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140 GUESTS FOR LADIES' NIGHT OF LIONS CLUB

Hon. W. W. Hair of Abilene Speaks on Texas Centennial; Floor Show by Imogene Anderson. School of the Dance.

Annual ladies' night of the Merkel Lions club found 140 guests enjoying banquet served at the High School gymnasium on Tuesday evening, the theme of invitation being for each of 30 Lions to invite another couple. With the program centering on the centennial, decorations were in patriotic hues, with colored streamers hanging from a suspended, improvised chandelier from the four corners of the room. A large United States flag on stage curtain served as a background. Favors for the ladies were miniature hats in varied designs and shades; for the men, paper cavalier hats carrying the emblem of Lions International.

Favors were distributed to the guests upon arrival by Misses Leta Faye Barbee, Mildred Sosbee, Mary Frances Cook and Betty Grimes, who were attired typical cowgirl fashion with boots and hats to match, and the same quartette of maids kept the register of guests. Two radios installed by Lion R. T. Gray furnished entertainment in the early evening.

A three-course menu revolving around a hot plate of turkey, dressing, etc., was served by Mrs. Mack Fowler of the American cafe and a corps of efficient assistants.

Hon. W. W. Hair of Abilene was the speaker of the evening, using "The Texas Centennial" as his theme. Owing to the illness of his wife, he was accompanied to Merkel for the occasion by his niece, Mrs. E. L. Balch. Roll call and introduction of guests followed the invocation by Rev. John E. Crow, member of the club.

During the interval while the banquet was being served a wrecking crew under the mischievous guidance of Dr. L. C. Zehnppfennig kept lively succession of stunts in the arena, a novel type of which was the dissecting with various scissors of a white colored neckties of offending members, (this by way of collecting money.)

During the banquet hour pupils from the Imogene Anderson School of the Dance, Abilene, entertained with three numbers. Those participating were: Buford Reed in a song and dance sketch, "My Trixie from Dixie"; the quartette, including Wood Eubank, Jr., Kenneth Day, Milton Reece and Byron Butler, in "Wal I Swan," and the third specialty, a tap dancing number by Misses Mary Fry and Laura Summers, "Over the Top." Mrs. Evelyn Crumpler was accompanist.

Other numbers on the program were: a vocal solo, "Have You Ever Been to Texas in the Spring," Mrs. Homer Patterson, with Miss Christine Collins as pianist; "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," Alton Bicknell and his guitar, with Oscar Adeock, their encore being "When the Bloom is in the Sage"; a solo, "Give Me Back My Boots and Saddle," Delma Compton, Miss is accompanying, with encore, "Faithful"; a reading, "How Big was?" Mrs. R. O. Pearson, and

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Several Improvements Noted in Business Area

Improvements and alterations now being made at several establishments in town and additional business enterprises are to be chronicled this week in addition to those reported in last issue of The Mail.

The West building is undergoing repairs, including the roof and walls, and the interior is being refinished and repainted.

The Max Mellinger store is in process of remodeling the ladies' ready-to-wear department, where new and modernized fitting rooms will be installed.

Maurine's Beauty shop in new location, next to American cafe, is holding in house for their friends this week. A new beauty shop is being opened by Bob McDonald in connection with barber shop, with Miss Margaret Holloway in charge.

Max Swafford and Spencer Bird have opened up in the old Dennis building with a stock of tires and

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Claude Teer was sworn in Tuesday for his second six-year term as chairman of the state board of control.

The internal revenue department announced that only two Texans reported a net income in excess of \$750,000 for 1933.

Nueces county led the state in cotton ginnings up to Dec. 13, with Jones, Navarro, McLennan, Hill and Ellis counties ranking next in the order named.

Executive clemency opened prison doors for 837 convicts in the first year of Governor A. Fred's term, a small number compared with preceding years.

Although Eastland, Cisco and Ranger all voted wet, Eastland county disapproved the sale of beer and wine by a vote of 1,235 against and 1,038 for the sale.

Rev. Sid Williams, 72, who was said to have held more than 600 revivals during his forty-eight years' ministry, died Friday night, Jan. 3, in a San Antonio hospital.

County and district officers were transferred from the fee basis of compensation to salaries on Jan. 1, as a law passed last fall by the legislature became effective.

As chief speaker at the Jackson Day dinner at Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday night, Governor James V. Allred praised the humanitarian purposes of President Roosevelt.

With gross value of all Texas crops in 1935 reaching \$375,298,000, this state regained first place among all states in total value of crops, displacing California, the leader in 1934.

State Senator Roy Sanderford, business man of Belton, has announced his candidacy for governor on a platform favoring a substantial reduction in governmental expense and a retail sales tax.

Dr. R. N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university and head of the history department, has been asked to write inscriptions for the monument markers for the Butterfield trail.

Conditioned on the legislature providing solitary confinement cells, the Texas state prison board has ordered the "bat"—a leather strap with a handle, used to punish incorrigible convicts—abolished.

Julien C. Hyer, Fort Worth attorney and past international president of the Lions International, has announced for the democratic nomination for congress from the 12th district, opposing Fritz G. Lanham, incumbent.

Merkel Hosts for Baptists Thursday

A joint meeting of the Workers conference and Women's Missionary society of the Sweetwater Baptist association was being held in the First Baptist church here Thursday, with a good attendance.

The session is a quarterly gathering for the W. M. U.

Theme of the program is "Following the Master through 1936."

Good Singing for Fifth Sunday Meet

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention met at Noodle on Sunday, Dec. 29. The attendance at the morning session was small, but a large crowd gathered in the afternoon; some good singing was enjoyed, and visitors were present from several adjoining counties. Among them was J. Larence Deavers, of Snyder, president of the 4-County convention.

Among the special features of the program were a male quartette from Winters, a girls' quartette from Noodle and a duet from Merkel, composed of two little girls, Bonnie Church and Doris Clyde Miller.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: "Uncle" Tom Spears, re-elected as president, and Aaron Horton, vice-president. Named as a committee to buy new song books were W. J. Bicknell, Ira Stanley and Aaron Horton.

The next convention will meet at Hodges on the fifth Sunday in March.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW IN EFFECT

All Children Over Seven and Not Over Sixteen Must Be in School Monday, Jan. 13, or Have Certified Excuse.

The new compulsory school attendance law in effect requires that all children who "are seven years of age and not over sixteen years of age" shall be required to attend school for at least six school months. Some exceptions to this law are made, but no exception is to be permitted until after the parent has secured such a written certificate from the county superintendent at Abilene. Pupils who are mentally or physically unfit to attend school at all must have certificates so stating from a physician. Any child more than twelve years who has completed the seventh grade and whose help is needed at home for the support of the family may secure a permit from the county superintendent at Abilene not to attend school.

It is to be hoped that any children not now in school start to school at once. There still remains one-half of the school year. Children should be given the opportunity to attend school so that they may have an even chance in life with the other children who do have an education. The law expects parents of all children within these ages (7 to 16) to have their children in school at once. The local superintendent is required by law to help enforce this law. All such children who are not in school from and after Monday, Jan. 13, 1936, after warning, shall be subject to a fine of \$5.00 for the first day's absence, \$10.00 for the second offense, and \$25.00 per day for each day thereafter. Any parent or guardian of such child is held responsible for the attendance of these children.

Children are entitled to an education. Any citizen interested in the child having a chance in life will do the child a favor by reporting to Supt. Burgess the fact that any such children are not in school. His telephone is 174 or (home) 24. Any such report will be treated confidentially. Supt. Burgess announces. Merkel parents have always wanted to send their children to school, and no trouble along this line is anticipated.

Jimmie Swann Will Study in Chicago

The following item in Sunday's Dallas News concerning a Merkel boy will be of interest to many friends here:

"Jimmie Swann, Dallas etcher and until recently secretary of the Dallas Print & Drawing Collectors' Society, will leave the first of the week for Chicago. Mr. Swann will spend the next six months studying with Morris Henry Hobbs and at the Chicago Art Institute. Mr. Swann's departure necessitated his resignation from the print society office."

Woodmen Circle Installs Officers

The first monthly session of Merkel Grove No. 533, Woodmen Circle, Supreme Forest, was held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2. The meeting was opened by Guardian Lila Rea, who welcomed the members and distinguished guests.

