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PAINTS SERIES MURAL PANELS FOR SHERMAN

Jimmie Swann, Former Merkel Boy, Now Doing Work in Studio of Frank Klepper in Dallas, Has Library Commission.

A series of mural panels by a native Texan artist, and a Merkel boy, by the way, Jimmie Swann of Dallas, will be hung on the foyer walls of the Sherman public library by May 1, the gift to Sherman of the artist, made possible by the federal government's public works administration projects for artist.

The project for Sherman was undertaken a number of weeks ago and halted upon notification that PWA projects for artist had been cut off. On receipt of word that continuance had been allowed between March 1 and May 1, Mr. Swann has begun actual painting of the panels, designs for which had been made at the outset and accepted by Dr. J. S. Ankeney, director of the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts and head of the artists' PWA work in Texas, as well as by the Sherman library board.

Mr. Swann is doing his work in Dallas at the studio of Frank Klepper and will finish about May 1. The work is done in oil on pressed wood, the three panels to be 7x3 feet each, covering a wall space of about 7x11 feet.

The design is simple and classic. Each panel is to contain a draped female figure, the three representing music, literature and painting, primary arts. Against a background of gold leaf, the figures stand unembellished except for symbolic objects in their hands. Music carries a lyre. Literature a scroll and Art has on her shoulder a vase and in her left hand a brush. Three panels are interrelated only by means of two stylized trees whose branches carry over into adjoining panels. The draperies are in pale yellow, green and blue.

Jimmie Swann, who was born in Merkel and reared in this great West Texas section, attended Sul Ross college at Alpine. He has studied art since the age of nine, first with his sister, Irene Swann, and later with Anna E. Keener of Alpine and Frank Klepper at Dallas.

For five years he was commercial artist with and manager of the Southwestern Engraving Co. of Amarillo.

104th District Grand Jury Is Reconvened

The grand jury of the 104th district court was reconvened Monday morning for the second time for the current term of court.

J. M. Musser is foreman of the body and other members are: Dee Grimes and Roy Harrell, Merkel; L. J. Ackers, Hill P. Simmons and J. E. Stowe, Abilene; H. A. Parrish, Bradshaw; J. L. Kincaid, Buffalo Gap; T. H. Williamson, Trent; Walter McCartney, route 1, Tye; T. W. Foster, route 1, Wingate, and R. C. Perkins, route 5, Merkel.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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HONOR ROLL MERKEL SCHOOLS.

(Note—The following names complete the list of members of school honor roll, first portion of which was printed in this column last week.)

Julia Martin, Rovens Allen, Mabel Laney, Gaines Weir, Robert Warnick, Loring Hamblet, Vernon Coats, Vesta Parks, Ida Meeks, Mack Cauthen, Paul Stanford, Beulah Walker, Eunice Armstrong, Rennie Burns, Elsie Peterson, Rex McLean, Paul West, Ralph Bigham, Lois Balch, Flossie Cypert, Gladys Evans, Ruby Cauthen, Maurine Cobb, Dimple Counts, Vivian Derington, Lorena Frazier, Vivian Hutcheson, Homer McConnell, Lillian Craig, Madden Brown, Virgil Mayfield, Jewel Costephens, Lucille Barwell, Nellie Holloway, Vennie Heizer, Mozelle Bankhead, Maurine Angus, Fay Rogers, Mary Balch, Doris Russell, Robert Compton, Vernon Slapes, Marion Johnson, Earl Martin, Lendon Coats, Dexter Eoff, Robert

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

W. H. Richardson, a guard on the first University of Texas football team in 1891, and now a hardware man in Austin, has been awarded his Texas "T" varsity letter.

Irvin (Blackie) Thompson was convicted and sentenced to death in the trial of his case at Marlin for the \$41,000 robbery of the First State bank there in December.

Cadet V. L. Anderson of Kelly field, San Antonio, was thrown from his plane when it fell into a spin Tuesday, but landed safely with his parachute among some houses.

J. E. Stanford of Bryan, who has engaged in agricultural work for many years, has been named director of the department of rural rehabilitation of the Texas relief commission.

L. C. Keel, Jim Vinson and Jim Fox have been placed in jail at Eastland on charges of theft and burglary in connection with the looting of the national guard armory here Feb. 19.

Sheriff C. E. Pipes of Pampa, whose weight was 375 pounds and who was said to have been the largest peace officer in the Southwest, succumbed to pneumonia while sitting in a chair at his home.

State Senator Walter Woodul of Houston, president pro tem of the senate during the last regular session of the legislature, Wednesday made formal announcement of his candidacy for the democratic nomination of lieutenant-governor.

Run down by a car while they sat grouped on the curb near their home at Amarillo playing, Shirley Pauline Palmateer, 3, was killed and her brother and sister probably fatally injured shortly afternoon Wednesday. Charges of murder and driving while intoxicated were filed against the driver of the car.

Two of the quartette involved in the \$1,500 robbery of the First National bank of Mesquite have been assessed 99-year sentences. They are: Jean McDonald, who pleaded guilty to participation in the robbery, and Charley Rothammel. The other two, who are to be tried the last of the week, are Leston Walters and Dale Clark.

Name of Watt Blair Substituted on Ticket

J. A. Stanford has requested The Mail to state that, while he appreciated the honor his friends conferred on him in asking him to permit the use of his name on the ticket as a candidate for alderman to fill the unexpired term of W. D. Hutcheson, resigned, he has definitely decided not to enter the race.

Friends and supporters of the present administration have secured the consent of Watt Blair to stand for this place in the coming city election.

Rabbit Drive at Blair.

The residents of the Blair community will stage a rabbit drive on Tuesday of next week, March 27. Participants are asked to gather at the Rogers' store. Dinner will be served at Blair at noon.



MR. AND MRS. BUTMAN CELEBRATE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Married at the Merkel depot on March 19, 1884, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, among the best known and most highly respected of West Texas pioneers, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at their ranch home in Mulberry canyon, 15 miles south of Merkel.

More than 120 relatives, neighbors and friends gathered for the all-day observance, which was climaxed by a program of music, readings and tributes to the honored guests.

A regular chuck wagon dinner, including barbecue, roast turkey, boiled ham, pies, cakes and salads, prepared by the daughters and daughters-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Butman, was served at noon. Older guests were seated in the home while younger members of the group were served buffet fashion.

The program was in charge of Mrs. R. A. Burgess. With Mrs. C. B. Gardner at the organ Cyrus Pee was leader for favorite songs and hymns. Complimenting with a request of Mr. Butman, little Miss Mary Jo Russell sang "The Last Round-Up" and readings were given by Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

Short talks—testimonials of friendship and esteem for the honored couple—were made by George Ritchie, Charlie Brown, Judge W. W. Wheeler, J. L. Brandon, R. H. Mathews, G. H. Johnson of Sweetwater, L. R. Thompson of Abilene, Booth Warren, E. H. Cordell, John Hughes, Jack Latimer and L. L. Murray. Mrs. H. C. Williams and Mrs. George F. West in their talks paid especial tribute to Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Butman's father.

Mrs. Butman responded for the family, expressing their joy for the beautiful day which made possible the presence of so many of their friends. She said she believed couples should marry young in order that they might have greater assurance of celebrating their golden wedding, and she approved of large families "because children were always doing some sweet service for their parents."

Mrs. C. B. Gardner presented Mr. and Mrs. Butman with a large wedding cake and friends brought useful and beautiful gifts in great numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Butman have ten children, nine of whom were present for the occasion. Rev. John M. Cochran of Abilene solemnized the marriage of this couple at Merkel while Mrs. Butman, the former Madge Vaughn, was living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughn, in quarters of the Texas and Pacific depot. Mr. Vaughn was depot agent and postmaster at the time.

WAS SEAFARER.

Mr. Butman, a native of Maine and a member of a long line of sea-faring men, had come to Taylor county in 1882. The occasion which turned him from the sea to the inland was mentioned in a brief narrative of his life, given by one of the guests. Caught in a terrible storm, he resolved that if he ever reached shore safely he would never return to the sea. True to his resolution, he turned his back on the life of his ancestors and set his face westward. He traveled to the end of the Texas and Pacific railway, Baird being the terminus at that time, and soon afterward hired himself out as a sheepherder.

