





Local Happenings

M. A. Smith spent the first of the week in Dallas on business. Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Half were visitors in Fort Worth Tuesday. C. E. Nelson of Hamilton was a business visitor here Thursday. Westinghouse Mazda light globes can now be purchased at Porter's Drug Store. Master Thomas Ray Coston spent the past few days in Clifton visiting his grandparents. Sam Hawes of Waco was a week and guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. V. Hawes. Lucille and Aubrey Duzan of Carlton were Hico visitors Tuesday. Mrs. V. W. Miles and Miss Thoma Rodgers were visitors in Hico Saturday. Mrs. Jim W. Everett and Mrs. Clyde Pittman were visitors in Stephenville Tuesday. S. E. Blair and Earl R. Lynch were business visitors in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moss and family were in Dublin and Comyn Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pittman of Stephenville were in Hico Tuesday visiting R. O. Lackey. Earl and C. L. Lynch Jr. were business visitors in Hamilton Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Golden and Mrs. Johnnie Farmer were visitors in Fort Worth last Friday. Miss Nova Obenhaus of Clifton spent last Friday night here guest of Miss Mamie Bakke. Mrs. R. D. Robbins and Miss Annie Pierson spent Tuesday in Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake of Brownwood were in Hico Tuesday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodward and Mrs. J. H. Roberts. Mrs. Terry Thompson is in Deason visiting Mrs. R. O. Cox. Her daughter, Mrs. Daisy Dankers, took her Tuesday. Mrs. L. N. Lane, Mrs. E. F. Porter, Mrs. J. W. Bingham and Mrs. J. D. Currie were visitors in Stephenville Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hudson are in Wichita Falls where Mrs. Hudson is recuperating from a minor operation. Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold of Stephenville were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Wallace. Mrs. C. L. Lynch Sr. and son L. Jr. were visitors in Stephenville Wednesday. Mrs. Lynch was guest of Mrs. Will Hooker there. Morris Hareluk was in Dallas Wednesday buying new merchandise for the H. & D. Hareluk Dry Goods Company. Miss Bernice Talley of Fort Worth spent the past several days here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Driskell. Mrs. Howard Hollowell of Abilene is here spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gamble. Mrs. E. H. Persons and daughters, Misses Laurel, Mildred and Anna Lee spent Thursday in Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Alfred and children of Carlton spent Sunday here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Diltz. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Seago and family of the Gum Branch community spent Sunday here visiting their son, Dellis Seago, and wife. Mrs. McFarland, daughter Miss Anna and son Hugh, of Brownwood were here Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodward and Mrs. J. H. Roberts. Miss Dorothy Meador spent the week end in Waco visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meador. Mrs. Meador was formerly Miss Dick Stanley Hico. Mrs. Lon Morris of Hamilton spent the first of the week here visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. E. God, and cousins, Misses Fannie, Eva and Tot Wood. Mrs. F. L. Driver and son, J. D., of Page Barnett of Big Well spent the first of the week here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shelton. Mr. Barnett visited relatives in Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers and Ernest, and Mrs. Clyde Pittman were in Waco Sunday where Rodgers family were guests. Miss Nettie Rodgers, and Mrs. Pittman visited Miss Helen Curbo. LET'S SWAP will take in exchange for first class Dental work any kind of watch, feed staff of anything value. What have you? DR. V. WES, the home dentist, Hico, 434 W. 43rd.

PALACE THEATRE Friday and Saturday

THANKS for the large crowds that filled this Theatre last week and we are coming back with another good show for the Special price of 10c and 15c Come early, bring your friends. Presenting, "MADAME BUTTERFLY" featuring Sylvia Sidney Paramount Comedy.

Coming Tuesday night, April 11—Early D. McAnally (Formerly with Brunks Comedians) and his Dramatic company of 12 people, presenting the famous rural comedy drama "MELVINA'S COURTSHIPS" In three acts, vaudeville specialties between acts, Adm. 10c-20c.

