CITY COUNCIL **OUTLINES PLAN** TAX COLLECTIONS

York and Camp, Abilene Attorneys, Employed to Assist in Getting in Delinquent Taxes; Over \$23,000 Past Due.

The Mail is authorized by the Mertel city council to publish the follow-

There are at the present time over \$23,000.00 in delinquent taxes due the City of Merkel. Some of these are taxes due for the year 1931. Most of them are due for years prior to 1931.

The failure of some of our property owners, some wilfully and some through no fault of their own, to pay their taxes, and thereby shoulder their part, has put a larger burden upon those of our citizens who are paying their taxes than they are entitled to bear. With such a large amount of taxes delinquent it is impossible to reduce taxes in our town. When times were good bonds were issued for city improvements and there are now outstanding approximately \$16,500.00 of bonds and warrants. To keep Merkel from defaulting in the payment of such indebtedness and suffering the dire consequences therefor, it is neessary that these delinquent taxes, as Sar as gossible, be paid. If it were possible to collect all, ir a large part of these delinquent axes, the tax rate could be lowered. and the weight lightened for all. Outpar value and interest stopped and a ar early date. large saving would thereby accrue to the benefit of our tax payers.

The council has set April 1 as a time limit within which time no penalty Boy Scouts to Meet or interest will be collected on 1931 taxes, if paid prior to that date. As representatives of the citizens of our town we appeal to you, if you can posproperty owner should do his part and our hope is that all who can will pay up their delinquent taxes. It is a patriotic duty to carry your share.

many people who have repeatedly plans discussed for re-organizing the the Power of Jesus' Name," "Christ E spectacular governor, hasn't made dants to the number of forty-three Scouts who have gone from Merkel failed and refused to pay any taxes work here, material encouragement Arose" and "Onward, Christian Sol- much noise and had very little trouble and lacking eleven months of having High to reflect honor on their alma for many years. We have many peo- was given to the movement, and a diers." now, even under the depressed condi- this meeting. tion that now exists, but who, for the load which such people should and counsel with the boys. bear. For that reason we have employed the law firm of York and Camp to assist us in the collection of these (Continued on Page Eight)

What was the Doctor's secret?

Mar. Made the Town By Ruby Ayres

He was the grandest man in the world, young Dr. Rathbone. At least lovely Diana Gladwyn thought so, as soon as she got over fretting about his exiling her to the country for a rest from the socia! round. Not, of course, that she was in love with him. She was in love with Dennis-dear, fascinating, selfish Dennis, who had married the wrong girl.

But Dr. Rathbone was "like a strong harbor," and he wasn't like the other men she knew. That was why he caught her attention. That was why she was desperately interetsed in discovering what Rosalie, the mysterious red-headed woman, meant to him.

Diana was to find it out at last -that and many other things she hadn't suspected, including the ways of true love.

Read this delightful love-story starting

Today In The Mail

Dandy Bakery Leases John Sears Building

Having leased the building belonging to the John Sears estate adjoining the Farmers State bank, Allen Mcxanding bonds due in the next few Gehee is preparing to move the Meryears could be taken up for less than kel Dandy Bakery to that location at

He will probably be ready to take Paul Methodist church. occupancy on the first of April.

A meeting of all boys interested in

Monday night of this week, when We have on our delinquent tax roll business men and local Scouts heard "Christ the Lord Is Risen," "All Hail ple who are able to pay their taxes large number of boys is expected at

some reason or other, have failed or and Rev. R. A. Walker, T. D. Riddle, dery, through its commander, Fred R. stress." refused to do so. We cannot let our and J. T. Darsey, Jr., an assistant Luhn, to have even increased numbers other tax payers carry that part of scoutmaster, will be present to advise this year. To this end they are ask-

> Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie, Thursday, March 17, 1932.

NEIGHBORING TOWN MERCHANTS 1/2 OFF FREE FACTORY COST BELOW

DOLLARS TO THE

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE PLANNED

Abilene Knights Templar Sponsor Program to be Held at Simmons Stadium.

In keeping with the custom, begun No. 27, Knights Templar, will again celebrate Easter with a sunrise serversity athletic stadium.

Music for the program will be under direction of E. H. Moore, with would be re-elected. accompaniment played by the Abilene high school band, under direction of Texas political history you had bet-R. T. Bynum.

by Dr. O. W. Bradley, pastor of St.

Hymns on the program will include tional institutions."

ing the whole-hearted cooperation of tial law just as soon as they learn the every man, woman and child within truth about the matter." driving distance. Last year two men drove seventy-five miles for the ser-

Arrangements for a comfortable building have been made, if the weather is such that it would be unpleasant to have the meeting in the open.

Census Shows Over

Carl Black is evidently doing a good job taking the school census. He has made a thorough house-to-house canvas to enumerate every child who will tember 1 and under eighteen on that date. Each one of these enumerated S. P. Miller of Dallas visited his by Merkel means that we shall resister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, this week. ceive \$17.50 from the state in the apportionment. Anyone knowing of any child within these ages who has not (the High School) and have the cen- play contest. sus taker call. This should be done regardless of where the child will be next fall.

Last year, when the census was taken, only 549 were found. Now Mr. increase of \$1050 from the state apportionment.

OVER TWO HUNDRED AT HIGH. now passed the two hundred mark. of the Merkel school that the enrollment in the High school has reached ces Marie Church, Ida Mae Derstine 200. The other time was in 1924, when and Albert Cade. the enrollment in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades totaled 214. The enrollment for this year has now reached 203. Last year the total enrollment in the High School was 163. This is

the same as this time last year.

RE-ELECTION OF STERLING SEEN

Fredericksburg Legislator Outlines Measures Governor Will Sponsor.

Austin, Mar. 24 .- Alfred Petsch of lature, came to town Monday and Monday to the highway comission. distributed to occupants of the press vice to be held next Sunday morning room a prepared statement stating candidate for re-election. He west even further and said the governor linger to San Angelo is unnecessary. as toastmaster.

"If you are interested in coming ter make your own plans according A brief sermon will be delivered to these certain facts," Petsch said.

He announced that Governor Sterling would "go before the people of Following the sounding of a Texas with a platform demanding reoffered by the Rev. W. C. Ashford, ities, with a plan to cut out duplica- of Arp Monday night. pastor of the South Side Baptist tions in the state government and re- While his employed father sought ted in each city.

Petsch said Sterling "hasn't been with the legislature and everybody lived a century, J. R. Badgett, 99, For the past two years the atten- else when considering the tremendous | Confederate veteran and retired fardance has been very satisfactory, but difficulties which beset every gover- mer, died Wednesday at his home in Sheppard and John D. Coates. Scoutmasters Herbert Patterson it is the hope of the Abilene comman- nor in these times of distrust and Mesquite, Dallas county.

> He aid "the Texas people will be enthusiastic about East Texas mar-

The Fredericksburg legislator said the people "will approve of Mr. Sterling's record of going into the office a rich man and after less than a twoyear service being as poor as any candidate in the governor's first race." Governor Sterling's formal announcement for re-election is expec-

200 in High School Representatives for County League Meet

ted this week.

Merkel's representatives to the Taylor county league meet to be held in Abilene on March 26 and April 1 and 2 were announced Wednesday, following completions in the try-outs for debate, spelling and declamation, Miss Lucy Tracy, in charge of dramatics, also announced the selection of the play, "Mansions," with which been enumerated should phone 174 Merkel will compete in the one-act

The following winners were announced: senior girls' declamation, Annie Lee Owens; senior boys' declamation, Van Roberts; junior girls declamation, Bettye Lou Grimes; Black has already enumerated 610. junior boys declamation, Robert This shows an increase of 60 pupils Grimes, Jr.; extempore speaking, or about 11 per cent. This means an Imogene Middleton, Jas. H. West, Jr. Debate-boys: Ross Ferrier, Jr. and Mardell Shouse; girls: Lucille Campbel and Duncan Briggs. Essay writ-The enrollment at High school has ing, Walderine Huskey and Meyer Mellinger. Senior spelling, Lucille

The cast of the one-act play: Fran-

Pastor King Improving. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, was in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene sevan increase of 40 pupils or about 25 eral days for treatment, returning early in the week. Friends will be Grammar school enrollment is about glad to learn that he is much improv-

WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Mary Ellen Terry Connally, 88, mother of Senator Tom Connally, Business Men Hear Addresses died Saturday afternoon at the home near Eddy where she had lived for 50

I. E. Nitschke of the Austin police department, with a high score of 94, won the gold medal in the February contests in the national police officer pistol shoot.

At the closing session of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association at El Paso Friday Fort Worth was elected as the 1933 con-

Tuesday, decided to meet next year be appointed at an early date. in Greenville.

the animal and its litter.

ings in Texas last year were 90 persons killed and 291 injured, L. A. two years ago, Abilene Commandery Fredericksburg, member of the legis- Gueringer, chief engineer, reported

The interstate commerce commission Monday reaffirmed its decision at 6:34 o'clock at the Simmons uni- that Governor Sterling would be a that the Abilene and Southern Railway's proposed extension from Bal-

> Yeggmen entered the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Houston sometime after Sunday night's services and cracked the safe to steal \$175 in cash, leaving behind checks worth severa! hundred dollars.

bugle, Knights Templar, in full uni- formation in the tax system with the with a flatiron, Mr. and Mrs. George each council having only one paid form will march, in the form of a purpose of shifting the burden from T. Brimberry, a thrifty German cou-This Friday Night cross, into the stadium, and will be the tax-oppressed to those who can ple, were found beaten to death at seven counties. Besides the scoutseated in a body. Invocation will be pay, with regulation of the public util- their log cabin three miles southeast master and three committeemen for

sibly do so, to take advantage of this Boy Scout work has been called for church. The Lord's Prayer will be duce expenditures, with reorganiza- work and his mother chatted with a saving. It is right and just that every Friday night at 7:30 at the Methodist repeated and Rev.W.M.Murrell, pre- tion of our educational system and neighbor, Benjamin F. Haygood, Jr., siding elder of the Abilene Methodist especially the top-heavy and unco- 4, of Dallas, was burned to death by At the get-together banquet held district, will lead in prayer. Bert E. ordinated arrangement of the course fire of undetermined origin that des-Low will give the scripture reading, and curriculum of our higher educa- troyed the small frame duplex house occupied by the family.

