

**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, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, 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 the full rate (3 cents), and post cards must be prepaid in full (single 2 cents, double 4 cents).

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

Attention is also called to the fact that (effective September 1, 1931) 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 fraction, 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 when dispatched are subject to special treatment which necessarily involves more or less delay.

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**Law Requires Permit
Transport Live Stock**

Austin, March 24.—L. G. Phares chief of the Texas Highway patrol, announced Saturday that a campaign would be launched at once, with the assistance of the state livestock sanitary commission, to enforce the law requiring permits for transportation on the highways of live stock and poultry.

The legislature enacted a statute requiring those hauling live stock to obtain owners' permit certificates in an effort to prevent the removal of cattle from a quarantined district into areas not infested by ticks or cattle diseases.

Phares said that state highway patrolmen or other officers can, without a search warrant, require the driver of any vehicle moving live stock or poultry to produce a permit for the transportation signed by the owner.

Failure to possess such a permit subjects the driver of the vehicle to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 for each head of live stock or poultry involved in the movement.

The law has a dual purpose, in

that it will prohibit the transportation of stolen animals, or butchered portions thereof over the highways, a practice that is very prevalent in many parts of the state. The law was originally sponsored by the Texas Cattle Raisers association and the West Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers association and these two organizations will take an active part in its enforcement.

A book of these certificates can be had by writing J. H. Walker, live stock sanitary commissioner, Weimar, Texas.

**At 2:30 Saturday afternoon
Ruffled Curtain Goods 7 cents
per yard—limit ten yards.
Brown's Bargain Store.**

CARD OF THANKS.

For their many acts of kindness, for the aid so freely given and for the loving sympathy extended, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors and friends, who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God's richest blessings rest on you, each and every one.

R. F. Fields and Family.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**"Keep Kissable" Girl
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 illustrations. Mr. Crandall's model was a University of Texas product, Miss Adlene Allen of Temple, Texas.

Miss Allen is 19, and she had never posed for an advertising illustration, until she was persuaded to pose for Old Golds. Her likeness in the "Keep Kissable" ads caused much favorable comment and Miss Allen received numerous girl-show stage offers. She is studying for the dramatic stage, however, and turned a deaf ear to offers from the musical comedy producers. Miss Allen's hopes run along more serious lines, and her ambition is to portray some of the great feminine roles of the American stage. Her work is said to show great promise due to her natural talent, combined 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.



EASTER

Spring—hanging up another wornout Winter—unlocks the sunshine, flowers and bunnies.

Mankind seems to begin again with new hope, new ambition and new determination to be prudent, learning what to seek and what to shun.

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FIRST INSTALLMENT.

It was intensely hot. In the big, somberly furnished consulting room, its blinds drawn closely against the midday sun which poured down on Harley Street, there seemed hardly a breath of air. A girl sitting at the table, idly turning the pages of an illustrated paper, pushed her chair back with sudden impatience. "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 to you as long as you can sleep in it," she said rudely. The large woman sighed again; her only protest against life was a sigh, and she had long since grown accustomed to her niece's disrespect. "The furniture must be most valuable," she said again in the same vague way. The girl glanced round the room with a frown. "Furniture which fools like us have paid for," she said irritably. "I don't know why we're here at all. There's nothing in the world the matter with me." Mrs. Gladwyn began fanning her plump flushed face with a daily paper which had been lying disregarded on her lap. "Six months ago you weighed nearly a hundred and twenty-five," she said without much interest. "Today you weigh—ninety-eight, is it? At any rate, you have only to look at yourself in the glass to see that you're wasting away to a complete shadow without any adequate reason for it, unless—" she paused, and a faintly malicious smile lit her sleepy eyes—"unless you're in love again," she added. The girl turned another page of the magazine before her with an angry little flick. "I don't believe in love," she said sharply. Diana's further answer was checked by the opening of the door and the appearance of a maid. "If you please come this way, Miss—"

