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## SNYDER MAN CAPTURES FIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rhode Island Reds of C. F. Sentell Leading Winners in Show; Other Champions Shown by Arl Sharp, A. J. Barbee.

C. F. Sentell of Snyder, exhibiting Rhode Island Reds, took five grand championships in the seventh annual show of the Merkel Poultry association, which closed Saturday. He showed the champion cock, champion cockerel, champion pullet, champion part-color display and champion part-color old pen.

Arl Sharp of Merkel, exhibiting Buff Orpingtons, showed the champion solid color display, the champion solid color old pen and the champion solid color young pen.

The grand champion hen, a dark Cornish, was displayed by A. J. Barbee of Merkel, who also showed the best part-color young pen.

J. W. Pritchett of Stamford judged the show, in which more than 300 birds were entered.

Among the towns represented by exhibitors were Weatherford, Hillsboro, Stamford, Abilene, Roby, Snyder, Anson and others.

The show proved a decided success in every way, stated President R. A. Ellis, one of the most active promoters of activities sponsored by Merkel Poultry association. E. H. Cordill, vice-president, and Clifford Eoff served as assistant superintendents, while Arl Sharp took care of the responsibilities of the secretary-treasurer's post.

The complete list of winners, as officially announced follows:

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—C. F. Sentell, Snyder, 1st, 3rd old pen, 1st, 2nd young pen, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen, 1st, 4th, 5th cockerel, 1st, 3rd, 4th pullet; E. H. Cordill, Merkel, 2nd, 4th cock, 4th old pen; R. A. Ellis, Merkel, 3rd cockerel, 4th young pen; E. W. Reese, Abilene, 2nd cockerel, 5th pullet, 3rd young pen; Herman Propst, Stamford, 2nd pullet, 3rd cock, 5th hen, 2nd old pen, 5th young pen; Bob Mayfield, Merkel, 5th cock, 5th old pen.

Partridge Wyandottes—Yates Brown, Merkel, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th hen, 1st young pen.

English White Leghorns—W. C. Eoff, Merkel, 1st, 2nd cockerel, 3rd pullet, 1st, 5th hen, 2nd young pen; Ralph Ramsey, Merkel, 2nd, 5th pullet; Raymond Ferguson, Merkel, 3rd, 4th cockerel; 1st, 4th pullet, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen, 1st, 3rd young pen.

Black Langshans—Presley J. Webb, Hillsboro, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet.

Dark Barred Rocks—Dock Callo (Continued on Page Five.)

## Pension Payments Halved in County

January old age assistance payments in Taylor county were reduced nearly 50 per cent from the December total. The amount going to 361 aged persons in this county last month was \$5,501, while in December \$10,242 was paid to 696 people, or 335 more than in January.

During January, 366 persons were suspended for rechecking, chiefly under that feature of the law which raises the question of the ability and willingness of children to support their aged parents. Some may finally be dropped from the roll under this clause, but the number is not expected to be large. This was indicated by the recommendation that 174 persons, already rechecked, be given support.

By the end of this week, the recheck of all persons suspended will be complete, said officials at the district pensions office in Abilene.

## Business is "Out of Red," Banker Says

Tyler, Feb. 11.—F. M. Law, Houston banker and past president of the American Bankers' association, told the chamber of commerce here Tuesday night American business definitely was "out of the red" and on a sound footing.

Law urged a better understanding between capital and labor to assure continuation of prosperity.

The election of Mayor Oscar Burton as president and Bryan Payne as vice-president was announced.

Gus Pinkerton, capitalist and retired merchant, was presented with the T. B. Butler Publishing company award for the greatest civic service in 1936 in recognition of his work in behalf of crippled children.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. A. Bobbitt, 73, Hill county pioneer and father of Robert Lee Bobbitt, state highway commissioner, died Tuesday at Hillsboro.

One woman and two small children, all negroes, were burned to death Tuesday at Dallas when fire destroyed their one-story frame dwelling.

Thirty-one persons arrested Saturday night by rangers in a raid on a night club five miles northwest of Waco paid fines totalling \$409.

J. H. Collemback, 62, Tahoka blacksmith, died in a Lubbock sanitarium Monday night, victim of burns suffered early the same afternoon when an explosion rocked his shop.

H. C. Preston of Childress announced Saturday night that he resigned as a member of the Texas board of liquor control. He has been a member of the board for more than a year.

M. H. Johnson, 62, of Olton, first postmaster of Hamlin and a pioneer of that town, died Tuesday afternoon in a Lubbock hospital. He had been farming near Olton for three years.

T. E. Kern, about 80, a resident of the Masonic home at Arlington, was killed instantly by an eastbound T. & P. passenger train near the Masonic home crossing at 7:30 Monday morning.

J. M. Shafer, 94, veteran newspaper man and believed to be with his sister, Mrs. Lydia V. Whitlock of Los Angeles, Calif., one of the oldest living twins in the United States, died Monday.

A. A. Stiwert, 74-year-old farmer of the Irby community 12 miles east of Haskell, was found gored to death by a bull in a field three-fourths of a mile from his home at 6 o'clock Saturday night.

Completed at an approximate cost of \$300,000 about eight years ago, the Walter D. Cline home at Wichita Falls was sold for \$37,500 at a foreclosure sale at the Wichita county court house.

Felix Paquin, Jr., 26, assistant professor of chemistry at the State Medical college, Galveston, was found dead beside his automobile with a gun by his side on the beach at Galveston Sunday afternoon.

A bill to provide 15-day vacations for jailers, jail guards and jail matrons in cities of more than 25,000 population was introduced in the legislature Tuesday by Representative E. H. Thornton of Galveston.

A man identified by his social security card as Charles S. Wells of Dallas, an employee of the Defender Supply company, was killed Tuesday when his automobile collided head-on with an oil truck near Waco.

Fred Parker, 26-year-old McCulloch county farmer, was charged with murder Thursday of last week at Brady in connection with the death of his 42-year-old wife, May Betty Parker, a former Fort Worth school teacher.

Joe Lieto, Dallas and Fort Worth, who slipped from a room near the United States marshal's office at Dallas less than an hour after being sentenced to five years in prison, was captured in a home near Dallas several hours later.

A freak accident took the life of Robert Milam Caldwell, 41, nephew of Col. E. M. House and prominent Brazoria county rancher. Caldwell bled to death at his ranch home near Juliff when his jugular vein was severed by a flying pair of sheep shears.

Clothes for flood sufferers were routed Wednesday from Works Progress Administration sewing rooms in Texas to Helena, Ark., it was announced by H. P. Drought, state WPA administrator, the garments to be distributed in the flood area through the Red Cross.

**Record of Births.**  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Maserang, residing south of town, Thursday, Feb. 4, 1937.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews, Stith, Friday, February 5, 1937.

**Announce Birth of Son.**  
Mr. and Mrs. June Brewer of Clarksville are announcing the birth of a son on Tuesday, February 2. Mrs. Brewer is the former Miss Loyce Dry of Merkel. Mrs. J. M. Dry, maternal grandmother, is visiting in Clarksville now.



