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## MAY ASSEMBLE SPECIAL SESSION AT EARLY DATE

**Problem of Relief to Needy and Re-enactment of Moratorium, Chief Objects, Said to Create An Emergency.**

Austin, Jan. 25.—Developments by 11 o'clock Thursday likely will determine the necessity for a special session of the Texas legislature and the time it will convene, former Governor James E. Ferguson, spokesman for his wife's administration, said Wednesday.

At a press conference, the first in several months, the former governor said "serious consideration" was being given by the administration to a special session in the immediate future to consider legislation of an emergency nature.

The session, if called, would deal with the two main purposes of providing relief to the needy and re-enactment of the law granting a moratorium on the foreclosure of real estate mortgages, Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the date for the special session would be determined largely at a conference tentatively set for Thursday, with Lawrence Westbrook, director of the Texas relief commission, who has held a series of conferences recently with federal relief officials in Washington, Westbrook's report on the federal relief plans likely will be the governing factor in reaching a decision, Ferguson indicated.

## Dowell Elected Chief Volunteer Firemen

N. A. Dowell, constable of this precinct and who has served Merkel in former years as chief of the volunteer fire department, again heads that organization, having been elected chief of the newly organized Merkel Volunteer Fire department Monday night.

The meeting was in the nature of an open session, which resulted in bringing the enrollment of the department to thirty members. Sixteen of these are reported as being fireboys of previous days re-entering the service.

As president of the new association, A. V. Dye was selected. Other officers named are: J. A. Stanford, vice president; Ross Ferrier, assistant chief, and S. M. Cox, secretary and treasurer.

Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday night in each month.

## Will Preach at Noodle.

Rev. W. B. Reaves, M. E. pastor of Trent, will preach at the Noodle Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 23, 1914.)

When a joy ride is not a joy ride: We were told that such a state of affairs occurred Friday afternoon when two matrons and three maidens started to Abilene in an automobile, when two miles, more or less, from a phone or garage, a puncture and a blow-out left them nothing to do but walk. While walking is not so crowded it is dreadfully slow in the present style dresses, but two of the bravest maidens were willing to try it and in a short time returned with a machine and a preacher. We are told that "all's well that ends well." The ladies spent a delightful afternoon with Abilene friends.

The E. Love Hawkins' society met in business session Jan. 16. The applications of Messrs. Ollie Schaffer, Shirle King, Jasper Tucker, Ennis Grimes, Booth Warren, John Moore and George Smith for membership were received and after due consideration accepted. The following officers were elected: president, Carol Ristler; vice president, Maggie Wheeler; secretary, Ollie Schaffer; assistant secretary, Miss Nell Tracy; treasurer, Ennis Grimes; sergeant-at-arms, John Moore; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Jennings; chaplain, Jasper Tucker; circuit, Miss Eva Walters; journalist, Shirle King; assistant, Miss Willie Swann.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Dallas is to be the 1934 convention city of the Broadway of America Highway Association, the dates being selected as May 8 and 9.

James Callan, one of the leading cattlemen of the Southwest and former president of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, died at Menard Tuesday.

In order to devote his time to private business, J. F. Lucey of Dallas has tendered his resignation as a director of the Home Loan bank at Little Rock, Ark.

S. Mathis, Jr., J. R. McCafferty and Doc Robertson, "because they left prisoners in their charge unguarded," following the Clyde Barrow machine gun barrage.

Announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Tennie B. Colbert, wife of R. V. Colbert, pioneer ranchman and banker, as postmistress at Stamford was made Monday.

As the result of last week's sensational delivery at the Eastham prison farm, Lee Simmons, manager of the Texas prison system, has announced the dismissal of three guards, B.

Dates for the sixteenth annual convention of the West Texas chamber of commerce at San Angelo will be May 14, 15 and 16, the sessions this year to be held the first three days of the week.

For the second time, Paul Mitchell, 24, of Lubbock, was Wednesday granted a reprieve for 30 days, staying his execution for the slaying of Robert Tharp in a grocery store hold-up at Lubbock.

To satisfy judgments of \$675,474.40 the St. Anthony hotel, one of the largest and oldest hostleries in San Antonio, has been ordered sold at public auction by Federal Judge R. J. McMillan on March 6.

Mildred Yount, 13-year-old daughter of the late M. F. Yount, prominent Beaumont capitalist and oil man who died Nov. 13, last, is heir to a fortune estimated at \$3,200,000, according to appraisal of her father's estate.

After a posse had searched 18 hours in the wild, unsettled prairie country around his home, three-year-old Jerrill Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barnett of Red Bluff, near Pecos, was found asleep under a ledge along the Pecos river six miles from home.

## Well Is A Nemesis.

Bonham, Jan. 25.—Nemesis for the Goin family lurks in a well east of Bailey, Fannin county. The body of Thomas N. Goin was found in the well, on the Doan farm, this week. Several years ago a brother of Goin drowned in the same well.

## WILL ADVOCATE MEASURE TO AID HOME LOAN BONDS

**Senator From Texas To Propose Amendments to Home Loan Act Creating Stable Market for Bonds.**

Washington, Jan. 25.—A gleam of hope for millions of small home owners threatened with foreclosure, who have heretofore not been eligible for aid from the Home Owner's Loan corporation, because holders of their mortgages refused to accept Home Loan bonds, was seen here Wednesday in the statement of Senator Tom Connally, democrat, Texas, member of the powerful senate finance committee, that he will advocate passage of amendments to the Home Loan Bank act, liberalizing its terms and tending to create a stable market for its bonds.

Connally worked for the passage of the original Home Loan Bank act, and Home Owner's Loan act which is empowered to issue bonds to take up home mortgages. The United States government guarantees the interest but not the principal, upon these bonds, and for this reason, many mortgage holders have declined to accept the bonds.

## Judge Long Heads Young Taylor Demos

With the election of Milburn S. Long, judge of the 42nd judicial district of Texas, as president, organization of the young democrats of Taylor county was perfected at Abilene Monday night and eleven delegates were named to represent the body at a democratic convention at Lubbock Saturday of this week.

Other officers of the Taylor county unit are: Tom K. Eplen, first vice president; W. R. (Ruck) Sibley, second vice president; Mrs. E. L. Whitaker, third vice president; Bryan Bradbury, secretary, and Roy Johnson, treasurer.

A standing vote of thanks was extended to Judge James P. Stinson, chairman of the Taylor county executive committee, who issued the call for the meeting and through whose efforts such an active organization was started.

Delegates named to the Lubbock convention are: Judge Long, R. C. Winters, W. A. Stephenson, T. A. Bledsoe, Gray Browne, E. L. Whitaker, Judge John L. Camp, Bryan Bradbury, Homer Hutto, Pete Turner and James Bledsoe.

## Greyhound Races at Abilene Sunday 2 P. M.

Sport lovers will have the opportunity to enjoy greyhound races again next Sunday afternoon at the Abilene Racing course, located on the highway west of Abilene, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Some of the best greyhounds in this section will be entered and it is announced that there will be plenty of Kansas rabbits.

Admission price is 25 cents, with children under 12 admitted free.

## Kirk Named Head of Hatcherymen's Ass'n

With F. P. Kirk of Abilene as president, the Central West Texas Hatcherymen's association was reorganized at a meeting in Abilene Friday night of 39 representatives of hatcheries in this section.

Other officers are Mrs. Bigelow, San Angelo, vice president, and F. W. Irvine, Abilene, secretary-treasurer. Members of a committee named on bylaws and resolutions are Messrs. Irvine, Curtis Martin, Hamlin, and C. O. Davis, Rule.

**California U. Is Biggest.**—Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 25.—The University of California, with 18,337 students, has retained its position as the nation's largest institution of higher learning in number of fulltime resident students, a survey showed.

**Schmeling to Meet Baer.**—Pompton Lakes, N. J., Jan. 25.—Max Schmeling of Germany, former heavyweight champion, has signed to meet Max Baer of California in a 12-round bout at Los Angeles some time in April.

## DRY LEADERS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT LIQUOR

**Preliminary Committee of Five to Select Executive Group to Direct Organization Includes President Simmons U.**

Fort Worth, Jan. 25.—Formation of a new organization, led by laymen, "to meet the emergency with reference to liquor and gambling" was indorsed at a state wide rally of dry leaders here Tuesday. Chester B. Collins, who presided, was empowered to name a committee of five who in turn will choose an executive group of fifteen to perfect and direct the organization.

The new association will work in harmony with the W. C. T. U., the Anti Saloon League and other organizations already in existence. Rev. W. R. White of Fort Worth, chairman of the committee on nominations and permanent organization, explained in presenting the report, which was ratified.

The committee—consisting besides the chairman, of Dean Colby D. Hall of Texas Christian university, Mrs. A. M. Smisson, Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university, Abilene, and Nehemiah Wiggins, Dallas—left to the executive committee the question of establishing a weekly newspaper for the cause for publication at least through 1934 and decision as to what aid should be given in the legal courts to uphold the Dean act, now under fire.

