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WRIT HOLDING **UP CONTRACTS** IS DISSOLVED

State Wins Contest With Ferguson When Court Writ is Dissolved; Appeal Made to Suppreme Court.

Austin, Dec. 8 .- James E. Ferguson succeeding Hardy Petty of Terrell. and other plaintiffs in the litigation designed to prevent the Texas highway commission from awarding further construction contracts at this time appealed to the supreme court

Ocie Speer, attorney for the complainants, left a petition with Fred Connerly, clerk of the state's highest tribunal, asking for a restraining order to prevent the highway commission from letting contracts until the case, which was acted on Tuesday by be finally determined.

supreme court, that the court would of the bank's funds. hold an informal conference today at 10 a. m. in the court's consultation rcom to decide just what the procedure would be.

The civil appeals court ordered dissolved an injunction granted by a Tarvis county district court restraining the commission from spending further money from the highway fund, on al- of the original Quantrell's band and legations that it already had contrac- organizer of United Confederate vetted in excess of its ability to pay for eran camps throughout the Panhanthe current fiscal year ending on Aug- | dle and who made his home in Claren-

James V. Allred, attorney general, Santa Anna, Calif. who defended the suit for highway commission, advised the commission after the appellate court decision that, under holdings of the court in previous cases, in his opinion, it was free to proceed to contract formally for construction amounting to \$4,000,000 on which it had received bids last week.

Members of the commission will consider formally awarding the work that Dr. S. H. Adams, pioneer Slaton phy- of grain and, finding the load was not day and, when just a few blocks from had been tied up by the injunction.

Asks Budget Cut of Near Half Billion

Washington, Dec. 8 .- President Hooyer proposed to congress in his of more than 30 miles, Ed Deahl of budget message Wednesday that ex- Panhandle captured two bandits, penditures of the government for 1934 James K. French, 38, and Frank Presbyterian church, conducted by be cut \$478,463,000 below those cal- Scrivner, 32, the latter an admitted culated for the current year.

Secretary Mills figured that on this basis the year would end with expen- the First State bank there. ditures, exclusively of debt retirement \$307,192,000 in excess of receipts. The president proposed means for overcoming this deficit.

Will Preach at Noodle.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Oil royalties from University of Texas lands collected in November amounted to \$101,000, an increase of more than \$6,000 over October.

elected grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Masons of Texas,

Louis Blaylock, 83, former Dallas mayor and commissioner in several administrations, and prominent pub-

The Texas law imposing rigid restrictions on the operations of priof the United States.

Mrs. Martha Ann Kruger of Childress, who came to Texas from Tennessee 75 years ago and who was the oldest citizen in Childress county, died Tuesday just 12 days after she had observed her 100th birthday.

Col. R. S. Kimberlin, 89, a member don for many years, died Tuesday at

Two sisters, Mrs. Charles Hicks, about 25, and Miss Jinmie Earl Whitmire, 17, were instantly killed and another woman, Mrs. Henry Hicks, was injured perhaps fatally near North Zulch, when their small automobile was struck by a fast southbound pas-

Upon conviction for the slaying of sician, killed October 13 as the after- ready, he offered assistance and was the business part of town, he was nomath of the death of the Woody Tuck- driving a tractor when he became ill. ticed to slump at the steering wheel son of the defendant on an operating table in the physician's office, A. L. Tudor of Slaton was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Single-handed and after a chase ex-convict, and recovered \$3,100 taken in the noon robbery Tuesday of

Resulting from the suicide of Louis Kleinmen, 58, of Dallas, whose kens, he was descended from pioneer dead body was found in bed in a stock. Applying himself to every task Meadows, and Rev. R. A. Walker, boarding house at Taylor, with a to which he set himself with the uttube from a gas heater under the most energy, he had attained a com-W. G. Cypert will preach at the cover, Lydia Kveton, 19, a waitress mendable measure of business suc-Church of Christ at Noodle Sunday at the hotel, died of burns suffered cess. He was a member of the Presbyat 11. o'clock hour. All are invited to when the accumulation of gas ex- terian church, a young man of fine ploded, wrecking the boarding house. ideals and exemplary habits. On Dec.

HOOVER URGES CONGRESS TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC **REGOVERY OF COUNTRY**

highlights from President Hoover's posals." E. M. Wood of Anson was Tuesday annual message as it was read Tuesday to congress:

> promoting the economic recovery of duty of the government."

lisher and capitalist, died at Dallas our people have demonstrated daily a magnificent sense of humanity, of infor the welfare of the less fortunate." vate motor truck operators was up. . "Institutions and men may have re- mental acts, for from it have grown held Tuesday by the supreme court sources and credit, but, unless they greater accomplishments than those of have confidence, progress is halting any other nation." and insecure."

John Gregg, former president of a "The Congress must be warned that ment) becomes at once a tyranny in the third court of civil appeals, could Brownsville bank, was sentenced to a host of interested persons inside and whatever direction it may touch." three years in federal prison and fin- outside the government whose vision Connerly said he had been advised ed \$10,000, following his conviction on is concentrated on some particular ment is the voluntary co-operation

Mer, Age Only 30, Passes Af-

ter Brief Illness.

mediately. Physicians said death re-

sulted from coronary thrombosis, a

Funeral services were held at 3

o'clock Saturday afternoon from the

Rev. R. A. Walker, Leroy's pastor, as-

sisted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, Baptist

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jin-

19, 1926, he was married to Miss Fay

Cherry in Parker county and, besides

children, two daughters, Noma Jewell

and Joyce Lavern, age 3 and 2 years,

respectively, and a four-months-old

three brothers and four sisters also

survive. The brothers are: Leonard

disease of the heart.

DEATH CLAIMS

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Here are some these (federal reorganization) pro-"If we are to secure rapid and as-

sured recovery and protection for the future we must co-operate with for-"Continued constructive policies eign nations in many measures."

"The welfare of our people is dethe country must be the paramount pendent upon successful issue of the great causes of world peace, world "In the face of widespread hardship, disarmament and organized world re-

"We have builded a system of indidividual and community responsibility vidualism peculiarly our own which must not be forgotten in any govern-

"As a compeller it (the govern-

"The highest form of self-governby C. M. Cureton, chief justice of the charges of misapplying over \$250,000 function will at once protest against within our people for such purposes."

JIM WILLIAMSON LEROY JINKENS DIES SUDDENLY

Another of Merkel's Fine Young Heart Attack Overcomes Prominent Farmer While Driving Home in Car Saturday.