A year later, when the railroad had been built into Taylor county, he moved to Mulberry canyon and homestead-

ed a 160-acre tract of school land. This became the nucleus of the 7,600 ranch which he owns today. In addition, he also has under lease 4,400 acres, bringing a total of 12,000 acres under his control.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

Children who planned the celebration for their parents were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Euel Ray of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom, Miss Lottie Butman and Ford Butman of Long Beach, Calif. Louis Butman of Long Beach was unable to be present.

Grandchildren present were: Margaret, Lorene, Banning, Jerry and Jack Butman; Mabel, Edith, Ruth and Nell V. Butman; Billy Sam Butman, Herbert and Harold Swinney, Mildred Sloan, Kenneth, Vernon, Anna Loyce and Peggy Jane Ray.

GUEST LIST.

Registered guests were: Mesdames H. C. Williams, J. E. Costephens, W. A. McSpadden, H. M. Rainbolt, Cora Curb, M. E. Buecus, J. S. Pinckley, W. W. Campbell, J. M. Dry, George F. West, W. D. Hutcheson, B. M. Black and J. R. Pee; Messrs. George D. Ritchie, J. L. McLean, L. L. Murray, Robert Smith and T. Clark of California;

Messrs. and Mesdames J. B. Brandon, Putnam; Elgan Costephens, Sweetwater; G. H. Johnson, Sweetwater; L. R. Thompson, Abilene; C. L. Brown, John D. Porter, R. H. Mathews, John S. Hughes, C. K. Russell, W. T. Cox, D. M. Mathews, Jack Latimer, G. M. Brown, T. C. Duncan, R. A. Burgess, Sam Swann, Thomas Durham, Booth Warren, Comer Haynes, Cyrus Pee, E. H. Cordell, J. L. Cargill, J. A. Lewis, G. W. Whiteaker, F. R. Demere; Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner;

Misses Pearl Mathews, Opal Russom, Annie Lou and Mary Jo Russell, Novis J. Whiteaker, Mrs. F. Bell Hood, Greenburg, Kans., Leonard, Bernice, Mary F., Clyde, Louise, Opal and Callie Jayne Lewis and William B. and Annie C. Cargill.

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.

West Texas Judges Meet at Sweetwater

County Judge John L. Camp, members of the commissioners court and County Auditor L. R. Thompson are planning to go to Sweetwater Friday morning for the opening of the business sessions of the spring convention of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners association.

All four commissioners, A. J. Canon, Sid McAdams, Luther Webb and Rex Dillard, expect to attend.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS



OSCAR F. CHASTAIN.

A former superintendent of the Merkel Public schools, Oscar F. Chastain of Eastland, member of the Texas legislature and a candidate for congress from the 17th district, the place now occupied by Thomas L. Blanton, was a visitor in Merkel Saturday, paying The Mail office a call. He also renewed acquaintance with a number of his former pupils, many of whom are now heads of businesses here.

Judge Chastain, who is now practicing law in Eastland, was superintendent of the schools here for the 1901-2 session, going the next year to the same position in Stamford where he served till 1908. For 12 years he was professor of history and economics at A. & M. college.

While in the 41st legislature he was chosen to close the debate on the Small river bed bill, a measure dear to West Texans. He is also a member of the 43rd legislature, having just returned recently from the special session. He was author of the state tuition bill adopted at the 1933 session, which adjusts the fee for out-of-state and foreign students, was co-author of the deficiency judgment bill and one of the co-authors of the moratorium bill.

Play at Blair.

"The Old Maids Club," the play sponsored by the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club, and which was presented at Union Ridge last Friday night, will be given at Blair on Monday night, March 26.

SECOND PROJECT BEAUTIFICATION PLAN STARTED

Plot Along Railroad Right-of-Way and South of Highway Planted in Cypress, Cedars, Redbuds, Wild Plums, Etc.

Second project of the local committee on highway beautification—plotting and planting a strip of railroad right-of-way, south of the highway and extending from the Nichols Ice house to the next crossing—received attention this week.

With Mrs. R. A. Burgess as chairman of the local committee, beautification plans for this strip were plotted by Booth Warren, Mrs. C. H. Jones and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard. T. G. Bragg and Charlie Jones handled details of the work, Commissioner A. J. Canon furnishing the grader.

Planted in this strip of ground along the highway are: 75 Yucca plants, 30 salt cedars, 21 Arizona cypresses, 30 redbud and 30 wild plum trees. A. T. Sheppard furnished the truck for hauling and supervised the actual planting.

Without the aid of City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, relief chairman here, and some twenty-two former CWA workers, who volunteered a day's work, it might have been rather more expensive than the committee could have met to dig the holes for these trees, shrubs and plants and to get them sodded.

Those who volunteered for the day's work were: John Bryan, Roy Blount, B. E. Blount, John Rosson, Jack Billberry, Homer Reynolds, Bill Peterson, J. M. Marshall, M. W. Smith, Cal Hawkins, Sherman Rosson, A. C. Brown, Louie Walker, Bill Smith, John Reagh, Roy Clark, Dowell Henry, Lendel Martin, Elvie Davis, L. A. Blount and A. J. Barron.

J. S. Thomas Attends Funeral of Brother

Upon receipt of the sad news Monday of the death of Red Thomas, a brother of J. S. Thomas, the latter, accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas, left at once for Fordyce, Ark.

Funeral services were held there Tuesday.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"

and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

AN OLD MAN'S CONCLUSIONS.

Whenever some one recommends that you buy a current novel which claims to be ultra-modern in its cynical appraisal of life, save two dollars and take down your Bible and real Ecclesiastes again. You will find in it everything that the Greenwich Villagers have ever said, and much better said than they ever thought of saying it.

It is the book of an old man, who had sought pleasure in every conceivable form but had nowhere found satisfaction.

Vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun?

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever.

The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. . . .

All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.

Being in a position of power, and with educational opportunities beyond those of other men, the writer set forth to make himself the wisest of all. But

I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

For in much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

He tried to find satisfaction in mirth and wine, and again in achievement—the building of palaces and gardens, the accumulation of property, gold and silver, servants.

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

So, disillusioned and old, he continues for eleven gloomy chapters, and then suddenly there comes a change in the tempo. He has found the answer, the one thing that gives satisfaction, the one safeguard against a lifetime of fruitless searching and reiterated disappointments.

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THE BOOK

(Continued From Page One.)

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. There are scholars who say that this majestic twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes does not jibe with the other eleven and must have been added by a later hand. True, perhaps, but improbable. It makes a grand conclusion to a very wonderful book, and it belongs just where it is. From the deep shadows of Ecclesiastes you turn with a sense of relief to the Psalms, filled with the grandeur of the mountains, the fragrance of spring air, the vast stretches of the firmament and the joy of the Lord. To be sure, there are other notes, for the Psalms are a complete emotional record of human life.

Next Week: In One Hundred and Fifty.

EVERYDAY PHILOSOPHY.

The man who says it can't be done is usually interrupted by the man who is doing it.

Some people can see the funny side of every situation except their own.

One thing worse than a quitter is the fellow who is afraid to begin. —Observant Reader.

GOODMAN NEWS

Due to the fair weather we have been having, most of the farmers are through listing land and some have planted corn and gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips went to Anson Saturday.

Frank Ferrell of Abilene spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubre Dell Carter entertained a few friends with a dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Loy Williams and Anna and Joe went to Merkel and Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. Billings of Trent visited in our community Sunday and Sunday night. Hugh Grayson made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

Misses Ethel and Verlin Cook went to Anson Friday.

Mrs. Wilson of Noodle visited in our community Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green and Mrs. Green's mother went to Sweetwater Friday to visit Mrs. Green's sister, who has been sick several days.

Lamont Cox has returned home from the hospital in Abilene where she underwent an operation.

Miss Deavers, teacher in Horn school, spent the week-end with home folks.

Enmett Tiner from Abilene High spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hail spent part of the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hail. Mrs. Hail has enrolled at A. C. C.