The Dollars you spend with your HOME TOWN ENTERPRISES help pave the road to prosperity for your Own Community.

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET

One-Day Program to Climax With Dinner: Mayor Sergeant of Dallas Chief Speaker.

The eleventh annual convention of Presbyterian men of the synod of Texas will be held in Abilene Friday of this week at the Central Presbyterian church. R. L. Bland is general chairman of local committees, and Dr. E. B. Surface, host pastor.

Theme of the conference, which will open at 9:30 a. m., will be "Pioneering." It will close with a dinner program, for which Mayor George Sergeant of Dallas will be the principal speaker.

Visitors will be welcomed by the Abilene mayor, C. L. Johnson, representing the city, and by Judge W. R. Chapman, speaking for the church. Henry Manton of Dallas, president, will respond.

Following the devotional by Richard T. Davis of Stamford, Dr. Surface will conduct the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Special music by the Abilene high school boys' quartette will follow appointment of committees.

Highlight of the morning will be an address, "Pioneering in Adult Education," by Rev. Gus J. Craven, minister of education, First Presbyterian church, Fort Worth. "The Men of the Church" will be the featured message of the afternoon, to be delivered by Fred Roach, with D. D. Robb of Houston, second vice-president, presiding.

W. H. Cook of Breckenridge, first vice-president, will preside for the luncheon, at which the speaker will be J. Y. Wheeler of Sherman. Dr. Surface will be master of ceremonies for the dinner. Special music will be given at both the luncheon and dinner.

## Girl Scouts Discuss Five Points of Health

Group singing marked the opening of the Girl Scout meeting Wednesday afternoon, the numbers being "The More We Get Together," "The Crocodile Song" and "We're an All-Around Good Troop," followed by a review of the Girl Scout litany.

Talks were given by Dora Gaither on "A Girl Scout's Duty," and by the captain, Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, on "The First Girl Scout."

Next followed the patrol meetings, after which the captain led a discussion of the "Five Points of Health": sunshine and air, food, exercise, rest and cleanliness.

After singing "The Star Spangled Banner," the meeting closed with the Girl Scout circle and taps.

**Huey P. Long, Sr., Dies.**  
Winfield, La., Feb. 11.—Huey Pierce Long, Sr., 84, father of the late Senator Long, died late Thursday, Feb. 4, after an extended illness.

**Last of Lee's Staff Dies.**  
Mathews, Va., Feb. 11.—Rev. Giles Buckner Cooke, last surviving officer of the immediate staff of General Robert E. Lee at the time of the Appomattox surrender, died at his home here on Thursday, Feb. 4. He would have been 99 years old on May 13.

**Appear on KRBC Program.**  
Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Frances Higgins, a trio of talented Merkel singers, will be heard over KRBC, Abilene Reporter-News station, from 5 to 5:15 p. m. next Monday.

## McFARLAND RITES ARE HELD FRIDAY

Death Caused by "Gunshot Wounds Accidentally Administered," Coroner's Verdict.

Funeral services for Frank C. McFarland were held at 10 o'clock Friday morning from his home, conducted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Among those from out of town who came for the funeral were: Bob McFarland, Miss Jessie McFarland, Medina, Tenn.; Mrs. Sam Sheppard, Mrs. Lon Oze, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill, Wink; Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, Miss Marian Sheppard, Dallas; Mrs. G. M. Hurley and daughter, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston, Sweetwater; Mrs. Roy Savage, Mrs. Will Rhiney, Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. John Tombs, Mrs. Nat Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chambliss, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, Austin; Fitts, Lee West, L. R. Thompson, D. O. Huddleston, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Anson; Mrs. May Day, Miss Allen, Eskota; Mrs. Bryant Wash, Mrs. Alex Williamson, Trent.

Pallbearers were: R. O. Anderson, Abilene; J. C. Comegys, Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble, L. J. Renfro and H. C. Reid. Ex-service men were named as honorary pallbearers.

Flower girls were: Mrs. Sid Foy, Baird; Mrs. Johnny Hill, Wink; Miss Marian Sheppard, Dallas; Miss Sarah Sheppard, Miss Elma Mae Gamble and Mrs. George West.

**DEATH ACCIDENTAL.**  
On Tuesday of this week Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb filed the verdict he reached following an inquest into the death of Frank McFarland here on Tuesday night, Feb. 2, which was as follows: "I find Frank McFarland came to his death from gunshot wounds accidentally administered."

He said his investigation had shown there was "no eye witness to the tragedy" and that testimony heard by him was "hearsay and circumstantial."

## Jack Barnes

Jack Barnes, 48, who was born and reared in Merkel, died at 1:30 Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. G. Bragg, following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Bragg home, with Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Comer Haynes, Holland Teaff, Bob Eddins of Sweetwater, Charlie Knight, Dee Grimes and Fred Guitler, Jr.

The son of the late J. S. Barnes, pioneer lumberman, who died Sept. 21, last year, at the age of 83, Jack Barnes was born here on Jan. 1, 1889. He left Merkel more than 20 years ago and operated yards at various points for the Burton-Lingo company for a number of years. He was married June 20, 1929, to Miss Eva Evans at Canyon.

Survivors are: his wife, four sons, A. J., Jr., 6, Bob, 4, and Jim, 2 and Billy Barnes a son by a former marriage. (Continued on Page Five)

## \$124.50 DONATED TO RED CROSS FROM MERKEL

Total figures for Taylor county donations for the Red Cross relief fund for Ohio and Mississippi flood sufferers, had reached \$3,462.78 up to Wednesday night, as reported by E. E. Hollingshead, treasurer of the Red Cross chapter.

Of this total, contributions from Merkel up to date accounted for \$124.50.

Donations received for the fund through the office of the Merkel Mail, not already acknowledged, follow:

Previously reported	\$94.00
W. D. Haynes	5.00
Miss Mae Lassiter	1.00
Miss Johnny Sears	7.50
Mrs. Lilley Pratt Brown	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cade	1.00
W. C. Church	1.00
John W. Wheeler	2.00
Reid Variety Stores	5.00
Cash	3.00
Total	\$124.50

## List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

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

Bob McDonald, R. L. Sumpter, V. L. Down, L. C. Ray, W. S. Slayden, F. Y. Gaither, H. H. Toombs, Merkel; Coke Keith, Freddie Mills, Lonnie King, M. L. Grimes, R. O. Cooper, W. H. Bozart, N. B. Head, C. B. Lane, A. L. Gulley, O. T. Orsborn, Herman J. Adams, W. H. Milam, R. C. Granger, H. A. McMillan, Peter D. Booth, J. W. Brady, Ralph Antilley, H. R. Arrant, John I. Gilliland, J. W. Wallace, H. F. Reese, T. T. Lesley, Burl King, C. E. Botkins, Sam R. Edins, H. J. Bradshaw, Dr. J. H. Ball, Abilene; Jackson Bright, Trent; J. A. Bowman, W. Guy Williams, H. M. Moore, Tuscolo; D. McMahan, M. Boone, Buffalo Gap; T. O. McCamant, Melvin Haynes, Lawn; A. K. May, Odie Kelton, N. V. Edwards, Ovalo; H. S. Morgan, Tye; B. H. Green, Winters; C. C. Brown, Bradshaw; W. A. Graham, Guion; T. E. Hunter, View.

