank of pointment of Lewis Carpenter as his platform being a system of unemployment insurance.

> Sunday when the mercury rose to 82.6 degrees between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon was the hottest February day ever recorded in Galveston one years of existence.

Eleven persons associated with the operation of the defunct National Marriage and Birth Trust company were convicted in federal court in Dallas of using the mails in a lottery scheme and to defraud.

Representative Mansfield of Texas was the 145th signer of a petition making it possible to bring a state liquor control bill to the house floor for action, the procedure requiring 145 signatures to bring this about.

The grand championship of the boys stock show and Hereford show and sale at San Angelo was won by Aud-Haffrider, about 82, an early settler rey Faye Kidd. 10, of Loyal Valley, of Abilene and well known in Merkel, Mason county, with a Hereford calf Earl Gartin was the auctioneer.

M. A. Jenkens, pastor of the First years for his verse and column in Baptist church of that city, officia- the Houston Post, has been chosen as the first poet laureate of Texas, an resolution of the legislature.

Weatherford and Strawn, was post- in the neighboring state. poned until an undetermined date, indications being that an agreement had been reached.

Fig Tree Fruiting. R. B. Wells brought to The Mail ising for a good yield.

YOUR MAIL ORDER HOUSES

TOP ANIMAL **GOES AT \$425**

Sterling City Breeder Buys Neblett's Bull at Semi-Annual Sale at Sweetwater Saturday.

Sweetwater, Mar. 3 .- Semi-annual with \$425 and \$225 the top prices paid for male and female animals,

age price per head was \$127.36.

Mabelle 56th, also consigned Neblett & Sons, was purchased by Jack Frost of Sweetwater for \$225, the highest price paid for a cow.

Judd Mortimer Lewis, known Accepts Call, Goes to

Having accepted a call to the honorary post created last year by Church of Christ at Hollis, Okla., Brother L. E. Carpenter, for the past The hearing, which was scheduled six months minister jointly of the Austin and Houston are bidding for Monday before the Texas highway local Church of Christ and the Trent the state convention. commission with reference to the pro- church, left Tuesday, with his wife posed cutoff on highway 1, between and four children for their new home Merkel Volunteers

During his brief period of service here, Brother Carpenter proved a most worthy leader in religious circles as well as taking a prominent he will be greatly missed.

Two Merkel men, C. K. Russell and Henry West, are on the 104th district grand jury impaneled by Judge W. R. Chapman at the opening of a seven weeks term of court Monday.

W. E. Beasley of Abilene is foreman of the body and other members member of the Merkel volunteers and of the grand jury are: Lloyd Bynum, now of Winters. Potosi; Arthur Hay, Abilene; Mino Hunt, Bradshaw; T. A. Rippy, route Ocie Burns and Clarence Perry and 1. Tuscola; Franklin Haynes, Abilene; Will Parmelly, route 3, Abilene; Horace Roberts, Abilene; I. C. Cox, when the present waterworks system Buffalo Gap; and Will J. Schultz, was installed. Abilene.

Exhibitors Ship Cattle for Show

and Sons show cattle were shipped of this community whereby the comed from Abilene Friday with their Monday to Fort Worth for exhibit at pany agrees to begin a well within son, Herbert, who has from all indi- the annual Southwestern Exposition thirty days after Feb. 6. The four

> dent of the Texas Hereford Breeders | The well will be located near a forassociation, expects to leave for Fort mer test, W. E. Lackey No. 1, which Worth Thursday.

J. E. Boaz, who shipped his cattle contracts to drill to the depth of this on Thursday via T. & P., and John former test unless oil or gas is found S. Hughes, who Thursday trucked in paying quantities at lesser depth. three registered Jerseys, two bulls The well will be three miles from and one cow, for exhibit.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrell, residing near Stith, Wednesday, February, 24, 1932,

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West, Victor Harris, B. F. Cox and O. J. residing north of town, Saturday, Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, residing east of town, Tuesday, March

COMMITTEE TO ACT ON BALLOT

To Decide March 9 on Method of Listing Entries for Congressman-at-Large.

sale of the Texas Hereford Breeders' Huggins of the state democratic ex- or single, whether the child plans to vague. At least one of the kidnapers association was held here Saturday, ecutive committee Monday said the attend school here next year or not. was a woman. Footprints told officers committee would determine whether Just so the child is now living within that. One of the men-there was one candidates for congressman at large the Merkel Independent School dis- man and perhaps more-was in his shall run for designated places.

E. P. Neblett & Sons of Sweetwater mittee to meet in Fort Worth on the age. Almost every year some children nursery window. There were tracks to Meyer & McDonald of Sterling morning of March 9 to make a de- are missed. Any help you may give leading a considerable distance and City, brought the highest price among cision on that matter and also to Mr. Black in this matter will be ap- then being lost as the kidnapers ap-18 head of Herefords sold. The aver- select the city for the party's May preciated and will mean money from parently got into a waiting automostate convention.

He revealed he had received a letter from F. O. Fuller, Houston \$17.50 from the state. The more we attorney, in which Fuller announc- get on the census the less we have to ed his candidacy for one of the raise locally to run the school. W. J. Largent of Merkel is presi- three posts to be filled in congress, Remember just so the child now the kidnappers left. A report placing and girls club at the first annual fat dent and D. G. Talbot of Fort Worth asked to have his name on the ballot lives in this district and is six and the ransom at \$50,000 was not denied is secretary of the Texas Hereford as a candidate for "Place No. One" Breeders association, which sponsors and threatened to seek a writ of manthe Sweetwater semi-annual sale. damus if his candidacy were not so designated by place.

"The committee," said Mr. Huggins, "of course will take whatever course it believes the wiser and more proper."

Dallas. Fort Worth, San Antonio,

Merkel fireboys staged their annual banquet at the Lions hall Wednesday place in the civic life of Merkel and night, the spread having to be changed to indoors on account of the inclement weather. A sumptuous barbecue with coffee and pies was served banquet-style to a large gather-On 104th Grand Jury ing of local fire-fighters, led by Chief N. A. Dowell and Fire Marshal Bill Burns, together with several invited guests.

> Included in the latter were Chief Zack Taylor of Sweetwater and Chief Daniels and Assistant Chief Roe of Abilene, Chief Frank Williams of Winters and Slats Bourn, former

> String music was furnished by the chief speaker was Judge W. W. Wheeler, who was mayor of the city

Contract for Drilling Deep Test in Nolan Co. Blackwell, Nolan Co., March 3 .-

Mid-Kansas Oil and Gas company has Nineteen head of the C. M. Largent | made a contract with four farmers landowners are C. J. Henry, M. W. Willie Joe Largent, who is presi- Fowler, J. S. Craft and Joe W. Pace. was said to have encountered an oil Other exhibitors from Merkel include showing at 3,755 feet. Mid-Kansas Blackwell. About 15,000 acres is under lease there.

> Co. C Club, 359th Infantry. J. L. Speck has received word from one of his buddies of the next meeting of Co. C, 359th infantry, to be held at the armory in Fort Worth on Wednesday night, March 9. The armory is at 209 Page Avenue. This eeting has been designated as fam-

URGE CITIZENS CO OPERATE IN SCHOOL CENSUS

Endeavor Will Be Made to List All Children In Merkel District Over Six and Under Eighteen on September 1.

Beginning on March 1 Carl Black began taking the census for the Merkel Independent School district. He wishes The Mail to inform the public that he is not a peddler, is dressed in a khaki suit and cap, and not to refuse to answer the door because you of the Charles A. Lindbergh estatefear he is a peddler. He has had some five miles back in the Sourland Hill trouble in this way in the past.

be under eighteen should be enumer- returned by noon today. in school or not, whether the pupil is word from the kidnapers. to be here in this district next year Houston, Mar. 3.-Chairman W. O. or not, whether the child is married trict and will be six or ever next Sep- stocking feet, or wore moccasins. Modern Anxiety, bull consigned by Mr. Huggins has called the com- tember 1, and under eighteen years of There was mud on the sill of the the state for the Merkel school. For bile. every child on the census, Merkel gets FIFTY THOUSAND RANSOM DEMANDED.

under eighteen.

Work is Progressing

ditions, work has progressed rapidly er and inquired directions to the on the new post-office building since Lindbergh home. Friday of last week when dirt was broken for the structure.

charge of the work. With the exceptreturned to the nursery there was tion of brick layers, all local work- only a heap of disordered blankets in men have been used.

Earl Teague secured the plumbing In Annual Banquet contract and electrical work is being installed by Spencer Bird.

KIDNAPERS ASK \$50,000 RANSOM LINDY'S BABY

Child Kidnaped From Crib in Parents' Home Tuesday Night; Spirited Away By Two Men in Sedan.

Hopewell, N. J., March 3 .- The little heir of the tiying Lindberghsthe blonde, chubby-cheeked Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr.-has been kidnaped.

