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COKE STEVENSON ELECTED HOUSE SPEAKER; WOODUL IS SENATE HEAD PRO TEM

Ninety-four New Members in Roll of 43rd Legislature; Senators Vote to Cut Salaries to \$8 Per Day.

Austin, Jan. 12.—The Texas legislature convened in 43rd biennial session at noon Tuesday. Quorums were present in each house.

Ninety-four members of the new legislature are novices. Eighty-four members of the house are new and ten members of the senate took their seats for the first time. There are 150 members of the house and 31 senators. Coke Stevenson of Junction, a native Texas who has spent his life in the hills of west central Texas, was chosen speaker of the house of representatives. His election was known to have pleased Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, governor-elect.

The woman who became chief executive for the first time in 1926 and won her way back to power last year, with the help of her former governor-husband, James E. Ferguson, after two defeats in the meanwhile, will be inducted into office on next Tuesday. She is expected to send up her message, outlining her policies and making recommendations for legislation, Wednesday of next week.

Senator Walter Woodul of Houston, ardent supporter of Governor Sterling's administration, was chosen president pro tem of the senate. He will preside during the absence of Lieut. Gov. Edgar Witt of Waco, who was prevented from attending the opening of the legislature on account of illness.

Stevenson won the speakership over A. F. Johnson of Carrizo Springs in a tight fight. The official vote was 82 to 68. Every one of the 150 members of the house was present and voting.

It was indicated at the governor's office that his message will not be sent to either branch until the house has completed its organization.

SENATE REDUCES PAY.
The Texas senate Wednesday went on record for state salary cuts beginning with a vote for a 20 per cent cut in the members' own pay.

If the house concurs members will receive \$8 a day. Last session they received \$10. The saving for the 120 day session for both houses would total \$42,680.

The senators voted to reduce salaries of employes an average of approximately 15 per cent. Salaries formerly fixed at \$7.50 per day were cut to \$6.50. Fifty per cent of the \$5 stipends were reduced to \$4.50, \$4 jobs were decreased to \$3.50, and fifty cents likewise was cut from each \$3 place. However, it was agreed not to reduce (Continued on Page Two.)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A total of 1,844 new corporations applied for and received charters from the secretary of state during the year 1932, the smallest annual total since 1924.

Ray Rector of Stamford, past grand master of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Texas, and prominent Stamford civic leader, was found dead in the garage of his home Thursday night.

R. G. Bowdry, formerly of Fannin county, has been appointed city manager of Stamford, succeeding Charles W. Zug, who resigned. More than a dozen applications were received by the Stamford city council for the place.

Mrs. J. L. Pitts and her four children lost their lives and the husband, J. L. Pitts, was burned perhaps fatally when a five-gallon can of crude oil distillate exploded and set fire to their home eight miles from Buena Vista, Texas.

A first and second primary to determine the democratic nominee for the congressional post to be vacated March 4 by Speaker John N. Garner, vice president-elect, will be held in the 15th district on February 18 and March 4, respectively.

Insurance companies paid \$9,267,858.40 workmen's compensation on 5,625 awards made by the Texas Industrial board during the biennium ending Aug. 31, 1932, the largest amount of compensation paid since the enactment of the law in 1913.

John K. Strecker, curator of the museum of Baylor university and chairman of the McLennan county democratic executive committee, died late Sunday afternoon at his home in Waco, from a complication of illnesses, including heart trouble.

Following charges of murder and driving while intoxicated in connection with an automobile collision that resulted in the death of Eli Perkins, an Abilene creamery salesman, early Saturday morning, Tom Jones, 20-year-old Abilene youth, was released Tuesday under bonds totaling \$6,000.

In 1910 Texas was producing 8,899,000 barrels of petroleum and ranked second among the states of the South. In 1931 Texas produced 331,544,000 barrels and led not only the South but the nation, being more than one-third of the total production of the United States as compared with one-twenty-third in 1910.

EX-PRESIDENT COOLIDGE DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Wife Finds His Body Lying on Floor of Home, When She Returns From Shopping Tour; Funeral Held Saturday.

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 12.—Calvin Coolidge died Thursday, Jan. 5.

The thirtieth president of the United States, until his death the only living former president, was stricken at noon with a heart attack while alone in a dressing room of his home, the Beeches. He was 60 years old on July 4, 1932.

Mrs. Coolidge, returning from a shopping tour, discovered his body lying on the floor where he apparently had fallen as he went to his room to rest and recover from what he thought was a minor attack of stomach trouble. He had been dead only a few minutes.

With his secretary, Harry Ross, Mr. Coolidge had returned home from his law office for luncheon earlier than usual because he felt ill. But he had suffered from what he thought was indigestion two or three weeks and neither he nor his secretary regarded the attack as serious.

SIMPLE FUNERAL.

In the Edwards church where he had worshipped for 30 years, simple funeral services were held Saturday morning for Calvin Coolidge.

President and Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and her son, James, were among those who paid him silent tribute, but there was no pomp and display.

The Rev. Albert J. Penner, the youthful pastor of the Edwards Congregational Church of Northampton, conducted the funeral service.

The funeral procession carried the body to Plymouth, Vermont, for burial.

Father, Mother and Infant Die in Flames

The lives of three persons were claimed in a fire which destroyed the home of Bevin Burns at Tatum, Lea county, N. M., Wednesday night of last week, while two others were badly injured. Mr. and Mrs. Burns and their three months old infant lost their lives in the tragedy. The injured were: Mrs. Otis Burns, a sister-in-law, and Daney Lou, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burns.

The fire started from an explosion of kerosene fumes when Mr. Bevin poured oil over hot coals in a stove and attempted to light it. Flames instantly caught the clothes of the five persons in the house and spread rapidly through the entire building.

In an attempt to rescue his little child, Mr. Burns, was most seriously burned. Before he reached the door of the flaming house, he lost control of his arms and dropped the infant just inside of the burning structure. Further efforts to rescue the child were futile and only ashes of its little body remained after the fire had died away.

Mr. Burns died en route to a hospital at Lubbock, while Mrs. Burns died soon after her arrival at the hospital.

Mrs. Bevin Burns was well known here, having been before her marriage Miss Marza Chaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chaney. Last year she was a visitor in the Laney home here.

Killed in Air Crash.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Christopher Mathewson, Jr., of Philadelphia was killed and her husband of Saranac Lake, N. Y., suffered two broken arms, a broken left leg and severe body cuts and bruises Sunday afternoon when the amphibian plane Mathewson was piloting en route to Hangchow crashed into the Whangpoo River.

Saved From Death Sentence.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—Governor Blackwood Tuesday changed the death sentence of Mrs. Beatrice Ferguson Snipes, 29, expectant mother, to a sentence of life imprisonment, saying his action of clemency was "in accord with the general sentiment of the country."

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs, residing in the Canyon, Thursday, January 12, 1933.

PROHIBITION MASS MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene Will Deliver Address; All Churches to Close for Meeting.

Next Sunday night Merkel is to have a prohibition mass meeting on the order of those that used to be held in the days of the open saloon.

"It has been many moons," said Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, where the meeting is to be held, "since such a mass meeting has been held in our city. The purpose is much the same as the former purpose. In those days, we had the saloon and did not want it. Now we do not have it but do not want its return."

Judge J. P. Stinson of Abilene is to be the speaker. Judge Stinson is a familiar character to West Texans, having lived and practiced law here for more than a quarter of a century. His ability is unquestioned and his prohibition record stands.

The mass meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

"At the suggestion of the pastors association," Rev. Yeats commented further, "the pastors and churches have called this meeting in response to the general call and need that we save our country from a backward move in morals and manhood."

"This is a day—following the war—when morals are passing through a crisis. Lawlessness of a high order is abroad. A backward move is the tendency of the day. Let us get together and hold what our fathers have fought to gain."

All churches will close for the mass meeting.

Assessor Will Have Deputies Make Calls

Deputies from the tax assessor's office will call on tax-payers of the county for their renditions this year, C. W. Boyce, tax assessor of Taylor county, has announced in a statement outlining the work of his office.

