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COLE-TURNER.
Richard E. Cole and Miss Gola Turner were married Saturday afternoon at the parsonage home of the Rev. W. P. Bounds, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist church, Abilene, the Rev. Mr. Bounds officiating for the ceremony.
The couple will make their home on the Cole farm north of Merkel.

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

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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

FLOWERS
For ALL OCCASIONS
MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The auction sale of implements, announced for last Saturday by the West Co., Inc., will be held the coming Saturday, Jan. 25, 1936, at their barn south of the railroad. The extreme cold weather caused the postponement of the sale last week.

A. T. Sheppard, who has been confined to his bed since the first of the week with a serious attack of the "flu," was reported somewhat improved Thursday morning.

With the removal of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe to Abilene, where Elmer assumed duties as deputy sheriff shortly after the first of the year, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig are now occupying the Lowe cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are at home at 912 Mulberry street, Abilene, while their son, Jack Lowe, will continue, as an employee of the Merkel Drug company, to reside here.

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

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.

Pledge
I will think—talk—write...
Texas Centennial in 1936! This is to be my celebration. In its achievement I may give free play to my patriotic love for Texas' heroic past; my confidence in its glories that are to be....

PERSONALS

Messrs. Clayton and Charlie Coats were here from Big Spring Saturday and Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats.

Mrs. Esker Curtis of Breckenridge spent Friday and Saturday of last week with her mother, Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Miss Earlene Allen of Abilene visited Miss Frances Higgins over the week-end.

After a visit since Christmas with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ross, at Taft, Mrs. S. E. Pomroy has returned home.

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Wednesday from a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. DeVerle Johnson, in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer arrived late Wednesday from Fort Worth for a short visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Elmer Adcock, after spending several weeks at home with his parents,

Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, left Friday of last week for Kress. He had appointments in succession at Kress, Happy and Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr., left Wednesday night on the Sunshine Special for California, combining business and pleasure, Mr. Patterson having shipped two cars of cattle this week to the Pacific coast.

Max Mellinger, accompanied by his son, Meyer, returned Wednesday night from Dallas where they had attended the shoe dealers convention. Isadore Mellinger, another son, now in business at Livingston, met them there and came on to Merkel with them for a visit of a few days.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.
The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county): both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

Augusta once was the capital of Georgia.

An old slave market still stands in Louisville, Ga.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 76c each at Merkel Mail office.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail

Pecan trees should be spaced apart each way.

One family and two army men are the only inhabitants at Sumter, S. C.

In 1900 the buggy manufacturing industry was a billion dollar business.

Try a Classified Ad for Results.

ELECTRICAL WORK

All kinds of House Wiring
No job too large nor too small

J. M. BONEY
Phone 180-W

BOX ELDER SHADE TREES

For Sale
J. T. COATS
Phone 274-W

Southwestern Life Insurance Company

Statement of Condition

At the Close of Business December 31, 1935

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include U.S. Government Bonds, Bonds Guaranteed by U.S. Government, Bonds of the State of Texas, Texas County and Municipal Bonds, Total Bonds, First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate, Home Office Building, Other Real Estate, Cash, Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance, Interest on Investments Accrued but not yet due, Unpaid Mortgage Interest, Loans Against Cash Value of Policies, Total Assets. Liabilities include Policy Reserves, Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance, Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities, Total Liabilities, Surplus Funds for protection of Policyholders: Capital Stock, Unassigned Funds, To Balance Assets.

\*No bond purchased by the Company has ever defaulted as to principal or interest. Since purchase the bonds have so increased in value that current market value of these bonds exceeds by \$1,046,756 the values used above.

†The Company carries no real estate in excess of current market value. The write-down in real estate values was \$228,480 during 1935.

‡During 1935 unpaid interest was written down \$200,000 in pursuance of the Company's policy of using conservative values.

§After valuing the assets conservatively and after setting up all possible liabilities, these additional funds held for the further protection of policyholders are sufficient to guarantee payment of policy obligations under abnormal as well as normal conditions.

C. F. O'DONNELL, President.

During 1935 Texas Citizens Increased More Than Fourteen Millions of Dollars Their Insurance With The Company

F. E. CHURCH
Merkel Representative

ANNOUNCING AMAZING TYPEWRITER BARGAIN



BRAND NEW MODEL No. 5 REMINGTON PORTABLE

The opportunity you've waited for! A brand new Model 5 Remington Portable for only \$49.50 cash. An easy, practical Home Typing Course FREE! With it, anyone can quickly become an expert on this machine—the lowest priced complete typewriter every made. Not used or rebuilt. Standard 4-row keyboard. Standard width carriage. Margin Release on keyboard. Back spacer. Automatic Ribbon Reverse. Every essential feature of big office typewriters.

Come in and try it!

