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## 126 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL SCHOOLS

Juniors With Average of 39 Per Cent Lead High School for Past Term; Seniors Have 26 Per Cent.

With thirteen members on the honor roll for the last six weeks term, the Juniors led the High School with an average of 30 per cent. Altogether 37 High School pupils appear on the honor roll, while 89 from the Grammar School attained this distinction, making a total of 126 on the honor roll for the term, or 23 per cent.

Percentages of the High School classes on the honor roll follow:

Juniors, 39 per cent.  
Freshmen, 16 per cent.  
Sophomores, 15 per cent.

The complete honor roll list follows:  
HIGH SCHOOL.

**Eighth Grade.**  
Ethelda Tucker, 96; Neal Durham, 93; Jesse Margaret Berry, 93; Joyce Jones, 93; Aline McAninch, 93; Louise Toombs, 93; Juanita Bishop, 92; Vivian Davis, 92; Billie Bernice Gambill, 91; Lena Faye Harrell, 91.

**Ninth Grade.**  
Waldeline Huskey, 97; Billy Gardner, 95; Fay Pinckley, 94; Mary Bell Douglas, 92; Duncan Briggs, 90; Kenneth Cribley, 90; Ruth Davis, 90.

**Junior Class.**  
Lucille Campbell, 97; Mildred Richardson, 95; Nell Hughes, 95; Opal Huskey, 95; Florene Rider, 94; Etta Pruitt, 93; Melba Taylor, 91; Howard Stanley, 91; Meyer Mellinger, 90; Ouida Mae Hulsey, 90; Faye Vantreese, 90; Joyce Wheeler, 90; Margaret Miller, 90.

**Senior Class.**  
Lela Patterson, 95; Ross, Ferrier, Jr., 94; Ida Mae Derstine, 94; R. D. Ely, 93; Avis Deavers, 93; Willie Evelyn Boaz, 92; W. M. Taylor, 92; Elmer Adeock, 90.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

**First Grade, Mrs. Nash.**  
Margaret Sharp, 95; Vera Louise Miller, 94; Clarence Perry, 94; Jim Sublett, 93; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 93; Wesley Owen, 92; Pearl Weaver, 92; Otis Brewer, 92; Aubrey Shouse, 91; Jerry Warren, 91; Bonnie T. McAninch, 91; Charles Edward Williams, 90; Elbert Hickman, 90.

**First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.**  
Marilyn Sue Grimes, 97; Wanda Dewett, 96; Billy Clyde Haynes, 96; Billy Tom Hutcherson, 96; Mickey Diltz, 94; Robert Gilmore, 92; Bob Jenkins, 92.

**Second Grade, Miss Curb.**  
Dora Marie Gaitner, 91; Mary Lou Higgins, 91; Virgie Mae Henry, 90; Lady Jane Anderson, 90.

**Second Grade, Miss Swann.**  
Roy Owen, 94; O. C. Shouse, 94; Louise Patterson, 93; Ova Martin, 91; Winona Thomas, 90; Earl Mashburn, 90; Clarence Melton, 90; Douglas McCoy, 90; Eva Martin, 90; Ulysses Smith, 90.

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## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Julien C. Hyer, Fort Worth lawyer and former state senator and now president of Lions International, has announced his candidacy for congressman-at-large, Place No. 3.

Leaping sixteen stories from the Tower Petroleum building in Dallas with suicidal intent, Miss Lucy Renard, 25, prominent Dallas pianist, was instantly killed Saturday.

R. C. Crane, president of the West Texas Historical society since its organization nine years ago, was re-elected at the annual session of that group at Sweetwater Saturday.

Efforts of Frank Yandell, 50, and his son, Albert 26, to cremate the body of a cow resulted in the death of the two men when an oil barrel exploded, throwing burning oil over them.

Believed to be the youngest licensed airplane pilot in Texas, Max Leon, 15, a 1931 graduate of the Beaumont High school, received a license in February and has had 15 hours solo flying.

S. M. N. Marrs, 70, veteran state superintendent of public instruction, died at College Station at 9:30 Monday night of heart disease, with which he was stricken about seven hours earlier.

Over 18,000 persons were cared for in the 18 eleemosynary institutions of the state at an average cost of \$18.53 per capita cost in February, the monthly report of the state board of control reveals.

Double funeral rites were held at Clyde Tuesday afternoon for T. J. Ross and Lucille Ross, father and daughter, the latter dying less than 15 hours after her father succumbed to pneumonia.

With total exports of \$324,000,000 in 1931, Texas was exceeded by only one other state, that of New York. Chief among Texas exports are cotton, petroleum products, wheat, flour and crude sulphur.

Wayne Todd, a convicted murderer, who escaped from the central state farm on April 1, has been returned by his father to the prison from which he fled and has resumed serving his life sentence.

Fire losses in Texas in 1931 totaling \$17,000,000 were the highest they have been in the history of the state, according to a tabulation of reports in the office of State Fire Insurance Commissioner Raymond S. Mauk.

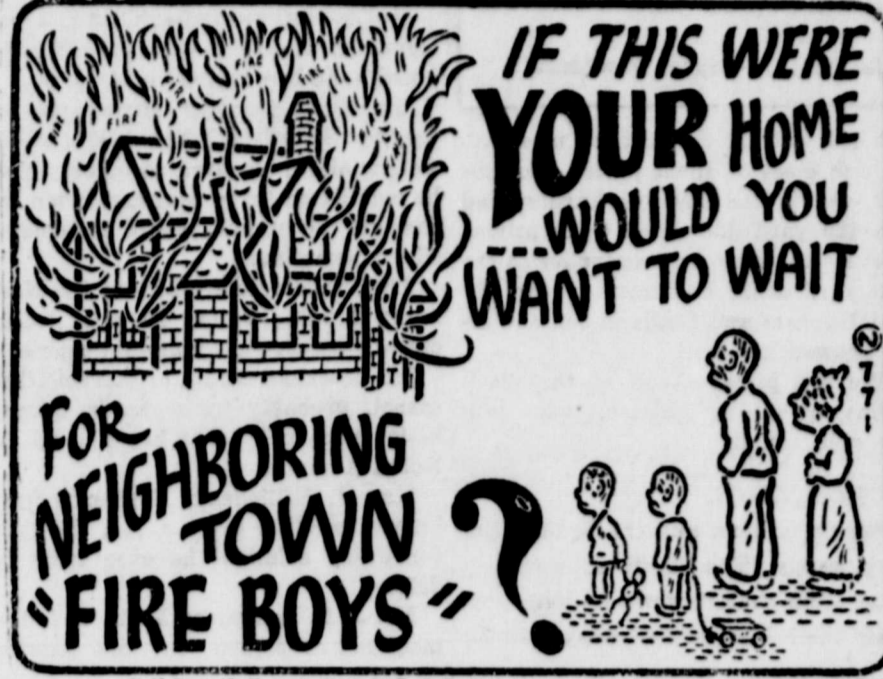
Gus Taylor, banker and one of the organizers of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, was elected president of the organization and Jacksonville was chosen convention city for 1933 at the closing session of the annual convention held at Lufkin.

Hurled from his speeding motorcycle when he crashed into the side of an automobile coming out of a filling station on the Fort Worth-Dallas pike, State Highway Patrolman A. L. Moore, 25, was so badly injured Saturday morning that he died before he could be carried to a Fort Worth hospital.

Miss Lurlyne Long, visited another sister, Mrs. W. Parten, who was operated on Saturday at the Alexander sanatorium in Abilene. Mrs. Parten's condition is said to be greatly improved.

A postponed meeting of the Twentieth Century club was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams Saturday afternoon, April 13. The lesson under Miss Lurlyne Long was splendid and we had two other little guests, Misses Ina Maye Adams and Lucile Edwards, who played and sang several selections of late music. Yes, we will remember these little sunbeams. Ina Maye was radiantly happy as she poured punch to each and, as we lingered to talk with her, the smiling face of Lucile greeted us over the bowl of violets that had been daintily arranged in bunches and were pinned on each guest as a souvenir of a pleasant and profitable afternoon in the Adams home. The club will meet next week with Miss Lucy Beene.

Ed Teaff left Tuesday morning for a visit with relatives at Troy, his old home town.



## EVENING OF OPERA

Abilene Orchestra and Oratorio society under direction of Christian L. Taulov presents a performance of operatic and symphonic excerpts at Fair Park Auditorium, Abilene, May 3, 1932, eight o'clock.

Announcement of the first appearance of Abilene's own Opera and Orchestra society has been made for the feature performance of the annual music week.

United efforts of all Abilene musicians are being made to include one hundred voices, to be supported by a 50-piece symphony in the personnel,

all in costume, singing excerpts from the "Unfinished Symphony," "Il Trovatore," "Traviata," "Lucia di Lamermoor," "Rigoletto" and "Butterfly."

A special school children's matinee with the very low price of 15 cents will be presented on May the 2nd at 4 o'clock. The evening performance will be given May the 3rd and prices will be only 50 cents, adult, the benefits of both performances going to the Abilene Welfare association whose funds at present are exhausted.

## To Hold College Entrance Exams April 27, 28, 29

Pupils from short-term, unaffiliated rural schools must take an entrance examination to enter any grade above the eighth grade in an affiliated school. For the accommodation of such pupils, Merkel High school will give these examinations on the scheduled dates, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 27, 28 and 29. The questions are sent out from the state department of education and papers are sent to Austin for grading. Those who wish to take any of these examinations should notify Supt. Roger A. Burgess at Merkel at once. Unless he receives from pupils their application at once, the pupil will not be permitted to take the examination for the questions must be sent from Austin.

**SCHEDULE OF EXAMS.**  
Wednesday, April 27—  
8 a. m.—Grammar and composition, arithmetic (advanced).  
1 p. m.—General science, physics.  
Thursday, April 28—  
8 a. m.—Ancient history, Latin I and II, Spanish I and II, American literature.  
1 p. m.—Physical geography, modern history, algebra, English literature.  
Friday, April 29—  
8 a. m.—American history, physiology, plane geometry.  
1 p. m.—Biology, civics.

There will be a fee for taking these examinations, all the money going to the state department for grading the papers. These fees are payable when the pupil starts the examination. The schedule of fees is as follows: 1-4 subjects, \$1.00; 5-8 subjects, \$2.00; 9-12 subjects, \$3.00; 13 or more subjects, \$4.00.

