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On the "Broadway of America"

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162 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Seniors Lead High School Group With 37 Per Cent on List; Miss Juanita Huskey, Sophomore, Leads High School.

One hundred sixty-two pupils in the Merkel schools this six weeks made the honor roll. Of these 107, were from grammar school and 55 from high school. About 25 per cent of all pupils in both buildings were on the roll. The Senior class let the High school with 37 per cent of their class meeting the requirements. Coming next in order were Juniors with 34 per cent, Freshmen with 17 per cent and Sophomores with 16 per cent.

Juanita Huskey, a Sophomore, led the High school with an average of 96 per cent. Coming second with a 95 per cent average were Ora Derrick, Clifton Bellamy and Margaret Miller.

FIRST SEMESTER GRADES.
On last Thursday, students received their cards for the first half-year's work. These records show quite a number of failing or "red" grades. Here again, the Seniors led with the fewest number of "red" marks. Only 7 per cent of the grades given Seniors were failing grades, that is, one in fourteen were "red." Juniors come next with 9 1/2 per cent with red marks, or one in eleven. Sophomores come third with 13 per cent making failing grades, while the Freshmen had 20 per cent of their grades "red" ones. One in five grades given Freshmen were failing grades.

Parents are urged by Supt. R. A. Burgess to co-operate to see that regular study habits are formed. "Regular home study," he said, "together with attention to this work at school will greatly reduce this number of failing grades. Children fail in school for about the same reasons that adults fail in life—they are not willing to pay the price in the hard work that it takes to succeed."

The complete list of names on the honor roll for the last six weeks period follows:

- GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**
First Grade, Miss Nash.
Stanley Riddle, 95; Juanita Walker, 94; Benny Kemper, 93; Ted McAninch, 92; Louis Rayburn, 92; Ikey Turner, 92; Jimmie Speck, 91.
First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Ralph Hardy, 95; Della Massey, 96; Pearl McMillin, 94; Lanier Hicks, 95; Marvin Miller, 92; Bedford Dunn, 91; Donald Derrington, 90.
Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
Patricia Leonard, 95; George Mack Owens, 95; Willie Sue Morgan, 95; Bea Smith, 95; Avalene Mathews, 96; Don Hutcheson, 95; Johnie McDonald, 94; Dorris Mae Lepard, 94; Peggy Joyce Toombs, 94; Billy Bob Hulsey, 93; Matilene London, 91; Nedra Swafford, 91.
Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Dorothy Nell Groene, 95; Dorothy (Continued on Page Four)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

During the fifty years since the University of Texas opened, a total of 231,391 individuals have matriculated, according to the latest report of the university registrar.

Victim of a freakish accident, Miss Hazel Langford, 21, was fatally crushed by a 200-pound keg of beer that fell on her when a beer truck and a bus collided at Houston.

Walter A. Dealey, 43, vice president of the A. H. Belo corporation, publishers of the Dallas News and Dallas Journal, died suddenly at his home Wednesday of a heart attack.

Henry W. Flato, 54, who served with Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American war, died Sunday at his home in Laredo after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Upton of Cooper, Texas, who had been married only three days before, were found dead Monday in a cabin of a Mineral Wells tourist camp, death having been due to asphyxiation.

The accidental discharge of his 12-gauge shotgun, as he climbed through a fence of his farm home to shoot a hawk at the barn, caused the death of Lyndon Treadwell, 19-year-old Hamlin high school youth Monday.

A gain of 56 per cent was recorded in dollar sales in 91 Texas retail stores during December as compared with those in November, and 22 per cent gain over December, 1932, was reported by the University of Texas Bureau of Business research.

While the house Tuesday passed a bill extending the time limit for payment of automobile licenses, in accordance with the suggestion of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, the senate Wednesday killed the measure by a vote of 8 to 12 against final passage.

On information of a girl hiker, whom he picked up in Oklahoma, W. H. Bybee, one of the long term Texas convicts freed by Clyde Barrow on January 16 from the Eastham state prison farm near Huntsville, was arrested by Amarillo police Tuesday.

The 100 foot suspension bridge over Red river, 15 miles north of Bonham, which was built several years ago and was used as a toll bridge before being sold to the states of Texas and Oklahoma, jointly, collapsed late Monday night and tumbled into the river.

Stoker Ranch Sold For \$44,500 Cash
Sale of the 6,492-acre K. Stoker ranch, located at the head of Elm creek in the western part of the county, to E. R. McDaniel, J. S. McDaniel, S. M. McDaniel and S. M. Jay, all of Abilene, for a cash consideration of \$44,500 was announced last week.

The ranch is said to have been one of the first to be established in this section of the country, the present ranch house, a rock structure, having been built by W. A. (Doc) Grounds over 54 years ago.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR REV. JOBE AT RANGER FRIDAY

Was Citizen of Merkel 18 Years, Moving to Ranger in 1924; Active in Evangelistic Work Over Fifty Years.

Funeral services for Rev. A. L. Jobe, 82 years old, a former resident of Merkel, were held at the Central Baptist church of Ranger on Friday, January 26, a number of friends of the family from Merkel and Abilene being present for the funeral.

Rev. M. Jobe died at 6 o'clock Thursday morning, January 25, following a paralytic stroke the Saturday before. He was a resident of Merkel for 18 years, having moved to Ranger in 1924.

Born in Georgia July 29, 1851, he came to Texas at the age of six years. In 1875 he was married to Miss Ruth Renfro at Cleburne. She died five years ago, closing a happy companionship of 54 years.

For fifty years he was active in the pulpit, doing evangelistic work until the time of his death.

He was the father of nine children, six of whom are still living. They are: H. E. Jobe, McCamey; B. Jobe and C. W. Jobe, Crane; Mrs. S. B. Simmons, Clyde, and Mrs. O. M. Sharp and Mrs. O. Jackson, Fort Worth, all of whom formerly lived in Merkel. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. All of the six children were present at the time of his death.

City Council Appoints Bill Callahan as New Driver of Fire Truck

At a called meeting of the city council Monday night, Bill Callahan was appointed driver of the fire truck by the city dads, succeeding Virgil Hassey, who resigned. Mr. Callahan and his wife moved into the living quarters of the fire station Tuesday.

Virgil Hassey, who has served so efficiently as driver for the past three years, has accepted permanent employment with the Oasis Filling station.

Plan to Re-Organize Local Scout Troop

Plans are rapidly maturing for the organization of a Scout troop of sixteen boys, to be sponsored by the Young Business Men's class of the Methodist church.

The scoutmaster, Velma Shelton, the assistant scoutmaster Tom Allday, and the troop committeemen, Wren Durham, Fred Hughes and Forrest Gaither, are all members of that class.

Boys will be registered Tuesday night at the Methodist church at 7 o'clock.

Two Get Checks From Loan Corporation

As indicating that the Home Owners Loan corporation is functioning in this territory, checks have been received by two home owners here on their application for loans filed with recent weeks.

The purpose of the Home Owners Loan corporation is to assist the distressed small home owner, especially with reference to taxes, and a number of loans are now pending for payment of local school and city taxes.

Ten Merkel Delegates Attend District Meet

The young people's department of the Merkel M. E. church, which includes the Hi-League and the Senior league, sent ten delegates to the third Abilene district meeting Sunday at Moran. 121 delegates were present from the entire district.

The next meeting, being the last before the annual summer assembly, will be held at the First M. E. church in Abilene.

Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Kenneth Cribley took cars. A very good and instructive meeting was held and Moran entertained royally.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. SPURGIN, 74, AT COMPERE

Had Resided on Same Home Place Since Coming to West Texas in 1901; Survived by One Daughter, Five Sons.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, age 74, long time resident of the Compere community, died at 11:50 Friday morning of last week at the home place where she had lived since coming to this section 33 years ago. She had been seriously ill since Thursday of the week before.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon from Zion chapel at Compere, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church here, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. T. Bryant, pastor at Compere. Interment was in the Compere cemetery.

Mr. Spurgin preceded his wife in death, having passed away in 1917. They had moved here from Coryell county in 1901, settling at the farm residence at Compere which she had since maintained as her home.

Six children survive: one daughter, Mrs. C. B. Robertson, Gatesville, and five sons, J. M., E. C., Gene and W. J. Spurgin, Merkel, and W. B. Spurgin, Venus.

Other survivors include sixteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Those who knew Mrs. Spurgin closely will realize just how much grief and pain her going brings to those loving children and grandchildren, who had learned the lessons of life from her wealth of unselfish love and sacrifice, and to those bereaved ones The Mail joins many friends in extending sincerest sympathy.

Open Meeting Monday To Seek Sentiment on Beautification Plans

All those interested in working out a plan for beautifying the land along the railway right-of-way through the city, in keeping with the state highway department's beautification program, are invited to an open meeting at the Methodist church Thursday night of next week, February 8, beginning at 7:30.