Under the head of new business came the installation of officers. The attendant and assistant attendant assisting the drill team presented Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker of Stamford as installing attendant and Mrs. Beatrice Reeves of Trent as installing chaplain, who were introduced, given the Grove honors and presented the gavel.

The following members were installed for the year 1936: Katie Church, guardian; Lila Rea, past guardian; Irene Barnes, adviser; Lillian Matthews, junior supervisor; Elizabeth All-day, chaplain; Lillie Barnett, attendant; Bertie Coats, assistant attendant; Mae Seago, captain; Saffie Gant, Luna White, Maurine White, auditors; Pearl Hollingsworth, financial secretary; Winnie Turner, banker; Beulah Gilmore, inner sentinel; Zella Ellerbee, outer sentinel.

Aged Father of Earl Teague Dies at Clyde

D. L. Teague, 83, father of Earl Teague of this city, died Tuesday night, Dec. 31, at 10:30 o'clock at his home at Clyde, following an illness of some time. He had been in failing health for several years. He had resided in Clyde for 31 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Teague and two daughters went to Clyde to attend the funeral, which was held on Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. C. R. Hardy and Rev. J. W. Reynolds conducting the service. Burial was made in the Clyde cemetery.

Survivors are four children: three daughters, Dr. Eva Teague of Dallas, Mrs. F. L. Blackburn and Miss Estella Teague of Clyde, and one son, Earl Teague.

Rules on Marble Machines.

Austin, Jan. 9.—The supreme court refused Wednesday to interfere with a decision of the Waco court of civil appeals holding certain marble machines to be gambling devices.

Motor Fatalities Over 36,400.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Motor vehicle fatalities reached a new all-time high of approximately 36,400 in 1935, the national safety council reported.

PARITY CHECKS TO BE CASHED BY TREASURY

Farmers in Taylor County Receive Over \$57,000 This Week. All Issued Prior to the Court Decision Against AAA.

Delivery of cotton parity payment checks to 2,830 farmers of Taylor county—a total of \$57,077.81—was started Saturday at the office of Knox Parr, county agent, and is to be completed this week.

Farmers in the Merkel area received their checks Monday afternoon. Apprehension that these parity payments had been voided by the decision announced Monday by the supreme court of the United States, which struck down the new deal's farm recovery program as unconstitutional, was allayed Tuesday with receipt of a message from the national treasury that all outstanding checks are good and may be cashed.

The checks received this week represent the completion of 1935 cotton payments for Taylor county, with the exception of 584 parity checks which were still out. However, these are expected soon, and Parr said, as soon as they arrived, the farmers would be notified.

Cotton payments in this county for 1935 are totaling more than \$240,000.

The parity checks represented payments of 1 1/2 cents per pound on the farm allotments for last year. The payments are divided between landlords and tenants on the same basis that the crop was divided.

Death Claims Mrs. J. A. Bell at Dallas

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Mrs. Bell, who will be remembered by many here, was a member of the First Baptist church of Dallas. She was known among her many friends for her lovely Christian character and influential work in church circles. Besides her husband, she is survived by four children: Miss Evelyn and Vivian Bell, Trig. A. Bell and Mrs. King Harris, of Dallas.

Sister of Merkel Woman Dies at Nocona

Mrs. W. S. Burleson has returned from Nocona where she went to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. M. F. Downey, on Jan. 2. Mr. Burleson and their children accompanied Mrs. Burleson.

Mrs. Downey, who was 62 years of age, is survived by her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stanley; three brothers, Lee Stanley, Compere, Joe Stanley, Bells, and Demp Stanley, Sherman, and three sisters, Mrs. Emma Ware, El Paso, Mrs. A. M. Waldrum, Durant, Okla., and Mrs. W. C. Burleson, Merkel.

Marathon Bible Reading.

Fonca City, Okla., Jan. 9.—A corps of readers engaged in a Bible reading marathon completed the book Saturday night, requiring sixty-nine hours and fifteen minutes for the task.

MERKEL'S SIXTH ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW TO OPEN ITS DOORS WEDNESDAY

SIX TRUE BILLS ARE REPORTED

Grand Jury in 42nd District Court, Impaneled Monday Morning, Takes Recess.

Grand jury impaneled in 42nd district court Monday morning for winter term of the court reported six indictments Tuesday at noon to Judge M. S. Long and recessed after filing the report.

J. J. Toombs of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, is foreman of the inquisitorial body, with Fleming James, also of Abilene, secretary.

Two Merkel men are included, Fred A. Baker and Lester Patterson. Other grand jurors are: Hugh Kennedy and T. J. Willis, Abilene; A. E. Fogle and H. H. Stockton, Tuscola; H. C. Keese, Lawn; Alton Roberts, Guion; M. R. Williams, Ovalo, and Will Parmely, Caps.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 14, 1916.)

STANFORD-DICKSON.

On Tuesday morning at eleven in the home of Rev. Bullock, Mr. W. F. Stanford and Mrs. W. H. Dickson were very quietly married. The wedding was performed just a few hours after Mrs. Stanford's return from Memphis, Tenn., where she had spent the holidays with her mother and sisters. We would wish this couple many years together, thickly sprinkled with happiness.

On Tuesday evening some fourteen young ladies entertained their boy friends with a leap year party at the home of Mrs. A. C. Rose. In true leap year fashion the young ladies called for the young men and extended all courtesies for the evening, which was games of progressive bunco and refreshments were chocolate and sandwiches. The guests were Misses Winnie Warren, Pet Sears, Mamie Ellis, Eva Walters, Carrol Rister, Faye Allen, Bess Touchstone, Ona Hamblet, Laura Winter of Hawley, Ethel Stevens of Goldthwaite and Mary Jane Reed of Hillsboro; Messrs. Earl Baze, W. L. Diltz, Owen Ellis, Robert Hicks, Floyd Dean, Guy Bradley, John West,

Continues Four Days; Sweetwater Man to Judge Birds; Auction Sale to be Featured at 2:30 Saturday Afternoon.

Merkel's Sixth Annual Poultry show will open next Wednesday, Jan. 15, and continue for four days through Saturday. The location will be in the Sears building, next door to the Farmers State Bank.

R. A. Ellis is president of the Merkel Poultry association; E. H. Cordill vice-president, and Ari Sharp, secretary.

As already announced, H. M. Rose of Sweetwater will judge the show, and on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a. m. will make a short talk on "Choosing Your Birds for Exhibition."

One day during the show a free picture show is to be run by the Purina manufacturers, the date and time to be announced later, but it will be given at the Grammar School building.

The auction sale, one of the fixed features of the show, will be held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

Only Three Fires in Merkel During Year

During the year of 1935 there were only three fires in Merkel, according to the annual report of Chief N. A. Dowell and Secretary-Treasurer T. O. Neill, filed with the city dads Monday night. George E. Caple is president of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department. There are 14 members of the department, four of whom live at the station.

The boys answered eight alarms, including two automobile fires. The combination truck ran 55 miles, hauled, while 800 feet of hose were used at the fires reported.

To give an idea of the assistance rendered by the fireboys at the rodeo grounds the past summer, they laid 4,400 feet of hose in watering the arena, corrals and baseball diamond.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kelso, Stith, Sunday, Jan. 5, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes, Blair, Monday, Jan. 6, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Matthews, Jr., Mt. Pleasant, Monday, Jan. 6, 1936.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones, residing south of town, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1936.

Crude Price Up.

Dallas, Jan. 9.—The Sun Oil company announced Wednesday that effective 7 a. m. Jan. 9 it would pay \$1.15 per barrel for East Texas crude oil. The present price is \$1.

Dr. Geo. L. Miller has purchased the home of W. D. Woodroof on Oak street and will move into same at an early date. The deal was consummated Monday, Mr. Woodroof taking up the lease contract Dr. Miller had on the Gaither home and will move to that residence.

Mrs. Wesley Edwards was a guest for a few days this week of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, in Abilene. While away Mrs. Edwards was a member of the Wallace-Jennings wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tipton, who have made their home south of Merkel for the past year, are moving to their own home northwest of Trent. This couple will be missed from Merkel in both social and religious ways.

