

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Dramatic club met on Friday, December 8. The hosts were Neil Durham, L. C. Evans, Bessylea Church, Harriet Rogers, Helen Joyner, Margaret Miller, Sarah Sheppard and Vivian Lasater.

The program was as follows:
Fortune March, led by Miss Martin.

Christmas story, Pauline Lasater.
Contest, directed by Neil Durham.
Five minute talks:
"The Theatre and Its Aim," Billy Gardner.

Pantomimes, directed by Ted McGehee, Clara Lee Peterson, Waldeline Huskey and Jimmie Dell Perry.

Before going to see the play, "Christmas Awakening," Lois Whiteley gave an introduction. The cast included Bessylea Church, Lois Whiteley, Jesse Margaret Berry, Howard Carson, Beon Harrell, Neil Durham and L. C. Evans. This was one of the best plays that have been given for the club.

After refreshments of cherry pie and olives were served, there was a short business meeting, with Neil Durham, vice-president, presiding. Forty members answered to roll call.

OUR SENIORS.

Wanda Hunter.
We wouldn't have to have a "write-up" about Wanda to make you remember her. We know you will never forget the little brunette who always had a smile for everyone whom she met. She has been a member of the Choral club for three years, and this year she is in the Dramatic club. This year she served as reporter of the Pep Squad. When you went to a ball game, you could always depend on Wanda's backing those Badgers.

T. G. Pruitt.
T. G. comes to Merkel on the bus. We're proud of the bus' bringing him in to be one of our Seniors. He is a friend to everyone who knows him. He is getting acquainted with M. H. S., and we hope that by now he feels that he is one of us.

AS WE WERE SAYING.
You can always tell a Senior By the medals on his breast.
You can always tell a Junior By his energy and zest.
You can always tell a Sophomore By his action, words and such.
You can always tell a Freshman But you cannot tell him much.

A STORY AND A MORAL.
A naturalist once divided an aquarium with a bass in one section and minnows in the other. At first the bass would strike every time a minnow came to the glass partition. After several days of fruitless lunging, which netted him only bruises, he ceased his efforts and subsided on the food that was dropped in.

Then the naturalist removed the glass partition. The minnows swam all around the bass, but he did not strike at a single one. He was thoroughly sold on the idea that business was bad.

Moral—Take another shot at the glass partition. Maybe it isn't there any more.

YE OLDE KITCHENETTE-EGGE AND WHITE.

French Vanilla Ice Cream.
Take shells of 12 eggs and throw in garbage, adding two evaporated milk cans and what leftovers you happen to have on hand. Now beat two quarts of tepid water until right arm is paralyzed and then season with a heaping pinch of soap flakes. Wash hands and face, getting well behind the ears. Next dry thoroughly, put on hat and coat and go to the nearest drug store, laying fifty cents on the counter. This will give you a delightfully smooth ice cream that will not be below the legal standard required of resident students desiring credits toward a new fur coat.

We guarantee our recipes to be kitchen tested and absolutely accurate. Send us your favorite recipes, especially Christmas suggestions, and let us pass them on to others. We will also answer any problems or requests you might ask. The editor will be glad to deliver letters or notes directly to Miss Egge. Miss Egge is a graduate of Hambone university and has been approved by The Good Housekeeping institute.

DON'T BE SO CARELESS NEXT TIME, LORETTA.

Slowly and carefully the shiny object passed from person to person. No

one touched it. They seemed afraid of it. Everyone stared at it anxiously; some of the boys smiled at it. Somewhere up in front a civics lecture was being delivered.

Dot looked softly at it as it passed her. Marizoe laughed at it. Mary Helen scinged. You should have seen Alice's eyes as they followed the shining object going from person to person, from desk to desk.

But all that anyone saw was Loretta's chewing gum being passed to her from the window sill where she had left it.

THE BURGLAR ALARM.

A castle stood on a hill in Ireland overlooking Pogue City. In this castle lived the young Duke with his mother and father and grandfather. The Duke was so popular that his parents were afraid he would be kidnapped; so they put a burglar alarm in their house.

One day the Duke was sitting on a Hayes' stack looking at the Hughes of the sky and listening to a Martin singing in a tree near-by when a Nash drove up to him.

"Heizer," cried the boy, "did you come for me, me father?"

"Yes, me son your mother wants you to Joyner at the Irvin's club house before they go to the House of Burgessess. She wants you to ask them that Riddle about the Pinckleys," he said driving away.

"Can't I ask Morgan one if I want to?" asked the Duke.

"Welch," said the Irish father, as he drove up to the curb. "Yates said that the club was Sublett to only one Riddle."

Then Mrs. Haynes came out of the club house and said to the Duke, "your mother has just gone home with her father who has been run over by a car. The driver was another woman driver who was not watching her business when she ran over him. She, your mother, said for you to hurry home."