The purpose of the meeting primarily is, according to Mrs. R. A. Burgess, local chairman, to find out if local sentiment really favors taking steps for parking this ground, as it appears the highway department itself will care for establishing spots of beauty along the general highways.

Other members of the committee serving under Mrs. Burgess are: Mesdames Chas. H. Jones, A. T. Sheppard, Sam Swann and J. T. Warren and Booth Warren and C. J. Glover, Jr.

First meeting of the committee was held Thursday night of last week at the home of Mrs. Burgess, those in attendance at that time having been Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, Mrs. Sam Swann and Booth Warren, besides Supt. and Mrs. Burgess.

Several of these committeemen, including Mesdames Burgess, Warren and Jones and C. J. Glover, attended a five-county meeting at the Abilene Woman's club Saturday afternoon, which was addressed by Jack L. Gubbells, landscape architect for the highway department.

Mrs. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene is district chairman, while Mrs. Harry Tom King is Taylor county chairman of the highway beautification program.

Will Pour Acid In Guthrie Well

Plans are under way for pouring acid in the hole of the Guthrie well, W. G. Campbell lease, early next week, according to reports from the well Thursday morning.

The Guthrie well was completed last Friday with a natural flow of 75 barrels daily at a depth of 2,825 feet. It has been swabbing 50 barrels daily since that time.

Two Batches of Cotton Option Checks Arrive

Two batches of 1933 cotton option checks for Taylor county farmers have been received by County Agent C. Metz Heald, the first batch including 242 checks for \$54,726. In the second batch were 156 checks for \$30,585.16.

LOWER PER ACRE MINIMUM AIDS PROGRESS OF COTTON CURB PLAN IN WEST TEXAS

REED ACTING RELIEF CHIEF

Westbrook to Have Charge of National Rehabilitation Work In Washington.

Austin, Feb. 1.—J. F. Reed was named acting director of the Texas relief commission at a called meeting of the commission Wednesday. He will take over the duties of Lawrence Westbrook, who has accepted a position as assistant relief administrator, with headquarters in Washington.

A permanent director will be named at the regular meeting of the commission February 12. The appointment was delayed Wednesday because of absence of three commission members.

Reed has been serving under Westbrook as assistant director of the Texas relief commission and assistant Texas director of CWA activities. He formerly resided in Galveston.

C. B. Braun, of Dallas, field supervisor of relief work, was named acting assistant to Reed and acting secretary of the commission.

The commission allotted \$800,000 of the money received from the sale of \$1,602,000 in state relief bonds to counties on the basis of percentages approved for former allotments. Allocation of the remainder was withheld until the next meeting when adjustments in percentages allowed to certain counties will be made. Reed reported to the commission that the existing basis in some counties was too liberal, while in others it was inadequate.

Westbrook's new position puts him in charge of the plan of the Federal Surplus Relief corporation, of which Harry L. Hopkins is president and which is a long range movement to rehabilitate hundreds of thousands of unemployed in communities where industry has stagnated, placing these people in other sections or communities where lie new opportunities.

With the cut in the yield requirement, many other farmers are expected to come in on the program. Under the former minimum it was estimated that 30 per cent of the cotton growers of Taylor would be ruled ineligible.

A special plea for the cut was forwarded to Wallace from a gathering of cotton farmers, county judges and county agents from over this section held recently at Anson. As high as 40 per cent of the cotton growers in parts of West Texas would have been barred under the 100-pound requirement, it was stated.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Searcy, Friday, January 26, 1934.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Frazier, residing in the Canyon, Saturday, January 27, 1934.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield Trent, Tuesday, January 30, 1934.

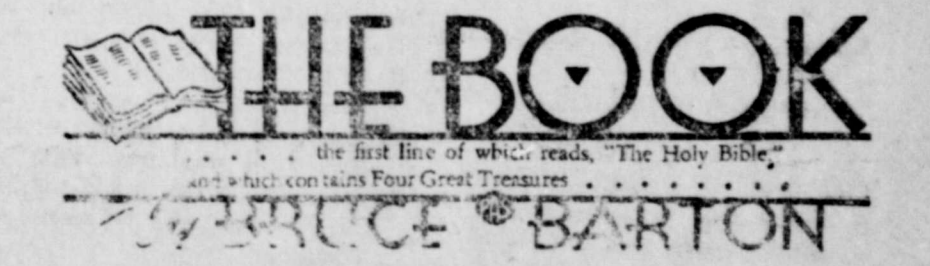
Will Preach at Trent.
W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday at the Church of Christ at Trent. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

Busy Bee Meets Feb. 8.
The Busy Bee club will meet Thursday, February 8, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Miss Artie Cypert is visiting her uncle, Henry Owens, of Trent.
Mrs. Dan Rawlings of Trent visited Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth the first part of the week.
Chas. K. Russell left for El Paso Tuesday afternoon with the purpose of shipping some cattle from the border country to the Fort Worth market.
Mrs. J. C. Brown and Miss Bertha Hobbs were the week-end guests of Mrs. Mollie Griffith of Abilene.
Miss Bearice Nindever visited friends in Trent the latter part of last week.
Miss Madge Hale, who is attending High school here, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hale of Trent.
Mrs. M. J. Whisenhunt and little son left Wednesday morning for Dallas to visit Mrs. Birdie Davis.
Miss Kate Elliott returned to her home at Sweetwater after a few days visit to Mrs. Chas. Loftin.

Mrs. W. C. Ayers has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. T. J. Hinds, of Tye, this week.
Alva McClain left last week for Oklahoma where he will be for some time with friends.
The Sanitary Grocery opens Monday, February 2, with Hayden Turner and Jim Black proprietors.
Miss Winnie Gibson visited relatives in our city last week.
Work of excavating was started on Taylor county's new court house site Monday morning.
Henry Rose attended the salesmen meeting of the Magnolia Petroleum Oil Co. at Abilene Wednesday.
Miss Gail McCartney of Carter, Okla., has accepted a position with Parton Dry Goods Co.
Simpson Christopher, who is attending Simmons college at Abilene, was at home a few days on account of illness but was able to return to school Thursday.



MONUMENT TO MOSES

The Ten Commandments are, of course, the outstanding monument to Moses' wisdom and influence. Read them over. How direct; how simple; how free from superfluous or trivial injunctions. They drive straight at the heart of human and divine relationships, and are the corner-stone upon which the nations have erected their legal and ethical codes. But they are not the only survival of Moses' leadership. The long, carefully molded Mosaic Law is hardly less remarkable. It embraces both a civil and a criminal code and foreshadowed by centuries not only our modern jurisprudence but much of our modern health regulation and medical practice.

On the civil side there is protection of property and reputation. There are exemption laws providing that the outer garment of a poor man, given by him in pawn, shall be returned to him at night; providing that the land that has been mortgaged and forfeited shall be restored to the family at the end of a period of years; laws punishing libel and protecting the good name of man and woman. There are laws providing that a poor man's wages are not to be retained to his injury. On the other hand, judges are warned not to favor a poor man but to render equal justice. Taxes were levied in proportion to a man's property, but there was one tax concerning which it was provided that the rich should not be permitted to pay more nor the poor allowed to pay less. It was a small tax, but it represented manhood and self-respect.

Some of the regulations went far beyond ordinary legal limits and prescribed the conduct of a gentleman:
Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord . . .
Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer. . .
Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart. . .
Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.
And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.
But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself.

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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.

PUBLISHED BY HELEN JOYNER.

BASKETBALL BOYS LOSE IN DIVIDE MEET.

Last Saturday morning Merkel met Roscoe in the first round of the Divide Invitation meet, winning 24 to 14.

Reese was big scorer for the locals with Shannon playing good ball.

Merkel then drew Divide for the second round and lost to the tall country lads, who do nothing but play basketball. The score was 18 to 24 at the half for Divide. The last half was played on even terms but the score ended 32 to 18.

Coach Irvin says the boys are going to work this coming week and next week may play Roscoe.

About Thursday of next week the county tournament will start.

JUNIOR NEWS.

We Juniors have some pep left even if some of us did "flunk out" on the examinations.

We have several new pupils of whom we are very proud.

Come on all ye Juniors; let's give fifteen rabs for M. H. S.

SENIOR GIRLS.

The Senior girls had a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1934, to organize. They elected a president, vice president and a reporter. Caribel Mansfield was elected president. Billy Gardner, vice president, and Julia Proctor Lancaster reporter.

The girls are going to decide on the club dresses in a few days. Caribel appointed a committee to decide on the color of the dresses.

Mrs. Irvin, sponsor of the club, is working hard with the girls in order to get organized.

SO WHAT!

