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LARGENT STEER IS GRAND CHAMPION

SENIORS LEAD AGAIN IN PER CENT ON ROLL

Number of Those on Honor Roll Reduced This Period by Absences on Account of Flu Epidemic; 82 Pupils on List.

The Senior class again led in the per cent of their class who this time made the honor roll, being followed closely, however, by the Junior class. The list this time is not so large as formerly due to so many absences on account of the epidemic of influenza which has been prevalent for the last two weeks. The Grammar school list contains the names of eighty-two pupils who made the honor roll, while the High school had forty-two making it.

Percentages of those on the honor roll for the various classes follow:

Sophomores, 14 per cent.
Freshmen, 15 per cent.
Juniors, 36 per cent.
Seniors, 41 per cent.

The average for the High school as a whole was 25 per cent. This means that one in each four pupils in the high school grades made this roll.

The complete honor roll follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.
Minnie Alice Mayfield, 94; Clarence Perry, 94; Margaret Sharp, 94; Wesley Owen, 93; Aubrey Shouse, 93; Billie Joe White, 92.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Billy Clyde Haynes, 97; Billy Tom Hutcherson, 97; Floyd Hutcherson, Jr., 97; L. Marie Bland, 96; Mickey Diltz, 95; Clara Belle Hawkins, 92; Bob Jinkins, 92; Wayne Hughes, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Swann.
Roy Owen, 94; Fred Slayden, 91; Earl Mashburn, 91; Wanon Thomas, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Louise Carpenter, 95; David Gibson, 91; Becky Gardner, 91; Dora Marie Gaither, 91; Maria Duran, 90; Bettye Lu Higgins, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
Betty Jane Diltz, 97; Billy Largent, 95; Guy Mansell, 95; Helen Heeter, 94; Anna Lee Blake, 93; Beatrice Bishop, 92; Harvey Davis, 92; Donald Lasater, 91; Nell Marie Davis, 90; Billy Cox, 90; Ralph Eoff, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.
Burt Reeves, 95; Doris Gay West, 95; Don Wood, 95; Joe Glynn Wells, 92; Aela Mae Cypert, 92; Audrey Gay, 91; J. C. Thomas, 91; Eva (Continued on Page Five)

GRADES MERKEL HIGH IN COLLEGE ARE EXCEPTIONAL

Sixteen Graduates from Local High Attending Various Colleges; John D. Coates Made Five A's in Fall Term.

There are now in various colleges over the country sixteen students who are graduates of Merkel High school. Reports from these students have just reached the superintendent's office. The record made by the students is exceptionally good. Of all grades received by the above students in their college work for the preceding semester, 93 per cent were passing grades, only seven per cent being failing grades. This means that only one grade in fourteen was a failing grade. These reports come from six different colleges. John D. Coates leads the list, he having made five A's during the fall term at Simmons university.

These graduates of Merkel High school are now studying in colleges as follows:

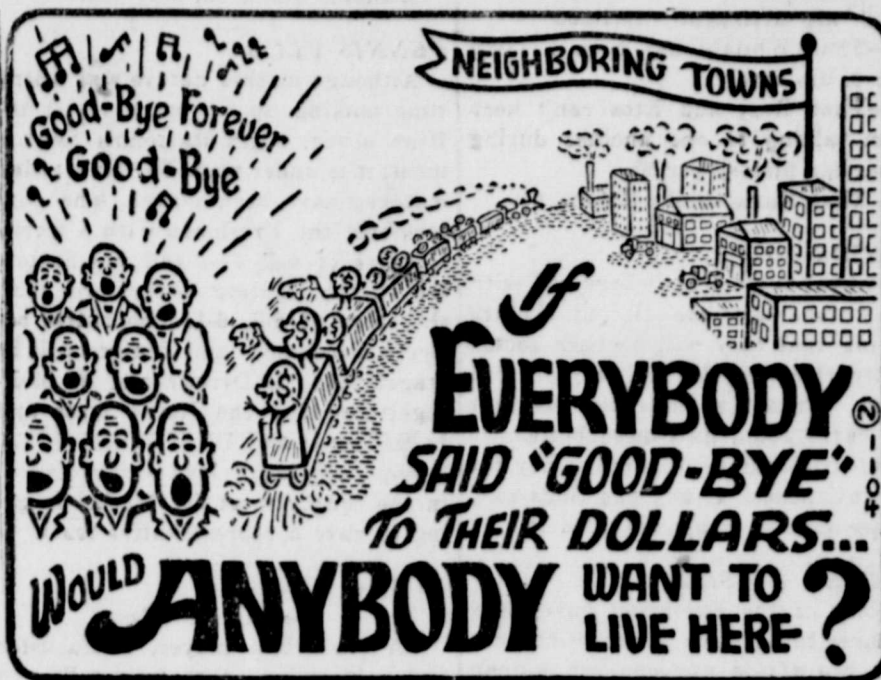
John Tarleton College, Stephenville—Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Ethel Hamilton, Fred Guitart, Thelma McAninch. College of Industrial Arts, Denton—Maurine Davis, Louise Booth, Margaret Turner, Mattilou Largent. Abilene Christian college, Abilene—Ruskin Smith, Audrey Farris. University of Texas, Austin—Elvis Richardson. University of Missouri—Sterling Sheppard. Simmons university, Abilene—Harold Boney, Himalya Swafford, John D. Coates, Benjamin Sheppard, Holley Perry.

Oil Belt Teachers to Meet at Sweetwater

Merkel will probably be represented 100 per cent strong at the second annual spring meeting of the Oil Belt Teachers' association to be held Friday night and all day Saturday at Sweetwater. Attendance of 2,000 teachers from the Oil Belt district, comprising more than 20 counties, is expected.

The Friday night program will be preceded by a banquet in the roof garden of the Blue Bonnet hotel, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Supt. and Mrs. Burgess are planning to attend the banquet and Friday night program, while the entire staff of teachers have indicated their intention of attending the Saturday sessions.



WATER CONSUMERS ARE FAVORED WITH INCREASE IN MINIMUM ALLOWANCE

To Contact Parents When Time is Ripe

Hopewell, N. J., March 10.—Although Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has taken every possible step to negotiate directly and confidentially with the kidnapers of his son, it was learned Wednesday night in an apparently reliable quarter the abductors have informed him they did not feel it yet safe to deal with him further.

The two notes he received Sunday are reported to have contained the information that when the child-stealers considered the time "proper and safe," they would let the famous flier know how to communicate with them.

Neither these two notes nor the ransom demand left pinned to the window sill of the nursery a week ago Tuesday night contained specific information about where and how the parents could reach the kidnapers to bargain with them.

Lowest Temperature Of Season is Reached

The coldest weather of the winter has convinced old-timers and newcomers alike that "spring has not come."

The blizzard arrived shortly after noon Friday and with slight let-up it has continued at or near sub-freezing for the entire six days. The low for the season was recorded Wednesday morning when the government weather man at Abilene reported 20 degrees between 7 and 8 a. m. Thursday morning was not quite so cold, local thermometers showing about 22.

The damage to fruit, while undetermined, is considered great, but small grain is not thought to have been injured, except in cases where it had already jointed. Wheat and oats that have been grazed and kept down will escape any damage, it is reported by growers.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep, Trent, Thursday, March 8, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Poor, Thursday, March 3, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Douglas, Saturday, March 5, 1932.

Holding His Own.

E. P. Middleton, Jr., High School student, who has been ill for more than a week with flu and pneumonia, was reported as holding his own at noon Thursday.

Banks to Close at 4 P. M.

Effective Monday, March 14, Merkel's two banks will begin closing at 4 p. m. The previous closing time has been 5 p. m. They will continue to open at 8 a. m. each morning.

1931 Banner Ice Year.

Akron, Ohio, March 10.—Nineteen thirty-one was a banner year for the ice industry, despite the increasing use of electric refrigeration and the depression, according to Leslie C. Smith, national secretary of the National Association of Ice Industries. More ice was sold that year than in any other year in history, Smith said.

Aid in a material way is offered to Merkel water users who take pride in the appearance of their yards by action of the city council at their monthly meeting Monday night when the allowance to each user for the minimum \$1.50 was increased from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons per month, a reduction in cost of almost half.

The rate for additional consumption was reduced from 33 cents to 30 cents per 1,000 gallons for all over the minimum 5,000 gallons.

Growing of grass and the keeping and cultivation of flowers will be greatly encouraged by this action of the city dads and particularly those who participate in the annual Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, will find the saving quite an inducement to still greater effort.

Rev. Johnny Lovell is Silent About Absence

Abilene, Mar. 10.—Rev. Johnny Lovell appeared before his Trinity Baptist church congregation Wednesday night, voicing joy and gratitude that he was back with his "church family"—and asserting that no one "will need to know anything concerning my brief absence."

The 24-year-old preacher who had not been seen by friends in Abilene since last Saturday, returned late Wednesday, driving from the home of his parents in Grayson county. His unexplained absence had caused a degree of alarm among friends here; but Lovell's request from his tabernacle platform Wednesday night was that none of his people question him concerning his experiences.

Committee Announces Plans County Meet

The Taylor County Inter-scholastic League committee has about completed plans for the county meet. Playground ball, volley ball and debate will be on March 26. All other events will be held on April 1 and 2. The director of debate, Comer Clay, Jr., of Wylie school, is arranging an elimination schedule for the teams that have already entered. This elimination will begin at 9 a. m. March 26 at Abilene High school. Boys' and girls' playground ball contest will be held at Central Ward school, Abilene, on March 26. Volley ball will be held on the same date at the Cowboy Corral, Simmons university.