He was taken Tuesday night from his crib in the second floor nursery country, as lonesome as a solo flight All children living within the from New York to Paris.

bounds of the Merkel Independent! Lindbergh told a group of state School district who will be six years troopers and an Associated Press reon or before next September 1, and porter early Thursday he is "very who on September 1, 1932, will still confident" his kidnaped baby would be

ated in the census. This should be He did not amplify the statement done whether the pupil has ever been and it is presumed he had received

ONE IS A WOMAN. There were clues, but the trail was

On the nursery window was pinned a scrawled note, the contents of which have not been divulged, which by the Lindberghs.

The police flashed the alarm of the kidnaping over their state-wide auto-Rapidly on Postoffice matic printer. Princeton police reported that a few hours before the kidnaping took place two men in a With highly favorable weather con- dark sedan stopped a highway work-

The kidnaping was discovered at 10 p. m. The baby's nurse, Betty Gow, O. S. Tolle, Dallas contractor, has had put him to bed at 7:30. When she the crib.

BEGS FOR GOOD CARE. From the moment a nurse ran (Continued on Tage Five)

BLESSED ARE THE COMPETENT.

An important New Yorker called me up to ask about two doctors who run a clinic in a little town in Canada. He knew that I had visited them some years ago and that they did me much good.

I described them to him in the words of one of their patients. "They are human ferrets," I said. "They seem to be able to discover and correct conditions where even specialists have fail-

The man went up to the clinic and stayed three weeks. Yesterday he telephoned me to say that he had not felt so well in years. He was so enthusiastic that I could hardly get him off

I sent another man up to Bill Brown's health farm opposite West Point. The man is vice president of a business that has had plenty of problems. He was nervous and discouraged. He came back from Bill's on the top of the world.

I referred a friend to an architect who has done some very clever work for us on our country house. My friend was deligh-

The doctors write me letters of thanks. So does Bill. So does the architect. They think I have done them a friendly service. I reply that, on the contrary, the obligation is entirely on my part. They have given me one of the best pleasures in life, the pleasure of recommending someone who is really competent.

How seldom we have that pleasure. What a discouraging lot of applications we receive from men who want to do something but have never done anything really well.

It is time for someone to reprint and redistribute Elbert Hubbard's Message to Garcia. It tells, you remember, how President McKinley, when the Spanish War broke out, needed to get immediate word to the leader of the Cuban insurgents, General Garcia.

Some one told the President that there was a man named Major A. S. Rowan who could find Garcia.

Major Rowan took the letter, asked no questions, sought no directions or advice, but quietly and promptly set sail for Cuba, made his way through the wilderness and delivered the

Hubbard sang his praises. "Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals," he exclaimed. "Anything

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Early Tuesday morning death called the four year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Merchison, who live in west Merkel.

W. P. Bigham, C. D. Mims, Judge Potter and W. A. Hogue were visitors in Abilene Monday. Mr. Bigham pose of entering suit against Tom Coggin, alleging false accusations.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson made a professional call to the capital city Wednes-

Joe Provine, formerly a banker of Merkel but now of Van Horn, is here Taylor-Callahan rural carriers.

De Witt Haynes is here from Cam- this week. Mr. Provine resigned his eron for a visit of ten days with rel- position at Van Horn and has entered the insurance business.

Ben T. Merritt, our assistant man-Miss Lilly Ayers has been real sick ager for the past year, resigned his this week but is now resting some post on The Mail the first of the

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman returned from Dallas Sunday night where she The position in the business dep- purchased part of her stock of milartment of our paper will be filled by linery.

> Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis returncations completely recovered from an and Fat Stock Show. operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughan of Montezuma, Mexico, in Chihuahua, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sam Butman, as refugees. He was formerly station agent here.

Miss Dorothy Duckett entertained a number of schoolmates from the stated that he was going for the pur- north ward Friday night. All kinds of games were enjoyed by the young people present. Fruit and cake were

> Adcock of Merkel made an overland February 27, 1932. trip to Baird Thursday of last week on their motorcycles to attend the

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7 W's MEET.

afternoon for the purpose of hearing quitoes were so bad that the poor litreports from various committees. W. tle "Fish" took refuge under the bed W. W. W. W. W. club was sub- clothes. At last Kennedy ventured to VACCINATIONS. mitted and voted on as the name for peep out, and seeing a fire-fly, exthe club. Blue and white were the col- claimed, "Grisham, it's no use. There's ors, "Smilin' Thru," the motto adop- one of the critters searching for us

FRESHMEN NEWS.

Did you know Felix had a new

take up for the Sophomores?

flu and we hope that they will soon less," and "Farewell Cruel World." be back to school again.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

It seems that the year 1932 is an JOKES. eventful one for Merkel High school for more than one reason. We have own father who is not its own father's over two hundred students now en- son?" rolled in our High school; this is the Gerald: "I'll bite. What kin would largest enrollment since 1924. This it be?" is also the second greatest enrollment that there ever has been in Merkel High school.

Every student in school loves his High school and is very proud of our Scriptures?" enrollment.

SPORT NEWS.

Since basketball season is over, we see track coming to the front. This of married folk like an empty room?" is one of our main sports now.

I think the coach is well pleased with the team this year. Prospects look very good. The boys have not been tried out yet, but we are sure there will be a number of good track men in the team. We will hear from coat." them later.

We can't say that some of our Badgers are tired of the different sports, because we have seven letter men in basketball coming out for track. They hole I saw in your pants the other are the following ones: Derrick, day?" "Red" Williams, Jack Patterson, Mon- Jack S: "It's worn out." ta Moore, B. P. Middleton, Boaz and Higgins. There were several more ESSAYS WRITING AND basketball boys, Shannon, Patton and SPELLING. Tittle that played the latter part of Two events that are of much im- what an overwhelming success our basketball, but were not able to let- portance in the Interscholastic Lea- club would be if all our members were ter. They are also included in the gue are spelling and essay writing. of Selma's caliber.

not been elected yet, but the boys will elect one soon.

SUMMARY OF BETTER SPEECH WEEK.

Monday, February 22, the Speech class discussed and criticised the speech given by Dr. Surface to the chapel on Washington. This was typical for Better Speech week.

Tuesday, Miss Tracy read one scene from "The Littlest Rebel," a to be eliminations. Only one team of story of the Civil War, and a very Junior spellers and one team of Senappropriate one for this particular ior spellers are allowed to enter. week.

Wednesday, "Pink and Patches," a one-act play, was read to the class.

Thursday and Friday were given over to the discussion and deliverance of extempore speeches and declamation.

LOST? FOUND? OR WHAT HAVE YOU??????

Lost-Between Briar Junction and Elburn Monday night, one case of imported tea bottled in blond which bounced off truck. Finder may keep lowe, all ere half if he'll return the rest to Deverl

Found-The way to be popular with girls .- Marshall Stalls.

Lost-Bunch of keys fastened to wife. Finder please return keys to Merkel High school office or phone 4971 and receive reward-Supt. R. A. Burgess.

five tires, five rims, horn, battery, body was entertained by Miss Tracy's and drained all the gas out of my Grammar school speech art class. Bil-Ford last Wednesday will kindly call lie Clyde Haines, Dorothy Nell Hainand take the rest of the car, no ques- es. Doris Clyde Miller, Sue Sue

problems. I'm not particular about songs and impersonations. the way, the only requirement being The student body always enjoys that no mental effort be required .- Miss Tracy's programs. We will be "Woozy."

THEY WILL SOON BE CARRY-ING ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Here's one on a couple of "Fish" HUBBARD." that went fishing. Last year in the A queer sight to behold is a wowonderful season of spring, Grisham man going anywhere with ten or twel-Dowell and Kennedy Whitely decided ve children following after her. Such to spend a night on Mulberry, a small a woman is called a "Mother Hub-

river about four and one-half miles The Senior girls' club met Monday east of Merkel. That night the moswith a lantern."

CHAPEL.

The Choral and Glee clubs and the Dramatic club entertained at chapel Some of the Freshmen are sick. last Tuesday morning. The program Wonder why some of the Freshmen was as follows: "There's Glory in My Soul" by the Glee club; "A Med-Reba Martin has come back to ley of Old Southern Songs" by the Choral and Glee clubs; two plays giv-Many of the Freshmen have the en by the Dramatic club: "Neverthe-

Talks on the history of two of our The vaccination will soon be over- old songs were given by Marie Stanford and M. E. Grimes. B. P. Middleton acted as master of ceremonies.

Ross: "What kin is that child to its

Ross: "His daughter, of course."

Miss Martin: "What are the two smallest things mentioned in the

Julia: "The widow's mite and 'the wicked flee'."

First Fish: "Why is a room full Second Fish: "Because there's not a single person in it."