In one corner of the room stood the Freshman. He stood with his hands by his side and horror written on his face. Across from him stood a man in a black hood. Slowly the man came toward him. Was he going to stand there without putting up a fight? Suddenly the man said, "Watch the birdie!" and the Freshman did.

NOT TAKING CHANCES.

He stepped out boldly into the street; No rubbers had he on his feet; No umbrella had he—nor a coat. His new straw—well, just note, Far be it if from him to start complaining; He didn't get wet—it wasn't raining.

WITH APOLOGIES.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting days; A line of cars wind slowly o'er the sea; A pedestrian plods his absent-minded way; And leaves the world quite unexpectedly.

CAN YOU IMAGINE.

Horace Boney six feet tall?
Jack Patterson four feet tall?
Caribel not chewing gum?
Etoile making a lot of noise?
Charlie Tipton not trying to be cute?
Cal McAninch not smiling at Thelma Patterson?
Big Kit Carson riding a tricycle?
Sarah without any makeup?
Lois a man-hater?
Tommy a platinum blond?
Jack West not poring over jokes?
Sylvan not playing up to the girls?
Frances Adcock not going with "Oklahoma Joe" on Saturday nights?
Thelma Patterson in a hoop skirt?
Joe Cook a big gangster in Chicago?
Victor a ladies' man?
David and Billie Bernice mad?

OUR SENIORS.

Eloise Manscill. Eloise is tall and slim. You'll always find her laughing and talking. For four years she has found a place in the Choral club. She is also a member of the Dramatic club and the Senior Girls' club. Keep that smile, Eloise, and success will be yours.

Raymond Wilson. Raymond doesn't come out for athletics, neither is he as "smart" as some of the rest of the Seniors; but he manages to get along. The Dramatic club is proud to have him as a member. His many friends wish him all the health, wealth and happiness in the world.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

We Sophs are studying very hard for none of us wish to be Sophs next year, not because we have anything

against the name "Soph" but nine months is long enough to carry the name.

Have you heard; Janet is back at school. Hugh wrote a note in algebra. Etoile is studying hard in algebra. Eva Faye gave Tracy a note to give to some one. Etoile had car trouble Sunday night.

SCHOOLHOUSE GOSSIP.

The other night the neighbors were surprised to see Billie Bernice and David walking home. They wondered what had happened. The next morning they found out that they had only run out of gas.

The other day in bookkeeping Miss Patterson asked Caribel if a train started from New York at 50 miles an hour, and another train started from Chicago at the same time and speed, and if they met in two hours, how old am I? Caribel answered "Twenty-six." Miss Patterson wanted to know how she guessed it. Caribel said, "Well, I have a brother that is half crazy and he is thirteen."

We wonder if Clara Frances really wanted something the other night when she asked Bessie to do her a favor.

L. V. certainly has trouble with his car. It rattles, he has a flat, runs out of gas or someone steals something—off his car.

We heard that Julia got a surprise last Thursday afternoon. Ask her if you don't believe it.

The Senior girls have organized at last. We're going to have some fun this year and we'll make all the rest of the girls wish they were Seniors.

"Big Kit" Carson makes excellent imitations. We suppose all the students in M. H. S. know it by now.

We've often wondered if Charles Tipton knows all he says he does. Maybe he does, but more than likely he doesn't.

De La Vergne and Loretta have been wanting to go somewhere. They were disappointed Friday and Saturday because they didn't get to go.

Opal Buzbee thinks some people are very careless, especially with her notes.

The bookkeeping class are going backwards instead of forward. They even play store. Wonder what they'll do next?

Have you heard what L. V. and Bessie got together and said about Sis Gamble?

It is believed that Joe Cook never did the right thing at the right time. He at least doesn't stay at home at the right time.—oh! oh!

Someone wanted to know if Helen liked to spill coffee—wonder why?

Margaret's mind was away off Monday—but it soon wandered back. Ask Wayman why he makes eyes at Juanita.

Thelma M. has a new fellow. Mary Helen Lancaster has her own opinion of Merkel boys.

Clara Frances wishes on Sundays that she lived a little closer to town.

Jack Lowe likes for a certain girl to visit Billy Gardner on Sunday.

Billy Gardner claims to have a little brother.

Will somebody explain to Caribel what a misogynist is? Ask Betty Lou, Billy Gardner and Mary Frances who took them to the show Saturday night.

TOMFOOLERY.

Kennedy: "You know, last year the doctor told me if I didn't stop smoking I'd be feeble-minded."
David: "Why didn't you stop?"

L. V.: "I'm an electrician. Last night, at Caribel's, the fuse blew out. Guess who fixed it? Me!"
Bessie: "Huh! You're no electrician. You're an idiot."

Milton: "Why do you like these studies in the nude?"
Jack P.: "Oh! I guess it is because I was born that way."

When you start to sow your wild oats there are always plenty of neighbors ready to dig up the dirt.

SLIME'S ESSAY ON BOYS.

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-by. Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam He said to himself: "Well, I think I can do better if I try again," and He made Eve. God liked Eve so much better than Adam that there have been more women than men.

Boys wear out everything but soap. Man was made and on the seventh day, He rested. Woman was then made and He has never rested since.

IN BEHALF OF HENS.

The hen, hatched and raised in the lowly environment of the barnyard, has scratched her way to fame and fortune. Although she lives and labors in low and humble surroundings, her cackle, like the voice of freedom which is always predominant with Americans, is heard around the world. Hers is a universal language, and is understood wherever the tongues of men fashion the symbols of speech. By her cackle she announces to the world that she has finished her day's work and has done it well.

Her beauty is unadorned and unsung in the realms of art; but she is known wherever the dinner bell is heard, or the banquet board is spread. Hers is not the elfin grace of the swan nor the sweet song of the canary, nor the colorful and magnificent glory of the peacock nor yet the arrogant pride of the eagle. And yet all these feathered favorites combined do not rank as high in the affairs and affections of men as does the placid, the diligent and unpretentious hen.

The hen has less than a teaspoonful of brains; she boasts not of college degrees. Yet she is the most expert chemist of all ages. She mixes in her simple laboratories her mineral elements of calcium, sulphur and phosphorized fats—mixes them into the rich and well-balanced nutrient, encased in a sanitary and protective shell and defies the world to make a substitute.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.
Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP
AT NEW WOODRUM HOME
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"Flowers for all occasions."

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ABILENE MORNING NEWS
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Both Papers until Dec. 31, 1934, for
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THE BOOK

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The criminal code was severe and swift, but inflexibly just. Life was protected and murder punished with death. Even accidental homicide did not go without penalty to him by whose carelessness it occurred, but he was not condemned to death.

The sanitary code was extended, minute and enforced with strict penalties. Can you imagine the feat of bringing a horde of escaped slaves across a wilderness without losing them by dysentery, typhoid fever or hook-worm? It was made possible by a simple but powerfully effective system of sewage disposal. The isolation of communicable diseases and the strict disinfection under priestly supervision prevented the spread of plagues.

Next Week: Forty Years in Wilderness.

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Use The Mail Want Ads.

Lost 20 Lbs. of Fat In Just 4 Weeks

Mrs. Mae West of St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I'm only 28 years old and weighed 170 lbs. until taking one box of your Kruschen Salts just 4 weeks ago. I now weigh 150 lbs. I also have more energy and furthermore I've never had a hungry moment."
Fat folks should take one half teaspoonful of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast—an 85-cent bottle lasts 4 weeks—you can get Kruschen at any drug store in America. If not joyfully satisfied after the first bottle—money back.

Money To Loan

Conditions are improving! Money is flowing to banks for deposit and banks in turn are in a position to seek sound loans which will stimulate business in their trade territories.

This bank has ample funds and is ready to make safe, reasonable loans to responsible farmers and business men with satisfactory collateral and credit rating.

The tide of business has turned—we welcome both depositors and borrowers!

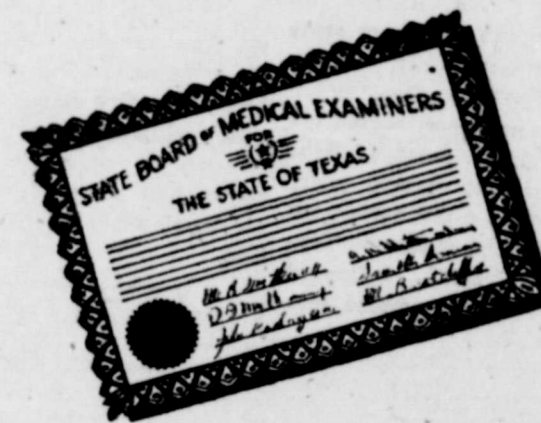
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Merkel, Texas

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Sam L. ... Sr., Vice-Pres. Booth Warren, Cashier.
F. Y. Guitner, Ass't Cashier

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

Mrs. Gordon peered anxiously out of the window.