The mystery of death has claimed "He was one of God's noblemen." another of Merkel's splendid young That's the opinion of everyone who knew Jim Williamson, who died sud-Leroy Jinkens, age 30, died at his | dealy at 3:30 Saturday afternoon, home here at 4 o'clock Friday after- while driving his car on his return noon, December 2, just 26 hours after trip home. Physicians attribute his he became ill while driving a tractor death to a heart atack. He had not in the Noodle community. A truck op- been weel for two years, but had conerator by profession, he had gone to tinued actively in charge of his farma farm in that community for a load ing interests. He had brought some negro cotton pickers to town Satur-He was removed to his home here im- of the car. A negro cotton picker, occupying the seat with him, guided the Ginnings for Week automobile from the road and turned off the switch. Several other negroes were in the car and a trailer, having accompanied their employer to town.

Funeral services, conducted at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church by Rev. O. B. Tatum, were attended by a large concourse of friends, minister. Interment was in Rose Hill many of whom had known him a quarter of a century or more. Rev. Tatum was assisted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, Baptist pastor, Rev. W. K. Horn of Presbyterian pastor, and close friend. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery, with the Masons in charge of the service at the graveside.

James Monroe Williamson was born August 8, 1873, at Buckholts in Williamson county. On Dec. 24, 1898, he was married to Miss Priscilla Payne the young wife, he leaves three small at Branchville in Milam county. They removed to Merkel in 1908 and had resided here since, his farm being northwest of town.

Besides his wife, he is survived by son, Donald Leroy. His parents and two sisters, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., of Trent, and Mrs. Fannie Norman of Thorndale; three half-sisters, Mrs. Susie Slone, Waco, Mrs. Bernice Whitley, Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Dora Henderson, Lubbock, and his stepmother, Mrs. Walter Williamson, of Waco. The couple had reared Gene Reece, well known young man of this city, who also survives.

Mr. Williamson joined the Baptist Narrows to 8 Teams been a member of the Masonic lodge at Trent since 1923. In October, 1931, he joined the Eastern Star.

It has been a long time since Merkel was shocked as it was when the ment. "Nobody has ever seen him laugh." news of his death encircled the city Corsicana 13, Breckenridge, San munity's great loss took possession.

During his long residence here, Mr. about that. Williamson had never made an enhighest sense of honor, he was among large circle of friends to extend sin- robbed the world of the joy ar

Writes . . . The Other Man

Ruby M. Ayers, one of the most popular and most prolific of the mod-ern fiction writers, is the author of the new serial, "The Other Man," which is to be published in this news-Pauline said no . . Barbara said yes . . Dennis . . well, he didn't know . . . What do you think? One answer

makes for mighty interesting reading.
... It may be found in "The Other Man."

PRE-HOLIDAY TRADE DAYS

Plans were formulated Wednesday by a group of representative business men gathered at the Farmers State bank for designation of two or three days just preceding Christmas as special "Trade-in-Merkel" days when unusual bargains will be offered and special prizes given.

Details of the Merkel trade days were left in the hands of a committee of three, with Sie Hamm, as chairman. Other members of the committee are P. P. Dickinson and John R. West.

Total 2,003 Bales

For the six week days up to Wed- the of the several states: nesday night, ginnings at the six plants in Merkel and those at Blair. Noodle and Stith, totaled 2,003, where. as for the past several weeks. the output at these gins had run over 3,000 bales per week.

The total for the season thus far is 26,798 bales.

erably lighter from now on, with an mission to the states by the congress." estimated total of about 30,000 bales up to January first.

The government estimate, based on condition of the crop of December 1, is, White Church, Saturday, Decemas announced Thursday morning, was ber 3, 1932. 12,727,000 bales, an increase of 780 .- Poy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, 000 bales over the November figure, residing east of Caps, Wednesday, which was 11,947,000.

GARNER REPEAL BILL DEFEATED BY 272 TO 144

Resolution Is "Dead" Rest of Short Session; But Leaders Plan Immediate Attack on Volstead Law.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- A bold and unprecedented attempt by the democratic leadership to force its party's outright prohibition repeal proposal through the house failed Monday and dimmed prospects of further action on the issue in that branch during the remainder of the short session.

The action was interpreted on Capitol Hill as foreshadowing a special session of the new congress next spring soon after President-elect Roosevelt is inagurated so the democrats may carry out their pledge for flat

Despite defeat of the resolution by the narrow margin of 272 to 144two-thirds majority being required for adoption-the democrats planned an immediate attack on the problem of modifying the Volstead act. Speaker Garner hopes a beer bill will be ready for action before the Christmas

HOW TEXANS VOTED. The vote of the Texas delegation on the Garner proposal was:

For: Dies, Rayburn, Sumners, Johnson, Briggs, Mansfield, Buchanan, Cross, Lanham, Williams, Kleberg, Thomason, Jones, (13.)

Against: Patman, Blanton, (2.) GARNER'S PROPOSAL.

The text of the Garner prohibition epeal resolution follows:

"Joint resolution proposing amendment to the constitution to repeal the eighteenth amendment.

"Resolved by the senate and house f representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), that the folowing article is proposed as an amendment to the constitution which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified by conventions in three-four-"Article:

"Section 1. The eighteenth article

of amendment is hereby repealed. "Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the constitution by conventions in threefourths of the several states within Receipts at the gins will be consid- seven years from the date of its sub-

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Har-

December 7, 1932.

BRUCE BARTON

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows.

THE SOCIABLE MAN.

A wicked falsehood has come down through the ages. It reappeared in an English book as recently as 1925. The or, in describing a visit to the high spirited Lord Fisher, t church in the summer of 1896 and had finding him less jovial than usual. Obviously something was ing on his mind, and he soon revealed it.

"You know that Pilate was succeeded as Governor of by Lentulus," he remarked in dull tones. . . . The nev gave a minute description of Jesus, concluding with

With that wretched remark Lord Fisher lapsed in within a few brief moments Saturday silence. He wanted to be reverent; he had been well afternoon. It was as if business took traditions of his church; he would do his duty as a lull while the reality of the com- an Englishman, no matter what the cost. But wor never laughed-it was a strain. Lord Fisher me

The quotation from Lentulus is a forgery emy. Everybody knew him as their known impostor in a later century; yet h friend; quiet, unassuming, but al- lived, and with what tragic thoroughness ways a leader in whatever he under- How many millions of happy-minded folk took, he will be greatly missed in of Jesus at all, have had a feeling of ur many circles, both church, fraternal, have said, "he were to enter the room business and in the home where his enjoying ourselves! When there is so greatest interest lay. A man of the the world, is it right to be happy? W

With such compunctions cheerfy the most highly respected citizens of moments tinctured. The friendlies this section and to the bereaved wife shut off by a black wall of tradiand relatives The Mail joins with a he would most enjoy. Theology

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 6, 1912.)

organized a Marthon club for the be- put in spick and span shape again. and T. C., Jr., who live here, and nefit of business. They first walked County Judge Bledsoe and the new Lloyd Jinkens, of Fort Worth; the sisgetting the large end of a \$25 purse a fine fashion. and now they've decided to walk to Merkel on Saturday, December 7, of two classes, namely, one composed en- lene on business Saturday. tirely of walkers; and a second composed wholly of runners. It is rumored that several athletes from here are planning to enter from here and therefore the contest will be made all the more interesting.

