### DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER TAYLOR **COUNTY PIONEER**

J. R. Curb, 83, Resident of County for 43 Years, Passes Away At Home Here Saturday Night; Married 55 Years.

J. R. Curb, age 83, Taylor county resident for 43 years, succumbed after an extended illness at 10:45 Satbeen unconscious for about ten days before his death.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church, with the pastor, ment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Jim Douglass, O. R. Dye, Ford Smith, W. M. Elliott, A. D. Fulton and Watt Blair.

Born August 9, 1850, in Perry county, Ala., Mr. Curb came to Tex- ected president of the executive misas and settled in Milam county in sion board of the Baptist General 1870. He was married Sept. 14, 1878, Convention of Texas, succeeding Dr. to Miss Priscilla Spencer and to this W. S. McKenzie of Austin, who anunion eight children were born, two of nounced his desire to retire a year whom have preceded him in death, ago They came to Taylor county in 1890 to Merkel.

children and grandchildren gathered home with a shotgun she had given at the paternal home to honor Mr. him at the opening of the hunting sea-Curb on his 83rd birthday.

Pesides his wife, a faithful portner for 55 years, he is survived by six children: W. F., C. F. and John Curb, Mrs. Betty Sue Berryman, Mrs. C. E. Shouse and Miss Sallie Curb. There in three games, officials of the conare 18 living grandchildren and one ference at their annual meeting in great-grandchild.

He was converted and joined the the 1933 championship. Methodist church in 1874 and his life of friends will miss the elderly head vocating as one of his platform planks

came for the funeral were: Mrs. Bet. ble moment. ty Kyle, Mrs. Nannie Hall, Mrs. Ed Wilkerson and daughters, Mr. and Schedule of Quarter-Mrs. Frnest Roy, Sweetwater; Mr and Mrs. T. R. Rhondes, Mrs. Hettie Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Ed. Hamil on and Mr. and Mrs. Drake, scholastic league race for this week- Fireboys association:

### 400 State Bankers Gather at Austin

W. L. Diltz, cashier of the Farmers State bank in Merkel, returned Tuesday night from Austin where he attended a meeting of state bankers, called by E. C. Brand, state commissioner of banking, at which some 400 bankers were present.

The meeting was for the purpose of explaining certain phases of federal and state deposit insurance laws |ton,) 0. and other matters pertaining to the state banks of Texas.

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Resignation of Judge J. O. Woodof pardons and paroles has been announced by his son, Walter O. Woodward, effective Jan. 1.

Public Works Administrator lekes of Washington has announced a loan grant of \$4,853,000 to the Willacy county water control and improvement district No. 1 of Texas.

Miss Evelyn Doss, of San Francisurday night at his home here. He had co, Calif., and Jimmie Wilson, of Dallas, both entrants in an Austin walkathon, were married at the walkathon arena in one of the rest periods as it reached its 625th hour.

Mat Smith, 18, of Bronson, working with a CWA crew at Center View, be disturbed. Rev. P. H. Gates, officiating. Inter- was fatally injured when a partly hewn tree on which the crew had been working prior to the lunch hour gave way and crashed down on him.

Rev. Millard Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, Abilene, was el-

Toy G. Woolley, 28-year-old audiwhere Mr. Curb engaged actively in tor, was acquitted at the en dof a specfarming until 1918 when they moved tucular trial on a murder charge filed after his young bride, Dorothy, was On August 9, the past summer, the killed in the bedroom of their Dallas

> After denying the championship of the Southwest conference to the University of Arkansas, because of unwittingly playing an ineligible tackle Dallas decided to make no award of

Lieutenant Edgar E. Witt of Wafor over 43 years in this community co Saturday announced himself a canhas been as an open book. He was didate for governor at the democratic respected and loved by all and a host primary elections next summer, adof the home almost as much as the his belief that the question of repeal members of the family their dear one. of state prohibiion should be submit-Among those from out of town, who ted to the voters at the earliest possi-

end are as follows:

Greenville.

Corpus Christi at Port Arthur. Tech at Dallas Fair Park bowl.

Last week's results were: Pampa 27, Abilene 7. San Angelo 27, Bowie 7. Highland Park 6, Wichita Falls 0.

th.) 6. Greenville 18, Tyler 0. Port Arthur 14, San Jacinto (Hous-

Brackenridge 49, Corsicana 0. Corpus Christi 32, Brownville 6.

### **MERKEL20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 12, 1913.)

the writer has had the pleasure of at- the honoree and hostess. tending in some time was spread for J. Coggin at noon in honor of O. M. Mr. George L. Vaughn of Colorado, the state fire insurance commission- work of the Young People's Mission Coggin's 24th birthday.

notable by the stewardship of the ghter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rusproblems for the day. Mr. Coggin was The groom is also well known here, ial Mexican dishes especially prepared for the occasion by O. M. Cog-

The personnel of the party was as ollows: Messrs. Dee Grimes, R. O. Inderson, Claud Sears, Oscar Pate. Ed Pike, Jim Black, Minor Goode, Sam Roberts, Homer Easterwood, Tally Holloway and the host.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert entertained with and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Nell and of delegate from a subordinate lodge Principal speaker for the occasion 000 to the University of Texas for Lucy Tracy, Lizzie Calvert, Julia placed upon him.

One of the most enjoyable dinners | Martin, Little Miss Anna Lou Russell,

Sunday evening at seven o'clock Arizona, were married at Highland The occasion of the day was made Park, El Paso. The bride is the dau- Wednesday." host in management of the cuisine sell and is a lovable young woman. To Award Letters to ably assisted by his mother and sis- having made this his home for a numers in serving. The dinner, being a ber of years. Mrs. Sam Butman of wo course affair, was illuminated by Nubia accompanied the bride to El Paso.

Christ at their Sunday night meeting night. elected the following officers: Jim Those receiving the coveted honor Black, president; O. J. Adcock, vice- and the years are: Oscar Adcock, president; Miss Inez Sharp, secretary; first year; Bussy Boaz, third; Lewis head, first leader.

a dinner party December 14th in hon- the local Masonic lodge as a delegate first; Milton Shannon, captain, secor of her daughter Eva's birthday. to the Grand Lodge of Texas. Mr. ond; Len Shelton, first; James Smith, The dinner list included Mr. and Mrs. Ellis reports the trip one of the most first, and Charles Tipton, first. Hon- Public Works Administration Tuesday R. A. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Char- interesting trips he has ever made and orable mention is given Howard Car- allotted \$4,177,300 for 32 non-federal ley Russell. Bernice Rainbolt, Mr. is highly elated at having the honor son and Jack West.

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE BOYS DISBAND:** START NEW ONE

Parker Sharp of Fireboys Association; City Council Takes Steps to Organize New Dept.

Following the report that the Merkel Volunteer Fire department was of protest, hoping that semething school Christmas week. might be done to cause a re-considera-

As spokesman for the group Booth chief point of difference.

from a sanitary standpoint was well child is entitled to this much. Citizens taken, as in his opinion and from cb- of Merkel will be conferring a favor servation of the condition of city upon the child by reporting to Supgreatly inconvenienced.

After the delegation of business

volunteer department at a meeting Whitby is their teacher. Thursday night. In the meantime, Virgil Hassey, fire truck driver, is act. Methodist Leaders ing as temporary chief.