At twenty-two the only thing in the world which Diana really desired was another woman's husband. Diana, a little nervous in spite of herself, entered the "top man's" consulting room. He was big and rather clumsy looking, with grave steady eyes and a mouth that looked as if it rarely smiled. It did not smile now, but his eyes seemed to pierce through all the bravery of her carefully reddened lips and make-up, right down through her artificiality to the trembling weakness of her. Diana said nothing—she felt as if an ordinary greeting would be wasted on this man. She just stood and looked at him with an unconscious appeal in her eyes, till he said quietly: "Won't you sit down?" He indicated a chair close to his own and facing the window, so that the light fell full on her face. Diana obeyed, her hands clasped in her lap, and her heart beating in a queer, frightened manner. He seemed to realize this, for he said more gently: "Don't be frightened. I am not going to eat you." She flushed scarlet through all her pallor, and her eyes grew angry. Speaking to her as if she were a silly child with a cut thumb. She gave a little high-pitched laugh. "I'm not really ill. I feel rather a humbug coming here at all, but my aunt insisted. I've got rather thin, you see—but then, I was always thin. It's the hot weather, I think, and I don't sleep very well. London's always rather trying at this time of the year, don't you think? We generally go away, but this summer—" She broke off, feeling suddenly very young and foolish and hating herself for it. It seemed so long since she had felt either young and foolish, and because the experience was strange she also hated this grave-faced man who was responsible for it and who looked at her so searchingly. After a moment she rattled on. "I thought if you could give me a tonic . . . I fainted last night—not that that's anything, is it? But my aunt was nervous." The little high-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 hat?" She obeyed, holding it on her lap, and for a moment there was silence. In Diana's mind she was saying to herself dully: "I wonder what he is thinking. I wish he would tell me what he is thinking of me. Why doesn't he tell me? I hate being looked at like that—as if he were driving gimlets right

through me. Why doesn't he say something?" 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 that she looked worn and ill and older than the hated Linda, who could not be more than twenty-six, seeing that Aunt Florence had been present at her christening. But Linda was happy and healthy and care-free and had always enjoyed her life, while she . . . Suddenly the room began to grow dark and to swim about her, and though she clenched her teeth and pressed her feet hard upon the floor she could not control it or herself, and then for a little while everything was blank. . . . "Lie still. You'll be all right in a moment. Just drink this. No, lie still and keep your eyes shut." She was glad enough to obey. She felt as weak as if she had just struggled through a long illness, weaker than she had felt last night when she fainted so suddenly in the middle of a crowded ballroom. Even the attempt to raise her head left her so exhausted that she felt almost dead. But the potent drink this man gave her was wonderful—it seemed to open fresh life and energy into her body, and presently she opened her eyes and smiled. He ignored that. "Better?" he asked. "Yes. Quite well, thank you. It was silly. I'm sorry. It must have been the heat." She tried to laugh. "Your consulting room was very hot," she said. "That was brandy, I suppose." "No." He kept away from her a moment, then, seeing that she had raised herself and was half sitting, half leaning against the cushions of the couch where he had placed her, he came back and looked down at her steadily. "Do you like plain speaking?" he asked abruptly. 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 you—and at once!" "Yes. Yes, of course." "Well—for the present I am not going to worry you with anything but just the simplest prescription, and in a week's time I will see you again. First of all, you will go away into the country." Her eyes dilated, and her hands

gripped the cushions on either side of her. "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'clock—and you will stay in bed till lunch-time 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 gently. "Do as I tell you. Go right away for three months, and you'll come back a different being, able to enjoy life and laugh again." She raised passionate eyes to his face. "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 secretary had made that plain to you. Dr. Selfe is away ill—I am taking his place for the time being. My name is Rathbone." "Oh!" So this was not the "top man;" now annoyed Aunt Florence 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 in which he had almost succeeded in frightening her; it had been most unprofessional when one came to think of it. She looked at him with different eyes. 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 take my advice." "You are very kind." But she did not look up, and it was he who held out his hand. She took it after the barest hesitation; a strong, kind hand—capable and secure. A little sigh escaped her—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 me again, later on . . ." he said, and his voice was kind—the voice of a friend. Diana said with a sense of helplessness. "But I can't go to the country. . . . I hate it, and surely it cannot be good to do a thing one hates very much." "It's not possible to hate a thing you've never tried," this strange man said quietly, and then, "Do you know that line—" "God made the country, and man made the town?" "No." He released her hand. "Well, that's just the difference," he said. In the car Mrs. Gladwyn woke up sufficiently to ask questions. (Continued Next Week.) See Homer C. Foster, Wholesale Gas and Oil Dealer, Phone 101. At 2:30 Saturday afternoon Ruffled Curtain Goods 7 cents per yard—limit ten yards. Brown's Bargain Store. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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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 depressing news, which failed to depress the financial centers.