Messrs. J. M. Dunagin, L. D. Gaither of here and Jay Hendricks and Jones of Stith returned Saturday night after having spent ten days outing on Devil's river hunting large game. They report the country roads between here and there in very bad condition on account of recent rains.

Mrs. G. W. Hamm and little dau-Miss Winnie Sandlin.

The Taylor county jail is being case when Bernice is hostess.

Come time ago a bunch of citizens painted inside from top to bottom and

Sheriff Weir of Abilene passed on that some of the birds shown were as

Miss Bernice Rainbolt was hostess Thursday to a few friends honoring Miss Fay Douglas who is soon to enter high school at Quanah. Croquet and music furnished amusement for

At high noon the guests proceeded into the dining room where a table laden with turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cream and many delicacies was presided over by Mr. and ghter, Gladys, have returned to their Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. Covers were home at Baird after a short visit with laid for Misses Fay Douglas, honoree, Ethel Jenkins, Nell Tracey, the hostess and members of the family. The Messrs. Clayton Brown and "sec- afternoon was spent in driving and end trick" operator Hester left Sun- kodaking in a trip to Blair and Blowday for the Devil's river country out mountain. Arriving in Blair just where they will spend several days in time to meet the 3:39 train, they returned home at 6 o'clock. All report-

our poultry show Saturday, saying good as any seen at the Dallas Fair.

ed a delightful time, as is always the

from Abilene to Clyde, the winner commissioners court have hooked up in ters, Mrs. Arthur Steele, Merkel, Mrs. Ted Bicknell, San Angelo, Mrs. Troy Sloan, Noodle, and Miss Ruby Jno. Shannon of Stith was in Abi- Blanche Jinkens of Merkel.

State Championship

Results of the quarter-finals in last week's play of the Interscholastic league were as follows:

Amarillo 7, Ranger 0. Greenville 13, Athens 6. Masonic Home 40, Woodrow Wilson, Dallas, 7.

Antonio, 0. Corpus Christi 60, Harlingen 0. Sweetwater 13, Austin, El Paso, 7 Sherman 14, Vernon 7. John Reagan, Houston, 32, Beau-

Contests scheduled for this week

FRIDAY.

Greenville at Corsicana.

John Reagan at Corpus Christi. SATURDAY. Sweetwater at Amarillo. Sherman and Masonic Home at Ft

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THE TEXAS SCHOOL VOICE. Doubts Wisdom of Training Unneeded | home. Teachers," the following is an amplification of the views of the Texas for the benefit of the baths, Paul of them that may enable you to save num, editor, of Abilene:

concedes no one a higher appreciation account of the "flu." of the splendid men who guide their Mrs. A. B. Patterson and son, By- ial offering of their goods. wherein the colleges are located. No E. E. Beech. one is to blame. The only solution now | Among "flu" victims this week was the depression is over.

or trying to make teachers out of pital there. those who do not bear the distinguish. Little Frances Williams has just re. | phone 61 or 29. sidered first."

The paper in its initial number, published in November, attacked the matter in the following language:

"This paper will advocate that the 43rd legislature, which feets in January, divert a fair share of public funds now going to state colleges to public schools, reducing the appropriation for the state institution something like \$100 per student or \$2 per capita for public school children."

The issue is one that concerns every Texan and Editor Bynum is going at his objective in his usual characteristic vigorous style.

MY CREED.

(Dallas News Magazine.) A church, no matter where, prints on the back of its program of services these words:

I will not worry. I will not be afraid.

I will not give way to anger.

I will not yield to envy, jealousy

I will be kind to every man, woman and child with whom I come in con-

I will be cheerful and hopeful. I will trust in God and bravely face the future.

Houses, lands, bonds, automobiles are fine possessions. But far more precious to anyone, in any station are . . . composure, courage, cheerfulness, tolerance, kindness, hope . . . all these, and faith in something higher than what the eyes see and the hands

BRUCE BARTON

(Continued trom Page One.)

It is not hard to understand when you remember the character of the early theologians. They lived in sad days; they were men of introspection, to whom every simple thing was symbolic of some hidden mystery; and life, itself, a tangle of philosophic

Baffled by the death of Jesus, they rejected the splendid truth, and fashmed a creed instead. Lambs were t to death in the Temple, as a

ifice for the sins of the worshipergo, Jesus was the beginning world; the human race was ly wayward; God knew that be and nothing would turn His vindictive purpose to ut the sacrifice of an in-

> - 4 4 5 mas Paine remarked religion can be really as in it any doctrine sensibilities of a litany reader of these hildish sensibilities en the traditional ath of Jesus was ? Would any children, and been

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best be-

PERSONALS

ting her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Polley, completely cured. Coach Briggs Irvin is confined to bad with a serious case of the

I'd Lancaster has been missed from business circles this week, having surrendered to "old man flu."

R. A. Ford, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Daniel, left

B. C. Gaither is spending sometime Advertising, and will be charged for with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. all. and Mrs. Rex Dillard, at Tuscola.

Miss Bonnie Wilhelm and Homer Laney, both of Bronco, Texas, were Under the caption, "School Voice week-end guests in the W. H. Laney

improved.

as possible that this paper is not both been kept away from the Petty and you also know the merchants apagainst tax-supported colleges, and and West Barber Shop this week on preciate your patronage because they

destinies. Those institutions are the ron Patterson, left Monday for Hencreatures of the legislature, in res- derson to spend several days with her ponse to the wishes of the sections daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

seems to be to require them to be noted J. Olin Lusby, local manager . . partly self-supporting, at least till of the West Texas Utilities Co. Durng his absence, Miss Doris Durham . "This paper favors the State giving is assisting with the office work. the highest training to those who show Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and two by natural endowment and character children, Wanda and Marvin, spent receive news of entertainments that they are worthy of that training, the week-end in Dallas visiting their . or visitors in Merkel homes, . but we do doubt the wisdom or justice two daughters, Misses Odell and Beryl * as well as other news items of * of the State's using money for train. Hunter, who are now finishing their . a general nature. If you have * ing people to teach when not needed, course at the Bradford Memorial hos- company, entertain friends or

ing marks of teachers. We feel that turned from Dallas where she has public school children should be con- been under treatment at the Scottish .

Rite hospital. We are glad to report she is doing nicely and it is believed Mrs. M. E. Young of Dallas is visi- that within a short time she will be

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our dear husband, son and brother; also the doctors who tried so hard to save his life. We are very grateful for the many beautiful

> Mrs. Leroy Jinkens and Children.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens and Family.

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Impression Corrected.