THE MERKEL MAIL "Your Home Town Newspaper"

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

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

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January 24, 1936.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
POLITICAL**

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.  
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.  
A. J. CANON (re-election).  
P. A. DILTZ.

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

E. F. VANTREESE.  
For County Clerk:  
(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.  
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.  
E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.  
W. B. HALE.

For Sheriff:  
S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.  
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)

**WANTED**

WILL DO Custom Grinding; all kinds; 10c and 15c per hundred; Monday only. Vernon Hudson, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

WILL TEACH Shorthand to several students at my home; class forming. Mrs. E. H. Jowers, at former Ernest Higgins' home.

CUSTOM GRINDING Friday and Saturday of each week; portable mill available at your farm for three tons and up; popular prices. Location will be at Merkel Farmers Cooperative gin, Merkel. See C. B. Wilson, Merkel.

**LOST AND FOUND**

STOLEN from Mrs. A. H. Barnes' place, 7 miles south of Merkel, night of Jan. 21, one black mare, 6 years old, weighs 1050 to 1100 pounds; just weaned from colt; has some white on feet. In case found, notify E. B. Barnes, Merkel, A. D. Barnes, Merkel, or C. C. Barnes, 410 Jeanette street, Abilene, Texas.

STRAYED—Pale red milk cow, dehorned, no brand. Notify A. J. Barbee. Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at Merkel Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.  
Use The Mail Want Ads.

**Seeks Re-Election  
As Public Weigher**

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:  
Since you elected me as your public weigher two years ago, I have tried to serve you in the best and most efficient manner possible. I have endeavored at all times to meet the requirements and responsibilities of this office in the way you would want me to, and hope, on the merits of service rendered, you will see fit to re-elect me for another term to this office.

It will be my endeavor to see every voter personally before the July primary, but, should I fail to see any individual, I want you to consider this statement to voters as a solicitation of your support and influence.

Respectfully,  
CLYDE SHOUSE.

**Officers Elected by  
Farmers State Bank**

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers State bank held Wednesday—the first meeting of the board since the annual election of directors on Jan. 14—Dr. M. Armstrong was re-elected president. Other officers named are: J. W. Tiner, vice-president; J. A. Patterson, Jr., vice-president; Joe P. Self, cashier; Herbert Patterson and V. M. Campbell, assistant cashiers.

Summing up his first year as president of this institution Dr. M. Armstrong said that great improvements had been made for the future service and safety of the bank's customers, one among which he cited being when they procured the services of Joe P. Self, who will be in active management of the affairs of the bank during 1936.

A comparative statement of the condition of the bank as of Oct. 1, 1935, and Dec. 31, 1935, shows that deposits increased from \$109,000 to \$189,000; loans were reduced from \$119,000 to \$59,000. Cash on hand Oct. 1 was \$13,000; on Dec. 31, \$160,000. Resources increased from \$188,000 on Oct. 1 to \$257,000 on Dec. 31.

"It is the sole aim of this institution," Dr. Armstrong states, "to better serve and safeguard the interest of its customers and friends."

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

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

**W. B. Hale Announces  
For County Clerk**



W. B. Hale of Abilene, who has been a resident of Taylor county for more than a third of a century—35 years—and who is now serving as a member of the Abilene city commission, has authorized The Mail to publish his announcement as a candidate for the office of county clerk.

Thirty-two years ago he opened a general mercantile store at Iberis, and some years later established a grocery business in Abilene.

When he aspired to be city commissioner of Abilene, it was his first candidacy and that post, in which he is now serving his second term, is his first public office.

**Report of Southwestern  
Life Reveals a High  
Degree of Liquidity**

Unusual conditions of the past five years have had a marked effect on the investment portfolios of life insurance companies. While few companies have increased in size, measured by total insurance in force, changes in the character of assets of some companies are apparent. A brief analysis of the balance sheet of Southwestern Life, the first of the large Texas companies to publish its annual statement, reveals a high degree of liquidity. The net liability to policyholders is less than 27 millions. The company owns securities valued conservatively at 30 millions. Of this amount 15 millions is represented by U. S. Government bonds, cash, and the highest grade state, county, and municipal obligations, which could be sold on today's market for a million dollars more than the amount at which they are carried in the balance sheet. The remaining 15 millions is invested in first mortgage loans on Texas real estate. In addition the company owns real estate, including its home office building, worth about 3 millions.

Five years ago Southwestern Life had only about one-ninth as much invested in bonds, but owned one-third more real estate mortgages than it does today.

The gain in insurance in force for 1935 is approximately the same as for 1934, and the company is now larger than at any previous time in its history, with a total of 288 millions of

insurance on the lives of approximately 140,000 Texas citizens. During recent years the amount of the average policy has decreased slightly. The rate of mortality for 1935 among Southwestern Life policyholders was almost the same as for the previous year. Lapses are steadily decreasing and loans against policies have remained at about the same level.