STEPS TAKEN TO REORGANIZE SCOUT TROOPS

By Hayden and Shumway in Outline of Plans; S. D. Gamble Named as Local Chairman.

Preliminary steps looking to the reorganization of the two Boy Scout troops in Merkel were taken Monday night at a meeting of business men at the Methodist church here. More than forty attended the session, which was held following a banquet served by ladies of the local churches.

Succeeding T. G. Bragg, who has The ninety-second annual conven- served four years as local chairman, tion of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fel- S. D. Gamble was elected to that lows, in session at Waco Monday and capacity and working committees will

Scouts and business men were unanimous in expressions of apprecia-John M. Green, farmer living six tion of the appetizing plate of veal miles north of Henderson, was injured loaf, potato salad, hot rolls, coffee seriously when an enraged sow attack- and pie, served by the volunteers from ed him as he was attempting to feed the ladies' organizations of the various churches, the personnel of this Casualties at highway grade cross- group including Mrs. Tom Largent, general chairman, Mesdames Duncan Briggs, C. H. Jones, Dee Grimes, Sam Swann, R. A. Burgess, Booth Warren and S. D. Gamble.

Thomas E. Hayden, former mayor of Abilene and chairman of the Chisholm Trail council, and Scout Executive Shumway were the principal speakers. Herbert Patterson presided

Area Executive Shumway in his brief remarks pictured the excellent training and wholesome recreation afforded by the Boy Scout movement. He explained that the United States was divided into 12 regions, of which the Chisholm Trail was in the ninth. Their skulls crushed by blows struck There are 57 councils in this area, executive. His territory includes each troop, a local chairman is selec-

the nomination of S. D. Gamble to this responsibility was confirmed.

After several demonstrations of first aid were given by Boy Scout members under the guidance of T. D. Riddle of the High School, Supt. Bur-Leaving four generations of descen- gess called the roll of some of the mater: Elvis Richardson, Sterling Sheppard, J. T. Darsey, Jr., Benny

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CHURCH.

Years ago an eminent economist had an idea.

Selecting one protestant denomination whose records had been kept carefully, he set down the number of new members added each year. Opposite this, in another column, he classified each year from an economic standpoint as prosperous or bad. The year 1865 was an inflation year; nineteen thousand peo-

ple joined this particular church. In 1866 came panic, and new members jumped to thirty thousand.

Then years of "good" times, but bad times for the church, until the panic of 1873, when up shot the membership, reaching a "new high" in 1877, when prosperity registered a "new low.

Panic in 1893 was followed by a church gain in 1894; the pinch of 1907 by a boost in membership in 1908. And so on. I fancy the same thing is happening today; at least our

church has been full recently. Last Sunday the pastor chose this unusual text: "And when David inquired of Jehovah (as to whether he

should attack the Philistines) Jehovah said: And it shall be when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then is Jehovah gone out before thee."

The preacher said that religion consists in being able to recognize the extraordinary in the ordinary things of life. Many people hear the wind in the trees, and say: "It is the

wind in the trees." Now and then comes one who says: "It is the footsteps of Jehovah." Many people see the turmoil of the present, and say: "It is confusion; it is anarchy; it is hopeless." But those who are

wiser say: "It is God remoulding His world into a new and better image. Let us bestir ourselves and go forward." The sermon lifted us. It was a clear prophetic voice announcing that the Power which made the world has not deserted it. is still working in it. It made us feel that we ought to lift our

eyes and be active, lest these great and far-reaching changes come to pass without our recognizing them. I advise all preachers these days to preach a positive faith. To put aside any sermons that criticize people or discourage

them, and preach confidence, and courage and hope.

Men need this now. If the church can provide it, the church will make great gains. Bad times have always been its best

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 22. 1912.)

HOTEL FOR MERKEL. That prospects for Merkel are old-fashioned "Flying-Jenney." growing better is demonstrated by the fact that a new and up-to-date on the property commonly known as the Stramer place, owned by J. A. makes it look much nicer. Collins and purchased by J. L. Hunt-

Misses Carrie and Maude Shannon of Stith are visiting relatives in Clyde this week.

W. I. Burton and Jinks Winters are in the Panther City this week meeting friends and attending the cattlemen's convention.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy and Hugh of Abilene were visitors in our little city Sunday. They made the trip in their car, coming up after Miss Margaret, who has been visit-

P. K. Cranford left Monday night share of the honor. for Fort Worth on business.

Everybody come to see Buster Brown and Tige in person, Friday, April 5, at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

fered a broken arm as result of office Saturday.

playing with her little friends at an

Ferrier Bros. have installed a new fountain in their confectionery estabfire-proof brick hotel is to be erected lishment which gives their place an effect of "You are Thirsty" and be six years old or over by next Sep-

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM. Leader-Robert Nesbit. Eph. 4:32-Frank Armstrong. Rom. 12:16-Howard Laney. Matt. 5:48-Roy Moore. James 1:22-Loring Hamblet. Gal. 6:7-Deverle Johnson. Ps. 31:25-Jim Lawliss. Matt. 24:44-Elbert Touchstone. Mark 5:36-Merle Burroughs. Rev. 2:10-Jack Ciements. Benediction-Charley Lofton.

Judge T. A. Bledsoe handed us a ing friends here during the past dollar for the cause and complimented us on the condition of the Merkel This is the second time in the history Campbell and Nell Hughes. country, the Mail coming in for its

> Miss Ola Pope was a visitor to Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Criswell were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Ruby, the 12 year old daughter of G. W. Wilson, the postmaster of per cent. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cauthern, suf- Inkum, was a business caller to our

New Postage Rates On Foreign Letters Effective April 1

Attention is called by Postmaster O. J. Adcock to the announcement that on and after April 1 the rate of postage on letters and post cards addressed for delivery in Argentina, requiring permits for transportation part in its enforcement. Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republica, poultry. Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Hondur-Paraguay, Peru, El Salvador, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela will be:

Letters for each ounce or fraction, 3 cents.

Post cards (single), 2 cents. Post cards (double), 4 cents.

In order to be dispatched, letters for the places named must be prepaid out a search warrant, require the drit cents, double 4 cents).

It is again announced that, effec- er. tive September 1, 1931, the postage rate on letters and post cards for Canada and Newfoundland were likewise increased the same as above.

that (effective September 1, 1931) | ment. the rates of postage on letters and post cards to Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State are: Letters, for the first ounce or frac

tion, 5 cents. Letters, for each additional ounce

or fraction, 3 cents. Post cards (single), 3 cents.

Post cards (double), 6 cents. It is noted that, on and after April 1, there will be no 2 cent letter rate and no 1 cent post card rate to any foreign country. The importance of prepaying postage in full is particularly stressed, since articles on which postage has not been prepaid represent postal revenue which should be collected by the office of mailing, and

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when dispatched are subject to special treatment which necessarily invol-

ves more or delay.

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Law Requires Permit

ts, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, requiring those hauling live stock to Texas. obtain owners' permit certificates in an effort to prevent the removal of tle diseases.

Phares said that state highway patrolmen or other officers can, with-

than \$200 for each head of live stock Attention is also called to the fact or poultry involved in the move-

The law has a dual purpose, in Office supplies-Mail office.

that it will prohibit the transporta- "Keep Kissable" Girl ton of stolen animals, or butchered Transport Live Stock portions thereof over the highways, a practice that is very prevalent Austin, March 24 .- L. G. Phares in many parts of the state. The law chief of the Texas Highway patrol, was originally sponsored by the announced Saturday that a campaign Texas Cattle Raisers association would be launched at once, with the and the West Texas Sheep and Goat assistance of the state livestock sani- Raisers association and these two tary commission, to enforce the law organizations will take an active

on the highways of live stock and A book of these certificates can duct, Miss Adlene Allen of Temple, be had by writing J. H. Walker, live Texas. The legislature enacted a statute stock sanitary commissioner, Weimar,

cattle from a quarantined district in- Ruffled Curtain Goods 7 cents Kissable" ads caused much favorable to areas not infested by ticks or cat- per yard-limit ten yards. Brown's Bargain Store.

CARD OF THANKS.

rest on you, each and every one.

R. F. Fields and Family.

Is a Texas Product

Temple, March 24.-The identity of the "Keep Kissable" girl has been revealed by the artist, Bradshaw Crandall, of New York, who executed some of the illstrations. Mr. Candall's model was a University of Texas pro-

Miss Allen is 19, and she had never posed for an advertising illustration, until she was persuaded to pose for At 2:30 Saturday afternoon Old Golds. Her likeness in the "Keep! comment and Miss Allen received numerous girl-show stage offers. She is studying for the dramatic stage, however, and turned a deaf ear to of-For their many acts of kindness. fers from the musical comedy proone full rate (3 cents), and post ver of any vehicle moving live stock for the aid so freely given and for ducers. Miss Allen's hopes run along pards must be prepair in full (single or poultry to produce a permit for the loving sympathy extended, we more serious lines, and her ambition the transportation signed by the own- wish to extend our heartfelt thanks is to portray some of the great femito all our neighbors and friends, who ine roles of the American stage. Her Failure to possess such a permit assisted us in any way during the ill- work is said to show great promise subjects the driver of the vehicle to ness and death of our dear wife and due to her natural talent, combined a fine of not less than \$25 nor more mother. May God's richest blessings with great personal charm of which the public has already had a sample. The advertisements for which Miss Allen posed were published in leading newspapers from coast to coast.