On account of it being so cold Sunday night, there were not very many at singing. We hope to have better attendance next meeting night.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. A. Williamson, assisted by Mrs. Reeves as co-hostess, entertained the intermediate volley ball girls' team with a party last Wednesday. Each girl invited a boy and the amusement consisted of games. First, an Easter egg hunt was patronized by all present; then a miniature volley ball game was played—girls against the boys—the boys winning all scores except one. An Easter bonnet was made by each boy for his partner and as a prize Foy Steadman was presented with a picture of a Dutch windmill. A Western Union telegraph blank was given to each couple in which a telegram was to be written using the word, "volley ball." The prize was won by Odessa McDonald and Henry Bright. Those attending were: Mildred Steadman, Thelma Nalley, Idell Cooper, Doreen Scott, Odessa McDonald, Gladys Hamner, Louise Allyn, Roland Duncan, F. H. Duncan, John Hamner, Cullen Tittle, Henry Bright, Foy Steadman, Andy Shouse, Miss Anna Bell Bailey and Miss Virgie Strawn. Miss Bailey is sponsor for the team.

H. W. Beckham is in from Lamesa for a few days.

Mrs. Georgia Chaffin of Arkansas, who has been visiting relatives at Clyde, is a guest in the home of her uncle, Lee Stephens.

Jack Freeman in company with Floyd Jones made a trip to Lone Oak to visit with relatives, going via Arlington. Mr. Freeman visited with his sister, Mrs. Geneva Freeman, who lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams and daughter, Fay, of Spangburg visited with Rev. W. B. Reeves and family Saturday.

The M. E. meeting is continuing this week with good interest; preaching through the day and night. Brother Reeves' subject Sunday morning will be taken from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. You have a cordial invitation to attend these services.

Mrs. Dale Estep of Houston is here for a few days to visit with her mother, Mrs. Fred Hale, and her sister, Mrs. John Crane, dividing the time.

Mrs. Milton Pate and children of Sweetwater spent last Tuesday in the Hale home.

Mrs. Boots Brown and son of Fort Worth visited relatives here the early part of the week, continuing her journey to Hermleigh to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. English. She was accompanied to Hermleigh by her sisters, Mesdames Boone and Winn, who paid their parents a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stephens and children joined by a number of relatives from Merkel spent a pleasant day last Saturday on the "Big 10" ranch. They engaged in frying fish that were caught the day before.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Moore and family of Lubbock, formerly of this place, visited the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bright, last week-end.

Mrs. A. Williamson and mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, left Sunday to attend the bedside of Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa for a few days. They were accompanied by Mark Williamson and Herbert McLeod.

Rev. Mr. Lee of Sweetwater, a retired Baptist minister, and Mrs. Lee visited our church people here the early part of the week. Brother Lee filled the pulpit at the church Sunday at 11 o'clock. He brought a powerful message on "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Despite the bad weather, the attendance was good. The night service was called off on account of the M. E. meeting that is in progress.

Brother and Sister Howell and baby of Abilene were dinner guests in the

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Winn home last Friday. They were en route to Stamper where their daughter is teaching.

Elbert Rogers of Hermleigh was the week-end guest of relatives here this week.

Mrs. Horace Taylor of Fairfield is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers were afternoon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lourie of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott in company with Mrs. J. B. Strawn of Greenville and several children spent the afternoon Sunday in driving.

They visited Lake Abilene and several other noted places of amusement.

A. C. Terry attended the funeral of Mrs. Holley at Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Brother E. L. Springer of Bremond will preach at the Baptist church on Easter Sunday. In connection with the service there will be dinner on the ground and an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon. You are invited to come and bring your dinner and spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Poor, accompanied by Allyn Terry and Miss Maurine Smith, attended the Fat Stock Show last week-end.

A number of our folks have been attending the show and according to reports it must have been fine.

Miss Helen Bright left Monday to enter Draughon's Business college at Abilene.

Roy Nalley and his sister, Miss Opal, of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with relatives here and at Abilene, dividing the time.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the kindness and close attention they gave my wife during her illness and death.

J. E. Sprain and relatives.

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Abilene, Texas

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Work has started this week on the new greenhouse for Missie's Floral shop, the former home having been destroyed by the fire that consumed the Woodrum hotel last summer.

Fred Latham, popular cafe man, has leased Wimans' cafe, next door to the bus station, and is now open for business. Everybody is glad to have Fred back home and he looks both happy and natural serving customers at his new location.

While at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, John S. Hughes, sold Fox, his thoroughbred 4-year-old Jersey bull, which has been the admiration of breeders in this section in recent years. R. H. Taylor of Fort Worth was the buyer.

In the game of "find the man with \$2.50," advertising stunt of the Church Motor company, local Plymouth and Chrysler dealers, Sie Hamm was awarded the money Saturday, March 10, as the first one to ask Dewey Sandusky the question, "Have you seen the New 1934 Plymouth." Barrow Furniture co-operated in selecting the agent.

Singing at Noodle.

W. J. Bicknell has asked The Mail to make announcement of singing at the Noodle school building at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. All singers have a special invitation to be present.

R & R PALACE
Sweetwater

Saturday
Robert Montgomery in
"MYSTERY OF MR. X"
Sunday-Monday
R & R Road Show with a 10-star cast
"CONVENTION CITY"

Tuesday-Wednesday
"SEARCH FOR BEAUTY"
With 30 international "Search for Beauty" contest winners.

Any
Paul Muni in
"THE WORLD CHANGES"

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday
Mrs. McCoy in
"THE WHIRLWIND"
Reckless-Daring-Romantic
A Tornado of Thrills

Palace open Sunday 2 p. m. and runs continuous. Complete show after 9 p. m.

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But It's YOUR Money
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THE BADGER WEEKLY

PICTURE TAKING DAY FOR ANNUAL IS ON FRIDAY

It seems that picture taking is a very important event, at least the looks of things pointed in that direction. On Friday all the girls brought their wardrobes; the boys wore the suits.

The Seniors especially felt their importance, because they had individual sittings. Although they were calmly told to watch the birdie, it seems that some of them thought there was a catch of some kind to it. Instead of watching the birdie, they watched the young man who was taking the pictures. As a result, the sight of their proofs scared them.

The Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen had two group pictures. Along with these were taken club pictures.

We hope that the pictures don't look too much like them to be attractive. We also hope our teachers will forgive us for not learning anything Friday.

CHAPEL

On March 15, Mr. Joe Trussell, evangelist-singer, who was helping conduct a revival meeting at the First Baptist church, appeared in chapel. After talking in a very joking manner, he had the student body sing "I Have the Joy." He sang as a solo "Under His Wings." Rev. C. R. Joyner gave the benediction.

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.

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

OUR SENIORS

SARAH SHEPPARD.
If you can't see Sarah, you can hear her. When you do see a tall slim girl with brown hair and pretty complexion, you will know it is Sarah. She is always full of pep—ready to help do her part. She has always been out there backing the Badgers. She has been a member of the Choral club for two years. This year she is a member of the Dramatic club and also the Blue Badgerettes. Keep that smile, Sarah, and you can't lose.

TED McGEHEE.
You know it is sometimes thought that Seniors have great tasks. Well, Ted came back to our high school with even a harder task than any of us. He has showed his true class spirit and also of the whole school. By studying and trying to help the Senior class, he has made his Senior year with honor. It is not often that a class is so lucky as to have a member like Ted. This year he is a member of the Dramatic club. We're hoping you all kinds of luck and success in your work, Titus.

ASK:

- Billy what kind of football players she likes.
- Sylvan who it is at Austin.
- Sis if she is reducing.
- Ruth S. who drives out to see her.
- Bud if he was scared Friday.
- W. B. who his girl is.
- Betty how to work your algebra problems.
- Mary Frances whom she was named after.
- Junior who his aunts are.
- Billie B., Sarah, Caribel and Junior about "S. B.," "P. B." and "C. B."
- L. V. where he learned to jump fences, etc.
- Milton about the bet he won. Wonder if he'll get paid?
- Mary Helen, Wanda and Billy if they think they are good cooks.
- Bussie, Jack Patterson and Kenneth what they wanted to do at Fort Worth with their twelve dollars.
- Lois why she was mad at church Sunday night.
- Julia how she likes fever blisters.
- Vernon M. who had to suffer the

SHANNON TAKES SECOND PLACE IN RUNNING

Shannon, crack miler of this district, won second in the Southwestern Track and Field meet held in Fort Worth last Saturday.

Running into a cold north and very strong wind, Shannon finished only a few steps behind a man from Zephyr, who won first place. First place time was 4.54-8 while Shannon's was 4.56. Coach Irvin with the entire track team will go to Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon for a meet with Snyder, Roby, Rotan, Rosece and Sweetwater. Shannon is in tiptop shape and will be expected to win the mile.

