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### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES By Hattie Proctor

It may be a good thing that there are only three more weeks of school, for Monday, the great epidemic, Spring Fever, started spreading through the high school.

We are all proud of our great athlete, Roy Stevens, who won five first places in the District Track Meet at Abilene Saturday. We, in order to show our appreciation of his hard and successful work, intend to send him to Austin.

We have started working on the Senior play and every one in it is doing his best to make it a success.

The teachers are always cheerful and happy when we have good lessons, but the Seniors have discovered a new way of making them agreeable, that is by giving them a good feast. Last Friday after the Senior feast, the change was noted in Miss Pierce especially. Some of the ninth grade boys who take history at 1:00 p. m. agreed to bring her a delicious lunch every day.

The Senior girls, in order to protect themselves from the rough Senior boys, have organized a "Rolling Pin Club". Maude Hardy the heavy weight was elected president; Tina Mae Moore, the feather weight, was elected vice-president; and Dixie Blair, the quick-tempered was elected Secretary and Treasurer. The motto is: "It takes a woman to give a man a cure." All the Senior girls have joined this notorious club and are very active in their work, which is directed against Mr. Mayfield in particular, for a few weeks ago, he wrote in his Column an unworthy account of the Senior girls.

Alva "disremembers" and forgets so much in History that it is a wonder Miss Pierce doesn't "disremember or forget to give her a History Grade.

Mr. Tabor to geometry class: "You must get this formula, not me."

Mr. Burgess to Civics Class: "The orphans home takes a small boy and makes a man out of him, or a woman out of him?"

Miss Bird: "Marvin, tell me something about the Victorian Period in English Literature."

Marvin: "Well, when Queen Victoria was king of England"

Mr. Burgess: "If 371 grains of silence are put in a silver dollar, why aren't 3.71 grains put in a dime."

Spencer: There's not enough room in a dime.

The other day the following conversation was heard at one of the tables during Physics lab.

Tina: "Marvin, do leave me alone. You make me so tired."

Marvin: "Oh, no, I do not. You were tired before you came in here."

Miss Williamson to Physiology Class: Name three articles containing starch.

Ray Garrett: "Two fuffs and a oollar."

Mr. Burgess to Civics Class: "What is it when you're married twice at the same time?"

Clesby: "Polygamy."

Mr. Burgess: "And when you are married once?"

Cesby: "Monotony."

### TRIP TO MT. PLEASANT RAINED OUT

The business men's Trade Trip to Mt. Pleasant which was to have been made on last Friday evening, did not take place on account of the big rains of the night before. Then the time was set for the following Tuesday night, but continued rains prevented.

If you don't acknowledge that it is cheaper and done better you will be the first one. Try me next week with your entire family washing and ironing. Ligon the laundryman, Phone 218.

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### NOODLE SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Noodle Public school closed last Friday a most successful term, and the commencement exercises began Saturday evening at eight o'clock when the eighth grade at the school auditorium presented to the large audience in attendance, "The Heart of a Shamrock." Following is the cast of characters:

Father O'Neal, a priest, E. Spurgin, Bob, the sheriff, A. Brewer; Grizzley Adam, Odell Eoff; Laddie, C. Vick; Mrs. Donovan, M. Ghrum; Joan, Modell Bicknel, May, an Irish Rose Jessie Walker; Gad, a city waif Jewel Boyd.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock a comedy in three acts, "All Tangled Up", was presented by the school, with the following cast of characters:

Maj. Holliday, Attorney, Jack Goode; Lester McVey, Attorney, Bryan Starkey; Mrs. Holliday, Lois Goode, Her daughter, Clara, Eva Cole; Kelling Plantum, undertaker, Hughie Vick; His daughter, Vernie, Vada Cole; Lieut. Rapley, Emmett Womack; O'Tool, Irish office man, C. R. Williams

Tuesday evening, the graduating exercises were held and the Merkel band boys were out to furnish music for the occasion.

### TRENT SCHOOL CLOSURES

The nineteen and twenty three term of the Trent school closed last Friday evening, with the commencement exercises at the high school auditorium and each pupil on the program did credit to themselves and to their instructors. Rev. R. B. Twitty of Abilene gave the main address of the evening "The Spirit of the Second Mile" which contained many good things for those present.