## Four Merkel Men Are On 42nd Grand Jury

Four Merkel men, George Woodrum, B. T. Sublett, Watt Blair and W. C. Neil, are on the 42nd district court grand jury impaneled Monday morning. C. W. Gill, Abilene, is foreman. Others on the panel are: D. D. Williams and C. H. Moore, Ovalo; A. E. Fogle, Tuscola; C. T. Adams, Lawn, and Caleb Reed, T. R. Spencer and J. T. Leeson, Abilene.

Eleven indictments were returned by the 42nd district court grand jury in a partial report late Wednesday.

The grand jury made no report on investigations into charges against four young men in connection with the digging of a tunnel under a North First street building adjacent to the Citizens National bank of Abilene in March.

Complaints in the "tunnel job" charge conspiracy to rob the Citizens National bank and conspiracy to violate liquor laws. The charges are pending against Malcolm Foster, Rupert and Oliver Black and E. A. Rice.

## "Sound Your Horn" To Be Presented by The M. H. S. Players

The M. H. S. players, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, will present "Sound Your Horn," a clever three-act comedy, at the Grammar School auditorium on Friday night of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock. The admission price will be ten cents.

The cast of characters reads: Drusilla, a little girl about town, Marie Stanford.  
Phyllis, her chum, Joyce Wheeler.  
Etta Lamb, a waitress, Mildred Richardson.

Mr. Angus, attorney for the Van Dyke estate, Leo Tucker.  
Homer Bird, contact man for Empire Bottling Works, Van Roberts.

Christine Eliot, owner of roadside refreshment stand, Margaret Canon.  
Mrs. Van Dyke, a self-made millionaire's wife, Margaret Dean.  
Diane Webster, her niece, Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

Theodore Webster, her nephew, Paul Collins.  
Mr. Beasley, care taker for Van Dyke estate, Monta Moore.

The place is the interior of Christine Eliot's refreshment stand on the State road, the time of the play being the present.

## Brother of Merkel Man Dies Thursday

J. F. Laney, age 72, brother of our fellow-townsmen, W. H. Laney, died Thursday of last week at his home at Wills Point after an illness of several weeks. He was unmarried.

W. H. Laney, accompanied by Mrs. Laney, Miss Rosie and Howard and another son, Homer, from Tatum, N. M., attended the funeral which was held Friday at Wills Point. Nephews of the deceased were pall bearers.

He is survived by two other brothers, besides the one here, Dave and John, both of Wills Point, and three sisters, Mrs. Ben Walters, Mrs. Ollie McMillon and Mrs. Mary Richardson, all of Wills Point. Mrs. Bob Hicks is a niece.

**L. B. Reeves' Father Dies.**  
Upon receipt of the sad news telling of the death of his father, J. E. Reeves, at a Pecos sanitarium at 6:40 Wednesday evening, L. B. Reeves, local manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, accompanied by Mrs. Reeves, left at once for Pecos.

The funeral was to be held at Fort Stockton, probably sometime Thursday.

**Mrs. Haynes Improving.**  
Slight improvement was reported Thursday morning in the condition of Mrs. W. D. Haynes, beloved Merkel woman, who is seriously ill at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium in Abilene. Mrs. Haynes was given a blood transfusion Tuesday, following major surgery last Saturday.

## "THE WILD OATS BOY" PRESENTED THURSDAY FOR FIREMEN'S FUND

### ONLY NINE DAYS FOR CROP LOANS

April 30 is Dead Line for Applications for Loans; \$10,000,000 Still Available.

Only nine days remain for farmers to apply for the government's 1932 crop production loans. A general reminder was issued in press dispatches from Washington Wednesday, and H. L. Johnston, loan administrative officer at Abilene, states that there has been no indication that the time for filing applications will be extended after the date originally set, April 30.

The Washington dispatch said agricultural department loan officers have approved loans totaling \$39,364,000 to date; and there is still more than \$10,000,000 in the original fund set aside for the loans. Applications approved average \$126 each to 311,155 farmers.

Only 86 applications have been forwarded to the regional loan office at Dallas by the Taylor county committee. The average of these loans is approximately \$100.

### Strict Rules Bar Many Texas Loans

Washington, April 21.—Senator Tom Connally again appealed Tuesday to Secretary Hyde to modify his regulations relative to seed loans with which many applications in West Texas have been unable to comply. The existing regulations provide that where a farmer-borrower of last year has not cleared that loan a new one will be granted only where the farmer gives both a first mortgage to protect this year's loan and a second mortgage to cover the unpaid balance of last year's indebtedness.

Senator Connally insists this is so involved as to preclude many West Texas farmers from availing themselves of these seed loans, but Secretary Hyde declared he could not change them now.

Three-Act Comedy Drama, with Cast of Talented Local Players, and Brilliant Array of Specialties at Cozy at 8:15.

Just like the fireboys respond 100 per cent when the siren sounds the signal of the red demon of fire, Merkel citizens are planning to turn out en masse in reciprocal appreciation of past performances of the boys of the volunteer department for their presentation of "The Wild Oats Boy," Cozy theatre, tonight, (Thursday.) The curtain rises at 8:15.

An orchestra, with Miss Iris Garrett as pianist and many of Merkel's most talented musicians included, has been practicing all week and will render an entertaining program before the performance begins as well as furnish diversion between the acts and accompaniment for the specialties.

The cast of players under the co-direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby and Miss Christine Collins have worked untiringly in daily rehearsals; added to this, specialties by Merkel's best entertainers will make merry the intermissions between acts, and an evening of all round pleasure is promised those who attend. Those on program for special numbers are: little Miss Nancy Jean Scott and Master Freddie Lee Hughes, Miss Betty Lou Grimes, Miss Blanche Simmons and Parker Sharp and Bob Allen.

Admission prices are 10 and 25 cents, the proceeds to go to the Firemen's Fund. Let's go.

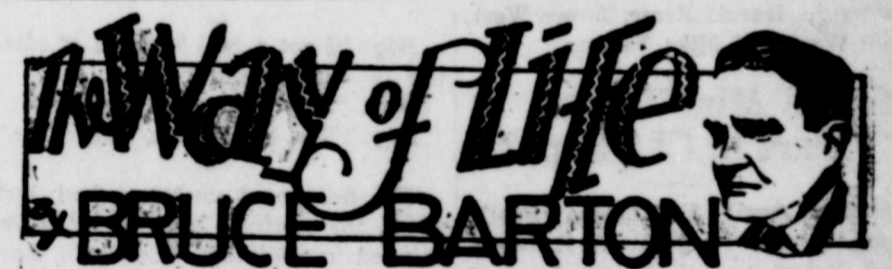
### First Rain Since Feb. Falls Tuesday

With no rainfall registered in March, expected April showers did not put in their appearance until late Sunday afternoon, when a light sprinkle fell here.

Early Tuesday morning showers began to fall, totaling 3-8 of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Weather forecasts by the government call for rains over portions of West Texas Thursday.

Rainfall in January and February amounted here to 3.92 inches bringing the year's total to 4.29 inches.



### LOSSES.

On a gloomy day I met a New York man who seemed almost happy.

A friend asked him: "How's the market?"  
"Haven't the slightest idea."  
The questioner was astonished. "Don't you own stocks and bonds?"

"Sure I do," my man replied. "But I know the things I own can't disappear. I know, also, that I have no chance of selling them at a decent price in this market. Therefore, why should I torture myself by watching them every day and figuring out how much they have depreciated?"

The other looked at him as if he were a traitor to the serious ideals of American finance. Whereupon my friend uttered an important truth.

"The trouble with these fellows in Wall Street is that they have taken their losses fifteen times a day for two years," he said. "Think of it, fifteen times seven hundred. What a loss that makes. Nobody can stand a loss like that. If they'd put away their lead pencils; if they'd quit figuring on the back of envelopes and the margins of newspapers, and forget the whole thing, they would be much better off. Taking your loss fifteen times a day doesn't get you anywhere. It uses up brain cells and nervous energy that might be used for progress."

Every one of us who has any heart at all has had his heart wrung in the past few months. We help as far as we can, but there are so many we can not help. So many men who want to work for whom there is no work!

To these victims of the depression, and especially to the old who have been wiped out and lack the strength or the time to make a fresh start, our deepest sympathy goes out.

But there has been a lot of whining on the part of men who have no excuse to whine.

I have been reading Emerson's diaries. His railroad bonds went sour in the panic of 1857. He refers to his losses just once. His house burned down, and his diary records: "House burned," and goes on to more important things.

Such men give us renewed respect for the human race, and America has her full share of them.

But I am weary of the boys who tell me how much they would have had if they had sold everything in the summer of 1929—the back-of-the-envelope lads who take their losses fifteen times a day.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 19, 1912.)

Mrs. Austin Boyd was a visitor to Abilene Saturday to see her parents.

O. H. Cordell, Jack Provine and W. W. Wheeler were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Buford and her mother, Mrs. McKay, were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Will McGar of Stanton was here last week visiting his sisters, Mrs. Fred Groene and Mrs. Claude Comegys. Mr. McGar departed on the midnight train Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Abilene came in Wednesday afternoon for a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

J. R. Adeock has just returned from a pleasant visit with his daughter, Mrs. Belle Kunze, of Fort Worth.

Grandpa Westenhoover came in Wednesday night from Louisiana where he has been for several months.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and her sister,

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**TRADE AT HOME.**  
(From "That's That" in the Port Arthur News.)

Says The Texas Weekly, commenting on the definition of "production": "The merchant in your town adds value to everything he keeps in his store for the convenience of customers. He adds the 'utility' of having those goods where you can buy them. And to that extent the merchant in your town is a producer.

"Now do you see the practical implication of the definition? If it is desirable that home-produced goods should be used in preference to others, where all other things are equal, is it not desirable to patronize home merchants? It certainly is. It is not only desirable, but is directly related to community welfare."

The dollar kept at home is the dollar working at home, circulating at home, making payrolls, creating better conditions of employment.

**Organize Endeavor Union in Taylor Co.**

Hosts of Christian Endeavorers are turning their eyes toward Albany for the Abilene district convention to be held there April 29 and 30 and May 1. Hundreds of young people, representing fourteen counties, are planning to attend the convention in what shall probably be the largest gathering of Christian young people in the state of Texas this year.

The program is to feature the theme, "In Jesus' Conquering Name," with several prominent speakers on the program, including Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church here, and Rev. E. B. Surface of Abilene.