## Takes Out Burial Policy and Dies 2 Hours Afterward

Sallisaw, Okla., Jan. 25.—Milton Fundeburg, 64, weighing 265 pounds and the picture of health, scooped at the salesman who approached him with a "burial insurance" policy. But he bought it.

Two hours later, while explaining the policy to his wife across the dinner table, Fundeburg toppled over, dead. Physicians said he suffered a heart attack.

## Special Session School Board Monday Night

In view of the fact that there are some who have expressed dissatisfaction with property valuations for school taxes. President O. J. Adecock of the board of trustees of the Merkel Public schools has issued a call for a special meeting of the board members to be held Monday night at 7 o'clock in the office of the secretary, W. O. Boney.

At this time, those who wish to file protests or complaints or are otherwise dissatisfied will be given a hearing.

## Grandfather of Ralph Duke Dies at DeLeon

T. J. Macon, age 78, maternal grandfather of Ralph Duke, died Thursday morning of last week at his home in DeLeon, the funeral rites being held at 3:30 Friday afternoon there.

Upon receipt of the sad message here Thursday, Mr. Duke left at once to attend the funeral.

## Faulks Wins First Place Calf Roping

Elton Faulks won first place in calf roping at the rodeo at Stith Saturday afternoon, time 67 seconds for roping two calves.

In the wild cow milking event Erbin McCraw turned in 35 seconds for the best time.

Other interesting events were: Junior steer riding, bronc riding and wild mule riding.

## Attend Funeral of Miss Mary Alexander

Several from Merkel, including Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, attended the funeral of Miss Mary Alexander, which was held at the Tye Methodist church on last Friday afternoon.

The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Baker, Tye pastor, with interment at the Tye cemetery.

## TRAPPING OF RATS, FEDERAL PROJECT, GETS GOING HERE

The federal project for the extermination of rats throughout Taylor and Jones counties is now well under way in this city and the surrounding communities, the campaign being under the direction of Tom Durham, local supervisor, assisted by Clyde Mayfield.

Some four hundred pounds of poison were given out Saturday in two-pound packages to farmers of this section and again on Wednesday about 300 pounds were distributed to the farmers through the local schools, two pounds being given to one pupil from each home in the country outside of the city limits. It is expected that a one-pound package of the poison will be handed out through the schools for every home within the city limits today (Friday).

**TRAPPING IN THE CITY.**—On Monday of this week 1,000 traps were used throughout the business section of the city, the workers spending two hours each afternoon in putting them out and one hour early the following morning in bringing in the traps and rodents.

The work being strictly a federal project and the traps, of course, the property of the federal government, the public is warned not to molest the traps, for to do so might lead to prosecution.

The work will continue until February 1 and possibly longer.

## Merkel Girl Song Leader of Revival At Spur Church

A Merkel girl, Miss Ethel Hamilton, now attending John Tarleton college at Stephenville, is song leader for a two weeks' revival at the Methodist church at Spur, of which Rev. E. L. Yeats, former pastor here, is the shepherd. The preaching for the revival is in charge of Rev. John M. Neal of Huntsville, who conducted a similar meeting here last spring.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton, Miss Hamilton's mother, and Tommy Jones drove to Stephenville last week-end and brought her home, from where she went to Spur. Fortunately, the revival comes at examination and registration time, so that Miss Hamilton will not miss any school work.

## NEXT WEDNESDAY DEAD LINE FOR TAX PAYMENTS

**After January 31, All Penalties and Interest Restored to Delinquent School Taxes; Also Last Day Current Year Taxes.**

Wednesday, January 31, is the last day upon which delinquent school tax payments may be made without payment of penalty and interest. After that date 10 per cent penalty will be added and the principal will bear interest at 6 per cent. Until January 31 all delinquent school taxes may be paid without payment of penalty or interest. On taxes that have been due for as much as three years, this would mean a saving of 28 per cent or \$28 on each \$100. The schools cannot continue to operate with tax payments amounting to about 60 per cent of the taxes assessed. Times are much better now. The board has been very lenient during these hard times about pressing tax payments, but after February 1, the board plans to take steps to collect school taxes that are not paid before that date.

For the sake of the schools which have been maintained at such a high standard and for the sake of the children who depend upon your tax payments, the board is appealing to you to pay your school taxes. Such payment will make it possible to continue the schools as before, will save you money by avoiding the payment of penalty and interest and will save the unpleasantness of steps being taken to collect these delinquent taxes. The board must have the money and hopes that all interested in the welfare of the school will make the payment of school taxes first.

**FEW TEAMS NEEDED.**—In the school ground improvement which the board is making largely with the aid of CWA labor, there will be needed a few wagons and teams to be used in setting out grass on the school ground. Patrons who are delinquent in school taxes might arrange to pay part or all of their delinquent school taxes by furnishing a wagon and team to help in this work. If interested, see Mr. Adecock, the president of the board.

## THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

## PRICE BARTON

OUR FIRST LAWS.

One of the wicked decrees of Pharaoh was that every son who was born to the Hebrews should be cast into the river. The mother of Moses managed to hide her baby for three months, and then, unable to secrete him any longer, she made a little cradle and set him afloat in the River Nile near the spot where the daughter of Pharaoh and her maidens came down to bathe.

Pharaoh's daughter took compassion on the pitiful little voyager, carried him with her to the palace and reared him as her own. She gave him his name, Moses, which means "draw-out": "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." The boy grew up with all the educational advantages which the palace could give, but his heart was true to his people. He developed physical strength which was needed when he ran afoul of an Egyptian taskmaster who was abusing a poor Hebrew workman. Moses slew the man and hid his body, and formed then and there the determination to set the Hebrews free.

With his brother Aaron, who was a good talker, which Moses was not, he carried on extended negotiations with Pharaoh, enforcing his arguments by a series of ten plagues that descended upon the Egyptians. In the end he was allowed to lead the Hebrews forth into the wilderness, but Pharaoh changed his mind at the last moment and gave pursuit. It was a fatal decision. The Red Sea, which had separated to let the Hebrews pass through, closed up on Pharaoh and his army and drowned them every one. So Moses was launched on his career as leader of a grumbling, short-sighted and discontented lot of ex-slaves, who continually annoyed him with their complaint that they would rather be back in their slavery than wandering free in the wilderness.

Moses was not only a leader but an executive as well, thanks partly to his father-in-law Jethro. That wise old gentleman, visiting him in the wilderness on a day when he was holding court, saw the tremendous pressure which was on him in his combined capacity of ruler and judge, and protested:

Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee: thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

Acting on the old man's sound advice, Moses associated certain other upright men with him as judges and thus it came about that the people were provided not only with a law—through the Ten Commandments and the comprehensive Mosaic Code—but with a judiciary as well.

Next Week: Monument to Moses' Wisdom.



# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '34—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Waldeline Huskey. Society Editor—Billy Gardner.  
Assistant Editor—Helen Joyner. Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.  
Joke Editor—Jack West.

### SLIME SLANDER.

We Freshmen are getting along fine this year. We have not organized; we don't have any girl pretty enough to be Freshman beauty, but we'll find one yet.

This is a little poem, author unknown, but it suits us fine:  
"In every high school in the land  
There's a happy jolly band of Freshmen."

We're young and silly, carefree, gay,  
Cut few classes any day,  
Or if we chance a call to pay,  
Lose our pencils on the way.

Poor Freshmen.  
Then, too, we always have in mind  
A date: we little lears are kind  
To every "single" handsome boy.  
Yes, kindness is the pride and joy.  
Of Freshmen!

### MY FAVORITE PIECE OF MUSIC.

Night has fallen on this little New Mexican town, and looking up the street between two rows of low, adobe buildings, one can see the sharp, jagged outlines of the Organ mountains, softened by the moonlight. The night is warm and calm, the kind for which southwest New Mexico is famous.

As I stand at the open door, a low, clear strain of music is begun. Slowly at first, then with more volume as the unseen musician becomes more confident, the music weaves its spell. Our next door neighbor is practicing on her violin, and as she plays, I recognize my favorite piece, Payne's "Home, Sweet Home."

As she plays, this western country of cactus, yucca, adobe and sand fades away, and I'm back in Texas.

Home . . . where the blue-bonnetts are blooming now . . . and scissor-tails build their nests in the china-berry tree in the front yard . . . the delicate lavender blossoms of the two big lilac bushes will soon open.

"Home, home, sweet, sweet home!  
There's no place like home!"  
Home . . . in late afternoon . . . Dad coming home for supper . . . my sister, brother and I are home from school . . . mother is making our favorite ginger cookies.

The violinist stops playing, and as I stand in the open door, thinking, a Mexican cowboy clattering over the rough street on his pony breaks the silence.

### DESCRIPTION OF A STUDENT STARTING AN EXAMINATION.

Bright hopeful countenance, firm determined chin, well groomed hair, neat clean clothing, erect posture, willing hands and cheerful personality. He carries a clean white handkerchief, clean paper, ink, pen and paper clip—all very neat.

### DESCRIPTION OF A STUDENT ABOUT TO TURN IN HIS EXAMINATION PAPER.

Desperate grim countenance, tousled hair (note that parts of this substance are lying on the floor around his desk), clothing partly on, slumped position, ink-stained hands and sorrowful personality. He carries a perspiration-soaked handkerchief, scribbled and crumpled up paper, an ink bottle and some pieces of wire that used to be paper clips—very nervous.