## House Formerly Used As Kindergarten Burns

The two-room building on the premises of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, which was used by her for a period of about 15 years for her kindergarten, was destroyed by fire about 6:30 Tuesday morning. The structure was occupied as living quarters by Hugh Massey and family. The fire originated from the explosion of an oil cook stove, it is reported.

Shortly before 8 o'clock Thursday morning, the department was called to the home of H. L. Tarvin in Northwest Merkel where the paper had ignited at a wall partition through which the stove pipe passed. The blaze was extinguished before the fireboys arrived.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 9, 1917.)

### PRÆTORIANS ELECT.

Merkel council No. 307, Prætorians, was reorganized Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, by C. N. McGaffey, district manager of Sweetwater, assisted by deputies C. L. Simmons and G. W. Foster of Merkel. Thirteen new members were taken into the order.

The following officers were elected: J. W. Dry, sublime augustus; G. B. Foster, senior tribune; N. Hancock, junior tribune; C. L. Simmons, first centurion; Joe Owen, second centurion; H. C. Burroughs, Jr., recorder; Rev. O. B. Tatum, soothsayer; S. E. Whitworth, lygian; C. E. Paige, sentinel; Drs. W. B. Foster and Marvin Armstrong, medical examiners; Brue Hancock, attorney; Miss Lorena Dry, Prætorian queen.

In last Sunday's Abilene Reporter announcement was made of the marriage of C. F. Huddleston and Miss Jewell Tipton, both of Merkel. The marriage took place the evening previous in Abilene at the residence of Judge Ford.

George Bullock and Miss Beulah Garrett of Merkel were married at the residence of the county judge in Plainview Sunday morning at about nine-thirty, the bride having arrived just a short time before from her home here.

## THREE RESIGN, NEW MEMBERS NAMED ON BOARD

Adcock, Boney and Hughes Present Resignations; Nathan Wood, Allen McGehee and Byers Petty Appointed.

Following the resignation of three members of the board of trustees of the Merkel Public schools, including the president and secretary, three new members were named at the postponed February meeting of the board held Tuesday night.

Resignations were presented by President O. J. Adcock, Secretary W. O. Boney and Fred C. Hughes, the latter of whom has removed to Abilene.

Appointed by the board as their successors are: Nathan Wood and Allen McGehee, to succeed Adcock and Hughes for the term expiring in April, 1938, and Byers Petty, who was named to take the place of W. O. Boney for the unexpired term to April of this year.

Succeeding O. J. Adcock as president, Herbert Patterson, member of the board for a number of years, was elected to head the board, and R. T. Gray was chosen secretary.

A committee consisting of Supt. R. A. Burgess and S. D. Gamble was named to draft resolutions expressing the appreciation of the school board for services rendered by the three retiring members.

Mr. Adcock, who would have completed tenure of ten years the coming April first, stated that under civil service rules, as an auxiliary clerk in the post office it was necessary for him to resign. He had been president of the board since the first meeting he attended, at which time he was chosen to that post.

Mr. Boney's service on the board covers 16 years, during the greater part of which time he filled the office of secretary. Mr. Boney now has no children in school, and because of that fact and of his long service on the board, he tendered his resignation.

The three new members are all representative business men who have shown their interest at all times in the progress and advancement of Merkel's splendid school system.

## Exams for Position Of Bindery Operative

The United States civil service commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of bindery operative (hand and machine) in the government printing office. The rate of pay is 66 cents an hour, less a retirement deduction of 3 1/2 per cent.

Full information may be obtained from Clark Mundy, secretary of the U. S. civil service board of examiners, at the post office here.

Homer Easterwood and Claude Comegys are presumably enjoying a splendid hunt in the Davis mountains, having left in the former's car with full equipment last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff were at home to friends Monday evening honoring their sister, Miss Cleve Duff, of Ferris, Texas. Everything to make the evening pleasant for the guests had been planned. On the first floor cards were enjoyed, while the large room upstairs was in order for a general good time, where many games were played and old dances such as the Virginia reel enjoyed. The guests were: Misses Duff, Lura and Stacy Adkisson, Gladys Haynes, Elma Sheppard, Maude Martin, Ona Hamblet, Lou Sears, Mabel Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Drs. and Mrs. C. J. Sherrill and Geo. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Messrs. Emmett and Dee Grimes, James Brown, Roger Haynes, John West, W. E. Baze and J. P. Sharp, Jr. Refreshments consisting of a most complete salad course were served in buffet style.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Owen are the proud parents of a fine girl, born last Sunday noon. All parties are reported doing well.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock and children, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Archer, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer in Abilene.

Mrs. Gladys Williams is employed in the Trent Beauty shop. Mrs. C. R. Rutherford has returned to her home in Abilene.

W. R. Springer, H. H. Vessels and H. B. Kegans left Monday by automobile for points in West Texas.

Relatives here have received favorable word on the condition of Mrs. Alma Hardison, who received surgery in a Vernon hospital Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and two daughters moved to the town home of Mrs. Annie Boone last week. They formerly lived in the Union Ridge community.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bell are now living in the residence formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens.

Mrs. Blanche Story and two sons have moved to Sweetwater after having an apartment with Mrs. Ben Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Merkel were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Finis A. Crutchfield of Denton spent a few days last week with their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee returned Tuesday night from Dublin where they attended the funeral of Mrs. McRee's uncle, D. Joe Matheny, 81, who succumbed to a heart attack at 1 o'clock Sunday. He had been a resident of Dublin 44 years.

WOODMEN CIRCLE

The drill team of Trent Grove No. 668 has been doing practicing work for the past week and will continue to do so throughout this week preparation for assisting in initiatory work in Lamesa Feb. 15.

B. Y. P. U.

The following program will be rendered at the Baptist church Sunday

evening, preceding the preaching service: hymn; general topic, "Obeying God rather than Man," Lois Orand, leader; first discussion, "Beggars at the Gate," Ernest Stewart; "Summary of Peter's Sermon," Mrs. Earl Duncan; "Before the Sanhedrin," Sally Roberts; hymn; "A Prayer Answered," Bob Taylor; "The Sin of Hypocrisy," La Vara Barnes; "Obeying God Rather than Man," Alice Carey; prayer, hymn.

All young people and adults are urged to be present for this meeting. The public is also invited to attend.

Two services will be held Sunday at the Baptist church, both being led by Rev. H. East, Abilene, the pastor.

Thursday is prayer meeting night. Come and bring some one with you.

METHODIST NOTES

The spring revival at the Trent Methodist church begins Sunday, Feb. 14. We have been fortunate in securing Rev. Lance Webb, pastor of the College church, McMurry college, to assist in the meeting.

Monday and Tuesday the members of Trent Methodist church met at the church and made several improvements on the building. All the wood

work was cleaned and waxed, new windows were put in and painted, the church school record board was remodeled, and flower beds around the church were prepared for the planting of flowers.