Mrs. Riddle: "Oh, Tom, what shall I do? Baby is crying because I won't let him pull all the fur off my new

Mr. Riddle: "Well, that's all right. Give him the cat."

Paul: "Jack, what's become of that

Both of these events are being worked The captain for the track team has upon in Merkel High school and much progress and interest is being shown.

A number of students have come cut for essay writing, and some good essays are being produced. Only one essay writer from each school is allowed to enter; therefore, eliminations

There are also a number coming out for spelling. In this contest, as well as in the essay contest, there will have

Everyone seems to be working faithfully, and Merkel High school expects to win several medals at the League this year.

Prey, why do we love the poets of

Such as Sidney, Spencer, and Shakespeare?

Were they not fashioned from a

common mould? Why read Chaucer, Vergil, Mar-

We think on our modern poets so dear? Yet will their work some day gain

the priceless Value of the poets of old? I fear

It never shall, but I must here con-By having both, mankind is more

Notice-If the person who took the The Merkel High school student witness will be asked .- Mr. R. B. Irvin. Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither. Mildred Tarleton, Forest Glenn Barnett and Wanted-A way to work "trig" Bettye Lou Grimes gave readings,

> looking forward to another program in the near future.

A MODERN "OLD MOTHER

bard." It may be a surprising fact to some people, but anyway we have a Mother Hubbard in our own High school. Miss Martin, Freshman spon- such a man asks shall be granted. He

sor, has recently been given this is wanted in every city, town and name. She received this name on Mon- village-in every office, shop, store day afternoon during physical educa- and factory. The world cries out for tional period when she took the "in- such: he is needed and needed badvalids" out for a walk. The girls who ly-the man who can 'Carry a Mesgot permits not to take physical edu- sage to Garcia'." cation supposed they would stay in

ed them and took them out for a walk. there are many business men who They were a queer procession as would like to help their fellows to they walked around the school house better jobs and more business. But so following Miss Martin. They were out few of those who want help have ever strolling in the sunlight. delivered anything.

The last shot of the typhoid serum | mend him. was given last Friday by Dr. R. I. Grimes, assisted by Mrs. Grimes. This Merkel Man to be serum was given at the usual place, the Grammar School office.

There are only two more shots to be given. They are: one more shot of diphtheria and the smallpox vaccina-

ELECTION OF NEW BASKET-

BALL CAPTAIN. team met Tuesday morning at activi- ion of Mr. A. C. Browning of Meryear. Harry Boaz was elected captain. 20 years experience.

The Badgers that lettered in basketball this year are the following J. B. Christian, president of the First ones: Middleton, Monta Moore, Boaz, National bank of our city. "Red" Williams. Derrick, Jack Patterson and J. R. Higgins.

gers. Monta Moore has lettered one vice. year here in Merkel, his last year Patterson lettered for first time. They has two more years with the Badgers. friends. "Red" Williams has lettered one year here in Merkel. This will be his last year with the Badgers. Derrick, cap- Sunday. tain of basketball team this year, has lettered three years. He has an- mother Wiman were able to be at serother year with the Badgers. We are vice Sunday. sorry to locse some of our "good old Badgers." but they are finishing their high schol days.

T. A. C. CLUB.

Selma Jones.

Although "Sel" is a new addition to the Senior class, he is a first pled- 101. ged member of our club. "Sel" is a friendly chap that is liked by all his classmates. He is like many other mem bers of our club: he is athietic and studious. Jones was a letter man on the 1931 basketball team and a member of the honor roll of the past six weeks, and I hope this six weeks. O,

H. C. Toombs.

Old H. C., the human wisecracker -that one group of words fully describes. H. C. Toombs is a boy that takes an interest in everything, and many times he makes good. At any rate, he will try his best at anything. ! will be necessary within two or three He has been a squadsman on the gridiron team for two seasons, and lately he has answered the call to the tennis court. Although he is some distance from fame he is progressing rapidly. Much is expected of H. C. whether he is a farmer, a tennis star or a Spanish teacher.

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THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Fage One)

I do not think that humanity is inthe study hall, but Miss Martin fool- herently selfish or hardboiled. I think

Now and then comes one who does deliver. And what a joy it is to recom-

In Charge Funeral Parlor at Eldorado

(The Eldorado Success.) Mr. F. G. Wood will open about March I a funeral parlor, with a nice line of caskets with a combination ambulance and funeral car. This The letter men of the basketball business will be under the supervisty period to elect the captain for next kel, Texas, a licensed embalmer, with

Mr. Browning is a cousin of Mr.

Mr. Wood is putting in first class up-to-the-minute equipment, which no Middleton has lettered three years. doubt will meet with the approval of This is his last year with the Bad- our people, in case they need such ser-

with the Badgers. Boaz and Jack Notes From Nazarene Church. Miss Gussie Bledsoe and her niece, will be back three years yet. J. R. Miss Bledsoe, spent Sunday in Mer-Higgins has lettered two years. He kel, attending church and visiting

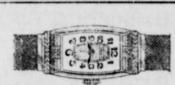
Rev. Miss Forbes of Buffalo Gap preached at the Nazarene church

Dr. Hendricks and wife and Grand-

Will Preach at Blair.

W. G. Cypert will preach at Blair next Sunday at 11 o'clock and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

See Homer C. Foster, Wholesale Gas and Oil Dealer. Phone



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RAPTURE BEYOND KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT

TENTH INSTALLMENT.

her socially-elect mother, a religious, ambitious woman. The girl is hur- Lynda May." ried into an engagement with the used to call her Lynda Sandal. The kid is all in. She fainted." girl is torn by her desire to see life in the raw and to become part of her her surroundings.

gy quarters. She finds four men play- a scare. When I lay hands on the ing cards when she arrives. One of boy that helped her-" them, Jock Ayleward, her father tells His fist on the desk top whitened. the girl he is a trifler.

Lynda pays a second visit to her derworld cabaret.

fixing up his report on a mine.

Jock she does not believe in his inno- vided. cence but will try and find, through The proviso being cared for, Felix Felix, some letters Jock claims will returned to the locked room and clear his name.

Lynda suspects her father.

tell her the combination of his safe ing limousine. as a mark of his confidence in her.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY-He laughed grimly to cover his son . . . Jock Ayleward."

"Do you know what you've done? Do you even begin to know what father's rooms." you are up against? You, Jocelyn Harlowe, have been caught in the act of house-breaking and theft. You are in the hands of the law. Do you apartment." But if Felix, if her plete and effective treatment for know anything about its power?"

with Nick's cool irony. Her master's spirit winced and

hardened.

"You know very little as yet. Listen to me, Jocelyn, and don't dare to defy me. It is my generosity alone papers." that can get you out of this ugly, this horrible fix. Do you want to go often?" to prison? State's prison? There are still prisons, believe me, where insolent women prisoners are flogged. from my bedroom window." Tied up and flogged."

much less guilty than I am."

His narrowed icy eyes probed her wide ones. Her face was like a pale Ayleward in your father's room?" lamp; his, like a blue sliver of steel. They glowed and glittered at each not believe in him. I believed in other for an instant silently.

"Whom have you in your mind? What secret influence has been at work in your life? What has led you to deceive me, Jocelyn? To demorrow at noon?"

her lips, trying to say "No."

do or say can prevent you now from take you out of this, and carry you home and when you've told me the to do. truth of your ugly and wicked escapade, you can wash yourself and home. burn these horrible clothes. Where in heaven's name did you get them? And get some sleep and then you come to St. Peter's and . . . after room door. "Get into your own you are Mrs. Felix Kent . . ."

and then with a cry he gathered her heels, came into it herself. up into his arms and carried her about the room, kissing her wildly, told where he had found Jocelyn. ruthlesly, at his will, until she went | "Felix tell me-do you think that limp and her head dropped back.

floor and as soon as her eyelids ous furtiveness as she looked about fluttered he went out, locking the and behind her, then at him, "about

and laughing, to the desk.

"This isn't at all the sort of case it on Marcella's flat breast. She placed looks like. The girl is one of these her thin hands over it. "No. No silly debutantes. She's been put up my jewels."

to a wild sort of prank by some of | Fresh from a French convent, Joce- her friends and she's had her leslyn Harlowe returns to New York to son. What name did she give you?" not to be told. I have had some dark flush. "I'll not let you go down

"Well, of course neither is her real

wealthy Felix Kent. Her father, Nick name. I want to hush this thing up Sandal, surreptitiously enters the and withdraw the charge and take girl's home one night. He tells her he her home with me now. The poor

"About them papers, Mr. Kent?" Kent's laughter was difficult but mother's society. Her father studies it still came, a short hard laughter. "That's all right. I'll get them back. Lynda visits her father in his din- The little devil wanted to give me

her, is like a son to him, but warns. The police officer who looked down at it whistled.