Organization of a Taylor county Christian Endeavor Union was perfected Tuesday night at a meeting at the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, with the Central societies serving as hosts to the groups of other local and Merkel churches. Hanson Granger and Annie Bruce Henderson of Abilene and Jim Patterson of Merkel were elected tri-presidents of the organization. It was voted to hold the next meeting the first Friday in June at Merkel.

Among those from here attending the organization meeting of the Taylor county Christian Endeavor were: Charlie Jones, Sarah Sheppard, Jim Patterson, Harold Reese, James West, Jack West and Mike Vickers.

**Merkel Miss Takes Part in CIA Sophfiz**

Denton, April 21.—Louise Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth, Merkel, was one of the one hundred and fifty students to take part in "Sophfiz" the annual sophomore stunts which were presented at the Texas State College for Women (CIA) recently.

Miss Booth had a part in the first act called the Grecian Frieze. Again, she appeared in a curtain act. Miss Booth is a sophomore at the college, doing her major work in the department of business administration.

**WTCC Establishes Convention Office**

Sweetwater, April 21.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has established its convention headquarters office in Sweetwater and the preliminary arrangements for holding the fourteenth annual convention May 12, 13 and 14 are under way.

Maury Hopkins, assistant manager, is in charge of the office and will remain in Sweetwater until after the convention is over.

Local arrangements and entertainment will be in charge of the Sweetwater Board of City Development, of which John M. Hendrix is manager. Charles E. Paxton heads the local committee. D. A. Clark, Sweetwater's West Texas C. of C. director, will have charge of registrations and assist in the local arrangements.

**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter, residing in the Canyon, Friday, April 15, 1932.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Scott, Monday, April 18, 1932.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

**THE BADGER WEEKLY**

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

**The Staff:**

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

**FRESHMEN NEWS.**

Who said the Fish couldn't do anything? We can, believe it or not. Shannon, a Fish we are all proud of, won the mile run at the district meet. Shannon will get to go to the state meet at Austin the 5th, 6th and 7th, of May. We are all betting on him to win the state and then go to Chicago. Just watch the Freshmen news!!

One day Mr. Riddle gave the physical geography class a test and Louise Toombs put pasteur an English scientist. She asked Mr. Riddle if it would count off much and he replied: "Mr. Riddle: 'If someone asked you if Tom Riddle was a negro and you said 'yes.' Would you be right?'"

Louise Toombs: "If they said a negro school teacher, I would be half right."

**SPRING.**

Again we hear the ever-new story Of nature bursting forth in all her glory,  
Of how the birds begin to sing Glad tidings of returning spring.

It is springtime in our lives today, Mother nature holds undisputed sway; But we can look around and see The withered flowers of yesterday.

So let's bear the winter a little while, Meet all our troubles with a smile; And perhaps someday we too shall sing The joys of everlasting spring.

**CHAPEL NEWS.**

The Seniors gave their last chapel program last Wednesday morning.

The Seniors were seated around a large table in the front of the study hall. The last will and testament of the Seniors was read by Ida Mae Derstine, lawyer of the class. The history of the Senior class was told by a gypsy fortune teller, Mary Elizabeth Grimes. The prophecy of the class was told in the form of a radio program from Mars. The announcer was Margaret Canon.

This program was given so as to leave one last remembrance of the Seniors of '32 with Merkel High school.

**THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.**

Feminine voice (telephoning): "Is my husband at the club?"  
Porter: "No ma'am."  
F. V.: "But I haven't told you who I am."  
Porter: "Ah knows dat, lady, but they ain't nobody's husband heah, nevah."

Bog: "I got a real kick out of kissing Jane last night."  
Gog: "Any more than usual?"  
Bog: "Yea, the old man caught me."

The delinquent customer had just wired for another large order to be shipped immediately. The credit man rushed to the manager and asked him what he should do.

"Wire him that we can't ship him another order until the last one is paid for," said the manager.

"The last time we did that, he wired back and said that he couldn't wait that long and cancelled the order."

**THE W. W. W. W. W. W. CLUB.**  
Ola Ellen Smith.

Ola is a girl that you can put your faith and trust in. A neat little miss and charming too, is Ola. Even though she is a post-graduate this year, she is certainly welcomed in the Senior Girls' club. She is the sweet and lovable type that makes a high school a better place. We all love Ola and wish for her all the happiness in the world.

**Lona Bryan.**

The high school poet is Lona. Her fastidious nature and winsome ways will win for her everything she will ever need. Lona is dependable and always willing to help anyone who needs it. Lona is also a post-graduate this year whom everyone welcomes in the club. She has made a good Senior Girls' club reporter and we all wish her happiness.

**MERKEL WINS ONE FIRST PLACE IN DISTRICT MEET.**

Merkel won the one mile run at the district meet in Abilene Saturday. Shannon, who won the mile, will represent this district at the state meet in Austin, May 5, 6, 7. Shannon's time was 4:56. We believe that "Fatty" Shannon can win the mile at the state meet, and we are depending on him to do it.

The other representatives of Mer-

kel did well at the district meet, although none of them placed. Toombs did well in the 220 low hurdles and the 220 yard dash, and Cade proved that he was a worthy contender in the 100 yard dash. Patterson in the 880 and Durham and Stalls in the 440 also showed up well.

We are proud of all of the track teams, especially Shannon who won the gold medal.

**SENIOR NEWS.**

Spring is here, and the Seniors are very happy. The April showers remind them that it won't be long now until their high school days will be over.

Monday was the day that every Senior got the thrill that comes once in a lifetime: Measurements for the caps and gowns. Mrs. Irvin took the girls' measurements while Mr. Irvin took the boys' measurements. Some of the boys and girls had the "big head" so bad that it took an extra large cap for them.

The Seniors are all very busy trying to get everyone to write in their Memory books. This is a joy that will be enjoyed now, but the greatest joy will come years after 1932 when they read the books.

**DISTRICT MEET.**

Merkel is not only proud of the things she won in track but also of the places she won in literary events. In Junior Girls' declamation Betty Lou Grimes won second place. James West, Jr., placed second in extempore speaking. We are all looking forward to what Waldeline Husky will do in essay writing in her next two years as she won second place this time. We are proud of all the contestants that represented Merkel.

**THE SPIRIT OF M. H. S.**

The spirit of M. H. S. was displayed in the track events at district meet Saturday. J. B. Moore, a small Sophomore, ran a good race in the one-half mile run. Although J. B. was far behind when the first boy finished, he ran on to his goal. This is the way

a true student of Merkel High will do. He will do his best, even if he is last.

**DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!**

(By Dr. Heidegger.)

The Hoolahoola bird of the Skeptic Islands catches the musical notes of the crooners of that island and sells them for golf clubs, by special permission of the copyright owners.

In Ohoowahoo, India, Clarie, a pet elephant, was born with an old fashioned hand-bag instead of a trunk.

Oxie Strengthophel, strong man of Egypt, lifted a thousand pound weight above his head so quickly that he was lifted three feet and seven inches off the ground, where he remained for sometime.

The Whiskeyulero bird of the Noomann Islands builds its nest solely out of whiskers of aluminum peddlers.

Mr. Marshall Stalls, of Merkel High school, probably understands women better than any other boy his age in North America.

Mrs. J. Killedead, England's best known criminal lawyer, lost the case for every criminal he ever tried to defend.

Mr. J. R. Lasiter of M. H. S. is the most active person in the United States.

(Notice—Upon request, Dr. Heidegger will furnish information to prove that every statement made in the foregoing article is "not" so.)

**SUMMERS-FREE.**

With Rev. J. T. King officiating, Mr. H. L. Summers of Magdalen, N. M., and Miss Clyde Free of Abilene were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage here at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon of last week.

**PRESLEY-VINCENT.**

On Friday afternoon, April 8, Elder W. G. Cypert performed the ceremony uniting in marriage Mrs. Attie Vincent of Abilene and Mr. John Presley of Anson.

**NOTICE TO FARMERS.**

I still have plenty of Qualla cotton seed for planting at 35 cents per bushel. Will exchange for gin-run seed.

A. J. Canon.

Only one table ladies' hats to sell at \$1.29 Saturday—white and colors—come early. Bragg Dry Goods Company.

**Cemetery Working at Shiloh.**  
Attention is called to the date, Thursday, May 12, which is the time for the annual working of the Shiloh cemetery. Everybody is urged to come and help.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**Certified Seed**

I am representing the Texas Certified Seed Breeders association and can sell you any variety of STATE CERTIFIED, (not just "pedigreed") seed at \$1.25 per bushel and take your note.

**C. V. SHELTON**

**A World's Record**



**MORE** than three thousand births without a single loss of either mother or child! That is the official Platt County record of Dr. W. B. Caldwell, in fifty years' family practice in Illinois.

No wonder mothers have such entire confidence in giving little ones Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin!

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condition of constipation. It builds them up, and is nothing like the strong cathartics that sap their strength and energy.

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# MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES

## FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

At twenty-two the only thing Diana really desired was another woman's husband. A nervous wreck from the excitement and strain of London's gay life, she is taken by her aunt, Mrs. Gladwyn, to a famous specialist's office. The physician orders her to the country for a long rest. She rebels, but the doctor is handsome and sympathetic. She learns that he is not the great man himself but an assistant, Dr. Rathbone. "God made the country and man made the town," he tells her, and she agrees to go to a rural retreat.

Before she leaves she goes to Dennis Waterman's flat, where they are surprised by Linda, Dennis's wife, who takes the situation quite calmly. "I suppose she wants you to marry her?" she asks Dennis.

At the night club where she goes with Dennis, Diana collapses. She regains consciousness in a little country cottage, with a nurse, Miss Starling, bending over her. Dr. Rathbone's home was close by, Miss Starling told her.

After three weeks Dennis Waterman calls. He tells her he will have to go away, and his manner, as he leaves her, suggests that his love is waning.

### NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

And then Miss Starling came home, and, scared half out of her wits, Jenny told her part of the truth—that there had been a gentleman to see Miss Diana, and that ever since he went away she had been like this, crying and sobbing, and would not be quiet.

"I told you nobody was to be allowed in," the Creature said in cold anger. "However, the mischief is done. Stop howling and go over to Dr. Rathbone's. If he is not there, and I am sure he will not be, leave a message and ask him to come over as soon as possible. . . . Stop howling, do you hear?"