Friday and Saturday twelve of the young people from the young people's department will attend a district meeting at Moran. The Trent organization not only carries on a well rounded program at home, but takes an active part in union, district and conference work as well.

BOYS AND GIRLS WORLD CLUB

The children's hour is being organized into Boys and Girls World club, which meets each Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Trent Methodist church. It is designed to provide recreation and Christian self-training for the children of the community.

Those present last Saturday were: Bobbie Ruth McLeod, S. D. McLeod, Gene Billington, Billie Jo Billington, Troy Kegans, Wanda Lou Kegans, Barbara Rogers, Peggy Rogers, Billy Payne, Joyce Payne, Jean Payne, Willadene Strawn, Virginia Lee Cooley.

First part of the hour is devoted to special musical numbers and readings by the children, songs, prayers and a story. The latter part of the hour is the recreational period. Last

Saturday afternoon games were played on the lawn west of the church.

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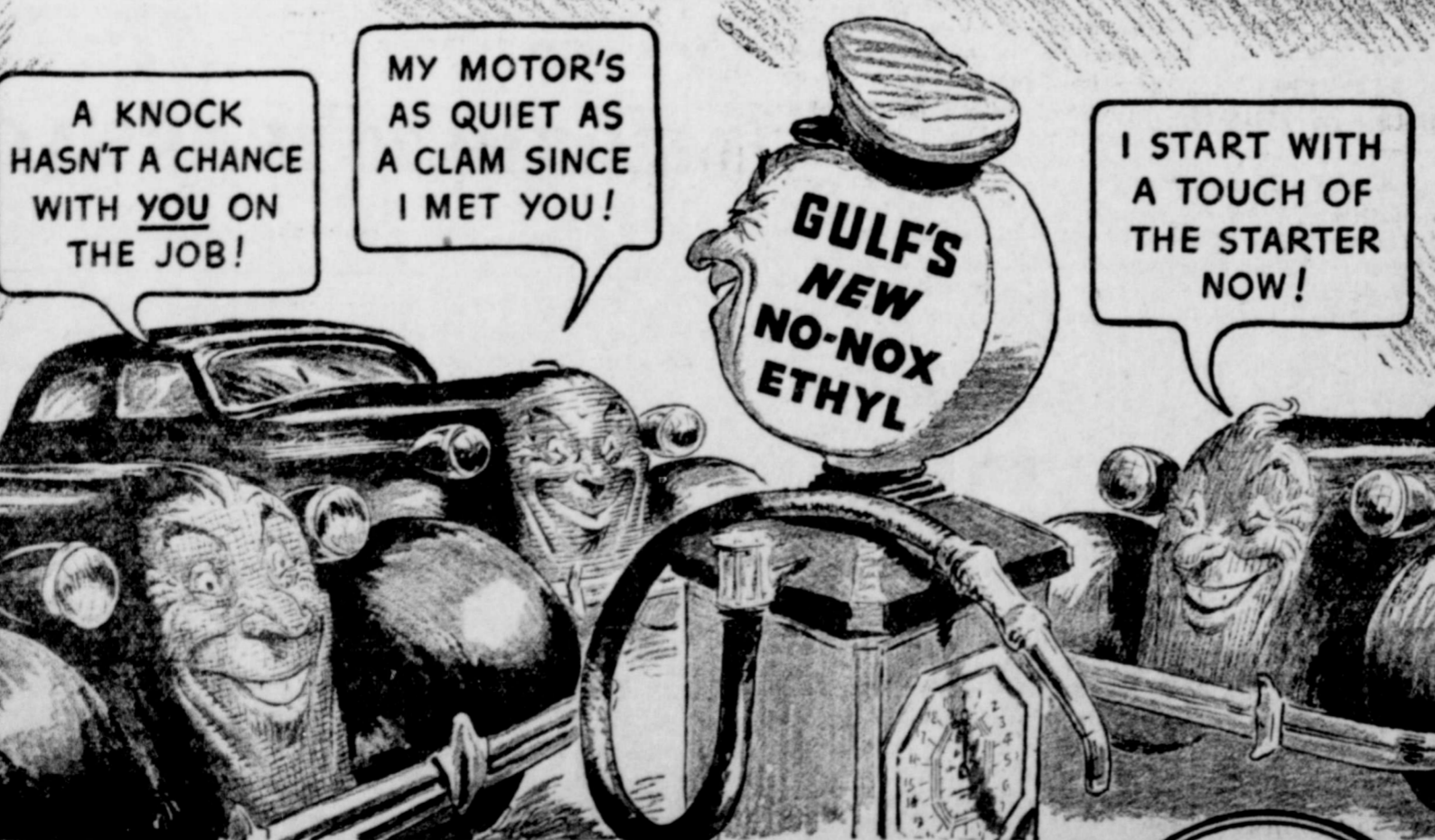
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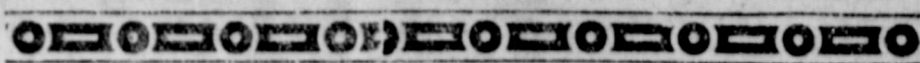
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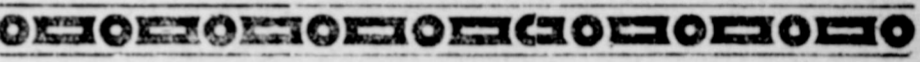
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### EDITORIAL.

Gossip spreads quick and stretches over a lot of space. From the beginning of time I guess there has been gossip. That is one fault that Merkel High school has. Everyone likes to gossip. Someone will start something on someone else, and by the time it gets back to the one it is on, the subject is changed, much less the material that it contains.

If everyone in Merkel High school would stop gossiping this would be a better place to be. However, gossip does not seriously affect the life of the person who is talked about.

Always look for the good in someone and you will surely find it. If you can't say something good, then don't say it.

### JUNIOR NEWS.

If you've been thinking all this time that the Junior class is down and out, well, you've had the wrong idea. They're really alive and going.

Thursday, Feb. 4, Dick West, president, called a meeting and Miss Mattie Lou Ford was elected "Junior Beauty," and that means that she's the future "Queen" because with the vim, vigor and vitality of this class, they're really going to put her over in a big way.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, all classes presented their candidates. They had an amateur hour with Dick West as master of ceremonies. Vincent Barnett, T. L. Reid and Marvin Hunter were judges, and their decisions were final. Mildred McLean was represented by Frances Higgins who was dressed like a country girl and sang "Nobody's Darling But Mine."

Ann Lepard was represented by Ruth Smith as she tapped. Hollis Perry was Betty Grimes and was dressed as a Texas Centennial Cowgirl. She sang "I'm An Old Cowhand." In this presentation, Mattie Lou was crowned queen, of course.

### PERSONALITIES.

Doyle Gray.

This makes Doyle's second year in Merkel High. He came to Merkel from Abilene High. During the two years he has been over here, he has been in several clubs: Dramatic club one year, Badger Annual staff two years; Senior Boys club one year. He is vice-president of the Senior class. Doyle has high ideals for his future life. When he finishes M. H. S., he plans to go to college. Success to you!

Elwenna Doan.