"Well, what do I have to do to father and Jock takes her home, on get this child out of jug and to the way stopping with her at an un- keep the whole silly business quiet?" Cracken, with some willingness, Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused explained what might be done. him to be sent to jail unjustly by There was of course no accuser but Mr. Kent, the robbed man, himself. Felix tells Jocelyn that Jock is a If he withdrew the charge the worthless scamp. Later Lynda tells young lady might walk out, pro-

found Jocelyn sitting dazedly against Marcella finds her jewels stolen the wall, her head dropped forward and hires a private detective, who un- on her knees. She seemed a mere covers the mysterious prowlings of limp bundle of old clothes. He Lynda, without knowing who she is. helped her up and, getting her hat, pulled it down over her eyes and Jocelyn decides to marry Felix so, shielding her from amused and quickly and preparations are made pitying observation, he half carried for the wedding. She asks him to and half dragged her out to his wait-

As they moved silently up the Armed with the combination and city's crowded avenues Felix presaccompanied by Jock, Linda enters ently remembered the conversation Felix' office at night, abstracts the that took place as they drove fast wanted papers from the safe and seaward with the wind in their eyes. throws them down to Jock, who is At the end of a careful reconstrucwaiting below. Then she is captured tion of this conversation he spoke by the janitor and turned over to the and looked down at her white cramped face.

"U-hum . . . the Rappel parson's

furious astonishment, his growing Felix leaned back. "Where and fright. She seemed to him a how did you meet him?" he asked

quietly. She said. "I met him in my

"Your-father's?"

mother, must know that Nick had Colds. "More than I did," quoth Lynda visited her-what about the jewels? Most Speedy Remedies Known.

"How long ago was that?" Her eyes, deeply remorseful, deeply miserable, sought his.

"Just after our engagement was announced. He saw it in the

"You've been seeing your father

"I've been to see him at night. I would climb down the fire escape

Felix stopped her with a despair-"You've sent other people to ing gesture and, bending forward, prison," cried Lynda. "People very put his hands over his eyes. From this position he demanded in a smothered voice, "You met Jock

"Yes. I did not like him. I did

"Now." he said, breathing hard and speaking through his teeth, "you will give me the whereabouts of this gentleman whom you did not ceive your mother? Do you remem- believe nor like nor trust but for ber that we are to be married to- whose sake you made a spectacle of yourself in the New York streets at She shook her head and moistened night, and lied and dressed like a man and stole and would ruin me." "Yes. Nothing you can possibly He shook her fiercely as though he would have shaken her to death. becoming my wife tomorrow. I'll "Give me his address. I'll get him." But that she steadfastly refused

At last they reached her mother's

Quickly and as noiselessly as possible Felix took Jocelyn through the outer room and down the passage will put on your wedding dress and and thrust her in at her own bedclothes; be quick," he commanded He paused. Her brave wide eyes and managed to close her in and to be back in the front room by the "After you are my wife," he said time Marcella, with Mary at her

Marcella was lined, livid, sick. He

she knows anything about . . ." Mar-Then Felix laid her down or the cella's voice had an almost sinu-

my-jewels?" He came, mopping his bitten lip Felix was startled for an instant away from his own biting preoccu-"Look here, Cracken," he said. pation. He looked at the silver cross "I don't know-"

"Of course. I forgot you were "First Jimmie Grant and then jewels . . . here, hidden. They are not mine. They are a trust. They've been stolen. I have a detective tracing them. You mustn't say a word,"

she excitedly told him. Jocelyn stood and looked at the clothing on her bed and the blood in her body moved, strong and free. There lay the outer semblance of Nick's daughter, Lynda Sandal, and she began to know that it was not only the outer semblance that had returned. It was Lynda Sandal's self that stood there looking down at Lynda Sandal's quaint attire. The night's work with all the adventure and the pain and the wild furtive delight that had led her surely to it had killed, in spite of her own contrary intention, not Lynda Sanda! but Jocelyn Harlowe. The convent girl, Marcella's prisoner, the young lady bride of Felix Kent, had gone. Forever. Now lived and breathed a woman of strong will and vivid passion, with courage to face and to find, with the bitter courage for truth and for reality. A woman who loved Jock Ayleward, no other man; who would go to him through any barrier, to stand if she must at his dishonored side.

Rapidly and surely she got herself into the queer little symbolic costume and even ran her fingers through her hair. She meant to show Marcella and Felix a changed char-

Se went into the living-room and stood there facing Felix Kent.

"Now," she announced clearly and even with pity for him in her cool voice and eyes, "I will tell you everything, Felix. I am not afraid of you any more at all."

Felix after a long staring look said, "What in heaven's name are you pretending to be now?"

"This is the costume of a silly truant, Felix, romantic enough to

"Nick Sandal. He is in this city. 666 Liquid or Tablets used internally He came one night to see me in the and 666 Salve externally, make a com-

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enjoy a dangerous make-believe. I'll | deeply colored. She clenched her woman Catring described. not wear it again. But I did want hands and moved them curiously up know—the woman who was Because I felt that if you once could see me as I really am . . . and, Felix I much more wanted to-to pos- locked it, still with her scared eyes

"You say things!"

"Because I knew that if I looked glass doors. and spoke the real things of my nature you would never want me for your wife."

"I want you for my wife," he said doggedly and with a sudden into the streets-or into the mud. I'll save you in spite of your madness and your wickedness. And now, to begin saving you, tell me what you know and let's get on with the search for my papers. I take it that you understand what use this man could make of them to ruin me."

"I love that man. I want him to clear himself even if it must be at the price of your ruin, Felix." Felix, very still and grim and

white, came up to her. "You choose me for your enemy then? People who have had the courage or the folly to do that have always regretted it. Always. I am warning you. I have seen men kneel

and cry-" "Yes. I have been knelt to, as your prototype. I won't kneel nor cry to you, Felix. What are you

going to do?" "First," he said, "I'll take you back to the police station and hand you over to the tender methods they use there for getting information. You know what that means?"

"Yes. But-" They both looked about and closed

their lips. Marcella came into the room. She started toward Lynda with a quick cry of relief, then checked herself

"It isn't Jocelyn. Tell me-" She stood looking from Kent to the tall strange girl. All at once her face

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that led back into the apartment and upon Lynda; then she gestured to Kent to repeat this action with the

is the woman. This must be the gain Store.

to force you to see me like this. and down. She ran over to the door going in and out . . . the woman who took the jewels "

Felix's brain worked with lightning swiftness.

(Continued Next Week.)

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Laval Stevens of Dallas came Mon- FRESHMAN NEWS. day for an extended visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. chapel last Wednesday morning with

little daughter of Abilene were week- Tongue," were Harold Terry and Ed end guests of relatives.

ter's brother, Rev. John Reynolds, and Crick Courtship.' family of Putnam.

Misses Jewell Gabbert and Fannye ANNOUNCEMENT. Vessels were week-end guests of Miss | Plans are being made for the an-Novala Hampton. Hanley Vessels and nual Home Economics Style Review at Anson. Earl Billington were Sunday even- which is to be given in connection ing visitors.

son, Joe Deverle, of Abilene were the Speech Arts department. This en-Saturday guests of Mrs. Davis' par- tertainment is to be given on March ents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Story and sons announcements. of Divide were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wash. Miss Lota Wagnor of Blackwell is

a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Butman of

Merkel were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J.

Reynolds will be glad to know that they are home again after an absence of several weeks and that Mr. Reynolds' health is somewhat improved.

Postmaster Dowdy, W. H. Hale and Bill Nalley spent several days last week attending to business in McAllen. They returned Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock and little daughter were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Archer. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner are

announcing the birth of a baby girl born on February 29 at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene.

Walter Smith of Lamesa was a passing visitor here Friday.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Last Wednesday afternoon the Trent Home Demonstration club met in regular session in the home of Mrs. JOKES. R. L. Reaves. Mr. Heald, the county agent, accompanied by Miss Chambers, gave us some very important information about poultry. On Wed- thought I could pick up a program." thought the Goodman girls won annesday, March 9, we will meet in our new club room and the subject will be "Clothing." The following program Edwards; business, roll call, current events; "Neck Lines," Mrs. C. T. Beckham; "Hats Suitable for Different Types," Mrs. T. H. Williamson; THINGS TO NOTICE-"Shoes," Mrs. Charley Wash; "Hose," Mrs. Jake Roberts; "Demonstration Johnson. Finishes or Foundation Pattern," Mrs. Rogers Williams.