I want to state that I was either misunderstood or have been misrepresented in my talk over the radio from Chicago relative to winning the "Grand Champion Steer." In answer to the question about where the steer was raised, I stated that it was raised on a ranch in Texas, where some say that I stated that he was raised on our ranch. I was crowded for time and could not give details of winning, for floral offerings. May God bless you I was exhibiting another animal in the ring at that time. That afternoon over WLS, Chicago, I gave a several minutes talk telling that the steer was bred by Mr. Frank Mayberry of Mc-Cauley, Texas, and that he had been champion club steer at Lubbock last spring and that I bought him at a later date, also stated the kind of feed

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FIRST INSTALLMENT.

"Love doesn't last. . . ."

It was with those words ringing in her ears that Pauline woke on her wedding morning to find the sunshine pouring in at her window.

"Love doesn't last. . . ." It seemed strange that the one thought in her mind on this day of all days should be of those words in Barbara Stark's letter which had arrived late last night.

Barbara was Pauline's best friend, have found difficult to explain. The was so good to everyone. Dennis had answered, and then before she could two girls were as unlike as it is pos- fallen in love with Pauline at first stop him he had taken her by the sible to be, for while Pauline was young, unspoiled, and full of the joy had never been another man in the of life, with a touching belief in hap- world for her. piness and the theory that love never dies, Barbara, at seven-and-twenty, periences and emotions than many a want of experience." woman double her age. She had been wild extravagance and because of a feetly happy. new and violent friendship with a married man.

line adored her.

love for the man she was to marry, came last night. and her desire to do as she wished.

plain to Dennis her friendship for about life were totally different from Barbara, and had always been con- her own-but it was the first small scious of failure.

"I know people don't like her," she happiness. defended Barbara loyally, "but that's only because they don't know her and understand her as I do."

"Her own fault," Dennis broke in ents were set out on long tables. gruffly, but this Pauline would not

Barbara liked Dennis or disliked him. be Mrs. O'Hara. Dennis said he was She was always charming to him not Irish, in spite of his nme. Only when he would allow her to be, and yesterday she had almost covered a yet last night, in the letter that ac- sheet of notepaper with his name and companied a most beautiful gift, she her own joined together-Pauline had said things about marriage which O'Hara. had so impressed Pauline that she woke on her wedding morning with her mother came in. some of the words ringing in her

your husband as I did! Any woman of | well?' experience will tell you that love "Beautifully." But Pauline's heart doesn't last. Romance will wear thin. gave a little throb of pain as she re-It's traditional that men get tired membered it was the last time she of the same woman. When you've would sleep here quite as herself. been married a few years you'll be "I hope the sun will shine for you lucky if you're still good friends. Don't all your life," her mother said as she think I am saying these things to hurt kissed her. "There is an old saying: you. I'm saying them because I want 'Keep your face to the sunshine and you to be happy, and you can only be the shadows will fall behind you.' happy after you're married by not Now drink your tea and get dressed." expecting too much. Let him be quite Then being a sensible mother, she free, too-don't try to chain him to went quickly away, before Pauline saw you all the time-that's a sure way the tears in her eyes. to kill love. . . ."

"Love doesn't last. . . ." her as she sat up in bed, her fair hair and a bachelor uncle, and two childrumpled childishly, her blue eyes ren who were to be bridesmaids-the blinking in the sunshine. The present morning seemed to fly till suddenly Barbara had sent her was standing Pauline's mother said: "It's time you on the small table by itself.

ivory and silver, of a small Cupid shock, and for a moment a wild senbeating his hand in vain against a se of panic took possession of her. It barred door, and underneath was the was as if someone had said: "This is ong word "Denied."

present to send anyone, Pauline never really belong to yourself any thought, even while she realized its more or be free to do as you like." beauty. When she had shown it to With an effort she pulled herself to Dennis he had laughed.

that she'll be able to look at it as happiness far greater than any she much as she likes when she comes to had ever known. stay-I suppose she will come-"

swered quickly, but she had not told at the door when someone came up the im about Barbara's letter; she had stairs behind her two at a time, and

ourned it. "Love doesn't last. . . ."

own experience. Pauline was not clear | name. as to the facts of her friend's marriage-she had never asked about it -and Barbara never spoke of her husband. That he had made good provision for her was common know- you'd like to open it." He gave her a ledge, that he was somewhere abroad small parcel. was a vaguely accepted fact, and that | "Thank you." Pauline was turning the divorce had actually been nobody's away when he caught her hand. fault but one of those "arranged" af- "I just want to wish you the best fairs was agreed by the charitable. of luck-alawys-and happiness-Pauline thought it was all very pa- heaps of it." She tried gently to rethetic. Sometimes the far-away lone- lease her hand, but he held it fast. ly look in Barbara's eyes made her, "I'll always be the same, Pauline

seemed happy enough. She laughed a there should be any trouble. . . ." great deal, she went everywhere, she | Again Pauline was conscious of that line that in reality she was not a hap- bound to be clouded?

"No heart!" So Dennis summed her tion. up. "Selfish as the devil. I know her type well."

Sometimes Pauline was tempted to lasts," she said definantly. for reasons that both of them would think he was right. Dear Dennis, who sight, so he said, and she-well, there shoulders and kissed her on the lips.

been," so Barbara declared. "First tering away down the stairs again. seemed to have run through more ex- love generally comes a cropper for

married, had had a baby, which merci- but now the words returned to her and Peterkin had been brought up tofully, so people said, had died soon with a little sting. She dismissed them gether, but never before had he kissed after birth; she had been divorced, determinedly-what did it matter her like that or looked at her with and at the moment was getting her- what one embittered outlook pro- such an expression in his eye. Pauline self talked about everywhere by her phesied? She knew she would be per- was fond of Peterkin, but something

had prospects. He was thirty-two, and to Dennis-no other man had a right But in spite of all these things Pau- he had a motor car in which they to them. She tried to feel angry with were going away for a honeymoon him, but it was a short-lived anger. The chief trouble was that Dennis trip; he had bought a house-quite Poor Peterkin! It was not such a hapdid not approve of Barbara, and many small one, but a "darling," so Pau- py day for him as it was going to be times during her engagement Pau- line told everyone, and she had been for her. She pulled off the fastenenline's heart had been torn because quite sure that they would live hap- ing of the little parcel he had brought of her love for her friend, and her pily ever after, until Barbara's letter her. It was from Barbara Stark-a

Not that she was really seriously tiny arrow. Many times she had treid to ex- influenced by it-all Barbara's ideas shadow cast over the sunshine of her

It was her wedding day! In the next room a white frock and veil lay on the

She took up Dennis O'Hara's photo- arms. graph and kissed it. In a few hours Pauline never really knew whether now she would be his wife-she would

There was a tap at the door, and

"I've brought your tea myself this morning, darling. It's a lovely day-. . . don't expect too much from so warm and sunny. Did you sleep

Pauline drank her tea, bathed, and dressed. There were a lot of people Those were the words that haunted staying in the house-cousins, aunts, dressed, darling."