Elwenna is another who has been with us in Merkel High school for only two years. The first two years of high school life, she attended Blair schools. She has been in the Dramatic club two years, Senior Girls' club, Pep Squad one year, and the Home Economics club while she has been here. Next year she plans to go to college. We wish you success!

### "THRU THE KEYHOLE."

(By the "Peep.")

Dick West, on his Spanish exam, put "Simca, Simone" for the Spanish equivalent of the English word "sugar." That only goes to show, however, what some Junior class will elect for its president.

I wonder if Frances H.'s ears burn every day while we're over at the gym at Phys. Ed. Most of us (except me, and I made them think that I think so, so as to save my own skin) are of the opinion that she is the "Peep" and we really give her a good going over from every angle. Course it doesn't do much good if she isn't there; but, for once, we can express our thoughts without any preparations for running.

Is Hollis Perry hitting "The High Society"—Oh, Boy! She and that curly-headed gent from Noodle were invited to attend Miss Billy Nelson's birthday party, given by Ina Mae Berryman and Robbie Walker, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick, last Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, 1937. I wish I went with somebody from Noodle and maybe I'd get to see some of their parties; if, of course, they weren't angry with me. Roy says that he guesses I am just as well off because if it wasn't one thing it would be another, for he has tried it.

Mr. Kenneth Neill announced that he should soon wed Miss Terria Mae Murdock, a new student, fresh in from Noodle. Kenneth is doing his part but he'll have to work faster because she's already wearing somebody's Senior ring.

I still see Clyde (Bubba) Sears and Dorna Lee around together. Also Phyllis and A. C. C.

Billy McGehee is slipping down—practically. That's what kids get for leaving banana peels on the floor.

Not long ago Fannell had a date with Don Warren on a certain Friday night—and now, they're writing notes.

That's just like Don—always progressing. They certainly made a lovely couple at the theatre last Thursday night, too.

Edith Akin wonders why Jim Junior West and Lewis Carson, both former graduates of Merkel High, can both come to school after her every day—excepting one—and that day the wind was blowing 90 to nothing and the thermometer hadn't seen zero in days. A lovely day for walking home Edith—you ought to keep them trained better than that.

I imagine Louise Richie is really getting jealous of Frances Higgins by now; for L. B. Gibson is certainly paying Frances a lot of attention these days.

Pauline Joyner doesn't think that Miller Patton looks a bit like Randolph Scott. Isn't that a scream!

I overheard Don Woods, a Fish, and Mary Jo Russell, a Soph, talking and they seemed to want Gay West elected as Fish beauty. They didn't seem to have much luck though.

I wish Dr. La Verne Tesgue wasn't so quiet. I'd like to give her a little publicity.

What is the matter with Roy Hagler? I peeped thru the keyhole the other night and saw him looking at a big picture that he has of a certain Noodle girl.

What have the Noodle boys got that the Merkel boys haven't??? "Nob" B. has something or some way with the Merkel girls. First it is Robbie Walker, then Ina Mae Berryman, Phyllis Smith, Rachel Patterson, and now he has his eye on Verne Moore. Look out Verne.

### LOCALS.

Mr. Burgess, football chairman of

District 6-B, went to Snyder Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1937, to award to Snyder, winner of football championship of District 6-B, the trophy. A program was presented at Snyder. The Snyder football sweaters were also awarded.

Mrs. Haynes was absent Friday, Feb. 5, 1937. Miss Margaret Watson filled in for her and did a very nice job of it.

Lena Faye Harrell visited Lela Higgins at Merkel High.

Sampy McGehee looks cute running around carrying a dictionary so large that the smallest word in it is "lackadaisical."

The annual Beauty contest was held Thurs., Feb. 4, 1937. Mildred McLean was selected "Fish" beauty, Ann Lepard was elected Sophomore beauty, Matie Lou Ford, Junior beauty, and Betty Grimes, Senior beauty.

Fredia Farmer was taken to the hospital Thursday afternoon after her nose had been bleeding for an hour and a half. We hope to see her at school again soon.

Jane Ferguson was absent two days with the flu but she came back Friday good as new—almost.

Ha! Rebecca Wiginton sure is looking over my shoulder. She's just scared to death, afraid that I'm going to write something about her. Really I don't know much about her except that she goes with Truett Patterson.

### "I'D LIKE TO BE."

(Lazy Thoughts of a Lazy Student.)

I'd like to be Mr. Myers.  
 And go to all the games;  
 And draw a nice fat salary,  
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Or then I'd like Miss Cleveland's job;  
 Each day fill up the shelf  
 With goodies that the students made,  
 And eat them all myself.

And if I were Miss Clements  
 I'd give themes every day;  
 Then take them with me out of sight  
 And throw them all away.

But most of all I'd like to have  
 Mr. Rudd's little snap;  
 I'd tell the others what to do,  
 Then take another nap.

### JOKES.

Anna Lee Blake turned in her driveway the other day and got hit by a strange man in another car.

The man climbed out of his car and walked over to her. "What's the big idea of turning without holding out your hand?"

"Silly," she replied, "I always turn in here."

Rachel P.: "Great Scott! I've forgotten who wrote Ivanhoe."

J. D. Witeher: "I'll tell you if you'll tell me who Dickens wrote 'A Tale of Two Cities'."

Mr. Collinsworth: "Why is Don running a roller across his field?"

Wayman A.: "Don't know unless he is trying to raise mashed potatoes."

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PERSONALS

Mrs. L. L. Swafford of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mrs. Sally Angus had as her weekend guest her daughter, Mrs. Esker Curtis, of Breckenridge.

Guests of Mrs. Seth Hamilton and her brother, Tom Everett, on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jones and R. L. Everett of Dallas. The latter is a son of Tom Everett.

Miss Thelma Clower of Paducah visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid.

The Misses Hanks of Paducah visited Merkel friends Sunday.

Miss Katie Sue Reid of Paducah visited in the T. G. Bragg home Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Walden and daughters, Dolores Joie and Barbara Ann, of Jal. N. M., returned home Friday from a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts. She also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walden and other relatives.

When Riley Horton of Abilene drove to Waco on business last week-end, he was accompanied by Miss Billye Derr, who went as far as Aquilla to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Guy, Sr., and by George Caple, who visited his parents in Waco.

Lois Curb of Odessa visited friends and relatives in Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Stamps and son, Wesley, of Sweetwater visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Harris from Big Spring spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and family and friends in town. Her husband has accepted a position with the Cosden Refinery at Big Spring where they are making their home.

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Eastland, Feb. 11.—A special meeting of the Abilene presbytery is scheduled here Monday, Feb. 15, for discussion of the future program of the First Presbyterian church of Eastland.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our many thanks and deep appreciation for the kindness and generosity shown us by our many friends and neighbors during our illness.

Walter Kelse and Family.

WALSH-McCOY.

Miss Dolly McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCoy, of the Stith community, and J. H. Walsh of Hamlin were united in marriage on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, at the home of Elder W. G. Cypert, who officiated. The Mail joins many friends in wishing the happy couple much success and good fortune along life's journey.