Holland Teaff returned to Baylor university Tuesday night after an extended holiday visit here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Leavinsg motor-ed to Comper Sunday.

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FIRST INSTALLMENT.

Rose Morris was at once the richest and the prettiest girl in Dover, Michigan. She drove a sleek, fast little pony hitched to a marvelous wicker dogcart, the envy of every child in town, and to Jimmy Rowan she represented all that was both desirable and unattainable.

By the time he was fifteen he was hopelessly in love with her and he carved hearts and arrows on all the trees in his yard and initialed them with interlocking R's and J's. He wrote her passionate misspelled love notes and in words of fire he told her of his undying devotion. He never sent the notes, of course, and his declarations were only whispered to the empty air, for he still remained "the Rowan kid"; his people were desperately poor and he was cursed with a sensitive pride.

Jim was surprised one day to hear that Mr. Hiram Morris had "gone out of business" and was leaving for the West. What that meant the boy did not know, but he understood that the Morris fortune was not what it had been. Rose and her mother remained in Dover. They lived on much as usual and they referred vaguely to those large interests which kept Mr. Morris away from home. But the pony and dogcart were gone and so were the high-stepping bays. It was while Jim was working his way through college that they quietly moved away. The Morris house sold for barely enough to pay the mortgage.

Some people endure poverty cheerfully, others with a grim stoicism; the majority of people who are born poor accept it with a fatalistic resignation and never look forward to anything else.

Jim Rowan was unlike any of these. He loathed poverty; it was unendurable. It had kept him from knowing Rose Morris. He swore he would make himself rich for her sake. In time this became a fixed idea with him and he quit college not to work vaguely. It took a while, however, to realize that riches are not come by in a hurry and that he was getting nowhere.

He had lost track of the Morrises completely—there was no use of keeping in touch with them—but he still had his day-dreams, he still thought of himself as Rose's prince who sooner or later would search her out and set her upon a throne. Depression seized him occasionally when he saw how hopeless was the task he had set for himself.

At such times he grew desperate and he told himself that no price was too great to pay for success; he longed for some opportunity of becoming suddenly rich and vowed

that he would sell his soul for such a chance.

The chance came finally, or it seemed to come, with the news of the Klondike discovery. Jim joined the first rush to the Yukon and he arrived in Dawson City with the firm determination to make a fortune somehow, anyhow. Here again however, he learned that money was not to be had for the asking.

Placer mining was a hazardous undertaking, with the odds a thousand to one against success. Education counted for little in a country where men were judged on a pick-and-shovel basis and paid for the actual work they did. Jim saw that here was not the place in which to earn a fortune; here was nothing but speculation, chance, a gamble either with men or with nature.

In order to beat the game one had to risk all, then double his winnings and risk them again and again. To gamble here was not a sin it was the daily practice of everybody. Men gambled with death when they hit the trail; they gambled again when they staked their labor and their time against Nature's bedrock secrets, only they took longer chances than when they heaped their chips on the roulette table or dropped their "pokes" on

the high card. There was this difference, too; Nature seldom played fairly, whereas there were many square gambling houses in Dawson.

Jim Rowan fitted himself to his new surroundings and adapted himself to a new code of morals. He played as other men played, except in one respect; he never played for the excitement or for the fun of it, he played only to win. He played for Rose Morris. He tried speculating in claims, but he was unlucky; his only winnings came from the manipulating of Dawson City real estate or at cards, and the time when he found himself the owner of a huge Front Street saloon and gambling house, together with a nickname of the Alaskan flavor.

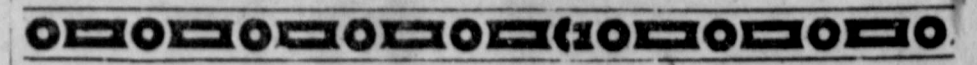
Perhaps a score of people knew

him as James Rowan, but to the thousands that went in and out of his place he was "The Michigan Kid." That was the way he even signed his checks for the name had brought him luck and superstitiously he clung to it.

Life flowed at a furious pace in those early days. Reputations were made in a night; in six months they were hallowed; in a year they had become legendary. There were many celebrities in the Yukon country the mere mention of whom evoked tales of sensational exploits on the trail, at the mines or at the gambling tables; the one perhaps best known of all was "The Michigan Kid." He it was who best typified the composure, the steady nerve, the recklessness of his profession.

A hundred stories were told about the Michigan Kid and some were not pleasant for it required a ruthless man to hold down the job that Jim had taken but most of them had to do with his luck. That luck became a byword finally; men blessed with some extraordinary and unexpected good fortune were apt

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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL

Condensed Statement of
Close of Business December 31, 1935

| RESOURCES | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loans, Time and Demand | \$116,208.17 |
| Overdrafts | 1,157.73 |
| Real Estate on Hand | 7,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 6,000.00 |
| Stock in Fed. Res. Bank | 1,500.00 |
| Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp. | 935.96 |
| Bonds and Warrants | \$ 30,133.00 |
| Bills Exchange (Cotton) | 15,206.74 |
| Cash and Exchange | 375,274.17 |
| AVAILABLE CASH | 420,613.91 |
| Total | \$553,415.77 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits | 13,275.42 |
| Reserved for Dividends | 1,500.00 |
| DEPOSITS | 488,640.35 |
| Total | \$553,415.77 |

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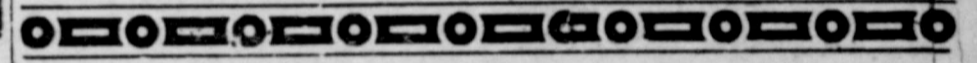
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"LAS CUCARACHAS."

The Spanish club met Friday, Jan. 5, for the purpose of initiation of the members of the club. The program opened with Alice Russell playing the theme song, "La Cucaracha." A story, "Las Inca Osas," was given by Juanita Huskey. A dialogue followed, given by Billie Dunning and Alice Carey. The initiation was the prominent feature, however. Nelle Pruitt, Aliene Farks, Phyllis Smith and Vernelle Hallett were taught that fire burns. Mr. Patton, Woodrow Clark, Hol Perry, Fannell Gray and Roy Hag are still guessing what kind of that was. In the egg-breaking contest, remarks like these were heard: "Boy, I can take it," "Frances groaned: "Oh my goodness!" Aliene Farks exclaimed: "Gee, hot!" Then imagine our fun when Mr. Gray told about his most exciting moment; Nelle Pruitt, imitating race Boney selling annuals; Roy Hagler, proposing to Phyllis Smith; Lola Higgins singing like Grace Moore; Mr. Hutto, wiping his eyes when Harold Morgan played and sang "Be Nobody's Darling but Mine." What's the matter, Coach?; Joe Young, telling of his first date and last of all Murphy Dye, imitating Mr. Hutto teaching Spanish.

The initiation over, everyone settled down to pecan pie and music. It was hard to say which was the best, but the music played by Winston Polley and Alice Russell was "Rancho Grande," and "How We Doit," by Ely Grimes, Sis Gamble and Mary Frances Cook; "Gypsy Tea Room," by Winston and his guitar, followed by Norman King's contribution, "Treasure Island."

The next meeting will be carried on entirely in Spanish. We are working on a Spanish play for the next meeting; so don't forget to be present. The number in the club rose to fifty-five Friday night.

NET NEWS.
Merkel Badger Basketeers will probably meet their first matched opponents Tuesday night at Ruby. We are scheduled to have the Roby Lions landing just how they are to get at basketball so they can make a deal. With all the material we have, we should be able to back this challenge up.

Merkel has one of the best line-ups that has been produced in several years. We have three to four men for each position. Center: Durward Armbruster, Frank Mundy and Bryan Higgins. Armwine will probably hold the forward position down with his seven and ten inch reach. Frank Mundy, Pete Morgan, Marvin Berry, Zerk Peterson and R. T. Blair will do plenty of guarding and breaking up of plays. Cline Satterwhite, Bryan Higgins and Woolsey will cover the positions as forwards.

Coach has arranged to have two games, one at home and the other one will probably be a visit game.

We still want the "Pep Squad" to attend and to yell for us with as much backing as they furnished the football team.