At Wednesday's session refreshments of cherry pie topped with whipped cream, coffee and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames Ed Burks, C. T. Beckham, Roy Stewart, Tom her. Williamson, Frank Allyn, Charley Wash, Roger Williams, Albert Vessels, Alex Williamson and the hostess.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY. A very festive occasion was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham Sunday, February 28, honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Beckham. Coming as a complete surprise, it made it all the more enjoyable. A covered dish luncheon was served to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and children and Herbert Beckham of Lamesa, Miss Lota Wagnon of Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Strawn, Dorothy Jo and Willa Dene, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, J. B., Jr., and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Helen, Wilma and Wanda, Duncan and Hubert McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Earnest and Claude, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark, Mrs. O. L. Reaves and that you won't smoke until you're Glen and Mr. Coleman Whitfield. Mrs. Beckham was the happy recipient of a number of lovely gifts.

BRIDGE PARTY. Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle entertained with a most enjoyable bridge and "42" party at their home Tuesday night. The players were Mr. Rufe Tittle, Henry Lee, Katherine Tittle, Cullen Tittle, Chock Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tinkle, L. D. Dalton, Thurman Jones, Milton Wilbur, William Weaver, Norene and Mary Jones.

High School News.

VISITS WEATHER BUREAU

AT ABILENE. The physical geography class visited the weather bureau last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Green, the weather man, showed us through the house in about forty minutes.

The class later attended the Paramount theatre and saw Ronald Colman in "The Unholy Garden." Later we all had a picnic lunch spread at

the City Fair park. Those attending were Ross B. Jen- Use The Mail Want Ads.

kins, teacher, Helen Hogue, Alton Martin, Gladys Rogers, Freddy Allyn and Fannye Bell Vessels.

The Freshman class entertained in two short negro dialogues. The char-Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dowdy and acters in the first, "Lemme See Yo' Howell. The characters of the latter Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott had were Lester Wilson and Clarence as their guests Monday night the lat- Martin, the play being entitled "Coon

with a one-act play, "Elmer," and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and little reading and musical numbers from 24 at 7:30 p. m. Watch for further day, Tuesday and Wednesday.

WE SEE BY THE ADS:

That Trent High is full of pep. That the Sophs have good pro-

That the Seniors visited Abilene. chorus costumes.

Tht our girls are ever sewing and Williams. our boys are ever sawing and ham-

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

Edith Hale was hostess when the Home Economics club met Wednes- and little son, Weldon, of Merkel visiday. The following program was ren- ted in our community this week-end. dered: February, Miss Burgess; Lincoln, Helen Bright; Dickens, Helen Hogue; Lowell, Mildred Steadman; Tuesday, March 8. play, 2 members; Ruskin, Sarah Jul-Lindbergh, Fannye Vessels; Contest, Sunday. Edith Hale; Lanier, Joella McLeod; Paderewski, Miss Burgess; "A Pretty Pear! Phillips spent the week-end Good World." Edith Hale.

Sandwiches, lemon pie and pollypops were served to members.

do you want? The show's over."

what good could a program do you them by the Noodle Hi School?

here tonight."

Helen Bright is seen with R. B. siders' invitation meet?

The Senior boys have a volley ball team organized.

Bo grins at Vera.

Idell now has a suit too large for

Navala has week-end guests. Helen had a visitor Friday at noon.

WISE CRACKS.

Bob: "Would you give \$5 to bury a poor saxophone player?" Charlie: "Here's \$30. Bury six of

John Hamner: "I don't want to go to that damn school!"

Mr. Hamner: "John, where did you ever learn such language?"

John: "Why Shakespere uses words

Mr. H.: "Well, son, quit running

around with him." Sarah J: "I wish you would give

up smoking, dear." Johnny: "But all great men smok-

Sarah J: "Well, just promise me great and I'll be satisfied."

SALT BRANCH NEWS

Miss Maude Cook of Anson visited friends her last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, Gladys ed Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petty of Abilene Wednesday evening.

Sunday.

Misses Ruth, Marie and Marcella Hays, the honoree and hostess. Pinckley attended the Reporter-News cooking school at Abilene Friday af-

GOODMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ovd Allison and

ters to be at the bedside of her brother, who is very low with pneumon-

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey of Kale day. spent Friday night in the home of R. D. Williams.

in a sling, injured while playing ball

Joe Tiner has gone to Kansas to work in the oil field.

Miss Ethel Cook was reported on the sick list this past week, being unable to take her place at school Mon-

There was a beef canning at the Flora Adkins. home of W. N. Williams Friday, Feb. 26, two beeves being canned, one for W. N. Williams, one for O. R. Carey. At noon lunch was served to Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Clif-That the Home Ec. girls, Mary and ford Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Car-Nona, visited the Grissom style show. ey, Mrs. Trumon Carey, Blanche Car-That Trent High girls have new ey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams, Mr. weather. and Mrs. W. N. Williams, Mr. and That we played ball at Goodman. Mrs. O. R. Carey and Anna and Ruth

Misses Ethel Cook and Aleta Elliott and Mrs. Waters and son, Billie, motored to Stephenville on Friday, Feb. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson

The Demonstration Club members are to meet at the school auditorium

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Campbell visiia Johnson; Edison, Gladys Rogers; ted Mr. Campbell's parents at Trent Misses Aleta Elliott and Walter

with friends at Winters.

SAY DID YOU KNOW-

The Goodman Senior girls went to Anson, February 20 to play at the Theatre attendant: "See here, what district meet. The scores were: Goodman 15, Pleasant Hill 12; Goodman Mr. Jenkins: "I know, but I 38, Noodle 34; and would you have T. As: "This was the last show other banner which is to be presented

Junior boys and girls went to N Mr. Jenkins: "More than you real- dle Thursday to play. Boys' score was ize-I told my wife I was coming Goodman 8, Noodle 4; Goodman girls 6, Noodle 8?

Goodman's outsiders went to Roby Thursday night to play at the Out-

Bess Counts "miles" instead of "coops" now-?

The Senior girls went to Anson Friday afternoon to play at the coun-Freddy makes love to Gladys Rog- ty tournament. They drew New Hope and beat them 44 to 11. Saturday night they played Nienda. the score being Goodman 15, Nienda 12, leaving Goodman's Senior girls winners over class B, and at some early date soon they're to play class A for the county championship of Jones county. Work hard, girls, we believe you will

Small objects always remind us of again after nine days of rain.

greater things: When we hear of "crow-dads" we are reminded of a great peace of hu-

manity called John. Love reminds us of Morris. If it's curls it is Murel. Janitor, it's Opal. Jealous, it is Ted.

Mud, it's Clyde. Lemonts, it's Leonard. Freckles, it is Smackie. Dates, it's James. Half-pint, it's Head.

Hot-dogs, it's John. If it's toward Noodle, it's Ruth. If it's taps. it's Anna.

reminds us of Jewell.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Mrs. W. C. Lee honored her hus-

Games of "42" were enjoyed until Misses Marcella and Marie Pinck- the guests were invited into the din- community spent last week-end in the ley attended the District Epworth ing room. A beautiful white cake was home of J. H. Palmer. League meeting at Anson last week- served with hot chocolate to Misses Norah Foster, Gladys Petty, Marie Saturday night in the home of Mr. Misses Hortense Armstrong and and Marcella Pinckley, Mrs. Wilma and Mrs. John Thompson. Lela and Pauline Higgins were the Robertson, and Messrs. Joe Higgins, guests of Miss Willie Mae Hudson Jack and Bill Hays, Pete Petty, Jar-

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one to find what you want without doing gain Store. The Salt Branch Home Demonstra- a lot of hunting and asking questions, tion club will meet with Mrs. Angus and you also know the merchants ap-Garvin Friday afternoon, March 4. preciate your patrenage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

COMPERE NEWS

Brother Walker of Abilene filled daughter, Dorothy, and Chetteal his regular appointment at the Bap- this community at this writing. Mrs. Kirk have returned to Seminole after tist church Sunday morning. He was Sam Butman of Nubia, who has been club met with Mrs. B. D. Pressly last a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Judd accompanied by Brother Liverman, real sick in the home of her parents Saturday afternoon. Miss Cham-Miss Cook has been called to Win- the evening service. A large crowd the past week, was able to go to her interesting talk. We will meet Mar. attended both services.