The speaker was introduced by Miss Alice Fuller and at the close of the address, diplomas were awarded to the nineteen graduates, by the teacher, Miss Maggie Payne, as follows:

Annie Mae Nalley, Birdie Weeks, Maurine Smith, Oneta Wilson, Lucy Halbrook, Forest Forester, Inez Parker, Opal English, Willie Dorris Archer, Francis O' Kelly, Lucille Adrian, Ledo Dowdy, Homer McLeod, John Martin, Bill Forrest er, Carroll Chambless, Floyd Martin, Marvin Steen, Allen Terry.

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Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Other Real Estate	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	135,933.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$520,933.24</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,356.29
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$520,933.24</b>



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wonder if it will topple over. All things in Nature, human lives, governments and parties and planets travel in a cycle, and when they reach a certain point, decadence sets in, and directly there is a shipwreck on the highway planet devoid of vegetation, a withered tree and a decadent race. Somebody has recently said that they thought that this democratic house was about completed, we had just about put on the last rafter, built the last cupolo, the foundation was giving away, and the structure was top heavy, hence a crash of this Temple of Freedom is inevitable. Man is the smartest animal that God ever

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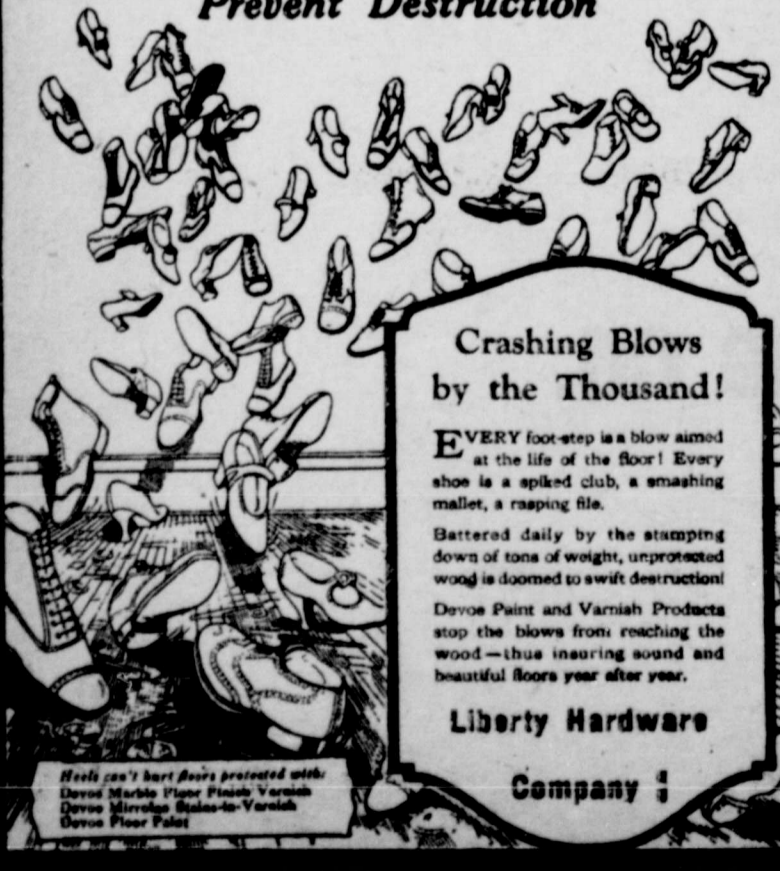
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made, he has many attributes in somethings, he takes on the divine, lovable, wise, gentle and kind and merciful, builds shrines, and gives of his millions to save heathen races. And then again, he is unstable, the fires of hell burn in his blood, and sometimes when men wot not, the flames of destruction consume and destroy all that man has builded and chaos reigns—that's the end of the cycle. They have been exploring old King Tut's dead house over there in the land of the Pharaohs, and it was a rich find and all the world has been stirred by the magnificent splendor of the paraphan alia of this ancient ruler. And the truth has been revealed to us, that after all of these thousands of years, with the bright lights of historical events to guide us, we have not over-shadowed the civilization of Egypt so very much—There's not much new under the sun—Just one empire after another tumbles down and oncoming generations build another, and very little we learn by experience in the matter of rearing and pulling down governments, but sooner or later, they all crumble, and the bats and owls build their nests in the desolated halls of departed glory. The pathway to every throne has been paved with human skulls, we are prating about peace pacts and leagues of peace, and all this stuff about world peace is only the prattling of babes and the dream of fools. All nature is a battlefield, and all life is a struggle, and take that out of it, and man is only a pollywog, or jellyfish. Away up yonder on the mountain top, where the wind blows, and the storms rage, we find the toughest plants and the most beautiful roses, and to get the rarest fragrance of the flower, we must crush it, and in the valley of toil poverty, hardships and trouble, and worry, bring out the better part of man—the easy road doesn't go anywhere. We are not alarmed about this house of Democracy, for its safety, etc, not withstanding it is the most complex political structure ever builded, and there lies the danger. Kingship and feudal lords have been dispensed with, but we have other dangerous factors that have sprung up in the last forty or fifty years that are to be reckoned with, namely, a monied aristocracy, the despotism of union labor and religious fanaticism, and each of these factors is crying for a law of expolitan. Yes, of late we have split up into blocs, and each is striving for apartments, or special privileges in this house of Democracy. In other words, we are going to the State to remedy all our ills, yes, clamoring for a national commissary, a free hand-out and a fat loan without a valuable consideration. The trouble we apprehend is too much government, socialistic—everybody wants to milk the government cow, and directly there will not be any one to furnish the hay and bran, and that's when the foundation will begin to give away. And had yo uthought about it? About thirty-five million people are depending on this government for a living, that looks bad folks, for it was not intended for a boarding house.—Albany News.