Increasing liquidity of assets has resulted in lower interest earnings, but the net return for 1935 was 4 1-2 per cent, which the company considers highly satisfactory under present conditions.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. J. C. Higgins on Thursday, Jan. 16, at which time Miss Vara Crippen, Taylor county demonstration agent, discussed "Planning the Food Budget."

Members present were Mesdames T. C. Allen, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beene, Bill Hays, J. C. Higgins, W. C. Lee, Sam Martin, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell; Misses Celia Hester, Lena Fay Harrell, Ruth Pinckley.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. H. B. Robertson on Thursday, Jan. 30.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

**FOR SALE**  
SCRATCH—Get Paracide ointment, the guaranteed itch remedy. Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itch, eczema, itching or skin irritations, or money refunded. Large jar 50c at Merkel Co.

**THROAT—TONSILITIS!**  
An equals a good mop and in relief is afforded by Anesthesia. The wonderful new sore throat remedy. Positive relief guaranteed. Wholesale price refunded by Vick Co.

**HAVE STORED** near Merkel a grand piano, one small up and good used piano, will sell for cash, terms arranged. For information write G. H. Jackson, 1214 Elm street, Dallas.

**FOR SALE**—A few bushels of improved Qualla pedigree cottonseed at \$2.20 per bushel. See E. F. Vantreesse or L. L. Murray at old Farm Bureau gin.

**IF in need of cotton tags**, see Herbert Patterson at Farmers State Bank.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Section of land. S. M. Hunter.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Piano, violin, mandolin, refrigerator, dining table, 4 chairs, oil cook stove, oil heater, Maytag washer, water truck or pickup. J. M. Virden, 1042 Ross St., Abilene, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Number of Rhode Island Red cockerels from Bob Ellis stock. See R. B. Wells, Merkel, Texas.

**FOR SALE**

**HORSES AND MULES  
USED IMPLEMENTS AND  
TRACTORS**

**WEST COMPANY, INC.**

The plowing season is now on. Bring your dull Discs to C. P. Stevens and have them rolled.

**LEST YOU  
FORGET**

WE DO



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

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**THE MERKEL MAIL**

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 24-25**

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|--|-----|----------------|--|-----|
| Oranges, each .....                            | 1c  | Red and White  | Corn Flakes, package .....               | 10c |
| Apples, Winesap, doz. ....                     | 19c | Red and White  | Wheat Cereal, 28 oz. pkg. ....           | 19c |
| Grapefruit, doz. ....                          | 30c | Red and White  | Oats, Quick or Regular, pkg. ....        | 19c |
| Turnips, Rutabaga, lb. ....                    | 4c  | Fresh          | Walnuts, pound .....                     | 19c |
| Lettuce, 2 heads .....                         | 9c  | Gallon         | Prunes, per can .....                    | 34c |
| Spuds, 10 pounds .....                         | 20c | Blue and White | Pineapple, broken slice, No. 2 can ..... | 15c |
| A-1 Crackers, 2 lb. box .....                  | 18c | Iowa Club      | Corn, No. 2 can .....                    | 10c |
| Supreme Peanut Butter, pint .....              | 17c | Red and White  | Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for .....             | 33c |
| Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. ....       | 15c | Red and White  | Catsup, 14 oz. bottle .....              | 17c |
| Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. ....       | 55c | Blue and White | Cocoa, 1 lb. can .....                   | 13c |
| Red and White Meal, 5 pounds .....             | 17c | Red and White  | Flav-R-Jell, all flavors .....           | 5c  |
| Yankee Doodle Macaroni or Spaghetti, pkg. .... | 5c  | Red and White  | Pure Pork Sausage, lb. ....              | 19c |
| <b>COFFEE</b>                                  |     |                |  |     |
| Early Riser, pound .....                       | 15c | Red and White  | Salt Pork, pound .....                   | 20c |
| Mart, pound .....                              | 25c | Red and White  | Picnic Hams, pound .....                 | 23c |
| Red and White, pound .....                     | 29c | Bird Brand     | Cheese, pound .....                      | 25c |
| <b>SHORTENING</b>                              |     |                |  |     |
| Crisco or Snowdrift, 3 lb. pail .....          | 59c | Red and White  | Sliced Bacon, pound .....                | 33c |

WEST CO., Merkel

A. W. WOOD, Trent  
D. C. HERRING & Son, Noodle

M. G. SCOTT, Trent  
BRADLEY MER. CO., Stith

# The MICHIGAN KID.



by Rex Beach



Fine Serial Fiction in a new form. . . . Three Prize Short Stories (of four installments each) by a master story-teller. They're Rex Beach at his best.

IN FOUR INSTALLMENTS.

