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On the "Broadway of America"

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MANY TEACHERS OFF TO AUSTIN TO STATE MEET

Expected that 10,000 Will Be in Attendance at Fifth Annual Convention of State Teachers Association.

A number of the teachers of the Merkel Public schools, including Superintendent Roger A. Burgess, R. B. Irvin, principal of the High school, and Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar school, will attend the fifth annual convention of the Texas State Teachers association which opens at Austin Thanksgiving day.

It is estimated that 10,000 teachers will be present.

Among the parties going from here are included:

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, who will be joined by friends from Lamesa and will visit with Mrs. Sublett's brother, Simpson Christopher, assistant attorney general;

Miss Alma Morgan, who will accompany teacher friends from Abilene;

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes, who will drive through in their car;

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Ralph Duke and Misses Helen Patterson and Jennings, the latter of Abilene, who will witness that Texas-A. & M. game at College Station first;

With Superintendent and Mrs. Burgess, Misses Mary Hughes, Evelyn Curb, Dorris Yates and Estelle Terry.

Ginnings for Week Slow Down to 163

Since the tabulation of ginnings up to Wednesday afternoon, as published in last week's issue of The Mail, only 163 bales had been ginned up to Tuesday afternoon at the seven plants here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, bringing the total for the season to 16,457 bales. Up to this time last year, 24,795 bales had been ginned at the same plants.

Taylor county cotton ginnings to November 14 this year totaled 30,657 bales, as compared with 37,055 bales for the same period last year. Mrs. Hazel St. John, county crop statistician, announced.

Dwight Swafford Doing Nicely.

Dwight Swafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford, who suffered painful injury three weeks ago when his right arm was caught in the ringer of an electric washing machine, has been at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium since Nov. 18. After an infection set in, new skin was grafted on his right arm and he is reported as doing nicely.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 28, 1913.)

Chas. Russell and Frank Hamm left Sunday afternoon for Van Horn and other places on business.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and little daughter, Billie Burk, are in Fort Worth visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. I. Gilliland.

Miss Alice Bigham is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Eskota.

Henry Hester returned home Wednesday from the Davis mountains where he has been hunting.

Mrs. Will Osborn of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mrs. H. F. Groene. Miss Louise Osborn was the guest of Miss Lillie Dean.

Miss Emma May Mashburn returned home Friday morning from Stanton where she has been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bradley of Stith visited relatives here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Phillips from Dora were visiting in our city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and

LARGENT STEER SELLS FOR ONE DOLLAR A POUND

Willie Joe Largent, who came in Sunday afternoon from Kansas City where the Largent steer, R. J. Domino 2337, was named grand champion fat steer of the show, remained until Wednesday of this week, leaving that night for Los Angeles.

The Largents will show their Herefords at the Great Western Livestock Show there this week, having shipped them from Kansas City, to arrive at Los Angeles Thursday night.

The grand champion steer of the 1933 American Royal, R. J. Domino, was sold to the Williams Meat company, Kansas City, for \$1 per pound. Last year the grand champion steer at Kansas City brought 75 cents per pound.

General Holiday For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving will be observed here generally as a holiday, with practically all of the stores being closed, except filling stations, drug stores and cafes.

The two banks and post-office will remain closed all day.

Following the custom of several years past, the public schools have been dismissed for both Thursday and Friday in order to permit the teachers to attend the state meeting at Austin.

Hunters Bring Back Trophies of Prowess

More Merkel hunters have returned during the past week from the deer country, with one or more trophies of the sport.

Gene Reese brought back two bucks; each 4-point, and Henry Wilson also claimed a 4-point buck.

Arch Rose, who went with W. E. Carr to Marthon in the Fort Bend country, picked off a 6-point buck.

Christmas Seals Into Mail Thanksgiving

Christmas seals—sale of which enables the work of the national, state and county associations toward the prevention of tuberculosis which last year claimed the lives of 10,000 American boys and girls—will go into the mails Thanksgiving day.

Plans for the Taylor county chapter drive were announced Saturday by Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, of Abilene, who has been chairman of the chapter since its organization in 1916. Letters, bearing seals and an invitation for any other individual donation, will go to 1600 citizens. For the first time, the chapter is trying to enlist support from all over the county—previously the work has been mainly local.

The seals are 1 cent each, and will be mailed out in lots of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10.

Master Charles, Jr., are in Fort Worth at the Stock Show.

Miss Mary Gunn is in Dallas this week.

Miss Lavernia McNeese is visiting her brother in Dallas this week.

Etyzel Church came in Saturday night from points east where he has been visiting relatives.

All the latest hot drinks served at Grimes Drug Store.

Miss Annie Hull spent Thanksgiving in Dallas.

RUSTICUS.

A Literary Society of the High school for boys with the following officers: president Oscar Pate; vice-president, Ennis Grimes; secretary, Stanley King; critic, Wilbur Whitaker; chaplain, Jasper Tucker; sergeant-at-arms, Taban Shannon; journalist, Choc Jones; treasurer, Britain Jobe; censor, Roy Adams. Friday afternoon the society held a debate: "Resolved that football is a menace to colleges." The affirmative side won the decision, represented by Jasper Tucker and Oscar Pate; the negative side was ably represented by Jno. Moore and Roy Adams.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Abilene Eagles and Cisco Lobos will clash Thanksgiving day at Abilene for the Oil Belt championship, with Abilene having to win or tie to cinch the title.

Three Plainview junior high school girls who had hitch-hiked to Clovis but who upon learning that a search for them was being made decided to return home, were located at Muleshoe.

In a three-way race in a special mayoralty election at Santa Anna Monday, former Mayor W. E. Baxter was elected in a write-in campaign by a plurality of 19 over his closest opponent.

Nanis T. Kendall, about 29, co-editor of the Freeport Facts, was killed in an automobile accident near Waller, while en route to Brenham to attend the Cameron-Brenham football game.

Capt. Jim Kendrick of Waco, badly injured in the wreck of a civilian conservation corps truck near Stephenville, had his right arm, which had been mangled, amputated two inches above the elbow.

Two attack planes from Kelly field smashed in mid-air near Somerset, resulting in the death of Cadet A. J. Evans, 22, of Chicago, and the escape of Cadet Allen L. Terry, 25, of Plantersville, Ala., who landed safely with his parachute.

Dennis Zimmerman of Tulsa has been named by Governor Ferguson to the board of directors of Texas Technological college, to succeed Houston Harte, San Angelo publisher, who resigned to accept a position as member of the Texas relief commission.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has appointed Guy L. Waggoner, son of W. T. Waggoner, owner of Arlington Downs, as chairman of the Texas racing commission, to succeed Frank L. Scofield, who resigned to become collector of internal revenue for the southern district of Texas.

Numbers Here From Out of Town for Mrs. Cypert's Funeral

Beautiful tribute was paid to the life and character of Mrs. W. G. Cypert in the touching sermons of Minister W. R. West, Jr., and Elder O. A. Colley, of Abilene, when friends by the hundreds gathered at the Church of Christ Friday afternoon for the funeral services.

In respect to Brother W. G. Cypert and members of the family, the stores and business houses closed during the funeral hour.