Those entering in tennis are: Reese and Jones—doubles. Mansfield and Gambill—doubles. Janet Hayes—singles. The boys' singles will be among Carson, Smith and Gambie.

consequences for him last Friday afternoon.

- Lynn if he's a sound sleeper.
- Nelle Pruitt if she likes to play Indian.
- Ruth Davis how she likes pushing cars.
- Clara Frances what kind of entertainment she likes in church.
- Miss Patterson if she thinks her bookkeeping class thinks she's prettier than her pictures were.

TOMFOOLERY.

- David Gambie: "What it takes to win women I've got."
- Kennedy Whiteley: "Then lend me a dollar."
- A smart girl is one who can make her complexion taste as good as it looks.
- Tracy Woods: "My heart flames like a blazing fire."
- Hollis Perry: "Don't be a fool."
- Tommy: "Doctor can't you help me? My name is Jones."
- Doctor: "Sorry, sir, I simply can't do anything for that."

POPULARITY OF CONTESTS IN SCHOOL SEEN

Well, it seems that we always have something to talk about. This past week one of the most interesting of events took place. We selected our best all-around girl, best all-around boy and most popular boy. Now, there were many whom we think would reach the standards, but everyone seems to be satisfied with the results.

In the run-off were these:
Best all-around girl—Caribel Mansfield and Billie Gambill; best all-around boy—David Gambie and Neil Durham; most popular boy—Bussie Boaz and David Gambie.

Everyone was held in suspense while the votes were being counted. The results were as follows: best all-around girl, Billie Bernice Gambill; best all-around boy, Davit Gambie; most popular boy, Bussie Boaz.

Each of these will get a special section in the Annual, and they deserve it.

Although requirements for these places were high, Merkel High was not afraid she wouldn't find some to reach these requirements—and sure enough she did.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

- Jack Patterson's pictures were "darlings?"
- Sis likes a certain kind of apples? It was something Sarah, Margaret and Helen ate?
- Shannon is somebody to be proud of?
- There was a fat stock show in Ft. Worth?
- There are going to be two extra and new boys to graduate?
- "Spring has come"? (You can tell by the lowering average of the number on honor roll.)
- Why Jack West didn't like his pictures?

Names of Pupils Selected to Enter County Declamation

During the past week eliminations have been held in declamation contests to pick the winners for the county meet at Abilene March 23-24. Greater interest was shown this year than at any time in the past. Thirty-six entered the finals which were held on Friday of last week. This contest is one of the finest of all the League contests. The training obtained in preparing for this event is of much value; the training in appearing before an audience is of much value in later life.

The following will represent the Merkel schools at county meet in declamations:

Grammar school—junior boys, Aynesworth Gates; junior girls, Anne Lee Blake; story telling, Billie Clyde Haynes.

High school—junior girls, Betty Lou Grimes; junior boys, Eteyl Church; senior girls, Mildred West; senior boys, Walter Riney.

The greatest number entering any one of the above events was fifteen in the High school senior girls' declamation. The names of those entering with the winners of first, second and third places in each event follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Junior boys—Aynesworth Gates and Marvin Hunter; Aynesworth Gates winning first place.

Junior girls—Anne Lee Blake, first place; Dorma Lee Shelton, second; Mary Jo Russell, third; Pearl Matthews, Peggy Doris Rogers and Euvalda Fox.

There were many other entries for both boys and girls, but eliminations were made in the reading classes and just the best ones were kept for the finals. Miss Pinckley had charge of Grammar School declamations.

In third grade story telling Billie Clyde Haynes was first and Floyd Hutcheson, second. Misses Heizer and Hughes had charge of it.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Junior boys—Eteyl Church, first place; Raymond Lasater, second; R. D. Hunter, third; Bobbie Woodrum, Edgar Bradley, Etsel Hunter and Jack Sublett.

Junior girls—Betty Lou Grimes, first place; Eva Faye Bush, second; Laverne Hughes, third; Willie Mae

Hudson and Dorothy Lee Bradley.

Senior boys—Walter Riney, first place; J. D. Bradley, second; Vernon Davis, third.
Senior girls—Mildred West, first place; Sarah Sheppard, second; Beasley Church, third; Thelma Patterson, Vivian Lasater, Emily Newman, Pauline Lasater, Alice Carey, Waldertne Huskey, Clara Lee Peterson, Mildred Cox, Thelma Mathews, Bessie Lou Russell.

Merkel Man Celebrates Eightieth Birthday

W. T. Derrick, who makes his home with his son, C. T. Derrick, of this city, celebrated his eightieth birthday March 9, 1934. On that day forty-five relatives and friends attended a dinner given in his honor at the home of another son near Stamford.

Mr. Derrick, who is a pioneer of Collin county, was born March 9, 1854, in Oktobeh county, Miss. At the age of fifteen he came with his parents to Collin county, East Texas, settling in what is now the Union community, seven miles northeast of Farmersville. They made the trip in six weeks, coming in a covered wagon, to which they drove three black oxen and a brown one.

In 1880 he was married to Miss Lou Hooks, and they moved into the house near Farmersville which Mr. Derrick lived in until he came to Merkel four years ago, and in which he still spends part of every summer. To the couple were born five children: Mrs. Ada Keppler, of Canadian, Okla.; Chester A. Derrick, of Stamford; Claude T.

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Mr. Derrick spent most of his birthday playing "42", one of his favorite pastimes. In the afternoon a photographer from Stamford took pictures of the group. Relatives present for the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Derrick and son, Tillman, Stamford; Mrs. H. C. McClain and daughter, Billie Doris, Ackerly; Mrs. J. D. Dennis and children, Dorothy Fern and Harold Gene, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dennis and children, Wynona and Kenneth, Hollis, Okla.; Mrs. T. J. Vernon and children, Cleta Mae and W. T. Monahans; Mrs. H. G. Glass, Wink; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Derrick and children, Vernie, Rodgers, Ora and Aliah Ruth, Merkel. Friends present were: Mrs. Jamison, a childhood friend of Mr. Derrick, Mrs. Braden, Miss Viola Mimms, Miss Janie Vosek, Jim and Charlie Vosek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vosek, Mr. Charlie Wilson and Miss Nila Mae Wilson, Mr. Asa McBay, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Meil, Mrs. LaSalle Goree and daughter, all of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wil-

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NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
Then he saw, lying on the table, one of Nancy's gloves. It lay there, holding the perfect form of Nancy's hand—like a thing alive. He blushed up to his hair, his eyes fixed on it.

"Sit down," he said formally, drawing forward a chair that was not Nancy's. "You spoke of Kingdom. What's wrong with him?"

Helena laughed bitterly, refusing the chair, her green eyes on him. "King's reading Voltaire now—I wish he had some real work to do beside sitting in the bank room at the bank on great occasions. It's awful to be rich and idle and hang around all day reading French. My father and my brothers all worked; I'm not used to idle men. Richard, I'll quarrel with him dreadfully if he doesn't go off for golf. I want you to send him."

Richard moved over to the mantel and rested his elbow on it, shading his face. "I can't urge any more of it, Helena. King's not strong enough this spring. Besides, he's just gone for the tournament in Washington, hasn't he? He told me so. You both ought to go to Europe."

She stared at him, startled. Then a slow hot blush went up over the long oval of her face.

"I didn't know he was ill," she said slowly, watching Richard.

"He's not ill—he's got a weak heart, that's all—I'm taking care of him."

"Keeping him alive?" she looked away. This was not what she had come to say: her heart was stormy now. She put her hand suddenly on the glove. "That's Nancy Gordon's," she said defiantly. "You're in love with that girl, Richard!"

He turned toward her, meeting her glance coldly.

"Do you want me to prescribe for you or King today, Helena?" he asked shortly.

She stood quite still, her eyes fixed on his. For a moment, the very forces of life seemed suspended, her green eyes were as glass, she barely breathed. He had never seen her like this before! Then suddenly she began to laugh wildly, hysterically, choking back her tears.

"Oh, how funny! Your blushing, Richard," she gasped. "I didn't mean anything. Prescribe for us, both, do! I'm an awfully good patient, you know it!"

He smiled grimly. "No, you're not, but here's a prescription—it's for nerves, Helena," he added coolly, holding it out.