"Thank you," said the Duke. "We will go home at once."

They arrived at the house to find the man dead. The young Duke had sent after Tea-ff; the maid had it ready for him to revive his mother. He had been very busy directing the mails and seeing that the work was well done. In this emergency the mother was so proud that she had to Patterson on the head for his thoughtfulness.

The next morning the cook opened the kitchen door and forgot to take the burglar alarm off. The "to be believed," dead man got up in the most prompt and unostentatious way. He collected his life insurance and lived happily ever after, for there was plenty of proof to the perfect squareness of his death.

HUMOROUS.

Mr. Irvin: "What would you do if you saw a woman being washed out to sea?"

Bussie: "I'd throw her a cake of soap."

Mr. Irvin: "Why a cake of soap?"

Bussie: "To wash her back."

David: "Pills?" (emphasizing question.) "Antibillious?"

Horace Boney: "No, Sir, uncle is."

"That bane a yoke on me," said the Swede as the egg spattered down his shirt front.

Kennedy: "Would you scream if I kissed you?"

Harriet: "Well, I wouldn't want to frighten mother."

Clara Frances: "I'm simply wild about a yacht."

Joe W. C.: "Er, how do you act on a motor boat?"

THROUGH A KNOT HOLE.

When we look out of our car window, while we are driving past some pretty scenery, we scarcely ever see the true beauty of nature. Perhaps

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL.

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

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we see the pretty flowers and admire them, but we do not admire the brown tree trunks or the dead grass. Yet even this has a beauty, a peculiar beauty which attracts the attention of only a few.

Generally when we see a piece of land, which has dry grass, dead trees and a few skinny cows roaming about on it, we immediately contrast it with a green pasture with grass and big shady trees. We can imagine a rippling brook winding and gurgling over the stones; occasionally we can see a tiny fish darting here and there or hiding under a tin bucket, which has been carelessly thrown into the brook. But we do not look at the things we really see and find beauty in them. We can only improve them.

If you were in a dark room with only a knot hole to peep out at the world, would you see only the dusty, dirty world or would you see the beauty of even the dead trees and grass, which remind me of a cemetery: the dead trees, a tombstone for the beautiful live trees and the dead grass at the head of the live root? Of course, you would enjoy seeing what you could see.

When you go outside, look for the beauty of the world. There is some good in everything that is bad, and there is some bad in everything that is good. So look for the good; it is

no harder to see beauty in dead trees than it is to see ugliness in live trees. Life is another form of nature. If you take all of the bad things in life and place them on a balance with only the good that you can see, you will find that the bad outweighs the good. But look for the good. Hunt every place you know. And place it on the balance, and it will surely outweigh the bad. After all, life is only what you make it, so look at life through a knot hole and enjoy every minute of it.

—Annie Lee Owen.
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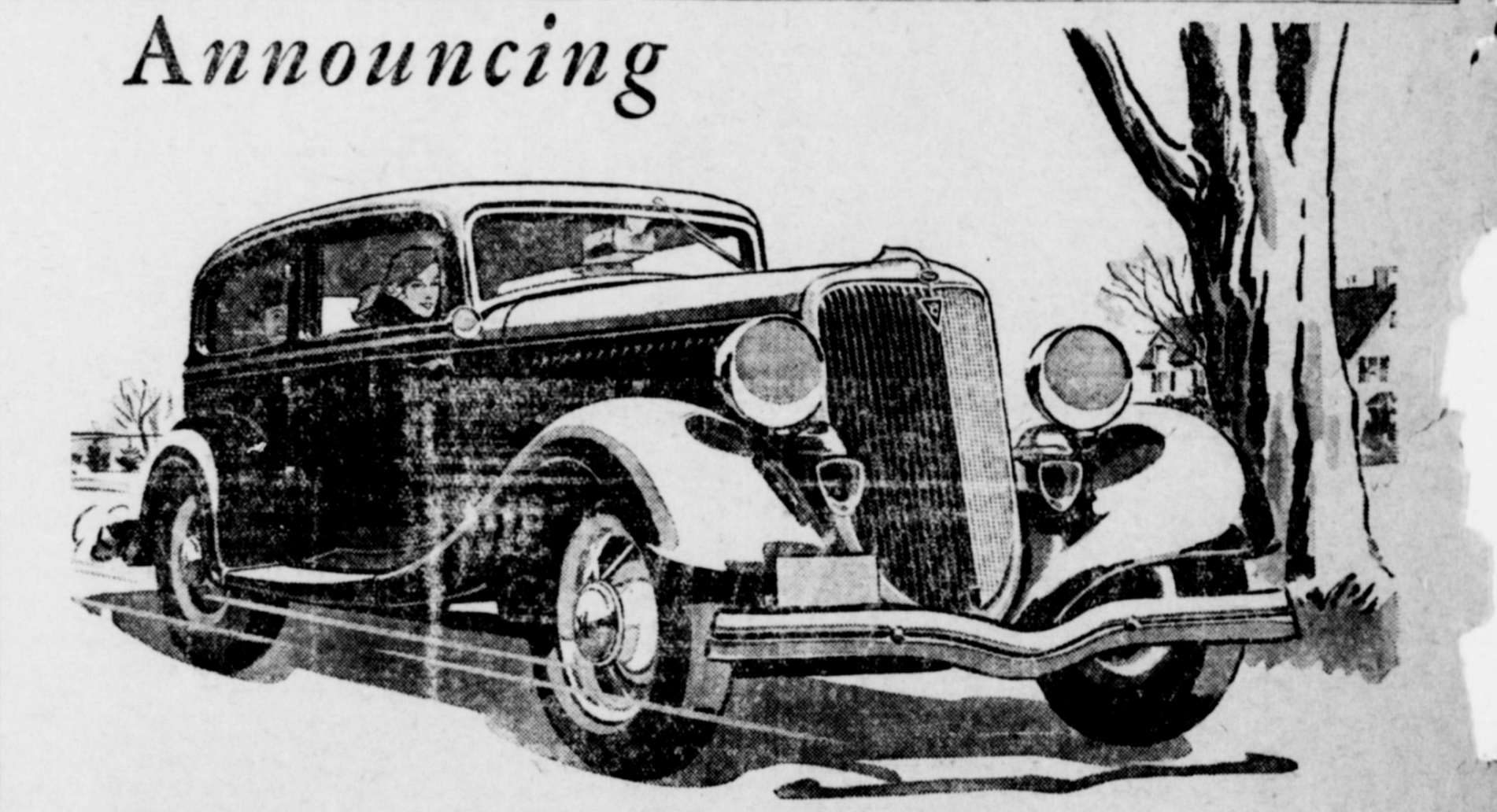
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WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Eighteenth Installment.
(Continued From Last Week.)