Birthday Party For Master Don Griffiths Master Don Griffiths celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary on Tuesday afternoon of this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths, when he entertained a number of his little friends with a party. Don, in his charming manner, greeted the guests as they arrived and invited them to join in games on the lawn. After enjoying themselves for some time, they were served by Mrs. Griffiths with delicious ice cream and cakes. The host received a number of gifts from his little friends. Those present were Truitt Coleman, Barton Everett, Robby Jack Proffitt, Billy Jean Williamson, Wynne Graves, Dorothy Jane and Laverne Golden, Mary Anna Eakins, Buck Meadows, James Lee Proffitt, Thomas Dale Leeth, Margie and Mary Sue Langston, Ha De and Allie De Leeth and Dean Spaulding.

Fidels Class Met With Mrs. J. V. Leeth Tuesday Mrs. J. V. Leeth was hostess Tuesday afternoon at her home for a business and social hour given to the members of the Fidels Class of the Methodist Sunday School. The Easter motif was used in the house decorations, contests and refreshments. Following a short business session, an adjournment was made and the social hour began. Fruit, congealed salad, chicken sandwiches, which were artistically cut into the shapes of Easter chicks made from pink and green bread, pickles, Easter nut cups, and iced tea were served. The guests were, the teacher, Mrs. S. E. Blair, and Mesdames Dellis Seago, Sim Everett, C. P. Coston, Clyde Pittman, V. W. Miles and Misses Rosalee Eakins, Vieta McAnally, Ruby Lane and Oleta Hughes. Mrs. Cunningham was an invited guest.

Girl Scouts Gave Martha Masterson Hdkf. Shower The Girl Scouts gave one of their patrol leaders, Miss Martha Masterson, a surprise handkerchief shower in honor of her birthday anniversary Monday evening of this week. They met at the home of Jean and Jane Wolfe and went on to the Masterson home. Jane Wolfe, the other patrol leader, presented her with the gifts, after which Mrs. Masterson served them with some of Martha's birthday cake. Those present were, Jean and Jane Wolfe, Mary Jane Clark, Katherine Massingill, Anna Lee Persons, Eileen Christopher, Eileen Alexander, Helen Louise Gamble, Miss Oleta Hughes, Lieutenant and Miss Mary Ellen Adams, captain.

Mrs. W. F. Gandy was brought home from the Stephenville Hospital the latter part of last week, having spent several days there under going an examination and treatment. She is improving at this time. Miss Mary Beth Norwood, accompanied by Mrs. Gaston Gooch of Carbon, spent the week end in Dawson visiting Miss Norwood's brother, and Mrs. Gooch's husband who are teachers in the Dawson schools. Master Billy Clark and his cousin, Ruth Solomon, of De Leon, were week end guests of Billy's grandmother, Mrs. Willie Platt. Billy always enjoys visits here with his grandmother, and has acquired many little friends in this city. Mrs. Horace Hooper, daughter, little Miss Bettie June, and son, Master Horace Jr., of Sweetwater are here spending a few days with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hooper. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Siddons of Hillsboro spent Sunday here as guests of Mrs. Siddons' sisters, Misses Annie and Nettie Wieser. Misses Annie and Nettie accompanied them home Sunday afternoon and spent the first of the week in Hillsboro as their guests. Miss Wilma Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walton, of Hico was brought home last Friday from a Dallas hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends here are glad to know that she is steadily recovering from her illness. Mrs. E. K. Ridenhower and Mrs. E. S. Jackson were hostesses to the members of the Review Club at their hospitable country home last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. F. M. Mingus was leader of the lesson, which was very interesting and instructive. The next meeting will be April 15th with Mrs. Woodward when Mrs. McDowell will be leader. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Phillips and daughter, Elaine, former residents of Hico, but who have been making their home in Hamilton for the past few months where Mr. Phillips has been employed by the A. & P. Tea Co., have been transferred to Dublin where Mr. Phillips will continue to work for the same company. Their many Hico friends are glad they are still located close by.



Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt's decision to hold Congress in session until it has enacted the major "policy" measures which the new Administration decides, came as a surprise, but is in line with the President's determination to move with the utmost possible speed in his program of reviving prosperity. The main reason for his cancellation of the plan for a recess of several weeks was the insistence of the farm leaders that if anything is to be accomplished in the way of farm relief it must be done now, before this season's crops are in the ground. Congress, therefore, is struggling with the problem of how to reduce crop acreage and pay the farmers for keeping land out of cultivation, without putting a new load on the taxpayers or too heavy a burden upon the consumers of farm products. The Administration's bill, submitted to Congress by the President with the statement that it is "a new and untrod path" which may not produce the hoped-for results, would give the Secretary of Agriculture extremely broad power to regulate production and distribution of farm products, in the effort to give agricultural products the same purchasing power with respect to the commodities which the farmer buys as was the case in the five years before the war. The "basic agricultural commodities" to which the new plan may be applied are wheat, cotton, corn, hogs, cattle, sheep, rice, tobacco and dairy products. Power With Secretary The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized under this bill to make agreements with farmers to pay them rent for land kept out of production or to pay in cash benefits for reducing production in other ways, and to obtain funds for this purpose by assessing a tax upon processors of farm products, the amount of the cash benefits and the amount of the tax being left in every case to the Secretary to determine. In other words, Congress is asked to delegate as broad powers to the Administration in the matter of farm relief as it has given the President in the matter of reducing Government expenses and in reorganizing the banking system of the nation. It is not exaggerating to say that Congress is afraid of this proposal. It is entirely different from anything which has heretofore been discussed under the head of farm relief. Members don't know how the "boys back home" like it, and are afraid of the big politically-organized farm groups, who do not seem to have any finger in this particular pie. Also, they are hearing from millers, packers, tobacco manufacturers, cotton spinners, creameries and cheesemakers and other "processors" who don't like the idea of having to pay this tax. There seems likely, as this is written, to be more open opposition to President Roosevelt in the debates on this relief measure than has been the case with any of his other proposals so far. But the wise political observers here are willing to bet that the bill, not much changed in principle, will be passed.

The Patronage Whip President Roosevelt is no amateur in politics, as anyone knows who has followed his career from the time when he was making trouble in the New York State Senate long before the war. He knows how the game is played as well as anyone who ever sat in the White House, better than most of his recent predecessors. And the President knows that the time to get what he wants out of Congress is now, before the jobs have been distributed. Not even a start has been made toward the distribution of patronage, and Senators and Representatives who want to get some of those 150,000 Federal appointments for their constituents are much more willing to play ball with the President now than they will be after the jobs have been passed out. For they must get the jobs for the boys back home or stand a chance of losing out next election. That is elementary politics, and President Roosevelt knows it. There are still other major measures which the President wants to get through Congress and into his own hands before the boys on Capitol Hill go home. One of the most important of these is a program for enforced consolidation of railroad systems. Only the immediate exigency of farm relief prevented the President from sending this to Congress a couple of weeks ago. Foreign Affairs Soon Foreign affairs are beginning to get closer attention from the new Administration, now that the more pressing domestic problems seem on their way to solution. The appointment of Norman H. Davis as a general European representative of the Government, with the rank of Ambassador, is hailed as indicating Mr. Roosevelt's appreciation of the good relations which Mr. Davis has established in Europe in the past two years as the American delegate to the disarmament conference, the world economic conference and other international gatherings. There is a good deal more to the international situation than is apparent on the surface. The settlement of the war debts owing to the United States is only one item, likely now to be brought to a head very soon. Disarmament is regarded here as of grave importance, for unless some agreement is reached soon there is a danger of a new European war, which would not do the United States any good. Germany and France seem ready to leap again at each other's throats; Italy probably would attack France from the rear in that case, and Poland is itching to fight it out with Germany. Another foreign matter of importance is the question of the recognized of the Russian Soviet government. There is plenty of work ahead for President Roosevelt, but he is facing the job courageously and his intimates report, in perfect health and high spirits. He is riding the top wave of popularity as no President has ever ridden it.

Mrs. V. W. Miles Hostess To Tuesday Evening Bridge Club Mrs. V. W. Miles entertained the Tuesday Evening Bridge Club at her apartment Tuesday evening of this week. An Easter egg contest was first enjoyed, Miss Mary Beth Norwood winning the prize for finding the most eggs. In the bridge games, Miss Norwood also won high score. Ice cream and cake were served to Misses Jeanette Randalls, guest, and the following members: Misses Mary Beth Norwood, Mamie Bakke, Mary Ellen Adams, Tot Wood, Thoma Rodgers and Sara-lee Hudson.

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