L CLUB.
First week back at school was a busy one for the Choral club. Monday there were a number of members. Among them were Misses Helen Lancaster, who was a member of the club last year, Anna Church and Mildred West. Miss played "I'll Never Say Never Again" as a piano solo.

Thursday, the club took a test. The sponsor divided the girls into two groups and let them select the which they wanted to sing.

The club is very proud of its president and vice-president, Pauline Jay and Opal Buzbee. They are two of the club's best singers. Pauline sings alto and often leads the group.

Monday, Jan. 6, the girls displayed their dresses. The motion was seconded that the material be used be white and some inexpensive material. The sponsor suggested that the pattern be a little in tailored pattern with laces on side. The laces will be of the color colors, if this pattern is used.

The girls did not, however, decide definitely on either the material or pattern.

The question will be definitely decided Thursday of this week.

Our Seniors

Thelma Patterson.
Thelma "Slim Jim" Patterson (also "Pat") has attended Merkel High school four years and has been a member of the choral club each year. She is a "number one" baseball player anywhere on the field. She also plays volleyball, batting the ball over the net with the ease of Aunt Jemima flipping pancakes. This is her second year in the M. H. S. Players' club and her first year in "Las Cucarachas." She hasn't decided yet what she will do after finishing High school.

Willie B. Toombs.
Willie B. is a product of Blair. This is his fourth year in Merkel High school where he has won a reputation on the football team of which he has been an outstanding fullback. He has played on the baseball team two years, been in the Dramatic club one year and has made many friends who are expecting to see him among the graduates next spring. His ambition is to be a farmer.

THE ANNUALS.

Folks, there have been only eighty-six Annuals sold and we were hoping to sell at least 150; so it appears that the Annuals are going to cost more than it was expected they would, if we don't sell some more. Let's all get in on this and buy an Annual, because every one thinks that this Annual will be the best ever to be put out by Merkel High School students.

SENIOR CLASS MEETS.

Members of the Senior class met in their home room Friday at activity period for a short etiquette program. The theme for discussion was "How to introduce people properly." Short discussions were given by Winston Polley and Horace Boney. Also a model introduction was given.

BROKEN RESOLUTIONS.

New Year's resolutions that have been made and broken:

- Oscar resolves to go to school every day.
- Billy Woodrum resolves to be quiet some part of every period.
- Pete Morgan resolves to memorize everything assigned in speech.
- Lu Ella Hughes resolves to not make so much racket.
- Janet resolves not to chew so much chewing gum.
- Don Warren resolves not to be whipping the upperclassmen.
- Thelma and Ora resolve not to talk so much.
- Fannell Gray resolves not to write many notes.

A TRAGIC POEM IN LATIN.

Boyabus kissabus sweet girlarum
Girlabus likabus wantum summorum
Papabus hearabus kissabus summorum

Kickabus boyabus out of doorum
Darkabus nightabus not a lightorum
Climabus postabus breeches torum.

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DORA DOINGS

Moving is in order now. We are losing some nice neighbors and gaining some new ones.

The Malone family moved down Elm creek near Buffalo Gap, Jim Henson and family moved to Clyde, Paul Barton and Oscar Ensminger to Roscoe, and Grandpa Dennis moved back to his place in Mulberry Canyon.

Those moving in are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson and son of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hyde of Wastella, Mr. and Mrs. Waynes of Claytonville, Ferrell Boyd and family of Potosi and there may be others that we have not heard about.

We regret to report the death of little Maryanna Albright, daughter of the Methodist preacher, who died at the Sweetwater sanitarium after several days illness.

Mrs. Hardy isn't doing very well at this writing. She is in the Sweetwater sanitarium.

Mrs. Doris Magee and baby are visiting this week in Clovis, N. M., with Mr. and Mrs. Drew Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook had a reunion for the Perkins family at their house Sunday. Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. Perkins of Butman, and all the children were there and several neighbors had a special invitation. A good time was reported with a bountiful dinner at the noon hour.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt of Butman is visiting her granddaughter, Jewel Perry, who has been sick with the "flu" for several days, but is improving nicely now.

Mrs. Berta Magee returned Sunday

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| ASSETS | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$ 59,478.96 |
| Overdrafts | 9.04 |
| Bills of Exchange | 752.04 |
| Banking House and Fixtures | 21,975.25 |
| Other Real Estate | 10,106.18 |
| Other Assets | 2,066.59 |
| F. D. I. C. | 733.70 |
| Customers Bonds Deposited | 1,300.00 |
| CASH AND AVAILABLE CASH: | |
| Bills of Exchange (Cotton) | \$29,846.51 |
| U. S. Bonds and Warrants | 33,215.42 |
| Cash and Due From Banks | 97,657.68 |
| 160,719.61 | |
| TOTAL | \$257,141.37 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Income Debentures | 25,000.00 |
| Surplus and Profits | 2,640.19 |
| DEPOSITS | 189,501.18 |
| TOTAL | \$257,141.37 |

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Lions Club

(Continued from Page One)
accordion selections by Jack Krauss, of Hardin-Simmons university.

A quartette of Lion club members, Fred Hughes, Yates Brown, Charlie Jones and Nathan Wood, disguised behind Lion false faces, rendered "Home on the Range," provoking much laughter and for encore used "Keep on Smiling." Mrs. Ann Brown accompanied the quartette and also played "The Eyes of Texas" as the concluding number which was sung in unison by the entire group.

Roy Reid, as president of the club, served as toastmaster, one of the high spots of the evening coming when he called on Dee Grimes, chairman of the membership committee, who reported four new members: S. M. Hunter, Paul Douglas, Byron Patterson and Joe Cypert.

COMMITTEES IN CHARGE.

Arrangements for the banquet were in charge of a general committee, consisting of Booth Warren, chairman, Stanley King and Wrenn Durham, who delegated other committees as follows:

Place and arrangements—Bill Haynes, chairman; R. A. Burgess, Dick Pearson and Tracy Campbell.

Menu and service—Jim Cook, chairman; Joe P. Self and Fred Hughes.

Program—C. J. Glover, chairman; Charles H. Jones, Yates Brown.

Attendance and invitations—Herbert Patterson, chairman; Milton Case and W. O. Boney.

Wrecking crew—Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, chairman; Carlton Vick, R. T. Gray.

GUEST LIST.

The registry of guests read: Messrs. and Mesdames R. T. Gray, D. H. Dourakis, R. A. Burgess, Roy Reid, Jim Tracy Campbell, Herbert Patterson, Carlton Vick, D. H. Vaughn, W. E. Lowe, Stanley King, Clark Mundy, S. D. Gamble, S. M. Hunter, Pierce Horton, Joe Cypert, A. A. McGehee, Bill Dunagin, W. O. Boney, W. W. Haynes, Milton Case, Byron Patterson, W. V. Harris, Booth Warren, F. Y. Gaither, M. A. Dunn, Conner Haynes, A. T. Sheppard, R. M. Ferguson, John R. West, Brooks Patterson, Dee Grimes, W. J. Largent, R. O. Pearson, Byers Petty, John Grable, Fred Hughes, Nathan Wood, George Woodrum, W. S. J. Brown, C. H. Jones, Warren Smith, Yates Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lancaster, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Butler, Abilene; Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Mesdames Edgar Balch, Joe P. Self, Jr., Abilene; Guy Darsey, Austin; Tom Largent, R. I. Grimes, Homer Patterson; Misses Evelyn Curb, Christine Collins, Vera Walker, Helen Patterson, Mary Frances Cook, Betty Grimes, Leta Faye Barbee, Mildred Sosebee.

Messrs. W. W. Hair, Abilene; Joe P. Self, Wrenn Durham, S. P. Nesmith, C. J. Glover, Emil Hutto, Delma Compton, Oscar Adcock, Alton Bicknell, Norman King, Leland Mundy.

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Miss Vivian Fryar Announces Candidacy For County Clerk



To The People of Taylor County:

In announcing my candidacy for the office of county clerk I have but one promise to make; to give the citizenship as good, efficient and courteous service as they have ever received from a county clerk in Taylor county. Having served seven years as a deputy in this office under W. P. Bounds, who will not be a candidate for reelection, and two years under his immediate predecessor, W. E. Beasley, I do not hope to excel the courteous manner in which they served the public, but rather I intend to profit by my association and experience with these two fine gentlemen.