STATEMENT FROM FIREROVS Emphasizing that "the only reason for the Merkel Volunteer Fire Finals in State League co-operation," The Mail was furnished the following by Parker Sharp, ex-Quarter-finals in the Texas Inter- president of the Merkel Volunteer

Pampa vs San Angelo, at Lubbock. 1908 and has been in active service lined. The meeting, the first of the Sen Antonio Brackenridge at since that time, with the exception of new church year, was held in St. It has been strictly a volunteer de- more than 50. Dallas Highland Park vs Dallas partment since the organization and On the same day the district wohas kept a very satisfactory record man's missionary societies observed with the state fire commissioner and their annual Harvest Day program, through this co-operation and good with a large attendance, the meeting work of the department the key rate being held at the same church. on fire insurance has been reduced | Among those going from Merkel Dallas Tech 7, Central (Fort Wor- to as low as almost any town in the state. Because of lack of support and Edsel Church, Tom Durham, P. H. equipment, the rate has not been fur- Gates, H. C. Williams, Tom Allday, ther reduced within the last year.

equipment that is needed to keep the dames Conner and Boaz as visitors. key rate down and has asked for it several times without any considera- Merkel Senior League tion of the city council; hence, the department disbanded at 4 p. m. Dec.

"After this decision was made the meeting the council voted against re- lene, and Merkel. quests of the business men and de-

### Fifteen Badgers

Letters to fifteen Badgers will be awarded at the annual Pep Squad banquet to be held in the new Ful-The singing class of the Church of wiler building on Front street Friday

Dr. Williams, chaplain; C. C. Bank. Carson, first; Neil Durham, second; L. C. Evans, first; David Gamble, Phird: Robert Higgins, first; Thomas V. N. Ellis returned from Waco Jones, first; Cal McAninch, first; Saturday, Dc. 9, 1933. last week where he had been sent by L. V. Moore, second; Duane Pangle,

### XMAS HOLIDAYS FROM DEC. 22 **TO JANUARY 1**

iod at Nine Days; Compulsory First of January.

ber of Merkel citizens and business days. School will dismiss on Friday ment plan of home loans, with especmen met jointly with the mayer and afternoon, Dec. 22, and will reopen on ial reference to loans advanced for city council at 7:30 last night by way Monday, Jan. 1. There will be no paying taxes.

tion of this step so that the fire in- was set to begin with the reopening the City of Merkel, will speak and tricted to Merkel's immediate trade surance rates now existing would not of school after Christmas, that is, there will be some strong local speak on Monday, Jan. 1. This will apply to ers also. colored, as well as white chilren. All Tax payers may get first hand all the two departments of the city and from and after that date. The law not everyone is urged to attend. at the same time to prescrie the city's only provides a heavy penalty for right to fire insurance at a resason- parents who fail or refuse to have Win 26 Championships able rate, it being understood that the their children attend school during location of the new jail adjoining the this period, but also provides a heavy fire station, where the truck driver fine for any person who employs any and his family and three volunteer child within these ages during school firemen make their home, was the hours. Merkel people have always cooperated fully in the enforcement of Largent and Sons have returned from cessful of any yet arranged by the lo-Dr. C. B. Gardner, another spokes- this law, and no trouble is anticipa- an extended circuit of fairs and stock cal association. man, explained that opposition to ted in seeing that every child within shows, during which exhibitions they the location of the jail at this place these ages is actually in school. The won twenty-six championships and Mail goes to press, but no awards had jails generally those whose living erintendent Burgess any child not so fords. quarters were adjacent would be attending. Telephone him at 174, the High school.

### In District Meeting

the Abilene district, when the benevo-"The department was organized in lence program for the year was outa short period during the World War. Paul's church and was attended by

were: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Warnken, Denzel Cox and Cecil Guth-"The fire department is short of rie. They were accompanied by Mes-

### Wins Union Banner

The Western Union of the Epdepartment met at 1 p. m. Wednesday worth league met in its regular sestil a joint meeting of the council and Thursday evening. Delegates attended translations. business men could be held. At this from Trent, Hamby, Oak Street, Abi-

The meeting began with a sing-song partment; hence, final disbanding of led by A. B. Hughes. The "Golden eleven at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Miss Lillie Russell of this city and the department became effective and Cord," a set of slides showing the Patterson presided over the business them unsatisfactory.

> Merkel Senior league was awarded the Union banner with a grade of 100 per cent. The next meeting will be

Hot chocolate and cake were served to about sixty-five young people and Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Reeves, Trent, and Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates.

Record of Births. Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Heron, residing north of town, Friday, Dec. 8, 1933. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth,

\$1.633,000 Federal Aid. Washington, D. C., Dec. 14 .- The projects in 15 states including \$1,633,-

### TAX PAYERS ARE ASKED TO JOINT MEETING MONDAY

All tax payers of the City of Merkel and of the Merkel Independent ward of Coleman from the state board Statement from Ex-President School Board Fixes Holiday Per- School district are invited to be pres- President R. A. Ellis Says 1933 ent at a joint meeting of the city coun-Attendance Becomes Effective eil and of the school board Monday night, Dec. 18, at 7:30, at the Grammar School auditorium.

> At this time, R. W. Haynie of Abi-At its regular meeting last Thurs- lene, attorney in Taylor county for the day night, the Merkel School board Home Owners Loan corporation, will ternoon for Merkel's Fourth Annual on the eve of disbanding, a large num- fixed the Christmas holidays at nine make a talk explaining the govern- Poultry Show and Auction Sale, there

Joe E. Childers, an attorney, also Castle B. Ellis. The compulsory attendance period of Abilene, who is acting attorney for

Warren explained that the purpose of children, who are eight years old and information desired on the functions the visit was two-fold, first to endea- who are not yet fourteen years of age, and working of the Home Owners bolt building, next to the West Texvor to bring about harmony between must attend school for five months Loan corporation at this meeting and as Utilities company and just across

### In Fall Show Circuit visitors.

The Hereford show herd of C. M. ninety-eight firsts in competition with been made in time for publication this the best that the United States af- week.

The herd was exhibited at the following fairs and stock shows: Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Mo., State men withdrew, the city council met The negro school opened Monday Fair, Springfield, Ill.; State Fair, and decided not to re-consider their morning in their new school building. Indianapolis, Ind., Ohio State Fair, New Conoco Agent decision to erect the new jail at this Patrons are invited to see this com- Columbus, Ohio; Kentucky State Fair, location, at the same time taking fortable, inexpensive building. This Louisville, Ky .; Tulsa Free State Fair, steps to promote a new fire depart- week the building is being painted. Tulsa, Okla.; State Fair of Oklahoma, All negro children should avail them. Oklahoma City, Okla., State Fair of Angeles, Calif.

Pears Bear Twice.

weather through the fall has caused welcomed as new citizens. Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the pear trees in the orchard of L. A. J. M. Collins. former wholesale-Department's disbanding is lack of Methodist church here, attended an Jayroe, in the Fairview community, agent for this company here, will conall-day meeting in Abilene Tuesday of 10 miles north of here to bear twice tinue his retail filling station at the the pastors and district stewards of this season Second crop fruit was same location he has occupied for sevsmaller, according to Mr. Jayroe. | eral years.

### 312 CHICKENS ENTERED THIS YEAR IN SHOW

Show Biggest and Best Yet; Open at Nights As, Well As Days, for Visitors.

When entries closed Wednesday afwere 312 birds on exhibit, according to the final tabulation of Secretary

Last year, when entrance was resterritory, only 254 chickens were in the competition.

The show is being held in the Rainthe street from The Mail office. The building is well lighted and open at nights, as well as during the day, for

President R. A. Ellis, who is also superintendent of the show, states that it is the biggest and most suc-

Judging by J. W. Richards, of Weatherford, is under way as The

A feature of Thursday's program is the auction sale at 7:30 p. m., when any birds owned by the exhibitors will be auctioned free of charge.