"Beginning this year," he said further, "the tax assessor's office will function twelve months out of the year, with myself and deputy keeping busy, so that the maximum of service and efficiency will be maintained, this notwithstanding the fact that the assessor's office will pay only sixty per cent of what it has in recent years."

Deputy Tax Collector To Be Stationed Here

For the convenience of tax-payers in Merkel and west Taylor county, a deputy tax collector, Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, will be stationed at the city hall here, beginning next Monday, January 16 and continuing for the last two weeks this month, to receive tax payments and register motor vehicles.

County Tax Collector Grady Parmley asks everyone to bring their pink slips or tax notice, as the deputy here will not have the tax rolls proper.

Officers of Farmers State Bank Re-Elected

Officers and directors of the Farmers State bank in Merkel were re-elected at Tuesday's annual meetings of stockholders and directors.

Directors are: C. M. Largent, J. S. Swann, David Hendricks, Max Mellinger and W. L. Diltz. Officers are C. M. Largent, president; J. S. Swann and David Hendricks, vice-president; W. L. Diltz, cashier, and Herbert Patterson, assistant cashier.

Secures Easement For Drainage Ditch

First important step in solving the problem of draining flood waters from Southeast Merkel has been taken in the securing of easement across the 40-acre tract of W. H. Dunning, permitting the city to dig a drainage ditch that will follow the natural lines, running in a northwesterly direction.

As the result of condemnation proceedings, easement rights were obtained by the City of Merkel at a cost of \$368.00, which was paid the first part of the week.

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS CUT OWN SALARY AND MAKE OTHER SAVINGS

PROGRAMS FOR YEAR OUTLINED

Bedroom, Yard Improvement, Foods and Wardrobe Study Major Subjects of Clubs.

Bedroom improvement, yard beautification, wardrobe planning and farm foods supply are the major undertakings for Taylor county home demonstration club members this year.

Outline of the 1933 program was presented by Miss Caroline Chambers, county agent, at the monthly meeting of the club council held at Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Clubs were asked to select demonstrators for each piece of work by the latter part of January.

As a part of the farm food supply study, each club woman will be expected to prepare a food budget for her family for the year. Organized storing of canned foods and preparation of an exhibit for local achievement day will also be a part of the study.

In addition to the demonstration projects, Miss Chambers outlined the club study course by months.

Miss Chambers announced that she expects to have all girls' 4-H clubs re-organized by February 1. Three clubs—Elmdale, Buffalo Gap, Pleasant Hill—asked to have girls' clubs organized. The girls' program will include gradens, wardrobe and bedroom improvement.

Pork curing demonstrations are to begin January 16, Miss Chambers announced. Clubs at Tye, Pleasant Hill, Salt Branch and Buffalo Gap have asked for the demonstrations. C. Metz Heald, farm agent, requested that the curing demonstration be made community clubs.

About 40 council and club members attended the meeting.

Poultrymen Called to Meet Saturday 3 P. M.

Plans for the annual poultry show will be worked out at a meeting of poultry raisers of Merkel and this section, which had been called for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting is to be held at the Lions club hall.

President Ellis urges that all of those interested be sure to attend.

In the past two years, the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association has staged most successful shows and another is planned for an early date.

First Meeting Results in Reduction of \$4,000 in Public Expenditures Annually; Vote \$400 Toward Home Agent.

Taylor county's new commissioners court, holding its first monthly session Monday, moved for a \$2,700 reduction in public expenditures annually, by elimination of two ex-officio county salaries and a 50 per cent reduction of a third.

Judge Camp launched the economy movement by requesting that the county judge's ex-officio salary be reduced from \$2,200 to \$1,100 per year.

This action was followed by adoption of motions eliminating the sheriff's ex-officio salary of \$1,000 and the county attorney's of \$600.

An additional curtailment of county expenses in the amount of \$1,300 annually will result from the automatic decrease in commissioners and county auditor's salaries, by virtue of reduction in assessed valuation of property for taxation purposes.

Under state statute fixing the salary of county auditor at \$125 per million or major portion thereof, assessed valuation, Taylor county's auditor last year received \$3,000, the valuation have been approximately \$24,000,000.

On the basis of \$19,660,000 valuation for 1933, the salary will automatically become \$2,500. It was said that L. R. Thompson, auditor, has voluntarily agreed to a further reduction in salary for 1933.

Commissioners' salaries are automatically cut from \$2,000 to \$1,800 by the reduced valuation, \$21,000,000 being the dividing line between the two salary marks.

"The matter of further voluntary reduction in commissioners' salaries is to be taken up as soon as business of the court will permit," Judge Camp said.

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Dan Matthews Meets Accidental Death

News of the accidental death last Saturday morning of Dan Matthews, son-in-law of Mrs. Frank Sears, was received here with much regret, as Mr. Matthews lived here up to about five years ago and was well and favorably known in this section.

Mr. Matthews, who is engaged in farming in Chandler, Ariz., was struck by a falling tree, which he had just cut down, and was fatally injured. He lived for about an hour.

Besides his wife, who was Miss Odie Sears, he is survived by a daughter, Mildred, and a son, Clyde.

BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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."

ON LIKING PEOPLE.

Jesus loved to be in the crowd. Apparently he attended all the feasts at Jerusalem not merely as religious festivals but because all the folks were there and he had an all-embracing fondness for folks. We err if we think of him as a social outsider. To be sure it was the "poor" who "heard him gladly," and most of his close disciples were men and women of the lower classes. But there is time when he was quite the favorite in Jerusalem. The story of his days is dotted with these phrases. . . . "They desired him greatly to remain and he abode two days." . . . Even after he had denounced the Pharisees as "hypocrites" and "children of the devil," even when the clouds of disapproval were gathering for the final storm, they still could not resist the charm of his presence, nor the stimulation of his talk.

No other public character ever had a more interesting list of friends. It ran from the top of the social ladder to the bottom. Nicodemus, the member of the supreme court, had too big a stake in the social order to dare to be a disciple, but he was friendly all the way through, and notably at the end. Some unknown rich man, the owner of an estate on the Mount of Olives, threw it open to Jesus gladly as a place of retirement and rest. When he needed a room for the last supper with his friends he had only to send a messenger ahead and ask for it. The request was enough. And in the last sad hours, when the hatred of his enemies had completed its work and his body hung lifeless from the cross, it was a rich man named Joseph—a rich man who would have sunk into oblivion like the other rich men of all the ages except for this one great act of friendship—who begged the authorities for his body, and having prepared it for burial laid it in a private tomb.

Such were his associates among the socially elect. What sort (Continued on Page Two.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 10, 1913.)

McGEE-STALLINGS.
A pretty home wedding was solemnized at eight o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings when they gave their daughter, Bera, in marriage to Mr. A. C. McGee of Detroit, Texas, Rev. R. A. Clements performing the ceremony. After the ceremony an informal home reception was tendered the wedding party and intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. McGee left immediately after the reception for a short honeymoon trip before going to their home at Detroit, the bride's going away frock being a cream suit with hat, shoes and shoes to match.

GREER-BEAN.
A marriage which came as a complete surprise to many Merkel friends was the marriage of Miss Lucy Bean to Mr. R. T. Greer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Grisham in Hamlin at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday. Mrs. Greer is the only sister of Mrs. W. R. Walker, who limits her friends only by her acquaintance, for every one loves Miss Lucy. Mr. Greer is a prominent farmer and many friends join in wishing them many years of happiness in their home near Hillsboro.

DILTZ-COMPTON.
At the residence of Rev. A. A. Baker Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, at five o'clock Mr. W. E. Diltz and Miss Ruffie Compton were married.
The evening was picturesque, sleet and snow were falling fast, the ground having long ago been covered in a robe of pearly white. Amid these beautiful surroundings the words were spoken that ushered this amiable couple into a new state of matrimony in the bloom of youth with bright prospects of a happy voyage.

W. R. Bigham and T. J. Coggin have within the past few years all but become citizens of the Montezumas where they have been buying and selling Mexican cattle but, as their usual custom, they came home to hang up their socks and eat turkey with the home folks. Mr. Bigham closed a contract for the purchase of 30,000 head of cattle although he has had considerable trouble during the revolutionary crises. Mr. Coggin has been shipping to market most of his cattle he had on feed in Oklahoma and reports he had a little Christmas money left over the feed bill and he bought 2,000 head more. Both old-timers left this week for El Paso and will be absent several months.