It was a small carved statuette in Pauline was conscious of a little the beginning of the end. After today It seemed a funny sort of wedding life will be quite different. You will

gether. What nonsense! When she "She's a miserable cynic," he said. was marrying a man she loved with "We'll put it in the spare room, so her whole heart and was going to a

She hummed a snatch of a song as "Of course she will," Pauline an- she ran upstairs to her room. She was Peter Johnson-a very favourite cousin, who would have liked to be some-Of course, that had been Barbara's thing nearer and dearer-called her

> "Pauline!" "Hullo, Peterkin."

He joined her rather breathlessly. "This has just come. I thought

heart ache, and yet Barbara always | always there if you want me. If ever

dressed beautifully, and yet the little shadowy premonition. What strange quality of mother love in trouble could there be? Why did ev-Pauline's affection for her told Pau- eryone insist that her sunshine was

She laughed in nervous exaspera-

"I suppose you are one of those people who believe that love never

"My love for you will last," Peter "All the best," he said, not very

steadily, and before she could move "Much better for you if there had he had gone, and she heard him clat-

Pauline went into her room and shut the door. She felt a little shaken and Pauline had laughed at the time, almost as if she wanted to cry. She in her heart resented that sudden dis-Dennis was quite well off, and he play of affection. Her lips belonged slender blue garter fastened with a

> "Just for luck"-so a little written message read-"and in case nobody has remembered to give you the 'something blue' which is supposed to insure happiness."

Pauline let the little gift fall to the floor. She did not want to take her bed, downstairs all the wedding pres- luck from Barbara-for a moment she shutting the door, took Pauline in her

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not hide the tears in her eyes. "Den- living together-it's different." nis is a good boy, and he loves you, but if ever you are in trouble, don't forget that you have a mother, Pau-

from her mother's arms.

"Do you think love lasts?" she asked in a tense little voice.

There was a short silence, then her mother laughed. "It all depends on what you mean by love." Pauline's mother stooped to pick up a fallen flower, perhaps because for a momfelt as if the bad fairy of the old nursery story had arrived and cast a spell over her. Then she valiantly pulled herself together. Such nonsense! Bar. bara was her best friend, and it was charming of her to remember the old superstition-of course, she would wear it.

Then the bridesmaids came clamour. ing at the door, and there was the allimportant function of fixing the veil, and an excitement because the bouquets had not arrived.

She was getting a little nervous and overdone, and her mother promptly cleared everyone out of the room and. ent she was not quite sure of the expression in her eyes. "Love changes, of course, but nearly always for the better. You can't keep up the excite-



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"You mean-they get used to you?" Pauline gently disengaged herself you-is that what you mean?" she looked sad. asked.

"My dear little girl_" Pauline broke in ruthlessly. "Did you love Daddy very much when you married him?'

"Very much indeed." "And were you disappointed after-

"Things are always different from what one expects."

"And do you love him still?" Pauline's mother looked away. "Yes--but it's different," she said, and then, as if regretting the admission, she hastened to add: "But no two marriages are alike. We must all shape

world," she said, and now she could ment of being engaged. When you're our own destinies. You will find out for yourself."

There was a little silence, then Pau-Pauline said. "You mean, there isn't line drew a hard breath like a sigh, the same sort of longing to be with and for a moment her pretty face

> "I wonder why," she said slowly. (Continued Next Week.)

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FOOTBALL BOYS.

On Friday evening, December second, the Merkel Pep Squad honored the bootball team with a banquet.

After the members had found their menu and cherry pie a la mode.

toastmistress.

An octette of pep girls gave the program. Just be patient. theme song "Pep." Mrs. Haynes favored the members with a reading. Betty Grimes sang the "All American OF 1933. were lighted.

toast to the team of '33, the lights Squad-Football banquet Friday night, credit in arithmetic, tell me. Sue. the candles to light our captain's men who are coming out for basketface. During the course of Captain ball. The cagers started practice Mon-Mashburn's talk, he announced that day, playing on an open court. Milton Shannon was captain elect of

Miss Middleton gave a toast to the Badgerettes of '33. In her toast she announced that the main leader of the pen to know that --Pep Squad was Annie Lee Owens. Annie Lee's helpers are Rogene Dye and Billy Bernice Gambill.

Harry Boaz gave the toast to Coach. The response was given by Coach Ir-

The lights were then turned on and the main speaker, Don Morris, gave us a very interesting talk on "The Game of Football and the Game of Life."

SEZ THE JUNIORS.

a bang? Two Junior girls were elected Mardell was disappointed because elected main leader while Billie Ber- his plate. nice Gambill and Rogene Dye were el- Mildred and Johnnie are good at ected as her assistants.

ing captain of the football team but banquets. the one that was elected will be a Jun-

Lois if she had a good time Friday

after the banquet.

Sarah what she did after the banquet. I'm sure she'll tell you.

Rogene what she had in her hand while she made her speech at the ban-

urday night.

Wanda why she was going to be late persons not to tell it. for the banquet.

Kennedy what team he is going to play on next year.

Jack West whom he was sitting out in the middle of the street with.

Kenneth whom he saw Saturday

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores are glad to hear of Milton's being elected captain of the football team for next year. We know that we are going to have a good football team next year as well as a good captain. Listen, Milton is a Sophomore.

The Sophomore boys and girls had a "great big" time at the banquet Fri- how I may obtain a graceful figure day night, especially the girls who and keep it? were waitresses.

The basketball season is here and pair-not rebuild. aren't we glad? We have some Sophomore boys on the basketball team too, Just watch our boys shine in the first | longest day in the year, and what basketball game that is played this time does the sun rise and set? season.

FRESHMEN.

er we will know how many Freshmen December 22. The sun rises in the are on the honor roll. I think that we morning and sets in the afternoon. may have more names on the list this time than we did last time.

come very bright or else they have tions so I can be as popular as he is grown more dumb. Whichever it is, in my Senior year. we are going to let you in on a few

Oscar A .: "Wasn't the depression terrible?"

Jack: "I can tell you the score of the game before it starts."

Rogers: "What is it?" Jack: "Nothing to nothing before

R. T.: "Did you hear that one about the Scotchman?"

Kit: "No, what is it?"

R. T.: "He buried his face in his

MERKEL PEP SQUAD HONORS | hands before he died, to save funeral expenses."

THE GLEE CLUB.

You may not know it, but there is a Glee club in high school and a big one two. I'm sure the Senior class places, the invocation was given by knows about us because their room the president of the board of trustees, is right over where we practice. Wo Mr. O. J. Adcock. The members were make so much noise that Mr. Burgess then served fruit cocktail, a turkey asked us to quit the other day. Pretty soon everyone will hear from us, for Imogene Middleton, pep leader, was we have worked up a quartet and a good chorus for a special Christmas

SHANNON TO PILOT BADGERS

Grimes sang her last song candles Badgers this year, was chosen as pil- the seed out of a dill pickle? ot of the 1933 Badger squadron, it When Captain Mashburn gave his was announced at the annual Pep were turned out, leaving the glow of Suits were issued to some sixteen

SENIOR NEWS.