I have learned the duties of the county clerk's office by careful study and through experience. The records in this office are permanent and belong to the people and should be correctly kept, and I know and realize this responsibility. During my deputyship I have had sole charge of the legal records pertaining to all law suits and probate matters handled in the county court, which position requires a high degree of technical skill. If you do not know my work I refer you to the people who have business with this office. Being familiar with all the details of the office will enable me to give you accurate and prompt attention in handling the work, a service to which you are entitled. I am grateful indeed for my position and have tried to take advantage of every opportunity to improve my work, and I only ask for a promotion such as you might think would be merited by, and in line for your son, daughter or friend, were they in my position. I like my work and am interested in all its phases.

My friends, if I shall be elected to the office of county clerk, I will endeavor to give faithful and careful attention to those duties entrusted to my hands. I will work hard on the job, I have had the experience from the beginning, and feel qualified and competent to fill all the duties of this office, and assure you no one will appreciate your support and influence any more than I.

Respectfully,
(Miss) Vivian Fryar.

Houston Robertson to Seek Commissionership

To the Voters and Friends of Precinct No. 2, Taylor County:

First of all, I want to thank each and every one of you for the past favors you have bestowed upon me. Words can not express my appreciation to you; as most of you remember, I was your public weigher for four years, "two terms."

This time I am offering my name as a candidate for the nomination of county commissioner, precinct No. 2, Taylor county. I am making the race on my own merits and I feel like most of you know me, as I have lived in Taylor county for 33 years. I am 42 years of age and have a family.

If you do not know me, I want to get acquainted with you, as it is my desire to meet each one of you personally before the primary.

Please study my candidacy and give it a careful consideration, after which, if you think I am worthy of the office, I will certainly appreciate your vote and influence.

Sincerely,
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List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

O. E. Smith, S. M. Reddin, H. C. Breeden, Carl M. Hughes, W. A. Thornton, C. H. Jones, S. A. Bankston, W. C. Bryan, Merkel; Jim Stevenson, J. J. Johnson, J. W. Humphrey, Jr., Dub Wooten, D. G. Jordan, W. D. Johnson, B. R. Blankenship, W. E. Pittman, F. H. Sullivan, W. W. Bailiff, I. J. Lane, J. W. McGee, M. E. Fewell, Ab Woodridge, H. M. Harrison, L. M. Snider, W. C. Bradshaw, J. L. Bailey, R. E. McFall, J. W. Foulks, W. P. McDonald, E. H. Sojourner, J. A. Suggs, Carl Shoultz, A. John, H. O. Wooten, C. R. Horton, A. E. Barber, S. G. Windham, M. B. Sheppard, Abilene; Jack Hallbrooks, I. M. Reneau, Trent; D. G. Jordan, Ovalo; W. R. Holland, J. F. Saunders, H. L. Brown, Dee Jones, Bradshaw; Alvin J. McCain, R. W. Holder, Tye; W. H. Maxwell, Buffalo Gap; Howard Warford, Lawn; Joe McWilliams, Tuscola.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King have returned from Hobbs, N. M., where they spent the holidays with their son, Shelby King, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters returned Thursday of last week to their home at Wills Point after a holiday visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, and other relatives. Mrs. S. P. Nesmith left Saturday in company with her sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lang, and two children, of Jayton to spend several weeks in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Deverle Johnson was out from Fort Worth for the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Miss Pauline Jones has returned to Houston after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Davis Jones, who will visit with her for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and little son, Claude Thomas, visited relatives in Mineral Wells Sunday.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones were the former's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gay, and daughter, Miss Roberta Gay, of Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene were also over for the week-end.

Mrs. E. A. Martin of San Bernardino, Calif., is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell, and other relatives.

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Four hundred and fifty-two high schools of the state participated in the vote which resulted in the selection of Stephen F. Austin as Texas' greatest hero. Two ballots were submitted, the final one containing the names of thirty-nine outstanding state individuals. Austin will be included in the original Texas Hall of Fame, which is being established at the college, together with Moses Austin, James Bowie, David Crockett, James W. Fannin, James Hogg, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar, Robert LaSalle, Ben P. Milam, Deaf Smith and William Travis.

In the near future the college will attempt to secure portraits for these twelve Texas heroes, and later on when funds are available busts will be obtained. These will be placed in the college library.

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Honor Roll

NOODLE SCHOOL

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First grade—Flora Jean Rutledge, Donald Lee Bell, Buster Hatfield.

Second grade—Margie Hatfield, Viola Allred, Joyce Sosebee, Jo Ann Naylor Harold, J. K. Blair.

Third grade—Vera Lou Allred, Lerring, Ave Ruth Sosebee.

Fourth grade—Clinton Bird, Robert Jones.

Fifth grade—Mary Jo Bicknell, Cade, Billy Jean Sosebee, Harlow.

Sixth grade—James Cox, Iris Eoff, Les Carter, Juanita Henderson.

Seventh grade—Joyce Rutledge, Imabird.

Eighth grade—Geraldine Sloan, Geta Bumpass, Dorothy Jean on.

Ninth grade—Johnnie Chadwick, raret Goode.

Tenth grade—Mozelle Sosebee, Syfarie Samson, Lucille Justice.

Eleventh grade—Cornelia Williams, Jackson.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

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A. J. CANON (re-election.)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTREESE.

For County Clerk:

(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.

Clarence L. Darden In Race for Office of County Clerk



To the Voters of Taylor County:

As most of the voters of Taylor county will no doubt remember, I was a candidate two years ago for county clerk. In that race I ran second, and at all times since I have been deeply appreciative of the support that I received.

Again I am offering my name as a candidate for the nomination to said office, and I earnestly ask your kind consideration in the matter. May I state that I have resided in Taylor county since 1906. During the time I have farmed, operated a drug store, and for the past several years I have been in the barber business. I have a family consisting of my wife and three children, two of whom live with me yet.

I feel confident that I can fill the office in a satisfactory manner in every respect, and my promise to the people of Taylor county is that if elected, I will ever strive to make courtesy and efficiency predominant in the office.

If you do not know me, I want to get acquainted with you, and I am going to ask that you please make inquiry about me. After giving my candidacy careful consideration, if you feel that I am qualified and worthy, I assure you that I will greatly appreciate your support.

Respectfully,
Clarence L. Darden.

GOLAN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

J. T. Kemp and family visited relatives in Erath county during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis and family visited with Mrs. Lawlis' brother, Owen Robinson, in Abilene during the holidays.

A. J. Cook and family of Salem, N. M., returned for a few days to be with their children here.

C. C. Davis and Thurman Kinsey and families spent Christmas day with Mrs. Davis' brother, C. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown and family visited with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lawlis have as their guests Miss Mildred Cheatham and her mother.

Flora Mae Jeffrey, who is attending Hardin-Simmons university, is home for her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod spent Christmas day with his parents in Trent.

Children spending the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, were: Orvel Hill of Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hill of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill of Presidio and Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winters of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawlis of Anson were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Murdock entertained the young people Saturday night with a party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson, who were married Christmas.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Mail will run a news mention free of charge of box suppers and benefits in any community, but, if desired more than once, the second publication will be charged for.

We carry gray edged sympathy cards in stock, also regular mourning correspondence cards. The Merkel Mail.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Friends Serenade The J. W. Moores

Friends to the number of about sixty surprised Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore when they stormed their home at Blair Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married Saturday at Abilene, Mrs. Moore having been until her marriage Miss Sallie Curb. Surrounding the house, Forest Bailey and Allen Royals led in a most enjoyable serenade with their violin and guitar.

When the guests were invited inside, refreshments of cakes, pies and coffee, which they, the guests, had thoughtfully provided, were served and general merriment prevailed.