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Nancy, who was looking at her father, nodded thoughtfully.

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"I hope not!" his mother agreed warmly. "You've been working too hard, you show it. Now you've got to let me have my own boy for a while. Have you had your supper on the train, dear?" she added anxiously.

"Let me get you something—a slice of cold ham—" she started toward the door.

But her son stopped her. "No!" he cried hoarsely, "Don't! For God's sake—I can't eat! Ham!" he laughed shrilly; "ham? When a man's done for!"

He made an angry, swaying movement toward a chair, stopped short and rallied himself, folding his arms on his breast in a boyishly tragic attitude. His hair was disheveled, too, one long lock hung between his blood-shot eyes. He startled family, gradually taking in these details, discovered too, that his necktie was untied and his collar wilted.

Mr. Gordon suddenly sat bolt upright in his chair.

"What's the matter with you, boy?" he demanded sharply. "Have you been drinking?"

The young fellow steadied himself, white to his lips, his haggard eyes turning slowly from one to another in the little group.

"No," he said thickly, "I'm not drunk—I'm a thief."

No one spoke; his mother dropped into the nearest chair and his father stared at him with his mouth open. Only Nancy drew a little nearer, searching his face, her eyes intent and wide. She caught at his sleeve.

"Rod! What do you mean?"

He shook her hand off. "You'd better not touch me, Nanae, I'm a thief—that's what I came home to tell you—"

The repetition was too much, it forced belief. Mr. Gordon pushed himself forward in his chair, gripping

the arms with such force that his knuckles whitened.

"What d'you mean?" he demanded hoarsely; "what are you talking about anyhow? Explain yourself."

Roddy turned a startled look toward him, which had in it something of his boyish flinching from the paternal wrath, but he faced them all desperately.

"I've been taking money—bonds and cash," he repeated it like a lesson he had already learned by rote. "I've been a messenger and go-between in the Trust Company. Mr. Greenough sent me over to the banks sometimes himself. I've carried a lot of money. Millions, I reckon. I didn't mean to keep any of it—I meant to return it all, that—" he stopped, gasped, and went on harshly—"I can't, that's all. When you can't you're a thief."

His mother, staring at him with terrified, incredulous eyes, uttered a cry of anguish.

"You meant to return it?" his father shouted with sudden violence.

"You meant to return money you'd stolen? My God, do you mean to stand up there—my only son—and admit you're a thief?"

Roddy choked, his smooth young face darkening with shame.

"I meant to return it!" he struggled with himself, facing his father; "I tried to—I even gambled in stocks to make good, but I can't—it's too late—they'll find out before I can put it back."

"Can't we pay it back?" Nancy's shaking voice startled them; they all looked around at her speechlessly.

"Can't we pay up? How much is it, Roddy?" she asked tremulously, her blue eyes fixed on her brother.

He gulped painfully. "Fifteen thousand dollars."

"Roddy!" his mother dropped weakly into her chair.

Mr. Gordon rose and prowled up (Continued on Page Six.)

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BASKETBALL BOYS LOSE IN DIVIDE MEET.

Last Saturday morning Merkel met Roscoe in the first round of the Divide Invitation meet, winning 24 to 14.

Reese was big scorer for the locals with Shannon playing good ball.

Merkel then drew Divide for the second round and lost to the tall country lads, who do nothing but play basketball. The score was 18 to 24 at the half for Divide. The last half was played on even terms but the score ended 32 to 18.

Coach Irvin says the boys are going to work this coming week and next week may play Roscoe.

About Thursday of next week the county tournament will start.

JUNIOR NEWS.

We Juniors have some pep left even if some of us did "flunk out" on the examinations.

We have several new pupils of whom we are very proud.

Come on all ye Juniors; let's give fifteen raps for M. H. S.

SENIOR GIRLS.

The Senior girls had a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1934, to organize. They elected a president, vice president and a reporter. Caribel Mansfield was elected president. Billy Gardner, vice president, and Julia Proctor Lancaster reporter.

The girls are going to decide on the club dresses in a few days. Caribel appointed a committee to decide on the color of the dresses.

Mrs. Irvin, sponsor of the club, is working hard with the girls in order to get organized.

SO WHAT?

In one corner of the room stood the Freshman. He stood with his hands by his side and horror written on his face. Across from him stood a man in a black hood. Slowly the man came toward him. Was he going to stand there without putting up a fight? Suddenly the man said, "Watch the birdie!" and the Freshman did.

NOT TAKING CHANCES.

He stepped out boldly into the street; No rubbers had he on his feet; No umbrella had he—nor a coat. His new straw—well, just note, Far be it if from him to start complaining; He didn't get wet—it wasn't raining.

WITH APOLOGIES.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting days; A line of cars wind slowly o'er the leas; A pedestrian plods his absent-minded way. And leaves the world quite unexpectedly.

CAN YOU IMAGINE.

Horace Boney six feet tall?
Jack Patterson four feet tall?
Caribel not chewing gum?
Etoile making a lot of noise?
Charlie Tipton not trying to be cute?
Cal McAninch not smiling at Thelma Patterson?
Big Kit Carson riding a tricycle?
Sarah without any makeup?
Lois a man-hater?
Tommy a platinum blond?
Jack West not poring over jokes?
Sylvan not playing up to the girls?
Frances Adcock not going with "Oklahoma Joe" on Saturday nights?
Thelma Patterson in a hoop skirt?
Joe Cook a big gangster in Chicago?
Victor a ladies' man?
David and Billie Bernice mad?

OUR SENIORS.

Eloise Mansell.
Eloise is tall and slim. You'll always find her laughing and talking. For four years she has found a place in the Choral club. She is also a member of the Dramatic club and the Senior Girls' club. Keep that smile, Eloise, and success will be yours.

Raymond Wilson.
Raymond doesn't come out for athletics, neither is he as "smart" as some of the rest of the Seniors; but he manages to get along. The Dramatic club is proud to have him as a member. His many friends wish him all the health, wealth and happiness in the world.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

We Sophs are studying very hard for none of us wish to be Sophs next year, not because we have anything

against the name "Soph" but nine months is long enough to carry the name.

Have you heard;
Janet is back at school.
Hugh wrote a note in algebra.
Etoile is studying hard in algebra.
Eva Faye gave Tracy a note to give to some one.
Etoile had car trouble Sunday night.

SCHOOLHOUSE GOSSIP.

The other night the neighbors were surprised to see Billie Bernice and David walking home. They wondered what had happened. The next morning they found out that they had only run out of gas.

The other day in bookkeeping Miss Patterson asked Caribel if a train started from New York at 50 miles an hour, and another train started from Chicago at the same time and speed, and if they met in two hours, how old am I? Caribel answered "Twenty-six." Miss Patterson wanted to know how she guessed it. Caribel said, "Well, I have a brother that is half crazy and he is thirteen."

We wonder if Clara Frances really wanted something the other night when she asked Bessie to do her a favor.
L. V. certainly has trouble with his car. It rattles, he has a flat, runs out of gas or someone steals something—off his car.
We heard that Julia got a surprise last Thursday afternoon. Ask her if you don't believe it.

The Senior girls have organized at last. We're going to have some fun this year and we'll make all the rest of the girls wish they were Seniors.

"Big Kit" Carson makes excellent imitations. We suppose all the students in M. H. S. know it by now.

We've often wondered if Charles Tipton knows all he says he does. Maybe he does, but more than likely he doesn't.

De La Vergne and Loretta have been wanting to go somewhere. They were disappointed Friday and Saturday because they didn't get to go.

Opal Buzbee thinks some people are very careless, especially with her notes.

The bookkeeping class are going backwards instead of forward. They'll even play store. Wonder what they'll do next?

Have you heard what L. V. and Bessie got together and said about Sis Gamble?

It is believed that Joe Cook never did the right thing at the right time. He at least doesn't stay at home at the right time.—oh! oh!

Someone wanted to know if Helen liked to spill coffee—wonder why?

Margaret's mind was away off Monday—but it soon wandered back.

Ask Wayman why he makes eyes at Juanita.

Thelma M. has a new fellow.

Mary Helen Lancaster has her own opinion of Merkel boys.

Clara Frances wishes on Sundays that she lived a little closer to town.

Jack Lowe likes for a certain girl to visit Billy Gardner on Sunday.

Billy Gardner claims to have a little brother.

Will somebody explain to Caribel what a misogynist is?
Ask Betty Lou, Billy Gardner and Mary Frances who took them to the show Saturday night.

TOMFOOLERY.

Kennedy: "You know, last year the doctor told me if I didn't stop smoking I'd be feeble-minded."
David: "Why didn't you stop?"