The track meet will be held at Simmons university (Parramore Field) on Saturday, April 2. Elimination in tennis will be held on Friday, April 1, at Simmons. The literary events will be held on Friday, April 1, at a place in Abilene yet to be selected.

Creekmore Will Quit.

New Orleans, La., March 10.—The Cotton Digest, a trade publication, said Monday E. F. Creekmore, \$75,000 a year vice president and general manager of the American Cotton Co-operative association, would resign at the end of this season because of political interference in the operation of the cotton co-operative.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Ben F. Harigel, publisher of the La-Grange Journal, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination as congressman-at-large.

Shootings, automobile accidents and cold weather took the lives of 21 persons in Texas over the week-end, a United Press survey showed.

Hundreds of newly shorn goats were killed by Friday night's hail and cold rains in sections west of San Antonio, with heavy losses near Uvalde.

The first carload of roses ever shipped from Jacksonville was loaded last week to be shipped to Connecticut, the car containing more than 100,000 bushes.

R. Neil Campbell, former Bexar county tax collector, was indicted by the district grand jury upon two counts of converting public funds to his own use.

From burns received, it is thought, when she attempted to start a fire with kerosene, Mrs. Ada Johnson, 37, a widow died at noon Monday at her home in Austin.

Mrs. Emma K. McHenry, 66, an employe of the Dallas post-office for 40 years, was sentenced to federal prison for a year and a day on charges of embezzling \$4200.

By a vote of 20 to 6 the democratic state executive committee of Texas decided to designate places one, two and three on the July primary ballot for candidates for congressman-at-large.

Wayne Davis, prominent San Antonio attorney and former state commander of the American Legion, who had been in ill health for sometime, suffered a paralytic stroke Monday and died at his home in that city at an early hour Tuesday.

Clem Calhoun, who resigned as district attorney for the 104th district in September, 1929, to accept an appointment from Governor Dan Moody as district attorney of the Berger, or 84th, judicial district, and now resides at Amarillo where he is practicing law, has announced his candidacy for the office of attorney general.

BRINGS HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID STEER IN TEXAS

Superior Mischief 2d. Owned by C. M. Largent & Sons, Winner Over A. & M. Entry in Fat Stock Show.

Superior Mischief 2d, grand champion steer of the Fat Stock Show, was sold Thursday for \$1.53 per pound, said to be the highest price at which any steer in Texas ever sold. This information was wired to C. M. Largent from Fort Worth by Willie Joe Largent.

(From Tuesday's Dallas News.)

Port Worth, March 10.—Superior Mischief 42d, a Hereford owned by C. M. Largent & Sons, Merkel, romped off with the grand champion steer honors at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Monday after a hot race with Texas Pride 2d, Aberdeen-Angus owned and bred by Texas A. & M. College.

The final judging for grand championship award was followed by a large and highly interested gallery. Enthusiasts over each breed gathered close about the judges for the final decision that placed the grand championship honors on the Hereford entry. Superior Mischief 42d, the fat stock shows grand champion steer, entered the competition here wearing champion Hereford honors; awarded at the American Royal in Kansas City the last fall, also at the Dallas State Fair and at the Wichita (Kan.) Fair.

Erederers of show cattle have done much to improve the quality of Texas live stock and to make the Fort Worth show a success. Largent & Sons have been leaders in the work. In the last twenty-seven years the Largent herd has made twenty-eight appearances at the Fort Worth show—twice in one year when the show was changed from a fall to a spring show.

During that time the Largent cattle have won a full share of the major prizes and when they went into the (Continued on Page Six.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 8, 1912.)

Mr. R. J. Beasley and Miss Lilly Maye Gonder were married Sunday afternoon at the residence of Judge Cobb, Judge Cobb officiating.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock Mr. Bishop Hunter and Miss Winnie Sublett, escorted by Miss Maggie Roberts and Mr. Tiry Sublett, made a very interesting visit to the Methodist parsonage where Rev. Clements pronounced the solemn words that made Mr. Hunter and Miss Sublett man and wife.

Miss Ora Bland and Leell White, accompanied by Miss Hattie Walker and Robert Kelly, drove to Trent Friday, March 1st. From there they went to Sweetwater where they were married.

Saturday evening, March 2, Miss Eva Walters entertained a few friends at her home. Music and "42" furnished pleasure and amusement for Misses Isla McDonald, Tommie Louise Coggin, Elmer Sheppard, Floyd Gunn, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Carol Rister and Messrs. Raymond Touchstone, Coma Adams, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Jack Provine, Emmitt and Ennis Grimes, Ira and Ollie Shaffer. Refreshments were served.

We have the real D. M. C. thread

for crocheting that beautiful Easter hand-bags. —Harkrider.

Martin Barber Shop for barber work and tailoring. In rear of Southern Natl. Bank Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson were at home to a number of their young friends Tuesday evening complimentary to Miss Mamie Mann of Stamford, Progressive "42," bunco and hearts were played, followed by a two-course luncheon, peanut butter sandwiches, pickles, hot chocolate, nuts and fruits. Those present were Misses Mamie Mann, Fannie Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Clara Saffle, Virginia Hamblet, Messrs. Choc Jones, Rufford Evans, Robert Hicks, Jack Provine, Luther Grimes, Jesse Ferguson, C. C. Franklin, Parker Sharp, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mann.

Tally Holloway and Roscoe Sharp left for Fort Worth Monday night where they will attend the Fat Stock show.

The subscribers of the local telephone exchange will this week be presented with a directory so arranged that a person can in an instant find the phone number of any subscriber.

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THE FIGHT AGAINST OLD MAN DEPRESSION.

Three railroad presidents, stopping at Amarillo Sunday for a short time on their way, with a party of twenty, to Pampa to inspect the new Fort Worth & Denver line from Pampa to Chillicothe, recently completed, optimistically expressed the opinion that business had passed its lowest ebb and they were confident a continual improvement in the financial ills of the country is in prospect.

The optimistic declarations were made by Ralph Budd, president of the Burlington; W. F. Kennedy, head of the Great Northern and Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific.

Structural steel inquiry and bookings have expanded to the largest volume of the year, the magazine Steel reported Monday; many factors, chief of which are the short Chinese crop, increased exports and a generally better financial feeling, are aiding the cotton market, and the strengthening hand of the Reconstruction Finance corporation has poured \$183,800,000 into the credit stream of American businesses through loans to agriculture, banks and railroads. But the latter amount does not include a \$1,000,000 loan made to a bank two weeks ago which was repaid within five days nor a number of loans to banks which have not been called for and unless credit in the communities tightens perceptibly may not be called for at all.

These are just random examples of the turning tide, traceable primarily to the governmental measures passed so harmoniously by the two branches of congress in a fine spirit of co-operation and the efficacious campaign against the money-hoarding evil. President Hoover has estimated that \$150,000,000 has been brought back from hiding places, and bank failures in the United States were reduced to less than 20 last week. In Texas there has been no bank closing in the past two weeks.

The people have a returning feeling of confidence and it is within their power to accelerate returning prosperity by bringing into circulation the immense sums of hoarded money.

Two world figures passed away during the past week. Joan Phillip Sousa, "march king," known to many Texans who had been inspired time after time by his "Stars and Stripes Forever," died Saturday in Reading, Pa., where he had gone to lead a concert. Aristide Briand, France's most prominent statesman in the international field, the man who twelve times was chief of his country's government and was a leading spirit in activities of the League of Nations, succumbed Monday afternoon in his modest bachelor flat in Paris. At his death he was a simple member of the Chamber of Deputies.

Those who were so fortunate as to see the Barrymore brothers, John and Lionel, in the talkie masterpiece, "Arsene Lupin," are now looking forward to the first silver screen production of Ethel Barrymore, America's "first lady of the theatre," who it is announced, will be supported by the two famous brothers. It will indeed be "the royal family" in person and not the clever ironical vehicle of Frederic March.

Bruce Barton says: "You can't advertise today and quit tomorrow. You're not talking to a mass meeting. You're talking to a procession."

Total value of all Texas crops for 1931 is placed by the Federal Department of Agriculture at \$297,264,000, material decrease from the 1930 figures; but wholly due to the decline in prices, for Texas made bumper crops—records in some lines—in all lines in 1931. With an increase of more than a million bales of cotton over 1930, the total value showed a decrease of nearly \$45,000,000. Live-stock values are estimated for the year at \$150,000,000, bringing the total farm production values to almost \$450,000,000.

According to Greek mythology, the mountain on which the gods dwell is Mount Olympus.

The price paid for Alaska by the U. S. was \$7,200,000.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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

The Staff:

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

BY THESE SHALL YOU KNOW THEM—

Rogene and Neda falling all over the campus.

Mary Olive going with Johnnie. Bud going down to Annie Lee's every Sunday.

Duncan with a green coat suit. Caribel writing notes.

Julia knowing that "Little Cade" likes blondes.

Clara B. smiling at Vernon Poor.

Red: "I don't like these pictures. They don't do me justice?"
Rogene: "Justice! What you need is mercy."

WE JUNIORS.
We all sincerely regret the absence of our class president, Imogene, and we hope she will be back soon.

We heard the other day that Mr. Riddle has only two good students in his biology class, and Terrell is both of them.