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**"Big Broadcast" Brings
Ten Stars in Picture**

"The Big Broadcast," which opens Sunday at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, is one of those extraordinary films which come along occasionally—product and echo of the moment we live in. Timely as tomorrow's news and temporal as the current style in hats, it takes full advantage of popular radio idolatry, and succeeds in becoming a light, frivolous piece of entertainment, amusing and constantly diverting.

Stuart Erwin, in the role of Leslie McWhinney, shy Texan who loves Anita Rogers so much that he does everything possible to give her the radio singer she wants, heads a cast that also includes Lelia Hyams as Anita, Bing Crosby as the popular air troubadour, Sharon Lynne as the dancer who wins Bing's heart, George Burns as the president of the radio station, Gracie Allen as the reception clerk, the Boswell sisters as the telephone operators, and Kate Smith, the Mills Brothers, Cab Calloway and his orchestra, Arthur Tracy (The Street Singer) and Vincent Lopez, as themselves—entertainers for the "Big Broadcast."

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Raymond Stapleton, who entered the West Texas Baptist sanitarium several weeks ago, was sufficiently recovered Tuesday to be moved to his home here.

Second Monday brought by far the largest crowd of traders in horse flesh and "mule" flesh that have been seen on the Merkel lot in over two years.

With 1932 hanging up an all-time record of 47.33 inches of rainfall, the New Year has furnished only a quarter of an inch so far. That was the amount of rainfall Friday night and Saturday as gauged by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Following the cut of one cent in retail gasoline prices, reported in last week's paper, a second cut of one cent was posted on Thursday of last week. Current prices are: third grade gasoline, 12 cents; regular gasoline, 15 cents, and high test gasoline, 18 cents.

Three cars of cattle have been shipped out of Merkel since the first of the year, two last week and one this week. Shippers were: on the third, Jasper McCoy, a car of 51 mixed cattle; on the same date, Collins Brothers, a car of 31 cows, and on the ninth, Collins Brothers, a car of 53 calves.

Legislature

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duce the \$10 daily salary of the senate secretary and the \$5 per day pay of senators' private secretaries.

Commissioners

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All commissioners were present—Luther Webb, Abilene; A. J. Canon, Merkel; Rex Dillard, Tuscola, and Sid H. McAdams, Lawn. McAdams, it will be recalled, is the only member who served in the former administration.

Meeting again Tuesday, the court by unanimous action voted to pay \$400 toward the salary of a home demonstration agent for 1933. The motion was made by Luther Webb, seconded by Commissioner Canon.

No county appropriation will be made for employment of a farm agent, the court voting unanimously to spend nothing for that service during the current year.

During the year 1932 the county made no appropriation for extension service.

There were slightly over a million marriages in the United States during 1931—a decrease of 6.1 per cent from 1930.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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**Musical Revue to Be
Staged at Paramount**

Two outstanding theatrical events are scheduled for presentation at the Paramount theatre in Abilene next week. First, there is Clark Gable in his latest picture, "No Man of Her Own," the last word in screen entertainment, and then "Southern Brevities," real flesh and blood entertainment, in the form of a musical revue.

Clark Gable, America's heart throb, will come to the popular Abilene show-house on Sunday and Monday in his biggest and best picture to date, "No Man of Her Own." Featured with the great lover are Carole Lombard and Dorothy Mackaill, two of the screen's most beautiful charmers. Gable is seen in the ideal role of a sporting man about town who has two lovely girls battling for his heart. Never in his screen career has he had such an opportunity to demonstrate his love-making ability. The unique story, lavish production, excellent direction and the acting of its principals combine to make "No Man of Her Own" one of the most delightful screen hits of the new year.

Real flesh and blood entertainment will be the treat offered theatre-goers at the Paramount on Wednesday and Thursday. On these days, "Southern Brevities," the most elaborate musical and vaudeville revue on tour, will be the attraction on the stage. Featuring Jimmy Allard and numbering twenty people in the company "Southern Brevities" comes to Abilene highly recommended after a successful tour of the Publix and Saenger theatre circuits in the Southeast. It is a typical big time revue with a stage band, harmony singers, dancers and a bevy of beautiful girls. The screen entertainment in conjunction with "Southern Brevities" will be "The Devil Commands," a thrilling mystery story featuring Mae Clark and Neil Hamilton. This combination program is expected to draw numerous theatre-goers from this section.

BRUCE BARTON

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of people made up the rest of his circle? All sorts. Pharisees, fishermen; merchants and tax collectors; cultivated women and outcast women; soldiers, lawyers, beggars, lepers, publicans and sinners. What a spectacle they must have presented trailing after him through the streets. But Jesus loved it all—the pressure of the crowd, the clash of wits, the eating and the after-dinner talk. When he was criticized because he enjoyed it so much and because his disciples did not fast and go about with gloomy looks, he gave an answer that throws a wonderful light upon his own conception of his mission.

"Do the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is still with them?" he demanded. "Not a bit of it; they enjoy every moment of his stay. I am the bridegroom; these are my hours of celebration. Let my friends be happy with me for the little while that we are together. There will be plenty of time for solemn thoughts after I am gone."

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What happens when a stenographer plays with her married boss.

Thurs.-Fri.
James Dunn in
"HANDLE WITH CARE"
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It's just right for the whole family. Lots of comedy.

PERSONALS

Miss Mary Cox of Abilene was a recent guest of Miss Fannie Belle Boaz.

W. D. Swann returned Friday from a two weeks visit with his brother in Tyler.

Oliver Webb from Clyde spent the week-end in the S. L. Grayson home last week.

W. H. Rainbolt of Purcell, Okla., was guest for a while Thursday morning of his uncle, H. M. Rainbolt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Neal Pack and little daughter, Beth Joe, of Santa Fe, N. M., were passing guests of Miss Nell Swann Wednesday.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey attended the sessions of the joint meeting of district 4 and West Texas Chiropractors at Winters last Sunday.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb and son, Buddie, returned Tuesday from Corpus Christi, where they had spent the past two or three months.

W. R. Hampton, resident of Merkel for many years, now living in Hico, was here Wednesday, attending to business matters and greeting old friends.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong are entertaining their little granddaughter, Miss Mary Joe Armstrong, since Saturday, while her mother, Mrs. Frank Armstrong, is in the hospital at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat, accompanied by Misses Mary Collins and Fannie Belle Boaz, spent a few days the first of the week, quail hunting near Lamesa. While away, they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Barr and son

and W. A. Bills, all of Paris, on their return from California stopped over to spend Monday night with Rev. R. A. Walker and family. Mrs. Walker joined them here and will visit with her son and other relatives in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby were made happy last Sunday by having all their children at home with them. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby and son, Joe Ben, Jr., of DeLeon; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Wells and son, Joe Glynn; Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGehee and two children, Teddy Joe and Betty Joyce, and J. D. Ashby.

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RESOURCES

Loans Time and Demand	\$123,819.81
Overdrafts	157.21
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	17,950.00
Bills of Exc. (cotton)	10,664.65
Cash & Due from banks	214,084.14—242,693.79
Total	\$395,324.60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	15,942.19
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscouts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	323,132.41
Total	\$395,324.60

The above statement is correct.
Booth Warren, Cashier.