All of the children were present for the funeral. Two daughters, Mrs. George Woodrum and Mrs. Henry Bright, live here and one son, Joe. Other sons and daughters, who came from out of town, were: Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cypert, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cypert, Port Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Smith, Lubbock, and Mrs. C. V. Raughton and Mrs. Frank Cook, of Port Arthur.

Among relatives and friends present from out of town were: Mrs. Myrtle Cooper, Rochester; Mrs. Laurie Bull, Lubbock; Mrs. Alvie Travis, Post City; Mrs. Elvise Mims, Sweetwater and Mrs. Alvia La Groce Sweetwater, Haskell, nieces; H. L. Matheny, Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper, Haskell, nephews; Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff, W. M. Hope, Willis Copeland, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Pate Smith, Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harkins, Mrs. Pharis, Mrs. Billie Taylor, Miss Mollie Shannon, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harkins, Elder and Mrs. J. D. Harvey, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. McCright, Anson; Elder H. T. Harris, Elder A. R. Lawrence, Mrs. Hittie Price, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fields, Mrs. Dan Simpson, Mrs. Deck Tyler, Mrs. Bob Denton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, Abilene; W. T. Walker, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. L. E. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton McLeod and many others from Texas.

TIGERS SCORE ALL POINTS IN LAST QUARTER

Merkel Bested by Snyder, 13 to 0, in Last Game of Season; Badgers Penetrate to 9-Yard Line in Early Play.

After holding the powerful Tigers from out west for three periods, the Badgers let them open up in the last quarter to tally 13 points.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Weise, half for Snyder, slipped through the entire Badger squad for a 30-yard run and a touchdown. Extra point failed. Only a few plays later, Weise again skirted his right end for 40 yards and another score. Extra point was good.

The Badgers outplayed the Snyder boys the first three periods, but in doing so played themselves down.

Merkel threatened the Tiger goal in the opening minutes of the game, after Boaz. Merkel full back, galloped 28 yards, putting the ball on about the 25-yard line. Three plays gained only about 9 yards and the locals tried for a field goal from the 15-yard line, but the kick was wide.

Throughout the next two quarters, Merkel played in Snyder territory but could not get the extra drive for a score.

Merkel's passing attack was not clicking as it should, as they completed only 4 out of 14 passes for a gain of 39 yards.

Snyder tried three passes and all were incomplete.

In the last quarter Snyder gained 102 of their 184 yards and made 5 of their 8 first downs.

The standouts for Merkel were Boaz and Moore; for Snyder, Neil, captain and left guard, and Weise, in the back field.

The starting line-ups were: Merkel: Shannon, captain, lg; McAninch, lt; Shelton, lg; West, c; Tip-ton, rg; Carson, rt; Jones, re; Gamble q; Smith, lb; Durham, rb; Boaz, fb.

Snyder: Holliday, lg; Green, lt; Neal, captain, lg; Blakey, c; Lee, rg; Jones, rt; Blavens, re; Eiland, qb; Weisen lb; Boren, rb; Johnson, fb.

Substitutions for Merkel: Adcock for Durham; Moore for West; Evans for McAninch; McAninch for Evans; West for Moore; L. K. Carson for Jones; Patton for E. K. Carson; Higgins for L. K. Carson.

Summary of game: yards gained from scrimmage, Merkel 124, Snyder 186; yards lost, Merkel 3, Snyder 8.

First downs: Merkel 5, Snyder 8.

Penalties: Merkel, 3 for 15 yards; Snyder, 3 for 25 yards.

Score by periods:

Merkel 0 0 0 0—0

Snyder 0 0 0 13—13

Officials: Junell, S. U., umpire; Lusby, S. U., referee; Riddle, S. U.

Gain of \$100,000 in Deposits in 30 Days

A gain of \$101,570.47 in deposits in thirty days is reflected in the comparative statements of October 25, last, and November 25, as published in the advertisement of the Farmers & Merchants National bank elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Deposits, which were \$367,178.76 on the first named date, had increased by November 25 to \$468,744.23.

The aggregate of United States bonds, bills of exchange, (cotton,) cash on hand and due from banks, represented by the figure \$280,639.47 on October 25, had grown to \$408,661.03 on November 25, an increase of \$128,021.56, while the undivided profits reflected a gain from \$14,714.80 to \$18,138.58.

Loans during this thirty days decreased from \$128,237.00 to \$105,635.89, a net reduction of \$22,601.11.

In speaking of the latter, Booth Warren, cashier of the bank, stated that, while this figure represented the comparative status of loans, even a larger amount of loans had been paid in, as new loans were being made to take care of legitimate demands for credit.

Another interesting comparison is the reduction of overdrafts from \$613.30 in the first statement to \$187.50 in the latter tabulation.

FIRST WEEK CWA LOCAL PAY ROLL MORE THAN \$500

Pay roll for the first week locally under the civil works construction program, of which City Marshal P. P. Dickinson is in charge, totaled \$519.60. This was the actual amount distributed Saturday afternoon for labor on the first project under the city program, that of graveling 40 blocks of streets.

Approximately 70 men were engaged this week on similar work.

A sub-office, handling all projects and relief work in Taylor county west of Tye, has been established here by County Administrator Lloyd Thomas, with City Marshal Dickinson in charge. Headquarters office is in the north side of the Queen theatre building. Mr. Dickinson has two assistants, Misses Dorris Durham and Lona Bryan.

Cast Announced for Epworth League Play

The three act comedy entitled "Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown" will be presented by the Epworth league at the Queen theatre December 11 and 12.

The complete cast follows:

Mrs. Tubbs, Johnnie Middleton.

Mrs. Ellen Hickey, Janie Escue.

Maydel Campbell, Wanda Hunter.

Tom Riordan, A. B. Hughes.

Queen of Sheba Tubbs, Dorma Lee Shelton.

Clingie Vine Tubbs, Florene Rider.

Methusalem Tubbs, A. C. Sears.

Billie Blossom Tubbs, Marvin Hunter.

Elmira Hickey, Bonnie Church.

Simon Rubbles, Mardelle Shouse.

Jimmie Tubbs, Lewis Carson.

Ride a bicycle, come in a covered wagon, ride a mule, drive a limousine, an aeroplane or walk. The important thing is to be at the play. We're looking for you.

New Negro School House Being Built

Work began Monday morning on the new negro school house, contract for which was last week awarded to the Wm. P. Carey Lumber company. It is located in the Mexican portion of the city, about one block south of the old negro church, which has been used for school purposes in the past.

A frame building, consisting of a single room, 16x30 feet, is being erected, the cost to run about \$500.

The second Monday in December, the 11th, is the date for the opening of the negro school here. Usually from 15 to 20 pupils are enrolled and one teacher is employed.

BRUCE BARTON THE GREATEST TRIBUTE.

A few minutes later Jesus returned to the garden to find the disciples sleeping. Even so short a vigil had proved too heavy for their feebleness. In the hour of his greatest need there was no help from them. Again he went away, his spirit torn with agony. He was young, thirty-three; he did not want to die. He cried out to God that the cup might pass from his lips; that he might have time to sweep away the charges of blasphemy and evil which his enemies had heaped upon him. So he prayed, and coming back, found them again asleep.