### Takes Up Duties

H. L. Duffer, formerly of Sweet-It was stated after the meeting that selves of the opportunity of attend- Texas, Dallas, Texas; the American water, is new wholesale agent in Merplans were afoot to organize a new ing school and enter at once. Marie Royal, Kansas City, Mo., and the kel for the Continental Oil company, Great Western Live Stock Show, Los having established headquarters at Blake's Dry Cleaners. He, with his wife, have apartments in the W. E Lamesa, Dec. 14.—Continued balmy Lowe home and are being cordially

### by BRUCE BARTON THE DIVISION

The first line reads, "The Holy Bible." Since the word biblia in Latin is plural and means library, we know at once that we have here not a single book but a collection of several books. The second line, "Containing the Old and New Testaments."

means obviously that there are two main divisions and that the distinguishing feature is a difference in age, one group of books being more recent than the other.

The third line says, "Translated out of the original tongues," indicating that the Bible was originally published not in English but in more than one other language.

"And with the former translations diligently compared and revised," shows that this translation, which was made under the auand agreed to withold disbanding un- sion at the Methodist church here thority of King James I in 1611, is the successor to several earlier

Turning over the pages we discover that the text is divided into numbered chapters and verses, which seems rather an unusual way to present a book until we learn that these divisions were not made by the original writers but were inserted in 1551 by Mr. Robert Stephens, a pious printer, who believed that more people would read the Bible if he made it easier to read. Several earlier attempts er was wired to the effect at 9 p. m. Special, was shown. Miss Addie Fae had been made to divide the books into chapters and verses, all of

A single glance is enough to indicate that the Old Testament is much larger than the new-and here is an easy way to remember how many books are in each. The key number is three, which multiplied by itself gives nine. The Old Testament has thirty-nine at the Oak Street Methodist church books. Again multiply three by nine and you have twenty-seven, in Abilene January 11.

Caesar, you remember, divided all Gaul into three parts. Similarly scholars divided the Old Testament into three divisions-the historic books, beginning with Genesis and ending with Esther: the poetic books, beginning with Job and ending with the Song of Songs; and the remainder, which consists of sermons, or, as they

of the historic books the first five have a certain unity which has long caused them to be regarded as one. They are called the Pentateuch, meaning the five-in-one book, and there is a tradition that Moses wrote them all. Whether he did or not we can leave to the scholars to dispute. These are the five: Genesis—the book of beginnings.

Exodus—the book of going out. Leviticus—the book for the priests.

Numbers—a sort of amplified census report.

Deuteronomy—a Greek name meaning "secon view and digest of the laws.

Next Week: -- A Great Declaration

### THE BADGER WEEKLY

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DRAMATIC CLUB.

December 8. The hosts were Neil Durham, L. C. Evans, Bessylea Church, where up in front a civics lecture Harriet Rogers, Helen Joyner, Mor- was being delivered. garet Miller, Sarah Sheppard and Vivian Lasater.

The program was as follows: Portune March, led by Miss Mar-

Christmas story, Pauline Lasater. Contest, directed by Neil Durham. Five minute talks

"The Theatre and Its Aim," Billy Gardner.

Pantomines, directed by Ted McGehee, Clara Lee Peterson, Walderine Huskey and Jimmie Dell Perry.

Before goig to see the play, "Christmas Awakening," Lois Whiteley gave an introduction. The cast included and father and grandfather. The Bessylea Church, Lois Whitelev. Jesse Duke was so popular that his parents Margaret Berry, Howard Carson, were afraid he would be kidnapped; Belon Harrell, Neil Durham and L. C. so they put a burglar alarm in their Evans. This was one of the best plays house. that have been given for the club.

Durham. vice-president, presiding, drove up to him. Forty members answered to roll call.

OUR SENIORS.

Wanda Hunter.

We wouldn't have to have a "writeup" about Wanda to make you remember her. We know you will never forget the little brunette who always had a smile for everyone whom she met. She has been a member of the Choral club for three years, and this year she is in the Dramatic club. This year she served as reporter of the Pep Squad. When you went to a ball game, you could always depend on Wanda's backing those Badgers.

T. G. Pruitt. T. G. comes to Merkel on the bus. We're proud of the bus' bringing him in to be one of our Seniors. He is a is getting acquainted with M. H. S., your mother, said for you to hurry and we hope that by now he feels that home."

AS WE MERE SAYING. You can always tell a Senior By the medals on his breast. You can always tell a Junior By his energy and zest You can always tell a Soph'more By his action, words and such. You can always tell a Freshman But you cannot tell him much.

A STORY AND A MORAL.

marium with a bass in one section and the burglar alarm off. The, "to beminnows in the other. At first the lieved," dead man got up in the most base would strike every time a min- prompt and unostentatious way. He now came to the glass partition. Af- collected his life insurance and lived ter several days of fruitless lunging, happily ever after, for there was plenwhich netted him only bruises, he ty of proof to the perfect squareness ceased his efforts and subsisted on of his death. the food that was dropped in.

Then the naturalist removed the HUMOROUS. glass partition. The minnows swam all around the bass, but he did not you saw a woman being washed out to strike at a single one. He was thor- sea?" oughly sold on the idea that business

Moral-Take another shot at the glass partition. Maybe it isn't there

YE OLDE KITCHENETTE-EGGE

AND WHITE.

French Vanilla Ice Cream. Take shells of 12 eggs and throw in garbage, adding two evaporated milk cans and what leftovers you happen to have on hand. Now beat two quarts of tepid water until right arm is I kissed you?" paralyzed and then season with a heaping pinch of soap flakes. Wash frighten mother." hands and face, getting well behind the ears. Next dry thoroughly, put on hat and coat and go to the nearest about a yacht." drug store, laying fifty cents on the counter. This will give you a de- a motor boat?" lightfully smooth ice cream that will not be below the legal standard required of resident students desiring credits toward a new fur coat.

We guarantee our recipes to be kitchen tested and absolutely accurate. Send us your favorite recipes, especially Christmas suggestions, and . let us pass them on to others. We will !. also answer any problems or requests | you might ask. The editor will be glad | • to deliver letters or notes directly to Miss Egge. Miss Egge is a graduate of Hambone university and has been | appoved by The Good Housekeeping

DON'T BE SO CARELESS NEXT TIME, LORETTA.

Slowly and carefully the shiny object passed from person to person. No .

one touched it. They seemed afraid The Dramatic club met on Friday, of it. Everyone stared at it anxiously; some of the boys smiled at it. Some-

> Dot looked softly at it as it passed her. Marizoe laughed at it. Mary Hellen scringed. You should have seen Alice's eyes as they followed the shining object going from person to person, from desk to desk.

etta's chewing gum being passed to grass, which remind me of a cemeher from the window sill where she had left it.

THE BURGLAR ALARM

A castle stood on a hill in Ireland overlooking Pogue City. In this castle lived the young Duke with his mother

One day the Duke was sitting on a After refreshments of cherry pie Hayes' stack looking at the Hughes and olives were served, there was a of the sky and listening to a Martin short business meeting, with Neil singing in a tree near-by when a Nash

come for me, me father?"

"Yes, me son your mother wants you to Joyner at the Irvin's club house before they go to the House of Burgesses. She wants you to ask them that Riddle about the Pinckleys," he said driving away.

"Can't I ask Morgan one if I want to?" asked the Duke.

"Welch." said the Irish father, as he drove up to the Curb. "Yates said that the club was Sublett to only one

Then Mrs. Haynes came out of the club house and said to the Duke, "your mother has just gone home with her father who has been run over by friend to everyone who knows him. He business when she ran over him. She,

"Thank you," said the Duke. "We

They arrived at the house to find the man dead. The young Duke had sent after Tea-ff; the maid had it ready for him to revive his mother. He had been very busy directing the mails and seeing that the work was well-done. In this emergency the mother was so proud that she had to Patterson on the head for his thought-

The next morning the cook opened A naturalist once divided an aq- the kitchen door and forgot to take

Mr. Irvin: "What would you do if

Bussie. "I'd throw her a cake of

Mr. Irvin: "Why a cake of soap?" Bussie: "To wash her back."