Some of us Juniors are certainly smart. From our class those entering in contests for county meet are: six spellers, one debator, six declaimers, two (the only two) extemporaneous speakers and several essayists.

Thirty-six per cent of the Juniors were on the honor roll. Our per cent would have been higher had several of those who had averages of 90 or above not been absent or tardy.

JOKES.
Tommy Jones: "Why is the Pathfinder like a delicate person?"
Jack Stanford: "I'll bite, why?"
T. J.: "Because it appears weekly."

Jim P.: "In what way is a woman most likely to ruin her husband?"
Mr. Irvin: "In buy-ways."

Mr. Riddle: "How is it you both have the same answer?"
Zada: "Well—wh—you see, history repeats itself."

Coach: "Hay, did you take a shower?"
J. B. Moore: "Why—uh—no, is there one missing?"

Mr. Burgess: "What's a chiropractor?"
Mardell: "He's a guy that gets paid for what most people would get slapped for."

IT JUST HAPPENS—
—That on certain days certain people certainly do seem to be interested in typing certain things.

—That "trig" seems to be very difficult for some people.

—That the Seniors are the smartest students in M. H. S.

—That David is a very brilliant chap. If you do not believe it just ask him when Lincoln was born.

—That at last H. C. has received recognition from Mr. Riddle that he is a good history student.

—That a certain little "Fish" is

bad about knocking people's books off their desks.

—That some of the students of M. H. S. are artistically inclined.

—That Whitely has been keeping late hours lately.

—That Ross and Etta can't keep from talking to one another during American history period.

—That Marie thinks Ross is cute.

SENIOR NEWS.
Several Seniors have been out with the flu and some are still out. We are hoping that they will be back soon.

Report cards! We had only one red mark, but our sponsor told us that our cards could have been better.

We are looking for some money for our invitations. If any one finds any, please give it to us. We need it.

BADGEE GOSSIP.
Some of the Freshmen have their mothers bring them to school because they are afraid someone will kidnap them.

The Senior girls found out the other day in physical education period that they were too dumb to learn anything.

Sarah Sheppard is about to grow up.

"Sis" wishes she were a brunette. Margaret prefers blondes.

Sixty dollars passed through Marshall's hands Friday. (He was only passing it from one student to another in "see" period.)

The Spanish III class thinks it is rather smart since they are practicing on a play in Spanish.

H. C. Tombs is a model American history student.

Everyone misses those who are ill. The little "flu bug" seems to be getting a rather good hold on M. H. S.

VACCINATIONS.
The last shot of the diphtheria serum was given last Friday by Dr. Sadler assisted by Mrs. Foster, at the Grammar school office.

The smallpox vaccination will not be given on Friday, March 11, as had been planned, but it will be given on March 18. The reason for this change is due to the fact that so many of the students who are going to take this vaccination have not fully recovered from the other serums. Many of the students' arms are still sore and the doctors think it wise to wait another week before giving the small pox serum.

TRACK NEWS.
The track team is in full swing now. They are still practicing every day, getting in shape for county meet.

The track teams of Blair and the surrounding schools will have a try-out with Merkel sometime during the week. We are sure our team will come out on top in this tryout.

FRESHMEN NEWS.
Mary Helen, Aliene, Thelma, Clara Frances, Robbie, Monroe, Truett and

Cal are back in school.
Ask Genevieve where she was Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Marizoe is very stultious, she works at noon on her lessons.

Don't think Robbie's and Ethelda's jaws are swollen because it is only chewing gum.

Watch the Freshmen in track! Loreta has a hair cut.

Helen Louise is wearing her hair done up.

Truett and Robbie coming up the stairs:
Truett: "Robbie you sure are silly."
Robbie: "No, I am only cute."

TENNIS CLUB.

Although mother nature was a long time making up her mind to let the High school begin its tennis tournament, it is under way. The first round matches have been played. The Juniors beat the Freshmen with a terrific score of 6-2, 6-3, and the Seniors buried the fighting Sophomores with the score of 6-3, 6-1. The battle between the Seniors and Juniors will be staged soon. G. Derrick and M. Meilinger comprise the Junior team and I. Mellinger and Davis Williams, the Senior team. I pity the tennis players in the county meet for Merkel is going to have a representative team.

T. A. C. CLUB.

Marshall Stalls.
A basketball player, a trackster and a historian—that fully tells you about Marshall. Marshall is a studious Senior and a brilliant typist. "Stalls" has been a squadsman in basketball for two seasons and a letter man on the past track team. O, what leaders our school would have if all its students contained Marshall's qualities.

W. M. Taylor.
When one gets acquainted with W. M., he learns never to judge a creature by his size. W. M. is but a few feet tall but he is very brilliant. On account of W. M.'s size, he has been unable to participate in athletics. W. M. is an orator de luxe and a writer equal to Chaucer. Watch out if W. M. does not break all present records in literary works.

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ORANGES, California, dozen	30c
APPLES, Delicious, dozen	30c
SOAP Pamolive each	5c
CAKE FLOUR, R & W, package	25c
TAMALES, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c
PORK & BEANS, 2 for	15c
BLACKEYE PEAS, 2 cans	15c
SUGAR 10 lbs. granulated	45c
COFFEE, R & W, 1 pound	35c
GELATINE DESSERT, R & W, 2 for	13c
FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 63c, 48 lbs.	\$1.09
SOAP, R & W, 6 bars	19c
CRACKERS, 1 lb. Salad Wafers	15c
CRACKERS, 1 lb. Graham	15c
Compound 8 lb. pail	59c
MAYONNAISE, 8 oz., R & W	15c
JOWLS, per pound	5c
BACON, sliced	15c
EGGS, 3 dozen	25c

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.

PHONE 61

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RAPTURE BEYOND

by KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT.

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

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

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

Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused him to be sent to jail unjustly by fixing up his report on a mine.

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

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

Armed with the combination and accompanied by Jock, Lynda enters Felix's 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 gets her out of jail but demands the papers she took and that she tell him where Jock can be found. She declines to do either.

When they reach her home, Jocelyn dresses up in Lynda's clothes and faces Felix, telling him she loves Jock. Her mother comes in and fails to recognize Jocelyn, thinking her the girl who she thinks stole her jewels.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"My God!" he ejaculated in a stage voice which, however, Marcella in her frenzy found convincing. "Not Jocelyn? This woman—she's been trading on the likeness then. I found her at the police station. They sent me word. I must take her back at once. Telephone for the police, Mrs. Harlowe. No time to lose. Dangerous to have her here. She's stolen my papers and your jewels. She's been making use of an accidental resemblance, a remarkable one."

Into Lynda's ear he whispered fiercely, even with a grim sort of amusement, "Now you can get the drift, can't you? Now you can see where you've landed? If you can't persuade your young man to give you back those papers, or if he uses them—I'll jail you both for a theft of jewels. Think, my girl, stand still. Think hard. This is the last chance you may have for clear calm thought."

She stood there in fact quite still, thinking. And behind her, in the room all filled with her own bridal flowers and gifts, her mother, wild-eyed and shaking, sat down as she was bidden to ring for the police.

Mary, who had answered another summons at the front door, came in.

"Mrs. Harlowe, there's a man—" "It's Catring. Bring him in," and as Mary began to speak again Marcella bent down again to the 'phone and set her long index finger into the dial. Her shoulder was turned toward the French doors while Felix, Lynda in his arms, stood carefully with his back to them; so no one, not even Mary who had withdrawn at once in some offense, saw the man who was supposed to be Catring as he came in to the room.

He came slowly, painfully, progressing from door to sofa and along it, using its back for his support until he came up to Marcella and touched her elbow. And as he looked up he laid a leather box upon her knees.

"I have brought a wedding present for my daughter," announced Nick Sandal purringly. It was Marcella's terrible low cry that procured Jocelyn her release. The cry had so little of the human in it that Felix leaped and wheeled, forgetting everything but some uncanny instinctive fear of beasts. Marcella had bent down close over the opened box and was looking at her jewels.

"They're all here," she touched them with her fingers, "but they're wet." She trembled and her teeth chattered. "That's Julian's blood." Jocelyn knelt before that terrible figure. "Mother, don't. There's no blood. Mother, please look up."

"Touch them yourself, dear. Put your hand on them. You feel that? It's Julian's blood. My husband killed him. The police will be coming. We must hide these. Julian gave them to me. They were a gift. We were going away. They are my trust. I'll put them behind an altar. They will be an offering." She got up, holding the box against her breast, and went over to her shrine.

All three of the scared watchers let her go. They watched her fold herself in behind the leather doors. It was Felix Kent who took control.

"She's out of her wits," he said, "and must have a doctor." He turned to Nick whose hollow eyes had lost their malice and were distracted with terror and remorse.

"I don't know who you are, but since you brought about this condition by a rather ill-advised return of missing property, you'd better be the one to go for a doctor. Bring him back here as quickly as you can. This young lady has an important engagement and must go out with me at once."

"No, Felix."

"Yes. I'm afraid that it's necessary. And in good time, probably thanks to Catring, I see that I'll have some help if I should be driven to needing it."

He directed her gaze toward the square hall. It seemed to her scared eyes to be filled with men. At sight of them Nick went back a little toward the shining window.

But Felix boldly advanced and flung open the glass doors.

"I am Felix Kent, gentlemen. I am in charge here. Mr. Catring has sent you? For an arrest? Come right in, please. I may need help."

One of them did come in obediently, displaying a paper and a badge.