**SYNOPSIS**—Jimmy Rowan was hopelessly in love with Rose Morris, the prettiest girl in Dover, Michigan. Of course, that was years ago, in early school days . . . but it was hopeless for Jimmy because he was just "that Rowan kid," desperately poor, while Rose's family was rich. While Jimmy was working his way through college, Rose Morris moved away and the home sold for barely enough to pay the mortgage. . . . Jimmy vowed to himself he'd get rich . . . and find Rose. Easier vowed than done and years passed before Jim Rowan finally landed in the Klondike . . . there to gain wide reputation as a gambler, known as "The Michigan Kid."

On his way out at Nome, Rowan came upon a meeting of Michigan folks scheduled so he attended. There he came upon Hiram Morris, old, worn and hungry. Morris, with his daughter Rose, is prospecting a claim. Rowan hires as helper and goes out to the claim, ordering supplies sent. From Rose he learns of the father's struggle. **NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

THIRD INSTALLMENT.

Rowan opened his lips to speak, then closed them.

"You see?" The girl laid her hand upon his arm. "Poor Don Quixote! Won't you think better of it and go out to God's country? You've earned it, Jim, and you'll find your opportunity there. Father is enthusiastic, he really believes in this claim, but I know it's no good, and besides we're unlucky. Everything has gone badly since we lost our money back there in Dover. He's a feeble old man and disappointment has made him almost childish. All he has left is that conviction that some day he'll 'land in the pay.' There are hundreds like him."

"And what would you do?" Rowan inquired.

Wearily Rose shrugged. "What I have always done—remain at his side. I love him. He gave me everything when he had it to give. I'm the staff he leans upon and without me he'd fall. We can get along, Jim."

"How?"

"I was offered a job waiting on table at the Bonanza—"

The man uttered an exclamation. Roughly he said, "I'd sooner see you in a dance hall."

"I could even get married—" Rose smiled faintly.

Jim's hands twitched, but his face was impassive as he said: "No, I'm going to stick. I made a few dollars in Dawson and left there looking for one more chance—no big chance to win or lose, make or break. I play hunches, and when you father offered to go fifty-fifty with me I had a hunch that my number was due. Have you ever heard of 'Michigan's luck'?"

"Yes, of course. Aladdin's lamp, too, but I never expect to have either."

"Who knows? I have a feeling that your troubles are over and that your father is really going to land in the pay. Let's hope so, anyhow. I believe in hoping for things until you get them."

It was in this manner that Jim Rowan became a miner, a pick-and-shovel man. He put up a cabin for himself and he did his own cooking—a thing any man abhors. Although he and Hiram began to prospect the claim, it was Jim who did most of the actual work. His flabby muscles rebelled, at first; blisters grew upon his white palms; they burst, then turned into callouses. Slowly, painfully he hardened himself. It was an ordeal, but as his body grew strong so did his determination to win the love of Rose Morris.

Every day he had to fight the desire to voice his love, but the better he came to know Rose, the more fearful he became that somehow the grave of The Michigan Kid would be disturbed and that she would behold the

skeleton it concealed—grass was slow in growing over it—hence he showed his devotion only in the things he did.

Autumn came and Jim put into effect a plan he had worked out. He "salted" the pannings from their ground just enough to make a showing, this being necessary to his scheme; then he interested a purchaser in buying the claim. He instructed the man to offer twenty thousand dollars for it, supposing, of course, that Mr. Morris would leap at the chance to sell.

But this was the first gold the old man had ever found and those few yellow flakes strengthened his senile conviction that the property was rich. He refused the offer. He refused again and again, even when Jim's man raised the bid to forty thousand dollars. He did more than refuse; he boasted about the offer in town and said he had struck regular "Michigan's luck." This caused quite a flurry of excitement and reluctantly Jim was forced to call off his bidder.

Jim's effort had an effect other than he had expected; a forty-thousand-dollar offer for a wild-cat claim on Friday Creek centered interest there, and promptly the Bonanza crowd sent an outfit over and began work on some property they owned below old Hiram's.

This outfit was in charge of a young fellow by the name of Hayward, and once he had become acquainted with Rose he took such an interest in Friday Creek that he spent all of his time there.

This Hayward was a fine-looking upstanding youth and he undoubtedly had a way with him. But his way with women was more agreeable than his way with men: towards Jim Rowan, for instance, he displayed the same air of contemptuous superiority that he reserved for his employees.

Rose liked him, however—perhaps that was the real reason why Jim did

not. In any event, the two men were so different in character that a clash was inevitable.

Jim had made it a practice never to go into town for fear of recognition, hence it was Hiram who made the weekly trips for mail and for the necessary purchases. One day while he was in town it began to snow and turned to rain and sleet. The old man returned about dark, quite wet and chilly. He was a long while getting warmed through and later in the evening he complained of feeling badly and went to bed.