This time he did not disturb them. The high tide of his revolt had subsided; the courage which had never deserted him throughout the three years cleared his soul, steadied his muscles.

"If it be not thy will that this cup pass from me," he prayed again, "then, Father, thy will be done."

It was the victory chant after the battle. With the calm peace of the conqueror he could make ready for the end. He had not long to wait. The soldiers were already at the entrance of the garden. He waited until the armed men stumbled into his presence and then, rising, stood before them.

"Whom seek ye?" he demanded.

Startled, awed, they could only mumble his name.

"Jesus of Nazareth."

"I am he," he answered proudly.

They had expected angry denunciation. But such calm, such dignity were beyond the boundaries of their experience. Involuntarily they gave way and, rough veterans as they were, some of them "fell to the ground." It was a supreme tribute.

Then, Jesus, thought rebounding to those who had shared his triumphs and his sacrifices through the years, "If therefore ye seek me let these others go their way."

But he had no need to think of the disciples' safety. Already they had made their swift escape—the last of the deserters—First his home town, then his best friend, then his relatives, then the crowd, finally the eleven.

He was left to face his faith alone.

On a barren hill beyond the city walls they nailed his perfect body to the cross. Two robbers were crucified with him.

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MRS. FERGUSON DOESN'T CHOOSE TO RUN AGAIN

Political Talk Rife as Governor Steps Out of Picture; May Mean Farmer Jim in Race for U. S. Senate.

Austin, Nov. 29.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, the only woman to serve this state as chief executive and sharing with Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, who was governor of Wyoming, the honor of being the first feminine head of a state government, has decided she is tired of politics.

In a formal statement Tuesday, she said she would not again aspire to the office she now holds.

However, her husband, former Governor James E. Ferguson, had not said what he would do. There has been talk that he might run against Tom Connally of Marlin, the Lone Star state's junior representative in the upper house of the national congress.

Joseph Weldon Bailey, of Dallas, one of Texas' three congressmen-at-large, already has announced for the senate.

Newspapermen have not been able to talk with the Fergusons, since the woman governor sent her crisp, unexpected announcement to the capitol press room.

James E. Ferguson, impeached governor, is eligible to get his name on the ballots as a candidate for the senate, but he cannot be an aspirant to state office, under terms of the senate verdict of 1917 that removed him from office.

No one has offered his candidacy for governor in 1934. The Ferguson term will expire January, 1935. Lieut. Governor Edgar E. Witt of Waco is expected to be a candidate. Others mentioned include Coke Stevenson of Junction, speaker of the house of representatives; James V. Allred, attorney general; Charles C. McDonald of Wichita Falls, a close friend of the Fergusons, and Maury Hughes of Dallas, chairman of the state democratic executive committee.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Caffey, of Comper, Saturday, November 25, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Martin, Monday, November 27, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Royal, residing southwest of town, Tuesday, November 28, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Caletonia Romez, residing southeast of town Wednesday, November 29, 1933.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '34—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Waldeline Huskey. Society Editor—Billy Gardner.
Assistant Editor—Rogene Dye. Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.
Joke Editor—Jack West.

THANKSGIVING.

Hey, folks, you down in the Depression, I mean! C'mon out. It's Thanksgiving! Sure you're got something to celebrate, you've got more than the Pilgrims had. They only had a few turkeys an' some corn, an' you've got lots of things. You're waitin' for the Depression to rise? Don't be foolish. Do you think the Pilgrims' troubles were all over when they first celebrated this day? No, sir; they were facing another hard, cold winter. But they had the fightin' spirit, an' they pulled through; an' you've got to have the same thing, if you ever expect to get out o' there. Start countin' up your blessin's an' you can climb right out on them. There! you ain't half as bad lookin' out here in the light as you were down there. Now, listen; an' I'll read you the Poem Editor A. Guest wrote about Thanksgiving:

"Thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue.
For the spirit of America that still is staunch and true.
For the laughter of our children, and the sunlight in their eyes,
And the joy of radiant mothers and their evening lullabies:
And thankful that our harvests wear no taint of blood today.
But were sown and reaped by toilers who were light of heart and gay.

OUR THANKFUL LIST.

The third year Spanish class is thankful because it is through with "El Rajaro Verde."
Bussy is thankful because he lettered in football; so is Mary Helen.
Clara Frances is thankful for the several past Sunday afternoons.
The Physics class is thankful because Mr. Riddle gave a test on Wednesday when he said that it would be on Thursday.
Jack West is thankful that he is Jack West.
Billie Bernice is thankful because she catches on jokes so quickly.
Mr. Riddle is thankful for his American history class.
Tommy is thankful because he has one friend who will report his conduct.
Jack Patterson is thankful because people will always have to look up to him.
Bud Gambill is thankful that he is going to get to go to the banquet.
Wanda is thankful that her mother is going to let her have a date to the banquet.
Joe Cook is thankful because he is still alive.
Caribel is thankful for a black Ford with green wheels.
Julia is thankful for her ability to draw word pictures.
Jimmy Dell Perry is thankful for two white kittens with black tails.
Willie B. is still being thankful that somebody told his mother about Eagle Brand milk.

THE SENIORS.

Billy Gardner.
Billy Gardner is just Billy Gardner. Talk about nery people, well, that girl has everybody beaten. We all like her because she's different. She has been a member of the Dramatic club for two years, a member of the Choral club for three years and this year is serving as our Society Editor. She is one of our '95 students. You see, she was valedictorian of her class when she graduated from Grammar school and she has been a very good student in her High school days. "To know her is to love her."
Neil Durham.
Neil is "one of those" line-plungers. He came here from Crane and started coming out for the Badgers. Last year he lettered and he'll receive a sweater with two stripes on it this year; that is, if he is up in his work. As he has always been a good student, were sure he'll be o. k. in his studies. The Glee club was sorry to lose him this year as he has been in the High School chorus for two years. Last year he was president of the Glee club and president of the Sophs. This year he is

in the Dramatic club. Every one will miss "Scotty."

BY THESE YOU SHALL KNOW THEM.

Sarah's wearing a red and green striped coat.
Bud Gambill's whistling a little tune (to himself.)
L. V.'s making signs while he is talking.
Bussie in a red shirt.
Jack Patterson and Kennedy's going to the study hall from American History.
Kennedy's "showing off" just any time.
Arthur Wiman's imitating Mae West.
Ruth Smith saying "Hello, Cousin" to someone.
Waldeline's trying to find something to put in the paper.
Jack West's coming to the fourth period library and wanting something to read.
Vernon's getting angry because he can't go to the library.
Billie Bernice's trying to keep the Pep Squad together.
Annie Lee and Rogene's telling jokes.
George Neil's getting tickled in bookkeeping class.
Caribel's laughing and talking.
Margaret's being a bookkeeper for Miss Patterson.
Kenneth's driving what he calls a "wreck."
Lynn's wanting a date to the banquet. He has one—believe it or not.

PEP NEWS.