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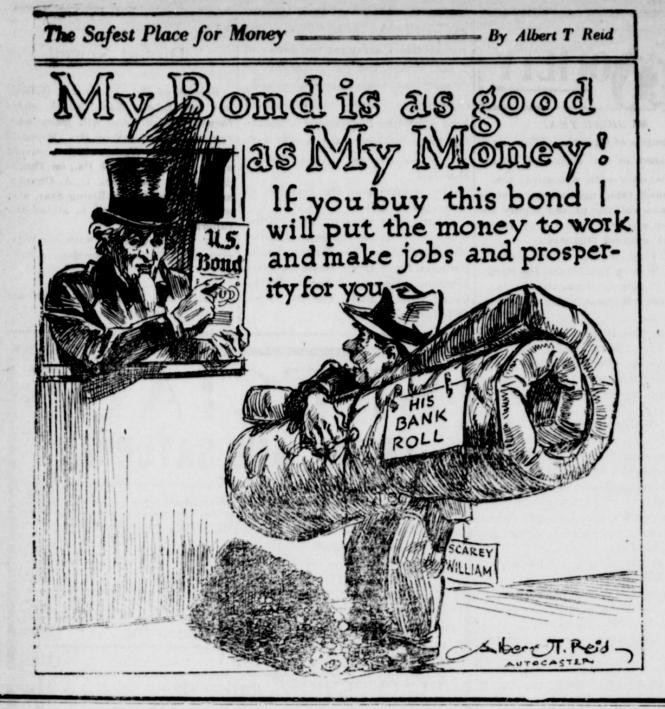
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MAN MADE THE TOW 64 RUBY M. AYRES

FIRST INSTALLMENT. It was intensely hot.

In the big, somberly furnished con- another woman's husband. sulting room, its blinds drawn closely against the midday sun which poured herself, entered the "top man's" condown on Harley Street, there seemed sulting room. chardly a breath of air.

A girl sitting at the table, idly turnpushed her chair back with sudden ed.

"How much longer is he going to keep us waiting, I wonder? It's disgraceful, asking anyone to wait in a lethal chamber like this."

The large overdressed woman in the armchair on the other side of the room roused herself with a sigh of regret from a doze which the heat and too large and too late a breakfast had brought upon her.

"I'm sure it's a very nice room," she said vaguely.

"Nice!" The girl flashed her a contemptuous look. "Any place is nice the light fell full on her face. to you as long as you can sleep in it," she said rudely.

The large woman sighed again; her queer, frightened manner. only protest against life was a sigh, and she had long since grown accustomed to her niece's disrespect.

"The furniture must be most valable," she said again in the same vague way.

with a frown.

"Furniture which fools like us have paid for," she said irritably. "I don't me."

ly a hundred and twenty-five," she any adequate reason for it, unless-" she paused, and a faintly malicious looked at her so searchingly. smile lit her sleepy eyes-"unless you're in love again," she added.

The girl turned another page of gry little flick.

Diana's further answer was checked by the opening of the door and the

appearance of a maid. "If you please come this way,

Bodily weakness, mental unhappiness, and a never ending fear that she was about to lose the only thing she herself dully:

had ever really wanted in life.

world which Diana really desired was thing?"

Diana, a little nervous in spite of

He was big and rather clumsy look-

ing, with grave steady eyes and a ing the pages of an illustrated paper, mouth that looked as if it rarely smil-

and make-up, right down through her artificiality to the trembling weakness of her.

an ordinary greeting would be wasted her life, while she

"Won't you sit down?"

Diang obeyed, her hands clasped in . "Lie still. You'll be all right in a her lap, and her heart beating in a moment. Just drink this. No, lie still

He seemed to realize this, for he She was glad enough to obey. She

child with a cut thumb. She gave a little high-pitched laugh. But the potent drink this man gave

know why we're here at all. There's a humbug coming here at all, but my fresh life and energy into her body, and secure. A little sigh escaped her nothing in the world the matter with aunt insisted. I've got rather thin, you and presently she opened her eyes and see-but then. I was always thin. It's smiled. Mrs. Gladwyn began fanning her the hot weather, I think, and I don't He ignored that. plump flushed face with a daily paper sleep very well. London's always which had been lying disregarded on rather trying at this time of the "Yes. Quite well, thank you. It me again, later on . . " he said, and "Six months ago you weighed near- go away, but this summer-"

She broke off, feeling suddenly very said witout much interest. "Today you young and foolish and hating herself she said. weigh-ninety-eight, is it? At any for it. It seemed so long since she rate, you have only to look at yourself had felt either young and foolish, and in the glass to see that you're wasting because the experience was strange away to a complete shadow without she also hated this grav-faced man then, seeing that she had raised herwho was responsible for it and who self and was half sitting, half lean-

After a moment she rattled on. "I thought if you could give me a tonic I fainted last night-not the magazine before her with an an- that that's anything, is it? But my asked abruptly. aunt was nervous." The little high-

"I don't believe in love," she said pitched laugh came again. "As if fainting is anything important." He spoke then.

"It depends entirely on the cause of the faint. Will you take off your

She obeyed, holding it on her lap, you-and at oncei? and for a moment there was silence. In Diana's mind she was saying to

It was these things that had kept wish he would tell me what he is a week's time I will see you again. her obstinately in London when every. thinking of me. Why doesn't he tell First of all, you will go away into the Brown's Bargain Store. one else was away at the sea, or on me? I hate being looked at like that- country." the moors, or down in the country. as if he were driving gimlets right Her eyes dilated, and her hands

At twenty-two the only thing in the through me. Why doesn't he say some

He said something then. "How old are you?"

"Twenty-two."

His eyes said plainly, "Is that all?" and Diana blanched.

Her glass had told her often enough is Rathbone." that she looked worn and ill and older It did not smile now, but his eyes than the hated Linda, who could not man;" how annoyed Aunt Florence seemed to pierece through all the be more than twenty-six, seeing that bravery of her carefully reddened lips Aunt Florence had been present at her christening.

Diana said nothing-she felt as if and care-free and had always enjoyed frigtening her; it had been most un-

on this man. She just stood and Suddenly the room began to grow looked at him with an unconscious ap- dark and to swim about her, and peal in her eyes, till he said quietly: though she clenched her teeth and pressed her feet hard upon the floor He indicated a chair close to his she could not control it or herself, and own and facing the window, so that then for a little while everything was

and keep your eyes shut."

felt as weak as if she had just strug-"Don't be frightened. I am not go- gled through a long illness, weaker than she had felt last night when she She flushed scarlet through all her fainted so suddenly in the middle of pallor, and her eyes grew angry, a crowded ballroom. Even the at-The girl glanced round the room Speaking to her as if she were a silly tempt to raise her head left her so exhausted that she felt almost dead.

"I'm not really ill. I feel rather her was wonderful—it semed to open tion; a strong, kind hand—capable in new location, next door to McDon-

"Better?" he asked.

year, don't you think? We generally was silly. I'm sorry. It must have been the heat." She tried to laugh. friend. "Your consulting room was very hot,"

> "That was brandy, I suppose." "No."

He kept away from her a moment, ing against the cushions of the couch where he had placed her, he came back that lineand looked down at her steadily.

"Do you like plain speaking?" he

She raised her eyes, very blue against the pallor of her face. "Why, of course."

"Very well, then I am going to tell you that you are very ill, very ill indeed, and that if you wish to get better you must do exactly what I tell

"Yes. Yes, of course." "Well-for the present I am not going to worry you with anything but "I wonder what he is thinking. I just the simplest prescription, and in Ruffled Curtain Goods 7 cents

gripped the cushions on either side of

"The country?-when?"

"At once. Tomorrow-if possible today, and when I say country I mean the very heart of the country-a cottage on Dartmoor or in the Surrey hills, where there are no theatres or night clubs or picture houses. You will go to bed early-seven o'clockand you will stay in bed till lunchtime every day till I see you again. You will be allowed no visitors-except your aunt, of course-and you are to do nothing except read and sleep. You will not write letters or receive any-and you will sleep with your windows wide open. You will have the very simplest food and no alcohol at all except what I order. As I said before, if you carry out my instructions you will get well again, but if not-" He broke off, for Diana had risen shakily to her feet.

"I can't do that. I can't go away from London yet-not just yet. I will later on-perhaps next month. I promise. Can't you give me some medicine just to go on with? I promise to take it regularly."

"It's not medicine you want. It's rest and sleep and quiet. Why can't you leave London? Surely it's not such an attractive place in this scorching heat? I only wish I were free to leave it. I do for every moment I can snatch. It's a poisonous place this weather, and to anyone in your nervous state-"

"I hate the country."

"You hate the country?" He moved suddenly, laying a hand

on her shoulder. "Be a sensible child," he said genty. "Do as I tell you. Go right away for three months, and you'll come

life and laugh again." She raised passionate eyes to his

back a different being, able to enjoy

"i'd rather die," she said, and he

answered, suddenly grave: "You may even do that if you refuse to take my advice."

Diana picked up her hat, which had fallen to the floor, and began to put it on, by force of habit hunting in her handbag first for a little mirror and the inevitable lipstick.

"It's very kind of you, Dr. Selfe," she began with a return of her artificial air-the lipstick was giving her back her poise. "But-"

He interrupted bluntly.

"I am not Dr. Selfe. I thought the ceretary had made that plain to you. Dr. Selfe is away ill-I am taking his place for the time being. My name

"Oh!" So this was not the "top would be, and yet Diana herself was conscious of relief. If he was not the "top man" it would account for the nonsense he had talked, of the way But Linda was happy and healthy in which he had almost succeeded in professional when one came to think of it. She looked at him with differ-

> A big clumsy man, not a bit the orthodox Harley Street specialist; even his hair was rough, as if he had forgotten to brush it . . . she looked away from him quickly, meeting once

again his piercing regard. The country! Ugh! Spiders and other nasty crawling things, and no

hot water or soft beds. She drew on a glove.

Rathbone said, "I hope very earnestly, Miss Gladwyn, that you will

-she had never known what it was to feel really secure, life had always been such a hectic scramble.

"If you would care to come and see his voice was kind-the voice of a

ness, "But I can't go to the country. .. I hate it, and surely it cannot be good to do a thing one hates very

"It's not possible to hate a thing you've never tried," this strange man said quietly, and then, "Do you know

" 'God made the country, and man

made the town'?"

In the car Mrs. Gladwyn woke up

He released her hand. "Well, that's just the difference,"

sufficiently to ask questions. (Continued Next Week.) See Homer C. Foster, Wholesale Gas and Oil Dealer. Phone The best of work at LOWER

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A HARBINGER OF PROSPERITY.

When a fixed cause fails to produce a fixed effect, according to the rules of the game, the exception is sometimes founded upon some other condition, which in itself has more than passing significance. Such is the case with two recent instances of depress ing news, which failed to depress the financial centers.