Jim was awakened during the night by a knock on his door. It was Rose. In a tone that instantly brought him to his feet she told him that her father was ill and that she was frightened. Throwing on his clothes, he hurried to the larger cabin. Hiram was burning up with fever; he coughed almost continuously; he was in pain. Jim announced at once that he would go for a doctor.

"I'll send somebody up from the Bonanza camp," he told the girl, "because I won't be able to get back before morning."

Rose turned eyes dark with apprehension upon him. "He's very ill, isn't he? He woke me up muttering. Hear him? It's all about 'landing in the pay'."

"I'm afraid he's a pretty sick man. There's a medicine case somewhere among my things. Look until you find it. And don't allow yourself to become panicky. Be a brave girl, Rose." He laid a hand upon Rose's shoulder—it

was the first time he had ever touched her except by inadvertence—and there was such sympathy, such comfort in his gesture that tears wet her lashes.

"Oh, Jim!" she cried. "You're a dear. I don't know what I'd do without you."

Young Hayward was in Nome, but Jim got one of the Bonanza men to go to Rose's assistance and also he borrowed a horse for himself. It was not many miles to town, but it was a wretched night and he was glad when the animal wallowed out of the icy mud and he felt the plank pavements under its feet. The first doctor he found was ill; another had been called to Fort Davis; the third was engaged on a confinement case, but promised to accompany Jim in perhaps two hours. There was nothing to do but wait.

Jim was wet and cold. He stabled his horse, returned to the main street, and entered the first saloon he came to. It was late; there was nobody at the bar, but some of the games were still running and there were a few figures at the lunch counter in the rear. Thither Jim made his way in search of a cup of coffee.

There was a stage at the end of the place where, in the earlier hours

MAN'S HEART SKIPS BEATS—DUE TO GAS

W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Adlerika rid him of all gas and now he eats anything and feels fine. Merkel Drug Co.

of the night, a vaudeville show given, and at the piano were seated several weary women of the hall type. One of them saw Jim spoke to her companions, when they turned and stared curiously back.

Young Hayward rose from the table and approached the lunch counter. He had been drinking something considerably. There was a pleasant curl to his lips.

Jim had hitched himself up of the high stools; he had raised a mug to drink when Hayward it away from his lips and called white-aproned waiter, saying:

"Here! Give this fellow a meal." At the same time he cras twenty-dollar gold piece up counter.

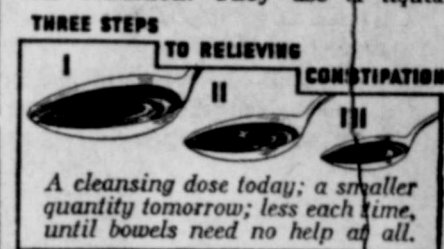
"Thanks," said Jim. "I'm n gry."

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## THE DOCTORS ARE RIGHT

Women should take only liquid laxatives

Many believe any laxative they might take only makes constipation worse. And that isn't true. Do what doctors do to relieve this condition. They use a liquid



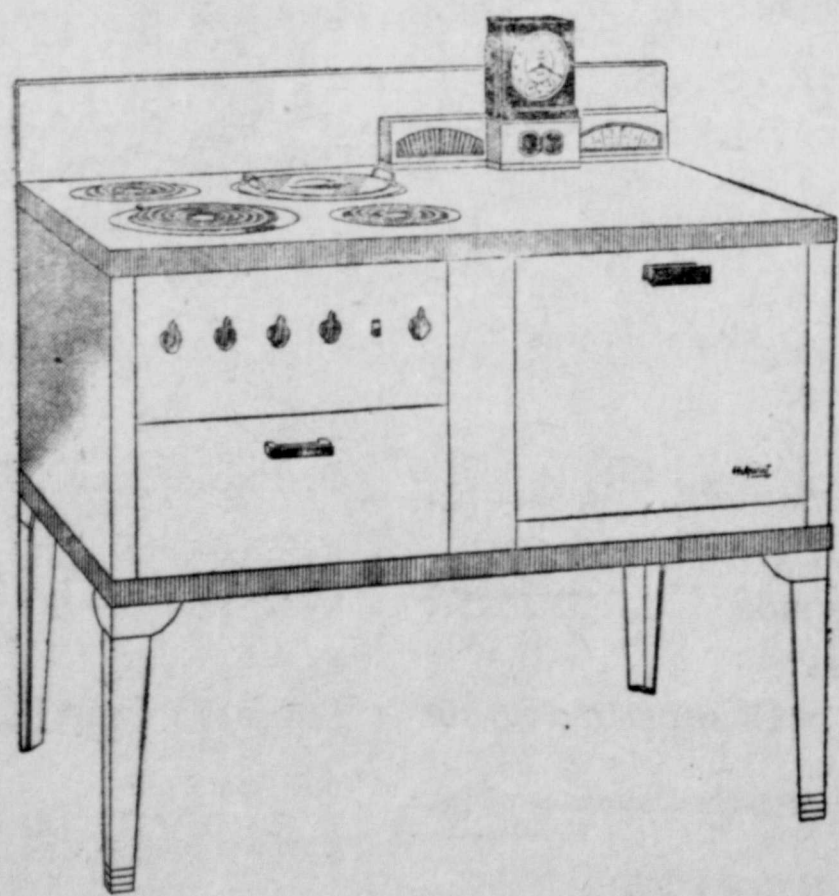
A cleansing dose today; a smaller quantity tomorrow; less each time, until bowels need no help at all.

laxative, and keep reducing the dose until the bowels need no help at all.