The football season is nearly over and the Pep Squad is still full of pep. We sincerely hope that the whole High school has enjoyed our football games as much as the Pep girls have. Some of the Senior girls who are saying good-bye to football games in Merkel High school want to offer these things to the underclassmen, on the conditions that they use them as efficiently as the Seniors did.
Caribel will her strong lungs and dilapidated chewing gum to Billy Bernice, provided that she uses the former on L. V. only. She can do as she pleases with the chewing gum. It's really full of holes and of little use any longer.
Billy Gardner most graciously gives to Sis Gamble her pretty Pep Squad suit, which she may alter as she sees "fit." Billy says for her to be sure it doesn't vamp those long-legged dark and handsome men too much.
Lois wills to Mary Frances her charge account at the store, provided she doesn't use it any time except at football games.
Wanda wills to Betty Lou her ability to do the square dance when Merkel makes a touchdown. Please don't misuse this and don't forget "the fiddler" ???
Rogene wills to Etoile her pretty golden locks that vamp so many out-of-town boys. This is very dangerous; so don't let it interfere with the Pep Squad during games.
Sarah gives her dates to the banquet to Jane.
Then, last but not least by any means:
Annie Lee wills (very, very willing-

ly) to Miss Helen Patterson a better and more refined Pep Squad when the Seniors are taken out.

Boys, don't forget the big event of the year, our football banquet!

PEP RALLY.

On Friday, Nov. 24, there was a short pep rally in chapel. Yells and songs were led by Annie Lee Owen, Billie Bernice Gambill and Caribel Mansfield. Several speeches were made by teachers and football boys.

On November 21 in the Grammar School auditorium Mr. Wm. Poluhni, magician, who was assisted by his wife and his son, Johnny, gave a program of music with chimes and Swiss bells and tricks. His number on the bells were "Varlaschen," "Massa's in De Cold, Cold Ground," "Nearer My God To Thee," and "Old Time Medley." On the Chimes he played "The Rosary" and the German anthem. He did many interesting and baffling psychological tricks and also many slight-of-hand tricks.

HUMOROUS.

Miss Patterson: "Did you take a bath this morning?"
Bussie: "No, is there one missing."
"B-A-N-G!" went the rifles at the manoeuvres.
"Ooooooo!" screamed the pretty girl, a nice decorous, surprised little scream. She stepped backwards into the arms of a young man.
"Oh," she said, blushing. "I was frightened by the rifles, I beg your pardon."
"Not at all," replied the young man. "let's go over and watch the artillery."

Oscar: "But, my dear, you know the old proverb, 'Love is blind.'"
Myretta: "Yes, but the neighbors aren't, so pull down the shades."

Mark Anthony may have been no poker sharp, but he held some pretty hands in his days.

Caribel: "What shall we do?"
L. V.: "Anything you like."
Caribel: "Oh, but mother might see us."

BRUCE BARTON

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It was over. And yet—
"Jesus." It was the voice of one of the robbers. "Jesus", he says painfully, "remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdom!"
Read that, oh men, and bow your heads. There have been leaders who could call forth enthusiasm when their fortunes ran high. But Jesus, when his enemies had done their worst, so bore himself that a crucified felon looked into his dying eyes and saluted him as king.

The End.

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As of October 25, 1933 and November 25, 1933.

RESOURCES	Oct. 25, 1933	Nov. 25, 1933
Loans, Time and Demand	\$128,237.00	\$105,635.80
Overdrafts	613.30	187.05
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00	6,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00	2,250.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds, Cotton.		
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	280,639.47	408,661.03
	\$438,138.56	\$543,132.76
LIABILITIES	Oct. 25, 1933	Nov. 25, 1933
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	14,714.80	18,138.53
Circulation Account	6,250.00	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE	NONE
DEPOSITS	367,173.76	468,744.23
	\$438,138.56	\$543,132.76

The above statements are correct.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

For this substantial increase in our deposits, for the loyalty of all our new customers and our old friends, for every good thing that has come our way—we are indeed thankful and are glad to join the other business houses and the citizenship of Merkel in observing a day of sincere THANKSGIVING.

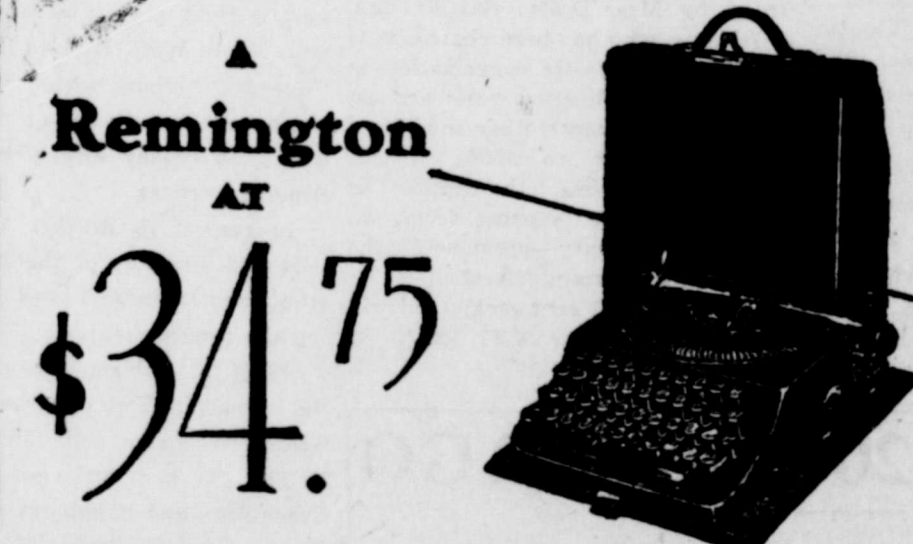
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WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Sixteenth Installment.

Synopsis: Ruth Warren, who lived in the East, is willed three-fourth interest in the "Dead Lantern" ranch in Arizona by her only brother who is reported to have met his death while on business in Mexico. Arriving in Arizona with her husband who has ailing lungs and their small child, they learn that the ranch is located 85 miles from the nearest railroad. Old Charley Thane, rancher and rural mail carrier agrees to take them to the "Dead Lantern" gate, 5 miles from the ranch house. As they trudge wearily through a gulch approaching the ranch house, a voice whispers "Go back! . . . Go back!" At the ranch house they are greeted suspiciously by the gaunt rancher partner, Snavelly, and Indian Ann, a bercelean woman of mixed negro and Indian blood. Snavelly is difficult to understand but regardless, Ruth takes up the task of trying to adjust their lives to the ranch and its development. Kenneth, Ruth's husband, caught in chilling rain contracts pneumonia and passes away before a doctor arrives. Ruth tries to carry on. She is not encouraged by Snavelly in plans to try and stock the ranch or improve it. She writes to her father in the East asking a loan with which to buy cattle. She receives no reply. Will Thane comes home to visit his father . . . and Ruth meets him. A rancher nearby decides to retire and offers to sell Ruth and Snavelly his livestock on credit. Snavelly tries to balk the deal but Ruth buys to the limit of her three-quarter interest in Dead Lantern ranch.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Might be a good idea," said Snavelly slowly, as they rode up to the remains of the cow which lay at the mouth of the gully.

Snavelly dismounted and examined the cow. Ruth sat on her horse, watching. "Say!" he said in a surprised voice, "it might be—no. Never heard of that in this country." He came toward the horses, shaking his head in perplexity.

"What do you think it might be?"