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Compound 4 lbs. **25c**

CHEESE, full cream, pound **20c**

THE OTHER MAN

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FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, becomes engaged and marries Dennis O'Hara in the belief that their blissful happiness will continue unchanged thru all the years. On her wedding morning she awakens with a strange premonition that maybe love does change, a thought buried in her mind by a letter from her closest friend, Barbara the night before. Pauline adored Barbara who had been married, was the mother of a child which died, but now divorced and living a life which some of her friends could not understand. Between Dennis and Barbara is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Six months after Pauline's wedding, Barbara comes for a short stay. During this visit Barbara confesses to Pauline that there is a man she really loves, but she refuses to tell his name. Barbara decides suddenly to go home and Pauline insists Dennis drive her to the station. Irritated, Dennis drives recklessly, and they are in a crash. Barbara escapes injury but Dennis' leg is broken. As he returns to consciousness he learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself. Dennis spends several weeks in the hospital. Barbara returns to stay with Pauline, but on one pretext or another fails to visit Dennis with Pauline at the hospital. Pauline plans highly for Dennis' return home.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Pauline was only too ready to obey. This headache fitted in nicely with her scheme of things. It seemed providential when, about half-past three, she peeped into Barbara's room and found her still fast asleep. She was all ready to meet Dennis—one of the doctors was bringing him home in his car, a man named Starnaway, with whom Dennis had picked up a great friendship.

It would be so wonderful to have him at home again. The moments seemed to drag. Everything had gone perfectly, the house looked a picture, so Pauline thought with pride as she wondered about, unable to settle to anything.

The little maid came to her breathlessly.

"Oh, please, madam, the fruit hasn't come for dinner, and it's early closing day. What shall we do?"

Mistress and maid stared at each other aghast; then Pauline said firmly:

"I'll go round to the shop myself. There's plenty of time before the master comes. She went on her errand with cheerful readiness, almost running down the garden path.

It was the slamming of that gate that woke Barbara; she started up, conscious of having long overslept, and glanced at the clock beside her bed—half-past three!

"Heaven! what waste of a lifetime! She bathed hurriedly, dressed and went downstairs; her headache had not gone, and she felt a little heavy and depressed.

The little maid heard her in the hall and came from the kitchen.

"Can I get you anything, madam? Mrs. O'Hara said I was to go up presently and see if you were awake."

"I'll have some tea, please." Barbara was at the door of the drawing room. "Why, what lovely flowers!" she said. "Are we expecting visitors?"

The maid giggled. "The master, madam! He's coming home! It was to be a surprise, and—oh dear, I believe there he is, and the mistress out! Oh dear, what will she say, not being here to meet him! It's long before his time, too."

She heard Dennis' voice and the pleasant voice of another man.

"No, I won't come in, thanks. You've seen enough of me during the last month. Some other time, when I'm in so—good-bye."

A moment, and Dennis was in the hall. He did not look ill except that he was thinner and walked with a stick. The little maid was greeting him excitedly.

"I do hope you're better, sir. It's nice to see you home, I'm sure."

"Thanks." Barbara waited for him to ask for Pauline. But he did not—he came across the hall unassisted, slowly and with some difficulty; then he saw her.

Barbara went forward coolly. "Welcome home," she said. She gave him her hand. "Pauline will be dis-

consolate. She has just run out for a moment. Oughtn't you to sit down? There's a fire in the drawing room."

"Thanks." Dennis' voice was rather grim, but he gave his coat to the maid and followed Barbara into the drawing room. When he was safely ensconced in the armchair he looked up at her.

"You came off better than I did," he said. "Is that wrist a memento?"

"Yes, but only a sprain." Barbara waved her bandaged wrist in the air to show what little damage had been done. "Will you have tea, or shall we wait for Pauline?"

"How long will she be?"

"Not long, I think she has gone to the shops for something they forgot to send."

"Why didn't you go with her?"

"What do you mean?"

"Only that as you refused so steadily to come and see me all these weeks I thought I should probably find you had run away."

Barbara laughed lightly. "You would have done, if you had come tomorrow, as you originally intended."

"You did not want to meet me?"

"Oh, no. I merely had a previous engagement."

Dennis' eyes darkened. He had thought about this woman more than he cared to remember during the past tedious weeks, and he had looked forward to seeing her with a queer sort of pleasurable anticipation.

Was it in a dream that she had kissed him and implored him to speak to her? Looking at her now he was sure it must have been.

But the memory of her lips on his was real enough.

Dennis looked at Barbara's lips, artificially reddened, and felt ashamed. Thank God, Pauline never made her face up—no rouged cheeks and darkened eyes. Almost angrily he contrasted the two women. Pauline with her simplicity and wholehearted devotion to himself, her interest and happiness in the small things of life, her pride in her home, her loyalty and sweetness—and then Barbara Stark!

A woman of the world, spoiled and insincere. A poseuse who had been taught by an unhappy experience, no doubt brought about by herself, that life was a bitter jest and that faithfulness and loyalty were nonexistent. And yet once—just for a moment—he had seen a glimpse of the real woman hidden beneath all the veneer of artificiality; or had that been the sham and this the real woman who stood before him now, cool, unruffled, almost insolent in her self-possession.

"Oh, my dear—Dennis—Dennis—speak to me."

Perhaps he had dreamed those words, perhaps they had been the conjuring of a semiconscious mind, founded on the thing that Pauline had told him—"She does love someone—frightfully!"

Was he the poor devil, then—or the lucky man? It all depended so much upon which way one looked at the question.

Dennis O'Hara sighed restlessly and shifted his stiff leg. He wished with all his heart that Barbara had gone away before he came home. She was an irritating, disturbing influence.

"Oh, Dennis—darling!"

Pauline burst into the room like a whirlwind and flung herself on her knees beside him. "And I wasn't here to meet you! Oh, what a shame! Does your leg hurt very much? Oh, it is lovely to see you back home."

Her arms were round his neck, and she was kissing him rapturously; even his coat came in for a share of attention.

"Steady—my dear child!" Dennis glanced over his wife's head to where Barbara stood, but she had

calmly turned and walked out of the room. He gently put his wife from him. "You'll have the maid in the room in a minute," he protested.

She sat back on her heels and looked at him with dancing eyes.

"Aren't you glad to be home? Isn't it wonderful? Oh, Dennis, I could go mad with joy."

"I shouldn't do that, if I were you," he said comically. He took her hand and pressed it. "Of course I'm glad to be home. Stornaway brought me in his car. I asked him in, but he wouldn't come."

"Wise man! I suppose he guessed we should like to be alone, as it's so long since you were here."

Dennis dragged himself to his feet. "Confound my leg! Wonder how long it will be before I can walk decently. By the way, Mrs. Stark tells me she is clearing off tomorrow."

"Yes, I wanted her to stay, but perhaps it's as well—I shall have you all to myself." She snatched his hand and kissed it.

"Baby!" Dennis said, smiling. "And what about tea?"

"It's coming now. I'll go and see." Pauline rushed away, and Dennis limped over to the window and looked out at the little garden.

Very tidy and neat, very suburban, he thought, and wondered why it had never struck him in that light before. Life was inclined to be humdrum—at least, his life was!

Outside in the hall he heard Pauline's happy laugh, and he checked his wandering thoughts with a firm hand.

"Ungrateful devil!" he apostrophized himself and turned to greet her as she came in. What more could one desire in a wife? She was

loving and pretty and charming, and yet—

"Doughnuts for tea!" she said gaily. "You see I remembered how fond you are of them."

Dennis allowed her to install him in a corner of the couch, submitting with a good grace to be kissed before she gave him his tea.

"Where's Barbara?" he asked. "She's coming in. I think she thought we might like to have a little while alone," Pauline said.

"Oh!" Dennis frowned. He wished he could cure Pauline of her sentiment.

Barbara came into the room. "Do I intrude? I'm just dying for tea. No, please don't get up, Mr. O'Hara."

"Why don't you call him Dennis?" Pauline asked. "Mr. O'Hara seems so silly and formal."

"Well, if he doesn't mind," Barbara said with a charming smile.

"Delighted," Dennis mumbled. "No doughnuts for me," Barbara said. "I have to consider my figure."

"Barbie! when you're as slim as a willow," Pauline protested. "Oh, dear—what is it?"—for the little maid had appeared at the door. "Very well, I'll come."

She put down her cup and left the room. "Domestic cares, you see!" she said archly to Dennis.

There was a little silence when she had gone.

Dennis spoke suddenly. "Are you really afraid that one doughnut will spoil your figure?"

Barbara laughed. "Not one, but one might be the thin end of the wedge to other things that would." He frowned. "Such nonsense! You've got a beautiful figure."

What the devil had made him say that? "I beg your pardon," he muttered sullenly.