### OUR SENIORS.

Neva Malone.

There are two girls in the Senior class who are very quiet. Neva is one of these girls. She is very quiet but exempt had it not been for their deposition. Neva is a very studious girl. The Senior class is proud to have such girls.

Sarah Malone.

Sarah is another girl who is quiet. She makes good in all her subjects, which shows she is willing to try. She is talented in many ways; one is playing the piano. This year Sarah is a member of the Dramatic club.

### HAVE YOU HEARD

That Billy Gardner was talking when she should have been listening last Friday?

That Jack West and L. V. Moore are misogynists?

Kennedy has a "line"?

Jack Cook can't write love letters? Helen lets her notes be passed around in history class?

Some of the Seniors could have been exempt had it not been for their department grades?

The Senior class can't keep a secretary and treasurer from marrying? Harriet went horseback riding the

other day.  
Margaret Miller is going to be the next Senior to be married?  
May Frances likes to fight for her little brother?

De La Vergue certainly misses the show this week.

Vernon and Sylvan are going to get into trouble for writing notes?  
Billie Bernice lost something last Sunday night?

What Bessylea likes to play with in the first study hall?

**TOMFOOLERY.**  
Billie B. G.: "But, daddy, why do you object to my becoming engaged? Is it because of my youth?"  
Dr. Gambill: "Yes. He's hopeless."

Nit: "Oh, yes, I've been married for the best part of a year."  
Wit: "So? When was your wedding?"  
Nit: "About ten days ago."

Billy G.: "Do you like the Four Mills Brothers?"  
M. H. Lancaster: "Oh, I love them. Especially the red-headed one who plays the harp."

Kenneth Cribley: "Let's sit this one out; no one will be the wiser."  
Wanda: "Oh yes; you will."

Eelon: "How much are these cherries?"  
Grocer: "Ten cents a peck."  
Eelon: "What do you think I am? a bird?"

**SOPHOMORE NEWS.**  
All the Sophomores are glad that Billy Woodrum is back in school.

We are proud of our new Sophomore girls, Juanita Bishop.

The Sophomores have made a resolution: they are going to work hard next semester.

Ask:  
Rogers Derrick whom he asked for a date Saturday night.  
Etoil whom she has dates with on Friday nights.

Eva Fae to whom Mr. Riddle caught her throwing a note.  
Mr. Riddle, why he stays up so late at night during midterm exam week.

Opal why she thinks short boys are cute, especially Junior boys.  
Wayman and Jack Lowe where they were Sunday afternoon.

Woodrow Patton whom he was with

Saturday night.  
Ora Derrjek how she likes to be "chief cook and bottle washer."

Did you know  
Mr. Riddle's glasses are becoming to him?  
Janet always chews gum?  
Edgar thought of quitting school and becoming a farmer?

Etoil always has a partner on chapel days?  
Cohrene Morrison is not married yet?

dog that bit you will cure the bite. There are many other superstitions which I will not name.

From eight hundred and seventy-five persons came testimonies of belief in superstitions so this accounts for the money made by fortune tellers today.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**  
The Mail will be glad to 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 return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

**LOCAL SUPERSTITIONS.**  
Many people have superstitions in which they firmly believe, and they refuse to believe that they are not true. Although many times things which people believe are true have been proved false, they still persist in clinging to these beliefs.

Some superstitions which are believed today are: if children wear a black string around their necks, they will not catch contagious diseases; if one's nose is bleeding and a dime is placed on the back of his neck, the bleeding will stop; if a girl for three successive Friday nights throws a pinch of salt into the fire and says:

"It is not this salt I wish to burn, it is my lover's heart to turn;  
That he may never rest nor happy be,  
Until he comes and speaks to me."

On the third Friday night her lover is believed to submit; if there are bubbles in a tea cup, visitors are coming. A blister on the tongue means that the person has told a lie or if it is on the mouth a kiss is suspected; carrying a rabbit's foot, nailing a horseshoe above the door, finding a four-leafed clover and picking up a pin are good omens. A black cat's crossing one's path, Friday's coming on the thirteenth, breaking a mirror or spilling salt will bring bad luck; stomping on dropped books will cause one to have good lessons the next day and stepping on the cracks of paving stones means that the person will fail in his lessons; taking the hair of the

**R & B PALACE**  
Sweetwater

Saturday  
Fay Wray in  
"MADAME SPY"

Sunday-Monday  
Paul Muni in  
"HI NELLIE"  
With Glenda Farrell

Tuesday-Wednesday  
Maurice Chevalier in  
"THE WAY TO LOVE"

Thursday-Friday  
"THE WOMEN IN HIS LIFE"  
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# WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



## FINAL IN STALLMENT.

Snavelly passed her on the run, shouting, "Pack my stuff!" She had left his riding horse at the saddle shed, and now Snavelly hurried into the shed, returning with saddle and bridle.

At the house Ann set about packing the horse. When she saw Snavelly getting into his chaps, she paused and watched him for a moment. Then her eyes turned toward the trail to Old Charley's. It would be dark for some time—Miss Ruth could not have gone far. From the top of the first little hill one could see a long way along the trail; and the rifle would shoot a mile.

As Snavelly mounted his horse at the barn, Ann suddenly ran to the rifle, snatched it up, and disappeared around the southern side of the house. From there she crossed the small gully; and, stooping low, made her way to the trail and hid behind a large boulder.

Snavelly missed the rifle almost as he dismounted at the house. He called Ann in a furious voice. He looked about, ran cursing into the house and out again. Several times he slapped the two revolvers belted around his hips with an air of vexation—revolvers were only good at close quarters. He wanted the rifle. He would need it badly when a posse took his trail.

He soon gave up calling Ann and hastily finished packing the buckskin horse. The last thing he tied on was a half sack of rolled barley he had just brought from the barn. He would look after his horse always.

With the lead rope of the pack horse in his hand, he swung himself into the saddle. And as he mounted, his eyes came to rest on the country he was to ride. Slowly the man's eyes dropped until they rested on the trail which passed over the hill. A sudden tenseness came into his face; his lips fell to twitching and jerking without parting. With a wild insane yell he dug the spurs into his horse, dropped the lead rope of the pack animal and started toward the trail Ruth and David had taken.

Before he had crossed the little gully south of the house, he pulled up his horse with a jerk; Ann stood above him on the trail, the rifle to her shoulder. "You can't hurt them people! You got to take the other trail to Mexico."

Snavelly held his hands away from the guns at his hips; a mask of stony hatred settled over his face. He said nothing.

"Ride down to th' barn—you kin go after while. But wait at th' barn. I doan want you here where you kin talk at me."

For a long moment the man looked at the woman above him; his face set, his eyes narrowed. Then he slowly reined his horse about, rode to the buckskin, and gathering up the lead rope, continued on to the barn.

As soon as he was beyond the point where he would dare try to use his revolvers, Ann settled herself on a rock beside the trail, and the rifle came slowly to rest on her knees. She was trembling.

Ruth had been gone half an hour. Ann decided it would be safe to let him go. Darkness was coming fast. Ann looked down at the rifle, then at the man by the trough. He would need this gun. Ann again looked at the rifle. Quickly she rose, and running with her body bent low, she reached the trail Snavelly would soon pass over. She placed the rifle across the path and returned, a slow smile on her face.

As she reseated herself she saw that Snavelly had already started; the tip of his hat bobbed along over the corral wall. She leaned forward, chin on palm, one huge leg thrust across the trail. Again she smiled slowly—he'd be right pleased when he come on that rifle.

Sugarfoot came to the back screen door of the ranch house and scratched. Ann grinned—it was supper time and nobody could fool that dog. "Here I is, Sugar—come up an' get a spell." A rifle cracked from the direction of the trail to the west. Ann's hand flew to her side. She sat very straight for a moment, an expression of bewilderment on her face. Slowly her head drooped, the great body crumpled, slid from the rock and fell across the trail. Sugarfoot whined and licked the big open hand.

It was long after dark when Old Charley, Will and Ruth crossed the mountains and came among the lower

foothills on the Dead Lantern ranch.

Old Charley rode first, his ancient forty-five on his hip and a Winchester in a sheath under his left stirrup. Ruth followed, then Will. David had been left behind with old Juan and Juana.

The riders were coming down the last hill when Old Charley suddenly halted. His revolver sprung into his hand, and he leaned forward, peering at the ground. "It's Ann!"

Sugarfoot stood guard, growling fiercely. He would allow no one to approach but Ruth, who did not heed him but dropped to her knees beside the giantess. "She's alive, I think—Ann! Ann!"

"Yes, little white girl," Ann whispered faintly. "I been waitin' fer you."