Earl Foster of Merkel visited relatives here Friday night and Satur-

The Sunday afternoon singing at the Baptist church was enjoyed by a Bessie Jones is carrying her arm large crowd. Many visitors were present. Come again, visitors, we need

> C. J. Pace and family were Sunday visitors in the R. P. Horton home. The Sunday dinner guests of Mr.

and Mrs. S. S. Sherrell were: Brother Walker, Mr. Dave Ashby, Brother Liverman, Charles Childers and Miss

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Childers of Abilene visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Childers, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ben Adkins was a recent Noo-P. T. A. was postponed until Fri-

day evening, March 4, due to bad Mr. and Mrs. John Caffey and family visited relatives in the Union

community the past week-end. Tuesday, March 1, marks another red letter event for our community. A rabbit drive, dinner spread on the school ground at noon, and a half

holiday for the school School is progressing nicely, full attendance in spite of bad weather and monthly exams coming the last of

School visitors the past week were: Misses Rena Terry, Flora Adkins, Foy Wilburn, Robbie Horton and Mesdames S. S. Sherrill and Lon

Mrs. A. W. Clemmer and Mrs. Edd Spurgin attended the Sunday afternoon singing at Hodges. T. K. Marshall canned a beef the

past week. Walter Clemmer is getting to be quite a professional "horse jockey." E. C. Tarvin, Sr., made a business

Grandmother Spurgin visited her sons at Noodle during the rainy

the wek-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor were Ansor visitors Saturday morning. Ou "flu" patients are all reported

Mr. M. K. Milner was a Merkel shopper Saturday afternoon. Sev ral from our community atten-

ded singing at Noodle Friday night. lene. W. B. Tarpley, Ocie Williams and R. S. Palmer made a business trip, with the "flu."

to Abilene Tuesday. A. J. Newman is renovating his

tained relatives in their home Sunday. TRUBY NEWS

Well, hello folks-here we are Farmers are all very busy with

their plowing at the present time. School is progressing nicely at this Rev. Mr. Smith filled his regular

appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Massey made a busi-

ness trip to Abilene Saturday. Miss Pha Samson attended church

here Sunday. Luther Bowen made a business trip to Abilene last Saturday. Mr. Massey made a business trip to

Compere one day last week. Deo Franks and Russell Breeding And last, but not the least, soup were in our community one day last week

> Mrs. J. H. Palmer spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris, of the Zion Chapel community Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mathis were

Petty and Braunell Armstrong visit- band with a birthday party last shopping in Anson one day the past Frank Ramsey of the Compere

The young people enjoyed a party

Mr. and Mrs. George Samson had as their guests last Sunday: Mr. and rett Pinckley, Nim Teaff, Paxton Mrs. Paul Jones and children, Mrs. Massey and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pal-

Ladies' Special-2:30 Satur-Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays visited of them that may enable you to save day-Chardonized Silk Hose Mr. and Mrs. Stone of Merkel Sun- money. At least you will know where 19 cents per pair. Brown's Bar-

If you have any visitors. Phone 2

Complete line of office supplies

BLAIR ITEMS

There is a great deal of sickness in enjoyed by all. also of Abilene, who had charge of here, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, for bers was with us and made a very home Saturday.

Frank Demeron of Fort Worth motored over in his new Packard and time. We feel sure it will be worth visited in the home of his old friends, while to hear him. Herman and Carl Doan, Sunday.

ted Mrs. Maggie Hunter over the cently. week-end, Mrs. Atwood's parents, Mr. Monday, and she accompanied them mother, Mrs. H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Neill of Canyon

church Sunday. them home to spend the week-end.

their three charming daughters of mer, Etzel and R. D. Hunter, Louis Abilene were guests in the home of Farmer. Elbia and Wallace Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Friday. J. W. Harrison, Junior Patterson,

Robert Moore, who has been work- Olive May Reed, Aileen Frazier and ing at Southland, Texas, since the the honoree, Vivian Turner.

first of the fall, visited home folks Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and little son, Bobbie Jo, visited relatives

at Trent Saturday. Mrs. Will Campbell and son, Billie, spent a pleasant day with her sister, Mrs. George Moore, of Merkel Sat-

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. E., of Butman motored over Saturday night. to spend the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves returned home Monday after several days stay with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer, of White Church. Rev. Marvin Williams filled his

pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday. Elder W. G. Cypert of Merkel will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ Sunday.

to fill his regular appointment at thu Baptist church Sunday. Everybody should rally to those

White Church News We are very glad to see the sun- Sunday.

shine again. Our school has been dismissed for a few days, as our principal, Miss with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Purser. Baucom, is sick at her home in Abi-

Mrs. B. D. Pressly and little daugh ter, Daffna Gean, and Elmer Harri- Velma Horton and Neta Bell Lowery son and little son, Elmer Donald, are and Mr. and Mrs. Lynch. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chancey enter- visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson of Levelland. They will be accompanied on their return by Mrs. Pressly's

mother, Mrs. W. H. Brown. Friends of W. A. Harrison, who has been sick with pneumonia, will be glad to hear of his being able to change. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abivisit friends and relatives at Mt. lene, Texas. Pleasant last week.

Our school children put on the play Typewriting and carbon paper at "Daughter of the Desert," last Thurs- Mail office.

day night with a large audience present. The play was well rendered and

The White Church Demonstration 14 at 2 p. m. at the church. Mr. Heald will make a talk on poultry at this

Mrs. Payne and son, Curtis, of Mrs. Luella Atwood of Nubia visi- Trent visited Mrs. P. A. Riggan re-

Miss Beatrice Perry of Dora is and Mrs. A. W. Hunter, coming over spending the week with her grand-

Mrs. E. W. Turner and daughter, Vada, entertained with a birthday attended services at the Baptist party Saturday afternoon, honoring her little daughter, Vivian's tenth Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrick of Mer. birthday. The honoree received many kel visited their daughter, Miss Ver- pretty little gifts. After playing varnie, Saturday and she accompanied ious games, refreshments of cocoa, cake and candy were served to the Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noland and following: M. H. and Paul E. Far-Mrs. Waine Haguewood has return- Doyal Barnes, Virgil Turner, Elsie ed home after several months stay in and Lola May Riggan, Frieda Farmer, Lula Bell Patterson, Irene Snow,

WHITE FLAT

Sunday School was well attended

Sunday. A number of people from here attended singing at Trent Sunday af-

A number of folks enjoyed a dance at Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graham's on

A few of the young folks attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Cooper's of Eskota Saturday night.

Our play was enjoyed by a large crowd Friday night. The Intermediate Sunday School class enjoyed an outing to the mountains Sunday afternoon. Those going were Lee Jay Statser, Duncan Stribling, H. A. Purser, Alvy Statser, Max McElmurray, Dessa Horton, Louise Brother John Walker of Abilene is Purser, Ima Freeman and Mildred McElmurray and their teacher, Mrs.

L. B. Statser. Helen McLeod, Wilma and Wanda great causes, for your presence will Stribling were guests in the C. T. Beckham home Sunday

> Leonard Stribling and Claude Freeman attended the Epworth League at Anson to spend Saturday night and Mr. and Mrs. Lynch of Eastland

spent Saturday night and Sunday Those enjoying a "42" party at Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Purser's Saturday We have quite a few people sick night were Mr. and Mrs. Venable, Mrs. J. M. Freeman, Mrs. Robert Horton, Mrs. Richard Vick, Misses

> 5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y .- Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Preperty for sale or ex-

Just one more week and the Liberty Hardware Store will be closed. The remainder of this stock will be closed out. Now is the time to stock up on Plow Points, Bolts and Parts, Gas Heaters, Gas Cookers, New Perfection Oil Cookers, Coleman Kerogas Cookers, several Incubators—the price would surprise you—Wheelbarrows, 1 Martin Terracer, 1 New Wagon, 2 used Wagons, 3 Cultivators, 1 Chevrolet Truck, 1 Factory-Made 4-Wheel trailer, 1 Pump Jack.

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Merkel, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Demotic Primary in July.) Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

OUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-

or Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21: W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.) Fer 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:

H. F. (Henry) LONG. For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.) For Sheriff: BURL WHEELER.

C. W. BOYCE.



FOR SALE

S. C. RHODE ISLAND RED eggs, cockrels and pullets. See Bob May- Ira Shaffer in railroad work.

FOR SALE-Mastodon ever-bearing strawberry plants 1 cent each. See John Shannon.

COW FEED for sale, mixture of cotton seed and maize ground together; will deliver anywhere in town 85c per hundred. John S. Hughes.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT-Boring farm one mile west of Merkel, Write or call B. Boring, 1905 Hemphill, Fort Worth, Tex-

RADIOS FOR RENT. See Ed Lancaster, Phone 276.

Chevrolet Six Leads 1931 Auto Production

Complete registration figures for companies' charters. the full year of 1931, recently announced, reveal that for the first to go to the jury, ruling that the time in the history of the automobile state had failed to offer sufficient a six cylinder car led the industry in facts to constitute a case. He said evpopular favor.

583,387 six cylinder cars compared jurisdiction of the corporation comwith 528,539 by the runner-up, a low- mission and the board of equalization, priced four cylinder make. Of the to- pointing out that Governor Murray tal of 1,908,016 passenger cars regis- himself is a member of the latter tered in the domestic market, Chevro- board. The judge also said the rates let obtained more than thirty per in question were fixed by the people cent, the largest proportion of avail- themselves through franchises and able business ever enjoyed by the the he had no right to disturb what largest producing division of Gener- the people themse'ves had done.

1931 Chevrolet obtained within five been given wide publicity. per cent of the same volume of business as in 1930, while the industry as a whole slumped 27 per cent from the preceding year.