Logically, and basing his conclu sions on past history, Theodore Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, fore sees business encouragement from the developments during the past week in the stock market and in banking

A few paragraphs from his letter in a recent issue of the Dallas New are quoted for the benefit of reader of The Mail:

"During the war and since muc has been heard of the psychological factor in business. As a result man expected that the suicide of Ivar Kreuger, the European match king, and that of George Eastman, the Am erican philanthropist and kodak king, might have a sensationally depressing influence upon the stock market and industry in general.

"Very much to the surprise of many this assumption appears to have been a mistaken one, and the effect upor the markets has been a distinct disappointment to the pessimists who are now almost as numerous and vociferous as were the bulls at this time about three years ago.

"The financial situation throughout the country seems to be better. The epidemic of bank failures seems to be at an end, as only eight institu-Bradstreet's as suspending payments, erybody is invited. and several of the banks which had previously closed their doors were re-

last week should be encouraging to the routine of things and made to Monroe Wozencraft. business and finance because develop- stop and think of other things. Such "The Survival League of America," ments that were generally regarded as was the case on last Sunday. When Gordon Murray. sensationally depressing failed of ef- we found that serrow and death had "Waking," James West. fect. In the past this condition has generally been a harbinger of pros- we were made to wonder who will be perity, and the present seems to be a next. case in which there is every reason There were but a few present last All old members are urged to be why history should repeat itself."

McADOO FAVORS GARNER.

Unequivocal support of John N. Garner for president was expressed Saturday by William Gibbs McAdoo. former secretary of the treasury, at | a press conference soon after his aragricultural conditions.

"I strongly favor Garner as the Democrat's choice for 1932," said Mc-Adoo. "He is a man of brains, courage and integrity, which are badly needed to conduct the affairs of this SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Boy Scouts

(Continued From Page One) A masterful presentation of Boy day's mark of 691. Scoutism in all its ramnifications was given by Council Chairman Hayden in the last address of the evening. It was not until he accepted the chairmanthat he realized the bigness of the work: the effort to train the boy in citizenship and unselfishness; to teach him, as a true American, to absorb the ideals of Boy Scoutism; to equip him on the practical side with the training of first aid, and finally to instill in the boy that spirit of friendship and manhood so characteristic of every American. "Every boy of Boy Scout age should be in a Boy Scout troop," he concluded.

As a striking finale, every man joined with the Scouts in repeating impressive Boy Scout oath.

ZEVEN MONTHS OFFER. Fer a limited time, The Mail is of the Bible class. fering a clubbing rate with the Semi- | Come next Sunday. Sunday School for seven months for \$1.00. (Just S. 7 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Praythink 30 issues of The Mail and 60 er meeting Thursday 7 p. m. Welcome issues of the Semi-Weekly Farm to all. News, total 90 copies, for only \$1.00.) If you are already a subscriber to The Mail, your subscription will be moved up seven months, if you

Galveston Has Airport. Galveston, March 24.-Galveston joined the ranks of American cities ing with the season. with municipal airports when the new

accept this offer.

Baptist Revival to Start Next Sunday

How fitting and becoming to begin reviva! just at this season? Plant

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all Christians are invited to cooperate in winning the lost to Christ.

A cordial welcome to attend these meetings is extended to all.

J. T. Kng, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. The Epworth League of the Methodist church will present a program ton Shannon. tions were last week reported by for us at 6:30 Sunday evening. Ev-

"Summarizing, it may be said that way that we are drawn away from "No Resurrection, a Miracle,"

Sunday but from that meeting came present at next Sunday's meeting. tion with our lesson. So let us strive probably get under way by Sunday. to be there next Sunday and make it We have some news to tell you about a wonderful day. There will be a spec- our district also. Do not forget the from the eighth chapter of Romans 29 and 30 and May 1. We certainly will be read by S. M. Hunter and want to bring back that banner for rival in Houston for an address on commented on by Charlie Jones. A our Endeavor. special talk by Ted McGenee will fol- Last Friday evening at 7:30 at

this a good service.

-Reporter.

Nearly 800 were reported in atten-Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the Sunday at Abilene were Jack West exact figure being 784, nearly a and Jim Patterson. hundred more than the previous Sun-

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

week are as follows: Lord's Day Bi- at 8 p. m. he will tell why he turned ship of Chisholm Trail area, he said, ble study 9:45 a. m., communion ser- from the Catholic faith unto the Bapvice 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples tist faith. Services each night at 7:30. program 6:30 p. m., ladies Bible study Four more people followed the Lord 3:00 p. m. Tuesday and prayer ser- in baptism Sunday. vice and Bible study 7:45 p. m. Wed- We had 84 in Bible School Sunday.

services at any time you can. You will building of a tabernacle in the future, have a welcome.

Respectfully, The Elders.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

after Scout Executive Shumway the present: Grandmother Wiman and religion. Dr. Hendricks and wife. You missed a great blessing when you did not get to hear Dr. Hendricks as he taught

Weekly Form News, both publications at 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES. Our Sunday School authorities have plans under way to secure a record crowd at the Sunday services. The program has been arranged in keep-

The Easter pageant for Sunday Sunday night, Mayor W. M. Elliott municipal aviation field, equipped at evening will be an attractive feature spoke of the subject, "Organization." a cost of \$25,000, was placed in oper- of the day. The lighted cross to il- He was accompanied to Zion Chapel lustrate songs, the special music and by Mrs. Elliott.

readings between act with other features make the pageant a delightful Easter service.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

The league has planned to pay the life is renewed and may this "Spirit- B. Y. P. U. a visit Sunday, March ual Revival" be the means by which 27. We are indeed happy to accept untold numbers shall be saved, and their invitation and we have a prothe saved shall be turned to greater gram on "Friendanip," which we are going to give. We feel that this pro-Rev. Ross A. Smith of Breckenridge gram will bring un closer together will do the preaching and he is truly and enable us to work better for our Divis ideal, Christ. The program is as fol-

Subject: Friendship.

Scripture, "The Golden Rule,"

How to Make Friends," Marie

"Are You the Kind of Friend to Others as You Like for Them to be

o You?" Paul Collins. "How to Keep Friends," Leo Tuck-

Solo, Lola Shelton. Luke 10:30-42, or "Story of Good Samaritan." leader.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance better last Sunday. You should be present on Easter for the good you may do and receive. A special program suitable for the day is being aranged for the Sunday School hour.

There will not be a preaching service Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. Subject, "What Is the Meaning of Easter?"

Song. Prayer.

Song.

Leader's talk, C. H. Jones. "Calvin Coolidge on Eternity," Mil-

"Bible Beliefs in the Hereafter,"

"If I Should Fail," Duncan Briggs. "The Blessed Hope," Mrs. C. H.

Benediction

ome wonderful thoughts in connec- The contest that has been planned will al song service. The scripture lesson district convention at Albany April

low. Come and do your bit to make the Presbyterian church the Christian Endeavors had a social. There were forty present, including Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Gordon Weir and Hansal Granger from Abilene.

Those attending the council meeting

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Radio Jack" is with us now in Services for the church during the evangelistic rervices. Next Sunday

Judging by the large crowd Sunday Come be with us at any of these night, someone has predicted the and plans are being made and a committee is at work to get a Jesirable

Everybody welcome to our services Last Sunday was a good day. -no formality-no "pay or stay at Three of our elderly members were home" programs. Just the old time

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Subject: "Christ our Example." Scripture: Romans 15:3-22. Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketchum. Time, Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock.

Verses-3-4, May Reynolds; 5-6 Leonard Gay; 7-8, John Reagh; 9-10, Irene Salter; 11-12, Thomas Gay; 13-14, Louis Ketchum; 15-16. Alice Gay; 17-18, Mrs. Griffin; 19-20, May Salter; 21-22, Della Miller.

On Program at Zion Chapel.

As one of the speakers on a laymen's program at Zion chapel last



MUSICAL TEA.

The pupils of Christine Collins were entertained in her studio on Saturday afternoon with a musical tea.

A round table discussion on voice and piano culture proved highly instructive and was followed by a program of musical numbers:

"The First Waltz." Eloise Manscil "The Wooden Soldier and the Painted Doll," sung by Joyce Jones. "Nursery Rhymes," played by Ann

"When the Band Plays Down in and "Meal-time at the Zoo, played by Ore Derrick.

"Minuet" (Mozart), Norman King. "A Rose in My Garden," Mamie Walker.

"The Old Road," sung by Eloise Manseil.

"Little Star" and "La Paloma," ung in Spanish by Vernie Derrick. "Country Gardens," played by Mrs.

"Sparklets," played by Joyce Jones. "Mistress Margarita," sung by

Mary Eula Sears. "Hungarian Rhapsody," played by Vernie Derrick.

"Where My Caravan has Rested," ung by Edith Baker.

"Sing On," Mrs. Patterson. "The Lilac Tree," sung by Ann Lee

Delicious fruit whip and angel food cake were served by the hostess.

J. U. G. CLUB.

Interest centered in an Easter egg hunt when Miss Betty Jane Diltz entertained her club, the J. U. G.'s, on Friday afternoon of last week. Following indoor games, the guests entered competition as to who could find the most Easter eggs in the spacious yard of the Diltz home. Later refreshments of cream cones and cakes were served to two honor guests, Miriam Diltz and Dorna Lee Shelton, and to club members.

DELAYED SOCIETY.

The fifteenth birthday of Miss Mary Olive Simpson was celebrated with a lovely party on Friday evening of last week in the home of Mrs.

A color scheme of pink and white

was carried out in party accessories | Mrs. Delmer's Father and at tables arranged for games of flinch, bridge and "42". Games of "Travel" and other stunt games proved enjoyable until the refreshment hour when the honoree cut a beautiful white birthday cake topped with 15 pink candles and served with hot hocolate.

The honoree was the recipient of many pretty gifts.

Guests were Misses Mary Olive Simpson, Duncan Briggs, Claribel Mansfield, Anne Lee Owens, Loessa Simpson, Joyce Jones, Jessie La Verne Simpson, Messrs. Johnnie Jacobs, Oscar Adcock, Bud Toombs, Felix and Marshall Stalls.

Dies at Newell. Pa.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer and Edwin Wade, all of whom formerly lived here, will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Delmer's father, E. F. Wade, which occurred at his home in Newell, Pa., on Thursday of last week. Mrs. L. A. Chaney, another daughter, of Rising Star, also well known here, went to attend the funeral.