Jenny fled, with the sound of Diana's bitter sobbing singing in her ears like the cry of a lost soul.

"Dennis . . . Dennis . . . Dennis . . ." It was late before Rathbone came over to the cottage.

He walked into Diana's room and stood looking down at her.

She was lying on her back, one thin arm flung onto the pillow above her head, her eyes staring up at the ceiling.

Rathbone spoke her name in a quiet voice, and her gaze wandered down to the level of his face and rested there.

"Well," he said with a smile, "and what have you been doing to yourself?"

"Nothing," she said stonily. It was what people do to me.

"Oh, it's like that, is it?" He sat down beside her and took her hand—her pulse was terribly weak. After a moment he laid it gently down on the quilt.

"Have you been asleep?"

"I had a draught. I didn't want it, but she made me." She shot a look of bitter enmity at the Creature.

"That was quite right," Rathbone said.

He spoke to the Creature.

"I will come down in a moment," he said, dismissing her.

She went away, and Rathbone stood looking at Diana.

He had merely tried to rouse her when he had suggested that perhaps she was not worth saving. He understood her well enough to know how her pride and interest would be stung, but now, as he looked at her deathly face and obstinately closed lips, he wondered.

He said quietly, "Open your eyes, please, and listen to what I have to say."

To his surprise she obeyed at once.

"If you are going to lecture me—" she began, and he interrupted ruthlessly:

"That is exactly what I am going to do. If you had obeyed my orders and behaved like a sensible girl instead of like a silly, wilful child, by this time you would have been well on the road to recovery, but as it is, by your folly this afternoon you have put yourself back considerably, and believe me—no man in this world is worth it."

She said breathlessly:

"You don't know anything about it."

"And I don't wish to," he said. "But I give you warning now that unless you give me your word that in future you will do exactly as I have told you I shall write to Mrs. Gladwyn and tell her I must give up the case. I have dozens of really sick people on my hands without wasting valuable time on one who could soon be well and strong if she wished. Do you under-

stand?"

She said with trembling lips: "You are not very kind. I shall die if you give me up."

"Very well, then, there is to be no more nonsense."

"No," she whispered.

"And you will go to sleep and believe that everything will come right in the end. It so often does, you know."

"Not for me."

"Well, we shall see." He bent over her, feeling her pulse once more. Her eyes had closed as if the lids were too heavy to control, and he waited for a moment, a gleam of anxiety in his eyes, but she did not stir, and he went quietly from the room.

"My aunt wants to take me to Aix," Diana told Miss Starling the next morning, as soon as she had opened a letter that had arrived by the early post.

The Creature raised her brows.

"Oh, indeed. We must see what Dr. Rathbone has to say about that."

"He's said it already: he said I wasn't fit for the journey. I hate Aix, anyway; people there think of nothing but illness. We went once; last year, I think it was. I was bored to death."

The Creature smiled.

"I have yet to hear you say that you have thoroughly enjoyed yourself anywhere," she said.

Diana considered the point.

"Well, I don't know that I ever have," she admitted. "You look forward to a thing, and then when it comes it's disappointing."

"Half the pleasure of life is in looking forward to things," Miss Starling said, carefully folding one of Diana's silken garments.

"What do you look forward to?" Diana asked.

"Some day I hope to go to Normandy, but it's more than I can afford at present."

"How much would it cost?"

Miss Starling hesitated.

"I should think every penny of twenty pounds," she said at last.

"That would be if I stayed a fortnight, of course."

Twenty pounds! Not so much as Diana often gave for one of her frocks.

"Why Normandy?" she asked.

"Italy is much more beautiful."

"Normandy has associations for me," the Creature said quietly. "I have never been there, but a great friend of mine who died is buried there, and I have always promised myself that some day I will go and see his grave?"

"Oh—the man you told me about?"

"Yes, the man I told you about."

"How did he die?"

"He was drowned, saving the life of a little boy."

"That was brave of him."

"He was brave—the bravest man I ever knew."

There was a little silence.

"That's the kind of thing Dr. Rathbone would do," Diana said thoughtfully. She felt a little surprise that the Creature should prove to be so human. "Give his life for somebody, I mean."

"Dr. Rathbone won the Military Cross in the war," Miss Starling said unemotionally.

Diana was silent for a moment; then she said, "I wonder he has never married."

"We can't all marry, and it isn't the only thing in life."

"It must be lonely for him."

"I think he is too busy a man to trouble about loneliness."

"All the same," Diana said obstinately, "I wonder some woman hasn't managed to catch him."

"To catch him? What do you mean?"

"Marry him. I suppose he's quite rich."

"Hasn't he got a sister, or a niece, or anyone who ever stays with him?" Diana persisted.

"I have never tried to discover. It is not my business."

"I think you must try and get a little nap before you have your supper," Miss Starling said practically.

"I can't sleep to order," was Diana's fretful reply.

"You can try," the Creature insisted.

"And if Dr. Rathbone comes, wake me—even if I am asleep," was Diana's parting shot. It would be so like the Creature to insist that she was not to be disturbed.

But Rathbone did not come, though Diana lay awake for a long time listening for the sound of his car down the lane. He always sounded the horn when he turned from the main road, and she had grown to know and rec-

ognize it.

### CHAPTER VIII.

The doctor came on the Saturday afternoon in the middle of a thunder-storm.

Diana had been busy thinking about Dennis, who had cabled that he had arrived in New York. She was torn with her emotions at knowing he was with Linda.

The noise of the thunder had drowned the little sounds of Rathbone's arrival, and when he spoke to her she looked up, her face drenched in tears.

"Oh . . . Dr. Rathbone . . ."

She would have been less pleased to see an angel from heaven. In her eagerness she threw the bed coverings from her and sprang up to greet him.

"Oh, I'm so glad you've come."

He laughed and took her hand.

"Glad! Do you always cry when you're glad?" he said. He strode across the room and pulled the window down.

The rain was coming in and had made a little pool on the floor.

"Get back to bed and cover yourself up," he ordered. "You'll take cold."

He looked at her whimsically. "And what were the tears for?" he asked.

She brushed them away with her bare hands as a child might have done.

"I think I was miserable. I thought you were never coming again. It seems so long since I saw you."

"Yes," he agreed. "It does seem a long time." Then they were both silent for a moment, looking at one another.

"Why haven't you been all the week?"

"For one thing, I've been busy, and for another, I thought you could do without me."

"Well," Diana said impulsively, "now you know I can't—and that's all about it."

Then again they were silent, looking steadily at one another, while the thunder rolled overhead shaking the stout walls of the little house.

He turned sharply away and stood for a moment staring out at the pouring rain, his big shoulders almost blocking out the window. Then he said, in a matter-of-fact voice:

"I think you might get up tomorrow and have your lunch downstairs. You must be tired of this room. A change will do you good if you don't overdo it." He turned round again. "By the way, any visitors this week?"

"No." In spite of herself, Diana felt

she was flushing. She thought that what he really wished to discover was whether Dennis had been again. She said a trifle impatiently, "I don't think people are very fond of visiting you when you're ill."

"You can have anyone you like now, if they don't stay too long," he told her. "It would cheer you up to see some of your friends."

"What friends?" she asked wearily. "You must have dozens."

She shrugged her slim shoulders. "Nobody I really care about—no girls, at least."

"A man then," he suggested half jokingly.

Diana was plucking the quilt together with nervous fingers. She was quite sure now that he was trying to discover something about Dennis, and with sudden bravado she lifted her head and looked at him.

"He is in America."

"He?" It was with chagrin that Diana realized that Rathbone had forgotten all about Waterman and that he was genuinely mystified to know to whom she referred.

She said defiantly, "The man who came here—before I was so ill again."

"Oh . . . I see. Then perhaps it is as well he is in America," he said significantly.

The tone of his voice angered her; he was treating her like a child.

"I shall never love anyone else," she said, her voice taking a higher pitch of excitement. "No matter what anyone says." She paused breathlessly, but he made no comment, and she went

on in the same way. "Aunt Gladwyn says it's indecent to love a married man; she says the modern girl is indecent. I suppose you think so too."

He ignored the last words. He said gravely:

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vent them both—from behaving foolishly."

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Benny Butman and Miss Beatrice Perry of Dora are visiting in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rencau.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, accompanied by two of their daughters, Mrs. Carlton McLeod and Miss Marjory, and brother, Lon Adrian, of Loraine visited relatives at Elk City and other places in Oklahoma from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Coats of White Church community were guests Monday of Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

Frank Allen has returned home after working in Pecos for the past several months.

Miss Doreen Scott had as her guests Monday afternoon Miss Blanche Bonosky and Miss Bell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Island and children of Midland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale from Saturday to Sunday.

Mrs. Tannie Jones and little son, Linly, are planning on leaving the last of the week to join her husband who is playing ball at Port Arthur.

Rev. H. F. Vermillion, wife and daughter of Fort Worth were guests on last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

M. C. Adkins, district manager of the telephone company, and Mr. Preston, manager for the company at Winters, attended to business here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crain were business visitors to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer of Dallas have been spending their vacation period as house guests of Mr. Mary Archer and Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer, also dividing their time with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Harkins of Sweetwater, parents of Mrs. Gene Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock and Ruth Marie of Hermleigh were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Mary Archer.

Last Friday an all-day rally of the district home demonstration clubs convened at Albany. Mesdames T. B. Williamson, Reuben Reeves, Wallace Bery and T. L. Stevens attended and reported a very pleasant day.

Mrs. H. J. Bowles left for El Paso Tuesday morning where she joins her husband. Mrs. Bowles will be remembered as Miss Kathryn Freeman.

Quite a number attended church at Sweetwater Sunday where Dr. H. F. Vermillion of Dallas conducted services at the First Baptist church.

Mrs. J. B. Galbreath and daughter, Ruth Evelyn, who have been here visiting her mother, Mrs. O. L. Reeves, returned to their home in San Antonio Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Venable are announcing the birth of a boy on the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott are announcing the birth of a girl on the 18th.

Freeland Nugent left Saturday for Eldorado, Ark., to try out with the ball club there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh were guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tinnon and daughter of Rotan.