She caught her breath, his anger seemed to burn its way through to her consciousness, but in a moment she controlled herself.

"I'm sorry I offended you, Richard," she said, with amazing gentleness.

He nodded. "You haven't."

She gave him an odd look, her hand on the door. "Oh, yes, I have—but I didn't think of you—I was sure that Nancy Gordon was engaged to Page Roemer. She is, isn't she?"

Richard held the door open for her gravely. "I suggest that you ask her," was all he said.

Helena laughed, but she said no more. She stood a moment, looking back at him. An unhappy woman, unhappily in love with him, and he knew it.

Mrs. Gordon was sitting in the old wicker rocking chair, by the library window, her hands lying idle in her lap. She could not read, she could not even knit; she had cried over Roddy until her eyelids were puffed and her eyes ached. He was safe, she knew it, but—now that she knew he was safe—she began to feel the disgrace that his mere rescue

from jail could not wipe out. Her boy had stolen money! The escape from punishment did not sponge out the sin.

She had borne him and she had reared him and he was a thief. His father called him that and she cringed from it as if she had been struck a blow. She wanted to cry, to throw herself into some one's arms and cry like a girl, but Mr. Gordon was not receptive. He was there. He had come in from the bank and was sitting grimly upright in his chair, reading the paper.

They had been sitting thus half an hour when she heard the familiar sound of the gate and started up.

"Papa, it's Nancy!"

He laid his paper on his knee. The broad afternoon light fell full on his worn face and his wife was shocked.

They heard the door open, a light step, and Nancy came into the room. She was very pale but her blue eyes shone. She came slowly toward them and stood still.

"I don't want you to worry any more," she said abruptly. "I borrowed that money from Richard Morgan. Roddy and I will pay him back. I—I married him yesterday."

Her mother dropped back into her rocker, speechless, but her father rose. His face turned grey.

"What did you say?" he demanded.

"I said I married Richard Morgan yesterday, in Washington, because—because he gave me the money to save Roddy."

"Where's Roddy?" Mr. Gordon's voice shook, "where is he now? He had no business to take that money from you!"

No one answered him and he broke loose in terrible denunciation. All the pent-up misery found vent. He made no bones about it. He spoke the truth as he saw it, spoke it brutally without seeing its effect.

The storm of his wrath swept over Nancy's bowed head like a hurricane. She clung to a little table in the center of the room.

"What kind of a girl are you?" roared Mr. Gordon, "what did you do? Go down there and tell him you'd marry him for fifteen thousand dollars?"

"Yes."

Nancy fixed her blue eyes on her father. He was so amazed that his mouth hung open. His shot had been a random one; that he had hit the bull's eye nearly prostrated him with horror and dismay.

"Good Lord!" he said below his breath.

Then he rallied himself. "I'll wire Roddy, I'll make him confess and bring that money back—it isn't his to pay in. I'll—I'll—" he sputtered breathlessly.

"You can't," said Nancy, "he's put it back; he's not going to confess and go to prison now!"

"He shall—I say he shall!"

Mr. Gordon slammed an old chair back with such violence that he broke a leg off; it toppled over helplessly and fell into the corner with a crash.

"I'd a darned sight rather that Roddy stayed in jail for life than to have him take that money! Can't you see that your daughter's sold herself?" he appealed to his wife. There was a terrible vehemence in his tone.

"Where's that man?" he swung around on Nancy, "where's Morgan?"

"He came home with me—he's in his office now. We—we haven't told any one—he wanted to come here with me, but I—"

"I should think he'd better come here like a man. I want to ask him if he thinks he's living in his grandfather's time. I reckon old Morgan bought his slaves about the same way—only cheaper!"

"Papa!" his wife almost shrieked now, "Papa, you ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

"I am, I'm ashamed to have such children! I've got a pair of them—the boy steals and the girl sells herself to the first rich man who'll—who'll pay for her!"

"Hush!" Mrs. Gordon cried, "hush, Papa!"

Nancy, who had never stirred

from her table, did not lift her eyes now, but her white lips moved.

"Let him alone Mama; it's true! Only a minister married us in church. It—it wasn't an auction, Papa."

Her father snorted with fury. "True! I reckon it is! There's one thing I'd like to say to you, though," he added with sudden and terrible courtesy, "If you'll permit me, Nancy?"

She choked back a sob.

"It's this—" he took a step nearer, striking his fist on the table—"you've sold yourself darned cheap!"

She gazed at him, speechless.

"You're young, you're strong, you're good-looking, you ought to have made a better bargain, Nancy. I've heard my father say that a pretty slave girl always brought a big bid. You're too cheap!"

"Papa!" Mrs. Gordon rose from her chair, fairly tottering on her feet, but snatching at her husband's coat-tails. "Don't you see that—that you're kidnapping the child?"

He swung free of her with an angry swish of his garments, a mild-mannered man beside himself.

"She can stand it. She's got an all-fired lot of brass to go and tell a man she'd marry him for fifteen thousand dollars cash!"

"Oh, Nancy dear, he doesn't mean it!" Mrs. Gordon cried timidly.

Nancy did not hear her. When her father's furious fist struck the table she let go her hold upon it and drew back, staring at him, fascinated. Then she turned slowly and started toward the door.

"Nancy!" her mother's voice quavered.

The girl did not answer her; she turned and looked back at her father. "We—we may keep it secret—the marriage—Richard leaves it to me."

"Secret?" Mr. Gordon roared, "secret? What's this? Is he ashamed of it already?"

Nancy gasped. "No," she said with white lips, "he isn't—I am!"

As she spoke she went slowly out into the hall and they heard her going slowly upstairs. Mrs. Gordon sank down again into her rocker. Her husband marched tumultuously about the room. A fancy, lace-bordered sofa-cushion caught on his sleeve button and he sent it flying.

"Oh, Papa, you've broken Nancy's heart!"

He swung around on her, his flushed face and standing hair terrifying her.

"Heart? Broken her heart—I'd—I'd like to thrash her!" he bellowed. "You'll have a stroke, William; you'll have a stroke—if you don't stop!"

"Stroke be hanged!" he said, and rushed to the telephone. He had just thought of it.

He called up Richard. "Yes, I want to see you—now—right away! All right, I'll wait!" He hung up the receiver and began to stride up and down again.

Mrs. Gordon knew the girl must be wretched and her heart went out to her. But there was a thrill of secret relief Roddy was saved. His father couldn't make him return the money now. Should she go upstairs and try to make it up to Nancy? She half rose and Mr. Gordon smashed a little glass paper-weight that had fallen in his way.

"He's going crazy," she thought feebly; then he remembered Richard Morgan. He was coming soon and there would be an explosion worse than the one that had greeted Nancy. What would happen? Would

there be an awful scene? She did not know what to make of this, but she had seen Nancy's face. She summoned all her courage.

"I don't think it's right to treat the child so!" Mrs. Gordon wiped the tears from her eyes. "She's done it all to save Roddy."

"You think of nothing but Roddy! I'm—" his voice broke suddenly—"I'm thinking of my girl!"

"I'm thinking of Nancy, too. What use is it to make a scandal of her marriage? She married Morgan—I can't think she'd do it if she didn't care for him—it's—its—against nature!"

"Fiddlesticks! What's nature got to do with it? She married that—that fellow to get the money quick for Roddy." He brought his fist down again on the table—"I'd like to thrash the minister who married them! What business has any man got to marry people in that way? He ought to have had them both locked up in the police-station!"