Mr. Wade, together with his wife, visited the Delmers here about a year

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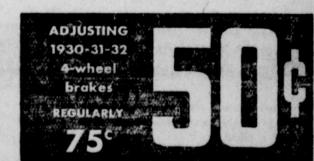
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For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.) For County Treasurer:

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LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE The State of Texas, County of

Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virthe of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, on the 3rd day of March, 1932, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 42nd District Court, for the sum of Nine Hundred Forty-Three and 69 100 (\$943.69) Dollars and costs of suit, under a ing to announcement Monday from the Judgment, in favor of Farmers and office of the registrar. Merchants National Bank of Abilene, Texas, a Corp., in a certain cause in said Court. No. 8873-A and styled Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene, Texas, a Corporation, 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 from pernicious anemia. He was 71 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 the official ballot as a candidate for Estate at public vendue, for cash, congressman-at-large, without referto the highest bidder, as the property ence to grouping, the supreme court of said N. G. Whitley and Mrs. N. G.

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.

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 lor County, Texas, did, on the 5th in Rose Hill cemetery. the property of Harry Hines, and that where she had joined. on the first Tuesday in April, 1932,

bidder, as the property of said Harry Hines. 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 Tay-

public vendue, for cash, to the highest

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

lor County.

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

Ft. Worth Livestock

was lower on steers and yearlings.

around 15 lower, yearlings 25 lower; cemetery. other cattle unchanged; slaughter

Cattle Shipments.

J. A. Riley, Drew, Miss.

On Honor Roll at Tarleton. Stephenville, March 24.-Ethel Hamilton of Merkel was one of fortytwo students on the first preliminary honor roll, second semester, at John Tarleton Agriculture college, accord-

M-K-T Shops to Reopen.

Waco, March 24 .- The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad shops here Christ, conducted by Brother J. G. reopened Monday for a 10-day period, Malphurs, Church of Christ minister providing work for 245 men. Payroll at Clyde and former minister here. for the period will amount to about Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. \$10,900. The shops were closed early in December.

Oldest Retired Officer.

John W. Bean, who is in his one hund- county and moving from there to Tayredth year, claims to be the oldest re- lor county 27 years ago. For the past tired U. S. army officer. He is com- 17 years they have resided in Merkel. mander of the local G. A. R. post. In Mr. Anderson was a carpenter by the Civil war he was wounded thrice. trade and followed this occupation un-

Chauncey Olcott Dies.

Monte Carlo, March 24.-Chauncey Olcott, famous ballad singer, who introduced the song "Mother Machree," died here early Friday, March 18, years old.

Overruling a motion by Mrs. Ida M. Darden of Fort Worth seeking mandamus to compel the state executive committee to place her name on has upheld the action of the democratic executive committee requiring candidates to divide into three groups.

The United States purchased Florida from Spain in 1819 for \$5,000,000.

Arable land in Scotland this year is the smallest recorded since 1866.

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Obituary

Funeral services were held at 4 Citizens Saving and Loan Association, o'clock Sunday afternoon from the a Corporation, in a certain cause in family residence for Mrs. R. P. Fields, said Court, No. 90149 and styled The age 52, who passed away at 8:30 Citizens Saving and Loan Associa- Saturday night after an illness of For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: tion, a Corporation, vs. J. R. Edson nearly three months. Rev. E. L. Yeats, E USTON ROBERTSON, (Re- el al, placed in my hands for service, pastor of the Methodist church, con-I, Bur! Wheeler, as Sheriff of Tay- ducted the services and interment was

> Real Estate, situated in Taylor Coun- on Jan. 16, 1880. She and her husty, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: band had lived here about 15 years, Twenty-Six (26), of College Heights ty. Mrs. Fields was a member of the contract. Addition to the City of Abilene, Tay- Methodist church, but her letter had lor County, Texas; and levied upon as remained with the church at Putnam Ladies Receive Cuts

She had lived a true Christian life, the same being the 5th day of said proving a most loyal and helpful wife month, at the Court House door, of and devoted mother. She leaves one Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, daughter, Miss Nadine Ashcraft, 18 Texas, between the hours of 10 A. years of age, and three sisters, one in M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said California, one at Big Lake, Texas, levy and said Order of Sale I will sell and the other at Cavitt, Ark., besides said above described Real Estate at her husband, to mourn her loss.

Minnie Ola Buzbee.

Minnie Ola Buzbee was born July 24, 1899, at Rising Star, Eastland county, Texas, and departed this life Friday, March 18, 1932, age 32 years 7 months, 23 days. She was the youngest of 12 children born to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. H. Buzbee, the mother and two children having preceded her to the Glory world.

Minnie was converted when just a child 12 or 13 years of age and later joined the Church of Nazarene, of which she remained a member until her death.

classes of slaughter cattle and calves Methodist church, with Miss Leona sold to a slow demand and bidding Forbes, Nazarene minister of Buffalo Gap, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. Wednesday's receipts, 2,000; 400 L. Yeats, Methodist pastor. Interment calves; slaughter steers weak to was in the family lot at Rose Hill

Pal! bearers were: Jake Massey, steers 4.35-6.00; top well-finished Frank Golladay, S. M. Hunter, Eli yearlings 6.50; some 5.00-5.50; fat Case, F. E. Church and Dee Grimes. cows 3.25; butcher grades 2.50-2.75; Her father and nine brothers and bulls practically lacking; good stock sisters are left to mourn her removal heifers coming twos, 5.00; desirable to that better land above. Two brothstock steer yearlings 5.15 and well- ers, J. W. Buzbee of Pampa and E. bred stock steer calves to 5.50; slaugh. T. Buzbee of Gladewater, and one sister calves steady; better heavies 4.75- ter, Mrs. Mattie Montgomery of California, were unable to come for the funeral. The other brothers and sisters present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Three cars of cattle, bought for H. Buzbee of Pampa; Mrs. S. W. Holiday and Hampton, Allensworth, Woodruff and family of Rising Star; Calif., were shipped out of here Sun- Mack Buzbee and family, Merkel; day night; also a car of mules was Mrs. B. C. Berry and family, Stith; loaded the same night for delivery to H. Buzbee, Happy, and Mrs. J. W.

James A. Williams.

On June 2nd of this year, James wife, twelve children, 50 grandchild- beautiful flowers. ren'and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 from the Church of

Mr. Anderson was born in Marion county, Ark., and was married August 31, 1884, to Miss Arka D. Baker in Searcy county, Ark. They moved Attleboro, Mass., March 24.-Maj. to Texas 39 years ago, settling in Bell til his health gave away. He had been in ill health for the past year, taking to his bed two weeks before death claimed him.

> Besides his wife and two brothers, residing in Arkansas, the following 12 children survive: Mrs. Mary Dial, Tulare, Calif.; Mrs. Noma Callahan, Lamesa; Mrs. Myrtle Derrington, Merkel; John Williams, Tulare, Calif.; Willie Williams, Trent; Frank Williams, Merkel; Walter Williams, Post; Orval Williams, Tulare, Calif.; Roy Williams, Trent; Everett Williams, Tulare, Calif.; Otis Williams, Cutler, Calif., and Olan Williams, Merkel. All of the children were present for the funeral except the daughter and four sons from California.

> Cotton Yield is 16,595,780. Washington, March 24.-The 1931 cotton crop amounted to 16,595,780 running bales, or 17,060,772 equivalant 500-pound bales, the census bureau, reported Monday in announcing the final ginning figures for the sea-

SEVEN MONTHS OFFER. For a limited time, The Mail is of-

fering a clubbing rate with the Semi-Weekly Farm News, both publications for seven months for \$1.00. (Just think 30 issues of The Mail and 60 issues of the Semi-Weekly Farm News, total 90 copies, for only \$1.00.) If you are already a subscriber to The Mail, your subscription will be moved up seven months, if you

Expects to Compete Building This Week

It is probably that construction work of the new brick building to house the postoffice will be completed by Saturday night, it was stated to a representative of The Mail Thursday morning by O. S. Tolle, contrac-

It will only remain to install the day of March, 1932, levy on certain Mrs. Fields was born in California boxes, desks, carriers' stands and general fixtures, which have been for school and checked on other features sometime in storage here, ready for of the state public school course, All of Lot No. Nine (9), Block __o. coming to Merkel from Callahan coun- the completion of the construction stating in her summary that "Some

When Car Overturns

As Mrs. Talley, a former resident of Merkel, accompanied by Mrs. Bradshaw and two small children, were returning to their homes in Hamlin Wednesday afternoon, the Chevrolet coupe in which they were riding turned completely over about two miles this side of Noodle, inflicting deep cuts on the heads of the two ladies. The children escaped unhurt.

All of the occupants of the car were brought to Merkel for a physician's

Methodist Quartette Sings.

Special music for the funeral services held at Big Spring Friday of last week for the late J. M. Johnson was rendered by the Merkel Methodist quartette, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mack Buzbee and Miss Mary Pence, with Mrs. Orion Tittle as accompanist. Rev. E. L. Yeats and the Big Spring pastor conducted the Funeral services were held at 4 services. Mrs. Ernest Higgins was Fort Worth, Texas, March 24 .- All o'clock Monday afternoon from the another from Merkel who went for

Music Entertainment.

Miss Azilene Sumpter entertained the young folks with a musical on Thursday evening of last week, the program including instrumental numbers on violin, guitar, mandolin. banjo, piano and harp. Those who enjoyed the delightful occasion and assisted in the musical renditions were: Misses Mae, Etta and Nell Pruitt, Lillie Dee Foster, Lottie McCoy, Ruby Grace Jones, Ruth Jenkins, Mattie Nixon, Floy Wells, Quinlan Vick, Edna Marshall, Reba Martin, Eula Sumpter and the hostess; Messrs. T. B. Hobbs, Robert Sumpter, Lindle and Rex Martin, B. L. Pruitt, Cecil Peterson, Ralph Hays, Ira Marshall, et Clark, W. S. Sumpter and W. R.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means to thank our many friends for the kindness shown of our daughter and sister, Minnie; especially do we wish to thank, and Anderson Williams, who died Sunday ask God's richest blessing on our morning at 8 o'clock, would have been dear friends who contributed and ser-72 years old. He is survived by his ved our lunch and those who sent the

S. W. H. Buzbee and Children.

Supervisor Praises Prevention Work

Following a visit to the schools here, Miss Olga Juniger, supervisor of educational work for the Texas fire insurance department at Austin, retaught quite effectively in Merkel.

both the grammar school and the high excellent work is being done."