"I ain't saying yet—have to see another one or two. But if it's what it looks like—Hm. Snavelly lapsed into silence as he and Ruth rode on. Finally the girl said, "Don't be so mysterious—please, if you think you know what's wrong, tell me!"

"Well, I ain't saying yet, but if it's what it looks to be it's a lucky thing I'm here. I reckon I'm the only n an in this country that's had to do with that sickness. 'Liver fever,' I've heard it called in Texas—nobody knows what it is. Very uncommon."

Mr. Snavelly's worst suspicions were confirmed after the next examination. He looked up. "It's liver fever, sure enough!"

"What shall we do—will the whole herd get it?"

"I've got the cure for it. We're mighty lucky to find out about it so soon. It's easy, dead easy, to cure, but if we let it go it'll clean out every animal on this ranch an' out of this section of the country. It's a very rare an' uncommon sickness, liver fever is, but I can cure it." Snavelly's eyes glistened eagerly. "I had occasion in Texas with a herd that near died of it—nobody, no vet'nary, nor smart man could do a thing. Just when things was worst an old nigger man came into camp an' said he could cure all them as was left. He done it—not a single animal died after old Jake doctor'd them."

"How?"

"He just put a little medicine in the water they drunk, that's all. I got five pounds of that medicine for a dollar a pound an' I still got it. I can put that medicine in the water an' there won't be no more deaths."

"What is the medicine?"

"I don't rightly know. Old Jake wouldn't tell, an' it don't make no difference what it is. You come back to the barn with me, an' we'll start right in doctorin' the water."

At the barn Snavelly rummaged among the litter of the medicine shelf and produced a Quaker Oats box nearly full of a dirty white powder. "Here she is," he smiled broadly. "The very same stuff. A good big cupful in each repress'll stop the sickness—nary a cow'll die from tonight on."

Ruth was plainly skeptical. "If you're sure it will help. Mr. Snavelly, we'll certainly put it in the water. But at the same time we'll get a vet'nary."

"There ain't a bit of use of getting a vet., Mrs. Warren. This stuff is certain. All knowledge ain't stuck in the

vest pocket of scientific folks. Why, that old nigger claimed this was discovered in Africa—the only place they have liver fever common—an' for nobody knows how many years the savages have used this same medicine. A thing that's been used by people for a thousand years an' found to work, don't need no doctors to help it none."

"Well, we'll try it tonight, if you like, but I wish you'd leave for town in the morning—you know we have to have supplies anyway"

Snavelly rode away with his box of medicine and returned about nine that evening. After he had eaten he came to Ruth's door and knocked. "I've put some in every repress. Mrs. Warren, and in the corral troughs and in the troughs by the spring—"

Ruth opened her door and stepped outside. For David had just gone to sleep. "Have you seen Francisco and Alfredo? They found seven more dead this afternoon—there are buzzards circling all along the foothill gullies. Please start to town early—if any machines pass, you ask them to send out a vet'nary as soon as they reach town."

"Mrs. Warren!" Snavelly fixed her with narrowed eyes. "I know the medicine will stop the sickness!" The momentary steadiness of his eyes gave way to their customary jerking, and he walked toward his room.

Ruth did not quite know what to do. "Mrs. Warren"—Snavelly stopped at his own door and his manner softened—"I know how you're worried an' if I didn't know the danger was over, I'd start for town now. Now listen here—if we find one fresh dead cow after tonight, I'll get your vet'nary. I'm saying this 'cause I know the sickness will stop, an' I ain't goin' a-foggin' into town for no vet'nary who couldn't do nothin' after he got here."

Ruth stood thinking. She was not at that moment so very afraid of Snavelly. Still . . . Anyway, she had his word; one more dead animal. And in three days Old Charley would be going into town. If need be, she could ask him to send out a vet'nary.

The following day five more dead animals were found, but none recently dead. Ruth tallied the bulls and found only one, Number Six, missing. She crossed his number from her list. So far she had lost eighteen head, about one thousand dollars. For all she knew, that thousand dollars might mean the failure to meet her note. Certainly, if many more cattle died she could not meet it.

But no more cattle died. For a week every one anxiously watched for buzzards but the great birds had grown more scarce and not a single new death was reported. Ruth's relief was unbounded and Snavelly's eyes glistened triumphantly.

The day came when Snavelly was setting out for town. Ruth spoke to him just as he was leaving. "I wish you'd take some of that medicine with you and see if you can't get it analyzed—go to a druggist and if he can't tell what it is, get some more."

Snavelly nodded. "That's a good idea—I'll sure do it. We ain't got much left; but I don't think we'll have any more trouble. I'm just a mite worried about the stock in the north pasture—they feed along the foothills a heap an' you know it was foothill feeders that got took bad. We ain't found no sickness down on the meadows. I'll take a little of that powder into town but maybe we'll better put some in the spring troughs. I ain't done that lately. Better put some in tonight—there's a lot of feeders grazin' waterin' at them troughs."

That evening Ruth reached up to the medicine shelf, found the partly filled cardboard box and poured a small amount in a cup. At the troughs she turned the water off so that the medicine would not be diluted during the night, poured in the powder and returned to the barn for her Spanish lesson. She hoped fervently that Snavelly could obtain more of the medicine and, if not, decided that she would send a sample to Will—surely

some laboratory in Los Angeles would analyze it.

As she and David and Alfredo were leaving the next morning for the day's riding, they chanced to go into the pasture by way of the spring troughs. It was early, and the advance guard of the herd was just coming over a distant hill for their first drink of the day, when the riders reached the troughs.

Only the cows, two calves, and a yearling steer had already watered. The six animals lay within a hundred feet of the troughs. All but the steer were dead.

For the next five hours, Ruth, Ann, and the two Mexicans labored vainly with the dying steer. It is neither easy nor pleasant to treat animals for poisoning; for according to the actions of the steer and the Cattle Breeder's Guide it had been poisoned. When the steer was dead, Ruth went to the medicine shelf. Standing on a sack of rolled barley which lifted her eyes to the level of the shelf, she discovered that there were two Quaker Oats boxes, each containing a whitish powder. On the outside of one box was scrawled in pencil, "for liver fever;" the other box had a poison label "Cyanide" Ruth held a box in each hand, looking from one to the other—for the life of her, she could not tell which she had taken from the shelf the evening before.

Old Charley sat upon his horse, leaning slightly forward, his belligerent eyes on a thin thread of smoke which came from a clump of oak and mesquite, half a mile beyond the eastern boundary of his ranch. He had just noticed that thread of smoke. The old man rode to the top of a small hill, over which the fence passed, dismounted and, kicking off his chaps, studied a mesquite tree which served as a post in the fence. Then, with much grunting and many scandalous remarks regarding thorns he hauled his heavy body part way up the tree. From his new position he could see the origin of the smoke. One look told him much and his remarks increased in volume and temperature as he descended.

The land from which the thread of smoke arose was free land—govern-

ment homestead land. It joined the Thane ranch on the west and the Dead Lantern property on the north, extending eastward as far as the highway. Since Will had been a boy, Old Charley had planned for him to use his homestead rights to acquire this excellent piece of property. It would make a wonderful pasture—deep in grass and shade and having several natural sites for watering places. But when Will had come of age he was in college. And when he finished college he went into business—never did Will have six continuous months during which he could live on this property, make the required improvements, and so become owner of it.