"Let's get her to the house," said Will. "Here, Dad—"

"Wait," cried Ruth. Ann was whispering; the girl bent her head lower. "Don't move me—I ain't got but a minute, little white girl. I jes' want to tell you—Mr. Snavelly an' me was together long ago in Texas—he's my man—we ain't married. We got a little girl—at Saint Mary's Convent in town, she is—Martha Jackson—"

Ann rested for a moment. "Will you look after my little Martha? She—don't know—who her folks is—thinks good people. Don't tell her—no different. Mr. Snavelly don't want nobody to know—but he's been payin' fer her a little—I tol' him I'd tell if he didn't—"

Again the whisper died away for a moment.

"Ann," said Ruth, "I promise to always look after your little girl as long as she needs me."

Ann signed. "Was that where you went, dear, those times you used to go away from the ranch?"

"Yes—that was it. I seen her with the other girls—sometimes I could. But she never know'd nothin' 'bout me—don't tell her no different—she thinks I was good—"

Ruth was sobbing. "I won't."

"Then—if—you kinda look after Sugarfoot—where is you, Sugar?" Ruth pulled the little dog's head down to Ann's cheek. There was a moment of silence, then a faint sigh.

It was just after the fall round-up. David was down by the saddle shed putting the finishing touches to a racer boasting four wire wheels. Sugarfoot lay in the warm dust at a safe distance and watched with alert eyes. A few yards from the barn, old Don Francesco and Alfredo were laying pipes across a long pit, in preparation for to-morrow's barbecue. Just beyond them, under the shade of the big mesquite, Magda sat on a rawhide-covered chair. The small bundle lying so comfortably in her arms stared with great brown eyes into the lacy foliage above.

On the porch of the ranch house Ruth, Will, and Old Charley sat around a small table littered with papers. The old man laid aside his pen, scrutinized the last of three signatures on a legal document, blotted it, and removed his spectacles. "Now"—he raised his eyes to Ruth and Will—

"who knows what's the next step in this business?"

"I guess the money comes next," said Will. "I'll write Ruth a check and then, as far as I can see, the Dead Lantern is legally sold."

Ruth nodded. "I think you'd better make out the amount in two checks; one for three-quarters and the other for one-quarter. Then I'll have my share and Snavelly's heir will have hers. I'm going to buy an annuity for Martha with her share; Judge Carson agreed that was the best thing I could do for my ward," Ruth smiled.

"How is your ward?" asked Will. "Just fine. One of the Sisters is bringing her out for the fiesta to-morrow. Martha's a dear." "Now where are we?" asked Old Charley. "I wish Will had brought Martin along with his documents—this legal business comes too fast for me. As far as I can see, Ruth hasn't got a mite of interest left in the ranch."

"Not a particle," smiled the girl. "Mr. Will Thane is at this moment in entire possession of the Dead Lantern ranch. I have received the value of my interest and Martha, hers. But look at this—" Ruth solemnly tore her check in two pieces.

"Hey!" shouted Old Charley. Will smiled. "That's all right, Dad. Ruth's just simplifying matters." "Yeah? That's nice," replied the old man dubiously. "Sure"—Will pulled another document from his pocket—all she has to do is to sign this and she comes in with us for the value of her original interest in the Dead Lantern."

"Oh, yes," Old Charley lapsed into thought. "Now there's another thing," said Will. "Since the ranches are combined we ought to decide on a brand for all the stock. As it is, part of them are carrying the Dead Lantern iron and the rest have ours. We ought to have a new deal all around. Don't you think so, Dad?"

"Eh? Oh, sure. Yes, everything ought to be under a new brand."

Three pencils began making fanciful scrawls on as many pieces of paper.

At last Ruth pushed a design to the center of the table. "Wouldn't that do?" she asked.

The two men regarded it for a moment. It would," said Old Charley, Ruth had drawn the outline of a lantern, identical with the Dead Lantern except that in the center she had

placed a small half moon with downturned horns.

"It's lit," said Will. "Ruth has lighted the Dead Lantern."

"She sure did," observed Old Charley, thoughtfully. He teetered back on the legs of his chair and fell to stuffing his pipe. With only half a mind he listened to the voices of the young folk; his eyes wandered over the distant valley. The voices faded from his thoughts. After a time, he awoke from his dreaming; David was plodding toward the ranch house, proudly dragging a wobbling contraption on wire wheels behind him. From the boy his eyes dropped to the bent heads of the young people; "—greatest idea in the world, Will; we can move the south pasture fence half a mile east—" "Fine; then with the old line fence and just a bit of new fence we'll have a wonderful holding pasture."

There was a shrewd light in the old man's eyes as he regarded the studious young faces. Rising, he sauntered over to meet David, the gray smoke from his pipe drifting in the air.

While down in the gulch a soft Arizona breeze stirred to flute a harmony of peace and happiness in the cavern of whispering rock.

(THE END.)

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**PERSONALS**

George Groene has returned from a week-end business trip to El Paso.

Miss Mary Eula Sears was the week-end guest of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little in Tuscola.

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

Mrs. Florence Berry is serving as one of the office deputies with County Tax Collector Grady Parmelly.

Mrs. J. E. Musiek of Abilene spent Wednesday here in the home of May and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, old time friends.

W. D. Butler and E. O. Carson have returned from Gilmer in East Texas where they had been in attendance on court duty.

While Charlie Largent is in Garland on business this week, Mrs. Largent and son, C. M. III, are visiting her parents in Iredehl.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell and Jack Pannell and family were afternoon guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Nettie Perkins, at Trent Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Averton and little daughter, Charlotte, accompanied by Miss Helen Cobb, of Abilene, were week-end visitors with relatives here.

Local Manager Richard Pearson and Mrs. Pearson have returned from a visit with Mrs. Pearson's parents, M. and Mrs. W. G. Davis, in Sweetwater.

Miss Loyce Dry, who returned to San Saba after Christmas with her sister, Miss Lorena Dry, is assisting temporarily in the office of the tax collector there.

Miss Dorris Durham has accepted a position as teacher of physical education in the Cross Plains schools, having assumed her new duties Monday morning.

J. J. Barron, owner of the Barron Motor company, left early Tuesday morning for a trip to the Rio Grande valley. He was to be joined at German by his father, J. J. Barron, Sr.

H. M. Vanlandingham, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vanlandingham and daughter, were here from Stanton Tuesday, completing removal of their household goods, etc., to Stanton, their new home.

W. H. Derstine and family, long time residents here, have removed during the week to Lamesa. While regretting to lose them as citizens, The Mail joins many friends in wishing them much success in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case were called to Winters Wednesday on account of the serious condition of Mrs. Case's sister, Mrs. R. P. Penny, who is ill with pneumonia. Friends will regret to learn that there is no improvement in her condition.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Spurgin Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mashburn and son, Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garrison and two children, Billie and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Eteyl Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mashburn and Weslie Mashburn.

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and daughters, Misses Onida Mae and Emogene, and son, Billy Bob, visited over the week-end with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, in San Angelo and little Miss Nancy Sue Darsey, who has been visiting her grandmother since Christmas, accompanied them to visit her new brother, Donovan Wade Darsey.

**NUNN-WEBB.**

With Elder W. G. Cypert, Church of Christ minister, officiating, Miss Lola Webb and Mr. Charlie C. Nunn, of Capitola, about 12 miles northwest of Sweetwater, were united in marriage at the Cypert home at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Texas' gross farm income for the eleven months of 1933 to Nov. 30, is estimated at \$355,427,770, according to Victor H. Shoffelmayer, agricultural editor of the Dallas News—a gain of 44 per cent over 1932. Petroleum refining brought to Texas in 1930 (and probably 1933 is as high or higher) a total of nearly \$520,000,000.

A total of 124,707,130 acres of Texas lands are now under cultivation, where almost every kind of crop known can be found.

**Chevrolet Dealer Enthusiastic Over 1934 Pre-Showing**

Business prospects, both local and national, are decidedly on the mend, in the opinion of Fred Hughes of Hughes Motor company, local Chevrolet dealers, who returned last week-end from Fort Worth where he and his salesmen and several of his customers and friends "pre-viewed" the new 1934 Chevrolet, soon to be announced locally.

Mr. Hughes spent the entire day Thursday at the pre-showing with his guests and members of his organization. There H. C. Howard, zone manager, S. J. Brewer, assistant zone manager, and Earl F. Hayes, sales promotion manager, presented the new line of cars and gave every person present an opportunity to inspect each model.

"With cars like those new Chevrolets to sell, I'm enthusiastic about business prospects for this year," said Mr. Hughes. "I went to Fort Worth expecting a lot, but of course General Motors' 'knee action' front wheels had already been announced, with the promise that they would revolutionize the experience of riding and driving."

"I found this literally true. They convinced us that this new car would absolutely eliminate jolts, jars or shocks at speeds up to fifty or sixty miles per hour. This new car will take ruts and bumps in the roads at high speeds that we would ordinarily take in second. 'Knee action' is only one of the dozen major features embodied in this new Chevrolet.

"Every person I talked to is anxiously awaiting the delivery date of the new cars. Everyone feels as certain as I do that they will put a real, active stimulus behind local business—and when that sort of thing takes place all over the country, good times will really be on the way."

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**UNION RIDGE NEWS.**

The Home Demonstration club of Union Ridge met in the home of Mrs. S. C. Vick for their usual meeting, the members engaging during the afternoon in sewing quilt blocks for Mrs. Vick.