27,919 passenger cars, nearly twice as | tinental Oil company and assumed his many as the second leading make, and new duties last week. He succeeds A. history of the company.

Lindbergh Baby

(Continued from Page One.) screaming from the baby's nursery Tuesday night up to an early hour Wednesday night, both Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh took an active part in the search for their first born.

day came when Mrs. Lindbergh, pale, Homer will continue to make office Dwight W. Morrow. made an appeal to the abductors to give proper care to the infant. Through the press she outlined the baby's diet in detail.

A Modern Lubrication System. O. B. Leach and Virgil Hass, manazers of the Magnolia Service Station, nave installed a modern lubrication system and are prepared to give first class service in car washing and greasing.

Two Day Rabbit Drive. A two day rabbit drive on the Sam Swann ranch was the order of the day Tuesday and Wednesday for several from Merkel and many of those residing in the community adjacent to the ranch. Altogether four rabbit drives were scheduled in this section the past week.

See Homer C. Foster, Whole-sale Gas and Oil Dealer. Phone

Personal Mention

Sunday morning Lee Baker came over from Abilene with his family to spend the day with Grandma Baker and Aunt Molly. Then in the afterin the Baker home.

their return trip by Chester Rhea.

Mesdames Ernest Higgins and Jimmie Roe, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Allen and children, returned Wednesday from a visit in Fort Worth.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, accomother daughter in Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and were Sunday guests in the J. E. Richardson home. They also spent March and H. H. Toombs. second holiday with friends here.

Mrs. Ed J. Leeman and son, Terry Leeman, of Duncan, Okla., former residents of Merkel, were week-end guests of Mrs. Leman's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Dean Higgins returned Saturday from Austin where he had gone to stand the barber's examination. He was acompanied on the trip by J. T. Darsey, Jr.

Mr. ad Mrs. Tom Allday and little son left Sunday for Silverton where Tom has accepted employment with

State of Oklahoma Suit to Oust Gas Companies Dismissed

Waurika, Okla., March 3 .- The dramatic suit of Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma to oust the Lone Star Gas company, the Community Natural Gas company and associated companies from the state of Oklahoma has been dismissed by Judge Eugene Rice of the district court in Waurika.

The governor with much acclaim launched his attack against the companies last fall, charging that the companies had made false reports to state commissions and were guilty of rate discrimination.

Judge Rice dissolved the temporary receivership he had ordered against prices. the companies and declared there was not sufficient evidence to forfeit the

He declined to permit the evidence en if the vidence could be proved, the During the year Chevrolet titled matters were exclusively within the

Attorneys have been fighting the Complete returns reveal that in case for several months and it has

New Conoco Agent. J. M. Collins, for several years engaged in the grocery business here, In December, 1931, Chevrolet titled has secured the agency for the Conthe second highest December in the J. Canon, whose chief business for the coming months will be campaigning for county commissioner. Elmo Collins, son of J. M. Collins, will have charge of Continental Station No. 1.

Becomes Wholesale Dealer. Homer C. Foster, well known in local gas and oil circles, has announced the purchase by him of the wholesale gas and oil business from M. B. The most dramatic moment of the Moore, an independent oil dealer. lender daughter of the late Senator headquarters with the Blue Front Motor company.

WHY NOT GIVE US A TRIAL?

Everybody in Merkel, who has not tried our work, should give the home enterprise an opportunity to demonstrate how well we can serve you. We feel sure you will be convinced just as large numbers of others have.

We Call For and Deliver and

Guarantee our Work. THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY

Clarence Grayson, Owner Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Manager.

Local Postmaster's Birthday Occasion For Dinner Party

O. J. Adcock, Merkel's postmaster, was 52 years old on Thursday of last noon, J. L. Baker, Grandma's son, and week. So, instead of closing the banks his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ing- and the post-office for the occasion, ram came from Mt. Pleasant. which his better half invited a number of made the day a pleasant one indeed guests to surprise him when he came home for dinner. There was no sur-Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Rhodes of Ov- prise about the menu, however, for it erton, who were week-end guests of showed most careful preparation, in-Mrs. Rhodes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. cluding as it did a variety of good R. C. Reagh, were accompanied on things to eat, beginning with dressed chicken and baked ham, many vegetables, salads, etc., and winding up with pies and cakes of various brands and peaches and cream.

Besides those of the immediate family, friends who gathered for the occasion and extended many happy repanied by Miss Mary King, return- turns to Mr. Adcock were Wren Dured Saturday from a visit with an- ham, Castle Ellis and Clark Munday, from the post-office force, O. R. Rodden, J. S. Stalls and family, Elder L. little daughter, Janice Lea, former E. Carpenter, wife and little daugh-Merkelites, now residing at Loraine, ter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, Miss Pearl Elliott, Mrs. J. Willie Moore

> Herd Tuberculin-Tested. Seventeen head of John S. Hughes' herd of dairy cows were tuberculintested by an inspector for the livestock division the past week, including 9 thoroughbred Jerseys and the balance grade cows.

> > New Machines Installed.

Announcement of the installation of several new machines is made by Ferrier's Service Station in their advertisement in this issue of The Mail. Particular mention is made of the latest electric storm re-boring machine, an electric brake-lining machine, valve facing machine, cylinder hone gauges, micrometers and other equipment. Ed Gant, well known auto mechanic, is in charge of the

Joins Chevrolet Force. F. E. Church, well known in automobile circles, is now connected with the sales force of the Hughes Chevrolet company.

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"There's a Reason"

Henry Long Seeking Tax Assessor's Job

To the Citizenship of Merkel and Western Taylor County:

I take this method of asking you for the office of tax assessor of Taylor county, and in so doing I am aware of its many duties and responsibilities. Having had several years position which I seek.

as the re-evaluation of the entire ers Court of Taylor county: Taylor county. I have had full charge Taylor county will have a complete abstract title of all real property in Taylor county.

During this assessment period it is impossible to complete a system of record for the use of the tax assessor. but if the voters see fit to elect me as their next tax assessor, by the end of year 1933 Taylor county will have a system of records and taxation second to none in Texas.

I am asking the voters to give my candidacy a careful consideration as to qualifications, honesty, and integrity. In the near future I will attempt to see all voters in Taylor county and go further into the reason why I am

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Our annual March specials are on again. LOOK, batteries examined free and recharged this month

We have bought a new late design valve machine and can give you first class service on any make of car.

We have the lowest price on first line tires and batteries in many a year, that carries a guarantee and accident policy for your protection without extra cost to you.

National Tires, Tubes and Batteries, Gas and Oil-a good gas, too. Battery Service, Tire Service, Vulcanizing and Real Shop Service. We are in our new location on Front Street. Look for the large Arrow sign.

We appreciate a part of your business.

Used Cars

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To get the most out of your clothes in appearance, service and enjoyment, let us Clean and Press them regularly.

We have modern equipment and our prices are low.

asking the voters to support me for the Assessor's office, as well as with this important office. Respectfully submitted,

H. F. (Henry) Long.

December 23, 1931. To the Citizens of Taylor County:

Having been requested to make a statement with reference to the candidacy of H. F. Long, whose announcement is being made for the office of experience in handling tax mat- of Tax Assessor, and without the ters I deem myself qualified for the purpose of affecting the candidacy of For the past year I have been an didate for this office, I am pleased serve Taylor County as its Tax Asemployee of the commissioners' court to make the following, which is my sessor. This statement is made aftof this county in revising the old own personal statement and not giv- er being informed that Mr. J. T.

I have been in direct touch with of all assessments for the year 1932, the work of Mr. Long in connection and when I shall have completed this with installation of our new county work as far as can be done this year block system which is to be used in

his work in our present equalization program which is nearing co tion. He has been employed by County for about fifteen n working on work connected with Assessor's office altogether, exce for a short time when he served temporary auditor following th death of Len Faucett. His work has been performed in an energetic courteous, honest, capable manne any other parties who might be a can- think would be better qualified to records of the assessor's office, as well en as a statement of the Commission- Howard, present incumbent, will not be a candidate.

Tom K. Eplen.

Office supplies-Mail office.



Specials for Friday and Saturday

COMPOUND, 8 lb. pail	59c
SUGAR, 10 lbs. cloth bag	46c
SPUDS, 10 lbs.	15c
MATCHES, 6 boxes	15c
HOMINY, 4 cans medium	25c
PEAS, No. 2 cans, 2cans	25c
TOMATOES, No. 2 1-2 cans	10c
BRAN, 100 pounds	65c
SHORTS, 100 pounds	75c
FLOUR, 48 lbs. Guaranteed	80c
RICE, 5 pounds	15c
OATS, 5 pound package	25c
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Notice To Automobile Owners

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Mr. Ed Gant, for the past 4 years with Chevrolet and 12 years in Merkel, is in charge of our shop. We have our prices down in line with the times. Come in and let us make you a price on your job and show you that we have the equipment and experience to do the work as it should be.