Had she dumped a keg of gold coins among them, Ruth could not have created more joyous excitement.

While she and David were on their way to the ranch house they were overtaken by the breathless Alfredo.

"Senora—please! The little house has been finished these two weeks. Is it not good that my dove and I—and also the good Don Francisco—should enter on this next Saturday?"

Ruth guessed more from Alfredo's manner than from his words the nature of his request, and she gladly encouraged him, not forgetting to mention the priest and the license.

Alfredo assured her that everything would be in order. He had heard that a priest was visiting Palo Verde and had learned that one of the Mexicans from that place had a Ford—possessing friend who would, no doubt, be glad to go to town for the license.

Ruth told Snavely of the celebration. He had come into the kitchen on Friday morning while she and Ann were baking pies and she had told him almost blithely. The grim old cattleman had merely looked at her—one steady glance which brought a catch of fear to her heart. Then he had left without a word. Later she had seen him riding away on his favorite horse, a blanket roll behind his saddle. It would have been impossible for him to stay in the vicinity of the celebrators. Probably he camped near some distant watering place; he did not return until Monday.

On the night before the fiesta Ruth and Ann got little rest. They stayed up until ten fitting Magda with a wedding dress—a dress, worn not so long ago, by a proud-eyed bride in a little church in the outskirts of Philadelphia.

By nine o'clock Saturday several horsemen and three wagonloads had arrived; the unfortunate heifer had been cooking whole for some hours over a pit of fire, superintended by Don Francisco whose culinary implements were a pitchfork and an ax. Old Charley and Will arrived with Juana, Juana's wife, in the ancient automobile. Every one was dressed as they felt the spirit of the occasion demanded.

Ruth noticed that nearly every one looked, sooner or later, toward the gulch. Once or twice, also, she saw a mother or father bring back some youngster who had wandered near the fence.

Since the Mexican border runs through the center of Palo Verde—four houses being on the Mexican side and two on the American—not a few of the male guests came fortified with refreshments.

When the line was formed at dinner time the young man who was dominated by the green shirt went to the aid of the solitary celebrator and brought him back so that he should not go hungry. Don Francisco cut great chunks of roasted meat from one carcass and handed them to Ann who folded them in a tortilla and passed them to the line of grinning Mexicans. The wife of Don Francisco's cousin from Palo Verde was in charge of the pies. All was silent save the occasional crack of a bone under Don Francisco's ax and the munching and satisfied grunts of the eaters.

Ruth, Will, and Old Charley had returned to the ranch house porch when Pink Shirt and Green Shirt went off, arm and arm, separating to choose two adjacent hilltops. She appealed to Will and Old Charley.

"Oh, I don't think they'll hurt anything," said the old man. "They'll yell until they go dry and then drop off to sleep. We can wake 'em up to-morrow or next day."

"There's another one well prepared for snake-bite," observed Will, watching a tall slender fellow with a blue sash who was talking volubly to Alfredo and gesturing toward the ranch house.