"You are Felix Kent. You're the man we're looking for then. A summons from Chicago. They want to see you out there about some—evidence. An old case. Will you come with us now, and quietly, please."

In that square entrance hall after they had closed the tall glass doors Jocelyn saw him, standing among them, turn back as though against his will to look at her. She remembered another outline—noble, patient, proud.

This outline of her bridegroom had no such quality. Its narrow knave face was shrunken, with pale hatred, with frustrated passion, with lost vengeance. To escape that last terrible look the girl fell down before Nick Sandal and hid her face.

He put his arms about her eagerly. And Felix, with the men, went out.

A strange day. A strange sad evening. Marcella had gone into the sanctuaries distracted by her memories; she came out quite serene, a child whose memory is only of today and yesterday. She thought that Nick Sandal was her indulgent uncle and Jocelyn a friend to love.

They went for a psychiatrist who promptly ordered her taken to a sanitarium.

She hardly knew that Dr. Bond had left until Nick spoke to her: "Come over her, Lynda. Are you too tired?"

He was seated on the small brocade sofa, curled up there painfully as she had seen him on the sofa in his shabby room.

"I'm not tired. I'm afraid."

"Afraid?" He winced, his swollen fingers paused in their task of filling his pipe. "Of me, dear."

"Of what you are going to tell me, Nick."

"You'd rather I'd be quiet? Let it all go? You'd rather never know the truth?"

"I'd rather . . . but of course I must listen. It's too late now. I'll listen, Nick. Only, do you love me?"

"To my regret. It's because I was fool enough to let you trick me with those confound eyes and ways of yours—those darling eyes and ways—yes, trick me into loving you that I've done what I have done . . . and been the blasted fool I have been lately."

"Lately?"

"You think it's not such a recent development? Well it has been. Joe's been living lately—with a sort of maniac. I've been . . . jealous.

I've wanted you to myself. It was you I was trying to steal, when I came in here on that wet night and took the jewels. There now. Go back to your seat. I've got a penance to go through with now, Lynda."

"I met your mother in a California cafe. San Francisco. She was making the American grand tour. She got separated from her party, lost her chaperon. A man insulted her. I knocked him down. She let me take her back to her hotel. That's the way it began. In those days I was a mining engineer. I gambled a little on the side when I felt the luck in my fingers. I went to New York and got myself introduced to the Harlowe crowd. Suspicious of me from the start. To them I smelled like a rank outsider. Well, I was one. But somehow I got the girl."

"I carried her off to California. I had a good job there. In the mountains. But that was a rough naked sort of camp life. So I kept her living in the city. I'd go off to the mines alone and come back to her. Those week-ends were gorgeous enough to feed a man's starved memory for gray years, to paint even a prison wall . . ."

"I had to have more money. I got to gambling in earnest. I made enough at the tables sometimes almost to satisfy even 'Cella. But of course it was uncertain. There were other times when I was cleaned out and she had to pawn or sell her treasures. That made her physically ill. To part with any bright thing that she had handled—seemed to wither her. Her own colors would fade. She'd go gray . . . like a steel knife."

"Julian Montree was a gambler too, but not in the sense that I was. He seemed to be a gentleman dabbling in risk for his amusement. I brought him home to 'Cella the way I brought home any other splendid thing for her beguilement."

"He had an English mother, a French father. Both, it would appear, well connected and both dead."

"A French aunt of high nobility had, it would also appear, adored him from his infancy and had recently furnished him with an enormous sum to invest in American enterprise."

"So—" he drew on his familiar aid, irony. His eyes and mouth began to mock now at the insufferable memories. "So my wife and my friend in immemorial fashion became lovers and, like all the Pantaloon's whose antics have furnished the world with loud guffawings, I did not suspect them. Lynda, you've seen those jewels?"

She sat up straight, startled by the sharpness of this sudden question.

"Yes."

"Your mother loved that man. But sometimes I've thought that if

it hadn't been for that man's glorious possession—"

"Was that his fortune, Nick?"

"All of it. Yes; and it wasn't rightly his. His capital, you see, his aunt's advance-legacy he boasted of—well, it was really all her own fortune, all she had in the world and she had entrusted it to him. He was supposed to bring her treasure to America and to dispose of it, for her, to the best possible advantage. He was, I imagine, to get his commission on the sale."

Painfully he rose.

"This is rotten for you, Lynda. Let's get it over. Your mother took a lover and thought him a better man than me. And so again in the immemorial fashion of Pantaloon's some instinct pinched the husband awake and back he came unexpectedly to his little golden California house. Moonlight, I remember Soft Summer. But they were indoors. It was night. And everything was ready. The jewels lay between them on the table."

"I said what Pantaloon always says. Julian was not patient under insult. I struck him. He was armed. He would have shot me, Lynda," his voice left him and he began to whisper, "he would have shot me. I was no cripple in those days and I got the pistol away from him and I killed him."

"Nick, what did they do to you?"

"Arrested me of course. After this, that and the other thing was said and done I was tried and convicted of manslaughter and sent to prison—most of your lifetime, Lynda. The fact that the gun had been Julian's saved me from a more, terminating sentence."

"But, Nick, he was your wife's lover and I read that—"

"I couldn't work that gag very well because, you see, if once 'Cella had been brought into it as Montree's lover she'd have been involved in the jewel theft. They were all this while looking for the jewels."

(Concluded Next Week.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

As has been previously announced, the Methodist meeting began Sunday morning, with a large crowd attending both morning and evening services. Owing to the cold snap Monday and Tuesday the crowd was not so good. Rev. Mr. Morton is doing some good preaching and, if you fail to go, you will surely miss something.

Rev. George W. Parks of Roscoe preached at the 11 o'clock hour at the Baptist church; no preaching at the evening hour, owing to the fact that the Methodist meeting was in progress. Rev. Mr. Parks announced that he would be back the fourth Sunday in this month and would preach both morning and evening. Everyone is invited to hear him.

Ewel Bone and Miss Florence Boyd of Hamlin were guests of friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood and little sons went to Comanche the last of the week. On Monday their son, Wayland, underwent a minor operation. Mr. Norwood returned Monday, but Mrs. Norwood will stay until the little fellow is able to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts entertained last Friday night with a "42" party. The guest list was: Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Mr. John Strawn and Miss Virgie Strawn, Mrs. Reeves and little Misses Wilma and Dorothy Jo Strawn.

Miss Lota Wagner of Blackwell returned home Monday after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Jr., of Abilene were guests Friday night of Mrs. J. E. Bowers and on Saturday they were guests in the M. G. Scott home.

Glen Reeves is the guest this week of his brother, Supt. Reeves, of Eskota.

Mrs. Lucile Truelove is opening up the Bud Burks barber shop the last of the week or the first of next and solicits your patronage.

Among those from here who attended the Stock Show were Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman, Postmaster and Mrs. Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. C. McRee, Steve Payne, E. Massey and Mrs. Bounce Hays.

Mrs. Jimmie Abbott and baby son of Breckenridge visited with friends here and at the Phillips camp several days last week.

Mrs. John Strawn was called to Waco Saturday to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Emmett Holt, who has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep are announcing the birth of a baby girl, named Cliffie Gene, on the third.

Mrs. Earl Rutherford and little son of Tullia were guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children, Betty Sue and Norman Dwain, of Lamesa are guests of Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Owen of Sylvester.

Clell Dowdy, who is working with the pile driver on the T. & P., was home for a few days visit last week, returning Sunday to Grand Saline. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy, who plans to visit there about a week.

Little Dicky Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers, had the misfortune of falling and breaking his arm. The little fellow is reported as doing nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Buster Edwards visited with her mother at Hamlin from Thursday to Sunday of last week.

Mrs. O. A. Smith received a message Saturday morning that her mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, of Port Worth had died suddenly. She with her husband and daughters, Miss Maurine and Mrs. Lesley Beasley and husband, attended the funeral Monday morning at Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and R. B., Jr., left Saturday for a visit with relatives in South Texas.

Ed Sherman is in Houston this week attending to business matters. Tannie Jones, accompanied by his brother, Oscar, left Saturday for Port Worth where he will tryout with the Fort Worth Panthers as pitcher.

London now has 66 theaters, 19 music halls and more than 150 movie houses.

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John Payne in Race For Public Weigher For Precinct No. 21

To the Voters of Precinct No. 21: In announcing for public weigher of precinct No. 21, I wish to thank all of those who supported me in the race two years ago. I feel as though I was partially handicapped by not being here at the time but I will be here this year and intend to see every voter personally.

I have had several years experience in this kind of work and, if elected, I feel sure I can render just and efficient service to all.

Thanking you for what consideration you may give me, I remain,
Your truly,
John Payne.

CANYON NEWS

M. E. Perry has returned home after accompanying his sister, Mrs. J. D. Cozart, of Bryson, home for a short visit. He also spent a few days with relatives at Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reynolds and son, Hugh Ernest, of Abilene were visitors in the Z. L. Cargill home Sunday.

Fred Thomas of El Paso and Miss Elna Hale of Abilene dined with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews, of Butman, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn Sunday.

T. J. Neill, who is suffering from a broken foot, is getting along nicely. Members of the P. T. A. of the I. X. L. community will render a program at the school house Friday night, March 11. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Matthews have moved over north of Merkel where he has accepted employment from Robert Dunn.