Mesdames Tude Keltz, Tom Hardison and Carl Atwell and Miss Clancy Keltz of Vernon were week-end guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steadman. They were accompanied by Foy Steadman, who has been taking post-graduate work at Vernon and, having finished his school work, has returned home.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**  
When the Home Demonstration club met last Wednesday in its club rooms, "The Pantry" was the subject of a thorough discussion. On Wednesday afternoon, May 11, there will be a quilt elimination among the members and the three best quilts will be entered in the county contest on rally day at the Fair Park in Abilene on May 14. Also each member of the club will be required to bring one pillow case embroidered to enter the rally day contest. Each member is urged to bring her quilt and pillow case on Wednesday, May 11.

Next Wednesday, April 27, Miss Chambers will demonstrate tying and dyeing four different colors on one piece of material, fancy stitches, fagoting and foundation garments. Those present at the last meeting were: Mesdames Roy Stewart, Charles Wash, Ed Burks, Burt McTee, C. T. Beckham, Reuben Reeves, Lee Rogers, Lizzie Ross, T. H. Williamson and Alex Williamson.

**MR. AND MRS. GENE ARCHER HONORED.**  
Tuesday evening at eight Mrs. Rado Archer was hostess to the Merry Contract club, having as her honor guests

## Roy Elliott New Trent School Supt.

Trent, April 20.—Roy Elliott has been appointed superintendent of Trent high school, succeeding Ross B. Jenkins, who resigned. The school board voted to take off one teacher, leaving seven here for the next school year. Salaries were cut considerably all down the line as an economy measure. Teachers re-elected are Miss Virgie Strawn, Mrs. O. L. Reeves, Garland Franks and Mrs. Dora Reynolds. The trustees are J. Cal Hamner, president; Walker Steadman, secretary; W. H. Hale, R. L. Reeves and Hub West.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer of Dallas. Dainty pastel hues of spring expressed in a profusion of wild flowers in tones of yellow orchid and white, arranged in bowls and vases formed a background for the color scheme. Artistically embossed flower tallies in tints of sky blue further accentuated the pastel motif.

After seven hilarious rounds of contract, Mrs. Joe Jackson, winning high for ladies club prize, was presented with a lovely flower bowl in orchid and yellow; while Mr. Cloyd Robinson was given a charming deck of cards for men's club high. Mrs. Gene Archer was awarded a clever hat and clothes brush as guest high compliment.

Delicious refreshments of punch, frozen flapper cake, potato chips, cheese nut sandwiches and stuffed olives served from green and amber glassware, again reflecting the color theme, were served to club members:

Mr. and Mrs. Ross B. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer.

**High School News.**  
**SPORTS.**  
Well, we didn't do so well in district, but that doesn't discourage us a bit. Some one had to be defeated, you know.

**WE HAVE HEARD—**  
That Idell is called "T. B."  
That Helen H. gets "home-sick."  
That Fanny, Jewell and Thelma would like to go up in an elevator.  
That Idell and Edith sometimes get lost.  
That Fanny talks over the phone and says: "Why, I thought you were coming over here."

**HOME EC. CLUB ENTERTAINED.**  
Miss Mildred Steadman was hostess to the Home Ec. club last Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 until 4.

Various phases of the history of Texas were discussed, as "Early History," "State Flower" and "State Heroes."

A delicious plate of sandwiches, candy and iced tea, was served each member. —Reporter.

**SALT BRANCH NEWS**  
The Salt Branch P. T. A. met Thursday night. A short play, "How The Story Grew," was given by eight women and girls.

Little Patsy Westmoreland, aged two weeks, died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Thornton, last Thursday and was buried at the Stith cemetery Friday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the Thornton home by Mr. Gouge.

Miss Hazel Thornton of Fort Worth is ill at the home of her parents here.

Miss Maud Cook of Anson was the week-end guest of Miss Marcella Pinckley.

A number from this community attended the singing at Tye Sunday afternoon.

Miss Braunell Armstrong is visiting relatives at Levelland this week.

Mrs. Charlie Gouge, who has been ill for the past ten days, is improving now.

Quite a bit of interest is being shown in the singing school conducted by Houston Robertson each Friday night. The public is invited.

The Home Demonstration club was postponed until Friday, April 22, on account of a funeral Friday 15.

Muri Thornton, who is attending school at Goodman, visited his parents here.

**School Play at White Church.**  
Saturday night at 8 o'clock the White Church school will have a program. Two plays will be put on. One of the plays is a two act play, "Parlor Matches." The other play is a one act play, "An Irish Alibi."

If it should rain, the play will be given as soon as possible, it is announced by those in charge.

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## RURAL SOCIETY

**GOLAN CLUB NEWS.**  
The Women's Better Home club met at the church on April 13, with 9 members present. A well prepared program was made interesting by Mrs. A. S. Lawlis, Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Mrs. W. R. Perryman and Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey.

Ten club members met in the home of Mrs. A. S. Lawlis April 6 with the home wardrobe demonstrator to make foundation patterns. A pleasant time was spent playing and working.

Miss Bonner will meet with us April 27. Her subject will be "Lines for Types." She will demonstrate "Bound Button Holes" and "Set-in Pockets."

Mrs. H. C. Thompson and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey have subjects to speak from this meeting.

Our club is making a great deal of progress in our work. All members are invited and visitors are welcome each time.

The women are preparing a "Child Health" program for our first meeting in May. The girls club has been invited to take part on this program.

The ladies club has ordered literature for the Mothers' Day program and the program committee will make the program out this week and get all parts to those helping. The Sunday School and league are invited to help us out.

**SALT BRANCH 4-H CLUB.**  
The Salt Branch 4-H club met last Thursday with thirteen of its members and the sponsor, Miss Norah Foster, present.

The subject discussed was "What a School Girl's Wardrobe Should Contain" and "Inventory of My Wardrobe."

The 4-H club meets Thursday of each week at the school house at four o'clock.

Every girl is invited to these meetings. —Reporter.

**MT. PLEASANT HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**  
The Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, April 19, at Mrs. Craig Humphreys' home. The president called the house to order at 2:30 o'clock, the roll call showing a few members absent. Miss Chambers was present and she cut our foundation pattern. We also discussed our plan for our cooker. We are to make a friendship quilt and each person's name in the quilt will cost 10c. So whoever wants their name in it should see some of us members. We will be delighted to have them.

Our next meeting will be May 3. We invite everyone to come.

At the close of the meeting ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames C. R. Roland, Etta Rolland, J. A. Russell, John Curb, Mary Click, L. R. Click, R. S. Darden, Jr., F. T. Hogan, H. M. Vanlandingham, Morris Smith, G. B. Vanlandingham, Ford Smith, Orion Humphreys, Miss Dolly Hay, Miss Chambers, Bessie Reidenbach and the hostess.

**WHITE FLAT**  
An unusually large crowd enjoyed the play here Friday evening, presented by Bitter Creek talent. It was a three-act play, entitled "The Path Across the Hill," and the players exhibited real talent in the performance. The Faust Brothers rendered beautiful musical selections during the program and the entire evening was such a success that the majority of our local pupils are now wishing they could attend Bitter Creek school.

Sunday School and church were well attended Sunday, Rev. J. P. Orand of Trent preaching at the evening service.

Mildred McElmurry had Louise Purser, Carrie Mae Hand, Velma and Dessa Horton for dinner guests Sunday evening.

The White Flat girls easily defeated the girls indoor ball team from Trent last Tuesday afternoon to the score of 19-10; after this game the Trent boys lost their game to us. What's wrong, Trent?

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## COMPERE NEWS

Dry, hot winds still prevail. Yet the farmers are looking forward to better days since we have had some indications of rain.

A large crowd attended our P. T. A. Friday night. The special feature of the entertainment was given by the Noodle Choral and Glee club.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Midland visited relatives and friends here Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. Smith returned home Sunday night, but Mrs. Smith remained until Thursday.

Mr. A. F. Terry and family and Miss Edna Horton were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lucas.

Brother Robertson filled his regular appointment Sunday night at Zion Chapel.

Supt. and Mrs. H. D. Norris and little daughter, Betty Jane, and Miss Maude Sexton, all of Sylvestor, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Milner.

Compere has one more month of school. We are proud of our excellent attendance this term. Our school boasts of having six students eligible for "Perfect Attendance Certificates." They are as follows: George Newman, Emily Olive Newman, Kathleen Milner, Maurice Sherrell, J. T. Smith and Robert E. Spurgin.

Miss Flora Adkin spent the week-end with Mrs. Chester Lucas of Noodle.

Mr. O. T. Mahanay, officer of foreign wars, Berkeley, Cal., was a passing visitor in the home of Mrs. Jake Foster. Mr. Mahanay is a nephew of Mrs. Foster's.

A large crowd enjoyed a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spurgin Saturday night.

A number of our young folks attended singing at Noodle Friday night.

Charles Childers spent Saturday night in the Chancey home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch of Merkel.

Several families enjoyed ice cream at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith Saturday night.

"The Wild Oats Boy" is making preparations to appear on the Compere stage soon. The teachers and pu-

pils will soon be making plans for their last of school program.

Clyde Foster of Merkel visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Boyd Tarpley has been reported on the sick list.

Miss Eva Lou Allred was a Sunday guest in the home of Robbie Horton.

Mrs. Bill Childers and family have returned to Big Spring after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Conrad Guy of Anson, visited in our community the past week-end.

R. P. Horton was an Anson visitor the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Palmer of Truby visited relatives and friends in Compere Sunday.

**GOLAN NEWS**  
School was out Friday. Parents gathered at the school house early Friday morning with well filled picnic lunch baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarver have returned to their home near Bonham, Fannin county.

Miss Martin left for her home near Sylvestor Friday afternoon.

Miss Boyd of Cisco left for her home Saturday morning.

Mrs. Lewis Lawlis had a visiting sister from Stith Saturday and Sunday.

The school program was enjoyed by a large crowd of home folks and many visitors from other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner were recent visitors in Sweetwater and Roscoe.

Mrs. Edd Jones' children of Abilene were last week's visitors of Mrs. Ralph Green.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill visited with their son, Orvel, of Truby, last Sunday.

Rollie Hill left for Big Spring Friday morning.

Mrs. Bill Brown of New Mexico was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Efford Brown.

Texas dress manufacturers are much interested in the business possibilities growing out of the action of several schools in selecting cotton textiles for graduation dresses.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**CANYON NEWS**  
Everyone is feeling fine over the nice showers received here Sunday night, although it wasn't quite enough to start planting.

Quite a number from Blair attended Sunday School at the Nubia M. E. church Sunday morning. There was "dinner on the ground" and singing in the afternoon until three o'clock. Then Rev. Ernest Dowell of Merkel preached at the Baptist church. All report a very nice time and think their time well spent.