Rabbit Drive Billed Tuesday at Noodle

Tuesday, March 29, is the date for a big rabbit drive in the Noodle community. All those desiring to participate are invited to meet at the Horn school house four miles north of Noodle between 8:30 and 9 o'clock that

served at Hatfield. A bounteous sup- rived Wednesday afternoon, and Mr. ply of barbecued beef, cakes and pies and Mrs. Hamm, accompanied by Miss and all things good to eat will be pro- Mildred and Ted, plan to leave Friday

Say, did you know that while in Faramount Theatre.

Ruffled Curtain Goods 7 cents per yard-limit ten yards. Brown's Bargain Store.

Makes Good Showing In Exhibition Game

In an exhibition game played last Saturday between the Regulars and Yannigans of the Fort Worth Texas league team, Tannie Jones, Trent boy, ported that fire prevention is being who starred last summer in the pitcher's box for Merkel, winning several Miss Juniger viewed fire drills at games for the local aggregation, worked three innings, allowing only one run and holding his opponents to only one hit during that time.

He is numbered among those still retained on the list of tryouts for the Cowtown leaguers, several having already been given their pink lips, and sports writers in Fort Worth have taken occasion to give him several good notices.

New Arrival.

The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, have received news of the arrival of a seven-pound girl to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy At noon a barbecue dinner will be Darsey at Austin. The young lady arto pay her a visit.

In sustaining a motion to quash an Abilene you can ride anywhere in the indictment against Judge T. B. Ridcity for 10 cents per passenger. City gell, who it was alleged "aided" and Service Taxi. Phone 5221. Opposite "counseled" another person to burn a building in Breckenridge, District Judge Chapman ruled that senate bill At 2:30 Saturday afternoon No. 159, dealing with "attempts to commit arson," was unconstitutional.

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Rural Community Correspondence

PERSONALS

Mrs. Ted Barnhill and baby THINGS TO NOTICE. daughter of Baird and Mrs. Selma Thursday in Se home of Mr. and stead of a Williams. Mrs. Charles Hutcheson.

Mrs. C. T. Bowers and daughter, Rev. Mr. Ledger of Moran visited Wednesday in the J. E. Bowers home.

Rev. Mr. Ledger of Moran viisted! old friends here on Wednesday of last week and attended the protracted ring. meeting. He was pastor here at one

Mrs. Frank Allen had as her guest part of last week her aunt, Mrs. Vickers of Eskota.

Mrs. Bess Billings was the weekend guest of home folks in Abilene.

Miss Cora Scott of Abilene spent Spurgeon.

Mrs. J. B. Winn returned Monday from a few days visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, of Earth.

day party of his little cousin, Cecil, ing. Jr., Rutherford, in Abilene last Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Reaves, the primary teacher, and son, Glen, were Abilene visitors

children, faccompanied by Mr. and morning for South Texas to be gone kel, visited in the homes of W. N. Mrs. Truman Kent of Farwell, visit- several days Forrester, the Kent family visiting night and Sunday.

left Tuesday to join her husband who his regular appointment Sunday. is playing ball at Fort Worth.

trip in South Texas and Old Mexiday.

Allen Terry, who is attending to Anson for the meet Saturday.

daughter, Betty Lou, who have been Mrs. G. M. Lawlis, Mr. and Mrs. J. The Goodman Junior baseball playliving in Abilene for sometime, have D. Green and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. ers motored over to Anson Friday moved back to Trent. Their friends Lawlis. are welcoming them back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds had as their week-end guests Misses Smith

making his home with his aunt, Mrs. inc. Rose Edwards, is reported as being Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and Mr. Cunningham entertained the

Rev. George W. Parks of Roscoe will this home Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene was Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perthe guest Tuesday of her parents, Mr. ry and family. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

High School News.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR OUTING. would have been a rightful melody burn Tuesday night.

Friday night for a majority of the Juniors and Seniors. They went to the Adrian ranch over at the moun- paper. There's a message in every one

mew mountain road a very appetizing a lot of hunting and asking questions, waiting for the ending day. We are Well, White Flat, what are you supper was served in picnic style, and you also know the merchants ap- very proud that we can be called waiting on? We enjoyed your bit of Ice cream was served later in the ev. preciate your patranage because they Seniors of G. H. S. We hope to do news, come again.

Those enjoying this elaborate pic- ial offerings of their goods. nie were: Ross B. Jenkins, Senior sponsor, Mary Shepherd, Junior spon-Jewell Gabbert, John Hamner, Sara 101. Julia Johnson, Johnny Terry, Gladys

TRENT NEWS AND Rogers, Sally Freeman, Bob and Sunflowers Offer Charley Howell and Fanny Bell Ves-

Hutcheson of Clyde were guests last ly glad that Ted found a "Vessel" in- tural income in Runnels county this nicely.

That "13" seems to be lucky instead county agent, are fulfilled. of unlucky.

That the wind is blowing. Fanny and Novala are interested

That Victorine has a White Flat

That Trent can play any kind of

That Bob's face is skinned.

That John has a sore ear. That Jewel writes letters to her

The teachers and pupils miss Elner McDonald, who had the misforfrom Thursday until Sunday visit- tune of breaking his foot last week; ing her brothers here, T. D. and also Alton Martin, who put out one Rochester Sunday to attend the fun- Misses Walker. Games of "42" were of his eyes last Tuesday.

GOLAN NEWS

o many sand storms blowing. Miss Ava Turner of Roscoe is visit- tives.

ing her brother, Hubert Turner. Frank Turner, W. C. Hill, J. T. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelly and Williams and others left Monday of his father, J. A. Williams of Mer- on her ninth birthday Saturday.

ed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wal- Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown visited da. lace Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. his parents of Goodman Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Farrell entertained Mrs. O. W. Walker accompanied

Flat from Tuesday of last week un- Mrs. Williams' parents of Newman Ferrel and Mr. Coy Dobson.

Alfred Hill, Delmer Davis, Roy rneumonia.

R. B. Johnson and son, R. B., Jr., Kemp and Clifford Kinsey won over

were: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, won second place in county. We are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jeffery, Mr. and proud of these two Juniors.

CANYON NEWS

Lon Martin, had the misfortune of Mrs. W. C. Matthews and family of last week. week and is in Abilene now under Mrs. D. M. Matthews and son, Mar- on a business trip last week. die, of Butman were also visitors in

preach at the Baptist church next Mrs. C. A. Griggs and little son, Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour and Billy Wayne, and Miss Bobbie Griggs also at the evening service. of Dorz spent Saturday night and

> Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Pribble of Colorado City visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Orr, of Elm

Grove Saturday and Sunday. Miss Inez Ceby of Butman was the "Happy times were theirs again," guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Black-

Read the advertisements in this Mr. Mc with a dress on?

Use The Mail Want Ads.

New Farm Income

Ballinger, March 24.-Sunflowers That the little "Vessel" is certain- may offer a new source of agricul- tions at Merkel, are getting along year if plans of C. W. Lehmberg,

The flower has been cultivated with brings from 2 to 2 cents a pound to [cntl. the farmer and is used as poultry

GOODMAN NEWS

Miss Georgie Ferrel and Mr. Coy Sunday. Dobson were week-end guests of Miss Herre's mother and father.

Raymond lived in our community for served. number of years. He is survived by Mr. and Mrs. Elma Patterson and There are cuite a few sick people his wife, Mertie, and son, Floyd, his children and Mr. and Mrs. Alma Bar-Billy Joe Eowers attended the birth- in our community. "Old flu" is visit- mother, Mrs. S. J. Woodward, and nes and sons of White Church attentwo sisters, Mrs. O. R. Carey of ded services at the Baptist church We know spring is near. There are Merkel and Mrs. G. M. Wilson of Sunday. Colorado, and a number of other rela-

and R. D. Williams Monday and Tues- recently in the home of their daugh-

the young folks with a party Satur- her sister, Mrs. Alvin Bland of Sweetin the home of Bob Kent of White M1. and Mrs. E. S. Williams visited day night in honor of Miss Georgie water, home to spend several days.

Mrs. W. L. Phillips visited her Mayfield made a business trip to Mrs. Tannie Jones and little son Brother Williams of Abilene filled parents at Eskota one day this week. Sweetwater Friday.

returned Saturday from a two weeks' Sylvester in the track meet Thurs- ted iriends in Sweetwater Sunday. Everyone has a special invitation and The Junior declaimers, Pauline your presence will be greatly appre-Delmer Clifford and Alfred went Tiner and Karl Bonneaux, went to ciated. Anson Friday afternoon, Pauline Tin- Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and school at John Tarleton, was home for Those going to Sylvester Thursday er winning second place in district children visited friends in the Cana few days visit with his parents, Mr. night to see A. & M's special train and third in county. Karl Bonneaux yon Sunday.

> afternoon, having won district, and played for county, but owing to hard luck they got beat for the first time. | quite an al Mrs. Bonneaux entertained the

Most every one is busy plowing, senior boys and girls basketball play- so good at this writing as Harold Little Marshall Thixton, who is getting their land in shape for plant- ers with a party Thursday night. A Walsh and J. M. Bruton, Jr., have

little son, Carlton Floyd, of the Noo- sixth and seventh grade boys and girls Alton Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. dle Dome community visited Mr. and with a weiner roast on Tuesday night

WHAT WOULD-

John look like with blonde hair? Mr. Cunningham, with black hair? Mary Belie with small feet? Curley six feet tall? Audie with long curls? Opal with a long dress? Aubre working geometry? Ora taking cooking lessons? Mrs. Waters playing ball? Miss Elliott setting hair? Miss Cook wearing overalls? Bessie with a boyish bob? Smackie wearing her hair plaited?

tains. No formality was used in ap- of them that may enable you to save The Senior gossip now is their class up there. We West Texans think we you all. money. At least you will know where rings. There are nine members of this have had some bad weather but I After climbing and riding up the to find what you want without doing class and all of them are working and kinder doubt it, don't you? solicit your business and make spec- some good that will help old G. H. S.