Reduced dosage is the secret of aiding Nature in restoring regularity. You must use a little less laxative each time, and that's why your laxative should be in liquid form. A liquid dose can be regulated to the drop.

The liquid laxative generally used is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It contains senna and cascara—both natural laxatives that form no habit even with children. Syrup Pepsin is the nicest tasting, nicest acting laxative you ever tried.

## For a Happier and Easier 1936

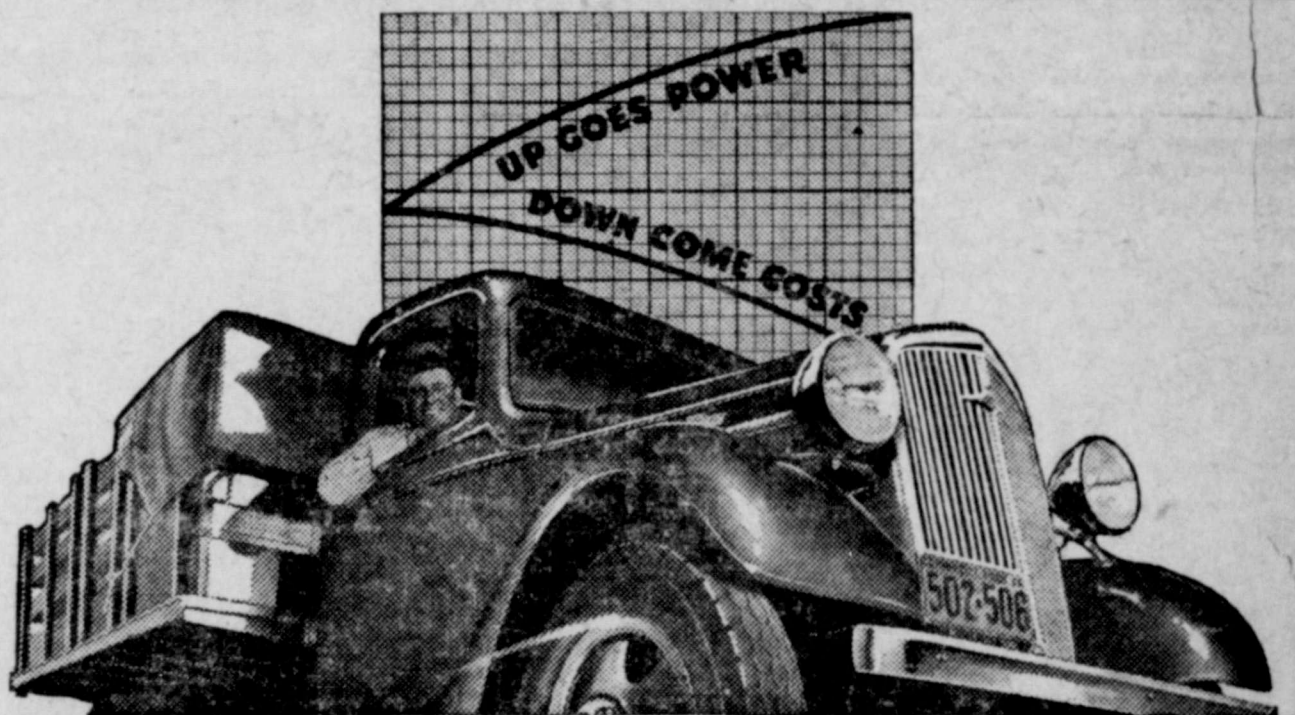


Just think of the happiness and ease that the modern housewife of 1936 may enjoy in comparison with less convenient methods.

Imagine yourself preparing an entire meal, placing it in the oven of the electric range, snapping a switch and returning later in the day to a perfectly cooked, delicious meal.

That's electric cookery, 1936. You can buy a Hotpoint Electric Range on the most convenient terms. Electric cookery rates are most reasonable and you will marvel at the full, rich flavor of electrically prepared meals. Let this modern method of cookery give you more ease in your home during this new year.