RURAL SOCIETY

STITH DEMONSTRATION CLUB. The Stith Demonstration club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. L. Daniels. There were thirteen members present and two visitors.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was led by Mrs. Clyde Jones. The study for the afternoon was "Color in the Home." At the conclusion of the program the exhibits which won ribbons at the Livestock show at Hamlin were shown. Twelve ribbons were won by the Stith club. We are planning to do better at the next exhibit. The next club meeting will be with Mrs. Guy Glenn on March 18. Every lady is urged to attend the meeting and help us with the club work.
—Reporter.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Miss Vannie Sue Pinckley celebrated her seventh birthday with a party last Saturday afternoon. After the gifts were presented to the honoree, games were played.

The birthday cake was served with hot chocolate, whipped cream and doughnuts. Favors were little candy hearts. Guests were Willa Dean Thornton, Frances and Mary Alice Hester, Linnie Faye Armstrong, Christine, Evelyn and Peggy Garvin, Glen Robertson, Francis and Delma Harris, John Angus Garvin, Jack Hester, Dewey Rister and Mrs. Garvin.

SALT BRANCH CLUB. The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Angus Garvin last Friday. Mr. Heald, county agent, conducted a lesson on poultry. Cake and ice cream were served to ten members, six visitors and Miss Chambers.
—Reporter.

Believe It or Not— Clearwater, Wash., Mar. 10.—"Average rainfall from 13 inches to 13 feet" is the astounding but none the less truthful statement Jefferson County, Wash., could tell the world as the result of the past year's heavy precipitation. Port Townsend, in the northeastern end of Jefferson county, has received as little as 13 inches during one year, while rainfall at Upper Clearwater was 13 feet last year. The two districts are separated by the Olympic range, one getting the benefit of the heavy ocean rains, while irrigation is necessary in the northeastern end.

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DORA DOINGS

(Omitted from last week's issue.) Well, here we are after a long muddy time, but the sun is shining and farmers are hammering out the old plow shears.

Misses Modenia and Novis Whiteaker of Castle Peak spent the week-end here with home folks.

Miss Laura Wallis of Butman was here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt of Houston have returned home after ten days visit with her brother, G. W. Whiteaker and family.

The ladies missionary society met with Mrs. W. T. Hardy Monday afternoon with a large crowd present and a nice program rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Finch announce the arrival of a son Wednesday night. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Those on the sick list this week are: Grandmother Drury, Miss Lena Butler, Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. Tom Drury and Mrs. J. T. Perfy.

HEBRON NEWS

Lois Burleson and Paul Pannell are in Fort Worth helping take care of Mr. Largent's show cattle.

Rev. O. B. Tatum and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr of Merkel were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Williamson Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Sharp is able to sit up after being ill for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and son, Dan Moody, and grandbaby, Dicky boy Zercher, were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp Sunday.

Mildred and Maurine Dean, Effiebel, Vedalee and Guin Pannell visited Hortense and Bonniel Barley Sunday evening.

WARREN NEWS

Here we are again after so much cold weather. But we are glad to see the sun shining once more.

Several from this community attended church at Merkel Sunday night.

Misses Clara and Edna Mae Marshall of Merkel and Lottie McCoy spent the day with Azilene Sumpter Monday.

Mr. Stevens of Knox has been visiting his son, Claude, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. B. E. McCoy.

Mrs. Mitchell from Oklahoma is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Willie Chancey.

Claude and Cicero Stevens have been busy canning a beef.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitman spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Will Sumpter of Merkel.

"Pair of Sixes" Wins \$300 Pot Dice Party

Chicago, Mar. 10.—A pair of sixes won at dice in Chicago recently.

Veteran players of the game will tell you this can't be done, but consider the case of Luther Banks.

"I won \$300 in a dice game," he told the desk sergeant at a police station.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

A good many of the school children went to Merkel Friday morning to take the last serum of diphtheria.

Miss Lavinia Faye Douglas had as her last week-end guests Misses Vivian and Lynn Douglas of Merkel.

A very good crowd attended church last Sunday afternoon.

Clyde Irwin and M. L. and J. L. Douglas motored over to Abilene last Saturday afternoon.

Little Miss Patsy Ruth Cox was honored with a birthday party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox. Refreshments were served to a delighted group of youngsters under the age of twelve.

Misses Margaret Dean and Marybel Douglas were home for Saturday and Sunday.

Dedicate Pecan Plant. Brownwood, Mar. 10.—Dedication of the new federal pecan experiment station featured Washington bicentennial ceremonies here. The station was accepted for the government by Dr. C. L. Smith of Austin, representative of the Department of Agriculture.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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BLAIR ITEMS

There still prevails a great deal of sickness in the community at this writing.

We greatly regret that Pat Addison received painful injuries on the hand Thursday of last week. He is getting along moderately at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears and son of the plains are spending an indefinite time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and family of Tye enjoyed a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Doan and daughter, Otis Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan of Clyde visited the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and other relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott of Trent and Mrs. Luella Atwood of White Church attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Neal and Miss Russell of Nubia attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Bonnie Fay Mathew, who visited her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Neighbors, recently, was accompanied back by her cousin, Miss Clara Clinton, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons of the Canyon were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer Sunday.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsburn.

Bob Bowden of White Church spent several days the past week with his old friends, Sam Provine and Hugh Campbell.

Johnnie Latimer attended the county trustees meet at Abilene Friday.

Marshall Provine visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Campbell of Mt. Pleasant last week-end.

Mr. Clabert Jones and Miss Lena Blanks of Caps were married on Saturday, February 27th. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Jones are visiting among relatives here for an indefinite time.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Miss Orene Berry of White Church are visiting

in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott of Trent visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. Doan, last week-end.

Zeb Moore, Jim Jarvis and Shorty Swafford motored over to Abilene on business Saturday.

Relatives and the many friends who attended the funeral of Mrs. Tom Johnson of Merkel last Saturday feel that a gracious mother, a loving wife, a devoted Christian and a good friend to all and citizen has gone from us. To know her was to love her and it is a great thing for a woman to have so lived that such an eloquent service was rendered and such proper tribute made. This community extends its tenderest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

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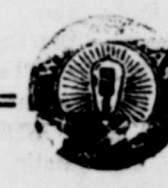
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For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
A. J. CANON.
L. L. MURRAY.
For County Tax Assessor:
C. W. BOYCE.
H. F. (Henry) LONG.
C. A. COCKRELL.
W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.
For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER.

tion, vs. N. G. Whitley and Mrs. N. G. Whitley, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of March, 1932, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2 and 3, in Block 50, Town of Bradshaw, Taylor County, Texas, being the same land described in a certain instrument now of record in the office of the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, in Deed of Trust Records, Vol—, Page—, to which reference is here made; and levied upon as the property of N. G. Whitley, and Mrs. N. G. Whitley, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1932, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said N. G. Whitley and Mrs. N. G. Whitley.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of March, 1932.

Burl Wheeler
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

ELECTION NOTICE.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, same being the fifth day of the month, A. D., 1932, for the purpose of electing three aldermen to serve for a period of two years.

Said election shall be held in the Fire Station and shall conform as nearly as possible with state election laws. Polls shall open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 p. m. J. P. Sharp is hereby appointed election judge.

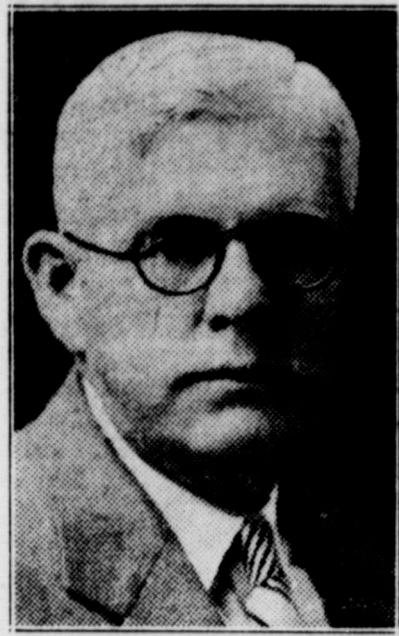
Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of March, A. D. 1932.
 (Seal) W. M. Elliott,
 Mayor.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 67th District Court of Tarrant County, on the 4th day of March, 1932, by W. E. Alexander, Clerk of said 67th District Court, for the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Three and 10/100 (\$5,103.10) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The Citizens Saving and Loan Association, a Corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 90149 and styled The Citizens Saving and Loan Association, a Corporation, vs. J. R. Edson et al, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of March, 1932, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of Lot No. Nine (9), Block—, Twenty-Six (26), of College Heights Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Harry Hines, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1932, the same being the 5th day of said

C. A. Cockrell Enters Name as Candidate For Tax Assessor



In submitting my name to the voters as a candidate for tax assessor of Taylor county, subject to the democratic primaries, I am not unmindful of the duties and responsibilities of the office, especially so, in these days of reconstruction and re-adjustment.

I consider any public office a sacred trust, the administering officer an humble servant. With only one purpose in mind—to give Taylor county tax payers and citizens equal, honest and efficient service—I ask your careful consideration when casting your vote for tax assessor July 23rd. Should you honor me with the office, I shall endeavor never to betray your trust but to merit your further confidence by giving constructive and courteous service.

As a citizen of Abilene and Taylor county for the past nine years, I shall let my life speak for itself. I feel that my business training, my knowledge of real estate values, in town and country, particularly fit me for the office to which I aspire. This is my first time to ask for public office, and after thorough investigation, if you should find my qualifications, my integrity and zeal to merit your confidence, then and then only could I expect your support. Leaving this investigation in your hands, and with my friends who know me best, I sincerely solicit your support and influence.
 C. A. Cockrell.