Miss Evelyn Perry spent a pleasant afternoon in the home of Mrs. Will Butman Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son, Carlton Floyd, and Mr. Bernell Crow of Noodle Dome spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews of Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn of Butman received word last week that their son-in-law, Mr. Joe Denton, of Big Spring, who has been ill for some time, was not doing so well.

Friday, April 22, is field day at I. X. L. school. Quite a number of schools have been invited over. There will be ball games in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Turner entertained with a party Saturday evening. A large crowd attended and all report a "sumptuous" time.


The I. X. L. boys defeated the Merkel boys in a baseball game one day last week, 11-10. Hey! Hey! Come on boys, we knew you could do it.

Misses Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry spent Saturday night with their uncle, Mr. M. E. Perry of Nubia.

**COST ONLY ONE DOLLAR.**  
Until May 1, 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.

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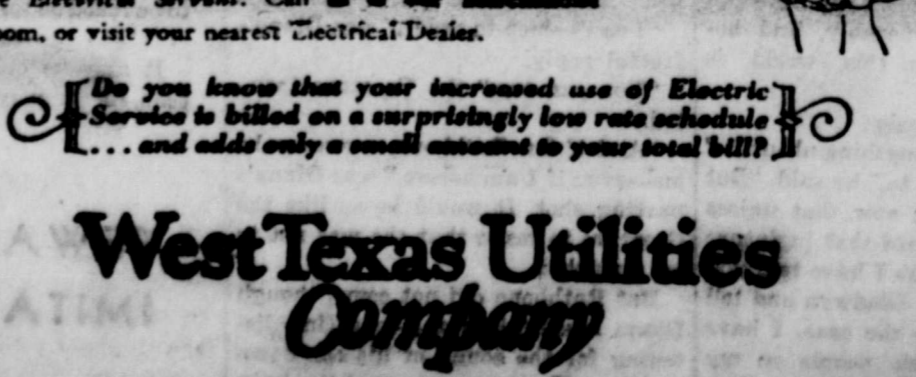


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## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)  
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21: W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.) JOHN PAYNE.  
 For County Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) GRADY PARMELLY. R. S. (Bob) WALKER.  
 For County Judge: JOHN CAMP. JOE E. CHILDERS.  
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) A. J. CANON. L. L. MURRAY.  
 For County Tax Assessor: C. W. BOYCE. H. F. (Henry) LONG. C. A. COCKRELL. W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.  
 For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)  
 For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)  
 For Sheriff: BURL WHEELER, (Re-election.)  
 For District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Pat Addison, who has been under treatment at the local sanitarium, is getting along moderately well at this writing.  
 Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs are spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.  
 Mr. Clarence Lackey with his charming little daughter, Lucretia, of Post City, visited his sister, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and little son, Junior, of Nubia and Mrs. Beatrice Reeves and daughter, Lena Grace, of Trent were also guests in this home Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Purl Sandifer and family of Tuscola visited their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan, the first of the week and Mr. and Mrs. Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer visited another sister, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott, of Trent, Monday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and sons, accompanied by Miss Messick of Roscoe, visited their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Friday. Mrs. Doan accompanied them back to spend the week.  
 Mrs. O. L. Mayfield with her attractive little daughter, Peggie Marie, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blond, of Sweetwater.  
 Kenneth Sharp of Merkel spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan and family.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and children visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of Trent Sunday.  
 Rev. Marvin Williams is to fill his pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.  
 Elder Cybert of Merkel will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday.  
 A number of people from here attended the rabbit drive at White Church the past week, also the big dinner at the Methodist church Sunday. All report a nice dinner both days and a big time.  
 Mr. Kemp is our new Santa Fe agent now. We are glad to welcome him but regret to lose Mr. Keel, for he made us a fine citizen, and we'd liked to have kept them both.  
 Mrs. Laura Harrison is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, of Hamby for an indefinite time.  
 Sam Phillips visited his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Abilene Monday.  
 Sam Province is enjoying several days stay with his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, of Merkel.  
 Another big rabbit drive was put on here Tuesday, the drive extending over several sections of land. Lunch was served by the ladies at the Santa Fe platform where a large quantity of appetizing food was placed before the hungry rabbit chasers. This formed one of the most satisfactory features of the day.  
 Late news has come that Pat Addison is on the sick list at this writing. We are also sorry to learn that Mr. Eli Brooks is under treatment.  
 Mrs. J. A. Douglas and children of Callahan county were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huse Price Sunday.  
 When he was hit in the head by a pitched ball in an amateur baseball game Sunday, Roy H. Manville, 26, of Bogard, suffered a fractured skull from which he died.  
 Ladies' sport hats and tamers given cheaper at Drugg's.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE**  
 FOR SALE—Sudan seed \$1.10 per 100 pounds, stored in Laney building. H. H. Toombs.  
 FOR SALE—O. I. C. pigs, also Poland China; would trade for maize. See Andrew Baker, Route 3.  
 TOMATO PLANTS for sale 50 cents per 100. G. E. Baker, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.  
 GINNED 2 TO 8 BALES at a time, selling 300 pounds seed, then saving balance, pure Mebane, 3 bushels to \$1.00. M. Armstrong.

## UNION RIDGE NEWS

Miss Estelle Terry and Mrs. Gladys Shelton entertained their pupils with a picnic last Friday afternoon. At the luncheon hour sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served. All the parents that attended reported a nice time.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Douglas and son, Billy Jo, of Comanche were the Sunday guests of Mrs. M. A. Douglas.  
 Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his appointment Sunday afternoon. A very large crowd attended.  
 Mr. Woodrow Clark accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel on a trip to Wichita Falls last week-end.  
 We were glad to have Miss Ima Gene Mangum of Trent and Colon Whatley for our afternoon services.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker entertained the young folks of this community with a "42" party last Saturday night. Those attending were Misses Margaret, Maurine and Mildred Dean, Blanche and Ruby Carey and Annie Mae Davis, Mesdames Hail Derstine, Norris Barnett, Clements Carey, Jack Thornton, Bernard Clark and Paul Pannell. All reported a nice time.

## Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, April 21.—Morning sales of slaughter steers and yearlings at the Fort Worth market were about steady and trading was fairly active on the better grades. Yearlings made up the bulk of the load lots. Supplies of stocker yearlings and steers rather liberal and trading was slow getting under way, with indications for lower prices.  
 Receipts, 2,500; 700 calves; slaughter cattle and calves about steady, plainer yearlings slow, better fed steers 5.25-5.60; very plain and common killing steers 3.85; well-finished yearlings 6.00; fat cows 3.00; butcher grades 2.50; bulls scarce; good heavy fat calves 4.75-5.10; plainer grades 4.50 down; good to choice vealers 6.25. 7.25; stock yearlings slow to 25c lower, offerings of value to sell around 4.00-4.75.

## Cattle Shipments

Cattle shipments for the week totaled four cars, three destined for California and one to the Fort Worth market.  
 On Tuesday Sam Rabin, representing the Hampton Livestock Commission house, shipped a car of calves, followed by a car of cattle on Wednesday, to California.  
 On Monday H. S. Jerigan loaded a car of cows for delivery to the California Livestock commission, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 A car of mixed cattle was shipped Wednesday by Morrison and Clements to Fort Worth.

## July 4-5-6 Named For Cowboy Reunion

Stamford, April 21.—The third annual session of the Texas Cowboy reunion will be held here, July 4, 5 and 6. The dates, which have just been adopted by the board of directors, are about a week later than past sessions have been held, and the Fourth of July is included for the first time as one of the show days.  
 Beginning as a sectional affair in 1930, the Cowboy Reunion gained state wide prominence and attracted national attention last year.  
 Outstanding features of the reunion each year are the gathering of hundreds of pioneer cowboys and ranchmen and the cowboy rodeo in which the cowhands from the ranges compete. New attractions will likely be added this year.  
 The cowboys dance, one of the popular features of the reunion, will likely be transferred from the open air pavilion to the city auditorium this year in order that it may be witnessed by a larger number of spectators.  
 With the shifting of the date to include the Fourth of July, preparations are being made to handle a much larger crowd than last year when nearly 15,000 persons attended.

## Personal Mention

Vivian Reinhardt of Fort Worth was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Largent.  
 Mrs. E. S. Turner, a former resident of Merkel, spent last week-end with Mayo and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.  
 Mrs. Christian King and children of Abilene spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King.  
 Misses Tommie and Bobbie Clark and Mrs. R. L. Miller of Abilene were Sunday guests of Miss Dora Garoutte.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castleberry from Noodle spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis.  
 Mrs. Ruby Robbins and baby of Sweetwater, recent guests of her cousin, Mr. W. C. Black, have returned home.  
 Mrs. L. M. Touchstone had as her guest Thursday and Friday of last week her friend, Mrs. Irby Ayers, of Chillicothe.  
 Miss Mildred Hamm left Monday for Austin to spend two weeks with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsy.  
 T. J. R. Swafford, who is here from Spur to spend the next week or ten days, was a pleasant caller at the office of The Mail Tuesday.  
 Gradual improvement from day to day is noted in the condition of Will D. Williams, who has been seriously ill for the past several weeks.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague and children and Mrs. Juanita Dowell spent the week-end on the Brackeen ranch north of Mineral Wells.  
 W. E. Lowe, member of the state range force, with headquarters at Falfurrias, was here part of last week shaking hands with old friends.  
 Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore were Mrs. Moore's sister, Miss Johnnie Elliott, and her friend, Miss Lonelle Whiteaker of Abilene.  
 After a visit of several weeks with Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, parents of Mrs. Grimes, left Monday for their home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles West returned Tuesday from Wichita Falls after spending the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Beulah Tipton, who had been their recent guest here.  
 Mrs. Milton Case, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John G. Key, and sister, Miss Irby Key, of Winters, is visiting her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Key, of Dimmitt this week.  
 A passing guest early in the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears was their uncle, C. D. Bryant, of Whitewright, who was visiting his daughter in Sweetwater.  
 Mrs. John G. Anderson of Dexter, N. M., is spending the week with her brother, Deputy Sheriff W. R. Sumpter, and family, en route home from San Antonio where she attended the nurses' convention.  
 Mrs. Evelyn Zercher and sister, Miss Louise Pannell, returned to Dallas Tuesday after spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell, and little son and nephew, Dicky Zercher.  
 Mrs. Milt Warren of Rugby in Red River county arrived Sunday to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker. The latter is showing steady improvement, following her critical illness.  
 Rev. W. J. Saffle, of Plainview, former Baptist pastor here, has been the guest of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent. He preached at the First Baptist church both morning and evening last Sunday.  
 A. V. Henslee left April 15 for Carlsbad where he will be for some time for treatment. He was accompanied by J. M. Brown of White Church and his son, Bill. The many friends of Mr. Henslee are hoping for him an early recovery.  
 Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell were Mr. Campbell's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porter, and children from Dallas. From here they went to Sweetwater and then expected to visit Carlsbad and El Paso before returning home.  
 Misses Etta Pruitt, Reba Martin, Ruby Grace Jones, Alta D. and Lois Thorn and Messrs. Lindal D. and Rexel Martin, Ed Horne and Lloyd Pruitt were Sunday dinner guests of Miss Floy Wells and attended the singing at the Fundamental Baptist church Sunday afternoon.  
 W. T. McAninch on his return from Stephenville was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Thelma, and also Misses Ethel and Eleanor Mae Hamilton, all of whom are students of John Tarleton college. Allen Terry of Trent, another Tarleton student, also returned with them for a week-end visit with his folks.  
 Reopen Brick Plant.  
 Brownwood, April 21.—Improving business conditions have made it possible for the Texas Brick company plant here to resume operations. Fifty men returned to work. The plant suspended production last October.