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### Reconsidering the Matter

By CLARA DELAFIELD

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IT WAS less Howard Field than the other woman who was the cause of Isobel's finally arriving at her decision. For a period which seemed an eternity she had slaved for Howard Field, wearing out her youth, her beauty—washing, cooking, ironing for him. But the taunts of the other woman had become unbearable.

Isobel had had plenty of opportunities for lovers of her own. She was still beautiful. But she had stuck doggedly to her work; she was sacrificing the best years of her life—ah, that was the worst of it—for those who failed either to appreciate her services or to understand her nature.

There was Howard's old mother, a frequent visitor to the house, always by her side, even in the kitchen, grumbling and scolding. She was a servant in the house, and they treated her with even less consideration than a servant.

And then the other woman—how Isobel hated her! She had seen Howard kissing her furtively when he thought nobody saw. He paraded his love for her openly.

Only the child remained, the one link that bound her to the home. Isobel and Dora adored each other. "I love you better than Daddy," the child had often said. Isobel always remembered that. It was Dora who had held her, an unwilling slave, in the Field home so long.

Now even that love was not strong enough to break Isobel's determination. She was leaving the house, never to see any of them again. Only that evening Howard had sworn at her—because of some little flaw in the cooking. Cooking! Was that all a woman was made for—to cook for a man?

No, she was going, and she was going to a man who would show her the proper appreciation. She was not in love with Donald Dugan. His attitude toward her had always been one of tender chivalry. Once, when she had sobbingly told him of her troubles, he had urged her to leave Howard forever.

"Come to me, Isobel," he had said, "and I will protect you. You shall never shed another tear."

"What will people say?"

It was the old question, the old fear that links people together in unwilling partnership.

"Isobel, the world will say that you have acted rightly. That monster has no claim on you. You have tolled for him thanklessly. Come to me, Isobel!"

She had half promised, and Howard's treatment of her that evening had been the culmination. She was going to Donald.

Softly she packed her bag in her room, putting into it a few little essentials—her dress, her wrap, a cherished toilet service—that was about all that she was taking from the Field home.

It was well past midnight. She crept into the passage, listening fearfully. The way to freedom now lay open. But suddenly the thought of Dora came to her. Suddenly she realized that she could not go forever without a parting glance at the child.

She listened outside Dora's door. No sound came from within. Softly she opened it and entered.

Dora lay on her back, sleeping the flushed, dewy, innocent sleep of childhood. Her long lashes lay delicately upon her cheeks. The sight of the slumbering child aroused every instinct of motherhood within her.

Isobel bent down and kissed the bluish-rose cheek. Dora stirred faintly in her sleep and smiled. "Mummy!" she whispered.

The word was like a dagger in Isobel's heart. She clutched her breast in anguish. She looked at Dora. And suddenly she realized that she could not go.

She could not go. The mother instinct had proved too strong for her at the last.

But as she turned back the door of the Fields' room opened softly. Howard Field appeared in his dressing gown—Howard and the other woman!

Isobel uttered a cry. With a fierce exclamation Howard advanced toward her.