L. V.: "I'm an electrician. Last night, at Caribel's, the fuse blew out. Guess who fixed it? Me!"
Bessie: "Huh! You're no electrician. You're an idiot."

Milton: "Why do you like these studies in the nude?"
Jack P.: "Oh! I guess it is because I was born that way."

When you start to sow your wild oats there are always plenty of neighbors ready to dig up the dirt.

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-by. Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam He said to himself: "Well, I think I can do better if I try again." And He made Eve. God liked Eve so much better than Adam that there have been more women than men.

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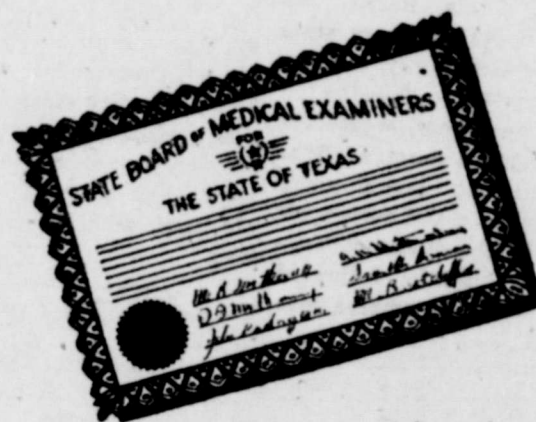
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His son laughed suddenly, and foolishly, a deep blush mounting to his hair.

"That's what I'd like to know," he exclaimed. "I hope it won't be cut too short!"

"I hope not!" his mother agreed warmly. "You've been working too hard, you show it. Now you've got to let me have my own boy for a while. Have you had your supper on the train, dear?" she added anxiously. "Let me get you something—a slice of cold ham—" she started toward the door.

But her son stopped her. "No!" he cried hoarsely. "Don't! For God's sake—I can't eat! Ham?" he laughed shrilly. "ham? When a man's done for!"

He made an angry, swaying movement toward a chair, stopped short and rallied himself, folding his arms on his breast in a boyishly tragic attitude. His hair was disheveled, too, one long lock hung between his blood-shot eyes. He started family, gradually taking in these details, discovered too, that his necktie was untied and his collar wilted.

Mr. Gordon suddenly sat bolt upright in his chair.

"What's the matter with you, boy?" he demanded sharply. "Have you been drinking?"

The young fellow steadied himself, white to his lips, his haggard eyes turning slowly from one to another in the little group.

"No," he said thickly. "I'm not drunk—I'm a thief."

No one spoke; his mother dropped into the nearest chair and his father stared at him with his mouth open. Only Nancy drew a little nearer, searching his face, her eyes intent and wide. She caught at his sleeve.

"Rod! What do you mean?"

He shook her hand off. "You'd better not touch me, Nance, I'm a thief—that's what I came home to tell you all."

The repetition was too much, it forced belief. Mr. Gordon pushed himself forward in his chair, gripping

the arms with such force that his knuckles whitened.

"What d'you mean?" he demanded hoarsely; "what are you talking about anyhow? Explain yourself."

Roddy turned a startled look toward him, which had in it something of his boyish flinching from the paternal wrath, but he faced them all desperately.

"I've been taking money—bonds and cash," he repeated it like a lesson he had already learned by rote. "I've been a messenger and go-between in the Trust Company. Mr. Greenough sent me over to the banks sometimes himself. I've carried a lot of money. Millions, I reckon. I didn't mean to keep any of it—I meant to return it all, but—" he stopped, gasped, and went on harshly—"I can't, that's all. When you can't you're a thief."

His mother, staring at him with terrified, incredulous eyes, uttered a cry of anguish.

"You meant to return it?" his father shouted with sudden violence. "You meant to return money you'd stolen? My God, do you mean to stand up there—my only son—and admit you're a thief?"

Roddy choked, his smooth young face darkening with shame.

"I meant to return it!" he struggled with himself, facing his father; "I tried to—I even gambled in stocks to make good, but I can't—it's too late—they'll find out before I can put it back."

"Can't we pay it back?" Nancy's shaking voice startled them; they all looked around at her speechlessly. "Can't we pay up? How much is it, Roddy?" she asked tremulously, her blue eyes fixed on her brother.

He gulped painfully. "Fifteen thousand dollars."

"Roddy!" his mother dropped weakly into her chair.

Mr. Gordon rose and prowled up (Continued on Page Six.)

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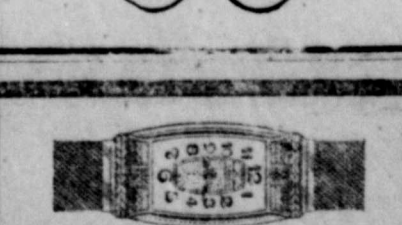
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93; Joe Morris Suggs, 93; Jim Sub-
lett, 92; Lee Mack Reynolds, 92; Troy
Slaeden, 91; Tag Shouse, 91; Jerry
Warren, 90; Elbert Hickham, 90; Jean-
nette Neff, 90.

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Clyde Haynes, 97; Billy Tom Hutch-
eson, 96; Clara Bell Hawkins, 93;
Floyd Hutcheson, 93; Marie Bland,
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ledge, 94; O. C. Shouse, 94; Maurine
Steele, 94; Doris Clyde Miller, 93;
Ima Gene Rosson, 93.

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Becky Gardner, 98; Dora Marie
Gaither, 97; Virgie Mae Henry, 95;
Betty Lu Higgins, 94; Alene Cox, 94;
Mary Lu Higgins, 92; Walter Leon-
ard, 92; Billy Jack Dancaaster, 91.

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Guy Mansell, 93; Joyce Renfro, 90;
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93; Helen Heeter, 93; Mary Hump-
frey, 91.

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Mabel Murray, 94; W. G. Dick-
inson, 94; Pearl Matthews, 93; Fran-
ces Catts, 93; Ben Ferguson, 93; Mil-
dred Bird, 92; Wilma McAninch, 92;
Verne Moore, 91; Maurine Huddles-
ton, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.
Mary Jo Russell, 95; Billie Wood,
95; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Don War-
ren, 94; Ellis Rayburn, 92; Mary
Nell Morgan, 91; Othar Suber, 91;
Frances Owen, 90; Dorra Lee Shel-
ton, 90; Mary Love Tipton, 90.

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Jannell Black, 96; Dorothea Sue
Bird, 94; Pauline Joyner, 94; Clyde
Cribley, 93; Preston Dickinson, 93;
Marvin Hunter, 93; Dorris Diltz, 92;
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linger, 94; Jane Ferguson, 93; Betty
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inch, 92; Vernelle Sublett, 91; De La
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gent, 93; Edith Neill, 93; Kathryn
Russell, 93; Ben Sublett, 93; Cleo
Henley, 92; Hail Derstine, 92; Thel-
ma Mathews, 92; Billie Bernice Gam-
bill, 92; J. V. Patterson, 92; Mary
Helen Lancaster, 91; Pauline Lasater,
91; Werner Hester, 90; Randall Mc-
Niece, 90; Lois Perkins, 90; Zerk
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sie Margaret Berry, 90; Mabel But-
man, 90.

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Higgins, 93; Julia Procter Lancaster,
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lone, 92; Vivian Lasater, 92; Bessylea
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In announcing for re-election to
this office Mr. Bounds made the fol-
lowing brief statement of his candi-
dacy:

"I am deeply grateful to you for
your vote and influence in the years
gone by. I want to thank each of
you for any thing said or done in my
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If I am elected I pledge you an honest,
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inches of wheelbase—roomier, more
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than its predecessor. The engine is
placed several inches farther forward
in the chassis and seating has been re-
arranged so as to provide more space
for both front and rear seat passen-
gers.

In appearance, the sleekness which
has characterized Chevrolet cars in
the past is further accentuated by the
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ment of the car design itself.

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regular film program.

STITH NEWS

The Stith Home Demonstration
club will meet Friday afternoon, Feb-
ruary 2, at 2 o'clock at the Stith
Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn en-
tertained the young people with a par-
ty Tuesday night at which all had a
very good time.

Several from Stith went to the sing-
ing at Hodges Sunday.

Misses Louise Mashburn, Bobbie
Jacks and Roxie Ann Shaw and
Messrs. Bob Carter, Cleo Carter and
Bill Nixon went to Merkel Sunday af-
ternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCartney of Tye
were visitors in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

There will be singing here Sunday
afternoon. If you want to hear some
good singing, be there.