"Umm—ever seen that boy before, Ruth? Is he a friend of Alfredo's?" Old Charley was eying the actions of the man, critically.

"Why, no, I don't think so," replied Ruth. "I've never seen him before."

"Looks as though he was beginning to take things seriously," observed Will a moment later. Alfredo had turned his back to the man, only to be pulled about again by a jerk on his shoulder.

Old Charley caught his son's eye, then turned to the girl. "If you'd like, Ruth, you and me might go in and

take a look at your round-up figures. If I get a line on what you have I can talk to the buyer when he comes to my place next week."

"Fine," said Ruth rising. "I'd certainly like to talk it over with you."

As they went inside, Will sauntered in the direction of the barbecue. Alfredo and the man with the blue sash were talking loudly, face to face, and every one was watching. Suddenly, the man swept off his big hat with his left hand and crouched low. Ruth, who in spite of Old Charley had stopped to watch through the window, saw a knife glint in his right hand. Alfredo, also, now crouched, knife in hand, with his hat held out as a shield. The two men circled slowly about each other like a pair of game cocks. Will broke into a run. But Indian Ann was first. In two strides she had walked up to the man in the blue sash. She hit him once behind the ear with her fist, then returned to the barbecue pit where she had been cutting off the remaining meat with the idea of hash.

Will helped to revive the stricken man and later led him to where his saddle horse was tied. He talked with him for a moment, then the man mounted and jogged down the road, homeward.

At one o'clock the priest arrived in a buckboard drawn by a pair of burros. Ruth went to greet him and found that he could not speak a word of English. He was fat, dirty, stupid, and the least interesting of her guests.

"When shall the marriage be?" asked Ruth as Alfredo came listlessly up to the ranch house porch about three o'clock.

Alfredo shrugged; his face was pitiful. "The papers have not come," he said mournfully, looking down the road.

"What in thunder will we do?" Old Charley appealed to Ruth. "We've got the bride, the groom, the priest, the music and the audience. The priest knows enough not to marry 'em without a license."

Ruth frowned thoughtfully. "Do you suppose the priest can read English?"

"Don't suppose he can read anything."

"Wait a minute!"

Ruth entered the house and returned shortly with a roll of parchment tied with a blue ribbon. She unrolled the crackling paper, and exhibited it silently to Old Charley and Will. It had a beautiful red seal.

"Say, you're a wonder!" Will turned to his father. "Now what do you say a college diploma is good for, hey?"

Later that day Ruth wrote in her notebook: "The wedding was solemnized on the front porch of the bride and groom's future home. The bride wore a beautiful veil of old Spanish lace, a handsome gown of white satin with a large shawl draped tastefully about the shoulders. The ensemble was strikingly set off by a pair of red pumps. The groom wore the conventional black corduroys."

Ruth's last memory of that day, as she slipped into sleep, was the sound of guitars, mandolins, a flute and a violin from the direction of the new little adobe. The music was being played with steadfast purpose, as though it would still be playing when she awoke. And she could hear, dim and afar off, a long quavering yell of some happy mortal on a hilltop.

Sugarfoot was tied to the little dog sat at the extreme end of the rope which fastened him to a log in the woodpile, and gazed disconsolately at David who had just returned from a hunt and was now shooting at a tin can with his bow and arrow. And there was no reason to be tied—Ann had not gone any place. Sugarfoot could hear her in the kitchen making interesting noises with a pan. Sugarfoot whined.

"Well," said David, as he noticed the dog and came over to the woodpile, "guess nobody 'membered to un-

ti you. If I let you go, will you be a bear? Bears are awful scarce."

Sugarfoot wagged his rear third enthusiastically but failed to live up to the bargain, once free of the rope. He speedily ran in the direction of the barn.

At eight o'clock David was tucked in his cot and Ruth sat near, reading, for the thousandth time, a tale of the 'Coon and the 'Possum and the Old Black Crow.

Ann knocked at the door and her voice was heavy with anxiety. "You all ain't got Sugarfoot in there, has you?"

Ruth, went to the door. "Why, no. He isn't loose, is he?"

The giantess nodded dully. "The rope is untied off his collar."

The girl caught her breath and turned. "David! Did you untie Sugarfoot?"

The tone of her voice caused David to answer dubiously. "Well—sort of—you see, Mama, he wanted to play bear and I just thought I would let him so . . ."

Ann was lighting a lantern. She hurried out of the back screen door.

"See if he might be down at Alfredo's," called Ruth with an effort at cheerfulness.

The giantess did not answer. Ruth scolded David for untying the dog, but said nothing more. That afternoon Ann had asked her for the rest of the poison which, together with the box containing the remains of the liver fever medicine, she had locked in her trunk after her disastrous mistake. She had given Ann the poison which the giantess then placed in the carcass left over from the barbecue. The cypotes were becoming too numerous around the home ranch and Ann wished to thin their ranks. Sugarfoot was to have been kept tied during the night to keep him from the meat.