Two full lines of cosmetics—Marie Tomlin's and Boyer's—Vick Drug Company.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

FREE PICTURE SHOW
We cordially invite you to attend the Purina Talking Picture, which we have helped sponsor and which is to be shown during the Poultry Show.
The place is the Grammar School building, the time to be announced during the show.
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- Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs. 23c
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Cake Flour, pkg. 25c
- Calumet
Baking Powder, pound 23c
- Pure
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- Seedless
Raisins, 15 oz. pkg. 10c
- Medium Size
Ovaltine 35c
- Hershey's
Cooking Chocolate,
2 packages 25c
- Red and White
Vanilla Extract 19c

- Red and White
Meal, 5 pounds 17c
- Bird Brand
Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c
- Blue and White
Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can 6c
- Del Dixie
Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 15c
- Red and White
Pineapple, No. 1 can 10c
- Blue Cross
Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls 22c
- Red and White
Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 21c
- Red and White
Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 17c
- Standard
Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c
- Standard
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- Kuner's
Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c
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Soap, 6 Giant bars 25c
- Red and White
Wheat Cereal, 28 oz. pkg. 19c
- Red and White
Oats, large pkg. 19c
- Red and White
Lye, 3 cans 23c
- Sliced Bacon, pound 33c
- Salt Jowls, pound 15c
- Cheese, pound 24c

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- Early Riser, pound 15c
- Mart, pound 25c
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"The Michigan Kid"

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to boast that they had "Michigan's luck." "Michigan's luck" became an Alaskan phrase.

More than once Rowan took stock of his winnings and realized that he had nearly attained the goal he had set for himself, but invariably Fate intervened to prevent him from quite reaching the quitting point. Time crept along. The cycle of life for placer camps is brief.

Dawson grew, flourished, began to die; representatives of big companies appeared and bought up tracts of property; they talked of huge dredging and hydraulic projects.

Some of these newcomers were possessed of the gambling fever and they tried their luck against The Michigan Kid's. Rumors spread of big games in the back rooms of the Kid's place, games where the sky was the limit. One man in particular scoffed at "Michigan's luck" and prophesied that he would "get" the Kid—send him out of the country broke. This was a Colonel Johnson, a great engineer and mining promoter who represented a London syndicate. He and Rowan met, finally, much as famous duellists meet, and behind locked doors they played for twenty hours.

What the stakes were nobody knew, but they must have been enormous, and luck must have run the Kid's way, as usual, for Colonel Johnson rose finally, stepped out into the hall, and killed himself.

That at least was the story which was made public and which the authorities accepted. Certain spiteful-minded persons whispered knowingly that this story was all a fabrication: that "Michigan's" luck had finally deserted him and that the shot had been fired inside, not outside, the room.

Ugly rumors such as these flew through the streets, but whether they reached the ears of the Kid nobody ever knew. Perhaps they did. Perhaps that was why he sold his place two weeks later and without so much as saying good by to anybody he caught the next down-river boat.

When Jim Rowan closed the door of his steamer stateroom behind him he closed it, as he thought, on Tracy, the Michigan Kid and everything Carl had to do with that notorious character.

When the first band of the river had hidden Dawson City from view he drew from his pocket a wallet, and from this he carefully extracted a blurry, time-yellowed picture of

Rose Morris. It was a picture he had clipped from a Denver newspaper on the day Rose graduated from the local high school and it showed her as a girl in white with a floppy hat and a sash of ribbon about her waist. It was perhaps the one and only personal possession that he had never risked losing at some time or other. He gazed at it now for quite a while.

He wondered if Rose were still alive. If so, she must have grown into a beautiful woman, yes, and a good woman—here the gambler was speaking. No doubt she was married. He pondered this thought deliberately and it awakened a feeling of regret too indefinite to be called a pang, for long ago he had realized that it was not the flesh-and-blood Rose Morris that he worshiped, but an idea and an ideal. Of course he proposed to find her—that was the one thing he had in mind—but what would happen when he had found her was another matter.

When he boarded the steamship at St. Michael he saw no familiar faces, and, inasmuch as his name meant nothing to his fellow passengers, he felt a great relief. Already he had begun to realize, as he had not realized in Dawson, that whatever The Michigan Kid may have stood for on the upper river, back home that name would stand for something altogether different.

Back home! The words possess a peculiar significance for men who

have not been "outside" in more than five years. Nobody but the homeward-bound Alaskan could in the least appreciate them.

At Nome the ship hove to for twenty-four hours, and Rowan went ashore to see what the place looked like. Here again he passed unnoticed, and he was greatly cheered by that fact. If he could walk the street of an Alaskan gold camp without being recognized, it argued that he would have no difficulty whatever in the big world outside.

His attention was attracted by a poster which advertised an informal rally of all the citizens of Nome who hailed from Michigan. The meeting was to be held that night for the purpose of general good-fellowship and acquaintanceship and with the ultimate view of organizing a Wolverine Society. Jim decided to go.

It turned out to be a pleasant gathering. A glad-hand committee was at the door to introduce strangers around; there was a program of entertainment with refreshments promised afterward.

Jim Rowan grinned. Here was old home stuff. He wondered what these pleasant-looking men and women would think if they knew that he, the unobstructive visitor, was The Michigan Kid, the most notorious "sporting man" in all the north.

He heard his name mentioned during the evening—when a judge from Lansing delivered a speech eulogizing the home state and re-

ferred to the Kid as "that unsavory character of the upper Yukon who has brought odium upon the fair name of our birthplace." Again Jim grinned. Well he had the money anyhow. One has to pay something for success.

Nowhere did he hear a name or see a face that he knew with perhaps one exception—the face of an old man who sat in a quiet corner. It was a bearded face and the man was poorly dressed. He wore rubber boots and overalls and a faded threadbare mackinaw that hung loosely from his stooping shoulders. His hair was thin and gray and he coughed a good deal.

Jim studied the old fellow's profile and decided that he had probably seen the man across the gambling table or the bar—a river of derelicts like this one had flowed in and out of his place during these recent years. He had about put

him out of his mind when the man rose to leave. Then Rowan started, leaned forward; his eyes fixed themselves upon the stranger's bearded cheek.

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California Senator Sees Improved Trade

Washington, Jan. 9.—In his first interview since returning to the capital, Senator Hiram Johnson, California republican independent, stated that business conditions have im-

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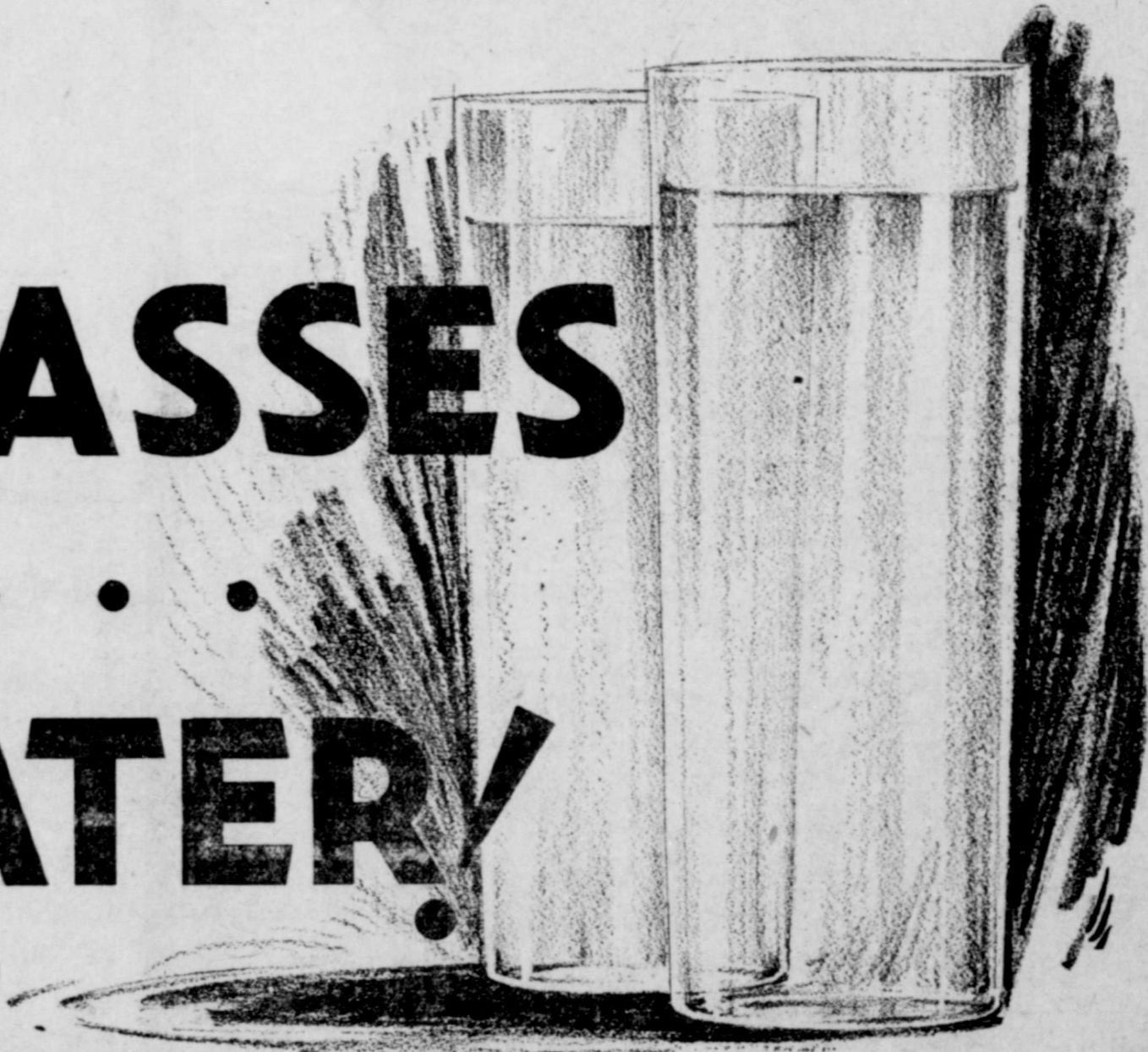
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Suppose someone threw a glass or two of water on your walls and furniture every hour. Literally, this happens in your home if you are troubled with "sweating" walls during the heating season.