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Coleman, Feb. 11.—J. H. Carpenter of Callahan county, C. M. Kilgore of Brown county and D. S. Leverett of Taylor county were elected to the board of directors of the Coleman Production Credit association at the annual meeting of the association held here Feb. 5. These directors, together with the rest of the board and the secretary-treasurer, will serve the members of the association in the conduct of the PCA business during 1937.

The Coleman association made loans to the amount of \$445,948 to the farmers and stockmen of Colman, Taylor, Brown, Concho, Callahan and Runnels counties. W. E. Melton, secretary-treasurer of the association, reported. The volume of loans made by all the production credit associations in Texas last year amounted to more than \$21,000,000, as compared with about \$13,000,000 for 1935.

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- Open Road (Boys) 6 mo
- Parents' Magazine 1 yr
- Pathfinder (weekly) 1 yr
- Pictorial Review 1 yr
- Romantic Stories 1 yr
- Screen Book 1 yr
- True Confessions 1 yr
- American Fruit Grower 1 yr
- Cooper's Farmer 2 yrs
- The Farm Journal 3 yrs
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- Country Home 1 yr
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- Gentlewoman Magazine 1 yr
- Good Stories 1 yr
- Home Circle 1 yr
- Home Friend 1 yr
- Household Magazine 1 yr
- Illustrated Mechanics 1 yr
- Mother's Home Life 1 yr
- Needlecraft 1 yr
- Poultry Tribune 1 yr
- Progressive Farmer 1 yr
- Southern Agriculturist 1 yr
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**LEGAL NOTICE.**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable 101st Judicial District Court of Texas in and for Dallas county, on the 22nd day of January, 1937, in the case of Home Owners' Loan Corporation versus G. C. Douglass and wife, Ida Mae Douglass, No. 24750-E, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 26th day of January, A. D. 1937, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1937, it being the 2nd day of said month, at the court house door of Taylor county, Texas, in the city of Abilene, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which G. C. Douglass and wife, Ida Mae Douglass, had on the 18th day of July, A. D. 1934, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: situated in Taylor county, state of Texas: Lot 12, Block 4, Park Heights addition to the city of Abilene, Taylor county, Texas, described in a deed dated April 4, 1928, recorded in volume 292, page 379, deed records of Taylor county, Texas.

Said property being levied on as the property of said above named persons and will be sold to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,839.74 against G. C. Douglass, together with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the 21st day of December, 1936, in favor of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and costs of court and the further costs of executing this writ.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January, A. D., 1937.

Sid H. McAdams, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.

By Wade Willis, Deputy.

**NECROLOGY**

(Continued from Page One) riage, who lives in Bizbee, Ariz.; five sisters, Mrs. Bragg, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. Fred Guitart, Sr., Merkel; Mrs. Kate Childress, Wichita Falls, and Mrs. W. W. Tatum, Mart, and two brothers, Wilbur Barnes of Big Spring and Joe Barnes of Colorado.

**Ira D. Walton**

Funeral services for Ira D. Walton, 88, former resident of Merkel, were held here at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Barrow funeral home, with Rev. John H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene, officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor here. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Walton died at 5 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of a son, J. B. Walton, 409 Sewall street, Abilene. He had been ill for about ten days.

Ira D. Walton came to Merkel in 1900, engaging in farming west of town and later in Fisher county. He retired from farming about 1911 and afterwards operated a rooming house in Abilene for several years. His wife died about two years ago and was buried at Goree.

Survivors include four children: J. B. Walton, Abilene; J. R. Walton, Portales, N. M.; H. E. Walton, Weinert and Mrs. Richard Shields of this city. Twenty-two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren also survive.

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**Poultry Awards**

(Continued from Page One) way, Anson, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet, 1st, 4th hen, 1st cock; Bill Sheppard, Merkel, 2nd cock, 3rd, 5th hen, 4th, 5th pullet.

Buff Minorcas—Fercy Jones, Abilene, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th hen.

Buff Leghorns—M. A. Waldrop, Abilene, 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen.

Silver Spangled Hamburg—O. R. Dye, Merkel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th cockerel, 1st young pen.

Columbian Wyandottes—Presley J. Webb, Hillsboro, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th cockerel; 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet; O. J. Adcock, Merkel, 4th cockerel, 1st, 2nd pullet.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—Mrs. Hoke Propst, Anson, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel.

White Plymouth Rocks—Roy Miller, Merkel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet.

White Wyandottes—Roy James, Anson, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet, 1st cockerel; D. W. Crumpler, Anson, 2nd, 3rd cockerel, 5th pullet.

S. C. Anconas—Ben Monroe, Sweetwater, 1st, 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen, 1st young pen.

Dark Cornish—A. J. Barbee, Merkel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen, 1st young pen.

3rd cock; H. E. Sharer, Anson, 2nd, 4th hen, 2nd cock, 4th pullet, 3rd cockerel; C. V. Shelton, Merkel, 2nd cockerel, 5th hen, 5th pullet, 2nd young pen.

Buff Orpingtons—A. R. Sharp, Merkel, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet, 1st old pen, 1st young pen.

Speckled Sussex—J. R. Baze, Merkel, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet.

Bantams—1st trio, Black Cochon Bantams, Yates Brown; 2nd trio, Dark Cornish Bantams, W. G. Pritchett, Stamford; 3rd trio, Partridge Wyandotte Bantams, J. W. Richards, Weatherford.

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**Final Papers for Soil Check Mailed**

Final applications in the soil conservation program for Taylor county farmers who had signed up to Monday were mailed to Austin Monday night.

Approximately ninety-five per cent of the farmers in the county, or about 1,200, are included in the applications forwarded.

Members of the committee to approve applications are: J. Walter Hammond, Tye, chairman; J. P. Keith, Caps, and D. T. Petree, View.

Knox Parr, county farm agent, requested that all farmers who had not signed applications come in at the first opportunity and do so.

No definite date has been set for the mailing of checks, but it is believed by the Taylor county agent that these will arrive before Mar. 1. Total amount of the checks is estimated at \$225,000.

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Cabbage, pound 3c

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Green Beans, No. 2 can 17c

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Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls 22c

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Coffee, pound 19c

Red and White  
Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for 35c

Crystal White  
Soap, 4 bars 19c

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Tomatoes No. 2 can 3 for 25c

Red and White  
Meal, 5 pounds 22c

Pure Cane  
Sugar, 10 pounds 55c

Dried  
Peaches, 2 pounds 27c

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### Filmusical Comedy Romance Booked for Saturday Prevue

Litling music, rollicking laughter and glowing romance combine to make "Sing Me a Love Song," a Cosmopolitan production released through First National, which is scheduled as the feature attraction at the Queen theatre for Saturday night prevue, one day only, one of the most entertaining musical comedies of the year.

There is an all-star cast headed by James Melton, the radio singer, Patricia Ellis, Hugh Herbert, ZaSu Pitts, Allen Jenkins, Nat Pendleton, Walter Catlett and Hobart Cavanaugh.