David: "Pills?" (emphasizing question. ): "Antibilious?"

Horace Boney: "No, Sir, uncle is."

"That bane a yoke on me," said the Swede as the egg spattered down his

Kennedy: "Would you scream if

Harriet. "Well, I wouldn't want to

Clara Frances: "I'm simply wild Joe W. C.: "Er, how do you act on

THROUGH A KNOT HOLE.

When we look out of our car window, while we are driving past some pretty scenery, we scarcely ever see the true beauty of nature. Perhaps

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or ern from a trip please tele-

we see the pretty flowers and admire no harder to see beauty in dead trees brown tree trunks or the dead grass. tention of only a few.

Generally when we see a piece of land, which has dry grass, dead trees and a few skinny cows roaming about on it, we immediately contrast it with a green pasture with grass and big shady trees. We can imagine a make it, so look at life through a knot rippling brook winding and gurgling hole and enjoy every minute of it. over the stones; occasionally we can see a tiny fish darting here and there or hiding under a tin bucket, which has been carelessly thrown into the brook. But we do not look at the things we really see and find beauty in them. We can only improve them.

If you were in a dark room with only a knot hole to peep out at the world, would you see only the dusty, dirty world ,or would you see the beauty of even the dead trees and tery: the dead trees, a tombstone for the beautiful live trees and the dead grass at the head of the live root? Of course, you would enjoy seeing what you could see.

When you go outside, look for the beauty of the world. There is some good in everything that is bad, and there is some bad in everything that good. So look for the good; it is

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them, but we do not admire the than it is to see ugliness in live trees. Life is another form of nature. If Yet even this has a beauty, a pe- you take all of the bad things in life culiar beauty which attracts the at- and place them on a balance with only the good that you can see, you will find that the bad outweighs the good. place you know. And place it on the balance, and it will surely outweig the bad. After all, life is only what you

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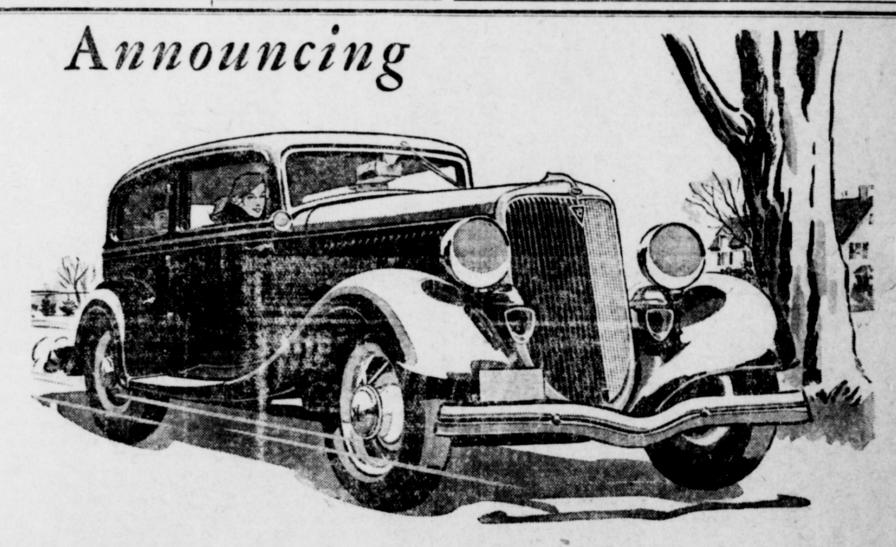
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DISTINCTIVE NEW APPEARANCE enhanced by the newly designed chromium-plated radiator shell and grille, new hood louvres, new hub cape. Interiors are attractive, with new tufted uphol-stery, new mouldings, new cove-type headlining, new instrument panel, new arm rests, new hard-ware. Swivel-type sun visors in De Luxe bodies prevent glare from front or side.

FENDERS IN COLOR. On De Lune care fe

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# WHISPERING

Eighteenth Installment. (Continued From Last Week.)

among them, Ruth could not have to my place next week." created more joyous excitement.

While she and David were on their way to the ranch house they were overtaken by the breathless Alfredo. enter on this next Saturday?"

Ruth guessed more from Alfredo's tion the priest and the license.

Alfredo assured her that everything had learned that one of the Mexicans from that place had a Ford-possessing friend who would, no dou't, be glad to go to town for the license

Ruth told Snavely of the celebration. He had come into the kitchen on Friday morning while she and Ann were baking pies and she had told him almost blithely. The grim old cattleman had merely looked at her-one steady glance which brought a catch of fear to her heart. Then he had left without a word. Later she had seen him riding away on his favorite horse, a blanket roll behind his saddle. It would have been imposible for him to stay in the vicinity of the celebrators. Probably he camped near some distant watering place; he did not return until Monday.

On the night before the fiesta Ruth and Ann got little rest. They stayed up until ten fitting Magda with a wedding dress-a dress, worn not so long ago, by a proud-eyed bride in a little church in the outskirts of Philadelphia.

By nine o'clock Saturday several horsemen and three wagonloads had knows enough not to marry 'em with- house. On the other side of the barn arrived; the unfortunate heifer had been cooking whole for some hours over a pit of fire, superintended by you suppose the priest can read Eng-Don Fancisco whose culinary imple- lish?" ments were a pitchfork and an ax. Old Charley and Will arirved with Juana, thing." Juana's wife, in the ancient automobile. Every one was dressed as they felt the spirit of the occasion deman-

gulch. Once or twice, also, she saw a mother or father bring back some youngster who had wondered near the fence.

Since the Mexican border runs hey?", through the center of Palo Verdefour houses being on the Mexican side refreshments.

not go hungry. Don Francisco cut tional black corduroys." satisfied grunts of the eaters.

Ruth, Will, and Old Charley had returned to the ranch house porch when | Sugaroot was tied my little Pink Shirt and Green Shirt went off, dog sat at the extreme end of the arm and arm, separating to choose two rope which fastened him to a log in adjacent hilltops. She appealed to the woodpile, and gazed disconsolately Will and Old Charley.

shing," said the old man. "They'll yell can with his bow and arrow. And until they go dry and then drop off there was no reason to be tied-Ann to sleep. We can wake 'em up to-mor- had not gone any place. Sugarfoot row or next day."

ed for snake-b'te," observed Will, foot whined. watching a tall slender fellow with a "Well," said David, as he noticed blue sash who was talking volubly to the doe and came over to the wood-Affrede and gesturing toward the pile, "guess nobody membered to unvanch house.