All air contains some moisture and "sweating" walls are caused by too much moisture in the air of the room. Water vapor is exhaled by everyone at each breath and additional water vapor is given off by the fuel as it burns in your heating appliances. The water vapor from these sources combines with the moisture already present in the atmosphere and when the room air reaches a super-saturated condition the excess moisture or "sweat" collects on walls, doors, furniture and other cold surfaces.

"Sweating" walls are most commonly experienced in homes that use open flame types of individual room heaters exclusively but fail to provide adequate ventilation. This type of equipment is rarely vented to a flue and all the water vapor from the burning fuel is expelled into the room air. The unvented open flame heater is practical for quick heat in one room and can be used with great satisfaction if sufficient ventilation and circulation of air is provided to keep the room air from becoming over-loaded with moisture.

Moving air favors evaporation and helps prevent heat stagnation by keeping the temperature within normal limits. Therefore, open the window nearest the heater in each room slightly at the top and bottom. Keep connecting doors open so that a natural circulation of pure warmed air prevails throughout the house. With these simple and healthful methods of winter air-conditioning you will be able to reduce "wall sweating" to a minimum.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Dul Derrington has bought the Bailey cafe, located on East side, and invites the public to come in and see him.

The Acme Lumber yard has been moved from here to Hamlin. We regret to lose this business, but have been informed that J. Cal Hamner is putting in a stock of lumber, of which we are proud.

Miss Winnie Pearl Kegans of Tulsa was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kegans.

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth of Merkel ended to business here Monday.

The Trent High school boys played Sweetwater Junior High basketball Friday evening, with victory for Trent after which their coach, Mr. Knapp took them on a possum hunt at Jeff Anderson's pasture. No possums were caught.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens and daughter, Louise, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Crawford at Avoca Monday afternoon.

Eva Parker and daughter, Elizabeth Parker, of Post, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith visited in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon, and returned to Trent Tuesday and the time with them and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Howell and daughter, of Abilene were guests Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers. W. L. Reneau has been at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. Butcher, for the past several days in the care of one of her friends in his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor attended funeral Thursday at Rule of St. Paul's church, W. H. Woolf. He was 96 years old at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts were in Gladewater last Thursday for the funeral of Mrs. Roberts' daughter, Miss Geter, who was fatally injured in a car accident near Marshall. Mrs. Geter had been here last summer and made friends, who mourn her tragic death.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Hale left Saturday for Ropesville where they will be engaged in farming.

Miss Edith Hale and her mother, Mrs. Edith Hale, visited here during the holidays.

BLAIR ITEMS

Miss Annie Barnes has not been getting along so well since our last write, and his relatives and friends are much concerned over his condition. He is now in hospital, and many friends in hoping for his early recovery.

Miss Julia Walker of Abilene spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Orsborn, and family.

Rev. Ted McGehee filled his regular pulpit at the Baptist church, preaching two heart-stirring messages, emphasizing that we are laborers together with God.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Squares attended the funeral of their daughter on Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Davenport of Oklahoma is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton. Mr. and Mrs. Mar of the Plains are also in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan and daughter, Miss Otis Ray, of Sweetwater, were in town Sunday night with Mr. Price Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Iwin Dusek and children returned to Sweetwater Thursday from a week's visit in Abilene, where her mother, who has been ill at Caldwell, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips spent the week with friends at Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates of Merkel attended the funeral of their daughter, Miss Edith Hale, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer have returned to Sweetwater after several weeks' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton made a trip to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore and Miss Sallie attended the funeral of Mrs. Edith Hale on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 4. Best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

Quartet With Fred G. Brunk's Comedians



Who will open a week's run in Merkel Monday, Jan. 13. This act is only one of the many feature vaudeville acts with the big company of 35 people showing under the Auspices of the Fire Department.

perity are extended to this popular couple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley, their son, Reed, and daughter, Gladys, have returned home from a visit over the week-end with their sisters of Mansfield and Itasca. Their mother, Mrs. M. J. Whatley, also accompanied them and remained at Mansfield for an indefinite stay with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Gossage. They also visited with their son, C. D. Whatley, in Waco.

RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Ed Blackburn of the Butman community entertained most graciously in their pretty home Friday, Jan. 2, complimenting Mrs. A. D. Scott and Mrs. Howard Maserang with a bridal shower. The honorees of this elaborate affair received many nice and practical gifts.

Mesdames Wade Ensminger, Ernest Meeks and Fay Denton assisted the hostess in entertaining. A color scheme of green and white was carried out in all details and a dainty menu was served before the guests departed for their homes, extending congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness and prosperity for these two popular young couples.

Those present for this joyous event were: Mesdames Jack Latimer, Raymond Demere, Tommie Russom, Marylene Mullins, Dewell McLean, Earnest Meeks, Wade Ensminger, Fay Denton, A. D. Scott, Howard Maserang, Hugh Campbell, Clyde Latimer, Will Butman, Joe J. Barron, Roy Sterling, D. W. Rodgers, Ona Mae Maserang, J. C. Frazier, E. W. Turner, Lucy

Scott, Sam Butman, E. M. Blackburn, Mrs. Maserang, Sr., Miss Eunice Little and little Rose Myrth Latimer, Eula Dix Denton, Mabel Denton, Hollis McClean, J. E. Meeks and Mary Louise Maserang.

BLAIR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The first meeting of the Blair Home Demonstration club for the New Year was held Jan. 2 in the home of Mrs. Ten Spears. During the business session Mrs. Spears demonstrated the making of hooked rugs.

One new member was added and the meeting was enjoyed by nine members and visitors.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jim Campbell on Jan. 23.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the W. A. Harris home. Reports were given on the sale and use of eggs by each member, and a birthday present went to Miss Alice Russell.

Charlotte rousse with whipped cream and fruit cake was served to the following: Mesdames K. Pee, M. F. Carey, W. A. Harris, Earl Harwell, Lee Tipton, W. C. Lee, O. R. Douglas, members, and two visitors, Mrs. J. W. Taylor and Mrs. Higgins of Salt Branch.

The next meeting will be held in the W. C. Lee home at which time we will receive our year books and lay out plans for the coming year. Each member is urged to be present.

FAMILY REUNION.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of Golan was the center of a family reunion during the holidays

of the children of Mrs. D. M. Hill.