"Stealing off from my house like a thief in the night, Isobel! Is this the way you repay me for my kindness? Listen! Stay with me! Let us understand each other. I know it's Donald Dugan who is enticing you. We've been talking things over. Stay with us, and we'll raise your wages ten dollars a month and send out some of the wash. And you can have the use of the car on Sunday afternoons."

"Deed, I will, sub," answered Isobel happily. "It's that old wash gives me such a backache, that's why I was going."

An Isobel turned back to her own room.

"Blue Stockings." Even today one hears of persons designated as "blue stockings." In olden times the term meant women who sacrificed their characteristic excellence to learning, or what they thought was learning. A hundred years ago the women of England had evening assemblies where the fair sex might participate in conversation with famous literary men. One of the most eminent was Doctor Stellingfleet, who habitually wore blue stockings. Such was the excellence of his conversation that his occasional absence was felt as a great loss, and the ladies said: "We can do nothing without the blue stockings." Thus came the phrase, and by degrees its title was established.

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fore accused.

When people accuse public of-  
ficials of crookedness in their  
official duties, they should either  
prove their charges or shut  
up. If a man entrusted with pub-  
lic funds misappropriates, mis-  
uses or embezzles same, there  
is adequate laws at hand with  
which to punish him, and he  
should get the limit, if guilty.  
But there is no man guilty of a  
more low down crime than the  
whelp who goes about howling  
that somebody is crooked, when  
the facts would show that he  
does not know a thing about what  
he is talking.

The way of some of our neigh-  
boring towns are making im-  
provements: Winters is spend-  
ing \$80,000 in paving her main  
streets. Winters is one of the  
best towns in all West Texas.  
About the size of Merkel. Ros-  
coe is paving several blocks of  
her business streets. Crowell al-  
so about the size of Merkel, is  
pending \$30,000 for paving.  
Sweetwater is spending \$80,000  
for a new high school building  
and \$30,000 in filtering plant

for their water system. Roby  
is to vote on \$40,000 bonds for  
a water system. Munday has  
spent half a million in new busi-  
ness and residence buildings  
the past year. Slaton and Lub-  
bock, Lamesa, Snyder, Colorado  
Big Spring, and many others of  
this part of the country are  
growing in leaps and bounds.  
No town stands still, it either  
grows and pushes forward ac-  
cording to the push and enter-  
prise of it's citizens, or steadily  
and quietly it falls behind the  
process and becomes just the  
ordinary one horse, one gallus  
town.

Elder W. G. Cypert is at  
home for a short stay, from  
Crosbyton and Idalu, where he  
has been in protracted meeting  
work for the past three weeks.  
Elder Cypert is one of the lead-  
ing ministers of the Church of  
Christ, a clean man and with a  
state-wide reputation as one  
among the most successful  
teachers.

The rabbit drive which was  
staged Tuesday at the Arch  
Harris ranch west of town, was  
greatly enjoyed by all in at-  
tendance. Dinner was served  
on the ground and a goodly  
number were out from Merkel.  
The dinner was one of the  
most appetizing ever spread be-  
fore any people.

The report reaches us that  
the communities in the vicinity  
of the mountains south of here  
was visited by a severe rain  
and hail storm Monday even-  
ing. Just the extent of the  
damage done, we have not  
been able to ascertain.

J. E. Richardson, local man-  
ager of the Merkel Lumber Co.  
returned last Saturday from  
Okla. City, where he attend-  
ed the annual meeting of all the  
managers of the Wm P. Carey  
Company, and of which the  
Merkel Lumber Co. is a subsidi-  
ary. Mr. Richardson reports a  
great trip.

Stith reports the heaviest  
rain of the year Tuesday night

Mr. Sanduskey of Abilene,  
was in the city Sunday.

W. T. Branch was up from  
Abilene Sunday, the guest of  
his son T. W. Branch.

Clyde Foster was up from Abi-  
lene last Sunday for a visit with  
home folks and friends.

Miss Mattie Elliott of Abilene  
spent Sunday with her aunt,  
Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Mr. B. C. Gaither has been  
spending the week with his  
daughter at Tuscola.

Mrs. Roy Adams returned  
Sunday from a visit with her  
mother at Post City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morton  
visited their son, Fred, at View  
Sunday, who has a severe case  
of the flu.

Guy Hawkins and family of  
Tuscola, were geusts in Merkel  
last Sunday of his aunt, Mrs.  
Bird and other relatives.

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Jasper McCoy and Collins  
Brothers each, shipped a car of  
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kets this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warren  
of Knox City were here first  
of the week, guest of friends  
and relatives.