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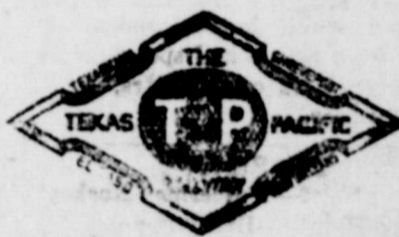
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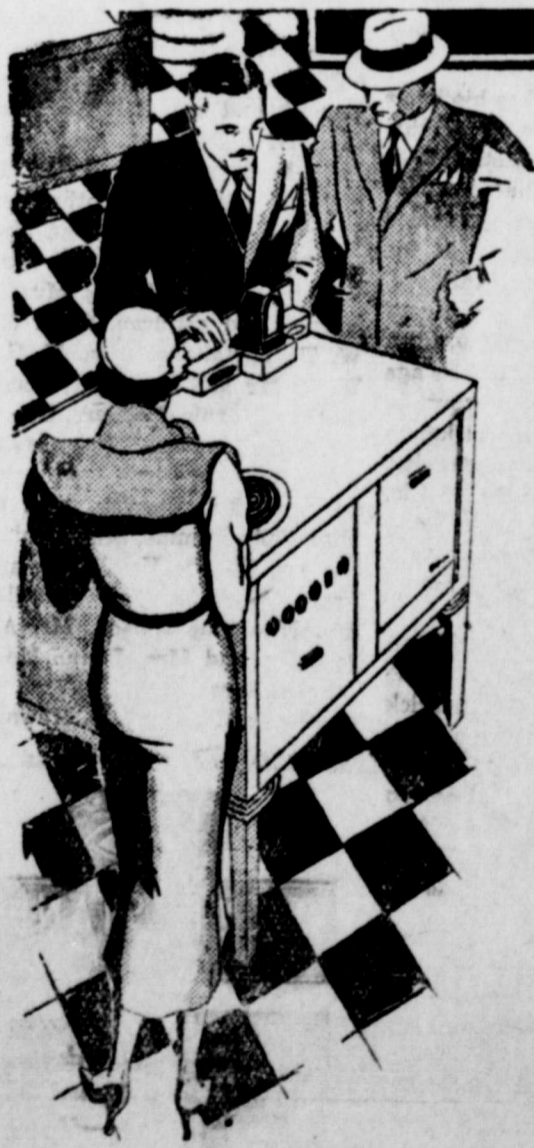
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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon F. A. Sanders by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, 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 1st Monday in June, A.D. 1934, the same being the 4th day of June, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1934, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1951-B, wherein The City of Merkel, Texas, a public municipal corporation, is Plaintiff, and F. A. Sanders is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: a suit for foreclosure of a tax lien on all of lot No. 12 and the North 1-2 of lot No. 11 in Block A of the South Park Addition to the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; said tax lien being in favor of The City of Merkel and being for delinquent taxes due said City for years of 1911 to 1933, inclusive, and being for the sum of \$341.38 and costs of court.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular 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 14th day of March, A. D. 1934.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.
(SEAL)

Houston Man to Visit Coleman Credit Ass'n

Owen W. Sherrill, secretary of the Production Credit Corporation of Houston, will make a personal visit to the Coleman Production Credit association on Monday, March 26, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock.

On account of the importance of the visit, an invitation to attend has been extended to all inspectors, application writers, directors and county agents in the five-county districts embraced by the Coleman association.

Mayor Elliott Goes As I. O. O. F. Delegate

Mayor W. M. Elliott was in Mineral Wells Monday and Tuesday of this week attending the sessions of the I. O. O. F. state convention as delegate from the local lodge.

John Higgins and C. H. Higgins also attended the lodge sessions at Mineral Wells as visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER (Re-election.)
RUCK SIBLEY.
PERRY P. DICKINSON.
S. H. McADAMS.
DAVE BOOTH.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
ORIENT HIGGINS.
A. D. FULTON.
CLYDE SHOUSE.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

A. J. CANON, (Re-election.)
L. L. MURRAY.
ANDY SHOUSE.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
GRADY PARMELLY.
C. W. BOYCE.

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.)
C. A. COCKRELL.
NENA KATE RAMSEY.
TOM McGEHEE.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
JOHN PAYNE, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:
OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.
W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-Election.)

RURAL SOCIETY

STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Stith Home Demonstration club met in an all-day session Wednesday, March 14, in the Baptist church; cutting sleeves, pajamas and other patterns by our foundation patterns was the program for the day, with Mrs. Edgar Bradley, our wardrobe demonstrator, in charge. All enjoyed a bountiful noonday feast.

Visitors present were: Mesdames John Shannon and Clyde Shouse of Merkel, Roy Hines, W. I. Burton, Ada Culp, S. N. Bankston and Misses Dolie Berrie and Helen McCormick. Members: Mesdames Bryan Dunagin, Bill Dunagin, Charlie McCormick, Elbert West, Clyde Mashburn, Charlie Sherrill, Guy Glenn, Orpha Peterson, G. L. Berrie, Paul Bradley, Walter Kelso, J. H. F. Jones, R. C. Kelso, Walter Ford, T. E. Woolsey, Ernest Hardie and Bill Mashburn and Miss Louise Hudson.

Our next meeting will be in the home of our pantry demonstrator, Mrs. Walter Kelso. We were sorry our president, Mrs. Sam Mashburn, was sick with the "flu" and couldn't be present, but hope she will be with us next time.

SALT BRANCH GIRLS.

The Salt Branch Girls club will have a business and social meeting at the home of the sponsor, Miss Marcela Pinckley, Saturday, March 24, at 2:30.

We will have the apron and dish towel contests and a demonstration of angel food cake. A small prize will be given to the girls having the best apron and dish towel.

The club met at the school house Tuesday afternoon. Wilma Lee Payne resigned as president and Pauline Higgins was elected in her place. Two crocheted rugs were started. Nine club members were present. Misses Norah Foster and Ruth Pinckley were visitors.

ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS.

The Eskota Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. A. D. Dodson Tuesday, March 13. Miss Velma Heald, county demonstration agent, showed different ways of serving canned meats. An exhibit was arranged and sent by Miss Heald to the Lubbock meat show from this club.

Delicious liver loaf sandwiches were served to Mesdames A. B. Bullard, C. B. Johnson, H. A. Johnson, L. E. F. Johnston, D. I. Trent, Clayton Nichols, W. J. Farley, Otto Trent, Dora Knox, Ollie Mathews, M. T. Head, Misses Ellen Morgan, Lydia Bullard, Velma Heald and the hostess.

The next meeting place will be the Methodist church on Tuesday, March 27. Foundation patterns will be cut at that time. Everyone is cordially invited to bring a covered dish and spend the day.

BACK IN BUSINESS.

I want all my friends and former customers to know that I am opening a cafe in Merkel. I will be ready for business Saturday in the location just west of the Oasis Filling station, and will appreciate your patronage.

R. N. Campbell.

A deer can run as fast as 55 miles an hour.

NOODLE NEWS

Our community was made sad last Tuesday by the death of Mrs. J. E. Sprain. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at this place. Revs. J. E. Murdock and O. B. Tatum officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery in Merkel. Active pall bearers were: Troy Sloan, Naylor Eoff, Chas. Bristow, Mr. Crow, Profs. F. T. Bell and J. K. Goode; honorary, George Cooper, J. M. Sloan, J. M. Spurgin, M. L. Lucas, W. J. Bicknell and Wiley Roundtree. Flower girls were: Mesdames Maye Hawk, Ruby Goode, Odelle Vick, Dub Derstine, Mack Tucker and Miss Lucille Jones. Besides her husband, Mrs. Sprain leaves 7 children, 2 step-children and 3 grandchildren.

D. C. Herring, one of Noodle's merchants, underwent a very serious operation at the West Texas Baptist hospital Friday night. He has been in a very critical condition, but is reported some better at this writing. The following children are at his bedside: C. S. Herring of Robstown, Homer of Bishop, Odell of Amherst, Russell, E. W. and Louie of Noodle, Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Las Cruces, N. M., and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Dallas, W. C. Thompson and Mrs. C. S. Herring are also here.

The Vick family held a reunion at the home of O. C. Vick Sunday. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Viel and son, Lloyd, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Merkel; Jennings Vick and family, Las Cruces, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gordon and Mrs. Bill Turley and two children of Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and daughter, Geraldine, Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Vick and daughter, Joye, Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow, J. E. Sprain and Thelma Green of Noodle.

Mr. W. J. Bicknell's daughters, Mrs. Odell Eoff and Mrs. Ray Spurgin, honored him last Sunday with a lovely dinner, the occasion being the birthday of Mr. Bicknell, also his son, Norman. Those present were: Ted Bicknell and family, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin, Merkel; Homer Herring, Bishop; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Spurgin and daughter, Anson; Odell Eoff and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin and daughter, Alton Bicknell, Mary Jo and Bobbie Nell Bicknell and Norman Bicknell of Noodle.

A number of Mrs. Vernie Merritt's friends and relatives surprised her Sunday with a birthday dinner in her home. Those coming and bringing baskets were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Comper; Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Bigham, Tye; Mrs. Emmitt Bruton, Stith, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh, C. L. and Roy Tucker, Anice Hudson, Bernice, Ross and Frank Merritt of Comper.