At the track meet which is to be smaller, according to last year's cen-See Homer C. Foster, Whole- held, we are going to serve lunches. sus, which showed that despite a desor; Mona Burgess, Helen Hogue, sale Gas and Oil Dealer. Phone We ask everyone to come to the track crease of 87,702 in population, the Mail office. meet Friday and Saturday.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office. Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

BLAIR ITEMS

Denzel Ray Melton and Hazel and Helen Coats, who underwent opera-

Mrs. Hugh Campbell is on the sick list at this writing.

Misses Alice and Hazel Reeves of profit in recent years, but the agent Merkel were the interesting house plans to form a pool to buy seed, and guests of their grandmother. Mrs. encourage a larger acreage. The seed Minnie Reeves, for several days rec-

Mrs. John Meeks and daughter, better than 1,000 pounds to the acre. M. A.ceks' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ira examiners at the postoffice here. Thornton, of Caps.

Rufe Tittle of Trent visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield

The trustees with their families enjoyed a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams was called to Mrs. J. W. Moore, sponsored by the eral services of her nephew, Raymond played until the refreshment hour Woodward, who died of pneumonia. when brick ice cream and cake were

Little Billie Campbell, Marie Mayfield and Bettie Joe Balew from this Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams of place were guests at the party of lit-Post, who were called to the bedside tle Theresa Dulin of White Church

> Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey visited ter, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, and family.

> Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Mrs. O. L.

Mrs. Jim Grayson is very low with Rev. Marvin Williams is to fill his regular appointment at the M. E. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McAdams visi- church Saturday night and Sunday.

Sie Hamm of Merkel was seen in our midst Tuesday.

Hodges Happenings.

Well, here we come again after home Sunday.

The health in this community is not

School is progressing nicely. Sar and Stanley Walker made a for the last term: busin ses trip to Stamford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Phillips of Slagetting an eye put out one day last Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner was in Abilene ton came by a few days ago and spent Faye Holloway, Louise Ferguson, the night at the home of E. H. Bruton. They were en route to Bonham Merrell, and other relatives.

Several from this place drove over to the Hodge-Winters ranch near Lou Ford, Lucy Faye Dwiggins. New Hope Sunday afternoon to watch the Mericans sheer sheep.

Mrs. Eugene Cade and baby of Winchell, Texas, spent several days Allen Cade and other relatives at Noodle at the present time.

from his brother of Rome, N. Y., stamped upon our hearts. saying snow on the levei is 3 feet deep and in drifts from 3 to 16 feet deep

to grow stronger in the days to come. Families in London are growing number of families has grown 61,842.

Position Open as Dairy Husbandman

The United States Civil Service commission has announced that until April 12 applications will be accepted for the position of associate dairy husbandman in the bureau of dairy industry, department of agriculture, for duty at Lewisburg, Tenn.

The entrance salary will be between \$3,200 and \$3,800 a year.

Full information may be obtained from Castle B. Ellis, secretary of the feed. Runnels county land produces Dore Mac, spent the week-end with United States civil service board of

WHITE FLAT

We held our declamation tryout last Friday afternoon, Brother Sherrill, Brother Morton and Miss Daisy Lucas acting as competent, satisfactory STITH DEFONSTRATION CLUB. judges; the winners in the different divisions were: girls' senior, Carrie Ma Hand; boys' senior, Leonard Guy Glenn. There were twenty-one Stribling; boys' junior, Lee Jay Statser; girls' junior, Lillie Pearl Sparks. Mattie Horton will represent us in Mrs. Ernest Hardy, Mrs. Culp of the girls' senior spelling while Ima Stith, Mrs. Canon of Merkel and Mrs. the junior girl speilers. Several of Chape! club. the primary pupils are entered for the tiny tot story telling.

Casey and Daisy Lucas were weekend visitors in Coleman.

Erother Morton closed the series of revival services at the Methodist church in Trent Sunday evening, ser- talk by Mrs. Glazner on the club exeral having made confessions and a great number of new members came into the church for baptism.

The S. H. Horton home was the scene of much gayety Sunday as the following were all dinner guests, there: their daughter, Mrs. Tommy Noodle Students Win Corbin, and Margaret and Benny Corbin of Sweetwater, Mildred Mc-Elmurry, Louise Purser, Carrie Mae Hand, Mitchell and Idell Cooper and Edna Stephenson. After dinner they pionship of sub-junior spelling of all attended the closing service of the Jones county schools of class B be-Methodist revival in Trent Sunday

The Ben Quattlebaum family attended the singing in Trent Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurry were visitors in the Melvin Hand

STITH NEWS

STITH HONOR ROLL.

on the honor roll of the Stith school back penants for their school. First grade-Lyndle McGinnis. Second grade-Edgar Hines, Ina

Oleta Woolsey.

Burns, Angie Conley. Fifth grade-Grovene Ford, Mattie

Sixth grade-M. C. Church. CARD OF THANKS.

with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Walsh re- to our many friends our apprecia- ing will be April first with Mrs. M. cently; she is visiting Mr. and Mrs. tion for their kindness shown during H. Ely at 2 o'clock. the illness and death of our loving husband and father. Your kind words E. H. Bruton has received a letter and consoling deeds will forever be or 61.

May the richest blessings of our Great Master and Creator rest upon

Mrs. J. A. Williams and Family.

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RURAL SOCIETY

GOLAN CLUB NEWS. Golan's Better Home club met March 16, with eight members present. A good program was rendered.

We urge all members to be present March 30, when Miss Bonner will meet with us and demonstrate the foundation pattern.

We will meet the fifth Wednesday evening at 2 o'clock, instead of the fourth Wednesday, as Miss Bonner will be out of the county on fourth Wednesday.

Miss Bonner and Mrs. Homer Finch will meet with the girls' club at the school house at 9 o'clock Wednesday, March 30

We are glad that some of the women got to visit the A. & M. train Thursday night,

The Stith Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. members present and five visitors. The visitors were Mrs. L. C. Evans, Freeman and Beadie Pearl Hand are Walter Glazner from the Anderson

The study for the afternoon was on the foundation pattern and roll M: and Mrs. Sheffield, Thelma call was answered with "The Most difficult fitting problem I have." The demonstration on building a foundation pattern by Miss Bonner was very profitable. The club also enjoyed the hibits at the Hamlin show and the demonstration train from A. and M.

> The next club meeting will be April 1 with Miss Louise Hudson. -Reporter.

Track Meet Honors

The distinction of winning chamlongs to Burneal Merritt and Geraldyne Sloan of Noodle community who, as a team, represented their school in Jones county track meet at Anson last

Alton Bicknell won county championship in senior boys declamation of class B schools, while Miss Margaret Calleway won third place in senior girls declamation of class B schools.

Noodle school is indeed proud of The following names are included those winning honors and bringing

SALT BRANCH NEWS

The P. T. A. met at the school house Thursday night. The school Third grade-Florine Varner, Pau. children rendered an interetsing proto visit Mrs, Phillips' father. H. M. line Bradley, Mildred Browning, J. T. gram consisting of readings and little plays.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met last Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. W. Hester. After the program the hostess served pineapple and chocolate pie to twelve members We take this method of expressing and three visitors. The next meet-

If you have any visitors. Phone 29

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Radio station M. H. S. broadcasting through the Merkel Mail commemorating the Easter Holidays. The program for the week is supervised by the Badger Weekly:

WHAT EASTER SHOULD MEAN TO US.

anew in springtime in woods, in parks, new dress, Genevieve has a new pair in gardens-when, as George Mac-Donald says, in his "Songs of the Spring Days,"

The holy spirit of the Spring Is working silently,

-then comes the holy festival called Easter, observed in many branches of the Christian Church to commemorate Chirst's resurection. The disciples were astonished at the sight of the empty toomb. We may fel the same about our hearts, yet they may be filled with the presence of Christ as the toomb was on that memorable day. Peter was the first the good news reached: it was because he believed and went to see-we must do the

We all have our periods of depression like that of the disciples in which tion. everything which we have prayed for and worked for seems lost. We all have our Good Fridays, but remember that Easter came soon after, as hope succeeds black despair. Nothing real has been lost after all.

Do not you wish to be among those who run forward to meet the returning tide of hope? Would not you like to bring cheer to all discouraged and inhappy people?

When we think of Easter, we should chink of its real meaning. We should help it mean as much to someone else as it means to us.

ENIOR NEWS.

The work on the Memory Book is progressing nicely. All the backs, or most impressive quality of her won-Itures are in. Elmer, editor-in-chief, glad to call her one of its members. says that the book may be completed Ida is counted in all school activities; improving and that he is able "to

fuss" again. If you wish to know anything about English literature, consult a student of English IV.

JUNIOR NEWS.

Say didja know that-

We have a real actress in the Jun- longer appeal to them.

ior class.

ior banquet. We have a poet in the Junior class. Imogene M. has received another

letter from Spain. Thelma L. has a cold.

The sand blew this week. Mildred R. has her spring haircut.

The Senior spellers are from the Junior class.

There are smart pupils in High

Van Roberts won boy's declamation. Paper dolls were found in a Freshman's book and, if the owner will see Nell Hughes, the paper dolls will be June is graduating from Simmons returned.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

Fish are wishing they were small oldest and best universities of the enough to have an Easter egg hunt northeast. There were six scholar- tation on this trip will be free and without getting teased.

Her Pointed Remark. Waymon (excitedly): "Where is

Mrs. Richards: "Hanging on the lamp?"

I wonder?" Mrs. Richards (snappily): "On your head I suppose.'

Wymon: "Lamp! Huh! what a

The depression is over-Ima Ruth When life is slowly bursting forth has a new dress, Lena Faye has a of slippers.

CHAPEL.

Last Friday morning Ed Shumway, cout executive, spoke to the student body. He spoke of the coming scout program and urged the boys to have their parents present at the meeting which was held Monday night.

Crime and all kinds of lawlessness would be diminished considerably if every boy belonged to the Boy Scouts. In nearly every civilized country of the world Boy Scouts may be found.