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Witness my hand, this 5th day of March, 1932.

Burl Wheeler
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, March 10.—Less than a dozen carlots of slaughter steers and yearlings formed big bulk of the cattle receipts at Fort Worth Wednesday, which totaled 750, including 250 calves; trade very poorly tested; slaughter steers and yearlings fully 25c higher; other classes practically nominal; strong weight fed steers up to \$5.50; few loads less desirable grades, \$4.50 to \$5.25; two loads good fed yearlings, \$5.50; fat cows listed around \$3.00 to 3.25; low cutter sorts, 75c to \$1.25; no stocker sales; slaughter calves strong to 25c higher; one load good heavies, \$5.00; few good heavies up to \$5.25; cull sorts, \$2.00 to 2.50.

Cattle Shipments.
 The past week noted shipment of four carlots of cattle from the Merkel market, two going to California and the other two to Fort Worth. W. H. Laney sold two cars of mixed cattle to Sam Rubin, who shipped them Sunday night to Los Angeles, Calif. On Wednesday Collins Brothers shipped two loads, one of mixed cattle and the other calves, to Fort Worth. It has been sometime since livestock was so active, which was due to a somewhat better market.

We sell Allen-A-Hosiery—Hear our program over Columbia Network Friday night—Brown's Bargain Store.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Personal Mention

W. S. J. Brown was a visitor early in the week to the Fat Stock show.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats visited Wednesday with friends at Clyde.

A. J. and Taylor Tucker have gone to Phoenix, Ariz., having departed last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Higgins attended a meeting of the Abilene Rebekahs Thursday night.

Mrs. J. C. Williams, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Effie Rider, returned to her home at Clyde Wednesday.

Wednesday noted the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, as guests of her daughter, Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Upon his return from a visit to Bartlesville, Okla., Deputy Sheriff W. R. Sumpter was accompanied home by his father, W. S. Sumpter, who will be with him here for sometime.

Lee D. Olive, state fire inspector, was here Monday and after a careful investigation of conditions he reported that Merkel was in first class shape as to fire hazards. He also described the fire-fighting apparatus as in first class shape.

Miss Doris Durham from Crane City, Mrs. Bob Echols from Albany and Mrs. Jack Durham and two children from McCamey were present for the week-end to complete a family reunion in the Durham home. The Jack Durhams have taken an apartment in Abilene where Jack is now employed with the Standard Printing Co.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One.)
 Light, 91; Geraldine Teague, 91; J. D. Witcher, 90; Mary Pruitt, 50.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.
 Billie Wood, 96; Mary Nell Morgan, 95; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Mary Jo Russell, 94; Frances Owen, 93.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.
 Comora Hughes, 94; Mildred Bird, 94; Pearl Mathews, 93; Wilma McAninch, 93; Lois Carpenter, 93; Richmond Buford, 93; Bonnie Church, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.
 Charles Andy Shouse, 94.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.
 Janell Black, 95; Lynell Carpenter, 93; Barbara Dewett, 93; Marvin Hunter, 91; Dana Derstine, 90; Clyde Cribley, 90; Juan Duran, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.
 Billie Dunning, 93; Betty Lou Grimes, 92; Laverne Hughes, 92; Vernelle Bland, 90; Margie Melton, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.
 Morris Wozencraft, 95; Lurline Tarleton, 94; De La Vergne Teague, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
 Juanita Huskey, 98; Ora Derrick, 94.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
 Francis Tarleton, 96; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 95; Harold Morgan, 93; Thelma Patterson, 91; Murry Toombs, 90; Billie Woodrum, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Eighth Grade.

Ethelda Tucker, 96; Jesse Margaret Berry, 94; Robbie Walker, 94; Lena Faye Harrell, 93; Joyce Jones, 93; Louise Toombs, 93; Juanita Bishop, 92; Lois Perkins, 92; Marizoe West, 91.

Ninth Grade.
 Billy Gardner, 96; J. R. Higgins, 93; Beulah Church, 91; Mary Bell Douglas, 91; Rube Linkens, 91; Vivian Lasater, 91; Duncan Briggs, 90.

Junior Class.
 Lucille Campbell, 97; Mildred Richardson, 96; Florene Rider, 95; Frances Marie Church, 95; Nell Hughes, 94; Imogene Middleton, 92; Meyer Mellinger, 92; Howard Stanley, 91; Margaret Miller, 91; Faye Vantrees, 91; Joyce Wheeler, 90; Etta Pruitt, 90.

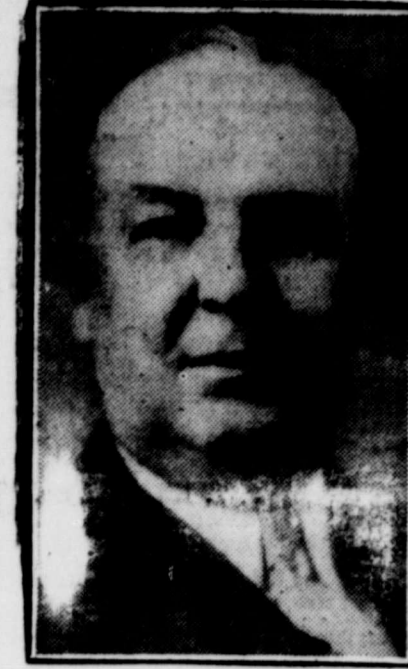
Senior Class.
 Ola Ellen Smith, 94; Avis Deavers, 94; R. D. Ely, 94; Lela Patterson, 93; Margaret Canon, 93; Lona Bryan, 92; Cephas Wozencraft, 92; Woodrow Wilson, 92; Isadore Mellinger, 92; Paul Collins, 91; Monta J. Moore, 91; W. M. Taylor, 91; Madeline Murray, 90; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, 90.

Dr. Robert Barto Cousins, widely known educator, president of the College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville, and a former state superintendent of education, died Friday night of pneumonia, following an influenza attack.

Because L. A. Coleman took the place of his father on a special venire, alleging that he thought it had been "fixed" by the son of the constable, a new trial has been granted to Bill Beck, who was sentenced to death on conviction of having murdered O. L. Jones, a salesman with whom he was riding from Dallas to Waco.

Dear, Darling, Love, Sore and Pain are among unusual names in London's new directory.

Bob Walker to Run For Tax Collector



R. S. (Bob) Walker, Abilene business man, has announced as a candidate for tax collector of Taylor county, subject to the democratic primaries.

Mr. Walker has been a resident of Abilene for 30 years. He was born in Albany, Texas. In 1914 he organized and operated the Abilene Produce company, later selling out to the White Produce company. He continued with them, and two years later the name of the concern was changed to Western Produce company. For several years Mr. Walker was treasurer of the firm, and is now serving as secretary. He said Saturday that he had resigned, effective as soon as arrangements for his successor can be made, and would devote his entire attention to an active campaign for the office of collector.

"I have been in the produce business in Abilene for 17 years," said Mr. Walker, "and during that time have handled the complicated book-keeping and fiscal details of the business. This experience, I feel, fits me to serve as tax collector of the county, and would enable me to carry on the affairs of that office in an efficient manner. If elected, I promise the people the very best efforts of which I am capable, and as economical an administration as is possible consistent with efficiency. I have lived here a long time and know a great many people in the county, and am known to a great many people. If they feel that I am qualified for the position, I will appreciate their support, and promise them a courteous, honest and equitable administration of the office."

Re-Building Home.

Work has started on the new home of Brooks Patterson, which is being built where his former home was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. A. V. Dye has the contract.

Decides to Close Theatre.

Manager H. T. Hodge stated to a representative of The Mail that, on account of lack of patronage he was compelled to close the Queen theatre for the present. Last week's engagement of Brunks Comedians was the last offering.

Fly to Stock Show.

Accompanying Lieut. R. G. Vaughan in a trip by air to the Fort Worth Fat Stock show Wednesday were Warren Higgins, Irvin Thompson, Comer Patterson and Joe Cypert.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Winning Essay and Poem in Contest On Fire Prevention

The following theme by Harold Morgan and poem by Juanita Huskey, both of the seventh grade, received first places in themes and poems on fire prevention:

The Cigarette and the Newspaper.
 One day a man came into his office and threw a cigarette in a paper basket. The cigarette had been there for quite a while when he heard someone speaking. Looking up he saw a newspaper. The paper was asking if he would like to have some fun. The cigarette replied, "Sure," so they decided to start a fire.

The paper climbed down by the side of the cigarette. Soon a smoke floated into the air, and a blaze followed. The blaze leaped up to some papers on a desk. The papers started burning, and the desk took up the merry spirit of the fire and started burning also. Then the room was filled with smoke and fire.

A man, passing by, saw the fire and turned in the fire alarm. The firemen were soon there, but before the fire was extinguished much damage was done.

The fire was started in fun by the paper and cigarette, but in the end caused much sorrow to the people.

Fire Prevention.

The rubbish had all been picked up, The yards are as neat as a pin, There are no knots in the light cords, No green grain is stored in the bin.

The gas pipes have just been repaired, The oil mop has its head in a can, The electric iron has been put away, As well as the electric fan.

Oh, the trash has just been burned, And soon it will decay, The matches are in metal boxes, It's Fire Prevention Day!

Back to Farm Drive.