We are getting along nicely with
our school work, with some fine pro-
grams each Monday morning. Visitors
are invited to come. Those present
Monday morning were Mesdames W.
A. Ford, T. E. Woolsey, Paul Bradley,
Bill Dunagin, Frank Munday, Mrs.
Peterson, Mrs. Owens, Messrs. M. J.
Shaw, Jr., Nolan Farmer and John
Frazier and Misses Gladys Hines,
Roxie Shaw, Johnnie Burns and Mrs.
Walter Kelson.

M. J. Shaw is able to work again
after getting his foot caught in a
stalk cutter.

Stith is to have a rodeo Saturday.
Miss Louise Mashburn spent the
week-end with Miss Bobbie Jacks at
Noodle.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs.
Royce Mashburn Thursday were Ce-
cil Peterson of Caps, Sam Burns, Dai-
sy Shaw and Annie and Johnnie Burns.
Popcorn and doughnuts were served.
Buddy Nixon is at home again af-
ter having been with a medicine show.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Mul-
berry were at church here Sunday.

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For Co. Superintendent



M. A. WILLIAMS.

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ced for re-election to the new four-
year term in that office beginning
early in 1935, subject to the action of
the democratic primary next July.

Mr. Williams has been a resident of
Taylor county for thirty years, dur-
ing which time with the exception of
two years he has been engaged either
in rural school work or as county su-
perintendent.

Mr. Williams made the following
formal statement in seeking re-
election:

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past. Through your loyalty, liberal-
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able to improve our schools a little
each year till now we have a system
of rural schools of which we are justly
proud.

"I have attempted to lead in a safe,
sound and conservative manner, look-
ing ever to the ultimate interest of
the children, and yet having in mind
that the taxpayer must be protected
against undue burdens.

"Efficiency in every phase of the
work has been my aim. I have tried
to aid trustees in spending wisely the
meager funds available for equipment
and repairs, always making a dollar do
a dollar's worth of service, and feel
that in a measure, we have done so.

"My years of experience in this
field have given me an acquaintance
with the needs of the office that can
be obtained in no other way. I feel
more competent than ever before to
render a much needed service in these
distressful times.

"If re-elected I pledge the same
faithful attention to the duties of the
office that I have given in the past."

County Honor Roll

ELM GROVE SCHOOL.
The following students of the Elm
Grove school reached the required
standard for the county honor roll
the past month: Lucille Bates, sev-
enth grade, with an average of 90, and
Bernice Atkins, eighth grade, with an
average of 90 1-2.

Elm Grove Good English club has
just completed a contest. The "Error
Chasers" were successful and were
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MISS BELLE WELLBORN.

In this issue of The Mail, Miss
Belle Wellborn, Taylor county's effi-
cient and courteous district clerk,
makes formal announcement of her
candidacy for re-election to that office
at the hands of the voters of the coun-
ty.

Miss Wellborn holds the esteem and
confidence of everyone, whether he be
lawyer, judge, court officer or a plain
citizen, who has ever had any business
to transact with the office of the dis-
trict clerk and has proved a most pop-
ular public official.

In soliciting the support and influ-
ence of the voters of Taylor county
for re-election, Miss Wellborn made
the following statement:

"For the many kindnesses extended
to me by the people of Taylor county
I am deeply grateful. It has been my
purpose during my tenure in the of-
fice of district clerk to carry on the
work with efficiency and courtesy. I
have tried at all times to give the very
best service possible to the attorneys,
litigants, witnesses, jurors and to all
people having business in the district
clerk's office. I am asking the people
of this county for re-election to this
office and promise them the same ser-
vice as has been heretofore rendered
by me and my deputies. The vote and
influence of every person in Taylor

county will be highly appreciated and
is earnestly solicited.

"Belle Wellborn."

Candidate for Office
Of Sheriff A Visitor

S. H. McAdams of Lawn, now ser-
ving as county commissioner from pre-
dict No. 4, was a pleasant caller at
the Mail office Wednesday afternoon.
He is now making the race for coun-
ty sheriff and authorized The Mail
to state that his formal announcement
will appear in our next issue.

John Payne Seeks
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To the Voters of Precinct No. 21:
In my announcement for re-election
to the office of public weigher, I wish
to thank each of you for your support
two years ago and I also want to
thank you for your full co-operation
the past year.

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FOR SALE—Ford coupe, late 1930 model; all new tires; A-1 condition. W. O. Boney.

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FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment, with all modern conveniences; also head maize for sale. S. F. Haynes.

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FOR RENT—Three room apartment. See Q. Brown.

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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 but 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.
(SEAL)

DORA DOINGS

Well, here we are, after several weeks absence.
The boys basketball tournament, put on at the Divide gym Friday and Saturday, was well attended and enjoyed by a large crowd and some very interesting games were played, with Bronte carrying off first and Content second.
We are glad to report A. M. Shelton and son, Hoyt, both greatly improved after a very severe attack of "flu" and pneumonia.
Mrs. W. G. Oliver is resting better after having been very sick for several days.
Mrs. Bertha Magee returned home last Thursday from Abilene where she has been visiting for sometime.
Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Porter of Gan-

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL**

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For Sheriff:
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RUCK SIBLEY
PERRY P. DICKINSON
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
ORIEN HIGGINS
A. D. FULTON
CLYDE SHOUSE
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
A. J. CANON, (Re-election.)
L. I. MURRAY
ANDY SHOUSE
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GRADY PARMELLY
For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
For District Clerk:
BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
For County Supt. of Schools:
M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.)
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
JOHN PAYNE, (Re-election.)

ESKOTA NEWS

(Omitted From Last Week.)
A miscellaneous shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Johnson, recent newlyweds, was held at the Church of Christ last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. F. E. Allyn, who has been ill, is much improved.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnston and children attended the Harley Sadler show at Merkel several nights last week.
Little Donnie Veal Nichols spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent.
Singing was well attended Sunday, with several out of town visitors.
Miss Mattie Utley accompanied her brother, Chester Kiser, to Abilene Sunday. He preached there Sunday morning and evening at one of the local churches.
Mrs. I. R. Trent had as her guests this week-end her daughter, Mrs. Frank Allyn, and Louise from Trent.
Mrs. L. H. Utley with Mattie, Jackie and Virgie attended the play at White Flat last Friday night.
L. E. F. Johnston, who has been sick with the "flu," is feeling much better.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter McElmurray of White Flat visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnston went to Trent Sunday evening to church.
Mrs. R. J. Anderson is suffering from a sore arm, caused by injury from the head of a nail.
Messrs. C. B. Johnston and A. E. Bullard were in Roby Monday on business.
Wiley SoRelle and his mother, Mrs. Connie SoRelle, were in Sweetwater Monday on business.
Mrs. W. M. Patton and Floyd were in Sweetwater Monday.
Mrs. Owen SoRelle and Mrs. May Day visited Mrs. Frank Allyn at Trent Monday.
Mrs. W. J. Farley spent two days last week visiting friends and relatives in Sweetwater.
Little Miss Emma Lee Morgan is ill with the "flu."
Miss Ellen Morgan visited Mrs. Dollie Blankenship Sunday evening and attended the singing at White Flat.
Miss Huff, county nurse, visited the school Monday morning. The deputy superintendent of the state visited the school Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yoakum, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Hall of Palava, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley SoRelle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd Sunday.
non spent the week-end here with home folks and attended the tournament.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanks announce the arrival of a daughter, named Mildred Joan. Mother and baby both doing nicely.
Miss Mary Maxwell of Abilene is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry at Nolan.
Miss Tommie Ruth McCoy spent the week-end with relatives in Fort Chadbourne.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott of Sweetwater were Sunday visitors at Dora.
Mrs. H. West has returned to her home in Merkel after a week's visit with relatives and friends here.
Brother Pitts filled his regular appointment at the Nolan Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.
A few cases of measles are around, but in a very light form and not making any very sick.
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NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bird and little son, Clifton, went to Dallas last Wednesday to be with Mrs. Bird's brother, Porter Strange, who was to undergo a serious operation.
Mozelle Sosebee underwent an operation for appendicitis at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Saturday. She is reported to be doing nicely at this writing.
Mrs. Bicknell has been on the sick list for the past week. We hope for her a speedy recovery.
Cecl Justice, who is attending school at Ballinger, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.
C. B. Jinkins visited his sister, Mrs. Otto Steele, of Sweetwater last Wednesday.
Dub Ford of Merkel spent Saturday night with J. D. Sandusky of this place.
E. M. Tarpley and family were visitors in the Hanna community Sunday.
D. B. Brown and family of Truly visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason, Sunday.
Noodle school played basketball at Hawley Friday afternoon, with the following results: senior boys, Noodle 20, Hawley 5; senior girls, Noodle 17, Hawley 4; junior boys, Noodle 18, Hawley 14. The senior boys, who played from Noodle, were Lloyd Rice, Watts Davis, Pete Morgan, Cline Satterwhite, Henry Satterwhite, Leroy Eason and Clyde Foser.
Profs. Finis Bell and J. K. Goode and their wives went to Anson Saturday.
The party given Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee, was attended by quite a number from this and adjoining communities.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sosebee and son, Wiley, of Lubbock visited relatives here Sunday.
Mrs. Dewey Nicholson and little son of Tahoka are here, the guests of her father, W. J. Bicknell.