If ever boy would remember this one thing, "I will keep myself physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight," we would have better schools, better towns and a better na-

W. W. W. W. W. W. CLUB.

Madeline Murray. Madeline is the type that makes any club glad to have such a member. Besides being a credit to the club, she is considered one of the most congenial Seniors in school.

Calm in her thinking, yet aggressive in her contention for friendly principles, she persistently endeavors to maintain the integrity and further the development of this, our High school.

Ida Mae Derstine.

Ida mae is one of the most popular students of M. H. S. Her wit is the ter girl?" covers, have been made and the pic- derful personality. The 7W's club is by the end of this six weeks' period. | she is editor-in-chief of the Badger We are glad to hear that B. P. is Weekly. The school will not be the same without Ida next year.

> SEEMS STRANGE BUT IT'S TRUE-

-That nearly all the "Sophs" are in love.

-That some little girls like to buy candy at one store when they don't The Seniors had to take a final in have any money; but when they get some money things at that store no

-That a few young men of M. H. There is going to be a Junior-Sen- S. are signing petitions not to do a thing that they could not do if they wanted to do it.

Everyone wonders why some of our big football stars do not come out for track. Maybe the reason is that the The Juniors are through with girls do not go so strongly for the track men as they do for star football players.

> TWO MERKEL GRADS HONORED.

Two of Merkel High School's graduates have received signal honors High school in 1928 and who this Easter will soon be here and some Island. Brown university is one of the ulcers and rectal ailments. ships to be awarded and one hundred that this treatment is different. fifty applicants who were qualified to apply for them. This will mean a panied by their husbands. year in a great university for John D. with practically no expense to him.

ed is Warren McSpadden, who grad- fice. uated from Merkel High school in 1922. For several years Warren has been head of the science department in the Austin High schools. During February he was on the program of the National Educational association which met in Detroit. Now he has been elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society. Only college seniors are elected to this society, and one has to have an exceptionally high record in scholarship both in his high school work and in his college work to be eligible to this society. It is purely an honorary society, membership crazy place, where will I find it next, in which means high excellence in scholarship.

> TRACK NEWS. Howdy folks!

The track boys are faithfully working each day and will soon be ready for county meet, which is just a short time away, April 1 and 2. Everyone keep this in mind!

The boys have selected their cap-Wozencraft and David Gamble. We are sure they will make us very good captains.

Last Friday afternoon the boys divided up in two groups and had a tryout. They did some good work, and encouraged us to believe they might bring back several medals from the

Benny Sheppard, an ex-member of several afternoons with the boys. He is now a student in Simmons and al-

Vernon Poor: "Sometime you're going to make a remark that will drive me clear out of my mind." Tommy Jones: "Oh, yeah! That ways coming on Sunday. For who will wouldn't be a drive; that'd be a putt."

Annie Lee: "Are you going to see The Covered Wagon?" Caribel: "How can I, if the thing's

going to be covered over."

Shannon: "Who's that I saw you with the other night?" Jack: "Oh, that was my new Easter girl."

Shannon: "What do you mean, Eas-Jack: "Well, she was all painted

up and extremely hard-boiled."

VACCINATIONS.

The last vaccination was given Friday by Dr. R. I. Grimes and C. B.

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Remember above date, that consul-

Married women must be accom

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Another grad to be signally honor- Gardner at the Grammar School of- not go to church if she has new Eas- Pat Neff Accepts ter togs to wear?

This vaccination, which was smallpox, will have more reaction than any of the other serums given, but it will prove to be of great benefit to all those who took it.

THOUGHTS ON EASTER.

(By Walderine Huskey in Essay Contest.)

They tell me people did not realize what a marvelous thing had happened when Christ arose some nineteen hundred years ago. I gather, then, that alternates: Senior spellers, Nell Baylor. In 28 years' service as presthey just did not know what they W. M. Taylor and Lena Mae Hokit as he has gained extensive knowledge were missing, and maybe they were alternates. just sensible-meaning no irreverence-but it must have been the former, judging from the way some people seem to be trying to make up

If you should mention such a thing to some inmate of a new Easter dress, she would probably powder her nose tains for their team this year: Cephas diligently from under her Easter bonnet and cooly reply that she was only making up for the present time and could not be worried about how women managed before cosmetics

But regardless of the whys and wherefores, we do know that the modern Easter is a day for artists. Even our hands are gay with color, for, of course, we must help dye the baby's our track team last year, came out Easter eggs. And when the bills come in, the wife can always explain that she was merely observing a religious so a member of Freshmen track team. holiday; no need to mention the fact that she did not observe it in a very religious manner.

It is useless, though, to grumble about the inevitable, so let us all settle down and give thanks for its al-

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TRYOUTS FOR INTERSCHOLAS-TIC LEAGUE EVENTS.

Tryouts are being held this week meet from Merkel High school.

The ones who have been chosen to represent Merkel in essay writing are board of trustees Feb. 23. Walderine Huskey with Opal Huskey

ent Merkel: Junior spellers, Walder- until then. ine Huskey and Meyer Mellinger, with Melba Taylor and Dot Swafford as a time after he was graduated from they had no gay celebration. Maybe Hughes and Lucille Campbell, with ident of the Baylor board of trustees

The declaimers who will represent tions. Merkel are Annie Lee Owens and Van

A one-act play is also going to be presented. The cast for the play, "Mansions." includes Francis Marie Church, Albert Cade and Ida Mae

will play singles in tennis for Merkel tion for many years. while Julia and Zada and Gerald Derrick and Bussy Boaz for doubles.

Japan's autumn cocoon crop is 23 per cent less than in 1930.

Baylor Presidency

Waco, March 24 .- Former Governor Pat M. Neff and a member of the to determine who goes to the county railroad commission, Saturday accepted the presidency of Baylor University. The post was offered him by the

He will assume his office some time after June 1. Dr. W. S. Allen, act-Two teams of spellers will repres- ing president, will continue in charge

Neff taught school in Arkansas for of the school's policies and opera-

His wide acquaintance with Texas Baptists was expected to aid also in his administration. He acted as president of the Baptist general convention for three years. He has seen service on the state executive board of the church and has acted as mod-Nell Durham and Isadore Mellinger erator of the Waco Baptist Associa-

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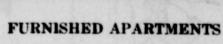
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By Charles McManus

Personal Mention

Mrs. S. J. Callahan of Lamesa is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. D. Wil-

week with Miss Lottie Butman out on Tuesday and Wednesday will head the Butman ranch.

Miss Myrtle McDonald spent the unusual romantic drama is based on week-end in Breckenridge.

ment visitor here with his brother, everyone remembers. "Polly of the Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake.

Bunday were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar ever appeared on the screen together Merrick, of Clyde.

spent the week with friends and visit- than ever while Clark's performance od the Fat Stock show.

wood were passing visitors Monday possible. night with Mr. Chinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chinn.

tives at Dora and Divide.

guard service, stationed at Port Aran- perfume free. sas, is spending his vacation this week | Thursday and Friday brings Mir-

attended the sessions of the State Oakie, Buster Collier and Eugene Pal-Rebekahs held the first part of the ette. This entertaining Paramount week, at the same time the I. O. O. F. grand lodge was in session.

at Will Point, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. tionally with theatre-goers throughout Laney. Miss Rose and Howard Laney, the country, especially in "The Smiljoined by Homer Laney of Tatum, N. M., left Monday for that city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. (Joe) Campbell of El Paso, who have been the guests of Mr. Campbell's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs and other relatives, left Tuesday morning for Lubbock where hey will visit another sister.

L. L. Murray returned Tuesday aight from attendance at the ninetysecond convention of the Odd Fellows held at Waco Monday and Tuesday of this week. He accompanied Mack Cox of Buffalo Gap and C. L. Pinkston of Ovalo.

Tax Collections

(Continued from face One) delinquent taxes. Those who are able to pay but who refuse to pay, and se who have refused to pay for a number of years will be requested to pay, and upon failure to pay suit will be instituted at once.

We recognize the fact that under the depressed condition of the times many have through no fault of their own become delinquent for a year or so. We nor our attorneys have any desire to force payment immediately in such a case when the tax payer just positively cannot pay. We or our attorneys will be glad to work with you and assist you in such a case.

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Clark Gable and Marion Davies on

Miss Norma Patton is spending the "Polly of the Circus" on Monday, the excellent program at Abilene's Accompanying friends from Trent, Paramount Theatre next week. This Margaret Mayo's stage success of M. R. Blake of Paducah was a re- several years back and which almost Circus" marks the first time that Guests of the Earl Teague home Clark Gable and Marion Davies have these sterling performers the greatest Miss Lottie Butman returned home opportunity of their brilliant careers. is so well done that it is sure to win Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chinn of Brown- him additional admirers, if such is

Manager Ray Beall of the Paramount announces an additional fea-Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and ture that will appeal to the ladies in daughter, Jannell, and Miss Pearl connection with "Polly of the Circus." Elliott spent the week-end with rela- Every lady attending the matinee performance on Monday (and Monday Robert Mauldin, of the U. S. coast only) will receive a sample flacon of

with his mother, Mrs. G. F. Woods. jam Hopkins, the little adorable blone star of "The Smiling Lieutenant," in "Dancers in the Dark" with Jack production is a picturization of 'Jazz King." the famous Broadway Upon receipt of word of the ser- success. Advance reports are that ious illness of Mr. Laney's brother while Miss Hopkins has scored sensaing Lieutenant." she will unquestionably achieve stardom in her own right by her excellent performance in "Dan-

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cers in the Dark." In addition to this subjects shown at the Paramount will attraction on Thursday and Friday, augment the above feature picture the Faramount will present as an ad- program, Screen Together | ded feature Bing Crosby, famous Radio crooner in his latest Mack Sen-

Clark Gable and Marion Davies in nett comedy, "Just One More Chance." dainty wife of a French army officer accept this offer. stationed in a remote outpost in Indo-China. The struggle of these two Mrs. Hutcheson Holding Own. Pyeatt and two sons, Hayden and and the picture is said to give both of characters to maintain white supremacy in this land of brown men forms Thursday morning that Mrs. W. D. one of the most interesting and thrill- Hutcheson, who has been critically ill Saturday from Fort Worth where she Marion from all reports is lovelier ing stories ever brought to the screen for the past two weeks, was still

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