West Texas Utilities Company



## Announcing NEW CHEVROLET TRUCK FOR 1936

New Power •• New Economy •• New Dependability



**NEW PERFECTED HYDRAULIC BRAKES**  
always equalized for quick, unswerving, "straight line" stops



**NEW FULL-TRIMMED DE LUXE CABS**  
with clear-vision instrument panel

**CHEVROLET** You are looking at the most powerful truck in all Chevrolet history . . . and the most economical truck for all-round duty . . . Chevrolet for 1936! Chevrolet has made three major improvements in these new 1936 Chevrolet trucks: (1) It has increased power. (2) It has reduced operating costs to a new record low. And (3) it has modernized truck design and construction in every important part and feature. Buy one of these new Chevrolet trucks, and up will go power and down will come costs on your delivery or haulage jobs.

CHEVROLET MOTOR CO., DETROIT, MICH.

**6%** NEW GREATLY REDUCED C.M.A.C. TIME PAYMENT PLAN  
The lowest financing cost in C.M.A.C. history. Compare Chevrolet's low delivered prices.

A GENERAL MOTORS VALUE



**NEW HIGH-COMPRESSION VALVE-IN-HEAD ENGINE**  
with increased horsepower increased torque, greater economy in gas and oil



**FULL-FLOATING REAR AXLE**  
with barrel type wheel bearing exclusive to Chevrolet

## Hughes Motor Co.

Chevrolet Sales and Service  
Phone 123 Merkel, Texas





MISS PATTERSON COM-PLIMENTED.

Miss Helen Patterson, who left Sunday for Caldwell, Texas, for the winter months, was the honoree at a lovely party given by Mrs. Claude Young of Abilene and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in the home of Mrs. Sadler last Friday evening.

Miss Patterson was remembered with a lovely "going-away-bag" by the hostesses and Wrenn Durham was rewarded for his high score with a lacquered cabinet of china ash trays.

The guests present were: Misses Patterson, Evelyn Curb, Christine Collins, Mrs. David Wright of Abilene; Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfennig, R. O. Pearson, Jr., Lige Gamble, Claude Young; Dr. Sadler, Messrs. George White, Wrenn Durham, C. J. Glover and Lon Keahy of Breckenridge.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club met in regular session on Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. The health program arranged by Mrs. C. B. Gardner proved to be one of the most interesting and helpful programs of the year.

The next meeting will be on Monday evening, Jan. 27, in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess. The program will be on "Peace."

GARRETT-PIPKIN.

Miss Pauline Phipin and Barney A. Garrett were united Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. P. Phipin, 1314 North Fifteenth street.

The bride wore blue matelasse crepe with dubonnet accessories and carried an arm bouquet of Priscilla roses. For something old she wore her mother's engagement ring.

Born and reared in Waco, the bride took her A. B. degree from Baylor university and her bachelor of science degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, where she was a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma sorority.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett of Merkel. He received his LL. B. degree from the University of Texas, where he was a member of Delta Theta fraternity.

SWAFFORD-HARPER.

Miss Benny Perol Harper and Max E. Swafford of Merkel were quietly united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harper, 3922 Washington street, Sun-

day afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Marshall Masters, pastor of the Central Christian church, performed the sacred ring service.

Owing to the bereavement in the family from the recent death of the groom's father, the ceremony was quietly solemnized in the presence of a few close friends and members of the immediate family.

For the occasion the bride wore a navy blue suit featuring a stitched lapel collar of white moire and a white moire blouse. Her hat was a close fitting model of navy straw with a veil, and she wore a corsage of pink and orchid sweet peas.

Mrs. Swafford has been one of the most popular brides of the winter season, and was named honoree at a series of pre-nuptial social affairs. She received her education in the public schools of this city, and was graduated from the Greenville high school.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Thomas Swafford of Merkel. He was graduated from the Merkel high school and the Radio school of Abilene. He is proprietor of a radio shop in Merkel, where he and his bride will make their home.

For her going-away ensemble, the bride chose a gray tailored suit with a blue linen sport blouse. Her accessories were gray.

After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Swafford will go to Merkel.

Out-of-town guests for the ceremony included Miss Eldora Hill of Sweetwater, Fred Guitar of Merkel and Mrs. G. P. Hill of Texarkana.

HICK PARTY.

Members of the "Three 'F' Club" were hostesses for a cleverly planned affair on last Thursday evening in the home of Miss De La Vergne Teague, when they entertained with a "Hick Party" and named their "Boy Friends" as guests.

The house was beautifully decorated with lovely cut flowers. Guests were attired in appropriate costumes and games for the evening were in keeping with the gay spirit of the party.

At the culmination of the stunts, "High" refreshments of red beans, cornbread sticks, coffee, cookies, all-day suckers and chewing gum were served to Misses Hollis Perry, Betty Lou Grimes, Sis Gamble, De La Vergne Teague, Leta Faye Barbee, Fannelle Gray, Mildred Sosebee, Phyllis Smith, Frances Higgins, Mary Frances Cook, Mary Helen Mashburn, Jane Ferguson, Dorma Lee Shelton, Juanita Holbert, New Orleans; Messrs. Pete Morgan, Waymon Adcock, Oscar Adcock, Doyle Gray, Robert Grimes, Jr., Norman King, Murphy Dye, Loyd Robertson, Paul Riney, Joe Cook and Sylvan Melling-

CLUB MEETING.