We belive some of the Seniors had the bay.' a good time at the banquet. We hap-

Francis Marie was talking to Cade when she was called on for a speech. Margaret Miller was so shocked the only thing she could thing of to say was "So help me, Hannah."

Mr. Riddle ate some olives that were not put on his plate.

Lucile, our best English student, was so stunned she could only say, "Them's my sentiments also."

Florene says that Mr. Riddle couldn't have eaten any supper before he left home because he ate so And did the banquet go over with much up there.

pep leaders. Annie Lee Owens was there was no cornbread and beans on

keeping up conversations.

A Junior didn't get the honor of be- Duncan likes to walk home from

striving hard to keep up a conversation with Johnnie when she at last thought of her dream.

"I dreamed last night that I had invented a new type of breakfast food. Julia who was sick on the week-end and was sampling it when-" "Yes yes, go on."

"I woke up and found a corner of the mattress gone."

This is giving you an insight on of Dora.

F. U. N. CLUB.

The material for the dresses has and Effie Oliver of Divide. come, and soon all the Senior girls are A crowd of relatives gathered at going to be looking very beautiful. the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mat-Keep your eyes open for them.

make to the world in general. Beware with all accessories was served at the of American History!

SISTER SUE.

Dearest Sue: What makes Dickie Sharp like Jessie Margaret Berry? Gordon.

Dear Gordon: Affection. Yours,

Dear Sue: Will you please tell me Marizoe West. Dear Marizoe: I only tell how to re-

Dear Sue: What is the shortest and hostess.

Dear ? ? ? ?: The longest day in the

Since the six weeks exams are ov- year is June 21. The shortest day is

Dear Sue: I would like to know how

Hon. Louis Carson. Dear Louis: Hang around, boy, hang around.

Dear Sue: How do you play a pia-Lena Mae. Dear Lena Mae: With your fing-Sue.

Dear Sue: Who will be the Freshman Beauty? Puzzled, The Freshman Girls.

Dear Girls: The one that gets the most votes, of course.

Dear Sue: Could you tell me ho

I could have a beautiful slender figure like Bill Hamm? Yours truly, Thelma Patterson.

Dear Thelma: "Bend down, Sister, Bend Down."

Dear Sue: How can I crack my peter, Mrs. Harvy Jones. cans without Miss Martin's hearing Robbie. me?

Dear Robbie: Go home, get under the bed in the left hand corner, put last Sunday. your hand over your mouth and bite

Dear Sue: I would like to know how to attain a school girl complexion like James Hogg West.

Your little friend, Jessie M. Berry. Dear Jessie Margaret: Run up and

down the stairs at school, and take your beauty nap during classes. Dear Sue: Who is Pat Bellamy'

poy friend at school? A Sap. Dear Sap: A Boy!!! Dear Sue: If it takes a woodchuck

with a rubber bill three weeks and three days to peck a hole in a hickory log, big enough to make three dozen ax handles, how long would it take a Girl" and "Betty Co-ed." While Miss | Milton Shannon, right end for the grasshopper with a cork leg to kick

Ovada Hay. Dear Ovada: When you get your

TOMFOOLERY.

Mr. Riddle (discussing with all serousness the American revolution in history clase): "Cornwallis was down

Opal: "What do you think of mud Nell: "Well, it hasn't done much for

the turtle." Bud: "I thought you were dead."

peak well of you this morning."

History question: "Where was the declaration of independence signed?" Answer: "At the bottom."

Mrs. Irvin: "What is the first per-L. V .: "Adam."

CANYON NEWS

Well, well, hello, everybody; we've been absent for quite a while but here we are again, still pulling bolls, although most everyone is

There is quite a bit of sickness and bad colds in the community at present. Little Willie Pearl Matthews is real sick at this writing. Mrs. Nadine Griggs and son are

spending a few days this week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Julia Griggs,

the private lives of some of our Misses Fern, Norvella and Florene Billy Gardner what she read Sat- friends. Be sure you don't repeat this. Evans of Sweetwater visited Miss If you do be sure and tell the other Mary Ellen Frazier over the week-

Misses Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry had as their guests Sumday Pete

thews on Thursday of last week for We Senior girls have one caution to a real Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey noon hour. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews and son Mordie, of Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Alma Matthews, and family of Caps, Mr. and Mrs. Othal Matthews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elva Matthews, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick and Mrs. Dolly Richey, of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill, Henry Cathcart and daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Lou Dowdy, Houston Martin, Lloyd and Willie Pearl Matthews and the host and

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

here on an extended visit with her sis- calling on Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

of Blair visited Mrs. Hughes' par- Telegraph compay. ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds,

business here one day last week. Abilene last Friday afternoon.

the phone office at Merkel on account | Sunday. of some of the operators illness.

We don't like to report subtraction from our city; had rather report additions. Mr. Otho Smith moved his residence and family from our city to his farm three miles south of town last week and will reside there for the coming year. His object was to be nearer his work.

Mrs. Bonner of Clyde visited with Mrs. Leeman last Sunday.

The whole community was made real sad last Saturday when the news reached us that Mr. Jim Williamson was dead. To the bereaved ones we extend sympathy.

Jack Frost is at home in Abilene confined to his bed. J. M. McKinzie of Sweetwater is assisting Mr. Scott in the store in his absence.

The report comes that Mr. Colecalled to his bedside last Saturday. He is in the Beckham home.

Hubert Beckham of Lamesa is here attending the bedside of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd of La-Bud: " I heard one of the teachers Mr. Boyd's parents, formerly of this

> Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were weekend guests in Roscoe last week-end.

be back home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Steadman and Mrs. lene shopping last Monday.

called on her cousin, Mr. J. M. Mc- C. Stribling, both of Trent.

Kenzie. She was en route to Abilene. Miss Maga Payne took up her duties in our school this week.

Mr. Carrol Chambless of Pecos Miss Ruby Campbell of Novis is passed through our city this week, He was en route to Abilene, having Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and children been transferred there with the Postal

Mrs. Iva Hanks of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. J. T. Cunningham, John Howell of Abilene attended to last Thursday night, Mrs. Cunningham returning with her for a week-Miss Powell visited home folks in end visit. She was joined by her husband and two sons, Erwin and Clif-Miss Naoma Rogers is assisting in ford, on Saturday, all returning home

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Bonner of Bal- nicely. linger and Mrs. Barnhill of Baird visited their father, Mr. Chas. Hutchinson, last Sunday.

Emett Holt attended business and visited relatives here early this week. We are sorry to report that Mr. Bill Reynolds had to return to the hospital

at Abilene for treatment this week. Clark Hamner is on the sick list this week. Miss Lillian McRee is assisting in the postoffice in his ab-

Miss Mollie McLeod is attending school at Goodman.