And now it appeared that some confounded foreigner was intent on taking this property away from Will! Old Charley dropped his horse's reins over a post and crawled through the fence. He was going to pay his would-be neighbor a call.

He stopped about fifty feet from the shack. The setting sun threw deep shadows under the oak trees. The single window was open, but the old man could see nothing within. From the

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Red Cross workers under the direction of Miss Missie Dye as chairman have about completed the annual roll call drive here, but a complete report of memberships is not available at this time, as some of the workers have not completed their territory.

Announcement of the opening of the Merkel creamery, C. E. Conner, proprietor, was made this week. Mr. Conner has secured the sheet metal building formerly used as a cafe on the new gin lot and has located his cream station just west of the post-office.

County Honor Roll

ELM GROVE SCHOOL.
Lucille Bates, seventh grade, made the county honor roll for the first month with an average of 90.

The Elm Grove school has organized a "Good English Club." The purpose of the club is to learn to speak and write correctly. The following officers were elected: Bernice Atkins, president; Lucille Bates, vice-president, and George Atkins, secretary.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all our friends who were kind and helpful in the death of our beloved baby, we want to express our heartfelt thanks. To Rev. Ernest Dowell we are indeed grateful for his words.

May God's richest blessing rest upon each and everyone of you.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil James and Relatives.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank our dear friends and neighbors for the many deeds of kindness shown our beloved wife and mother during her illness and for the many evidences of love and sympathy extended us in our bereavement; also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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Baptist W. M. S. in All-Day Meeting on Friday, December 9

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The following program is to be rendered:

Hymn.
Devotional.
Discussion of theme, "Christmas for Christ," Rev. C. R. Joyner.
Prayer.
Duet, Misses Edith Baker and Rev. C. R. Joyner.

"A project of faith," Mrs. McCandless.

"126 A. D. in China versus 1933 in U. S. A.," Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Prayer for missionaries.
Hymn.

"Baptist work in Palestine and Syria," Mrs. Everett King.

"Observations as to Rumanian women," Mrs. Dent Gibson.

"The Italian Mission's needs," Mrs. Meeks.

Hymn.
"New life in Ancient Lentino," Mrs. O. R. Dye.

Prayer.
"One in a Million," Mrs. C. R. Joyner.

"Mission work in Mexico," Mrs. Clarence Perry.

"There is a striking difference," Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Noon, (12 until 1 o'clock.)
Devotional, Mrs. W. B. Stevens.

Solo, Mrs. Yates Brown.
"Baptist handicaps and victories in Chile," Miss Valerie Dye.

"Lord, teach us to pray as we ought," Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

"Conversions in Uruguay," Mrs. Carson.

"A W. M. U. in Brazil," Mrs. Watford.

Hymn.
"A W. M. U. field worker's experience in Brazil," Mrs. Ted McGehee.

"Why the name, 'Lottie Moon Christmas' offering," Mrs. T. E. Collins.

All of the ladies of the church are urged to come and enjoy the program and fellowship and help make this a fruitful day in our Master's work.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Leroy Jenkins entertained in honor of her little daughter, Laverne's sixth birthday on last Friday afternoon from four to six. The little honoree was the happy recipient of many pretty presents which were opened and admired. Games were played until the refreshment hour when the beautiful white birthday cake topped with six pink candles, was cut and served with hot chocolate to Laverne Jenkins, Gertrude Lou Poe, Maurine Steele, Ada Belle Steele, Robert Denn Hobbs, Pauline Pangie, Francis Foster, Joyce Marie Webb, Mary Margaret Boden, Jerry Jenkins, Charles Edward Williams, Abie Turner, Norma Jewell Jenkins, T. C. Jenkins, Shirley Ann Sharp, Peggy Sue Williams, Bobbie Nellie Jenkins, Jo Anna Sless, Billie Jene Grayson, Donald Le Roy Jenkins and Billie Jean Foster.

SHOWUP.

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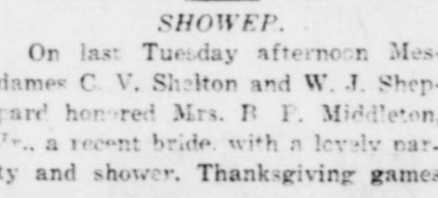
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Fred G. Brunk's comedians, becoming increasingly popular in West Texas towns, will make a one-week stand in Merkel under auspices of the Fire department beginning next Monday night, December 4.

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Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 15th day of Nov. A. D. 1933.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carr spent the week-end in Stephenville, visiting her brother.

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey has as her guest her mother, Mrs. G. R. Cathey, of Coleman.

Mrs. A. F. Morgan, of Greenville is here to spend Thanksgiving with relatives and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler were week-end visitors with Dr. Sadler's mother in Palestine.

J. F. Merritt of Comper returned from Dallas where he has been taking X-ray cancer treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett had as their guests last week-end Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Orr of Amarillo are here visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Orr, and sister, Miss Sallie Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and family and Mrs. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Jr., spent the week-end in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Grayson have as their guests Mrs. Grayson's son, Jesse Woodward, and his son, from Waco.

Mrs. W. L. Cash, who has been the recent guest of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Stevens, has returned to her home at Christoval.

Travis Green, Richard Jenkins and Tensely Rainwater, all of Snyder, were dinner guests Friday night of Miss Floy Welles.

Misses Thelma, Ethel and Irene Sprouse and Mr. Talmadge Greene, of Putnam, visited Miss Elizabeth Webster Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. C. Williams left Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, at Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conner of Dallas visited in the homes of V. L. Merritt and A. J. Sharp Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Conner will be remembered as Miss Winnie Bayles.

Mrs. G. R. Holloway, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Owens and their son, George Mack Owens, left Wednesday for Wichita Falls where they will visit Mr and Mrs. Henry Boden.

Mrs. John G. Key of Winters, who had been the guest of her daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, returned home Tuesday. The wife was accompanied by Mrs. Case, who will spend the week there.

Mrs. Sidney Foy, whose condition was considered critical for several days following an operation, was sufficiently recovered Monday to be moved from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium to the home of her parents here.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Foster and little son, Glenn, of Abilene were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Joe Boone of Hernaligh spent the week-end with friends and relatives.

Earl Rogers, who has been employed in M. G. Scott's grocery store, has gone to San Angelo to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bailey and children were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts and family.

Mrs. Bud Weisser and two children of Hamlin spent last week with Mrs. Ed Sherman and family.

Mrs. Iman Fowler and two children and Mrs. Raymond Simmons of Pampa are here for an extended visit with their mother, Mrs. Maggie Walker.

Mrs. Jack Bright, who has been visiting in Decatur, has returned home.

Mr. Adecock and Miss Adecock were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dudley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Dudley spent Saturday in Lawn. They were accompanied by Mr. Adecock, who is planning on visiting there.

Misses Lois Powell and Ann Bell Bailey spent the week-end in Abilene.

Mrs. Bessie Billings, accompanied by Mrs. L. C. Whitaker and two children and Miss Cora Scott, all of Abilene, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanny Jones and son of Rule visited relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and children of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep.