Members of the "Three 'F' Club" had their regular club meeting last Saturday afternoon in the home of Sis Gamble. Games of "Piggy" were played following a business meeting and a dainty salad plate with hot chocolate was served.

One visitor, Miss Earlene Allen of Abilene, and the following club members were present: Misses Dorma Lee Shelton, Jane Ferguson, Mary Helen Mashburn, Mary Frances Cook, Frances Higgins, Phyllis Smith, Mildred Sosebee, Leta Faye Barbee, Fannelle Gray, Sis Gamble, Bettye Grimes, De La Vergne Teague, Hollis Perry.

GLENER CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames Verner Sublett, W. J. Hayes and C. P. Church were co-hostesses Tuesday afternoon when entertaining members of the Gleaner Sunday School class in the parlors of the Methodist church.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess opened the program with a devotional and Mrs. John H. Crow led in prayer. Miss Janet Hayes gave a reading and piano numbers were given by Miss Vernelle Sublett and Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

At the refreshment hour, dainty toasted cheese sandwiches, hot chocolate and angel food cake were served to Mesdames Eli Case, W. H. Orr, John Shannon, R. F. Mashburn, L. C. Rea, F. E. Church, Mack Buzbee, S. M. Hunter, Herbert Patterson, Len Sublett, John Crow, D. H. Vaughn, Earl Mashburn, T. T. Earthman, R. A. Burgess, Misses Janet Hayes, Vernelle Sublett and the hostesses.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. P. Church, the president. Mrs. Watt Blair gave an interesting report on the council meeting. A talk on planning each day's menu

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The season's coldest weather cut attendance at the six Sunday Schools here to 298 last Sunday. On the previous Sunday 609 were present, while a year ago the same Sunday saw 779 present. The latter date was also during a cold spell.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. Preaching service 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Leagues meet 6:45 p. m. Evening service 7:15. Prayer meeting and choir rehearsal Wednesday evening 7:15.

You will always find a welcome at the Methodist church. John H. Crow, Pastor.

and following a correct was given by Miss Vera Crippen, county demonstration agent.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Mack Buzbee, Lake Renfro, Bob McDonald, Watt Blair, Clyde Shouse, E. B. Wallace, C. P. Church, J. Ben Campbell, Harry Barnett, Chester Hutcheson, F. A. Polley, one new member, Miss Blanche Cary, and Miss Clara White. Visitors were Mrs. Charles Gates and Miss Crippen.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Monday afternoon, Jan. 20, Mrs. H. C. Reid entertained in honor of the fourth birthday of her son, Billy George. The house was beautifully decorated with nursery designs.

Opening of the gifts by Billy George brought glee to all. The children gathered about the table graced by a beautiful angel food cake with pink and white decorations, and Billy manfully blew out the four candles. Punch was served with the cake in nursery dishes.

The guest list included: Albert Lee Hester, Abilene; Ann Murdock, Joy Lansford, Trent; Janice Patterson, Genora and Y. E. Brown, Lon McDonald, Gerald and Gloria West, Dick Sears, Robert Sledge, Billy Nash, Topper Largent, Billy Shepard, Leland Mundy, Marjorie Walker, Peggy Dye, Jim Reid, Jean Jowers, Daisy Risinger, Patricia Douglas, Patsy Swann, Jo Tpton, Joyce McGehee and Billy Reid, the honoree.

Grown-ups attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reid, grandparents; Mesdames Murdock, C. Lansford, Trent; James H. West, Bunk Tipton, Char-

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., with evening service at 5:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

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.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The pastor has been at Eastland this week, but expects to return Thursday or Friday and will hold regular services Sunday. Services during the week also, as usual. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6:15 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 7:15 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.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching every Saturday evening 7:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m. Young people's meeting Sunday 6:45 p. m. Brother John Reynolds will preach next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Everyone come.

Be Largent, Clesby Patterson, Bill Sledge and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS.

Mrs. Fannie McConnell entertained the Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon of last week when an interesting and enthusiastic program was given.

The devotional was read by Mrs. J. E. Tucker. The theme of the lesson was "Pressing on With Higher Aims" as a New Year's resolution.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her friend, Mrs. Bob Popham, to the following guests: Mesdames R. A. Walker, class president; J. M. Baker, A. A. Baker, J. E. Tucker, S. G. Russell, L. L. Murray, J. R. Walling, W. M. Elliott, S. A. Derstine, T. M. Smith; Miss Mary Keny and the hostesses, Mrs. Popham and Mrs. McConnell.

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