Short subjects were selected for the next meeting which will be in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, February 2.

Members present were Mesdames M. L. Douglas, S. O. Patton, Johnnie Dunn, Floyd Newberry, S. C. Vick, W. A. Harris, O. E. Harwell, O. R. Carey, Gwendolyn Tucker, Pierce Horton, W. J. Derstine, Misses Mabel McRee, and four visitors, Mrs. Jimmie Crow, Wilma McBride, Mrs. McBride and Levena Douglas. The club also welcomed a new member, Mrs. Porter Whitaker.

**ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS.**

Mrs. Wiley SoRelle was hostess to the Eskota Home Demonstration club members on Tuesday afternoon. "Home" was the chief topic discussed. Selections concerning home were read by Mrs. Wiley SoRelle and Mrs. Clayton Nichols, while Mrs. C. B. Johnston read "Home," an impressive poem by Edgar A. Guest.

After a business session foundation patterns were cut, Mrs. C. B. Johnston giving demonstration of cutting out a dress from the foundation pattern.

Members present for the meeting were Mesdames W. J. Farley, C. B. Johnston, Clayton Nichols, A. I. Dodson and Wiley SoRelle.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. W. J. Farley on Tuesday, Feb. 13. No plans have been made yet for the program, but Miss Velma Head, home demonstration agent, will be with the club at that time.

**NOODLE H. D. C. NOTES.**

The Noodle Home Demonstration

club is very busy at present with the various activities undertaken recently. Miss Sue Bonner, Jones county home demonstration agent, will give a demonstration this week on quality meats. The club has begun piecing a quilt containing 160 names at ten cents each.

The one-act play, entitled "Twelve Old Maids," will be presented in Noodle High school auditorium Tuesday evening January 30. Time is one hour; the prices of admission, adults, 10 cents and children 5 cents.

The cast of characters reads: Mrs. Beamer, a good schemer, Mrs. Joe Sesebee.

Liza Pearl, her hired girl, Mrs. Woodrow Justice.

Madame Zikiller, a fortune-teller, Mrs. Waldo Cox.

Selina Zook an A-1 cook, Mrs. Troy Sloan.

Matilda Zinn, wants-to-be-thin, Mrs. Lyle Cade.

Lizzie Lidy, awful tidy, Mrs. Jim Sloan.

Jemima Routt, rather stout, Mrs. Claud Jinkins.

Ethel McWhade, a poetical maid, Mrs. O. L. Justice.

Mary Ann Fites, wants-her-rights, Miss Cleo Reece.

Mandy Menter, from Punkin Center, Mrs. Kirby Goode.

Katie O'Floss, loves to boss, Mrs. J. M. Spurgin.

Loretta McCann, wants-her-mum, Mrs. Gene Reece.

Cerinthly Fling, does nothing but sing, Mrs. Vernie Merritt.

Lucindy Toots, who elopes, Mrs. A. C. Sesebee.

Eliza Neff, slightly deaf, Mrs. Cooper.

Mystic Oramm, a little man, Mrs. R. C. Goode.

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**Hodge Resumes Control Of Queen Theatre Here**

Having just returned from a trip to Dallas, H. T. Hodge, owner of the Queen theatre and who will take over the operation of Merkel's motion picture theatre since Frank Benson terminated his lease, announces that he has secured many of the best bookings of Paramount, Metro, Warner Bros. and First National for early showing.

S. F. Nesmith, former manager here for Mr. Hodge, will remove to Merkel with his wife next week and will be in direct charge of the theatre.

For Friday and Saturday of this week, with Saturday matinee, Tim McCoy will be shown in "Man of Action," also a two reel Fatty Arbuckle comedy, "Get the Dough," and the serial, "Perils of Pauline."

The preview for Saturday night at 11 o'clock will be James Cagney in "Lady Killer," which will also be shown Monday and Tuesday nights.

For the present, the theatre will be dark on Wednesday and Thursday nights, but Mr. Hodge expressed the hope that business would justify resumption of full time at an early date.

Frank Benson, who operated the Queen under lease for the past six months, made many friends here by reason of his thorough understanding of the show business, his publicity stunts and his boundless and go-getting energy. He was assisted by his wife as cashier and it is with regret that Merkel will lose this estimable couple.

There were 35.5 persons to the square mile in the United States in 1920.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

**Record of Births.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon McDonald, Stith, Friday, January 19, 1934.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isenburg, residing north of town, Tuesday, January 23, 1934.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Stith, Tuesday, January 23, 1934.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Barker, Thursday, January 25, 1934.

**Big Thrill For Sonora Girl.**

Sonora, Jan. 25.—The biggest thrill in Eleanor Hanson's life came Tuesday when John J. Raskob of New York tipped her with a \$20 bill for lunch at the cafe where she worked. Raskob was en route to California with another man whose identity was not known here.

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RUCK SIBLEY.  
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**For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:**  
ORIEN HIGGINS.  
A. D. FULTON.

**For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:**  
A. J. CANON, (Re-election.)  
L. L. MURRAY.  
ANDY SHOUSE.

**For County Tax Assessor-Collector:**  
GRADY PARMELLY.

## LEGAL NOTICE.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ethel M. Thornhill by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the fourth Monday in February, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1933, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1861-B, wherein E. A. Thornhill is plaintiff, and Ethel M. Thornhill is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about January 4th, 1930, and separated about March, 1931; Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is alleged in his original petition;

Herein fail not to have before said court, at its next term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 10th day of January, A. D. 1934.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk.  
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Zola McRee, Deputy.

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# L. L. Murray Makes Formal Announcement

L. L. Murray is again asking the voters of precinct No. 2 to give him their support for county commissioner and in this connection has prepared the following statement:

"I was defeated by only eight votes two years ago and I do not have words to express my gratitude to the voters for their support at that time.

"As time has taught us all lessons worth while, I feel more deeply the responsibilities of the place to which I am asking you to elect me. As I said to the voters two years ago, I do not have a lot of promises to make, but I will say that, if you will honor me with this place, I will devote my entire time to the job for the interest of the people.

"Most all of the people in the precinct know me personally; I have lived in Merkel for the past eleven years; my business ability has been before and with the people of this precinct for these eleven years and I have tried at all times to stand for and support the things in the community that make it a better place in which to live.

"Some years ago I had quite a lot of experience in road work. That is a very important part of the commissioner's job, but not the most important by any means.

"Without saying anything further, let me again ask for your vote and influence for this place, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

"Thanking you in advance for your support, I am

"Yours to serve,

"L. L. Murray."

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.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Up to Thursday morning the Cecil Guthrie No. 1 on the W. G. Campbell tract in southwest Jones county, which made a good oil showing early last week, had not been drilled in, operations waiting for cement to set.

Misses Betty Lou and Marilyn Sue Grimes, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, were on the program of the Irene Jay Dance revue staged at Stamford last Friday night and as usual the Merkel girls proved pleasing entertainers.

Since the return of Dr. R. I. Grimes from a visit with his brother in Austin, the offices of Drs. Grimes and Zehnennig have been completely renovated and re-painted and visitors will find the entire interior, waiting rooms and offices, spick and span.

Earl Teague, tinner and plumber, moved the latter part of last week from the Porter building on Edwards street to the Boden building on Elm street, next door to the church Motor company, where he is well established now in large, commodious quarters.

Roy Largent, who underwent an appendicitis operation at the Brown-wood hospital on Saturday, Jan. 13, is reported doing nicely and will probably be able to be removed to his home by the end of this week.

## PHOTOS.

Six for 25c. Will be in Merkel Saturday, January 27, at Orchid Beauty Shoppe.

H. S. Holt.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Words fail us when we try to express our appreciation and love to those who were so faithful and loyal to us in our sorrow. We thank each one that came to us in sympathy and pray God's blessings on each and everyone.

Mrs. R. M. Beasley.  
Malcolm Beasley and Family.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

# Greyhound Races

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ADMISSION 25c—Children Under 12 FREE

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Mineral Wells, Texas

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JANUARY 26 AND 27

**Spuds 10 lbs. 25c**

**STRAWBERRIES, pint 15c**

**APPLES, large Winesap, dozen 30c**

**ORANGES, large Red Ball, dozen 30c**

**Grape Fruit Texas dozen 55c**

**APPLES, School Size, each 1c**

**LETTUCE, 2 heads 9c**

**SOUP R & W all Can 9c**  
**flavors 3 cans 25c**  
**6 cans 49c**

**ALL BRAN, 2 packages 25c**

**PEAS, No. 2 can Kuners, each 15c**

**CUT BEANS, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c**

**SPINACH, No. 2, each 10c**

**ASPARAGUS, No. 1 can, R & W, each 15c**

**PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, B & W, sliced 2 for 35c**

**Pears R&W No. 1 can 15c**  
**No. 2 1-2 can 23c**

**GRAPE NUTS FLAKES, pkg. 10c**

**CHOCOLATE, cooking, 1-2 lb. 20c**

**SYRUP, Maple, pint 25c**

**Coffee Sun Up, lb. 19c**  
**Sun Up, 3 lbs. 55c**

**LUX FLAKES, pkg. 12c**

**LUX TOILET SOAP, cake 8c**

**LIFEBUOY SOAP, 2 for 15c**

**RINSO, large pkg. 23c**

**Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c**

**BAKING POWDER, K. C. 25 oz. can 19c**

**Peaches No. 10 can 39c**

**FRESH PRUNES, No. 10 can 39c**

**CATSUP, R & W, bottle 18c**

**SYRUP Mary Jane, No. 5 30c**  
**Mary Jane, No. 10 58c**

**SOAP Luna 10 bars 19c**

**PICKLES, sour or dill, quart 19c**

**Dressing G & W quart 25c**

**TAMALES, B & W No. 2 can, 2 for 25c**

**CHEESE, Full Cream, pound 17c**

**Bacon sliced pound 19c**

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS



TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

O. L. Howell of Abilene was a passing caller on relatives here one day last week.

Pierce Bonner and wife of Clyde visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, last Wednesday. They were accompanied by Mr. Bonner's mother, who also lives at Clyde and who was a guest of Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Lavelle Stevens of Dallas visited with his grandparents here last week, also attending to business.