The following from here were in Fort Worth last week attending the Stock Show: A. J. Barbee, Maurice Goode, Buck Cook, J. S. Bird and family, Lowell, A. J. and Leta Faye Bar-

bee, Alec, B. L. and Sue Carter, Alton Bicknell, Odell Eoff, Lozella Huber and Miss Faytine Howell.

John C. Thompson, secretary of the Cotton Ginners association of Dallas, was here Friday night en route to a ginners' meeting at Lubbock. He was accompanied there by Joe B. Sosebee.

Our school won several first place awards at the Interscholastic meet at Anson Friday. In declamation, Wilson Williams won first place in senior boys', Missie Spurgin first in senior girls', Nellie Williams, first high school juniors, and H. R. Chaney won in junior boys. In spelling Geraldine Sloan and Burnell Merritt won first place in juniors' and Nellie Williams and Jasper Brown won first place in high school.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell and two little daughters and Mrs. C. B. Jinkens and little daughter are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gordon and Mrs. Bill Turley and two children of Little Rock, Ark., returned home Monday after attending the funeral of their mother, Mrs. J. E. Sprain. Mrs. Sprain's two little daughters, Lucy May and Thelma, went with them and will make their future home there.

Honor Roll of White Church School Listed

The following pupils were on the honor roll for the fifth month of the White Church school, of which Miss Bess Baucum is principal and Miss Marie Dunlap, primary room:

Seventh grade—Fredia Farmer, 96.
Sixth grade—Howard Shuzart, 54.
Fifth grade—Homer Tye, Jr., 93.
Fourth grade—Madlyn Brown, 93; Berdon Conley, 90.

Beginners—Kenneth Hanley, 92; Dorothy Jo Weston 91.

Will Preach at Noodle.
Rev. W. B. Reeves of Trent will fill his regular appointment at the Noodle Methodist church Sunday, March 25, at 3 p. m.

Back Home

I have leased Wiman's Cafe, next door to bus station, and will be glad to serve all of my old friends as well as to welcome new ones.

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APPLES Winesap each **1c**

ORANGES, large Red Ball, dozen 30c

Bananas, pound 5c

GRAPE FRUIT, Texas Seedless, each 5c

Green Beans, lb. 12¹/₂

LETTUCE 2 heads 9c

NEW SPUDS, lb. 6c

TEA, Red & White, 1-4 lb. pkg. 19c

APRICOTS, No. 10 can 49c

FRESH PRUNES, No. 10 can 39c

PEACHES, No. 10 can 43c

BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

OATS B & W with dinner plate, pkg. **23c**

MEAL, R & W, Cream, 10 lbs. 25c

PEANUT BUTTER, R & W, pound 19c

SOAP R & W Giant 5 bars **19c**

COFFEE Sun Up pound **21c**

PEAS, R & W, No. 2 can 19c

SPINACH, No. 2 can 10c

SALAD DRESSING, G & W, pint 17c—qt. 25c

RAISIN BRAN, 2 pkgs. 25c

TAPIOCA, Minute, pkg. 13c

SNOWDRIFT, 3 lbs. 43c—6 lbs. 79c

POST TOASTIES, 2 pkgs. 25c

COCOANUT, 1-4 lb. pkg. 10c

Crackers Salad Wafers 2 lbs. **32c**

BACON sliced pound **19c**

Cheese Full Cream pound **20c**

SHORTENING, 4 pound carton 33c



BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

Mrs. George Caple was a most gracious hostess on Wednesday, entertaining with a prettily appointed spring party.

Games of contract bridge furnished diversion during the afternoon hours. Invitations for this highly enjoyable affair went to Mesdames Mary Overton, H. L. Duffer, R. O. Fearson, Milton Case, Edward McCrary, W. T. Sadler, Jack Anderson, Geo. West, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Charlie Largent, John Olin Lushy, L. C. Zehnpenning, Bob Mayfield, George White, Misses Iva Bragg, Mary Eula Sears, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Christine Collins and Johnnie Sears.

CLASS LUNCHEON.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. E. W. King Wednesday with Mesdames Clack and Renfro co-hostesses in entertaining.

A sumptuous spring menu was served at high noon and the afternoon hours were entirely devoted to devotional and business plans for the ensuing month. The guest list included Mesdames L. B. Scott and L. B. Reeves of Abilene, Mrs. Henry Coit, Dallas, Mesdames C. R. Joyner, Ollie Dye, W. B. Stephens, W. L. Barnett, J. L. Renfro, E. R. Clack, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, Booth Warren, Sam Swann, Twyman Collins, A. R. Booth and E. W. King.

A SERIES OF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

By coincidence of dates, the birthdays of three grandmothers, all of them nonagenarians, occurred within the lapse of the last two weeks and members of the families and friends took occasion to make the dates memorable.

On Sunday, March 11, Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, who celebrated her 91st birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, was presented with a beautiful pink and white birthday cake by the King's Daughters class of the Methodist church.

Mrs. S. F. Annis observed her ninety-third birthday on Wednesday, March 21, with a sumptuous dinner. Her guests were: Miss Floy Welles, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Annis and grandson, (Mrs. Annis' grandson), and Mr. and Mrs. Shumake, all of Aspermont. Visitors in the afternoon were Mrs. B. M. Black and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

As Monday, March 19, was the 92nd birthday of her mother, Mrs. Emily Wimans, Mrs. George F. West invited Mrs. J. F. Hendricks, who was 82 years of age on the previous Saturday, to come spend the day with her, honoring them with a delectable dinner.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Derstine, when an Easter program was given. Mrs. W. M. Elliott led the devotional and the class was entertained with readings by Mrs. Fannie McConnell.

Refreshments consisting of jello, whipped cream, cake and punch were served to Mesdames R. A. Walker, W. M. Elliott, Selma Russell, T. M. Smith, Ethel Tucker, L. L. Murray, Fannie McConnell, D. J. Dodd, Misses Mary, Lizzie and Jenny Keny and Misses Vera and Robbie Walker and the hostesses, Mrs. W. J. Derstine, Mrs. Sam Derstine and Miss Mary Derstine.

A CARD FROM JOHN HUGHES. To the Voters of Merkel: I appreciate the honor you conferred on me two years ago when you elected me as a member of the city council. I like the business after these two years of service and shall be glad to continue to serve you, if re-elected. John S. Hughes.

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CHURCH SERVICES

First Baptist Revival Closes, 22 Additions

The protracted meeting which has been in progress for the past two weeks closed Sunday night. Brother Joyner has proven himself an able and fearless messenger of God who denounces sin in no uncertain terms. During the meeting twenty-two joined the church, sixteen for baptism. The baptismal service will be held at the University Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Brother Joyner preached Sunday morning on "Walking with God," taken from Gen. 5:24 and Hebrew 11:5. He showed us that walking with God did not mean a nominal Christian life, but a pure, dedicated and consecrated life, to associate with God's people and go God's way in all things. Joe Trussell talked to the adult and young people's departments Sunday morning. He is an earnest and consecrated man and his talk helped all who heard it.

There will be an all-day meeting of the W. M. S. at the church Friday. The purpose of the meeting is to pray for home missions.

The T. E. L. class had an all-day meeting at Mrs. E. W. King's Wednesday.

We are glad to have our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, back with us again after several Sunday's absence.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. T. S. at 8:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Bible study. There will also be an all-day meeting Friday, March 23, to observe week of prayer for "Home Missions." We urge all ladies to come and bring a covered dish, but most of all come praying.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The disagreeably cold weather cut down the Sunday School attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday to 589. On the previous Sunday 810 were present. On the same Sunday a year ago, the same number, 810, were also registered.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

This is the last Sunday of the church year and those who have not been attending Sunday School and church regularly should make a special effort to be present so that they may be ready to start the church new year of work.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

You are invited to attend our services with us during next week, which are as follows: Lord's day, Bible study 10 a. m., another sermon on "Prayer" 11 a. m.; young people's program 5 p. m. and a sermon on "The Conversion of Cornelius" 7:45 p. m.