"Not at all." Barbara's voice was quite serene. "It's a great achievement to have extracted a compliment from you."

"The truth is not a compliment."

"I think it is from you."

"Many thanks," Dennis said grimacing himself and turned to greet her as she came in. What more could one desire in a wife? She was

"Well, you hurt your wrist. Is it better?"

"Nearly well, thanks. I've had massage. It's been a very small inconvenience. I'm an idle person you see, with nothing to do."

"Better for you if you had." She looked at him with wide eyes. "Oh, why?" she asked. He met her gaze squarely. "It

would keep you out of mischief."

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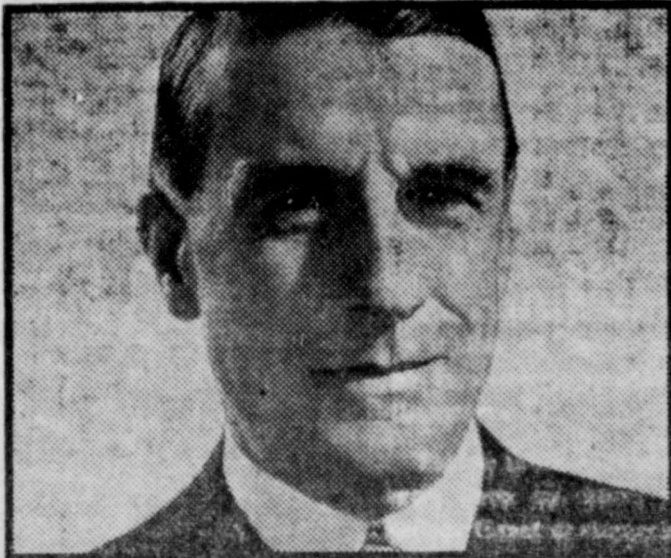
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CHAPEL.

Last Monday we all enjoyed a program of singing. Mrs. Haynes led us in singing several songs, after which some girls from the Choral club gave "Bells of the Sea." We always enjoy these programs. May we have some more soon.

SENIOR NEWS.

We want a memory book! How are we going to get it? We don't know. Will someone who is really interested in things like this please offer us some suggestions?

Just think what it would mean to us in later years to be able to look back at our class pictures. After this year all of the Seniors will not be together again. Some will marry, some will be business men and women, some might die, though we hope not, and some will move away, of course.

In talking to a few Seniors I heard that a few are going to college. Lucille is planning an engineer's course. Don't you see that if we had at least our class pictures how much it would mean to us later? Then, come around, class members and offer any suggestions you might have on the subject.

SEZ THE JUNIORS—

You know you learn something every day. Well, the Juniors do, at any rate. The other day in civics class Mr. Burgess said something about when he and Mrs. Burgess were in the school for the feeble-minded. We all knew that he'd attended schools almost everywhere but this surprised us very much.

Mid-term exams will soon be here and some of the Juniors will be exempt in some of their subjects. Some will be exempt in all of them.

Some of the Juniors are about "down" from studying geometry; but maybe we'll pull through with it.

FRESHMEN.

The mid-term exams come next week. We hope they will not be so hard that we can't pass them. We are all going to try very hard. Exemptions will be given to some but the less fortunate ones will have to take the exams. We are wishing the best of luck to all concerned in exams, which luck most of us will need.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The football boys got their sweaters last Friday. They are very pretty and they are also good ones. The Sophomores had several to get one of the sweaters of which they are very proud.

The Sophomores are working very hard this week because exams come on Tuesday of next week. We want just as many to be exempted as can be.

A TYPICAL SATURDAY.

Almost everyone has had a desire to be a princess or some member of a royal family. Do you really suppose they have much fun? Their Saturday is just like any other day. I imagine they get their morning nap whether it is Saturday or Blue Wednesday. If the melodious chimes of school bell awake them from their morning slumber, they order "off with his head", turn over, and go back to sleep. We get up early on every day but Saturday and therefore consider it a great privilege to sleep late. There's one on the royal family!

Then there is no hurry and scurry in the palace Saturday to take a bath because every royal member has a certain number of pints of hot water. No one dares to pass a day in the palace without a bath. So Saturday brings absolutely no feeling of delicious cleanliness and nice Saturday clothes because a prince or princess has just as nice clothes for Monday or Friday as he or she does for Saturday. We have about so much hot water and the early bird catches the worm, composed of an icy cold bath, a cold, and a Sunday in bed. We certainly get a thrill out of using all the hot water. But poor princess! Number two for us.

And now—our Saturday afternoon and night. Do you suppose members of a royal family enjoy a Saturday any more than any other day. Why, no, they can't go to town or anywhere because the big ol' bullies are out and ready to kidnap or bomb or throw rotten apples at them! Poor, poor, things! Think how you enjoyed last Saturday.

Of course you did—number three for us. Now, aren't you glad you're you?

TEXAS AS WILL ROGERS SEES IT.

I been flying, train riding, automobile and horseback and buggy riding, over Texas for thirty-three years and I've never seen a tenth of it. If it had been in Europe, eighty wars would have been fought over it. There is single ranches here bigger than France. Counties bigger than England. Saddle horse pastures big as Alsace Lorraine. The lakes in Switzerland would be buffalo wallows in Texas. It's located between Mexico and the U. S. to keep Mexico from annexing the United States.

It's so far to town that the cowboys who started in to vote for "Teddy" arrived in time to register for "Franklin." Its "Vatican" is in the town of Uvalde; its pope is John Nance Garner. Its sole industry is international politics. It's so big that no one governor can handle it. They have a man and his wife. It's the only state where a republican has to have a passport to enter.

P. S. They would use California for a telephone booth down here.

TOMFOOLERY.

"Mother, is the sheep the dumbest of animals?"

"Yes, my lamb."

And then there was the policeman in Scotland who brought back a pair of shoes he had purchased because they were not large enough for his brother on the night beat.

Gerald: "What do you call a man who drives a car?"

Kenneth: "It depends on how close he comes to me."

Merkel Faculty Member: "I would certainly like to read something pure and clean once again."

Student: "Why don't you read a P and G soap ad?"

Mrs. Irvin: "What are three forms of expression by the verb?"

Howard Carson: "Indicative, interrogative and imperative."

Mrs. Irvin: "Give an example of each."

Howard: "Tom is sick—Is Tom sick?—Sic 'em, Tom!"

Billy Bernice: "So you believe in marrying for money?"

Billy Gardner: "Not exactly; but when you marry a man it's just as well to be sure there's something about him you will always like."

AUTO INSTRUCTION.

"Twas on Sunday, January 8, 1933, that Mildred, Mary Helen and Wanda learned to drive a Model T. Their instructor was Miss Julia Proctor, a very experienced teacher. Ask her how she enjoyed the teaching and how her nerves were when she got home.

What? No, the skinned nose was not a result of a car wreck.

BASEBALL GAME.

The game of rows six and seven, which were Juniors and Seniors, drew many spectators Monday afternoon. Each team had won eight games.

The line up was as follows:
 Juniors: Caribel Mansfield, p (capt.); Annie Lee Owens; Duncan Priggs, 1b; Vivian Lasater, 2b; Lois Whiteley, 3b; Lucille Campbell, 1ss; Sarah Sheppard, 2ss; Clara B. White, rf; Julia Proctor, lf.

Seniors: Margaret Miller, 2ss (capt.); Imogene Middleton, p; Bell Hughes, c; Frances Marie Church, 1b; Mildred Richardson, 2b; Elna Mae Hagen, 3b; Nola Mae Anderson, rf; Opal Huskey, 1ss.

The first two innings were very exciting as each team had a four score.

During the next inning a home run was knocked, running three scores in for the Juniors. The Seniors did not have the luck as they had hoped. The final score was 11 to 5 in the Junior's favor.

Box Supper at White Flat.

There will be a box supper at the White Flat school on Friday night, Jan. 20, for the purpose of buying athletic equipment. A good program is promised. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley have returned from a visit with relatives in Lexington Tenn. They report a very pleasant trip, making the trip by rail. While there, they were very fortunate in making an addition to their family, having adopted a fine little girl, age 5 years old. Her name is Louise. We surely welcome the little one to this grand state of ours.