Emporia, Kan., March 10.—The "back-to-the-farm" movement, attracting many who have failed to succeed in the cities, has caused a shortage of farm land in this section, real estate men report. Demand exceeds supply by about 20 per cent, the salesmen said, and prices are increasing as a result. Farm rentals also are higher due to the influx of workers, it was said.

In executive session Saturday night the Dallas County Medical society suspended eighteen members for an indefinite period for alleged violation of a society ruling against contract practice.

RAIN OR SHINE IN COLD OR HEAT

We are prepared to render the best of service. Give the home enterprise the preference. If you have never given us a trial, we invite the opportunity to serve you.

We call for and deliver. Thank you.

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2 John Deere Double row planters, choice	\$32.50
2 J. I. Case double row planters, choice	40.00
1 Canton double row planter	35.00
1 Standard double row planter	45.00
1 Standard double row cultivator	50.00
1 P & O double row cultivator	40.00
1 P & O double row cultivator	27.50
1 John Deere single row cultivator	17.50
1 McCormick-Deering row binder	35.00
1 McCormick-Deering broad-cast binder	35.00
10 foot Grain Drill	35.00
1 John Deere middle buster	7.50
1 Standard triple disc	30.00
2 Moline double disc, choice	25.00
1 John Deere double disc	25.00
1 low wheel farm wagon	20.00

See these implements at W. H. Pence Wagon Yard or make inquiry at the bank.

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If you are looking for cheap chicks, don't see us. But we have the best at reasonable prices.

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Abilene, Texas



SLUMBER PARTY.

Miss Fannie Belle Boaz was the honoree for a most enjoyable birthday celebration on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Bill Fugat at Noodle.

The guests assembled at the theatre for a presentation of Brunks Comedians, motored out for a mid-night supper after which bridge games interspersed with radio music were enjoyed all hours of the night. An early breakfast was served to Mrs. Orion Tittle, Mrs. Ernest Higgins, Misses Christine Boyd, Mary King, Mary Collins, Missie Dye, the honoree and hostess.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler was a gracious hostess on Thursday of last week to members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class.

An inspiring devotional was led by Mrs. Byers Petty, followed by a business meeting with Mrs. Bill Haynes presiding. A number of clever contests had been arranged by the hostess which furnished diversion until the refreshment hour when delicious angel food cake and peach Bavarian cream was served to Mesdames Swann Petty, Haynes, Smith, Toombs, Slayden, Rutledge, Dickerson, Higgins, Riddle, Clarence Perry, Dent Gibson and the hostess.

PHILATHEA CLASS PARTY.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., entertained members of the Philathea Sunday School class in the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Golladay on Tuesday evening, complimenting them with a St. Patrick's day party.

After a devotional, led by Mrs. E. L. Yeats, games of progressive "42" were enjoyed until the refreshment hour when delectable green fruit jello, topped with whipped cream, and angel food cake was served to Mesdames Ernest Higgins, Juanita Dowell, Claude Dye, Cyrus Pee, Alma Cox, Milton Case, E. L. Yeats, C. K. Russell, Frank Golladay, Dub Johnson and the Misses Whitaker.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Robt. Hicks was most graciously opened to members of the Gleaner class on Friday afternoon of last week with Mesdames Clyde Sears, Duncan Briggs, Frank Iddings, Rush Buford and Robt. Hicks co-hostesses.

The devotional was led by Mrs. E. L. Yeats and Mrs. Duncan Briggs entertained with a reading. The donation of wearing apparel for the orphan, educated by the class, was disposed of by tea time when the hostesses served delectable chicken salad sandwiches, angel food cake, olives, and iced tea to Mrs. Fred Latham of Abilene. Mesdames Taylor, Oscar Buford, Doc Vaughn, W. M. Gambill, Tom Largent, Herbert Patterson, W. S. J. Brown, L. D. Boyd, F. E. Church, J. E. Richardson, E. L. Yeats, Dee Grimes, F. C. Hughes, Eli Case, Duncan Briggs, Rush Buford, Frank Iddings, Clyde Sears and Robt. Hicks.

T. E. L. LUNCHEON.

The home of Mrs. M. D. Angus was the scene of a colorful St. Patrick's Day affair on Wednesday of last week complimenting members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class.

The rooms were attractively decorated in St. Patrick's motif as were tables on which a covered dish luncheon was beautifully served at noon. Mrs. Ann Brown, charming in Irish costume, was mistress of ceremonies. She gave an appropriate reading and called on a number for Irish jokes. After luncheon Irish games and contests were heartily enjoyed.

A devotional was led by Mrs. L. H. Reeves and the singing of the class song and sentence prayers closed the program of the day. Members present were Mesdames Earl Lassiter, Hale Lancaster, John Toombs, W. A. Conder, Sam Swann, L. B. Reeves, Booth Warren, West Derstine, A. R. Booth, Ann Brown, L. B. Scott, M. D. Angus and one visitor, Mrs. Will Toombs.

CAFE CHANGE.

Having sold my cafe to Mr. J. D. Glascock, formerly in the restaurant business in Abilene, I want to thank my many friends for their patronage, loyalty and support in the past and to bespeak for my successor a continuance of your patronage and good will.

Mack Fowler.

Saturday at 2:30—Don't miss our house-shoe special—Brown's Bargain Store.

Rumania has more than 9,500 square miles of beech forests, comprising about one-twelfth of the total area of the country.

CHURCHES

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the pastor will preach on that great Bible doctrine, "Immortality." Invite your friends and visitors to worship with us. You will like our special music.

Help make our Sunday School attendance better next Sunday by attending. Join that happy band of young people Sunday evening at 6:30. You will like them.

J. T. King, Pastor.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

"The Book of Joshua," Burneal Scott.

"The Book of Judges," Margaret Miller.

"The Book of Samuel," Louise Tarleton.

"The Book of Kings," Vernon Davis.

"The Book of Chronicles," Sarah Sheppard.

"The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah," Harold Morgan.

"The Books of Ruth and Esther," John A. Jones.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Song.

Prayer.

Lesson: "Following a Missionary Through a Busy Day."

"The Early Morning Watch," Junior Grimes.

"Language Study," Bud Gambill.

"To School," Lurline Tarleton.

"Come to the Feast," Horace Bonney.

"Junior B. Y. P. U.," Junior Grimes.

"On the Field," Murphy Dye.

"Night School," Bud Gambill.

"The Missionary's Motto," Beatrice Bishop.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The cold spell cut the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday to 692, as compared with 790 on the previous Sunday.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

For the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service next Sunday the scripture lesson from the seventh chapter of Romans will be read by Mack Buzbee and J. J. Toombs will lead the discussion of the lesson. W. W. Haynes will make a talk on "The Church's Need of Men" and there will be special music at the opening of the service. Everyone is cordially invited.

—Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. If weather and health will permit, let's all be in our class Sunday.

There will not be a preaching service as the pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic: "Do I Want to Be a Christian?"

Songs: "Since Jesus Came into My Heart," "Pass Me Not."

Prayer by Jim Patterson.

Song: "More Like the Master."

Leader's opening talk.

"My Mother," Duncan Briggs.

"Christ is the Most Cheerful Religion," Mildred Richardson.

"Christ is a Religion for Youth," Billie Bernice Gambill.

"Because He Loved Children," James West.

"The Musician Should be a Christian," Jim Patterson.

"What is a Come-back," Grisham Dowell.

"We All Need His Help," Mary Helen Lancaster.

"Meeting Change in a Swift Changing," Wanda Hunter.

"We Must Salve Our Hurts," Juana Proctor.

"Getting Along With Others," Billie Gardner.

"Democracy Is of Jesus," Paul Collins.

"Hardening of the Sensibilities," Kennedy Whiteley.

"In Training for Service," Louise Tarleton.

Song: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Benediction.

Everyone please be present and have his part.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The young peoples division of our church, with the surrounding communities, are to have a three day Christian culture course here beginning Friday night.

Mrs. Rankin of Abilene will teach "Missions." Mrs. Rankin has had extensive travel in the Holy lands and various foreign nations and has

taught this course in various places. The young people are fortunate to secure her services.

The local pastor will teach "The Organization and Program of the Young People's Division." Rev. Nowlin will be dean of the school. Miss Evelyn Darden, Abilene district secretary, will be present and assist.

We are expecting about thirty of our young people to take the course for credit, and twenty or more adults to take audit courses.

First class session begins Friday at 7:30 p. m.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "Love, the Law of Life."

Scripture: Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 22:34-40; Galatians 5:13, 14.

Leader, Bernie Tucker.

Talks: "What is Law?" Orpah Patterson; "Love for God," Jim Patterson; "The Greatest Law," Mary Collins; "Love for Neighbor," Marcella Pinckley; "A Growing Love," Marie Finckley; "Love of Life," Vernon Hudson.

Topics for discussion, leader.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was cold, but we had two good services. Come to Sunday School and church and bring your family. "You should be content with what you have, but not what you are." "The best place to criticize your neighbor is in front of your own mirror." "He who serves God for wages will serve the devil for a raise."

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We had very fine services last Lord's Day and hope to have again next Lord's Day. We earnestly invite you to come join with us in these services.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day 9:45 a. m., communion service 11 a. m., young people's program 6:30 p. m., ladies class Tuesday 3 p. m. and prayer and Bible study service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Respectfully, The Elders.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We just praise the Lord for the salvation of the lost. There were two conversions in our prayer meeting Wednesday night. Saturday night Brother Walker from Abilene brought a great message on "Building Without God," and there was one conversion. Great interest was shown by a large audience Sunday night and the Lord blessed in the salvation of the lost.