## "One Hour With You" Furnishes Chevalier Role of Opportunity

Smooth as satin—bright polished and fast moving as a new car—bubbling and effervescent and heart-warming as pre-war champagne—exciting as a stolen kiss. That's Maurice Chevalier's latest starring vehicle, "One Hour With You," which heads the Abilene Paramount Theatre program next week and which will open a three day engagement starting Monday.  
 Once again he is supported by Jeanette McDonald, in the leading feminine role, who shared honors with him in "The Love Parade." In addition to the glorious Jeanette the brilliant cast includes Genevieve Tobin, Charles Ruggles and Roland Young.  
 As a fashionable young doctor whose women patients find his prescriptions easy to take, Chevalier has a role full of opportunities for his special brand of foolery, and needless to say he doesn't miss one. However and this is an original touch—the doctor is actually in love with his wife.  
 Thus a sufficiency of plot complications give M. Chevalier an opportunity to be, in turn, smiling and debonair, worried and distressed, anxious and apologetic, then happy again—and always, always funny. "One Hour With You" also provides legitimate occasion for the introduction of new Chevalier songs; and it's certain that several of them, "What Would You Do," "Three Times A Day" and "Oh! That Mitzie" with the duet "What a Little Thing Like a Wedding Ring Can Do," which is sung by Maurice and Jeanette, will be played and sung for more than the "one hour" of the title. The special music score is by none other than Strauss, a fellow who certainly knows his waltzes.  
 "The Wisser Sex," featuring Claudette Colbert, Lilyan Tashman and Melvin Douglas, sensational new leading man who was seen with Gloria Swanson at the Paramount this week, will be the attraction on Thursday and Friday. "The Wisser Sex" is a story of a young society girl who decides to become a "Secret Six" all on her own and who wages war on the underworld of a big city.  
 On Saturday, Warner Baxter will be seen in "Amateur Daddy" with Marion Nixon. It is a "Daddy Long Legs" type of story in which Baxter is always good in his portrayal. Others in the cast are Rita Leroy and Frankie Darrow. Embellishing this excellent array of feature pictures the Paramount will present a special selected group of short subjects.

## Announce New List of Civil Service Exams

The United States civil service commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:  
 Field assistant, for seasonal employment; at the rate of \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year; field aide, for seasonal employment at the rate of \$1,440 to \$1,980 a year; assistant field aide, for seasonal employment at the rate of \$900 to \$1,560 a year; department of agriculture.  
 Securities examiner, \$3,200 a year, federal power commission, Washington, D. C.  
 Farm manager, \$2,900 a year; assistant farm manager (dairying), \$2,300 a year; assistant farm manager (truck gardening), \$2,300 a year; assistant farm manager (swine), \$2,300 a year; assistant farm manager (poultry), \$2,300 a year; superintendent of furniture factory, \$2,900 a year; superintendent of clothing shop, \$3,200 a year; assistant superintendent of clothing shop, \$2,000 a year; superintendent of reed furniture shop, \$2,300 a year; superintendent of cabinet and woodworking shop, \$2,300 a year; instructor foreign (machinist), \$2,000 a year. United States penitentiary service, department of justice.  
 Junior veterinarian, \$2,000 to \$2,600 a year, bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture.  
 All states except Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.  
 Full information may be obtained from Castle B. Ellis, secretary of the United States civil service board of examiners, at the postoffice in this city.  
 Mayflower Cuff Buttons.  
 Racine, Wis., April 21.—Among the collection of family relics which fill a case in the home of Park Wooster here, is a pair of cuff buttons brought to America on the Mayflower. The buttons are oblong, rose-colored stone, set in silver.  
 Holly leaves are used for tea in South America.  
 The Anacostia snake often grows to the length of forty feet.

## Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One)  
 Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson. Don Wood, 94; J. C. Thomas, 90; Geraldine Teague, 90.  
 Third Grade, Miss Heizer. Guy Manscill, 95; Beatrice Bishop, 94; Betty Jane Diltz, 94; Euvalda Fox, 94; Billy Largent, 94; Ralph Eoff, 91; Helen Heeter, 90.  
 Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes. Mary Nell Morgan, 96; Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billie Wood, 96; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Dorothy Johnson, 93; Frances Owen, 93; Robert Rodden, 93; Euveta Smith, 92; Roy Lee Martin, 90; D. S. Price, 90.  
 Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson. Richmond Buford, 95; Comora Hughes, 95; Joyce Hayes, 93; Mildred Bird, 93; Mabel Murray, 93; Bonnie Church, 93; Verne Moore, 93; Wilma McAninch, 92; Ann Louise Lepard, 91; Leona Bell, 90; Udell Camp, 90.  
 Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan. Dortha Sue Bird, 95; Jannell Black, 95; Marie Davis, 92; Clyde Cribley, 90.  
 Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey. Charles Andy Shouse, 94; Jessie La Verne Simpson, 92.  
 Sixth Grade, Miss Welch. Billie Dunning, 94; Junior Grimes, 94; Laverne Hughes, 93; Murphy Dye, 92; Betty Lou Grimes, 92; Bud Gambill, 91; Margie Melton, 91.  
 Sixth Grade, Miss Pinkley. Sylvan Mellinger, 95; Morris Wozencraft, 95; Pauline McAninch, 91; De La Verge Teague, 91; Jack Sublett, 90.  
 Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke. Ora Derrick, 94; Janet Hayes, 90.  
 Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Francis Tarleton, 97; Harold Morgan, 95; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 94; Thelma Patterson, 92.

## Journey Enters Race For Seat in Congress

Washington, April 21.—Chesley W. Journey of Waco, who was secretary to the late Senator Charles A. Culberson for twenty years, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination as congressman-at-large for Texas. While Mr. Journey has spent most of the last thirty-six years in Washington, he always has retained his residence in Waco and spends much of his time there when congress is not in session.  
 Mr. Journey bases his candidacy on three planks. He is opposed to a general revision of the tariff at any time, is opposed to the inheritance tax, and favors the modification of the Volstead act.

## Refinery Resumes Operations.

Wichita Falls, April 21.—Taxman Refining company of this city resumed operations Thursday after a three-month shutdown. The plant will run 2,500 to 3,000 barrels of crude daily. Other plants are making improvements to be ready to start operations as soon as the price of refined products permits.  
 Taught Bible Class 50 Years.  
 West Asheville, N. C., April 21.—Mrs. W. E. Logan has taught a Bible class for 50 years and estimates that 200,000 persons have attended her classes. Her present class has 150 members and an average attendance of 80.  
 Two thousand more couples were married in London, England, last year than in the previous year.

## Canon States Views on Questions by Voters

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:  
 There have been several of the voters of this precinct to ask me my views on the following questions:  
 "Should you be elected as county commissioner, would you keep the county team and wagon on?" No, I would dispose of the team and wagon and when there was need of work to be done with a team I would give same to the farmer or farmers nearest to work being done.  
 "Am I in favor of furnishing the commissioners a car?" No, if elected, I will vote for each commissioner to furnish his own car and operate same at his own expense.  
 I would also favor 10 per cent reduction in commissioners' salaries and all other officers under commissioners' court.  
 "Do you believe in good roads?" Sure, I do and think our rural mail lines should be made and kept as near an all-weather road as possible.  
 As to the special 15 cents tax that was voted on years before I came to the county and, as I have been told, was for the road and bridge fund, with our roads and bridges up in fairly good condition, under the present conditions and circumstances in which we are all placed, I think this tax should be discontinued by the commissioners court, if they have the power, and, if not, then have the court order an election and let the people vote on same.  
 Being a property owner of this precinct and knowing and realizing the strain the people are going through to pay their taxes I am in favor of an expense and tax cut wherever possible.  
 Again asking each of you for your vote and influence, based on my merits and qualifications, I am  
 Yours truly,  
 A. J. Canon.

## Piano Tournament Dates, May 12, 13, 14

Abilene, April 21.—The fourth all-southwestern piano tournament, inaugurated in 1929 by Irl Allison, dean of music at Simmons university, will be held here on May 12, 13, and 14. It has been announced by Miss Mary Rogers, secretary of the meet.  
 Piano students of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, from the grade schools to the senior stage in college, will compete.  
 Dr. John Thompson of Kansas City, teacher of international fame, will again serve as judge of the contest. He will also give a short piano teachers' normal course. Judging in this contest is not on the basis of one contestant against another, but all against a certain standard. All players perform behind a screen and are given a certain rating after their performance.  
 In the past three years 255 contestants have taken part in this tournament, coming from every part of Texas and from Oklahoma and New Mexico. The meet was established to stimulate interest in the southwest in artistic piano playing among students. Those desiring information may address Miss Mary Rogers, Mary's Music Mill, Abilene, Texas.  
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**WILLING WORKERS.**  
Mrs. P. A. Diltz was a most gracious hostess Tuesday afternoon to members of the Willing Workers class.