W. Y. Stoen and Homer Terry of Clyde were attending to business and visiting friends here Monday.

Miss Jewell Boswell and Mr. Fate Bird of Abilene were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Boswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Rade Archer and baby son were visitors in our city one day last week.

Mrs. Royce Dowdy and Mrs. Cal Hamner are making an extended visit in the valley.

Mrs. G. Boswell had as her guest last week her mother, Mrs. W. A. McCandless, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pruitt of Edgewood were recent visitors here. They had been to Oklahoma and were returning home.

Miss Leona Lowrie and Mrs. Davis of Abilene were passing guests in the home of Mrs. J. E. Bowers Wednesday afternoon.

O. T. Gabbert and Mrs. J. E. Aldridge of Winters were passing guests in the G. E. Gabbert home. They were en route to Lubbock.

Mrs. Claude Mathews spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swafford of Blair.

Mrs. Ray Mathews and Wylie Solers of Cheyenne, Okla., were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman last week.

PRICE-FORRESTER.

On Friday, November 17, Miss Forrest Forrester, charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester, pioneer settlers, was married to Granville Price of Roby. Mrs. Price has been teaching in the Roby schools for the past several years and has a host of friends and schoolmates here who wish for them a happy married life.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Home Demonstration club met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. A. C. Wash. The members voted to draw numbers and on every second Wednesday quilt a quilt for a member, the time being designated by the number that each member drew.

Mrs. G. O. Pries, Mrs. Frank Benuels, Mrs. J. A. Glasscock, Mrs. Bert Fincher and Mrs. Guy McCarty, all of Abilene, demonstrated five different kinds of Christmas candies. Those present were: Mesdames A. C. Wash, Ed Burks, A. W. Woods, T. L. Stevens, John Strawn, M. G. Scott, Tom Williamson, R. L. Reeves, Churchwell, Roy Stewart, C. C. McRee, McDonald, Connie Sorelle, Garland Franks, Jay Causseaux, and Misses Dolie Walsh, Fama Maud Johnson and the home economics teacher, Miss Lois Powell, and her pupils, Misses Gladys Hamner, Ida V. Etep, Louise Allyn, Doreen Scott, Maimie Lee Kilgore, Odessa McDonald and Idell Cooper.

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"May we ask guidance in more surely learning the ancient truth that greed and selfishness and striving for undue riches can never bring lasting happiness or good to the individual or to his neighbors.

"May we be grateful for the passing of dark days; for the new spirit of dependence one on another; for the closer unity of all parts of our wide land; for the greater friendship between employers and those who toil, for a clearer knowledge by all nations that we seek no conquests and ask only honorable engagements by all peoples to respect the lands and rights of their neighbors; for the brighter day to which we can win through by seeking the help of God in a more unselfish striving for the common betterment of mankind.

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NOODLE H. D. C. NEWS.

On a tour of the eastern part of Jones county, made Friday, Nov. 17, to homes of pantry demonstrators in that section of the county, the Noodle club women noted some excellent achievements in the food line.

Most all of the pantries were built and filled according to specified requirements.

Pantries inspected on this tour were those of Mrs. Ella B. Glenn, of Stamford, where ten cars of women and a few men started the tour; Mrs. Carlton, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Williams, Avoca, and Mrs. Claud Harrell, Swan's chapel.

To Mrs. W. C. McDaniels of Hawley goes the honor of having won the first place in county contest, winning a \$7.00 cash prize. We reached her home at noon and by the assistance of the members of her club were served a most appetizing lunch of turkey and all accessories, all of which we, (75 or more) appreciated very much.

After lunch we proceeded to the homes of Mrs. D. S. Taylor, Hollis Hill, Mrs. Sid Womack, Pleasant Hill, and Mrs. C. H. Heald, Anderson chapel. From there we went to Mrs. J. G. Heald's home to view her poultry and wardrobe. Mrs. Heald, it will be remembered, won No. 1 clothing contest of the state held at College Station in July.

With Mrs. J. M. Williams as pantry demonstrator and Mrs. Carl Bonneau as wardrobe demonstrator, the Noodle club expects to accomplish great things in the year 1934.

Those attending Friday's events from Noodle club were: Mesdames J. M. Williamson, E. B. Reece, V. E. Spurgin, A. C. Sosebee, Finis Bell, L. R. Cade, R. C. Goode and V. L. Merritt.

UNION RIDE CLUB NEWS.

The Home Demonstration club met in regular session Friday, November 17. Mrs. W. A. Harris, the new president, called the house to order. The following committees were appointed: finance, Mrs. S. O. Patton, Mrs. Dub Derstine and Mrs. Wes Derstine; program, Mrs. Fred Guitar, Mrs. Marvin-Douglas and Mrs. Earl Harwell.

Mrs. Fred Guitar sent in her resignation as council member. It was accepted and Mrs. Pierre Horton was elected to take her place.

At the next meeting the following program will be given: Roll call: "Tell how an inexpensive home-made Christmas gift can be made."

Each one bring a Christmas gift that is easily made.

Demonstration of Christmas candies, Miss Chambers.

Christmas decoration for the home, Ruby Patton.

The Home Demonstration club will meet Friday afternoon, Dec. 1, in the home of Mrs. Arch Harris, with Mrs. Harris and Miss Blanche Carey acting as hostesses. The time has been changed from 3 o'clock to 2 o'clock. We are expecting Miss Chambers to be with us. Each member is to bring an inexpensive Christmas gift that is easily made.

The club is proud of its president. She is interested in the work and is always willing to do her best and we know she will make a very good president. Our club has been organized about five months and has between twenty and twenty-five members. Each one is interested and striving to make the club a big success. Those who do not belong are missing a lot.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club held a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mrs. W. E. Petty, Thursday, November 23. Miss Caroline Chambers assisted several of the club members in serving an elaborate dinner in courses. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, turkey, dressing, potato salad, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, celery, pickles, nuts, pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream, and coffee.

Club members present were: Mesdames Ollie Higgins, W. C. Lee, J. S. Pinckley, Luther, L. B. McClain, Guy McClain, H. B. Robertson, Angus Garvin, Jess Higgins, Roy Harwell, Nim Teaff, W. E. Petty, Misses Selena Teaff, Celia Hester, Gladys Petty and Ruth Pinckley. Visitors were Miss Chambers, Mrs. Tom Turner of Centerline and Mrs. Sheppard of Salt Branch.

The next meeting will be a Christmas tree party in the home of Mrs. John L. Jones, December 21.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mr. Tom Henderson was pleasantly surprised last Sunday with a birthday dinner prepared by Mrs. Clifford Eoff and Mrs. Claude Smith at the home of Mrs. Eoff.

Turkey and all its accessories were served at noon to several guests.

Piano and radio music were enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

Those present were: Mr. Hender-

son, Thomas Atwell and Ina Fay Henderson, Mrs. Claude Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff, Algie and I. J. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell and sons visited with the latter's mother, Mrs. S. A. White, of Abilene, who celebrated her eighty-first birthday Saturday.