After David had fallen asleep Ruth left the room and went out of the house. On the other side of the barn

she could see Ann's lantern moving slowly through the bushes near where the poison had been placed. Ruth did not like to leave David alone in the house, but she decided to help Ann search.

She had reentered the house and was lighting another lantern when a slight, familiar sound turned her rigid. The sound came again; a low whine and a scratching on the screen door.

It was Sugarfoot. As Ruth held the door open, the little dog walked sleepily inside and, going to Ann's door, sat down and yawned. It was as though, peacefully sleep on his sack by the woodpile, he had become cold and had risen in hope of a warmer bed in Ann's room.

Ruth picked the dog up in her arms and ran outside. "Ann! Oh, Ann!" The moving light beyond the barn suddenly stopped. "Here he is, Ann! He's alive!" The lantern began to move violently.

Carrying Sugarfoot into the living room, Ruth lit the lamp. The little dog stood before the fireplace, his short legs widely spread and his sides distended almost to bursting. He looked sleepy and wonderfully content. Ruth knelt down and prodded him with her finger. He was as tight as a drum.

Ann came in panting and dropped by the dog. Sugarfoot licked her hand and strove to wag his taillessness; but such exercise is fatigue after a hearty meal.

"He certainly doesn't seem sick," said Ruth.

"No. He et the meat though—his tracks is all around."

(Continued Next Week.)

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1934, being the 9th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

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Mrs. Sam Eckles and the Sheppard Families.

NOTICE.

The Woodmen Circle will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended to us in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, also to express our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

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The cities of Panama and Colon at the Pacific and Atlantic ends of the Panama Canal are under the authority of the Republic of Panama, but the United States has complete jurisdiction in both cities and harbors over sanitation and quarantine.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1934, at six o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER.

In honor of Mrs. Elgin Biggan, a recent bride, a very prettily planned party was given in the home of Mrs. H. E. Farmer. Santa Claus, in person by little E. A. Conley, presented the bride with a large number of gifts taken from a beautiful Christmas tree. After the gifts were opened and admired, Mrs. Farmer, assisted by Mesdames Curtis Conley, Ernest Conley, A. D. Barnes and M. H. Farmer, passed a delicious refreshment plate to the following ladies: Mesdames P. A. Rigan, Lilly West, Willis Malone, Raymond Russom, Johnnie Latimer, D. D. Coats, Roy Hunter, Walter Hunter, Frase Demere, Raymond Demere, Ernest Meeks, P. R. Demere, Frank Demere, D. W. Rogers, G. S. Phillips, Buddy Windham, Lester Sugar, Howard Brown, Nell Presly, Adrian Farmer, Lynward Harrison, W. A. Harrison and Misses Bess Baucum, Maire Dunlap, Elsie Biggan, Fern Evans of Sweetwater, Erma Dell Berry and Margie Coats.

NOODLE H. D. C. NEWS.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon in the High school auditorium. Plans were completed for the play entitled "Twelve Old Maids," which is to be presented in the Noodle High school auditorium Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30, by members of the local club. Admission will be 25 cents.

The cast of characters: Mrs. Beamer, a schemer, Mrs. Finus Bell, Liza Pearl, her hired girl, Mrs. Woodrow Justice, Madam Zikeller, a fortune teller, Mrs. Waldo Cox, Lizzie Lidy, awfully tidy, Mrs. J. M. Sloan, Zelina Zeok, an A-1 cook, Mrs. V. E. Spurgin, Matilda Finn, who's rather thin, Mrs. T. E. Goode, Jemina Rout, a little stout, Mrs. C. B. Jinkens, Ethel McWade, a poetical maid, Mrs. Vess Justice, Mary Ann Fites, who wants her rights, Mrs. Roy Cox, Mandy Menter, from Pumpkin Center, Mrs. Troy Sloan, Miss Kate O'Foss, who loves to boss, Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, Loretta McCann, who wants a man, Mrs. E. B. Reece, Cerinthy Fling, who does nothing but sine, Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Lucindy Toots, who eloquents, Mrs.

A. C. Sosebee. Eliza Neff, slightly deaf, Mrs. L. R. Cade. The Mystic Oran, a wooden man, Mrs. R. C. Goode. Toward the close of the meeting Santa Claus distributed gifts to each club member.

Our meeting day was changed from second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to second and fourth Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be on January 10.

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Will Preach at Hope. W. G. Cybert will preach at the Hope Church of Christ at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

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

Meet Santa at Brown's Bargain Store Saturday afternoon.

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HUDSON-PATTERSON.

Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock at Hermleigh, Rev. M. H. Hudson read the marriage ceremony which united the lives of Miss Addie Fae Patterson and Vernon Hudson in holy bond of matrimony. The wedding took place in the home of Rev. Hudson, uncle of the groom, in the presence of the members of his family.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Lela Patterson, a graduate of Merkel High school in 1929, and later a graduate of Draughon's Business college, Abilene.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hudson of the Salt Branch community. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are popular young people and The Mail joins their many friends in wishing for them health and happiness. They will make their home for the present with the groom's parents.

ASH-COWAN.

The home of Rev. Ted McGehee was the scene of a quiet wedding Sunday afternoon when Miss Ellen Ruth Cowan of Anson became the bride of Eris Ash. The ceremony was read at 3:30 with Miss Bennie Lawson and Silas Stevens acting as attendants and Rev. McGehee officiating.

The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cowan of Anson. The groom is the son of Mrs. E. L. Ash and has a host of friends who offer congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Ash are at home in Mrs. Wm. O'Brian's apartment.

SHOWER.

Mrs. Ray King, who until her marriage recently was Miss Rogene Dye, was complimented Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Brooks Patterson when Miss Annie Lee Owen and Mrs. Claude Dye were co-hostesses, entertaining with a shower in her honor. Arrangements were for a "come-and-go-affair" during the hours from four to six o'clock and a delectable tea plate was served of pimento cheese sandwiches, devil's food cake and tea.

The following guests registered in a dainty guest book: Mesdames A. V. Dye, Joe Owen, Claude Dye, Fletcher Mashburn, G. M. Sharp, J. B. Woodrum, Abilene, George Woodrum, O. R. Dye, M. G. King, Misses Annie Lee Owen, Helen Patterson, Winter Dean and Genell Woodrum, Abilene, Marybel Douglass, Eloise Manscill, Missie Dye, Billy Gardner, Clara Frances Largent, Caribel Mansfield, Billy Berence Gambill, Wanda Hunter, Pauline Wiman, Mary Helen Lancaster, Julia Proctor, Jessie Margaret Berry, Ethel Lee King, Helen Joyner, Bessylea Church, Walderine Huskey, Elsie Woodrum, Dorothy Nell Lee and Master Billy Gene Dye.

TURKEY DINNER.

Members of the Merkel School board once again enjoyed the hospitality of Supt. and Mrs. Burgess at a turkey dinner on the eve of their regular monthly meeting. Thursday evening was the date of the occasion and will be long remembered for the perfection of cuisine problems by the hostess.

Those present were O. J. Adcock, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson, J. E. Richardson, S. D. Gamble and C. P. Church, the host and hostess.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the Presbyterian church was organized five years ago and Mrs. George West, the teacher, is proud of the work they have done for the sick and needy. Their monthly meeting was at the home of Mrs. Marvin Smith, whence they went in a body to the home of Mrs. A. A. Baker, widow of the first pastor of the church, as a birthday surprise to her.

Following the spirit of Christmas carried out in readings, songs and prayers, a birthday cake, baked by Miss Derstine, handkerchiefs and other gifts were presented to the honoree and her friend, Miss Mollie McCulley. Appropriate readings by Mrs. Fannie McConnell and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were followed by a serving of sandwiches, cake and chocolate, with the following toast by Miss Garoutte: To the kindly, loyal friend ever willing to help or lend; To the sister, to the mother, grandmother, wife.

True to every relation in life; To the minister's helpmate, day by day,

Thru pleasant and then stormy way; To the Christian example of Faith and Love,

Pointing us ever to Heav'n above; God grant her long with us to stay, Ere he calls her home with Him for aye.

Mrs. Smith had as co-hostesses Misses Derstine, Stella King and Ola Smith; visitors, Mesdames John Bell,

G. F. Woods, J. W. McConnell, S. J. Dodd, Tom King, Harbour, J. J. Russell, Jr., C. S. Walker, and Miss Mollie McCulley; members, Mesdames R. A. Walker, W. M. Elliott, James Patterson, L. L. Murray, J. A. Baker, S. G. Russell, J. J. Russell, Sr., S. A. Derstine, W. D. Butler, and Misses Mary Keny, Jennie Keny, Lizzie Keny and Dota Caroutte.

THE KINGS DAUGHTERS.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong was opened to the King's Daughters Wednesday afternoon and Mrs. Armstrong, assisted by Mesdames Rainbolt and C. B. Smith, were genial hostesses. After the regular business was dispatched, a social program was enjoyed. A "sunshine bag" was presented to Mother Armstrong in behalf of the class, wishing her many more days of happiness. The hostess placed a holly box on the center table and, as each one drew a package therefrom, she felt Christmas was "just around the corner," and Santy had already come to see the "good girls."

Music rendered by little Misses Gertrude Lou Pee and Mary Jo Russell was much appreciated. At the tea hour a delicious plate was served. A late hour found the following members and visitors loath to leave the merry home: Mesdames Durham, Cox, Russell, Pee, Allday, Estes, Curb, King, Dry, Ellis, Black, Jenkins, Butman, McSpadden, Williams, and visitors, Mesdames Kemper and Clark and Miss Dota Garoutte.