An inspiring devotional was led by Mrs. J. J. Russell and an interesting program followed. At the refreshment hour delicious cream and cake was served to Mesdames Sam Dertine, W. D. Butler, J. J. Russell, S. G. Russell, W. M. Elliott, W. T. Curb, A. A. Baker, L. L. Murray, J. E. Tucker, R. A. Walker, Odie Clark, Misses Mary, Lizzie and Jennie Keny.

**PHILATHEA CLASS MEETING.**  
The Philathea class met at the home of Mrs. E. L. Yeats Tuesday night in a business and social meeting.

New officers elected were: Mrs. Allen McGehee, president; Mrs. Ernest Higgins, vice president; Mrs. Juanita Dowell, secretary and Mrs. C. V. Shelton, reporter. A social committee consisting of Mrs. Claude Dye, Miss Lucy Patterson and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, was then appointed by the new president.

A program of songs and Bible stories followed the business meeting, then delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Allen McGehee, Claude Dye, Ernest Higgins, Kenneth Pee, Homer Foster, Cyrus Pee, Juanita Dowell, and Miss Julia Martin, Miss Lucy Patterson, Mrs. C. V. Shelton and Mrs. Yeats.

**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.**  
Last Thursday evening Miss Helen Heeter was honored with a surprise party on her ninth birthday.

Each guest brought a useful little gift and everyone had lots of fun opening and seeing each other's gift. A program in which each had a part and all kinds of games and contests were enjoyed.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served to Misses Betty Jane Diltz, Anna Lee Blake, Dorma Lee Shelton, Frances Owens, Geraldine Teague, Billie McGehee, Ann Leonard, Mary Jo Russell, Doris Gay West, Miriam and Mickey Diltz and the honoree.

**SPEND THE DAY PARTY.**  
Spending the day and enjoying a dinner that was a veritable feast of good things Wednesday in the home of Mrs. A. J. Hartley were Mesdames Jim Swann, Earl Lassiter, A. R. Booth, Sam Swann, General Jones, Barnett and her daughter, Miss Laura Barnett.

**DELAYED SOCIETY.**  
Covered Dish Luncheon.

Members of the T. E. L. class spent a most enjoyable day in the home of Mrs. Booth Warren on Wednesday of last week.

Each member brought a covered dish and a most delectable luncheon was served at high noon.

In the afternoon a missionary program was enjoyed, the high light of which was a talk by Mrs. Jim Swann on "The Life of Blanche Rose Walker in China." Other guests were Mesdames Dee Grimes and Esker Curtis and members were Mesdames Hale Lancaster, Frank McFarland, Earl Lassiter, M. D. Angus, John Toombs, Booth Warren, L. E. Scott, E. W. King, L. B. Reeves, Ann Brown, J. W. Tarleton, W. J. Largent, W. V. Stevens, A. R. Booth, T. E. Collins, Sam Swann and Earl Teague.

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# CHURCHES

## Baptist Revival to Start Next Sunday



REV. ROSS A. SMITH

The revival begins at the First Baptist church next Sunday, April 24.

Rev. Ross A. Smith of Breckenridge will do the preaching. Brother Smith is one of West Texas' best preachers. We most cordially invite the citizenship of Merkel to hear him.

### ESSENTIALS OF A REVIVAL.

1. Preparation of prayer.
2. Presence of the people.
3. Preaching of the Word.
4. Power of the Spirit.

There will be special services for the young people. All the singers and Christian workers of the city are earnestly requested to co-operate with us in winning the lost of Merkel to Christ.

Services 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

J. T. King, Pastor.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Exceeding the 1932 record of 845 on Easter Sunday, there were 888 reported in attendance at the six Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. This compares with 755 on the previous Sunday, showing a gain of 133.

### MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Prayer Service was well attended last Sunday, with an unusually good program for the benefit of those present.

For next Sunday the scripture from the 13th chapter of Romans will be read by Tom Geate, with discussion led by Herbert Patterson.

In order to extend effective co-operation in the Baptist meeting that starts Sunday the men are especially urged to come to the prayer service Sunday afternoon.

—Reporter.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Everyone is urged to be present with a prepared lesson. Our attendance was smaller last Sunday than for the past several weeks and it is hoped those missing will return next Sunday.

There will be no preaching service Sunday as it is the pastor's day at Baird. Sunday night he will preach a memorial sermon for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs there.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. W. M. Elliott, Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

### FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday we witnessed rejoicing and shouting and souls were born into the kingdom of God. Even after we were dismissed we were asked to assemble to receive someone into the church.

Sunday at 11 a. m. we study the second chapter of Revelations, or "Seven Dispensations of the Church." Some things will be "proclaimed on the house tops." Everybody in Merkel should know. So come. Bible school 9:45 a. m. We have 134 enrolled in school, with 104 present Sunday. Sister Frank Carr will teach the young people's class from now on. Everybody bring at least one new member and visit five homes. Singing Sunday 2:30 p. m. Sunday 8 p. m., "Will the Preacher Who Was Asked to Leave Town Leave?" Preaching every Saturday night. Street services Saturday

3 p. m. Monday 8 p. m. Bible study. Wednesday 7:45 p. m., teachers' Bible study and prayer meeting. Women meet at church each Monday 3 p. m. We preached at Nubia Sunday afternoon. I was glad to have several members of our church present. Everybody is welcome to our services. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Subject: "Devil's Cast Out." Scripture—Mark 5:1-18. Time, 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketchum. Verses 1-2, Lizzie Webster; 3-4, Sallie Mae Salter; 5-6, John Reagh; 7-8, Mrs. Lena Price; 9-10, Rex Martin; 11-12, Louis Ketchum; 13-14, Mrs. Griffin; 15-16, Irene Salter; 17-18, May Reynolds.

### CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Our revival is now on, with good crowds and special singing. Our Sunday School shows a large increase. Services each day 10 a. m. and evangelistic services each evening at 7:30 p. m.

Our subject for Friday evening, the Lord willing, will be "Woman's Right to Preach."

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Special songs. A hearty welcome to each and everyone. We appreciate highly your cooperation in these services. Come, if you need help. Come, we need your help.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor and Evangelist.

### METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

At the Wednesday evening service it was agreed to use a study course for the next three months, having a lesson each Wednesday evening. The text to be used will be "The Teachings of Jesus" by Branscomb. We want at least 30 people to take this study. See Miss Orpah Patterson for enrollment.

Our Sunday School and church services continue to grow with the coming of spring.

We will not have an evening service next Sunday as the Baptist revival will be in progress.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

"Who's Steering?" Scripture, Psalms 37:1-6; Matthew 6:33.

Leader, Tracy Campbell. Talks: "The Question" and "The Mount of Inspiration," Marie Pinckley.

"The Valley of Diverse Opinions," Lela Patterson.

"Realms Yet Unexplored," Kenneth Cribley.

"The Great Discovery," Orpah Patterson.

### SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Sunday, April 24, 1932, 6:30 p. m. Subject: "Steering for God."

Leader, Lucille Campbell. Song. Scripture reading, leader. Song.

Talks: "Inspiration," Wanda Hunter; "Diverse Opinions," Van Roberts; "Steering Right," Billie Bernice Gambill.

Sentence prayers. League benediction.

Our attendance has dropped off considerably during the past few months and we are striving to get back all our old members as well as many new ones. We invite you to come be with us Sunday at 6:30.

### Oil Operations.

Rigging started Monday morning on the J. M. Johnson test on the W. D. Swann place, location being 1320 feet west of Croft and Conner Swann No. 1.

The well on the Millard King place, being drilled by the Eastland Oil company and Dunagan Tool and Supply company, has passed 1500 feet.

White Panama Hats for ladies on sale for \$1.29 at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

## MATTERS MUSICAL

Music lovers were given a rare treat in the presentation of the Choral and Glee clubs of Simmons university Wednesday morning in the Grammar School auditorium. The program under the direction of Prof. W. J. Work, with Mrs. Work playing a brilliant accompaniment, was as follows: "Shall I Wasting In Despair," by Bartholemew, and "Keep A Goin'," by H. Jacobson were sung by the male chorus.

"Nocturne," by H. Lohr, and "Love is Like a Firefly" were given by the girls quartette.

"The Old Refrain," (Kreisler) and "Humoresque," (Dvorak) were given by Bernard Richards, violinist.

"Indian Cradle Song," (H. A. Matthews), "Come Down Laughing Streamlet," (Spross,) and "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," by Cadman, were sung by the ladies chorus.

"Learning to Drive an Automobile" and "Impersonations of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" were read by Miss Shirley Ann Atwood.

"The Old Folks Medley," (W. C. Sheridan) and "Swing Along," (W. M. Cook,) were rendered by the male quartette.

"The Swan," (St. Saens) and "The Miller's Wooing," (E. Fanning,) by University clubs.

### Election Returns Canvassed.

At a called meeting of the city council held Monday night returns of the recent city election were canvassed and the names of Dr. C. B. Gardner, John West and C. E. Jacobs were certified as the duly elected aldermen. They succeed T. G. Bragg, Booth Warren and Herbert Patterson, all of whom voluntarily retired from the board.

### Attend Sister-in-law's Funeral.

Mrs. H. F. Allen and Mrs. L. A. Watts have returned from Wichita Falls where they attended the funeral of Mrs. M. J. Watts, a sister-in-law of both Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Watts. Her death resulted from an automobile accident in which she was instantly killed. Interment was at Illinois Bend, Texas, on last Sunday.

The University of Texas endowment fund, built up by oil royalties, now exceeds \$16,000,000.

## Brackeen Hurt When Horse, Rider Falls

A. H. Brackeen, formerly in the automobile business here and now ranching near Mineral Wells, had a fall on Tuesday of last week that left him with a bruised leg and arm, requiring him to walk on crutches, but he is reported as getting along very well now.

The mishap occurred when he was riding horseback and a cow ran under the horse, throwing the horse and rider, with the result that the horse fell on him. He was unconscious for about twenty-four hours.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

# SPECIALS

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COMPOUND, full 8 pound pail	57c
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds	95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	27c
DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prunes and apples, 2 pounds	23c
PICKLES, sour, quart jar	15c
CATSUP, full 14 oz. bottle	16c
STRAWBERRIES, pint boxes, 2 for	25c
SOAP, P & G or Crystal White, 10 bars	33c
PEAS, No. 2 can, 2 for	23c
CORN, No. 2 can, 2 for	19c
SPINACH, No. 2 can, 2 for	23c
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