Logically, and basing his conclusions on past history, Theodore Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, foresees business encouragement from the developments during the past week in the stock market and in banking statistics.

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

"During the war and since much has been heard of the psychological factor in business. As a result many expected that the suicide of Ivar Kreuger, the European match king, and that of George Eastman, the American 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 upon 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 institutions were last week reported by Bradstreet's as suspending payments, and several of the banks which had previously closed their doors were reopened.

"Summarizing, it may be said that last week should be encouraging to business and finance because developments that were generally regarded as sensationally depressing failed of effect. In the past this condition has generally been a harbinger of prosperity, and the present seems to be a case in which there is every reason 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 arrival in Houston for an address on agricultural conditions.

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

Boy Scouts

(Continued From Page One)

A masterful presentation of Boy Scoutism in all its ramifications was given by Council Chairman Hayden in the last address of the evening. It was not until he accepted the chairmanship of Chisholm Trail area, he said, that 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 after Scout Executive Shumway the impressive Boy Scout oath.

SEVEN MONTHS OFFER.

For a limited time, The Mail is offering 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 accept this offer.

Galveston Has Airport.

Galveston, March 24.—Galveston joined the ranks of American cities with municipal airports when the new municipal aviation field, equipped at a cost of \$25,000, was placed in operation.

CHURCHES

Baptist Revival to Start Next Sunday

How fitting and becoming to begin a revival just at this season? Plant life is renewed and may this "Spiritual Revival" be the means by which untold numbers shall be saved, and the saved shall be turned to greater service to God.

Rev. Ross A. Smith of Breckenridge will do the preaching and he is truly a great preacher.

All the singers of the town are invited to assist in the song service and 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. King, Pastor.



REV. ROSS A. SMITH.

of Breckenridge, who will do the preaching at the revival starting next Sunday at the First Baptist church.

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.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

The league has planned to pay the B. Y. P. U. a visit Sunday, March 27. We are indeed happy to accept their invitation and we have a program on "Friendship" which we are going to give. We feel that this program will bring us closer together and enable us to work better for our ideal, Christ. The program is as follows:

Subject: Friendship.

Scripture, "The Golden Rule."

Talks:

"How to Make Friends," Marie Pinckley.

"Are You the Kind of Friend to Others as You Like for Them to be to You?" Paul Collins.

"How to Keep Friends," Leo Tucker.

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 arranged 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.
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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject, "What Is the Meaning of Easter?"

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Leader's talk, C. H. Jones.

"Calvin Coolidge on Eternity," Milton Shannon.

"Bible Beliefs in the Hereafter," Jack West.

"If I Should Fail," Duncan Briggs.

"The Blessed Hope," Mrs. C. H. Jones.

"No Resurrection, a Miracle," Monroe Wozencraft.

"The Survival League of America," Gordon Murray.

"Waking," James West.

Business.

Song.

Benediction.

All old members are urged to be present at next Sunday's meeting. The contest that has been planned will probably get under way by Sunday. We have some news to tell you about our district also. Do not forget the district convention at Albany April 29 and 30 and May 1. We certainly want to bring back that banner for our Endeavor.

Last Friday evening at 7:30 at the Presbyterian church the Christian Endeavor had a social. There were forty present, including Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Gordon Weir and Hansel Granger from Abilene.

Those attending the council meeting Sunday at Abilene were Jack West and Jim Patterson.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Radio Jack" is with us now in evangelistic services. Next Sunday at 8 p. m. he will tell why he turned from the Catholic faith into the Baptist faith. Services each night at 7:30. Four more people followed the Lord in baptism Sunday.

We had 84 in Bible School Sunday. Judging by the large crowd Sunday night, someone has predicted the building of a tabernacle in the future, and plans are being made and a committee is at work to get a desirable location.

Everybody welcome to our services—no formality—no "pay or stay at home" programs. Just the old time religion.

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 Sunday night, Mayor W. M. Elliott spoke of the subject, "Organization." He was accompanied by Zion Chapel by Mrs. Elliott.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

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 Manscill.

"The Wooden Soldier and the Painted Doll," sung by Joyce Jones.

"Nursery Rhymes," played by Ann Le. Baker.

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

"Minuet" (Mozart), Norman King.