Mr. Allen Terry made a trip to Lubbock last week with the intention of entering in school but finding conditions not as he expected he returned home and is now located with Carl Murdock's barber shop.

Mrs. Mollie Williams (known better here as Aunt Sol Johnson) of Avoca has moved here to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Joe Reid. We are glad to have Mrs. Williams among us and extend our sympathy to her in the loss of her husband who succumbed in his home at Avoca on New Year's day.

Mrs. J. C. Randal was an all day guest of her mother, Mrs. Bob Johnson, one day last week.

Little Miss Peggie Jo Powers of Abilene was a most prominent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards last week. Peggie is 3 years old.

Miss Naoma Rogers left last Saturday for Lamesa where she will enter school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, arriving last Monday morning. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. Gene Childs left for Dallas last Monday after visiting her mother, Mrs. R. B. Moore, a few days.

Mr. J. C. Wilson of Coahoma was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turner of Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Volly Vessel are moving to Eastland, Mr. Vessel being transferred from here to Eastland by the Jarecki Supply Co. We regret so much to see them go.

Mr. Frank Thixton of Big Spring visited relatives and attended business here this week.

Mrs. Pate of Blackwell visited her mother, Mrs. Abernathy, also her daughters, Miss Louise Owens and Mrs. Barney Hill, last week-end. Miss Owens and Mrs. Howell accompanied her home to make a few days visit.

Harvey Jones and family made a trip to Lubbock this week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Henry Ogletree, who visited relatives there a short while.

The little Gabbert boy, who was hit by a touring car last Monday afternoon as he was crossing the highway here in town, was not seriously hurt and it is thought that he will recover soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Newberry of Merkel accompanied by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, were visitors in the Burks home last Sunday.

Grandmother Burks is recovering from a short spell of sickness.

Oklay Reid, who has been for the past two years farming at Lamesa, returned home yesterday and will reside on his mother's farm north of town.

Mr. Bert Chambliss of Merkel attended to business here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson and son, R. E. Jr., motored to Merkel last Sunday and spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Jno. West and family.

Mr. J. E. Bowers and son, Billie Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Billings, attended church at Abilene last Sunday.

Mr. Bowse and family are moving here from Tye. We welcome them to our midst. He will farm for Mr. Tittle this year.

Mr. Elery Smith and children made a trip to Floydada last week-end to visit their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Ruth, and her family. Mrs. Smith, who has been with her daughter for the past month, returned with them and takes this method of announcing the birth of a fine granddaughter, little Miss Johnnie Yvonne. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hogue of Sweetwater were afternoon guests of the former's uncle and family last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Mae Ford was a weekend guest at Merkel last week, visiting with Miss Ruby Davis.

Mrs. Finton Boyd, who has been visiting with her daughter of Big Spring the past week, returned home last Friday.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Hours for services at the Methodist church are: Sunday School 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.; Epworth League 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:15.

Come promptly to Sunday School, as a card will tell you whether you are on time or late. Sunday morning

the pastor will preach on "Prohibition—Should the Eighteenth Amendment be Repealed? Has Prohibition Been a Failure?" You are cordially invited to all our services.

High School News.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS.

The Junior class met Monday, January 9, and elected the following officers: president, John Hamner; vice-president, Jack Perkins; secretary and treasurer, Mildred Steadman, and reporter, Stanley Coppage.

The Juniors have a large class and they are full of pep. Our sponsor is Miss Anna Belle Bailey.

BASKETBALL NEWS.

The Trent girls met their defeat in a game with Goodman on January 3. The score was 15 to 8 in favor of the Goodman team. The girls haven't had much practice and too much can't be expected of them yet.

The boys motored over to Sylvester Friday, January 6, to meet with defeat from Sylvester, score 12 and 11, Cullen Tittle being high point man, and the entire team playing an excellent defensive game. Those making the trip were: "Chas." Howell, C. Tittle, J. Hamner, B. Howell, F. Elliott and E. McDonald. The boys will play Goodman on the tennis court Jan. 10.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors met Monday, January 9, to organize their class. The following officers were elected: Bob Howell, president; Sallie Lois Freeman, secretary; Charlie Howell, vice-president, and Sarah "Jude" Johnson, reporter. They selected their colors as blue and gold.

Miss Annibel Bailey was elected sponsor.

The Senior class is the best class in T. H. S. We have planned a "weenie roast" for one night next week. Just watch the Seniors shine!

FRESHMEN.

The Freshman class called a meeting in order to elect class officers for 1933. Luther McBurnett was elected president; Foy Elliott, vice-president; Louise Allyn, secretary; Gladys Hamner, reporter, and Mr. Elliott, sponsor. Just watch the Freshmen; they're "green but growing."

WINDS THAT BLOWS—

Cullen Tittle has been very "gripy" . . . He must be losing out with blond headed girls.

Thelma Nalley seemed to be very interested in boys named John . . . We wonder why?

Idea V. is very fond of the boys here lately . . . cowboys at that.

Mildred Steadman is planning on the Junior-Senior banquet . . . It must be a date from a boy in the Jr. class!?

Helen Bright gets a thrill over a letter once a week . . . We hope she won't write more than once a week!

Sarah "Jude" Johnson sits and looks out of the window toward Merkel most of the time . . . We wonder if there is a brown-eyed boy named "Johnnie" over at Merkel?

Bob Howell is president of the Senior class and Sally Freeman is secretary . . . It must be a frame-up.

HEBRON NEWS

Nearly everyone is now through gathering their crop.

Mrs. Jim Williamson returned home Friday after spending Christmas with relatives back east.

Mrs. Evalyn Zercher and baby Dicky returned to Dallas Friday after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fannell.

Mr. Gene Reese was in Abilene Friday.

Mr. Jack Sharp is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Goza were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ose Douglas were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lone Jorden Sunday.

Little Sybil Harris was dinner guest of Vedalee Pannell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Merrit Sunday afternoon and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Sharp.

Little Burnell Merritt was Sunday guest of his grandparents at Comper.

Mrs. A. J. Sharp has been very ill, but is improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones have moved to Anson.

The Hebron Baptist church had a real program rendered in B. Y. P. U. Sunday night by Mrs. Houston Clark's group. A very good program is expected by Mrs. J. W. Williamson's group Sunday night, Jan. 15. The subject will be "First things first." Mrs. V. L. Merritt and Mr. E. B. Reese will be a duet. Misses Ruby Spinks and Mildred Sharp and Messrs. Marvin and Bertis Sharp will sing a quartette. Everyone is cordially invited.

BLAIR ITEMS

There is not much to say about the weather of the past week except that it rained a light shower last Friday night. At this writing it is cool but pretty.

Cotton picking has been resumed and the gins are running part time.

Little Orville Brown, who has been real sick and his condition critical for awhile, is getting along fairly well now.

Uncle Jess Smith is on a vacation trip to relatives at Crowell.

Little Miss Edith Butman of Butman was the interesting guest of her cousin, Evelyn Latimer, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex McClain have moved to their new home near Trent, Mr. McClain having bought what is known as the Burroughs farm.

Pat Addison has sold his place of business to Earnest Rogers of Abilene. Mr. Rogers has already taken charge and will move his family here immediately. We are mighty glad to have them as our neighbors. Mr. Addison will continue in extensive farming.

Mrs. M. Brown and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Brown, and charming little son, Deon, have moved back to the former's home at White Church for this year.

The marriage of Miss Gertie Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bryan of this place, and Mr. Albert Royals, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Royals of White Church, was solemnized Tuesday Jan. 3, in the Presbyterian parsonage at Merkel, the Rev. R. A. Walker officiating.

Everyone is urged to come out to the Baptist Sunday School at 10 o'clock Sunday. Start the New Year off right. The message brought by Supt. Johnie Latimer last Sunday was received with interest.

The Methodist Sunday School meets in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Supt. E. J. Osborn, who will begin a special course on Mark.

The Church of Christ has its Bible study at 10 o'clock and everyone should attend one of these Sunday Schools. These courses will prove inspirational to those who desire a clear outline of the life of Christ. Come, be on time and bring someone with you.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

STITH NEWS

Several new pupils have entered Stith school, making the total enrollment ninety-eight.