Miss Mattie Scott of Abilene was here to attend the funeral of R. M. Beasley, also visiting in the home of her brother, Spurgeon Scott.

On last Thursday morning about 5:30 fire broke out in George Howell's grocery store and literally destroyed the contents, also doing great damage to E. L. Mangum's store. The origin of the fire has not as yet been determined. Mr. Howell came as usual to his store and lit the stove and then stepped out to the cafe to get a cup of coffee. His first knowledge of the fire was the alarm. The fireboys rendered splendid service.

Rev. and Mrs. Howell of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers last Tuesday evening. They were en route home after attending the workers conference at Shiloh.

Mrs. Chamlee of Ireland, accompanied by her father, Mr. Adams, returned home last Friday after being in the home of her sister, Mrs. M. G. Scott, for the past few days.

Mrs. Earl Baze visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. Dowdy, also with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens one day last week.

Miss Sally Freeman spent several days last week in Abilene, being a guest of her cousin, Mrs. S. E. Pass.

After spending a week with her grandson, Hurlt O'Kelley, and family, Grandma Smith returned to Abilene Saturday where she is spending the winter in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. O'Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams and daughter, Wanda Lou, of Goodman lunched in the Nalley home Sunday and in the afternoon they all motored to Sweetwater and attended the singing there.

Last Thursday J. E. Freeman received a message that his son, George, in Phoenix, Ariz., was very low and he left immediately. After he left another message came that his son had died. As yet the funeral arrangements have not been learned.

Mrs. Tarver of Wink, formerly of this place, visited friends here last week and also attended Mr. Beasley's funeral. She was accompanied by Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children, who paid their relatives a visit while here.

Brother Tucker preached at the Christian church Sunday and was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Steadman. In the afternoon they attended singing at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly and son, Kenneth, of Snyder were guests in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Burnie Forrester, Sunday for a short visit.

Recently we have taken a few subscriptions for the Merkel Mail. We appreciate this very much and think the paper is certainly worth the price. Hand us your subscriptions.

Mrs. E. M. Rogers of Harmleigh, formerly of this place, is in the hospital at Abilene. Her condition is very serious at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Orand and son, Melton, left Monday for a short trip to Greenville.

Mrs. J. B. Strawn of Greenville is here for an indefinite visit with her son. She was accompanied by her daughters, Mesdames R. V. McCool and O. K. Graves, of Denison, who also paid their brother a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers have recently moved here from near Merkel. We extend them a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Joe Tyler of Abilene returned home Tuesday after visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fulton, two weeks. Called here on account of her mother's illness she left her much improved.

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Rites Friday for R. M. Beasley, Well Known Trent Citizen

After an extended illness of some months, R. M. Beasley succumbed at an early hour last Thursday morning at his home in Trent. He leaves his wife and two sons to mourn his death, also five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church, of which he was a member, at 2:30 Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Frank Johnson, of Goeree, former pastor, assisted by Rev. P. H. Gates of Merkel and Brother Reaves, his present pastor.

A number of out of town folks attended the funeral, which was also largely attended by friends and neighbors, despite the bad weather. Among those from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beasley and son, Richard, Mrs. J. M. Canipe, Rosebud, and S. E. Armstrong of San Angelo.

Active pall bearers were: Hale McRee, T. D. Scott, Leon Ashford, T. G. Hamner, Okley Reed and Buster Edwards.

Flower girls were: Mrs. Buster Edwards, Mrs. Carl Edwards, Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Mrs. C. C. McRee. Assisting with the flowers were: Mesdames Leon Ashford, T. D. Scott, Leonard Abernathy, John Strawn, Hale McRee, Misses Maurine Smith, Virgie Strawn, Anna Bell Bailey and Lillian McRee.

Honorary pall bearers were: Carl Edwards, Bert McRee, Tom Williamson, Louie McRee, Alex Williamson, E. L. Mangum, M. G. Scott, J. A. Scott, O. A. Smith, John Strawn, Bry Burkhardt and Leonard Abernathy.

GOLAN NEWS

We are glad to have these new families that have moved into our midst: Mr. Belvin of Sylvester, Mr. Kinsey of Turkey, Mr. Kid and Mr. Hennington of Lorraine and Mr. Dunn of Goodman. Those families leaving our community will be greatly missed but best wishes follow them.

J. W. McCain has been seriously ill of pneumonia for a week. Death came at one o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Doris Winter was the proud recipient of many nice presents Friday evening at a shower given by her close friend, Mrs. Dick Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of near Post were visitors here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Med Heron and children of near Sylvester were visitors in the H. F. Jeffrey home Sunday.

The Juniors are thanking Homer Finch for a new basketball.

Ovill Hill of Truby visited home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom were in Abilene Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were attending business in Anson Saturday.

Milt Montgomery is moving to Sylvester soon where he is engaged in blacksmithing.

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Parmelly Candidate for Tax Assessor-Collector



GRADY PARMELLY

Grady Parmelly, now serving as county tax collector, announced Saturday as a candidate for the office of county assessor-collector, the newly combined office.

Mr. Parmelly's announcement was very brief. It follows:

To the people of Taylor county: For the past year I have tried to make you an honest, courteous, and efficient tax collector. I am now a candidate for the office of assessor-collector. If I am favored with this place, I will try at all times to give every person alike, the best service possible, I will surely appreciate your influence and support.

Grady Parmelly.

COTTONSEED WANTED.

We are in the market for cottonseed. See Bill Sheppard or C. V. Sheldons; will trade hulls and meal for ton.

NOODLE NEWS

Rev. J. R. Murdock preached at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and Elder Childress of A. C. C. preached at the Church of Christ here Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. W. R. Reaves of Trent will preach here at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon.

E. W. Herring and J. R. Murdock went to Fort Worth and Dallas last Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. S. Herring and son, Ollie, left for their home at Robstown Sunday after an extended visit here and at other points in West Texas and New Mexico. On their return they went via Dallas where they expect to visit relatives for a few days.

C. L. Landrum and wife of Roswell, N. M., visited their friends, Prof. and Mrs. J. K. Goode, several days last week. They also visited friends at Santa Anna, being accompanied by Mrs. Goode.

Mrs. G. C. Ely and son, Verna, and Horace Black left Monday for Capitan, N. M., where they will visit Mrs. Ely's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Crow left Sunday for Little Rock, Ark., where they will visit relatives.

Little Miss Teni Goode, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. K. Goode, entertained a number of her little friends last Tuesday afternoon from 4 until 6 with a party, the occasion being her seventh birthday. Cake and hot chocolate were served to Louise Cox, Imogene Bird, Tera May and Flora D. Murdock, Mary Jo and Bobby Nell Bicknell, Dorothy and Bobby Lee Barbee, Juanita Morgan, Billy Jean Sosbee, Erma and Betty Lou Herring, Donald Cade, Clinton Bird, Peggy Lou and Dorothy Goode, Ronald Lee Bell, Margaret and Elaine Goode, Ava Ruth Sosbee, Maude and Norma Green.

Joyce and Menevl Love, Charisic May Smith, Iris Eoff, Frances Myrick, Mrs. Carlton Vick and Mrs. Smith.