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PERSONALS

Max Mellinger and his son, Isadore, are in Dallas this week attending the shoe convention.
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle of Plainview are visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray came down from Hermlough Wednesday to visit Uncle Bobby Hanna, who is very ill, and other relatives.
Meyer Mellinger, who graduated from Merkel Hi last spring, has entered the University of Texas this term, leaving for Austin Sunday.
Misses Matelyn and Evelyn Gregory of Simmons university are spending a few days with Miss Margaret Cannon during semester intermission at the university.
Mesdames S. D. Gamble and F. C. McFarland, accompanied by Mrs. Marvin Alston of Abilene, attended the funeral of Rev. A. L. Jobe, a former Merkel minister, which was held Friday at Ranger.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox were week-end visitors with Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats and family at Spur, having been accompanied by Miss Athelda Yeats, who completed her course at McMurry college last week.
A. B. Hughes, who has been employed with his brother, Fred Hughes, of the Hughes Motor company here for several months, left Monday to enter the University of Texas as a Freshman at the beginning of the second term. He was graduated last spring from Center High school.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Report received here Wednesday night as to the condition of Sallee Saffle, who is in an El Paso hospital, was to the effect that he was critically ill with pneumonia, following an abdominal operation, but that there was a "slight ray of hope." His parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle, of Plainview, who are here with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, and his sister, Mrs. Largent, returned only recently from El Paso.

Woody's New Cafe was opened up Saturday in the former location of the Busy Bee cafe, next door to Brown's Bargain store. New fixtures have been installed and the entire interior and exterior given a fresh coat of paint.

Work of renovating the enlarged suite of offices upstairs in the Farmers State bank building, occupied by Dr. W. T. Sadler, is nearing completion. Two additional rooms provide

space for a business office and a patient's room. Dr. Sadler's suite now covers the entire west section of the building upstairs.

The Merkel Hatchery opens Saturday of this week under the direction of L. D. Irvine, son of Frank Irvine, the owner. L. D. will be regularly on

the job and will make his home here during the hatchery season.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

A most enjoyable outing was had last Sunday, Mrs. Strawn of Greenville being the honored guest. After church services several families drove to Mr. Adrian's ranch spring, carrying their lunch and spreading it together. They also climbed the mountain and took pictures. Those from out of town were Mrs. Strawn of Greenville, Bob Dennis of Merkel, Mr. Arledge and Miss Margie Adrian of Abilene.

Mrs. Ruth Brown of Blair is here spending the week with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

Mr. McWilliams of Merkel, formerly of this place, attended business here Monday.

Boots Brown of Fort Worth spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Joe Brown, and Mrs. Brown and daughter, Winnie, returned home with him for a visit.

Mrs. John Skillern and son, Jim, of Sweetwater were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutcherson Tuesday.

H. W. Beckham is in Lamesa on business this week.

Mrs. Norwood and children left last Thursday for Comanche to visit her parents. She was joined by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge, at Merkel, who will make the visit with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock had an overnight guest last Wednesday Mrs. Murdock's nephew, Mr. Thompson, who is at present attending a dentist school at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of I. X. L. a short while last Wednesday night, also attending the singing class being taught by Mrs. McLeod there.

John Howell of Abilene attended to business matters here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Martin, and family of Abilene last Thursday, also looking after business matters. On their return Mrs. Jack Frost accompanied them home and spent the latter part of the week in their home as a guest of her husband, who is residing there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English of Lamesa spent the greater part of last week here with relatives. They returned home last Friday accompanied by Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod, also her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod.

Mrs. Tom Ivy and son, Gene, of Sweetwater were guests in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Bowers, last Sunday. Mrs. Ivy will be remembered as Miss Della Feazel, formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. English of Hermleigh visited relatives here last week, having visited the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. E. M. Rogers, who is in the hospital at Abilene.

Mrs. Boots Brown of Fort Worth visited with relatives here last week, having been called to Abilene to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Rogers, whose condition is very much improved.

Bill Riley of Coleman, formerly a resident of this place, visited last week-end with his daughters, Mrs. Hubert West and Mrs. Arthur Duncan, and their families. He was accompanied by his son and family, also his youngest daughter, Miss Erlene. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Armour of Dallas were week-end guests of the latter's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dowdy, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and family of Blair spent last Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Pete Howell left last week for Lubbock.

Mrs. Wallace Kelley of Farwell came in Tuesday to pay her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue, a visit.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Cloyce Edwards, assisted by Miss Imogene Mangum and Mrs. Jack Childress of Anson, entertained a group of children in her home on Saturday afternoon, January 20, honoring her daughter, LaNelle, on her fourth birthday. Games were played and pictures made of the guests until tea time when they were led to a table overlaid with a rich pink and white tablecloth and directed to their places marked by their names written on pink paper hearts.

Favors of cars and dolls were drawn from a pink and white bowl by pink and white ribbons. Punch and cake was served to Cliffs Jean Estep, Weldon and Tilda Lou Steen, Joyce Hays, Jerry Massey, Allen and Donald Howell, Betty Jo Neill, Juanelle and Zuma Joyce Steen, Louise Smith, Jackie Estep, Ozro Steen, Bill Neill, Tilman Howell, Miss Dorris Steen and the hostess.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Mesdames C. C. McRee and Ed Burks were co-hostesses in entertain-

ing the Home Demonstration club with an all-day quilting on the regular meeting day, Wednesday, January 24, in the latter's home. Those bringing a covered dish and spending the day were Mesdames Roy Stewart, Stanley Armour, W. L. McLeod, A. W. Wood, Burt McRee, A. C. Wash, Henry Ogletree, Bill Neill, Jack Bight, Tom Williamson, Walker Steadman, T. G. Hamner, C. T. Beckham, John Gafford, Maggie Walker and Misses Helen Bright and Malmie Gafford.

Plans were discussed for the program that is to be given Friday evening, February 2. The next meeting day all the members are to meet at Mrs. M. G. Scott's.

Several new members came into the club. In the afternoon a delicious plate of angel food cake and coffee was served to Mesdames Curley Edwards, Tom Vessel, Harvey Jones, Ann Boone, John Strawn, J. I. Leamon, L. S. Titsworth, M. G. Scott, R. L. Reeves, Cleve Johnson, Hoses Winn, Alex Williamson, Elery Smith, A. B. Curry, John Payne, R. B. McRee, Sr., and Misses Lillian McRee, Fama Maud Johnson, Dollie Wash, the hostesses and the ones mentioned above.

On Friday night, February 2, the Home Demonstration club will give a play and in connection there will be a baby show, in which a prize will be given the winning baby.

The following program will be rendered:

- Baby parade and contest. Duet, June and Joy Nalley. Rhythm band, Mrs. Reeves' room. One act play. Cowboy band. Household hints—one act play. Monologue, "Never Take Your Wife to a Ball Game," Mrs. John Payne. "It Happens in the Best of Families," Mrs. C. C. McRee, J. P. Roberts. Sweethearts' revue, Donald Thomson, Imogene Mangum.

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THE DOLLAR BRDIE

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and down the room, his heedless slippers slapping the floor at every step.

"Fifteen thousand dollars," he repeated fiercely; "by gum, you're some spender for a boy of twenty-three! You're the first felon in our family, sh. How did you get rid of a small fortune? Spend it in chewing-gum?"

Young Gordon made no reply; he was breathing hard and drops of cold perspiration stood out on his forehead in beads. Mrs. Gordon was sobbing audibly, her head in her hands, and Nancy stood, looking on. She felt as if her world had suddenly tumbled down about her ears; for the first time in her life, too, her father terrified her. He wheeled 'round and came back, thrusting his face close to his son's.

"What'd you mean by it? Did you forget the family honor—your own good name? Who taught you to steal? My God in heaven, I never thought my boy'd be a felon!" he raved.

His son faced him sullenly, he felt like a man with his back to the wall, but the sting of his father's insults was turning his shame into rage; he returned his look with rising fury.

"I didn't take it for myself," he cried bitterly. "I borrowed it—bit by bit—to help someone else, someone in distress. I swear I meant to return it; she—she promised to return it to me—things went wrong, I can't put it back in time—I started for Brazil—I came here because—I wanted to see Mother first!"

"'She'?" Mr. Gordon pounced on the pronoun. "You've been giving money to a woman—that's what you've been doing! Some painted hussy's been playing you for money!"