One of the songs, "Summer Night," as sung in connection with a production number staged and directed by Bobby Connolly. It takes place on the roof of a department store, with the city lights twinkling far below. This, Melton sings with a male chorus, to Patricia. "The Little House that Love Built" is sung in one of the Connolly numbers which is staged in an elaborately built house for lovers on the floor of the big department store.

"That's the Least You Can Do for the Lady" is a novelty ballad by Warren and Dubin and sung by Melton. Two old timers are "Your Eyes Told Me So" and "Carry Me Back to the Lone Prairie." In the latter ZaSu bursts into song along with Melton—the first time she has ever sung in films.

Hugh Herbert, as a wealthy kleptomaniac, Allen Jenkins, as an elevator operator in love with ZaSu Pitts, also a clerk and chum of Miss Ellis, Nat Pendleton, a belligerent chauffeur, Walter Catlett, pompous floor walker, and Hobart Cavanaugh, furnish most of the comedy.

### "Charge of the Light Brigade" Dramatized In Queen Offering

The thundering hoofs that dashed across the pages of history to be immortalized by the unforgettable poem of Alfred Lord Tennyson—sound again through Warner Bros.' stupendous screen version of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," which comes to the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday only, with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland in the featured roles.

Tennyson's verse deals only with the famous charge of the Light Brigade against the Russian artillery on the heights of Balaclava during the Crimean War—an action which forms only the terrific climax of the film story that is replete with thrills from start to finish, and presents a gorgeous romance in which two brothers are rivals for the love of a beautiful girl.

The picture, heralded as one of the biggest productions ever filmed by Warner Bros., has an all-star cast of 20 noted actors in the important roles, and over fifteen thousands extra people. Scenes are said to be spectacular in the extreme, with border skirmishes, hand-to-hand fighting, and the famous charge of the Light Brigade. Scenes depict colorful interiors of the palace of Surat Khan, Amir of Suristan, with his harem of dancing girls and slaves—as well as swamoth exteriors of British walled towns.

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Proceeds would go to the Alamo Mission capter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Texas for improvements at the Texas shrine in San Antonio.

When Leland Stanford, Jr., died in 1884 in his seventeenth year, the parents founded the university of that name at Palo Alto, Cal., as a memorial.

Fort Leavenworth is one of the oldest military posts west of the Mississippi. It was built in 1827 by Col. Henry Leavenworth.

Cash income from farm marketing and government payments in 1936 is estimated by the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics at \$7,800,000,000.

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### Famed Diplomat Dies.

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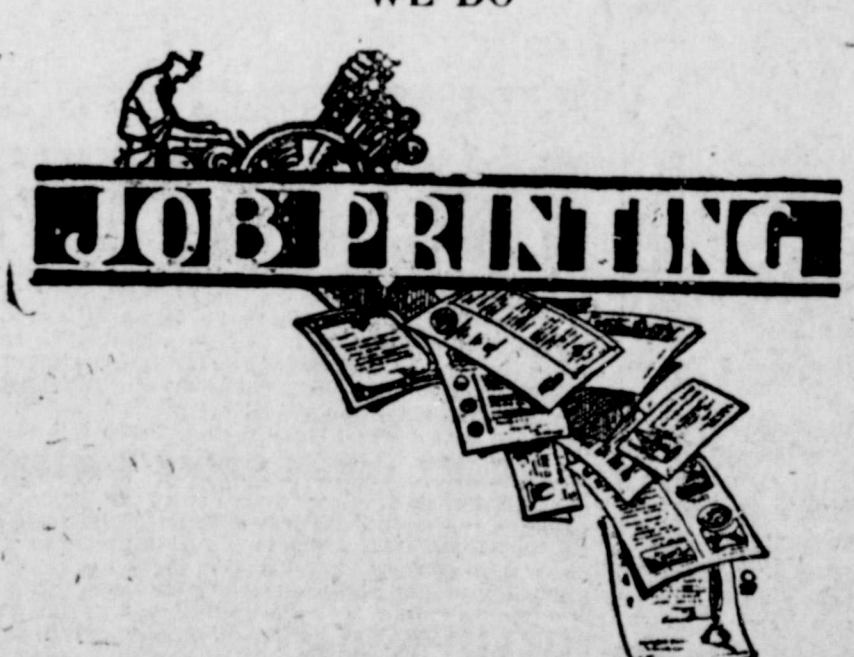
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Campbell's Tomato Juice, 2 for ..... 15c	Prunes, No. 10 can ..... 29c
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Sugar, 10 lb. cloth bag ..... 53c	Matches, (6 boxes) carton ..... 19c

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### Woodmen Circle Plans Big Spring Carnival

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4, the Woodmen Circle met in regular session with Mrs. Winnie Turner, guardian, presiding, and all other officers filling their stations. One of the important features of the meeting was the reading and adoption of new by-laws of the Grove.

Mrs. Lila Rea was installed as banker and reporter, and Mrs. Elizabeth Allday as chaplain, with Mrs. Katie Church, past guardian, acting as installing officer, Mrs. Mae Seago, installing attendant, and Mrs. Nancy Polley as installing chaplain.

Under the head of new business, ways and means were discussed to raise funds to attend the State Woodmen Circle convention at a later date in the year. The club voted to have a spring carnival to be held Friday, night, Feb. 19. This carnival will be sponsored by the drill team, and the sales rooms of the Church Motor company have been secured. Colonel Church having been so kind as to offer same for this occasion.

The public is cordially invited and members from various Groves and towns have also received invitations. Lots of fun and entertainment will be furnished for all who attend.

Don't forget the date, Feb. 19. A big time is assured all who come.

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### MT. PLEASANT NEWS Noodle Wins Boys, Girls Tournament

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night. There was a slight improvement in the Sunday School attendance Sunday. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Click and son, Albert Wayne, of Tye and Mrs. Click's aunt, Mrs. Hammonds, and son, called in the E. A. Click home a short while Thursday afternoon.

The young people of the community all stormed Miss Lucille Gilmore and had a party Friday night. Every one reports a good time.

There was singing at the church Monday night. The community has organized a singing school, which will be conducted each Monday night. Every one is cordially invited to take part.

Little Junior Greenfield of Merkel was the Sunday guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter of Merkel attended church here Sunday night.

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Noodle teams won both boys and girls sections of the White Flat tournament, which drew sixteen entries.

In the final round Noodle girls defeated Palava, 25 to 18, after victories over Busby and Divide. The boys team won over White Flat, 13-11, in the final round. Earlier victims were Busby and Goodman.

Louelle Justice of Noodle was named on the all-tournament team, her third time this season to gain such an honor. Other members of the squad are: Mozelle Sosebee, captain; Tressie Marshall, Helen Rogers, Sybil Marie Sampson, Margaret Goode, Ruby Nell Love, Imogene Bird and Oma Chancey. The coach is Mrs. Finis T. Bell.

The boys' squad, coached by Mr. Bell, is composed of Melvin Jinkens, captain, Leon Walker, all-tournament forward, Norman Winter, Woodrow Clemer, Ivy Lucas, Leon Adkins, Wallace Ely and H. R. Chancey.