Bible School 9:45 Sunday. Street service every Saturday at 3 o'clock. Preaching services every Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday morning 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Bible study Monday evening 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Teachers and workers meeting Thursday night. If you believe in the old-time religion, come to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Scripture, Matthew 6:24-34.

Subject, "Serving God or Mammon."

Time, Sunday night, 7:30.

Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketchum. Della Miller, verse 24; May Salter, verse 25; Louis Ketchum, verse 26; Leonard Gay, verses 27-28; May Reynolds, verse 29; Alice Gay, verse 30; John Reagh, verse 31-32; Thomas Gay, verse 33; Irene Salter, verse 34.

Buggies in Style.

Kyle, Mar. 10.—After 20 years there has arisen a sudden demand for buggies. A local mercantile company sold three recently. They had been in stock two decades and will not be replaced, the firm's buyer stated.

Jobs Plentiful For Grads.

Cambridge, Mass., Mar. 10.—Despite the depression, graduates of Harvard business school have experienced little difficulty in securing positions. Of 383 students graduated last June, only 35 are jobless. Banking and manufacturing have proved the most attractive fields.

Sam Reed, age 56 years and a resident of Abilene for 30 years where he was prominent in fraternal and business circles, died early Sunday from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the heart, while seated at his office desk.

F. Z. TURNER, 83, NATIVE TEXAN, PASSES AWAY

Resident of Taylor County for 40 Years and Survived by 126 Descendants; Funeral Services Thursday Afternoon.

Leaving 126 descendants, six children and 120 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, F. Z. Turner, native Texan and familiarly known to everyone as "Uncle Zack," passed away at 9:30 Wednesday night at his home here. He was 83 years old on August 7 last. He had been suffering from a complication in his leg for some time, his condition becoming critical Thursday of last week when he took to his bed.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Leona Forbes, Nazarene minister, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pastor, and Brother W. G. Cypert of the Church of Christ. Interment was at White Church cemetery.

Mr. Turner was born in 1848 near Greenville and had lived in this section 40 years, having located in the Canyon in 1892. He farmed there until about 8 years ago when he moved to Merkel. He was a consistent member of the Nazarene church and one of the highly respected and beloved pioneers of Taylor county, a group that is fast disappearing.

Besides his wife, he is survived by six children, three daughters and three sons: Mrs. Beulah Dye, Matador; Mrs. Vannie Dye, Noodle, and Mrs. Dollie Ritchie, Merkel; John Turner, New Mexico; Frank Turner, Big Spring, and Wood Turner, who lives here. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren number 120.

Mrs. Effie C. Jennings

Burial services for Mrs. Effie C. Jennings were held at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery here at 10:30 Monday morning, conducted by Rev. O. W. Bradley, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, and Rector Willis P. Gerhart, of Heavenly Rest Episcopal church, both of Abilene. She was laid to rest beside the grave of her husband who died many years ago.

Mrs. Jennings succumbed to a heart attack Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Jack Taylor at Fort Worth. Her death was unexpected.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at the Arlington Heights Methodist church in Fort Worth, with the pastor officiating, assisted by Rector Gerhart.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jennings were pioneer Taylor countyans, settling on a farm southwest of Merkel in the early days. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Jennings lived for a few years in Abilene before removing to Fort Worth.

Nine children survive, four daughters and five sons: Mrs. Wesley Edwards, Maryneal; Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Fort Worth; Mrs. Hugh D. Wallace, Dallas; Mrs. Allie Jenkins, Dallas; Taylor Jennings, Houston; Ross Jennings, Abilene; Burnett Jennings, Louisiana, and Irving and Ray Jennings, residing in Arizona. Three step-children also survive: Mrs. Otho Smith, Trent; Mrs. J. L. Baker, Merkel, and Wiley Jennings. The latter was the only one of the children or step-children who could not be present for the funeral.

Mrs. Tom Johnson

Death claimed Mrs. Tom Johnson, age 64, at 1:40 Friday afternoon of last week at her home here, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. T. King, Baptist pastor, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, of the Methodist church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born in 1868 in Jefferson county, Ala. She was converted at the age of 18 and joined the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist church in Jefferson county, Ala. Her church letter was still with the Pinson church there. The family had lived here for the past eight or ten years and Mrs. Johnson was known as a woman of fine, Christian character, a true mother and devoted wife. Her loss will be greatly missed by the surviving husband and three sons, two of whom live at Big Spring and the other at Wichita Falls.

June Bridges

Little June Bridges, age 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verner Bridges, died Tuesday, March 1, at 12:30 in a Lamesa hospital from pneumonia. Burial took place Wednesday at Levelland.

Her father, the son of Jim Bridges,

who lived at Stith for many years, was born at Stith and is well known in this section.

Mrs. W. A. Ford of Stith, a sister of Jim Bridges, the little girl's grandfather, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges, and baby daughter, Gerald Fay, of Breckenridge attended the funeral returning Thursday.

Largent Steer

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auction ring or sold at private sales have commanded top prices. They have been equally successful at the other major shows over the United States. In charge of the herd here is Willie Joe Largent, who, for the last year, has served as president of the Texas Hereford Breeders' association. It is of interest to note that Texas Pride 2d, the reserve grand champion, is a full brother of College Pride, Texas A. & M. College entry that won grand champion honors at the fat stock show in 1931. David Little, herdsman at the college, who tended the 1931 grand champion, also groomed Texas Pride 2d, for this year's show. He is considered one of the best herdsman in the country.

Just at the hour of going to press The Mail learned that Willie Joe Largent had been honored with reelection for another year as president of the Texas Hereford Breeders' association.

Father and Son Held On Burglary Charges

Abilene, Mar. 10.—P. L. Frederickson and his son, Paul Frederickson, formerly of Merkel, waived examining trial when arraigned here Wednesday on charges of burglary. Justice Carl P. Hulsey fixed bond at \$750 each.

Complaint against the elder man contains two counts, burglary and conspiracy in burglary. The charges grew out of the asserted burglary of the Lloyd W. Gilmore home, near Merkel, February 13. Complaints charging the father and son with burglary of the W. W. Haynes barn at Merkel were also filed Wednesday before Justice W. W. Wheeler at Merkel, and the elder Frederickson was charged at Baird with receiving and concealing stolen property.

Officers said a stove and a quantity of stock feed, asserted to have been taken from the Gilmore place, and sacks assertedly belonging to the Haynes barn, had been found at Clyde.

Complaint against the younger man was filed here Tuesday, while other charges were filed Wednesday. P. L. Frederickson was brought here from Clyde by W. R. Sumpter, deputy sheriff at Merkel. The Frederickson home is now at Clyde.

Bonds had not been completed Wednesday night.

Jones-Howell.

Saturday night at 8:30 Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, performed the ceremony at the parsonage uniting in marriage Miss Ethel Howell and Mr. F. E. Jones, both of Abilene.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Next Week's Bill At the Paramount A Galaxy of Stars

Will Rogers, Ruth Chatterton, Walter Huston and Jean Harlow are the stars included in next week's program at the Abilene Paramount Theatre and comedy, sophisticated drama and sensational melodrama comprises a screen fare that is offered.

Will Rogers, America's jester, unofficial ambassador and humorist at large, in his latest picture, "Business and Pleasure" will be the attraction on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In this new offering of Will's he is seen as a razor blade manufacturer from the Corn belt who is trying to introduce safety razors to the bearded sheiks of Arabia, while on a combination business and pleasure trip. Advance reports hail it as a sure cure for the blues and one of the best laughmakers that has come to the screen for sometime.

On Thursday and Friday, Ruth Chatterton, the first lady of the screen, will be seen in her latest picture, "Tomorrow and Tomorrow," with Paul Lukas and the late Robert Ames in the supporting cast. This new vehicle of Miss Chatterton's is a picturization of Phillip Barry's famous Broadway stage success and concerns a sensitive and misunderstood wife. It is the type of role that gives the famous actress an excellent opportunity to display her acting ability.

On Saturday the attraction will be "The Beast of the City," M-G-M's sensational screen story of how a loyal and efficient police force can clean up a city no matter how corrupt or over-ridden with politics it may be. Heading the excellent cast are Walter Huston and platinum blonde Jean Harlow. Others are Jean Hersholt, Wallace Ford, Tully Marshall and John Miljan.

As usual with Paramount programs the above three features will be augmented by special selected short subjects and Paramount and Fox Sound News.

Dub Young in Race For Tax Assessor

To the Voters of Taylor County: In announcing for the office of tax assessor, subject to the action of the July primary, I wish to tell my friends, both old and new, that all my life, except the first eight years, has been spent in Abilene.

You have entrusted me with public offices before and my record as an honest, exact worker may be learned from any one who knows me. I have been continuously connected with the business life of Abilene.

I realize the importance of this office, and in asking for the support of the people of Taylor County, I pledge them a strict business administration promising as nearly an equal valuation of property as is humanly possible.

W. J. (Dub) Young.

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FLOUR, Extra High Patent, 48 pounds, every sack guaranteed	95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	25c
PICKLES, quart, sour	15c
PECAN-NUT BUTTER, 16 oz. glass	23c
PECAN-NUT BUTTER, 8oz. jar	12c
LETTUCE, nice, crisp, per head	5c
SALT, table, 5 pounds	12c
CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle	16c
MUSTARD, quart jar	15c
SYRUP, Dreamland, gallon	55c
HOMINY, medium, 2 for	15c

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