The chapel program Monday morning consisted of several numbers from each room. The visitors were Mr. John Browning and Mrs. Claud Allison.

The Stith junior and senior boys played the Tye basketball teams Friday afternoon, Jan. 6. The scores were 11 and 22 in Stith's favor for the seniors. Our juniors were defeated. The boys expect to play ball Friday afternoon, Jan. 13, with the Merkel teams. The Stith senior boys are playing the Simmons freshmen team in the Simmons gym Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, at 7 o'clock.

The 4-H club reorganized Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22. The officers are as follows: president, Gertrude Stanley; vice-president, Anna Lou Church; secretary, Veda Helen Bradley.

A program will be given by the school literary society Friday evening, Jan. 20, at 8 o'clock. One of the interesting features will be a negro minstrel entitled "The Dispelling of Big Jim." It is brim full of fun.

The honor students of Stith school for the first month of school are:

First grade—Louise McGinnis.

Second grade—W. J. Mashburn, Lyndle McGinnis, R. C. Mashburn, Lucille Varner, Mary Alice Hines, Nila Muriel Mashburn.

Third grade—Oleta Woolsey, Truett Thompson, Mildred Sue McCormick, W. E. Bradley.

Fourth grade—Paulene Bradley, Florine Varner, Mildred Browning.

Fifth grade—Horace Browning, Jo Alice Dunagan, Bessie Mae Thompson.

Sixth grade—Mattie Lou Ford, Mary Norris.

Tenth grade—Leola Varner, Emily Newman.

These pupils averaged 90 or above in their school work.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

SPECIAL OFFER

ABILENE MORNING NEWS

During the month of January, in clubbing rates with The Merkel Mail, we can give you the Abilene Morning News for the balance of 1933, (subscription to expire Dec. 31, 1933.) and the Merkel Mail for one year, both for

\$4.50

This is a continuation of the fall bargain rates, with the exception that subscription term to the Abilene Morning News is limited to the remainder of the current year, not for a full year from date.

If you want the leading paper in West Texas, just tell us to include in your renewal to The Mail.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—20,000 bundles of cane, extra good. See Pierce Horton.

FIRST CLASS SINCLAIR Kerosene, 7 cents delivered. J. D. Porter, Agent, Sinclair Refining Co. Phone 288.

FOR SALE—Bargain Burroughs adding machine and stand, excellent condition; price \$60, first cost \$170; steel filing cabinets, wood filing cabinets, typewriters and typewriter desk. Grapotype machine, Addressograph plates, Office desk, swivel chair, steel safe, lovely dining room suite, Frigidaire, all in excellent condition. Will consider milk cows or truck or hogs in trade. Address "E. D." or inquire at Merkel Mail office.

SWEETWATER KEROSENE, guaranteed to be as good as the best, 7 cents. Blue Front Motor Company. Phone 101.

FOR SALE—Quantity of good seed oats, adaptable to this section; 25 cents per bushel in 20 bushel lots. John S. Hughes.

FOR RENT

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

FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent. Mrs. Causseaux.

WANTED

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE for elderly people, ages up to 80, maximum \$3,000. Write Postoffice box 764, Abilene, Texas.

DOUBLE ROW cultivator and planter for trade for good work animals. H. W. Hester.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—OTC ratchet wrench handle and 5-8 inch socket. Return to Merkel Motor Co. Reward.

Black leather case containing benches, pair of pliers and other tools. Notify J. B. Hawkins.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB. The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet Friday, January 20, with Mrs. W. C. Lee.

All the women of the community are urged to attend so that the demonstrators may be selected.

The following program is to be rendered:

"The importance of sleep," Mrs. Neff.

"Conditions necessary for restful sleep," Mrs. Minnie Higgins.

"Preparation and care of bedding and linens," Miss Ruth Pinckley.

RECEPTION IN HUGH CAMPBELL HOME.

A large crowd of young people participated in a colorful reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell at Blair on Friday, Jan. 6. Those favored in the airplane contests were: Misses Mary Hutcheson, Novis J. Whiteaker, Clara Clinton, Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Others winning prizes in contest games were: Kenneth McCrary, Miss Bessie Lou Windham and Pat Patterson.

Judges were Mesdames W. W. Formbrough, Odie Pribble, Margaret Hunter and Mae Horton, Messrs. C. R. Peterson and Hugh Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton.

More than seventy guests were present. Messrs. Pat and Ed Patterson furnished music for the occasion.

CARD OF THANKS.

To our loyal friends who stood so faithfully by us in our recent sorrow in the death of our father, son and brother, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation of the loving words of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings and your many deeds of kindness in so many ways. You have given us much to our comfort and consolation. May God bless and keep each one, and may yours be the reward of faithfulness.

T. A. and Lynn Harris. Mrs. J. L. Harris and Children.

Pumice stone is so full of air holes it floats in water.

Tests of the effects of smoking at the University of Michigan hospital, indicate that when you smoke your fingers and toes are cooled from one to nine degrees, while at the same time blood pressure and pulse rate increase.

DORA DOINGS

Hearts were made sad Sunday morning when the news went out that Mrs. J. D. Hyde had passed away at her home south of Dora. She had been sick for ten days with pneumonia and very sick all the time. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her going. She was laid to rest at Slater's chapel Sunday afternoon with Brother Standifer, the Methodist pastor, preaching the funeral. S. M. Johnston of Sweetwater was in charge.

We are glad to report the condition of W. G. Oliver greatly improved at this time.

Miss Pollie Oliver returned to the Baptist sanitarium in Abilene Sunday, after being at the bedside of her father, W. G. Oliver, for two weeks.

Mrs. Drew Clark and children returned to their home in Clovis, N. M., last Tuesday after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry.

The first of the year finds quite a few moving around to different places. Mrs. Griggs and children are moving to Mulberry canyon for the coming year. G. T. Rogins and family will move on the west end of the Divide for the year.

Mrs. Buchanan came in last week from East Texas and will live on the W. L. Rotan farm.

Mrs. Daisy Savanzy of Holland, Texas, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver.

J. R. Richardson and family of Sweetwater were visitors here Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Olive.

Miss Gladys Laine of Blair school spent the week-end here with home folks.

The last three weeks have been rainy, stopping all field work. Some cotton is yet to be pulled and feed to be stacked.

L. A. Dudley and family of Elm Grove were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley Sunday afternoon.

The Clayton brothers were called to Wingate Friday to the bedside of their brother, Claud, who is critically ill with pneumonia.

Others on the sick list are H. S. Wright and C. P. Perry.

Carrot seed is valuable for medicinal use.

Germany's foreign trade is showing an increase.

The modern word plumber owes its origin to the Romans, who used the word plumbum, lead, to mean water pipes or spouts.

Of every 1,000 adult Americans, 125 are high school graduates.

Attends Funeral of Brother at Cisco

H. B. Rainbolt, age 84, brother of H. M. Rainbolt, one of Merkel's pioneers, died at his home in Cisco last Saturday afternoon. He had lived in Cisco for about 40 years. His wife died many years ago, but he has two sons surviving and three sisters. H. M. Rainbolt is his only brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt, accompanied by their daughters, Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and Mrs. Howell Britain of Abilene, went to Cisco to attend the funeral Monday. Burial was in Battle Creek graveyard in Stephens county.

Production of gold, silver, copper, arsenic and graphite in 1931 fell below the levels of 1930, but lead, zinc, mercury and antimony output increased.

Offay, Irish Free State, will distribute milk to poor children.

China's 1932 rice crop was the largest in several years.

Forty-two banks of other countries have branches in New York.

Seven From Merkel Attend CE Session

Tuesday, Jan. 10, the various Christian Endeavor societies of Taylor county met at the First Christian church, Abilene, for their regular monthly union meeting.

Following the business session, an interesting program was presented. Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, is to be the next meeting place.

Those attending Tuesday's meeting from Merkel were: Jim Patterson, Monroe Wozencraft, Kenneth Cribley, Jack Patterson, Milton Shannon, Virgil Lee Perkins and Cephas Wozencraft.