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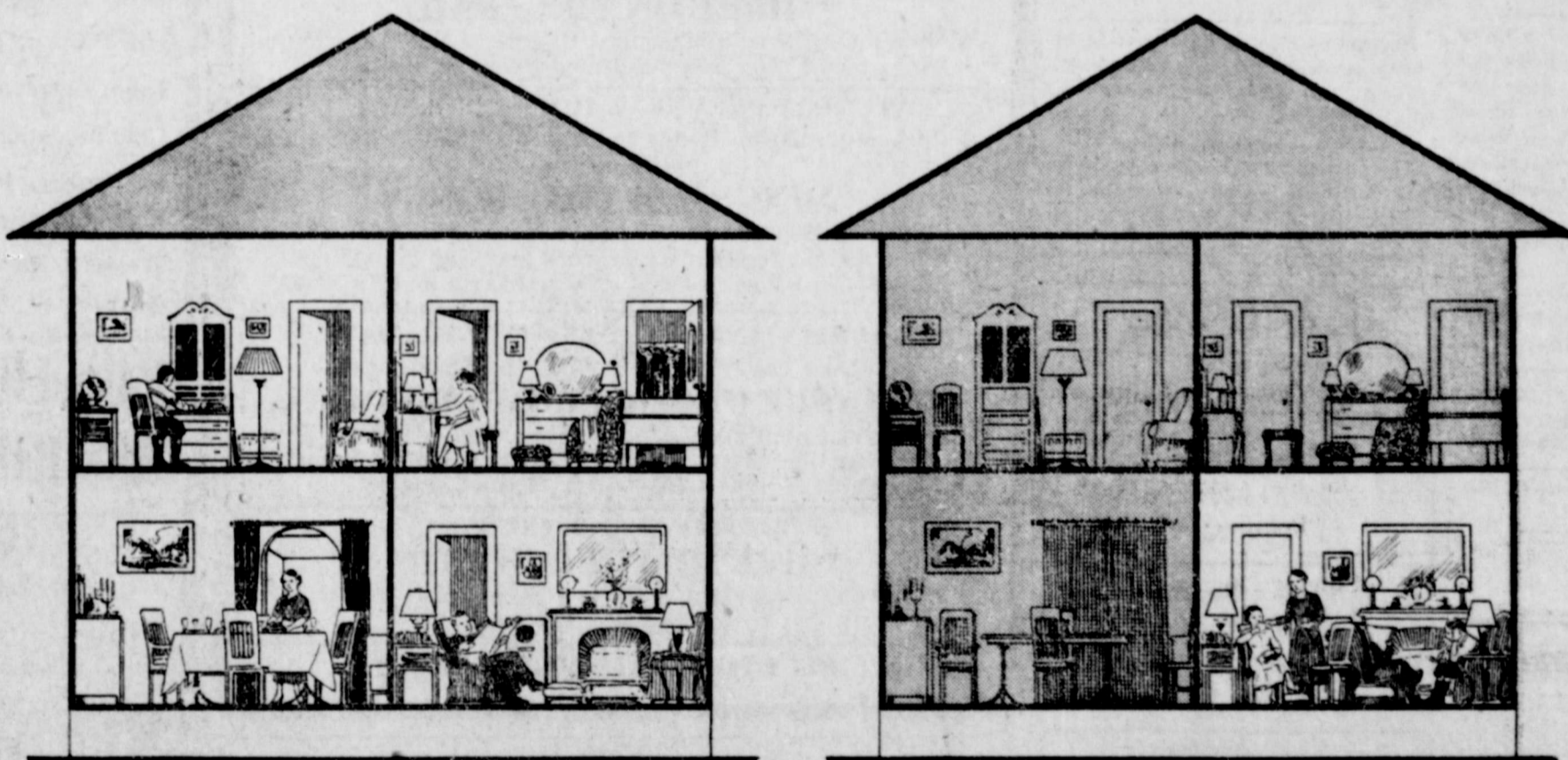
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**JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB.**

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither opened their home to the Jolly Neighbors club on Tuesday evening, Feb. 2.

The hours were pleasantly spent in playing "84", with the gentlemen claiming the victory in the games; the ladies, however, led a close second, and there was keen competition throughout the evening.

A short business session was in charge of the president, Johnny Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson were elected members. Mrs. Herbert Patterson was elected vice-president upon the resignation of Bill Brown.

A lovely refreshment was served to the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames F. E. Church, Yates Brown, Johnny Cox, E. Clyde Smith, Herbert Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, T. L. Grimes, Miss Pauline Johnson, Dr. R. I. Grimes and the hosts.

The club was to meet with Miss Pauline Johnson on Feb. 9.

**ALATHEAN CLASS.**

The Alathan class of the Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford on Wednesday afternoon of last week, with Mrs. McCandless as co-hostess.

A short business meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. W. L. Johnson, with the devotional reading by Mrs. E. N. Brown and closing prayer by Mrs. Meeks.

After a social hour delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames E. N. Brown, Chas. West, J. T. Warren, F. E. Patterson, F. A. Polley, J. M. Meeks, Pick Allen, W. O. Boney, W. L. Johnson, A. H. Zollinger, O. B. Tatum, and the hostesses, Mrs. McCandless and Mrs. Swafford, who was assisted by her daughter, Miss Dot Swafford.

**BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.**

Misses Robbie Walker and Ina Mae Berryman were co-hostesses in the home of Mrs. Carlton Vick for a Valentine party given on Feb. 3 in honor of Miss Billy Nelson's birthday. Games of monopoly and "42" afforded diversion for the evening.

At the refreshment hour, gumdrop bars, punch and Valentine hearts were served to: Misses Billy Nelson, Johnnie Chadwick, Grovone Ford, De La Vergne Teague, Leta Faye Barbee, Isalor Walker, Ina Mae Berryman, Robbie Walker; Messrs. Weldon Davis, Griffin Barnett, Norman King, Waymon Adeock, Murphy Dye, Jack Pierce, Norman Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick.

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Both Mrs. Campbell and Ray Wilson are well known in local business circles, having been previously associated with the Campbell Grocery and Market by the same name, which Tracy Campbell closed here and moved to Lamesa last fall.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Condition of Rev. Q. Brown, who was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital at Abilene Wednesday for treatment, was reported unchanged Wednesday night. He is 76 years old and his condition was considered serious.

Opening of another new enterprise in Merkel was announced this week when Mrs. C. P. Stevens started operation of the Stevens H-S laundry in a new building erected on her home premises. Entire new equipment has been installed in this laundry, which is of the popular help-yourself type.

W. H. Keiso entered the Abilene Memorial hospital on Wednesday with a case of pneumonia. He recently had been in the hospital for treatment and had improved sufficiently to return to his home when his condition unexpectedly changed for the worse again.

Marvin Smith, who was called home the latter part of last week on account of illness in the family, returned Wednesday to Archer City, where he has accepted a position with the Watkins Products.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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R. A. Walker, Pastor.

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Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6:15 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching 7:50 p. m. Midweek prayer service each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

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R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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Bananas, doz. 15c  
Medium size  
Oranges, doz. 15c  
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Apples, 2 doz. 25c  
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Grapefruit, 6 for 25c  
Full of juice, large size  
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