Wednesday 7:30 Bible study conducted by Brother West, followed at 8 o'clock by a sermon given by one of the young preachers from A. C. C. The Elders.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. This will be the first spring Sunday for the year 1934. Come out and bring the spring spirit with you—now is the time to build up our Sunday School. Preaching at 11 a. m. Remember the services will be just as great as you make them, and you will get out of them just the amount that you put into them.

Leagues at their usual hour, in their usual place. The young people will have charge

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of the evening service at 7:30. This is "Young People's Day." A nice program will be rendered and we invite you. We want you to come and help the young people of the church in this program.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Our subject will be "A Work with Pay" with W. A. Whiteley as leader. "What Shall We Do with Our Spare Time?" Mary Collins.

"How Can We Utilize Our Free Time for the Church?" Wanda Hunter.

"Possible Activities in the Local Church" W. A. Whiteley.

The pastor shall present the needs of the church.

"I Am Your Spare Time," Florence Rider.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

This writing finds us engaged in a mighty battle fighting the enemy of the human soul with all our might; God is with us and blessing us in every service.

Brother Williamson is a mighty exponent of God's word and we are looking forward to a great revival. We had a good old-time altar service Monday night. Come be with us; if you are right with God you will enjoy it; if you are not, come and get right. A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The revival will begin on Sunday, April first. The daily prayer meetings are still growing better and better.

Our church is growing in grace, in wisdom and power. Each week the Lord is adding to the church. Backsliders are coming back home to God.

Brother Johnny Lovell will preach for us Sunday night of April 1. Bill Dowell will preach next Sunday at 11 a. m. and Sunday night. Prayer meeting at tabernacle every Wednesday night. Everybody welcome to our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

To Organize Local Unit of Red Cross

A meeting of those interested in organizing a Red Cross unit here is to be held at the Woodrum hotel on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Louis Montgomery of Abilene, Taylor County Red Cross chairman, and C. E. Palmer, district organizer, will be here to assist in the organization.

At a recent preliminary meeting Postmaster O. J. Adcock, Miss Missie Dye, Mrs. F. E. Church and Rev. J. L. Mayhall were named as a nominating and organization committee, and these have suggested, tentatively, the following officers:

Chairman, Rev. R. A. Walker; vice chairman, O. J. Adcock, secretary, treasurer, Miss Missie Dye; first aid, Olin Lushy; home hygiene, Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Mrs. Ruth Foster; clothing, Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mrs. F. E. Church; roll call and disaster, C. H. Jones, T. J. Warren; disaster preparedness, J. T. Warren; Junior Red Cross, R. A. Burgess.

Rabbit Drive at Goodman.

Friday, March 23, has been set as the date for a rabbit drive by the Goodman community. The crowd will meet at the Goodman schoolhouse at 9 o'clock and everybody is invited to come and bring their guns. A barbecue and basket dinner will be served at noon at the schoolhouse.

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ESKOTA NEWS

Jackie Utley was operated on for appendicitis Wednesday night at the Sweetwater hospital. He was brought home Sunday and is resting nicely.

T. C. Blankenship attended the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show during the week-end.

Longworth high school presented a play, "Precious Little Liza Lou," here Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dodson helped can a beef in the George Kegan's home on White Flat last week.

A large crowd attended singing here Sunday afternoon. A two weeks singing school will be held here beginning Monday night, March 26. Mr. Deavers of Snyder will be the teacher and everyone is cordially invited.

The Eskota high school will sponsor a play, "Done in Oil," here Thursday night, March 23.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mrs. Walter McElmurray and children of White Flat and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent were shopping in Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnston made a trip to the North Plains during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kiser entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. J. L. Cooper has returned from Hico where she visited her father, who is ill.

Chester Kiser, T. C. Blankenship, Miss Mattie Utley and Misses Lydia and Vada Bullard attended singing at Colorado Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cooper have moved to the R. J. Anderson place.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston visited the Woman's Home Demonstration club at Newman Monday. She cut foundation patterns for the members.

Rehearsals are being held regularly for two plays here. The high school play, "Done in Oil," will be presented in the next few weeks. Also the Woman's Home Demonstration club play, "Twelve Old Maids," will be presented soon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Daniels of Sweetwater, also Mrs. Wayne McCaskey and small daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent Sunday afternoon.

C. B. Johnston attended to business in Sweetwater Saturday morning.

Mrs. Frank Allyn and children, Fred and Louise, visited Mrs. M. E. Trent Sunday.

Herbie Fay and Jeanine Johnston visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross, this week-end.

Rev. Biggs of Sylvester filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon.

Nannie Lou and Claudie Walker are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker attended church at Palaya Sunday.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carter, Sunday, March 18, 1934.

Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stewart, View, Tuesday, March 20, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baccus, residing east of town, Tuesday, March 20, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lucas, Noodle, Wednesday, March 21, 1934.

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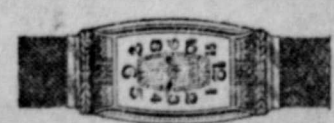
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PERSONALS

Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., has as her guest this week her sister, Miss Ama Rogers, of Iredell.

Mrs. C. L. Boswell of Corsicana was the guest last Friday of Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mrs. J. S. Barnes of Westbrook is here for a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., of Austin is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watters of Cleburne are visiting Mr. Watters' sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird were week-end guests of Mrs. Foy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Miss Marcella Finckley spent the week-end in Abilene, visiting her sister, Miss Marie Finckley, a student in McMurry.

Robert S. Dunn, Southland Life agent here, is attending the Southland Life school of life insurance agents in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates and little son, Charles Wade, of Fluvanna were week-end guests of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates.

Mrs. R. G. McElyea and Mrs. Sam Spoles of Fort Worth were passing guests Tuesday with Mrs. McElyea's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. G. R. Holloway visited last week-end with her brother James Talley, in Dallas, also stopping over in Fort Worth for the Fat Stock Show.

After a visit to the Fat Stock Show, J. T. Warren went on to Dallas to visit his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Coit, and was accompanied home by Mrs. Coit and three children for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton, Buster Horton and Mattie Lue Austin of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter and son, R. D., attended the Stock Show at Fort Worth over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones and little son, Marvin Estes Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfield visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith of Stanton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas were among the out-of-town friends who attended the funeral of Mr. B. Hammond, of Big Spring Monday. Mr. Hammond was the father of Mrs. E. O. Taylor of Fort Worth.

Besides the names listed last week, among those from here who attended

the Fat Stock Show were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Mrs. Earl Stanford, Bob Hicks, J. T. Warren, Lee Harrell, John S. Hughes and others.

Miss Mary Eula Sears, who was accompanied to Waco last week by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes and Mrs. J. E. Warren, returned Tuesday, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Estes, Mrs. Warren remaining in Waco for a longer visit with her son, Returning, Miss Sears and Mr. and Mrs. Estes also visited in Cleburne, Denton and Dallas.

Expresses Thanks for City-Wide Pounding

In appreciation of the pounding arranged by other churches of the city, Rev. J. L. Mayhall, Nazarene pastor, has furnished The Mail the following card of thanks:

"Words fail us when we try to express our heartfelt appreciation to the good people of Merkel for the gorgeous pounding we received at your hands. May God's richest blessings be yours and may heaven's richest smiles be upon you.

"We feel especially indebted to the following: Brother Gates, pastor of the Methodist church; Brother Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Brother Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church. May God open the windows of heaven and pour out such a blessing upon these dear men of God and their people that they will not be able to receive in the prayer of your co-laborer in the Lord.

"J. L. Mayhall and Family."

Will Assist Pastor in Mt. Pleasant Revival

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, is to assist Rev. S. J. T. Williams in a revival meeting at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church beginning Friday evening, March 23, at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Williams is busy this week visiting the entire community and holding prayer services in the homes of the people.

The community at large is looking for a good meeting and the host church is extending an invitation to everybody to attend.

Some of the letters of the alphabet were originally pictures.

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Soap Flakes, 5 lbs. 29c

Pork & Beans 16 oz. can 5c

Mackerel Tall cans 25c

Corn Flakes Per pkg. 10c

Peaches In heavy syrup No. 2 1-2 size, 2 for 35c

Crackers Excel Saltine 2 lb. box 21c

Sugar 10 lb. bag, pure cane 49c

25 lb. bag, pure cane \$1.25

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Pickles, qt. 20c Bran, 100 lbs. \$1.20

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P. Butter, qt. 25c Corn, 100 lbs. \$1.50