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Services at Mt. Pleasant. Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Baptist church at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

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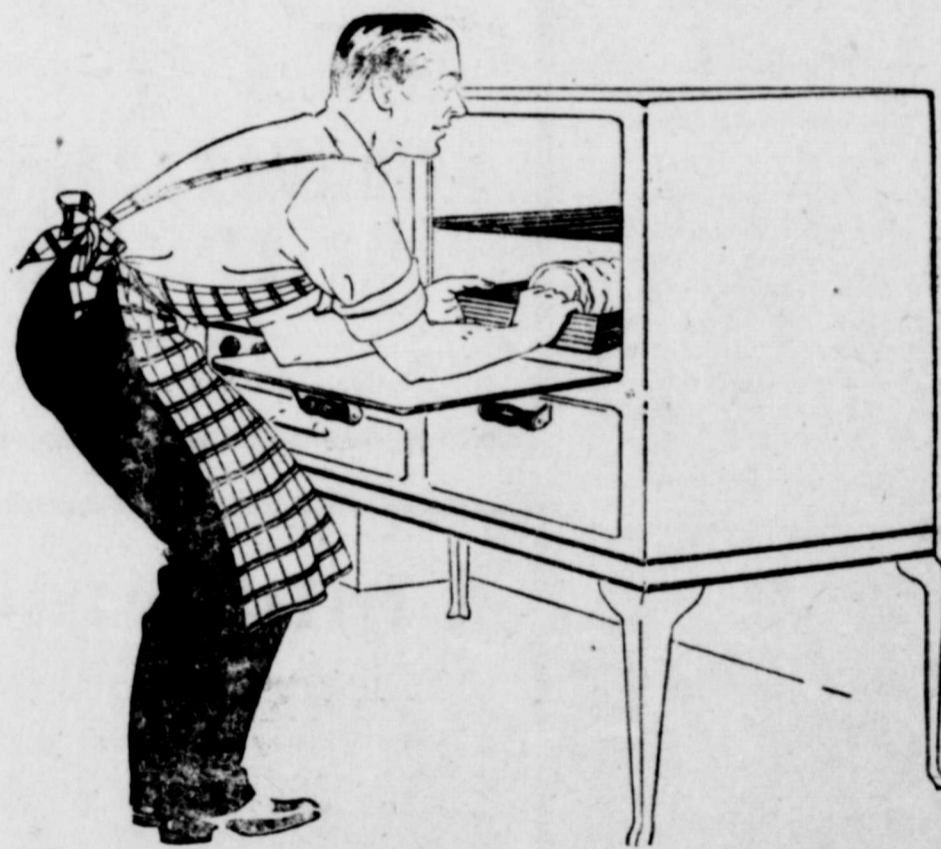
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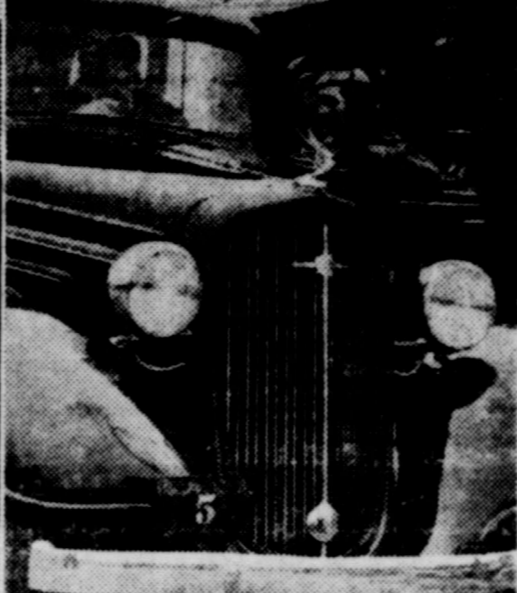
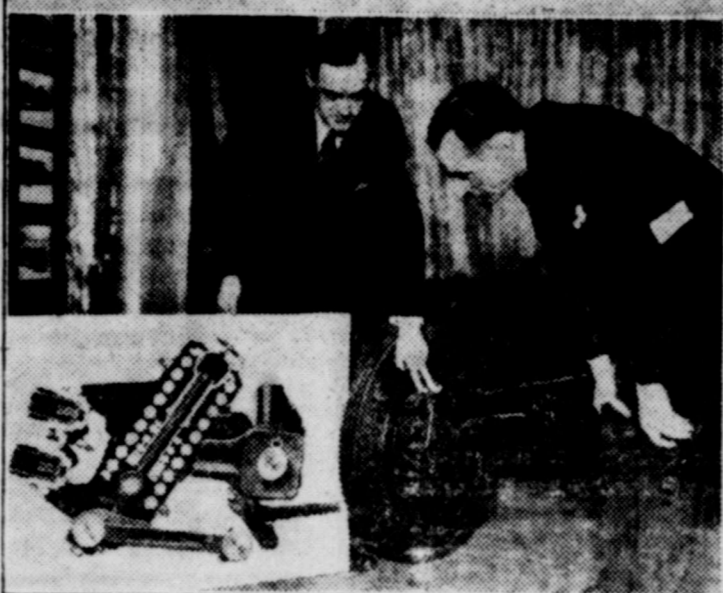
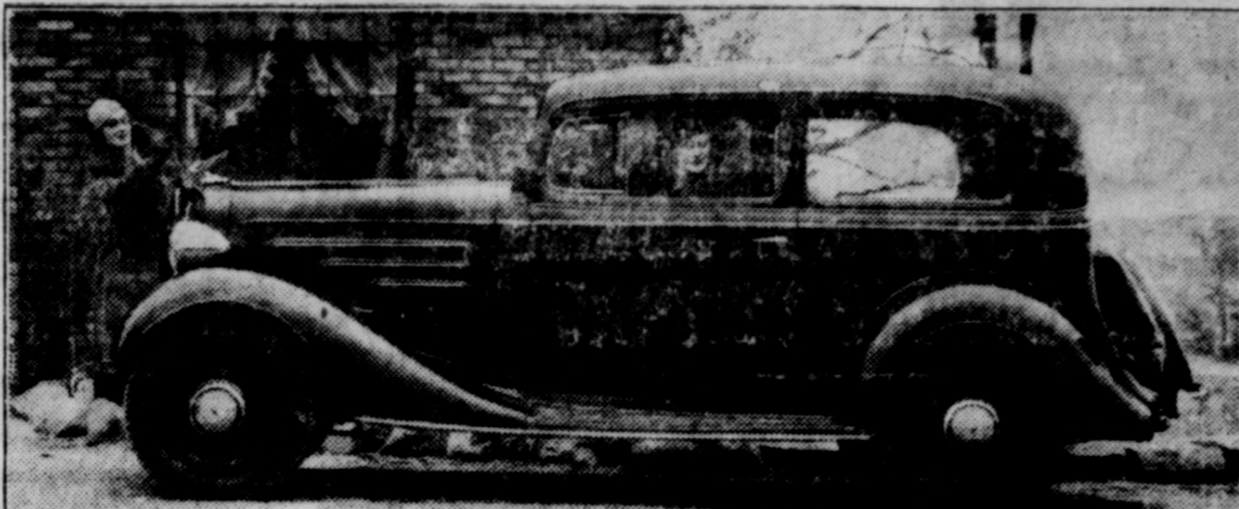
### Andy Shouse Asks Voters for County Commissioner Post

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:  
 Unsolicited by friends, I am announcing myself as a candidate for county commissioner of precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the democratic primaries in July.  
 I am 32 years old and have lived in Taylor county nearly all of my life. I am well acquainted with most of the voters in this precinct and feel that they know me sufficiently well to judge of my qualifications to fill this place. I have had seven years experience in road work in precinct No. 2 under Phillip Diltz, which experience should be especially valuable to one aspiring to serve as your county commissioner.  
 To those who do not know me, all that I ask is for you to investigate my record as a citizen and a supporter of good government.  
 Earnestly soliciting your vote and influence, I am  
 Sincerely Yours,  
 Andy Shouse.

### White Church News

Our entire community was made very sad on last Monday afternoon when the remains of Miss Betty Strickland of Sweetwater were brought here and placed by the side of her father and mother, who had preceded her in death by a number of years. Miss Betty, as she was known to so many friends, passed away at 5:30 Sunday afternoon at her home in Sweetwater. Rev. Mr. Yarborough of Sweetwater conducted a brief service at the graveside. Her going reminds us that one by one the old settlers are being called away, she having been one of the early settlers in the Canyon. She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Mary Hale and Miss Sallie Strickland, all of Sweetwater. We all have a heart filled with sympathy for the bereaved ones.  
 Rev. Mr. Kendall of Abilene filled his regular day here Sunday and Sunday night, preaching to good crowds at both services. We are learning to appreciate our new preacher very much. It is indeed an inspiration to hear this young man preach. Rev. and Mrs. Kendall were dinner guests of Mrs. Pressly and her mother, Mrs. W. H. Brown.  
 Friends of Mrs. W. L. (Bill) Brown are sorry to hear of her not doing so well at this time. We certainly hope she will soon be well again.  
 We have been having a number of "flu" victims here, among them being Mrs. P. A. Riggan and Mrs. Curtis Conley and children.  
 Uncle Dan and Aunt Dollie Matthews and son, Mortia, have moved into our community for another year.

### New "Knee-Action" Chevrolet Gives Passengers Ride Like a Glide



In the design and development of the new 1934 Chevrolet, particular attention has been given to driver and passenger comfort, all annoying sensations of disagreeable sound and feeling having been eliminated. The upper photo shows the new Chevrolet coach with its long, sleek lines. Wind rush has been eliminated by the Fisher No Draft Ventilators and the new streamlined bodies. Chevrolet's "Knee-Action" wheels enjoy the advantage of being completely enclosed in a weatherright housing; the coil springs and shock absorbers ride in a bath of oil. William E. Holler, Chevrolet's general sales manager, is shown at the left holding a chart which shows the internal construction of the system. The radiator of the new car has added beauty through its graceful and sharply pointed design. Smartness has been the theme in every line of this year's Chevrolet.