Those present were: Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hill and family of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and son of Bertram and Miss Eldora Hill of San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Hill has appeared as guest artist with Bob Crosby and also with Frankie Masters and his Palace Hotel orchestra in San Francisco.

Neutrality Policy Broadest in History

Washington, Jan. 9.—The broadest neutrality policy in American history was enunciated in 1935.

Congress passed an act specifically making unlawful the export of arms, munitions or other "implements of war" to belligerents. The president, directed to enumerate commodities whose export was prohibited, had authority to deny such supplies as oil, coal, iron and steel to belligerents—in addition to guns and bullets.

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Mrs. Asa Sheppard extended hospitality to members of the Fortnightly Study club on Monday evening. Miss Dota Garoutte brought the Texas History lesson on "Houston's First Administration—Era V", in round table manner, in which all members participated.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner had the program for the evening on "The History of Music," which proved a most inspirational subject to the club members.

Those present were Mesdames Fred Hughes, Lige Gamble, R. A. Burgess, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Warren, Thos. Durham, E. Clyde Smith, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, R. O. Pearson, A. T. Sheppard, C. B. Gardner, Henry West, Sam Swann, Misses Evelyn Curb, Dota Garoutte, Stell Ledger, Julia Martin, Helen Patterson and Alyeen Ater.

THREE "F" CLUB.

Merkel society's newest protege promises much for the younger set during the forthcoming months, "The Three 'F' Club," which was organized on last Saturday afternoon in the home of Miss Mary Frances Cook. A business meeting was held for the purpose of electing the following officers: Miss Bettye Lou Grimes for president; Miss Mary Frances Cook as vice-president; Miss Mary Helen Mashburn, secretary and treasurer; for reporter and assistant reporter, Misses Frances Higgins and Hollis Perry.

Perfectly thrilling plans are anticipated as each hostess is allowed to choose her own particular type of entertainment.

Dancing was the diversion on Saturday afternoon and dainty sandwiches, olives, cookies and hot chocolate were served to Misses Jane Ferguson, De La Verne Teague, Fannelle Gray, Phyllis Smith, Elma Mae Gamble, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, Mary Helen Mashburn, Mary Frances Cook and Bettye Lou Grimes.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

The home of Mrs. A. A. McGehee was the scene of a delightful party Tuesday afternoon when the Vota Vita Class, combining business and pleasure.

After a devotional consisting of favorite scriptures quoted and discussed, various committees reported and other business was taken care of. Several members took part in an interesting discussion on money pledges and tithing.

Fruit cake topped with whipped cream, coffee and olives were served to the following members: Mesdames J. L. Wilson, Ted McGehee, Byers Petty, Sam Swann, Roy Reid, Seth Morgan, Irl Walker, Buck Leach and the hostess and three visitors, Mrs. Guy Darsey of Austin, little Miss Fatsy Swann and Master Jerry McGehee.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The weather man came in quite cold, gray clouds overcast the sky, the streets were almost deserted and solemn and cold seemed the homes along the way as twenty members of the King's Daughters class of the Methodist church drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Patterson, with her co-hostesses, Mesdames Ellis and Richards, graciously greeted each guest, and with the warm fireside and loving smiles, one to the other, the "girls" forgot, for the afternoon, the cold and clouds on the outside.

The worship meditation, very inspiring and uplifting thoughts on the topic of chastening, (Hebrews 12:5-11.) was greatly enjoyed, as was a talk on "The New Year" by Mrs. Hutcheson. Then followed a duet by Mesdames Patterson and Mashburn, and a reading by Mrs. McSpadden, "If I Had Only Known," was given in her usual entertaining way.

After business, both old and new, was dispatched, the class benediction was given and dainty refreshment plates were served by the hostesses, completing an afternoon well spent in the King's business.

CLASS REUNIONS.

The Senior class of 1933 held their annual reunion in the home of Miss Margaret Miller, Dec. 27, 1935. Games of progressive "Bunko" and "Dumbell" were enjoyed until a late hour. Refreshments consisting of cherry pie a la mode, coffee and mints were enjoyed along with musical numbers played and sung by Margaret Miller, Alton Bicknell and Sandifer Hollingsworth, members, and Georgine Bullock, visitor. Members who were absent missed a real treat but will be

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 666 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here Sunday, as compared with 567 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 871 were in attendance.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to attend all of these services. If you are a Baptist and haven't affiliated yourself with this church, come out and meet with us and you will enjoy doing the Lord's work, for we have one of the best pastors and Sunday School superintendents to be found anywhere.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching services 11 a. m. by the pastor. Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m. Evening worship 7:15 p. m. Women's missionary society meets Monday 2:30 p. m. Prayer service and choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:15.

Come Sunday morning—something different—you will like the change. John H. Crow, Pastor.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. This will be the only service Sunday, as it is the pastor's day at Baird. Everyone is urged to come at the appointed hour so that the exercises may be concluded in time for members to attend church elsewhere.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Revival continues through the week. There had been seven professions of faith up to Monday night. Come out. Service each evening at 7 o'clock. We had 55 in Sunday School last Sunday. We will appreciate the co-operation of all.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching Saturday night at 7:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Come.

given another chance next Christmas when the class meets with Frances Marie Church.

Members present were: Jack Tucker, Virgil Lee Perkins, Ward Berryman, Meyer Mellinger, Alton Bicknell Sandifer Hollingsworth, Jim Patterson, Mardell Shouse, Terrell Mashburn, Frances Marie Church, Opal Huskey, Nell Hughes, Margaret Miller, Johnny Whiteley and Florene Rider.

M. H. S. Seniors of the class of '34 enjoyed a holiday reunion in the home of Miss Billie Gardner on Monday evening, Dec. 30. Games and contests were enjoyed and, after a pleasant social hour, refreshments of mousse, wafers and coffee were served to: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Mrs. Ray King, Misses Helen Joyner, Bessylea Church, Lois Whiteley, Sarah Sheppard, Emily Newman, Clara B. White, Faye Pinkley, Mildred Cox, Billie Gardner; Messrs. Jack West, Milton Shannon, David Gamble, Walter Riney, Kennedy Whiteley, Tommy Jones, Jack Patterson, Howard Carson, Kenneth Cribley.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 7 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C.

You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

Popular Tent Show Coming Next Week

Brunk's Comedians will begin a week's engagement under the auspices of the Merkel Fire Department in this city Monday, January 13, in their new waterproof tent theatre which will be located on the usual lot.

The company that will appear here all next week is one of the best known and most popular shows in this section, and is not the same troupe that played here a few weeks ago. Lately the show has been playing in Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states as far west as the Pacific coast.

Fred G. Brunk's Comedians, largest of all the Brunk shows, one of the largest companies now on the road with a cast of capable actors, several vaudeville stars that take no part in the acts of the play, and Henri Rogers' famous eight-piece orchestra, has a company of thirty-five people in all.

The opening play is "The Family Sap," a big New York hit that recently closed a one-year run in New York, and Mr. Brunk says it is one of the best plays he has ever presented.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness and help, the words of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear husband and father; also do we thank the doctors for their service and thank all for the beautiful flowers.

May God's richest blessings be upon each of you in our prayer.

Mrs. W. J. Higgins And Children.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

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Jack Canon Decides To Seek Re-Election

Jack Canon advised The Mail this week that he would be a candidate for re-election as commissioner from precinct No. 2.

His name appears in the regular announcement column of this issue of The Mail, his formal statement to come next week.

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| | | Pecans, 2 lbs. | 25c |

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2 lb. qt. jar 29c

Large Buckets 59c

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COMPOUND, 8 lb. pails \$1.10

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Crackers

A-1 Saltines, 2 lbs. 19c

A-1 Graham, 2 lbs. 23c

CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle, 2 for 25c

GOLD DUST, large package 19c

PEARS, syrup packed, 2 1-2s, 2 for 45c

MACKEREL, tall cans, 3 for 25c

Folger's Coffee, 2 lbs. 59c

PORK & BEANS, 16 oz. cans 5c

QUICK JEL DESSERT, pkg. 5c

TOMATOES, tall cans, 3 for 25c

SOAP FLAKES, 5 lb. pkgs. 35c

TOMATO JUICE, 14 oz. cans, 3 for 25c

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