"A Rose in My Garden," Mamie Walker.

"The Old Road," sung by Eloise Manscill.

"Little Star" and "La Paloma," sung in Spanish by Vernie Derrick.

"Country Gardens," played by Mrs. Patterson.

"Sparklets," played by Joyce Jones.

"Mistress Margarita," sung by Mary Eula Sears.

"Hungarian Rhapsody," played by Vernie Derrick.

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

"Sing On," Mrs. Patterson.

"The Lilac Tree," sung by Ann Lee Blake.

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. T. E. Collins.

A color scheme of pink and white

was carried out in party accessories 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 chocolate.

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.

Mrs. Delmer's Father 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 ago.

There were no chimneys in Europe before the twelfth century.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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CORN, No. 2 size, 2 for	19c
BLACKBERRIES, gallon size	41c
LETTUCE, nice and crisp, per head	5c
FRESH BEANS, 2 lbs. for	25c
BROOMS, 4 string, a dandy	20c
MOPS, 16 oz. linen	21c
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Personal Mention

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

Miss Norma Patton is spending the week with Miss Lottie Butman out on the Butman ranch.

Accompanying friends from Trent, Miss Myrtle McDonald spent the week-end in Breckenridge.

M. R. Blake of Paducah was a recent visitor here with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake.

Guests of the Earl Teague home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pyeatt and two sons, Hayden and Merrick, of Clyde.

Miss Lottie Butman returned home Saturday from Fort Worth where she spent the week with friends and visited the Fat Stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chinn of Brownwood were passing visitors Monday night with Mr. Chinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Jannell, and Miss Pearl Elliott spent the week-end with relatives at Dora and Divide.

Robert Mauldin, of the U. S. coast guard service, stationed at Port Aransas, is spending his vacation this week with his mother, Mrs. G. F. Woods.

Miss Dora Gerrette returned Wednesday night from Waco where she attended the sessions of the State Rebekahs, held the first part of the week, at the same time the I. O. O. F. grand lodge was in session.

Upon receipt of word of the serious illness of Mr. Laney's brother at Will Point, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, Miss Rose and Howard Laney, joined 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 they will visit another sister.

L. L. Murray returned Tuesday night from attendance at the ninety-second 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 Page One) delinquent taxes. Those who are able to pay but who refuse to pay, and those 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 in "Polly of the Circus" on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will head the excellent program at Abilene's Paramount Theatre next week. This unusual romantic drama is based on Margaret Mayo's stage success of several years back and which almost everyone remembers. "Polly of the Circus" marks the first time that Clark Gable and Marion Davies have ever appeared on the screen together and the picture is said to give both of these sterling performers the greatest opportunity of their brilliant careers. Marion from all reports is lovelier than ever while Clark's performance is so well done that it is sure to win him additional admirers, if such is possible.

Manager Ray Beall of the Paramount announces an additional feature that will appeal to the ladies in connection with "Polly of the Circus." Every lady attending the matinee performance on Monday (and Monday only) will receive a sample flacon of perfume free.

Thursday and Friday brings Miriam Hopkins, the little adorable blonde star of "The Smiling Lieutenant," in "Dancers in the Dark" with Jack Oakie, Buster Collier and Eugene Palette. This entertaining Paramount production is a picturization of "Jazz King," the famous Broadway success. Advance reports are that while Miss Hopkins has scored sensationally with theatre-goers throughout the country, especially in "The Smiling Lieutenant," she will unquestionably achieve stardom in her own right by her excellent performance in "Dan-

cers in the Dark." In addition to this attraction on Thursday and Friday, the Paramount will present as an added feature Bing Crosby, famous Radio crooner in his latest Mack Sennett comedy, "Just One More Chance."

Theatre-goers will experience the unusual on Saturday at the Paramount when they see Ann Harding in her latest picture, "Prestige" with Adolphe Menjou and Melvyn Douglas. The unusual part of this attraction is that it presents Ann Harding in a role totally different from any she has had heretofore. She is seen as the dainty wife of a French army officer stationed in a remote outpost in Indo-China. The struggle of these two characters to maintain white supremacy in this land of brown men forms one of the most interesting and thrilling stories ever brought to the screen. The same high standard of short

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Mrs. Hutcheson Holding Own. The attending physician reported Thursday morning that Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks, was still holding her own.

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