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APPLES, fancy Winesap, dozen	30c
ORANGES, large Sunkist, dozen	30c
CELERY, bunch	15c
Lettuce head	5c
CRANBERRIES, pound	15c
Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds	53c
CHOCOLATE, Hersheys Baking, 1-2 lb.	15c
Spuds No. 1 white 10 pounds	20c
COCOA, B & W, 1 lb. can	15c
BRAN FLAKES, pkg.	10c
GRAPE NUTS, package	19c
ASPARAGUS R & W Picnic can	15c
PIMENTOS, R & W 4 oz. can	10c
Tomato Juice R & W 3 for	20c
MILK, R & W, 4 small	13c—2 tall 13c
TOMATOES B & W, No. 2 can 3 for	25c
PEAS, Kuners No. 2 can, 2 for	29c
CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for	27c
MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, R & W, pkg. 8c	
WALNUTS, Budded, pound	23c
BRAZIL NUTS, pound	19c
ALMONDS, pound	23c
SYRUP, Ingleside No. 5 can	34c
SYRUP, Ingleside No. 10 can	59c
OATS R & W 55 oz. package	15c
MINCE MEAT, R & W, package	10c
Karo Red Label, No. 3 can	19c
Red Label No. 5 can	37c
Red Label No. 10 can	63c
Flour R & W 12 lbs.	59c
R & W 24 lbs.	\$1.00
R & W 48 lbs.	\$1.95
COFFEE 1 lb. Sun Up	19c
1 lb. R & W	35c
CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg.	35c
COCOANUT, 1-4 pound pkg.	10c
POWDERED SUGAR, 2 packages	15c
BROWN SUGAR, 2 packages	15c
Dates R & W Pitted 10 oz. package	19c
MAYONNAISE, R & W, pint	23c
PICKLES, sour, quart	19c
FIGS, 8 ounce package	10c
CHEESE, Full Cream, pound	17c
BACON, sliced, pound	19c

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. T. G. Hamner spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Anderson of Sweetwater where she attended the bedside of her mother who has been ill but whose condition is very much improved at this writing.

J. P. Stevens had the misfortune of getting cuts about his face in a recent car accident, the car being completely torn up. He is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. W. J. Armour, who has been in San Antonio for several months under the treatment of a physician, has recently returned. She was accompanied by her husband who had been with her for several weeks. We welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and son, Jack, of Hermleigh, are moving to Trent soon.

Mrs. Duckett of Graham plans to visit her sister, Mrs. T. L. Stevens, for sometime.

Mrs. Carl Murdock had the misfortune of getting her car wrecked last week, but, lucky for her, she wasn't injured.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Alex Williamson, Dr. Curry and Spurgeon Scott attended the workers conference at Plair last Thursday.

Mesdames Alex Williamson, Claude Stribling, C. T. Beckham, John Strawn and Jessie Dudley were Abilene shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne of Abilene, who have been in Lamesa for the past month, were guests Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leslie and son, Dick, of Shep, are guests in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. C. Wash. They came to attend the funeral of Sam Eckles, of Eskota, who was buried Tuesday in Merkel.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stribling and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans all spent the day visiting in Coleman and Santa Anna, returning home Sunday night.

Mrs. Daniel of Vernon is a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Poor.

Mrs. Ed Sherman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bud Weisser, who resides at Hamlin.

Miss Elliott, who taught at Goodman for several years but who is now teaching at Denton, was a guest of Miss Cook over the week-end.

Chunky Parker of Sweetwater visited friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlert O'Kelly and sons, Othel and W. E., spent the week-

end in Abilene as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelly and the latter's mother, Mrs. Smith, who has recently moved from Tennessee to make her home with them.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Home Demonstration club met in regular session Wed., Dec. 6, in the home of Mrs. John Strawn for the purpose of quilting a quilt for her, since she drew the first number. The members are planning to meet with Mrs. A. W. Woods the next second Wednesday, Jan. 10, and quilt for her.

The club is planning a Christmas tree for the club members and their families on December 20. So everyone come and bring a present and get one. Every present will be numbered and each one present will draw a number.

Fudge and divinity candy was served to the following: Mesdames Ed Burks, A. W. Woods, M. G. Scott, John Gafford, Alex Williamson, Tom Williamson, Lula Churchwell, A. C. Wash and the hostess.

The program for the next meeting will be as follows:

"A Christmas Story," Mrs. Tom Williamson.

"Ballad Music," Mrs. Tony Boone. Reading, Mrs. Hosea Winn. Songs, Miss Estelle Terry. Reading, Mrs. John Payne.