It was indeed a great day in  
Merkel last Saturday. One of  
the largest crowds ever assem-  
bling here before.

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was quite sick for a few days  
first of the week, is now up and  
about again.

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been here on an extended vis-  
it to her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
W. E. Miller, returned to her  
home at Colorado Wednesday.

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will move to the farm just as  
soon as the roads and weather  
will permit, and Will Cox will  
occupy the premises to be va-  
cated by Mr. Phillips.

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was in the city one day this  
week and has our thanks for  
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nicely.

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Minister C. C. Cooper of Abi-  
lene Christian College was in  
the city Sunday and preached  
at the church of Christ at 11  
a. m. and at Compere at 4 p. m.  
and at night.

Rev. J. S. Moore, formerly  
pastor of the Merkel M. E. Cir-  
cuit, but now on the Stamford  
circuit, is here this week for a  
few days visit with his daugh-  
ter, and to incidentally shake  
hands with his host of friends.

Mesdames L. R. Thompson  
and M. C. Hays are in Snyder  
this week as delegates from  
the Merkel Methodist church to  
the annual meeting of the  
West Texas Conference Wo-  
man's Missionary Society; Mrs.  
Thompson going up Tuesday and  
Mrs. Hays, Wednesday, the lat-  
er was accompanied on her trip  
by Bro. Hays, as far as Sweet-  
water, where he spent the day  
with friends.

Dr. Frank Armstrong came  
in this week from New Orleans  
La., where he graduated last  
year from Tulane Medical Uni-  
versity, and where he is now  
connected with one of the great  
hospitals of that city. He will  
spend some few days with  
home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes ar-  
rived in Merkel last week from  
Breckenridge, and expect to a-  
gain make this city their future  
home. Mr. Grimes will be asso-  
ciated with the Woodroof  
Bragg Co. in which firm he has  
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### Presbyterian Auxiliary

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, with a few of their friends, were delightfully entertained on last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. Bland. After all the guests had arrived, the hostess asked all to form small round groups for a round of progressive conversation. This caused quite a lot of merriment, for some very interesting and thrilling experiences of the past were told. Then lines were formed for a letter contest in which the blues were the winners. The hostess then passed paper flower pots, and asked each one to fill them with hidden flowers they would find in the rooms, for this, Mrs. Miller was presented a corsage of

roses. Delicious angel food cake, and pineapple cream was passed to the following guests: Mesdames, Wyman, Cotton, Barnett, Jas. Patterson, Boaz, H. Barnett, S. W. Johnson, Miller, Arrington, Tucker, M. Smith, Tipton, Bland, Geo. West H. C. West, Fred Rogers, Jas West, Chas. Jones, Misses Garrouette, and Shannon, and Mrs. G. J. Jones.

### Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Introduction, Irene Perry. Childhood, Mary C. Cummings. The little mill boy, Louise Booth. Deciding to be a missionary, Ava McCandless. Saling for Africa, Ima Par-rack. Beginning his travels, Avis Deavers. The visit of Stanley, Mildred Bird. Last days, Iris Garrett.

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### WHITE CHURCH NEWS By John Reynolds

The Methodist Quarterly conference was held at White Church last Wednesday. The Presiding Elder, Bro Lane from Abilene spoke to the folks Wednesday. All business was transacted during the day, and no service was held that night.

Mr. T. D. Scott and wife spent Friday night and Saturday with relatives at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West went to Merkel last Wednesday.

Mr. Pealy West went to Merkel last Thursday after a load of cow feed.

Mr. Reynolds, Arthur Wilson and Hoyt Wills went to Trent and back Saturday morning.

The play at the school house "Farm Folks" was a success in every way. The house was full of people. We were sorry indeed that we could not seat all who came. May we take this method to thank all who had a part in it, and especially to the Musicians, who played so faithfully.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, Rev. and Mrs. Riddell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Winn, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott, all from Trent, came to White Church to the play Saturday night.

Mr. Herman Doan and wife were at White Church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Niewnham Reynolds came to the play Saturday night. They went up to Mrs. West's before the play.

Uncle Bobbie Hanna came to White Church Saturday night. Jim Jarvis from Trent spent the week-end at White church.

A number of the Butman people attended the play at the school house Saturday night.

Mrs. Perry from Dora spent last week end with her mother, Mrs. H. West of White church.

### GOLAN NEWS

It has been raining so much the Creeks were all over the bottoms.