"Umm-ever seen that boy before, Ruth? Is he a friend of Alfredo's?" Old Charley was eying the actions of

the man, critically. 'Why, no, I don't think so," replied

Ruth. "I've never seen him before." "Looks as though he was beginning to take things seriously," observed Will a moment later. Alfredo had

turned his back to the man, only to be pulled about again by a jerk on his Old Charley caught his son's eye,

then turned to the girl, "If you'd like, Ruth, you and me might go in and

If I get a line on what you have I bear? Bears are awful scarce." Had she dumped a keg of gold coins can talk to the buyer when he comes | Sugarfoot wagged his rear third en-

As they went inside, Will sauntered | barn.

in the direction of the barbecue Al-"Senora please! The little house fredo and the man with the blue sash in his cot and Ruth sat near, reading, and ran outside. "Ann! Oh, Ann!" has been finished these two weeks. Is were talking loudly, face to face, and for the thousandth time, a tale of the it not good that my dove and I-and every one was watching. Suddenly, the 'Coon and the 'Possum and the Old also the good Don Francisco-should man swept off his big hat with his Black Crow. left hand and crouched low. Ruth, who Ann knocked at the door and her move violently. in spite of Old Charley had stopped voice was heavy with anxiety. "You. manner than from his words the na- to watch through the window, saw a all ain't got Sugarfoot in there, has room, Ruth lit the lamp. The little ture of his request, and she gladly en- knife glint in his right hand. Alfredo, you?" couraged him, not forgetting to men- also, now crouched, knife in hand, with his hat held out as a shield. The He isn't loose, is he?" two men circled slowly about each The giantess nodded dully. other like a pair of game cocks. Will rope is untied off his collar." a priest was visiting Palo Verde and broke into a run. But Indian Ann was The girl caught her breath and him with her finger. He was as tight first. In two stride she had walked up turned. "David! Did you untie Sugar- as a drum. to the man in the blue sash. She hit foot?" him once behind the ear with her fist, The tone of her voice caused David by the dog. Sugarfoot licked her hand then returned to the barbou pit where to answer dubiously, "Well-sort of- and strove to wag his taillessness; but she had been cutting off the remain. you see, Mama, he wanted to play such exercise is fatigue after a ing meat with the idea of hash.

Will helped to revive the stricken him so . . man and later led him to where his him for a moment, then the man

At one o'clock the priest arrievd in a buckboard drawn by a pair of bur-

three o'clock.

ful. "The papers have not come," he ptes were becoming too numerous before the meeting. said mournfully, looking down the around the home ranch and Ann

Charley appealed to Ruth. "We've got night to keep him from the meat. the bride, the groom, the priest, the! music and the audience. The priest left the room and went out of the out a license."

Ruth frowned thoughtfully. "Do

"Don't suppose he can read any-

"Wait a minute!" Ruth entered the house and return-

ed shortly with a roll of parchment tied with a blue ribbon. She unrolled Ruth noticed that nearly every one the crackling paper, and exhibited it looked, sooner or later, toward the silently to Old Charley and Will. It had a beautiful red seal.

"Say, you're a wonder!" Will turned to his father. "Now what do you say a college diploma is good for,

Later that day Ruth wrote in her notebook: "The wedding was solemnand two on the American-not a few ized on the front porch of the bride of the male guests came fortified with and groom's future home. The bride wore a beautiful veil of old Spanish When the line was formed at dinner lace, a handsome gown of white satin time the young man who was domi- with a large shawl draped tastefully nated by the green shirt went to the about the shoulders. The ensemble aid of the solitary celebrator and was strikingly set off by a pair of red brought him back so that he should pumps. The groom wore the conven-

great chunks of roasted meat from one Ruth's last memory of that day, as carcass and handed them to Ann who she slipped into sleep, was the sound folded them in a tortilla and passed of guitars, mandolins, a flute and a them to the line of grinning Mexicans. violin from the direction of the new The wife of Don Francisco's cousin little adobe. The music was being from Palo Verde was in charge of the played with steadfast purpose, as pies. All was silent save the occa- though it would still be playing when sional crack of a bone under Don she awoke. And she could hear, 'im Francisco's ax and the munching and afar off, a long quavering yell of come happy mortal on a hilltop.

at David who had just returned from "Oh, I don't think they'll hurt any- a hunt and was now booting at a tin could hear her in the kitchen making "There's another one well prepar- interesting noises with a pan. Sugar-



take a look at your round-up figures. | the you. If I let you go, will you be

thusiastically but failed to live up to tainly like to talk it over with you." speedily ran in the direction of the

At eight o'clock David was tucked

bear and I just thought I would let hearty meal. Ann was lighting a lantern. She said Ruth.

saddle horse was tied. He talked with hurried out of the back screen door. "See if he might be down at Al- tracks is all around." mounted and jogged down the road, fredo's" called Ruth with an effort at heerfulness.

The giantess did not answer.

Ruth scolded David for untying the ros. Ruth went to greet him and dog, but said nothing more. That aftwished to thin their ranks. Sugarfoot "What in thunder will we do?" Old was to have been kept tied during the

After David had fallen asleep Ruth gain Store.

she could see Ann's lantern moving slowly through the bushes near where the poison had been placed. Ruth did not like to leave David alone in the house, but she decided to help Ann search

She had reentered the house and was lighting another lantern when a slight, familiar sound turned her rigid. The sound came again; a low whine and a scratching on the screen door.

It was Sugarfoot. As Ruth held the door open, the little dog walked sleepily inside and, going to Ann's door, sat down and yawned. It was as though, peacefully sleep on his sack by the "Fine," said Ruth rising. "I'd cer- the bargain, once free of the rope. He woodpile, he had become cold and had risen in hope of a warmer bed in Ann's room.

> Ruth picked the dog up in her arms The moving light beyond the barn suddenly stopped. "Here he is, Ann! He's alive!" The lantern began to

Carrying Sugarfoot into the living dog stood before the fireplace, his Ruth, went to the door. "Why, no. short legs widely spread and his sides distended almost to bursting. He "The looked sleepy and wonderfully content. Ruth knelt down and prodded

Ann came in panting and dropped

"He certainly doesn't seem sick,"

"No. He et the meat though- his

(Continued Next Week.) NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS

MEETING. Notice is hereby given that a meet-

found that he could not speak a word ernoon Ann had asked her for the rest ing of the stockholders of the Farmof English. He was fat, dirty, stupid, of the poison which, together with the ers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, and the least interesting of her guests. box containing the remains of the liver Texas, will be held at the office of said "When shall the marriage be?" fever medicine, she had locked in her bank the second Tuesday in January, asked Ruth as Alfredo came listlessly trunk after her disastrous mistake. 1934, being the 9th day of the month up to the ranch house porch about She had given Ann the poison which at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of the giantess then placed in the carcass electing directors for the ensuing year Alfredo shrugged; his face was piti. left over from the barbecue. The coy- and such other business as may come

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The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Lela Patterson, a graduate of Merkel High school in 1929, and later a graduate of Draughon's Business college, Abi-

Mrs. C. A. Hudson of the Salt Branch community. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are popular young people and The Mail package therefrom, she felt Christmas joins their many friends in wishing for them health and happiness. They Santy had already come to see the will make their home for the present "good girls." with the groom's parents.

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McGehee officiating.

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### TURKEY DINNER.

Members of the Merkel School board once again enjoyed the hospitality of Supt. and Mrs. Burgess at a turkey dinner on the eve of their regular monthly meeting. Thursday evening was the date of the occasion and will be long remembered for the perfection of cuisine problems by the

Those present were O. J. Adcock, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson, J. E. Richardson, S. D. Gamble and C. P. Church, the host and hostess.

### WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the Presbyterian church was organized five years ago and Mrs. George West, the teacher, is proud of the work they have done for the sick and needy. Their monthly meeting was at the home of Mrs. Marvin Smith, whence they went in a body to the home or Mrs. A. A. Baker, widow of the first pastor of the

church, as a birthday surprise to her. Following the spirit of Christmas carried out in readings, songs and prayers, a birthday cake, baked by Miss Derstine, handkerchiefs and other gifts were presented to the honoree and her friend, Miss Moilie McCulley. Appropriate readings by Mrs. Fannie McConnell and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were followed by a serving of andwiches, cake and chocolate, with the following toast by Miss Garoutte:

To the kindly, loval friend Ever willing to help or lend; To the sister, to the mether, grand-

mother, wife. True to every relation in life; To the minister's helpmate, day by

day, Thre pleasent and then storme wav: To the Christian example of Faith and Love,

Pointing us ever to Heav'n above; God grant her long with us to stay, Ere he calls her home with Him for

Mrs. Smith had as co-hostesses Misses Derstine, Stella King and Ola Smith; visitors, Mesdames John Bell,

Dodd, Tom King, Harbour, J. J. Rus- pany. sell, Jr., C. S. Walker, and Miss Mollie McCulley; members, Mesdames R. terson, L. L. Murray, J. A. Baker, S. G. Russell, J. J. Russell, Sr., S. A. FOR SALE-A good second hand

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strong was opened to the King's Mrs. Armstrong, assisted by Mesdames Rainbolt and C. B. Smith, were genial hostesses. After the regular business was dispatched, a social program was enjoyed. A "sunshine bag" was presented to Mother Armstrong The groom is the son of Mr. and many more days of happiness. The couple without children. Apply im- Office supplies-Mail office. hostess placed a holly box on the center table and, as each one drew a was "just around the corner," and

Music rendered by little Misses Gertie Lou Pee and Mary Jo Russell was much appreciated. At the tea hour The home of Rev. Ted McGehee was a delicious plate was served. A late the scene of a quiet wedding Sunday hour found the following members and afternoon when Miss Ellen Ruth Cow- visitors loath to leave the merry an of Anson became the bride of Eris home: Mesdames Durham, Cox, Rus-Ash. The ceremony was read at 3:30 sell, Pee, Allday, Estes, Curb, King, with Miss Bennie Lawson and Silas Dry, Ellis, Black, Jenkins, Butman, Stevens acting as attendants and Rev. McSpadden, Williams, and visitors. Mesdames Kemper and Clark and



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Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock at Derstine W. D. Butler, and Misses "Graybar" portable electric sewing LOST—In Merkel Saturday night, machine. See Tom White at Phileo Radio Shop.

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CHOCOLATE, Hersheys Baking, 1-2 lb. 15c

Spuds No. 1 white 10 pounds 20c COCOA, B & W, 1 lb. can 15c BRAN FLAKES, pkg. 10c

GRAPE NUTS, package

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PIMENTOS, R & W 4 oz. can 10c

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OMATOES B& W, No. 2 can 25c

PEAS, Kuners No. 2 can, 2 for CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, R & W, pkg. 8c

WALNUTS, Budded, pound 23c BRAZIL NUTS, pound 19c ALMONDS, pound 23c

SYRUP, Ingleside No. 5 can 34c SYRUP, Ingleside No. 10 can 59c

S R&W 55 oz. 15c

MINCE MEAT, R & W, package 10c Red Label, No. 3 can 19c

Red Label No. 5 can 37c Red Label No. 10 can 63c

R & W 12 lbs. 59c R & W 24 lbs. \$1.00 R & W 48 lbs. \$1.95 19c

35c

35c

COFFEE

1 lb. Sun Up 1 lb. R & W

CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg. COCOANUT, 1-4 pound pkg.

10c POWDERED SUGAR, 2 packages 15c **BROWN SUGAR, 2 packages** 15c

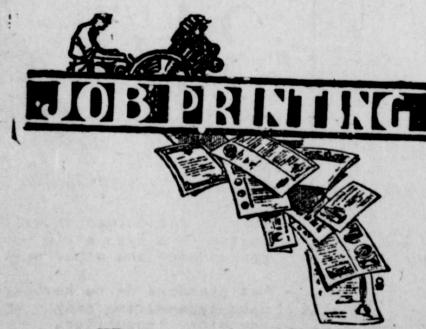
R & W Pitted 10 oz. package

MAYONNAISE, R & W, pint 23c PICKLES, sour, quart 19c FIGS, 8 ounce package 10c CHEESE, Full Cream. pound 17c

BACON, sliced, pound

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#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. T. G. Hamner spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Anderson of Sweetwater where she attended the bedside of her mother who

getting cuts about his face in a recent car accident, the car being completely torn up. He is getting along with Mrs. A. W. Woods the next sec- sultation with the camp superinten-

Mrs. W. J. Armour, who has been her in San Antonio for several months under the treatment of a physician, tree for the club members and their assigned. has recently returned. She was accom- families on December 20. So everyone panied by her husband who had been come and bring a present and get one. with her for several weeks. We wel. Every present will be numbered and come them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and son, ber. Jack, of Hermleigh, are moving to Trent soon.

Mrs. Carl Murdock had the misfortune of getting her car wrecked last week, but, lucky for her, she wasn't will be as follows:

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Alex William- Williamson son, Dr. Curry and Spurgeon Scott attended the workers conference at

Mesdames Alex Williamson, Claude Stribling, C. T. Beckham, John Strawn and Jessie Dudley were Abilene shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne of Abilene, who have ben in Lamesa for the past month, were guests Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leslie and son, Dick, of Shep, are guests in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. C. Wash. They came to attend the funeral of Sam Eckles, of Eskota, who was buried Tuesday in Merkel.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stribling and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans all spent the day visiting in Coleman and Santa Anna, returning home Sunday night.

Mrs. Daniel of Vernon is a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs.

Mrs. Ed Sherman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bud Weisser, who resides at Hamlin.

Miss Elliott, who taught at Goodman for several years but who is now teaching at Denton, was a guest of Miss Cook over the week-end.

Chunky Parker of Sweetwater isited friends over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Hurtell O'Kelly and sons, Othel and W. E., spent the week-

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Saturday Ricardo Cortez in "BIG EXECUTIVE"

Sunday-Monday MARIE DRESSLER LIONEL BARRYMORE in a story big enough for both

"CHRISTOPHER BEAN"

Tuesday-Wednesday
ED WYNN "the perfect fool" and with him is 'Chic' Sale in a new four alarm comedy riot "THE CHIEF"

Thursday-Friday Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

"CAPTURED" and Warner Bros. have capred the biggest story of the

end in Abilene as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelly and the latter's mother, Mrs. Smith, who has recently moved from Tennessee to make her

very much improved at this writing. the home of Mrs. John Strawn for pay of Ernest Moore of Merkel. J. P. Stevens had the misfortune of the purpose of quilting a quilt for Leaders and assistant leaders are

each one present will draw a num-

Fudgy and divinity candy was served to the following: Mesdames Ed Mrs. Duckett of Graham plans to Burks, A. W. Woods, M. G. Scott, visit her sister, Mrs. T. L. Stevens, John Gafford, Alex Williamson, Tom Williamson, Lula Churchwell, A. C. Wash and the hostess.

The program for the next meeting

"A Christmas Story," Mrs. Tom "Ballad Music." Mrs. Tony Boone. Reading, Mrs. Hosea Winn.

Songs, Miss Estelle Terry. Reading, Mrs. John Payne. Meet Santa at Brown's Bar-

gain Store Saturday afternoon. Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

#### Merkel Boy in CCC Camp is Promoted

Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Dec 14 .--Lieut. R. O. Smith, 2nd F. A. Brig. HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUI: commanding CCC camp No. PE-77-T, The Home Demonstration club met at Taylor, has reported promotion to has been ill but whose condition is in regular session Wed., Dec. 6, in assistant leader with an increase in

her, since she drew the first number, promoted by the company commander The members are planning to meet of each CCC work camp after conond Wednesday, Jan. 10, and quilt for dent. Selection is made on the basis of the enrollee's ability and fitness for The club is planning a Christmas the particular duty to which he is

#### ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1934, at six o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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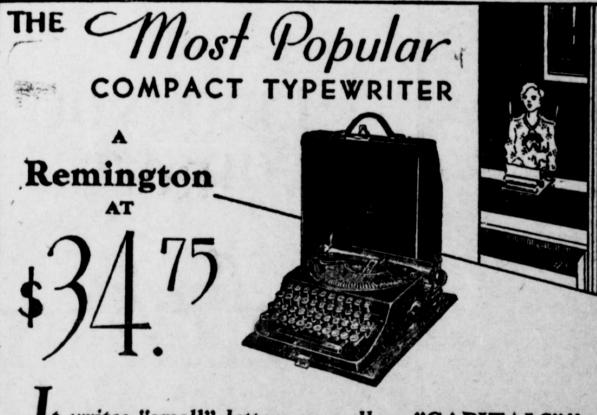
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One hundred and sixty-one pupils of the Merkel Public schools, 51 in Billy Largent, 94; Euvalda Fox, High school and 110 in Grammar 93; Helen Heeter, 92; Anne Lee Blake, school, are on the honor roll for the 90. second six weeks period of the cur-

while 22 per cent of the High school guson, 91; Wilma McAninch, 90. students are listed.