Evelyn Latimer was this week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathews of Nubia. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews with their charming little daughter, Willie Pearl, attended services at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Francis Russell, who is attending Simmons university, was accompanied home by her friend, Miss Nell Riney, of Abilene. Mrs. S. A. White and two daughters, Misses May and Ethel, of Abilene, were interesting guests also of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears visited with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, and family, of Valera, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins enjoyed a week-end visit from relatives from Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Pank Loper and sons of Hermleigh were midweek guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Several from here have been attending the bedside of Mrs. Jim Moore at the Baptist sanitarium and are glad indeed to report her doing fairly well at this writing.

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crazy chimney of stove pipe on the roof came a thin column of smoke. Near the door stood a box holding a washbasin. There was a splash of water on the side of the box.

"Hello, neighbor!" called Old Charley.

A frying pan dropped to the floor with a clatter, but no other response came from the house. Then, as he was about to call again, a cloth curtain dropped behind the window, as though released by the jerk of a string.

Old Charley frowned and went toward the shack.

He banged on the door. "Say, in there, I've got a message for you—from a friend."

"I ain't got no friend sendin' me no messages!" The voice behind the door rasped roughly. "What d'yuh want, stranger?"

Old Charley almost abandoned the moonshiner hypothesis—moonshiners are more inquisitive about messages from friends. However, he tried again.

The old man frowned. "My name's Thane—I own the ranch, here, and I

though I'd see who's living in this shack."

"Like hell you own this land! I'm ownin' it myself, come another five months! I done paid my visit to the land office, Mister, and I don't feel like openin' no door. Don't like to talk noways—fat people don't agree with me."

"What! Why, you low—"

"Yeah," interrupted the voice, "and

besides, I'm gettin' my supper so why don't you be a nice little fat man and get th' hell off my property—hub?"

Old Charley's face was the color of a well-done ham. He hit the door with a tremendous blow of his fist. "Open this!"

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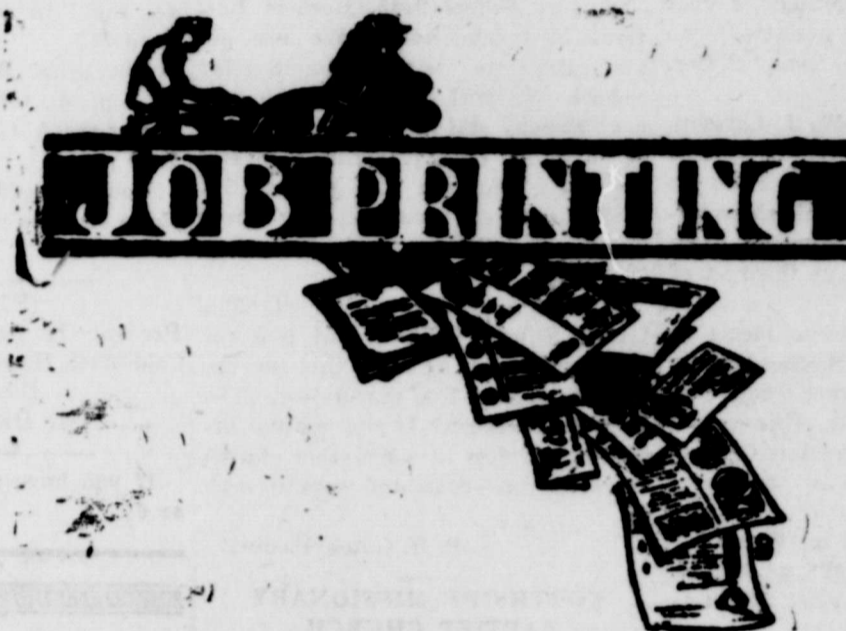
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CHURCH SERVICES

Sermon by Rev. Gates For Union Service

Sunday evening the Union Thanksgiving service was held at the Baptist church. Brother Gates, the new Methodist pastor, preached on the 106th Psalm, verses 7, 13, 21, 45. He emphasized the fact that during our years of prosperity we forgot to give thanks to God. Brother Gates impressed his hearers as an able preacher and a very sincere man.

Miss Christine Collins had charge of the music and a special number that everyone enjoyed to the fullest was an octette sung by some of the best singers from all the churches.

Sunday morning Brother Joyner preached to a large audience on "Christ's Constraining Love." 2 Cor. 5:4.

Our superintendent W. J. Larrent, came in Sunday evening and will be with us over Wednesday. He is on his way to Los Angeles with his show cattle. He will be there two weeks, after which he will be with us the rest of the winter.

The B. T. S. convention meets at Mineral Wells from Wednesday to Saturday. Brother Joyner and his daughters, Misses Lona, Emma and Helen Joyner, and Misses Iris Gerritt and Margaret Miller are delegates from this church.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. Subject: "When is Life a Success?" "The highest good." George Watford.

"Fame," Nadine Clack.
"Pleasure," Pauline Joyner.
"Wealth," Reaborn King.
"Service," Rachael Patterson.
Time, 6 p. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE The six Sunday Schools in Mer-

kel reported 875 present last Sunday, as compared with 795 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 607.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 o'clock. If not in Sunday School elsewhere, we would be glad to have you join one of our classes.

Preaching at 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening sermon at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
Sunday School 9:45. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. We are anxious that you be in our Sunday School. We will be looking for you next Sunday and in your class, and if you have not been attending come and there is a class for you. We had 294 last Sunday. If you will come next Sunday we will go over the 300 mark. Let's do it.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Lord's Supper." We would like for the membership to be in this service.

Preaching at 7 a. m. subject, "The Day of Pentecost." If you are not attending services at some other church we invite you—come and worship with us.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

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Brother Armstrong preached for us at Merkel and from what the people tell me he preached two fine sermons. The young people are also giving us some fine lessons on the Bible.

Remember we have preaching every Saturday night.

We are asking everybody to memorize the 20th chapter of Revelations. Everyone welcome to our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
There will be no preaching services Sunday as the pastor is in Cisco in attendance on the annual assembly. Sunday School and all other services as usual.
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Services for next week are as follows: Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's Day. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The subject for the 11 o'clock service will be "The Mission of the Church;" for the 7:15 service, "Where are the dead?"

The usual Bible study Wednesday at 7 p. m., followed by a sermon by one of the A. C. C. young preachers at 7:30 p. m.

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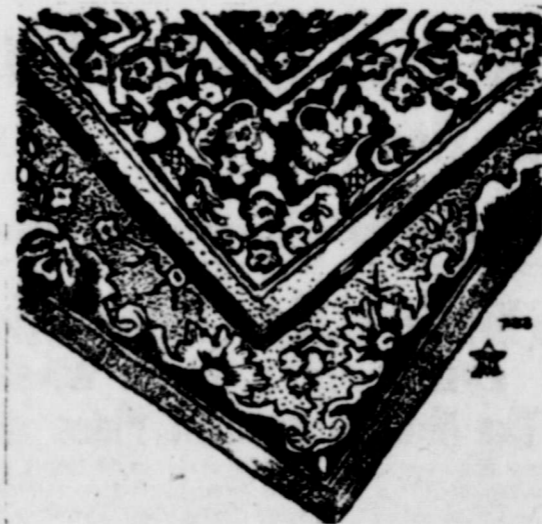


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