C. T. Beckham.

C. T. Beckham, retired farmer and merchant, died at his home at Trent man Whitfield isn't improving very at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, following much. His daughter, Mrs. G. H. Smith a brief illness. Physicians said death and two children of Uvalde, also a resulted from paralysis of the heart, en this peninsular sticking out into sen, Othamar Whitfield of Iraan were which developed Tuesday night. Mr. Beckham had been ill of influenza since last Friday.

The funeral service will be held which Mr. Beckham was a deacon.

Kennedy: "What made you think mesa passed through our city last 25 years, Mr. Beckham was promi- friends. week en route to Hamlin to visit with nently identified with the growth and development of the town and Claude Butler, Arthur Price, Albert Mrs. G. W. McDonald left last Mon- his interests in the business to the Miss Erma Venable of Ennis and Mr. day night for a few weeks' visit with Williamson brothers in 1930. Own- Bob Kelly of Weatherford. her parents at Mason. She expects to ing land near the town, he also engaged in farming and stock raising.

He is survived by his wife, two Reeves and Mrs. Stevens were in Abi- sons, Hubert and Winslow Beckham, both of Lamesa, and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Kendrick of San Angelo Mrs. Getz Williamson and Mrs. C.

DORA DOINGS

(Omitted last week.) Thanksgiving day was observed here with a nice program rendered by the school children and a bountiful feast spread for all at the noon hour. The biggest event was the football game in the afternoon, Divide making her first touchdown. The score, Miles 7, Divide 27. The Maryneal basketball girls played our girls in a losing game 5 to 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyrone announce the arrival of a baby boy last Tues. day night. Mother and babe doing

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bratcher of Waxahachie spent Thanksgiving here with his mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Green Oliver.

Misses Wilma Allen and Iona Boyd were shopping in Abilene Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott spent

Thanksgiving in Sweetwater with

their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richardson. Those on the sick list are Mrs. H. S. Wright, G. T. Rogers and Mrs. F.

B. Slater. Cotton picking is fast nearing an end; with the pretty weather we have been having and all the cotton pickers, it sure is moving.

RURAL SOCIETY

PRICE-HEITH.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 3, at nine o'clock Mr. Alvie Price and Miss Hazel Heith were happily married at the home of Rev. J. O. Armstrong.

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Mr. Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Price of Goodman and Miss Mrs. R. Reaves and Mrs. Ben How- Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Heith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ell motored to Sweetwater last Tues- at the Trent Baptist church, in Ab Heith of Ennis. Both are popular young people and enter married life Resident of Trent for more than with the best wishes of a host of Those present were: Mr. and Mrs.

> community. For several years he Butler, Miss Bertha Butler, of Goodwas a firm member of the Star man, Mr. and MrsDon Butler of White Hardware company here. He sold Flat, Mr. Henry Butler of Roscoe,

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In addition to Mr. Dana, the other members of bus party in Merkel included L. H. McAlister, director of the Don't miss it. bureau; C. L. Oden, assistant division manager; H. B. Hamilton, district superintendent; J. M. Collins, local Conoco representative, and John Richards, driver of the bus.



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FOR RENT-South half of two story brick building on Kent street, also two furnished rooms at my residence. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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would not be successful," said Dana. Queen Now Showing Four Marx Brothers

The atraction for this Thursday tion since "Monkey Business" and seventh test on the Swann place. The brothers are in college now, and

Saturday the Queen presents Hoot Gibson, one of the screen's most popular western stars, in "The Local Bad Man." On the same program will be shown the last thrilling episode of the "Air Mail Mystery" which everyone, who has been following this exciting serial will want to see.

Next Thursday and Friday the atto attend our gala Christmas Eve per pound. and New Year's Eve Midnight shows. Souvenirs for everybody and special Mrs. George Overton, seriously ill Bargain Store.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

added, the service was advertised in and Friday at the Queen theatre is Making the sixth producer on the newspapers throughout the country one that should cure the blues, "Horse Swann place, the Julian interests and 67,000 motorists called for as- Feathers," starring the four Marx brought in a 200-barrel last week. Brothers. This is their latest produc- Croft and Conner are now drilling a

> Three carloads of cattle were shipthe capers they cut on the campus ped out of here this week: a car of Merkel attended the conference. would make an Indian laugh. This one calves by Collins Brothers on Tueswill make you forget the depression, day and two lots of yearlings by W. H. Laney on Wednesday.

> > ton last week, returning Friday.

home Wednesday night from the In- fore the meeting. traction will be "70,000 Witnesses," ternational Livestock show at Chica-Paramount's thrilling football mur- go where they won many more blue der mystery. Also watch for "The Big ribbons and prizes. "Texas Special," Why have a cold whon you can You had better make your plans now and Sons there and sold for \$1,25 at Sie Hamm Drug Co.

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This is a practical year if there ever was one, and Christmas gifts

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ing is more useful, nothing more welcome than clothes.

pictures to be announced soon. Don't with pneumonia, was reported slightly better Thursday morning, which good news her friends will be very glad to learn. He husband, George Overton, came up Wednesday from Rising Star, where he is employed.

> Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church Merkel, preached the associational sermon at the monthly workers conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association at Blair Thursday. A large number from

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meet-In company with Drs. W. V. Ram- ing of the stockholders of The Farmsey and Stuart Cooper of Abilene and ers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, R. A. Webster of Clyde, Dr. W. T. Texas, will be held at the office of said Sadler attended the 4-day session of bank the second Tuesday in January, the Southern Medical clinic at Hous- being the 10th day of the month at 4 c'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and The Largent show cattle arrived such other business as may come be-

Stampede," "Movie Crazy," "Blessed awarded the highest honor in the cat- prevent it with Hamm's Cold Cap-Event" and "Life Begins," all coming the world, that of world champion sules. Avoid the flu, aches and fever. to the Queen soon. And, say, folks! steer, was exhibited by C. M. Largent Sold only on a money back guarantee

Toytown is open at Brown's

Director Reverses Rule, it along. Thus the actual interior as Moves House to Troupe well as the exterior was photographed.

man who bites a dog still holds good.

of the latest Marie Dressler-Polly Lyn, Jerry Tucker, Charles Giblyn, Moran comedy, "Prosperity," which Frank Darien and Henry Armetta. will be shown starting Sunday at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater.

instead of returning to the Metro- single starring vehicle was "Emma." Goldwyn-Mayer studios to build interiors matching the location scenes, purchase of the quaint house and took an hour.

"Prosperity" is a comedy of smalltown life with Miss Dressler and Miss It's no news when they move a Moran as rival mothers-in-law fightmovie troupe to a house in the coun- ing over the affairs of their married try-but it's news when they move children and grandchildren, with & the house in the country to the mov- bit of distinctive character work for ie troupe, if the old rule anent the the versatile Miss Dressler thrown in for good measure.