Miss Juanita Huskey, Sophomore, school. Tying for second place are 1en, 91; Mary Love Tipton, 90. J. R. Higgins, a Senior, and Robert Grimes, Jr., a Freshman, with an average of 95 each.

school, followed by the Seniors, who Diltz, 91; Preston Dickinson, 90. come second with 27 per cent. The Freshmen are third with a percentage Sophomores are included.

To be on this honor roll, a student must be neither tardy nor absent, must make 90 or more in deportment, erage of 90 or more.

honor roll follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.

Dale Coates, 95; Billie Tom Diltz. Byrd, 92; Lanier Hicks, 92; Donald dox, 95; Thelma Patterson, 91; Vic- 1933. Cox, 91; L. W. Barnes, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash. 95; Stanley Riddle, 95; Jackie Wea- Church, 94; Cleo Henley, 93; Neil ver, 94; Betty Jean Perry, 94; Mary Durham. 93; Aline McAninch, 934 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Evelyn Perry, 94; Jerry McGehee, 93; Harriet Rogers, 93; Ima Ruth Brown, Billy Joe Toombs, 93; Benny Kemper, 92; Clara F. Largent, 92; Horace 92; Ted McAninch, 92; Jimmie Speck, Daniels, 92; Pauline Laster, 92; Mary

Second Grade, Miss Poque.

Mack Owens, 95; Willie Sue Morgan, stine, 91; Billie B. Gambill 91; Jessie 95; Jenea Mae Reynolds, 95; Don M. Berry, 90. Hutcheson, 94; Johny McDonald, 94;

Second Grade, Miss Curb. Nell Haynes, 94; Jack Haynes, 94; Jimmie Dell Perry, 91; Fay Pinck- of Taylor you give due notice to all R. V. Clark, 93; Clarence Harrell, ley, 91; Neva Malone, 91; Wanda 93; Gladys Fae Barron, 92; Glenn Hunter, 91; Raymond Wilson, 91; Final Settlement of said Estate, to Blair, 91; Lupe Duran, 91; Arthur Clara Lee Peterson, 90.

hird Grade, Miss Heizer,

ean Henslee, 90. Third Grade, Miss Hughes. Nina Osborn. 96; Clarene Perry, . 94; True't Perry, 94; Evelyn Sears, 94; Jos Morris Suggs, 93; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 93; Bonnie T. McAnnich, 91; Tag Shouse, 91; Ben Speck, 91; Jim Sublett, 91; Gladys McCol-

Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner. Becky Gardner, 98: Dora Marie Gaither, 97; Virgie Mae Henry, 96; Pilly Jack Lancaster, 92; Alene Cox, 92; Walter Leonard. 91; Theda Lou Lasater, 91; Omyle Dowell, 90; David Gibson, 90.

lum, 90; Pearl Weaver, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes. Bob Williamson, 97; Roy Owen, 96; O. C. Shouse, Jr., 96; Theda Louise Perry. 94; Leo Reynolds, 94; Tillman Rutledge, 94: Maurine Steele 94: Doris Clyde Miller, 93; Ima Gene Rosson, 93; Edwin Renfro, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan. Doris Gay West, 96; Don Wood, ; Jimmie McNeese, 92; Guy ManFifth Grade, Miss Yates.

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch. Mable Murray, 94; Frances Catts, In the Grammar school 25 per cent 93; Mary Jo Garland, 93; Mildred of the pupils made the honor roll, Bird, 91; Verne Moore, 91; Ben Fer-

Sixth Grade Miss Pinckley. Mary Jo Russell, 95; Billie Wood, with an average of 96, leads the High 93; Mary Nell Morgan, 91; Don War-

Seventh Grade. Mr. Duke. annell Black, 96; Dorothea Sue Bird, 94; Pauline Joyner, 94; O. D: With a percentage of 35 the Jun- Blair, 93: Clyde Cribley, 92: Marvin iors lead all other classes in High Hunter, 92; Dana Derstine, 91; Daris

> Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. T. L. Reid. 94; Dick West, 93; 1, gins, 95; Hollis Perry, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL. Eighth Grade.

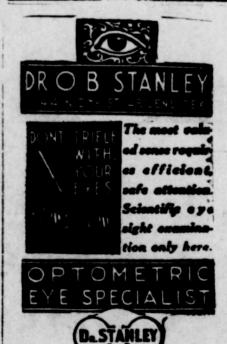
Robert Grimes, Jr., 95; Jane Fermust make not less than 75 on any guson. 94; Sylvan Mellinger, 94; Lorsubject and must make a general av- aine Hughes, 93; Betty Lou Grimes. 92; De La Vergne Teague, 92; Pau-The complete list of names on the line McAninch, 92; Verneile Sublett, 91; Dutton Williamson, 91; Billy Dun- writ with your return thereon, showning, 91; Genevieve Cox, 90; Maurine ing how you have executed same. Dean, 90; Lloyd Vick, 90.

Ninth Grade. tor Joyner, 90; Winston Polley, 90.

Junior Class. Francis Melton, 96; Giendel Lang, Ethelda Tucker, 94; Anna Lou. 92; Wayne Tipton, 92; Ikey Turner, H. Mashburn, 92; Edith Neil, 92; Kathryn Russell, 92; Thelma Mathcws, 91; J. V. Patterson, 91; Mildred, the condition of the Estate of said Patricia Leonard, 95; George West, 91; Vivian Davis, 91; Hail Der-

Senior Class Peggy Joyce Toombs, 93; Doris Mae J. R. Higgins, 95; Walderine Lepard, 93; Billy Bob Hulsey, 92. Huskey, 94; Bessy Lee Russell, 93; David Gamble, 92; Helen Joyner, 92; Dorothy Nell Groene, 94; Dorothy Vivian Lasater, 92; Sarah Malone, 92;

CHANGE YOUR FARM LOAN I Clyde Haynes, 98; Billy Tom And get the benefit of 4 1-2 per cent stcheson, 94; Marie Bland, 94; Vera and 5 per cent money on land. All fair Louise Miller, 94; Floyd Hutcheson, loans are approved. Bring deed and Jr., 92; Clara Bell Hawkins, 91; Lud- make application. A'co chean farms for sale. W. Homer Shanks, Room 1. Penner Bldg., Abilano, Texas





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#### LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summor Annie Laura Wilson by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your Clerk, County Court, Taylor County. County to appear at the next regular (Seal) term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilenc, Texas, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1934, the same being the 1st day of January A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of November A. D. 1933, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 9773-A. and Annie Laura Wilson is Defend- special rate. ant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: of 20, while only 9 per cent of the Charles Andy Shouse,92; Francis Hig- That plaintiff and defendant married on or about the 8th day of July 1927, and separated on or about the 10th day of July 1932. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleg-

ed in plaintiff's original petition. Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its regular term, this

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex-94; Ralph Hardy, 93; Alva Jeanette | Juanita Huskey, 96; Mabel Mad- as. on this 15th day of Nov. A. D.

> Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court Taylor County Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Taylor County, Greeting. Sarah C. Lockhart, Guardian of the Estate of Joseph H. Lockhart, Non Compos Mentis, having filed in our County Court her Final Account co Joseph H. Lockhart, non compos mentis, numbered 1360 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together

with an application to be discharged

rom said Guardianship You are hereby commanded. That by publication of this Writ one time in a Newspaper printed in the County persons interested in the Account for appear and contest the same if they

1st day of January, A. D. 1934, at the Court House of said County, in Abilenc, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of

By Vivian Fryar, Deputy.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50. For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for wherein David Wilson is Plaintiff, tend your time for The Mail at this

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29

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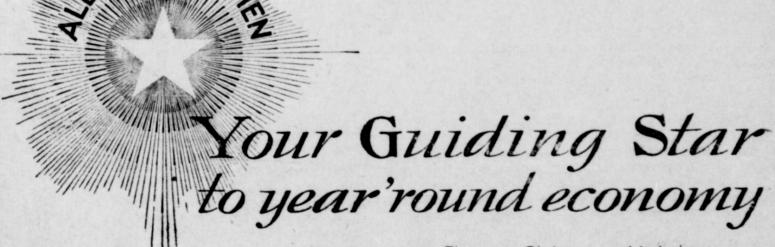


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INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

"After Jesus was Crucified,"

"The Women at the Tomb," Rachael

"Peter and John Visit the Tomb,"

"Jesus and Mary," Reaborn King.

SENIOR PREP B. T. S.

Discussion No. 1. Dot Swafford.

Discussion No. 2, Thelma Mathews.

Discussion No. 3, Howard Carson.

Discussion No. 4, Caribel Mansield.

Discussion No. 5, Victor Joyner.

Everyone is requested to be present

t 6 o'clock next Sunday evening.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

invite all who will come to attend

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The Elders.

evening lessons and sermons. Come.

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The prophets began at a given date

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

Lord's day.

Our audiences are growing som

Subject, "The Future Life."

Introduction. Helen Joyner.

George Watford.

Pauline Joyner.

Patterson.

The records show that 80 per cent work. of those who join the church each year come through the Sunday School. Then two per cent that attend Sunday School occasionally, but have had some training through the Sunday School, have come into the church. That goes to show that the Sunday School has much to do with the life of your child. Father, Mother, see to it that your children are in Sunday School each Sunday, and the best way to do that is for you to come and bring them. Will you help make it 300 next Sunday in Sunday School?

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Pleasing Christ, through Service." You will enjoy attending the morning worship. Try it next Sunday.

Leagues will meet at 6 p. m. Find your place, young people and child-

Preaching at 7 p. m. We have good singing, and keep you only one hour. Come and worship with us.

The W. M. S. meet at 2:30 and 4 p. m. each Monday. There is room for you, and if you are not a member of this branch of the church, will you not come and help in this great work

Prayer meeting each Wednesday at

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

services with us. The services for the Sunday School at 10 o'clock. A co bers and, if you are not in Sunday Lord's day at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 SAM ECKLES.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

An increase of three over the attendance on the previous Sunday brought the total at the six Sunday Schools here last Sunday to 828. On the same Sunday a year ago only 483 were present, owing to extreme cold

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Conquest of the Cross." Rev. 12:11. He emphasized the fact that in the past the greatest foes of Christianity atmosphere in the church and a professed Christians within the church who are false to their profession. Sunday evening his text was

"Doors Open in Heaven." Rev. 4:1. Our Sunday School superintendent,

W. J. Largent, has returned for the every Thursday night. Community winter. We feel that we are very singing every Tuesday night. Come lucky to have such a superintendent be with us in these services and get in a small town, for the leaders of the denomination concede him to be one of the bost superintendents in the South- the people of Merkel to come to all erm Baptist convention.

Our protracted meeting will begin the fourth Sunday in March, the pastor doing the preaching.

The workers meeting met at Blair Tuesday. Brother and Mrs. Joyner! and Mesdames Bert Chambless and and told how many years it would be Twyman Collins from the Merkel until Jesus would come the first time. church attended,

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach given concerning "His Second Com- Mail office. ing at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 Wed nesday evening.

### BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet at the church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon for Bible study. The pastor will teach, beginning with the tenth chapter of Revelations. The week beginning Dec. ember 18 is for Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We hope everyone will let the Lord lead in this offering and

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I certainly am pleased with the good interest the young people are taking and it seems to me that the whole church is being revived and more willing to labor together for the proved after a few days stay in Abicause of Christ.

ing." Subject will be "Scriptural

"If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14.)

We welcome everybody to our ser-Subject, "He is Alive Forever- vices.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

union of Christian Endeavor societ- | at Graham. ies here Tuesday night, at which C. E. "On the Road to Emmaus," Nadine to the Merkel Endeavorers. The next son and family. "In the Upper Room," Horace Bonmeeting will be on January 9 at the "Jesus and Thomas," Dana Der- First Christian church, Abilene.

Friends are delighted to see F. A. W. L. Barnett. "Jesus on the Seashore," Murphy (Ollie) Sanders has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to take a daily drive.

> E. R. Winter, the "cowboy evangelist" of Coleman, who was holding a meeting here, was advised of the deastruck by an automobile driven by a gone an appendicitis operation.

W. J. Hayes, was taken to the West minstrel show and Christmas party at Texas Baptist sanitarium Wednesday, the Wooten hotel Monday night. critically ill from complications fol- Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adeock and two each week, we are glad to report. We wing an attack of influenza.

#### NECROLOGY

Funeral services were held here at est sister, Miss Barbara Williamson. of friends and relatives gathered at vention. celism's Wednesday at 7 p. m., fol- the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery lowed by a sermon by one of the young to pay their last tribute.

water during construction of the Gulf refinery and Mr. Eckles was employed there nearly three years.

Beside his wife, who was a niece of the late S. W. Sheppard, Mr. Eckles is survived by two sisters.

### NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1934, being the 9th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

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Miss Duncan Briggs spent the week. end with a friend in Denten.

J. N. Carson has returned much im-

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little of Tuscola were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nichols, who have recently removed to Anson, were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Largent Barnett of San Angelo.

W. D. Williams is visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Williams, and old friends in Waco. his former home. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox had as their week-end visitor Mrs. Fox' brother, At the meeting of Taylor county H. B. Thompson, from the CCC camp

Hollis Rosson of Fort Sam Houston Wozeneraft, president, had charge, is enjoying an eight days' stay with the attendance banner was awarded his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ros-

W. R. Barnett arrived Sunday from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. A. L. Lee, of McGregor, who came to attend the funeral of Sam Eckles, of Ovalo, her brother-in-law, is the guest of Mrs. Frank McFarland. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cade returned Tuesday from Houston where they th of his 5-year-old son, Cecil Ray went to visit Mrs. Cade's brother, Winter, who was killed Sunday when Leonard Morrison, who had under-

As a member of the Music Unit, Abilene, Miss Christine Collins was Ralph Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. one of the soloists in the club's negro

daughters, Misses Berdelle and Frances accompanied by Dutton and Bob Williamson, expects to leave Friday morning for Brady to be present for the wedding of Mrs. Adcock's young-

:30 Tuesday afternoon for Sam Miss Mary Eula Sears is spending m., "How to Have a Successful Meet- Eckles, of Ovalo, who was fatally shot several days in Dallas this week, Presching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. ing," and for 7.15 p. m., "Heaven, in the front yard of an Abilene home having made the trip with Mrs. L. Monday afternoon. Rev. C. R. Joyner, M. Touchstone of Abilene, who is atpastor of the First Baptist church tending the Southwestern Life Insurhere, officiated and a large conccurse ance company's thirtieth annual con-

> Meet Santa at Brown's Bar-The Eckles family lived in Sweet- gain Store Saturday afternoon.

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