Memorial for M. C. Graham.

A memorial service will be held for the late M. C. Graham, worthy patron of the local chapter of the Eastern Star, next Tuesday night at the Masonic hall, when the Eastern Star ladies meet at 7:30. A special program is being arranged.

Africa will build many new airports.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1932

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and amounts. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, United States Government securities, etc.

Table with 2 columns: LIABILITIES and amounts. Includes items like Capital stock paid in, Surplus, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. BOOTH WARREN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1933. ROSIE LANEY, Notary Public.

Form B-76 No. 1398

BANKS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of January, 1933.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and amounts. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Loans secured by real estate, Overdrafts, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. T. WARREN, President. L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1933. ROSIE LANEY, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL) CORRECT—ATTEST: T. L. STEVENS, A. WILLIAMSON, G. F. WEST, Directors.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion. PHONE 61

ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURERS' REPORT.

On this 9th day of January, 1933, the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1932, and find the same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

Table with 4 columns: Received, Paid Out, Balance, and various fund categories like Jury Fund, Precinct No. 1, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Balance on Hand Sept. 31, 1932 and Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1933.

SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUNDS

Table with 2 columns: Security name and amount. Includes Court House Sinking Fund, Road Dist. No. 1 Sinking Fund, etc.

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Table with 4 columns: Original Issue, Bonds Redeemed, Outstanding, and various bond/warrant categories like Road Warrants, Highway Bonds, etc.

Total Outstanding Bonds & Warrants Jan. 1, 1933 \$1,944,437 \$435,300.00 \$1,509,137.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with, and tabular statements have been filed as required.

LUTHER J. WEBB, Com. Prec. No. 1. A. J. CANON, Com. Prec. No. 2. R. E. DILLARD, Com. Prec. No. 3. S. H. McADAMS, Com. Prec. No. 4. JOHN CAMP, County Judge.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 9th day of January 1933.

(Seal) W. P. BOUNDS, County Clerk



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CHURCHES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our Pictorial Directory, celebrating our fiftieth anniversary of the Methodist church in Merkel, is now off the press. It is a neat job and The Merkel Mail deserves a word of praise for the painstaking care and good workmanship they put into it. You can secure a copy at church next Sunday.

The Sunday School council, which met Wednesday evening, was certainly well attended and plans of a forward move were adopted. A greater and better Sunday School is coming up.

We are expecting the increase in all services next Sunday.

Regular services Sunday.

HILLEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "Investments in Habits." Leader, Charles Tipton.

"Habit and Everyday Life," Julia Proctor.

"Habit and Physical Health," Louis Carson.

Special.

"Habit and Mental Health," Billie Bernice Gambill.

"Habits and Effective Living," Thomas Jones.

Prayer, by leader.

League benediction.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother Joyner will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School starts promptly at 10 o'clock.

Please all officers and teachers be on time at 9:45. They meet in the T. E. L. class room for fifteen minutes prayer service and you are urged to be there.

B. T. S. meets at 6:15 each Sunday evening. Prayer meeting services each Wednesday at 7:15. Come and see how the crowds are increasing and interest growing everywhere.

The enlistment services at the church this week have been largely attended. They will continue through Friday. Please let all the members attend these services—you can't afford to miss them. There will be no evening service. We will attend the prohibition address of Judge Stinson at the Methodist church.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Sin." Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.

"Where did sin come from?" Mrs. Cmer Haynes.

"What is the nature of sin?" Lona Joyner.

"What are the effects of sin?" Ida Derstine.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Let's keep the good work going—there was a fine attendance again last Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The night service will be dismissed in order to participate in the mass meeting at the Methodist church at 7 p. m.

You are cordially invited to all our services.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

With no report from the Nazarene church for last Sunday, there were 728 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel. This compares with 536 on the previous Sunday and with 741 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

The effort to break up our prayer meeting met a dismal failure. There were three times more than usual in attendance and the best service we have had on Wednesday night since we have occupied the tabernacle. Our Bible School has taken on new life, increasing in attendance and interest.

Be at the Fundamentalist church without fail next Saturday night. Subject: "Will the threat to kill be carried out?" Sunday morning, "Re-

Backache bother you?

A nagging backache, with bladder irregularities and a tired, nervous, depressed feeling may warn of some disordered kidney or bladder condition. Users everywhere rely on Doan's Pills. Praised for more than 50 years by grateful users the country over. Sold by all druggists.



BIRD SUPPER.

A delightful hunting expedition terminated in an informal supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith on Wednesday evening of last week. A delicious bird menu was enjoyed, after which games of auction bridge furnished diversion for Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

CLASS PARTY.

The suburban home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter was the meeting place of an interested group of Sunday School workers on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames W. B. Stevens and W. J. Largent were co-hostesses with Mrs. Lassiter in entertaining members of the T. E. L. class in the first social of the year.

Mrs. Ann Brown brought a sincere and inspiring devotional on "Service," after which a business session disclosed many plans to be completed in the forthcoming year of "Service." A delectable salad plate with hot chocolate was passed to Mesdames Reeves, Booth, Teague, Dye, Lancaster, Brown, Warren, Derstine, Stevens, Largent and Lassiter.

CLASS PARTY.

The Gleaner class held its first 1933 meeting in the home of Mrs. L. D. Boyd, with Mesdames Verner Sublett and Ed Gant co-hostesses.

In the absence of the president Mrs. Ed Gant presided for the business session. With regret a three months leave of absence was granted Mrs. Verner Sublett as president, during which time Mrs. F. E. Church will preside.

A social hour followed, after which hot chocolate and cake was served to the following members: Mesdames Brown, Gardner, Roberts, Case, Bryan, Burgess, Patterson, Briggs, Toombs, Bacous, Guitar, Harrell, Mashburn, Latham, Richardson, Sears, Hughes, Vaughn, Church and the three hostesses.

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Queen Presents a Variety of Stars

Three of the screen's most popular stars, Harold Lloyd, Tom Mix and Richard Barthelme, are featured on the Queen theatre's program for this week and the next.

Harold Lloyd plays in "Movie Crazy," his first picture to be released in two years, which shows for the last time tonight. "Movie Crazy" is said to be the best Lloyd picture since "The Freshman." The story deals with the experience of a dumb youth in Hollywood, but is far ahead of all previous stories of movieland according to critics. Some of the funny situations sustain a continual laugh for 17 minutes. You really shouldn't miss it—tonight is your last chance.

"My Pal, the King" is the picture starring Tom Mix which will be shown Saturday only at the Queen. The picture diverts from the usual Mix story and puts Tom, the owner of a spectacular Rodeo and Wild West show, in a mythical kingdom. Just feature Tom saving the country for an eight year old king, played by Mickey Rooney, and a beautiful princess, Noel Francis, and you have an idea of the story. There's a rousing good time for the whole family in "My Pal, the King." The program also includes the latest chapter of the "Jungle Mys-

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FRI. & SAT.—NEXT WEEK

RICHARD BARTHELMES

in

"CABIN IN THE COTTON"

tery" and an "Oswald the Rabbit" cartoon. Saturday's day.

Richard Barthelme is presented Friday and Saturday of next week in a powerful drama of the South, "Cabin in the Cotton." In this, his very latest photoplay, Barthelme portrays a poor white boy of the district, educated and given a home by a rich planter, who finds himself torn between love for his own oppressed tenant farmers, and the planter who has been his father. Reviews from New York indicate that it is one of Barthelme's best films in years. Plan now to see it.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- BANANAS, extra nice, per dozen 15c
- COMPOUND, 8 pounds 47c
- BACON, dry salt, strictly No. 1, per lb. 7c
- OATS, Quick Quaker, 55 oz. pkg. 15c
- CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle, each 15c
- MUSTARD, Prepared, quart jar 15c
- SYRUP, Pure East Texas Sorghum, gal. 45c
- LETTUCE, large firm heads 5c
- SALAD DRESSING, W. P., 16 oz. pt. jar 17c
- APPLE BUTTER, pure, quart jar 22c
- CRANBERRIES, per quart 15c
- PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lb. qt. jar 25c
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