The driver and passengers in the new 1934 Chevrolet get a ride like the glide of an airplane. One of the main factors in improving the riding qualities of the new car to such a great extent is the "Knee-Action"—or independently sprung front wheels, to use the technical term.  
 So much has been written about independent springing that the public has doubtless concluded that it is something too technical to understand. As a matter of fact, there is nothing complicated about either the principle involved or the construction of the system. Chevrolet's "Knee-Action" enjoys the advantage of being enclosed in a welded weatherright housing in which the entire spring mechanism and shock absorbers ride up and down in a bath of oil.  
 An automobile gives a perfect ride when both the front and rear springs have the same "frequency," or tension. Actually this has been impossible to carry out in the past because the front springs had to be over twice as "stiff" as the rear springs in order to hold the front axle, wheels and brakes in place. In independent

springing, the wheels and spring mechanism are rigidly attached directly to the frame and there is no front axle. By relieving the front springs of the task of carrying wheels and axle, therefore, it became possible to make the front springs as "soft" as the rear springs. When the new Chevrolet strikes an irregularity in the road, both front and rear move up and down with the same frequency—there is no inclination on the part of the rear end of the car to leap into the air and throw the passengers forward and upward.  
 Chevrolet's "Knee-Action" has additional advantages all contributing to a comfort in riding never before thought possible in a motor car. There is a decided improvement in handling, steering, safety at high speeds and tire economy.  
 In design, the front spring is a neat, compact and efficient unit, as Mr. Holler points out in the above picture. The entire spring mechanism is attached rigidly to the frame. From this enclosed unit the wheels spring vertically at the ends of strong, steel horizontal arms.

### STITH NEWS

Hello, folks, the lost chicken has returned.  
 The Stith people were entertained Saturday with a rodeo.  
 The outsider girls matched the school girls with a ball game Monday afternoon and were defeated 8 to 10. Those playing on the outside team were: Mrs. Dunagin, Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Mrs. Kelso Gladys Hines, Louise Mashburn and Oleta Reddin.  
 After a long illness Mrs. C. G. Hines has been reported some better.  
 Miss Bobbie Jacks and Louise Mashburn were visitors in the home of Miss Oleta Reddin Sunday.  
 The Stith young people of the M. E. church carried a program to Tye Sunday night. All present enjoyed it very much.  
 Gladys Hines, after being a student at the Guest beauty shoppe, is an op-

erator there and, if you wish to be pretty, just go down and have her to work on you. She is one of the best hair dressers you will find.  
 Stith has several new families which have moved off lately and we wish to invite all out to Sunday School and church.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bell will be visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Hines, soon.  
 The school children have some very fine chapel programs on Monday mornings. We wish to invite everyone out.  
 Road work around here has begun to open up.  
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**SOCIETY**

**CHILDRESS-DYE.**  
A wedding of wide interest was solemnized on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dye when Miss Valerie Dye became the wife of J. C. Childress. Simplicity marked every detail of the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dye and Miss Maxie Banner being the only attendants. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the Baptist church, read the impressive ceremony that made them man and wife, promptly at 8 o'clock.

Miss Valerie is the daughter of Mrs. J. R. Dye. She possesses a gracious and lovable personality that was friends for her wherever she goes. She is also a very capable leader in church activities.

Mr. Childress has been our local agent for the Texas and Pacific railway for a number of years; affable, entirely competent, a man of sterling character, he has the respect and confidence of all railroad officials as well as everyone here. The Mail joins the hosts of friends of this fine couple in proffering sincerest congratulations to them both.

They are at home with the bride's mother, Mrs. J. R. Dye.

**MAYFIELD-SMITH.**

Miss Ola Ellen Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Marvin Smith, became the bride of Homer Mayfield, of Anson, Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:50 in the home of Rev. J. A. Owens, Presbyterian pastor of Albany, the Rev. Owens and his wife being old friends of the bride.

This marriage is the culmination of a romance begun in Draughon's Business college, Abilene, which both attended following their graduation from their respective high schools.

The bride is an attractive and popular member of Merkel's younger set, also a leader in religious activities in the Presbyterian church, and in her Senior year at Merkel Hi was the editor-in-chief of the Badger Weekly. She looked especially lovely for her wedding in a dress of blue with grey accessories.

The groom is the son of Mr. J. A. Mayfield of Anson. His High school athletic prowess will be remembered; he is also a graduate of Draughon's Business college and a man of keen business ability, with a host of friends who extend congratulations to the popular couple. They will be at home for the present with the groom's father, four miles west of Anson.

**LANCASTER-PROCTOR.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor announced the marriage of their daughter, Julia, to Ed V. Lancaster on July 15, by means of announcement cards placed in the mail on Thursday of last week. The ceremony was read in Durant, Okla., the Rev. Robert Davis, Baptist pastor at that place, officiating. The bride was returning from a visit with relatives in Louisville, Ky., and was met in Dallas by Ed and they drove to Durant for the marriage.

Mrs. Lancaster is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor. She is a Senior in High school and will continue as a member of the class in order to receive her diploma in May. She is known for her blond beauty and smiling personality and is a popular leader in all school activities.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Lancaster. He is a graduate of Abilene High school and later attended Simmons university. He is now proprietor of the Philco Radio shop on Kent street. Ed is regarded as one of Merkel's rising young business men and the best wishes of everyone go with this popular young couple. They are now at home in one of the Richie apartments.

**SHOWER.**

The home of Mrs. A. V. Dye was the scene of a pretty party on last Friday afternoon when Mrs. Claude Dye and Mrs. Ray King were co-hostesses in entertaining for Mrs. Miller King, recent bride, honoring her with a miscellaneous shower. She was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts and at the tea hour delicious refreshments of cherry pie, whipped cream and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames Miller King, Joe Owen, M. G. King, A. V. Dye, W. L. Diltz, Johnnie Jacobs, Ari Sharp, Wm. O'Bryant, L. L. Murray, G. M. Sharp, Misses Billy Gardner, Missie Dye, Helen Heeter, Caribel Mansfield, Minnie Ferguson, Ethel King and the hostesses.

**WORLD CLUB.**

The Boys and Girls World club met at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a social given by Mrs. P. H. Gates, assisted by Flo Rider, superintendent.

Games were played and "Big Nick-

# CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
Attendance at the six reporting Sunday schools here last Sunday was 785, as compared with 782 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 775.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Our pastor, Brother Joyner, preached to a full house Sunday morning on "The Doctrines of Prayer." (Ephesians 1:17-18.) He stressed the hopes of the Christian and the glories of the redeemed.

Our pastor left Tuesday to attend "The Pastors' Retreat" meeting at Cisco. He will return home Friday.

There is a growing interest noticed in all the affairs of the church. We had five additions Sunday. If you are a Baptist and are holding your letter, come and join us for we need you in the Master's work. "The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few."

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

The W. M. S. will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock to observe a day of prayer for our aged ministers.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. There will be no preaching service, morning nor night, as this is the pastor's Sunday at Baird.

Everyone should attend Sunday School regardless of whether the church service follows. Come to Sunday School and visit one of the other churches.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Services for next week are as follows: Bible study Lord's day 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 5 p. m., preaching 7:15 p. m. and services for Wednesday will be Bible study 7 p. m., followed by a sermon by one of the A. C. C. preacher students.

The subject for Lord's day morning

will be "The Church at Perganum" and for 7:15 "The Divine Name, of Why I am Not a Campbellite." You are invited to attend these services with us.

The Elders.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Come over and help us was a cry from a needy people; this cry was heard in the night visions by a man of God. The call still rings in the ears of God's people to this good day. Church people, are you hearing that call? If so, let us go forward and go to the needy with a message of salvation and a Saviour that saves from all sin. Come, let us worship the Lord.

Services for this week: Sunday Sunday School 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m.; preaching 7:30 p. m.; community singing Tuesday night at 7:30 and prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Last Sunday was a good day in our Sunday School and preaching services; we were glad to see you out. Yet there were some of our people who were not with us and we want you to know that we missed you. So come next Sunday—the hour 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Serving God with What We Have." We had four names to announce for membership by certificate and one for baptism last Sunday; glad to have the new members and, if you live in Merkel and have membership somewhere else, why not place your membership with us?

Leagues meet at their usual hours. Preaching at 7 p. m. Come and worship with us—we are always glad to have you.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

We all rejoiced last Sunday as we witnessed backsliders coming back to God. The spirit of consecrated service for God is permeating the entire membership of our church. Love and unity, humility, unselfishness and consecrated love in an unjealous spirit by every member of the church will

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About 40 people met in a glorious cottage prayer meeting Monday night. Thursday night we meet at Brother Charlie Price's, Friday night at Brother Reagh's. Everybody welcome to these cottage prayer meetings.

We thank God for our fine consecrated young people who are so faithful. We expect to begin a revival the first Sunday in February. We call every member of our church and our many friends to prayer for the revival. We welcome you to our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

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