Anita Page and Norman Foster This bit of cinematic housemoving play the married children and the was accomplished during the filming supporting cast also includes Jacquie

"Prosperity" is the ninth comedy in which Marie Dressler and Polly Moran have been co-starred. Their most The plot called for the popular com- recent appearances together were in edy pair to do "location work" in the "Caught Short," "Reducing" and environs of an old farmhouse. Then, "Politics," while Miss Dressler's last

Steamers passing through the 97-Director Sam Wood arranged for the mile Suez Canal travel about six miles

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BEANS, Kuners, green or wax, No. 2 can, 2 for

No. 2 can 3 for

25c 15c

TOMATOES, B & W, No. 2 can, 2 for

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RICE, R & W, 2 lb. package

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.15c

SYRUP, Pure Georgia Ribbon Cane, 59c-No. 5 can No. 10 can ____

33c

Oats oz. pkg.

R & W, 55

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Mesdames Nathan Wood and W. B. Graham made a number of little folks very happy on Monday afternoon when they entertained with a birthday party for Billie Wood, aged nine, and Don Wood, aged eleven. Christmas decorations set a merry place for games supervised by Miss Orpah Patterson and Miss Opal Sloan. At five-thirty the little guests were invited into he house where the many gifts were opened and admired.

Little Miss Becky Gardner had a birthday on the same day and was good song service and special music remembered with a lovely set of dish-

In the dining room, two beautiful evening. birthday cakes were cut and, with each slice, went a novelty gift bear- the present day problems that coning fortunes for each guest. Delicious front the American people in each of sandwiches and heavenly hash were his sermons. Last Monday night his served with punch and plate favors subject was "Why America is the were colorful Christmas baskets of greatest criminal nation in the world." candy. A number of guests were un- And next Tuesday night he will disable to accept because of sickness but cuss "What will America receive as the following enjoyed this pretty par- punishment for her sins; or, is war ty: Billie and Don Wood, Robert Rodden, W. G. Dickinson, Alfred Dickin- preach on "What will happen at the son, W. I. Wozencraft, Ralph Rusrence Thornton, Bobbie Woodrum, Edwin Renfro, Forest Glen Barnett, glory" is the subject. Bert Reeves, Joe Glen Wells, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Frances Owens, Gertie Lou Pee, Johnnie McDonald, Joyce Renfro, Beckie Gardner, Doris Gay West, Geraldine Teague, Dora Lee Shelton, Misses Opal Sloan, Orpah Patterson, Mesdames Nathan Wood and W. B. Graham.

LOVE FEAST.

The members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class held their annual love feast on Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Booth Warren. The home was delightfully decorated with Christmas deccrations and a sumptuous Christmas menu was served at high noon. As is customary, a resume of the year's work and outline of the forthcoming plans were discussed and settled in a business meeting which was closed with a beautiful and inspiring devotional by Mrs. Ann Brown.

Guests of Mrs. Warren for this day were Mesdames Booth, Collins, Lassiter, Largent, Fulton, King, Angus, Anderson, Conder, Stevens, Teague, Renfro, Joyner, Brown and the hostess.

GLEANER CLASS.

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church met Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the parlors of the church. This being a business meeting, plans for the annual Christmas party and homecoming Dec. 16 were discussed.

Each member present agreed to adopt some member of the home department as their mother for the coming year, also to look after absent members, visit the sick and send bassets to needy. About fifteen members and a few visitors were present.

THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

On Friday afternoon the Shakesthre club, organized and directed by Mary Buta Sears, met and the following officers were elected: president. A. C. Sears: secretary and treasurer, Sis Gambie: sergeant-atarms, Truett Patterson; reporter, Mollie Frank Touchstone.

Tuesday was voted as the regula club day, which will meet each were in room nine in the high school burn

Much enthusiasm was shown at the first meeting when each member tolu portions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The club has made plans for a Christmas party at Sis Gamble's house on December 20.

New members should enroll as soon as possible in order not to miss any of the interesting stories and activities of the club.

Watch for Santa-he's coming to Merkel.

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Interest Increasing In Nazarene Revival

The revival in the local church of the Nazarene is entering into the second week with the attendance increasing each night. Especially are the young people attending the young people's service in large numbers each evening at 6:45, which is conducted by the pastor-evangelist. There is a furnished by A. P. Rule and wife, evangelist singers from Abilene, each

The evangelist is discussing some of eminent?" Sunday night he will

The public is cordially invited. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching service at 7:30 each evening. N. Y. P. S. 6:45.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. "Program Material," Thelma Mat-

"The Letter from Jesus," Jo Earl

"The Letter of Peter," Helen Joy-

"The Letter of Jude," Dot Swaf-

'The Letters of John," Harold Mor-

"The Revelation of John," Horace "What John Saw," Sarah Sheppard.

ome," Margaret Miller. We urge that everyone be present

ext Sunday evening at 6 o'clock for

Series of Lectures At Church of Christ

The circulars announcing the lectures for next week at the Church of Christ are out and we hope everyone in town got one and will keep it for reference during the week. If you can't attend all these lectures select you can, hear them all if at all possi-

There will be services at 11 a. m. each Lord's day and at 4 and 7 each evening throughout the eight days of the meeting. The usual Bible study at 9:45 a. m. on Lord's day.

We will be sorely disappointed if you are not out to enjoy with us these meetings. You are invited.

Respectfully, The Elders.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Get the Christmas spirit. Get close of this present age." And other | Christmas in your heart. This Yulesell, Edgar Jarvis and Mary Love Tip- great Bible truths are to be brought tide presents the opportunity, of the ton. Don Warren, Clovis Fowler, Law- out each evening and emphasized. year to spread good tidings of "Good Sunday morning "God's crowning Will." The best Christmas present ever made was "Good Will."

> If you are mad at anybody, "kiss and make up" before Christmas is over. Pull yourself out of the dumps. Let the joyous Christ spirit come in. Christmas sermon Sunday morning. Regular evening service.

Christmas tree will be Sunday morning, Dec. 25, from 9:45 to 12 a.

ing at Sunday School. SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

"Some Things Which were to Sunday a year ago 674 were present.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our Bible School attendance was

fine last Sunday. I hope every mem- tire membership to attend as regulber of our Bible School will be pres- arly as possible. ent at 10:15 next Sunday morning. Remember the time has been changed to 10:15 a. m. We are expecting to have a Christmas tree, so be present to help us get ready.

We baptized again Sunday and hope all who are waiting baptism will be ready to be baptized next Sunday. We are having an interesting Bible study every Wednesday night in connection with prayer meeting.

Brother Boy Griffin will preach Sunday at 4 p. m. on "The Ten Commandments.' Next Sunday night the pastor will preach on an unusual subfrom the circular such as you are es- ject and he hopes to have an extra pecially interested in and come hear large audience. An unexpected thing those. We want you to come all that will happen that everybody will be shockingly surprised about. Every-

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. We welome new members and want the en-

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