Mrs. W. C. Hill and Mrs. W. L. Davis entertained their Sunday school Classes Saturday on the river. They enjoyed the day fishing, playing and eating as they took their lunch with them.

Rev. W. H. Wheeler filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Every one enjoyed the singing Sunday afternoon at the Golan Methodist church.

Professor S. W. Turpin of Truby was seen in Golan Sunday afternoon.

Several of the young people motored to Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

Golan School will last five more weeks.

There is going to be an all day singing convention at Pledger, the 29th of this month.

They have changed "Mother's Day" from the 2nd Sunday in May to the 4th Sunday, on account of "Mother's day" at Plano, the 2nd Sunday. We understand that several from here are going over there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Lawlis are the proud parents of a new girl.

Every one enjoyed the party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Med Herron.

Prof. L. C. Morrison and wife were the guests of Wallace Hill Saturday night.—Slats.

### TO BUILD A DORMITORY AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

That the erection of a Methodist dormitory for girls at the University of Texas is now an assured fact, is the statement of Mrs. T. A. Brown, of Austin who has just returned home from the Woman's Missionary Conference at Mobile, Ala. A meeting of the representatives from each of the different district conferences of Texas will be held in Austin, May 15, and a site for the dormitory will be selected at that time. Of the \$100,000, which will come from the general centenary fund of the Methodist Church. The remaining \$34,000 has been secured from the eight district conferences of this State. It is estimated that \$15,000 will be necessary to buy a suitable site for the location of the dormitory. Austin Methodists are being depended on to furnish that amount.—Exchange.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A good span of young mules, also one horse. Joe Higgins. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good short horn Durham Male. See T. W. Neill, Trent. 20t2p

FOR SALE—A few bushels of the S. M. Fowler Kasch Cotton Seed. T. J. R. Swafford. 1t

FOR SALE—Two Grey hound pups at \$5.00 each and a pair of old dogs at \$15.00 per pair. E. C. Roy, Merkel, Rt. 5. 27t2p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good Milk Cow, also surey. See W. C. Ervin, Route 5, 27t2p

FOR SALE—Stock Cattle. 75 head of good grade cows. Phone Oto or F. S. Roberts, Nugent, Texas. 13t3p

FOR SALE—Kasch Cotton seed First Year Pedigreed. \$1.50 per bushel. Have Kitchen Cabinet, cook stove, sewing Machine and other household furnishings. The price is right. John L. Cargill, Merkel Route 5. 6t4pd

#### LOST

LOST—A Tire and Rim for a Ford Car. Thought to have been lost between Abilene and Merkel or Merkel and Trent. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. tf

LOST—An Ear screw. The ear screw is a long green one with a large round ring near the end, with silver chain ornaments on the end of that. Owner is very anxious to find same. Bring to Merkel Mail office. tf

LOST—I. X. L. School register in Merkel last Monday evening. Finder please leave at Merkel Drug Co. 1t

### LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

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Mrs. A. Y. Pemberton and Mrs. Verda Newton of Tahoka were guests this week of L. D. Matlock and family.

#### WANTED

WANTED—To arrange with some man who has a good team to drive me around rural route in buggy, when roads are too muddy for car. R. F. D. Carrier, No 4. 1tp

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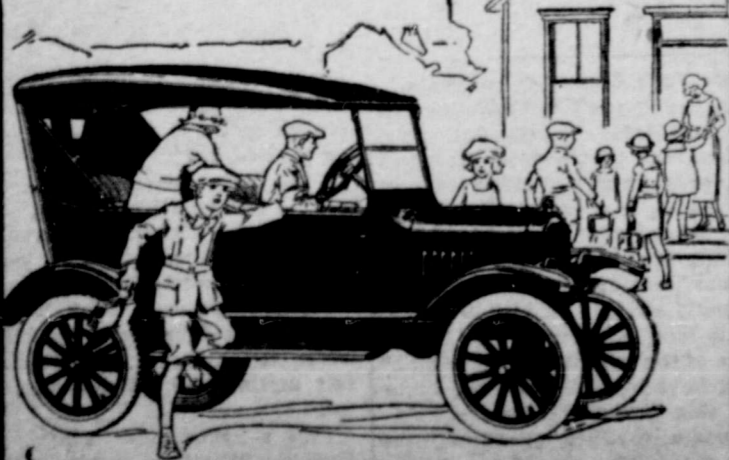
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