Special prices to garages on Cylinder Re-Boring. Radiator repairing-Welding a Specialty.

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H. C. Foster



CHOIR PARTIES.

The members of the Presbyterian choir that participated in the program at Baird Sunday evening were given a most gracious reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker after services.

A number of the Baird congregation formed the receiving line and assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments to approximately thirty of the Merkel delegation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz extended the hospitality of their lovely home to members of the Presbyterian choir on Wednesday evening.

Games of "42" progressed as diversion for the first part of the evening after which a most delightful musical program was enjoyed, rendered by various talented members of the choir. Saxophone numbers by Messrs. Taylor Tucker and C. W. Delmer, also clarinet numbers by Taylor Tucker, Delma Compton, soloist, and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, accompanist. Mrs. Robert Walker of Baird gave most pleasing readings and Miss Hudson, Lowell Vickers and Ralph Mary Eula Sears beautifully sang Hays. "Mistress Margarita." Quartette

numbers by Messrs. Tucker, Compton, Delmer and Barnett were repeatedly encored as were piano duos by Mr. and Mrs. Delmer.

Delicious Osgood pies, whipped cream and coffee were served to Mr. and Mr. Robert Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Jones, John West, Robert Mayfield, Harry Barnett, C. W. Delmer, W. L. Diltz, Misses Mamie, Vera and Velma Walker, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Coilins, Helen Patterson, Messrs. Henry West, Delma Compton, A. J. and Taylor Tucker.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES COMPLIMENTED.

The home of Mrs. C. H. Jones was opened on Wednesday afternoon of last week to the ladies of the church in open forum. The subject of the program was "Stewardship." A playlet, "Farming Eden," was most creditably impersonated by Miss Velma Walker and Mrs. Bob Mayfield. A contest depicting a search for lost sandwiches and hot tea Mrs. Henry West called attention to the signifiof having our heart in work, that time was irretrievably lost but we could all have our hearts in the work of 1932. Refreshments were served to approximately thirty guests.

LUNCHEON.

On Tuesday Mrs. W. T. Sadler returned a number of luncheon obligations at her home on Oak street. ble three course luncheon was served. Contract bridge afforded afternoon diversion.

The guest list included Mesdames Stuart Cooper, W. V. Ramsey, W. B. Adamson, R. Van Bailey, Happy Mc-Guire, all of Abilene, Mrs. R. A. son, David and Billie Reidenbach, Webster of Clyde, Mrs. George White Troy and Fred Slayden. and the hostess.

J. U. G.

hostess, which was very tacky. The Warren. prize was awarded to Miss Ann Lepard. Outdoor games and contests were served at noon. Those enjoying this played until refreshments of ham- hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Brooks burgers and soda pop were served in Patterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. picnic style to Misses Ann Lepard, Claude Dye and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Fred Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sunday and three additions to our Billie McGehee, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Mashburn and family, Mr. and Mrs. church Sunday night. Marie Gaither, Frances Owens, An- L. B. Baker, Miss Edith Baker, Fredne Lee Blake, the hostess and Missie die Baker and O. B. Leach. Dye, the sponsor.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The seventh birthday of Fred Slayden was celebrated with a party for his little friends on Thursday of last week. The guests presented their gifts upon arrival and then outdoor games were played until the refreshment hour. While the table was being prepared sacks of popcorn were distributed.

The plate favors were cup cakes and Easter eggs. In the center of the table was the birthday cake lighted with seven pink candles, which was cut and served with fruit salad and whipped cream to Bobbie Taylor, Charlie Young, Ima Gene Rosson, Winona and I. C. Thomas, Earl Mashburn, Clarence Melton, L. B. Morrison, Doris Clyde Miller, Roy Owen, Louise Patterson, Robert Price, Tilman Rutledge, O. C. Shouse, Mildred Tarleton, John R. Dye, Dora Marie Gaither, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Billy Jack Lansford, Becky Gardner, Lula Mae Clark, David Gibson, Al-

phord Dickinson, J. C. and Dave Car-

District Banner is Awarded to Merkel

Nineteen young people from the Merkel Epworth league attended the Abilene district meet at Anson Saturday and Sunday. That is one of the reasons they were awarded the district banner. About 150 young people from all quarters attended the services during the meet. Hurrah for Abilene district. The next district meeting is to be held in Merkel in

Merkel was represented at the An- Finding and Knowing Christ," Benny son meeting by Mises Marcella and Sheppard. Marie Pinckley, Orpah Patterson. Imogene Hays, Gwndolyn Vickers, Addie Faye Patterson, Mary Collins, and Messrs. Tracy Campbell, Jim Patterson Neil Durham, Kenneth Cribley, Mordell Shouse. B. P. Middleton, Reeves. Paul Collins, Roy Patterson, Vernon

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our church is preparing an Easter program to be rendered Easter night, March 27. The main feature of the doubtless spread in the streets of Jer- at 6:30. All visitors welcome. usalem. A beautifully lighted and decorated cross with pantomimes will make the program of unusual inter-

The Leaguers returned Sunday afternoon with the large new honor prize offered by the Abilene district for the best league. They also report that they secured the next district league meeting which will be held in May.

Regular services next Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Nearly 800 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the exact figure being ject, "God's Faithfulness." 790. The sixth Sunday School reporting is the Fundamentalist Baptist church with an attendance of 80 last time brought an appropriate message | Sunday. On the previous Sunday the and with the serving of heart-shaped total attendance was cut to 383 on account of extremely bad weather.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

will open with special music and song Thursday 7:30 p. m. numbers by singers from the various churches in the city. Other features on the program next Sunday will be a talk on "The Need of a Men's Prayer Meeting" by Herbert Patter-The house was profusely decorated Coats and a discussion of the lesson with calendulas which were climaxed by L. L. Murray, Last Sunday a large at 11. Then there's the young peoples' in a gorgeous center for the dining number was present to enjoy the wontable where at one o'clock a delecta- derfully inspiring talk by Bert Low

> THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. The fine attendance at all of our services is very gratifying. Let every-

Mrs. Jewell McLaughlin of Floy-The J. U. G. club met Saturday af- dada, who was the week-end guest of that we are the old-time missionary ternoon at the home of Miss Helen her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bak- Baptist. So, if you will come Saturday Heeter for a tacky party. When the er, was the honoree at a happy family evening at 7:30 we will tell you what guests arrived gum was passed by the reunion Sunday at the Baker home at | we believe and why: our theme, "Why

A sumptuous family dinner was

one do his duty by inviting others to worship with us.

The pastor's subject for Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "Rewards in Heaven." Special music at both hours. Do not forget our Sunday School at 9:45 and the Young Peoples meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Visitors and strangers warmly wel-

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. Subject: "Consecration of Mental

Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. "The Mind's First Great Problem-

-Finding and Filling Your Place in Life." Harold King.

"The Mind's Most Thrilling Task-

"Christ Challenges Youth," Iris

Everyone come to B. Y. P. U. next Sunday and bring someone with you. program will be a pageant portraying Have a very interesting program and the news of the resurrection as it a big "surprise." So be sure and come

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come, worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a great day with us. Your presence was missed. Rev. Miss Forbes brought a very fine mes- MAGNOLIA SERVICE sage at the 11 o'clock hour on the sub-

Come to church. Public worship O. B. Leach lightens the load. It is a good thing to say something good about a bad man, though it is a bad thing to say something bad about a good man.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Preach-The Sunday afternoon meeting Tuesday 3 p. m. Prayer meeting

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt. Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

You have a welcome at the North son, scripture lesson from the 6th Side church at every service. Come chapter of Romans read by Tom be with us for Bible study Lord's Day morning at 9:45 and stay for church program at 6:30 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 3 p. m. and the prayer meeting service each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Please let's have all members come to these services of the Church of Chirst and invite others to come

Respectfully, The Elders. FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST

CHURCH. Some people do not yet understand I am a Baptist."

Tuesday afternoon we buried nine more with Christ in baptism. Next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 we will baptize again.

We had 80 in Sunday School last

Bible School Sunday 9:45. Preaching 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at

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7:30. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Street service every Saturday afternoon at 3 c'clock. Come to our Bible study every Monday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

In the near future we will bring another evangelistic meeting. Radio Jack will work with us in the meeting.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Mark 10:17-26. Subject, "How to Obtain Eternal

Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketcham. Verse 17, Ruth Jenkins; 18, Elton Dowell; 19, Madie Smith; 20, William Gay; 21, Roy Griffin; 22, Mattie Ruth Gay; 23, Gertrude Reynolds; 24, Mrs. Bessie Dowell; 25, Tony Huffman; 26, Tindall Martin.

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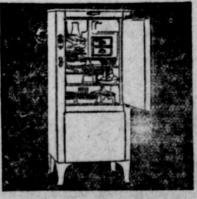
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