"She's not a painted hussy!" cried his son passionately, "she's the loveliest woman in the world—I love her, I'd steal for her, I'd die for her—I'm going to jail for her now!"

"Going to jail for her now, are you?" his father shouted. "A pretty story—stealing for a jade, a hussy, a—"

"Oh Papa, hush!" shrieked Mrs. Gordon, snatching at his sleeve. "hush!" she was in tears.

But her husband shook her off. "You keep out of it!" he said fiercely. "You let me alone—I know what I'm talking about. Here's this—this young jackass been stealing for a hussy! D'you hear me, sir?" he thundered, facing his son again. "You've forgotten the family honor, you've forgotten you're a Gordon, you've broken your mother's heart, you've disgraced your father and sister—your young sister! Look at her, a girl in the

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His son stared at him for a moment, speechless. He was not quite sure that the red-faced, screaming, frantic man was his father. He couldn't believe it. And the insult plunged deep into the boy's raw heart. Hatred leaped up in him like a flame. He snatched a quart of rage, like a young wolf gone mad. "Stop that!" he shouted. "I won't have it! You shan't insult her!"

He rushed blindly at his father, deaf to his mother's shriek. His hands were actually on the older man's throat before he knew it. Then, for the first time, he heard his mother's frantic cries.

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GOLAN NEWS

W. C. Hill did jury service in Anson the past week.

Messrs. W. E. Byrum and A. J. Cook canned beeves Tuesday and Wednesday.

Principal Orvel Hill of the Truby school brought his junior basketball team, senior girls and boys over Friday evening for games. We invite them back.

A. J. Cook received word Thursday night of a brother's death in Oklahoma City, and he and his three sons left immediately for that place.

Misses Mervil and Eldora Hill of Lubbock visited their sister, Mrs. L. C. Williams, for a few days, returning Tuesday.

Several from Golan attended first quarterly conference in Sylvester Sunday.

We were glad to have the McCauley visitors and singers Sunday afternoon.

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until Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hill has been sick for the past week, but is better now.

Mrs. Med Herron of Sylvester visited her sister, Mrs. Bob Jones, Friday.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to all these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We were glad to have with us Sunday morning Brother J. W. Saffle, a former pastor and he gave an inspirational talk to the young people.

Our pastor preached to large audiences Sunday, both morning and evening. Sunday morning his message was on "Sin" and Sunday evening on "Christians Confessing their Sins."

Our protracted meeting will begin the fourth of March. Mr. Joe Trussell of Brownwood will lead the singing.

We had a good crowd at our council meeting Monday evening. We hope to have all of our officers and teachers at our next meeting.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m., Mr. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. We are very anxious that you be in Sunday School and we are sure that you will like it when you come. The editor of a small town newspaper said last week he went to Sunday School Sunday a week ago and again last Sunday and he had not been in a Sun-

day School for twenty years and that he did not know before what he had been missing. "I liked it," he said, "and am going some more." Come and you might feel the same way about it. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject "Watching at the Cross." Sacrament. Leagues at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7:15 p. m. Come and worship with us. You will find a warm welcome.

Remember next Monday at 10 a. m. Bishop Arthur J. Moore and other bishops will be at the First Methodist church, Sweetwater, in a program on "Missions" and the church is very anxious, and extends to each and all an invitation to be in this inspirational meeting. So let's go, Feb. 5.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Interest good with some increase in attendance, for which we are thankful. Come to our services next week.

They are as follows: Lord's day, Bible study 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 5 p. m. and preaching 7:15 p. m. Subject for 11 a. m., "The Church at Thyratira," and at 7:15, "Can One Be Saved Out of Christ?"

Wednesday at 7 p. m. a thirty minute Bible study conducted by Brother West, followed by a sermon by one of the young A. C. C. preachers. These Wednesday evening services are fine. Come, enjoy them with us.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

After many days in constant communion with God, Moses returned from Mt. Sinai, his face all aglow from Mt. Sinai, his face all aglow. There is always a shine on the face of the man or woman that constantly communes with God. How wonderful it is to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and to abide under the shadow of the Almighty! oD we dwell

in the secret place of prayer? Are we abiding under the shadow of His protecting care? Dear Nazarenes, let us rally for our Master. He gave all for us; what are we doing for Him? Let us go forward in Jesus' name and fight sin on every hand.

We are so thankful for the loyalty of our good people who are so faithfully standing by us. May the Lord bless everyone of them. Comiz, let us worship together.

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.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our revival will begin next Sunday, February 4. Brother Jasper Massagee is expected to be with us and help in the revival. We thank God that our people are already in a revival. Prayer meetings are being well attended every night from house to house and these meetings are very spiritual.

Brother Rister from Tye preached a fine sermon at our church Sunday morning. Brother Armstrong gave a fine message Sunday night. Sister McConnell gave a splendid reading Sunday morning on "Excuses why people do not go to church," and Sister Price gave a fine reading Sunday night. The young people also had an interesting service.

The pastor was in two fine services at Trent Sunday. Before preaching time came, a testimony service resulted in a man, who was head of a family and for many years a backslider, rising, repenting, confessing and coming home to God.

We welcome everybody to our services, especially to our revival meeting. We beseech every member of our Bible School to be present Sunday and let us have the largest attendance we have ever had; each one bring a new pupil.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

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Waco Man Commends Witt for Governor



EDGAR E. WITT.

Concerning Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt of Waco, who is now a candidate for the office of governor, W. W. Woodson, one of Waco's leading citizens and president for many years of the First National bank there, recently gave out a statement to the people of Texas endorsing the candidacy of his fellow townsman and almost life long friend. In commending Edgar Witt to the voters of the state, Mr. Woodson said in part:

"During all the years of my personal acquaintance with Edgar Witt, I have never known of his doing a dishonorable thing. He has been one of our best citizens, and a true and trusted public official. He has been always ready with his time and talents for the aid of any movement for the betterment of his community or his state, and for the aid of any individual citizen who might call on him. The regard that his citizenship has for him is shown by the fact that in his last race with opposition, he carried McLennan county over his op-



VALENTINE PARTY.

Mrs. George White was hostess for an enjoyable affair on Tuesday afternoon, entertaining a group of contract fans. A Valentine motif was carried out in game accessories and party candies. Games of contract bridge proved happy diversion until the refreshment hour when a delicious salad course was served to Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Harold Boney, Bob Mayfield, Dot Gresham, Milton Case, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Charles Largent, L. C. Zehnpfenig and Ernest Higgins, Misses Mary Eula Sears and Nelle Durham.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ED. V. LANCASTER.

On Thursday afternoon, January 25, Miss Wanda Hunter entertained with a shower in honor of Mrs. Ed. V. Lancaster. This came as a complete surprise to the honoree, as "it was given in her own apartment. The guests arrived about four o'clock and the honoree was called home. To her

ponent by a vote of approximately six to one. As a member of the state senate and as lieutenant governor he has shown that he regards a public office as a public trust—and a rare capability in getting things done, so devoid of ballyho, buncombe and demagoguery as to be refreshing. "I think I speak for the citizenship here, be they business men, professional men, laborers, men and women, when I say that it is their opinion that Edgar Witt will make Texas, if elected, a governor of whom the entire state will be proud—that his sole interest will be the welfare of the masses of the people—that he will be controlled by no special interest or special group, as he has never been so controlled—and that our viewpoint will be evidenced by a favorable vote of ninety per cent of the voting population of this county."

surprise her house was filled with greetings from her classmates, who ushered her to the back bedroom and presented her with a bed laden with a number of beautiful and useful wedding gifts.

An hour was passed in the playing of various card games, after which a delicious plate with chocolate squares and punch was served to the following: Billy Gardner, Billie B. Gambill, Sis Gamble, Mary Helen Lancaster, Mary Frances Cook, Betty Grimes, Lois Whiteley, Sarah Sheppard, Bessylea Church, Opal Buzbee, Clara Francis Largent, Helen Joyner, Margaret Miller, Caribel Mansfield, De La Vergne Teague, the honoree, Julia Proctor Lancaster, and the hostess.

Clyde Shouse Wants To Be Public Weigher

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5: I am in the race for public weigher and solicit your vote and influence in the July democratic primaries.

I have lived by most of you all of my life and most of you know me personally. So I feel that each of you should be in position to judge of my qualifications to fill the office.

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FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Green Beans, 2 lbs. 25c
Large Bunches Beets, each 5c
Seedless Carrots, each 5c
Large Bunches Celery, stalk 15c
Large and Firm Lettuce, each 5c
Large Bunches Grape Fruit 5c
Medium Size Apples, 2 doz. 25c
Large Fruit Bananas, doz. 17c

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Pure Cane Cloth Bags
10 lbs. 49c
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