Meet Santa at Brown's Bargain Store Saturday afternoon.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Merkel Boy in CCC Camp is Promoted

Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.—Lieut. R. O. Smith, 2nd F. A. Brig. commanding CCC camp No. PE-77-T, at Taylor, has reported promotion to assistant leader with an increase in pay of Ernest Moore of Merkel.

Leaders and assistant leaders are promoted by the company commander of each CCC work camp after consultation with the camp superintendent. Selection is made on the basis of the enrollee's ability and fitness for the particular duty to which he is assigned.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1934, at six o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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HONOR ROLL

One hundred and sixty-one pupils of the Merkel Public schools, 51 in High school and 110 in Grammar school, are on the honor roll for the second six weeks period of the current session.

In the Grammar school 25 per cent of the pupils made the honor roll, while 22 per cent of the High school students are listed.

Miss Juanita Huskey, Sophomore, with an average of 96, leads the High school. Tying for second place are J. R. Higgins, a Senior, and Robert Grimes, Jr., a Freshman, with an average of 95 each.

With a percentage of 35 the Juniors lead all other classes in High school, followed by the Seniors, who come second with 27 per cent. The Freshmen are third with a percentage of 20, while only 9 per cent of the Sophomores are included.

To be on this honor roll, a student must be neither tardy nor absent, must make 90 or more in deportment, must make not less than 75 on any subject and must make a general average of 90 or more.

The complete list of names on the honor roll follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

- First Grade, Mrs. Teuff.*
Dale Coates, 95; Billie Tom Diltz, 94; Ralph Hardy, 93; Alva Jeanette Byrd, 92; Lanier Hicks, 92; Donald Cox, 91; L. W. Barnes, 90.
- First Grade, Mrs. Nash.*
Francis Melton, 96; Giendel Lang, 95; Stanley Riddle, 93; Jackie Weaver, 94; Betty Jean Perry, 94; Mary Evelyn Perry, 94; Jerry McGehee, 93; Billy Joe Toombs, 93; Benny Kemper, 92; Ted McAninch, 92; Jimmie Speck, 92; Wayne Tipton, 92; Ike Turner, 90.
- Second Grade, Miss Pogue.*
Patricia Leonard, 95; George Mack Owens, 95; Willie Sue Morgan, 95; Jenea Mae Reynolds, 95; Don Hutcheson, 94; John McDonald, 94; Peggy Joyce Toombs, 93; Doris Mae Lepard, 93; Billy Bob Hulsey, 92.
- Second Grade, Miss Curb.*
Dorothy Nell Groene, 94; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 94; Jack Haynes, 94; E. V. Clark, 93; Clarence Harrell, 93; Gladys Fae Barron, 92; Glenn Blair, 91; Lupe Duran, 91; Arthur ... 90.
- Third Grade, Miss Heizer.*
Clyde Haynes, 98; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 94; Marie Bland, 94; Vera Louise Miller, 94; Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., 92; Clara Bell Hawkins, 91; Ludean Henslee, 90.
- Third Grade, Miss Hughes.*
Nina Osborn, 96; Clarence Perry, 94; Truet Perry, 94; Evelyn Sears, 94; Jos Morris Suggs, 93; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 93; Bonnie T. McAninch, 91; Tar Shouse, 91; Ben Speck, 91; Jim Sublett, 91; Gladys McCollum, 90; Pearl Weaver, 90.
- Fourth Grade, Miss Joiner.*
Becky Gardner, 98; Dora Marie Gaither, 97; Virgie Mae Henry, 96; Billy Jack Lancaster, 92; Alene Cox, 92; Walter Leonard, 91; Theda Lou Lasater, 91; Omyle Dowell, 90; David Gibson, 90.
- Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.*
Bob Williamson, 97; Roy Owen, 96; O. C. Shouse, Jr., 96; Theda Louise Perry, 94; Leo Reynolds, 94; Tillman Rutledge, 94; Maurine Steele 94; Doris Clyde Miller, 93; Ina Gene Rosson, 93; Edwin Renfro, 91.
- Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan.*
Doris Gay West, 96; Don Wood, 95; Jimmie McNeese, 92; Guy Mansell, 90.

- Fifth Grade, Miss Yates.*
Billy Largent, 94; Euvalda Fox, 93; Helen Heeter, 92; Anne Lee Blake, 90.
- Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.*
Mable Murray, 94; Frances Catts, 93; Mary Jo Garland, 93; Mildred Bird, 91; Verne Moore, 91; Ben Ferguson, 91; Wilma McAninch, 90.
- Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.*
Mary Jo Russell, 95; Billie Wood, 93; Mary Nell Morgan, 91; Don Warren, 91; Mary Love Tipton, 90.
- Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.*
Annell Black, 96; Dorothea Sue Bird, 94; Pauline Joyner, 94; O. D. Blair, 93; Clyde Cribley, 92; Marvin Hunter, 92; Dana Derstine, 91; Doris Diltz, 91; Preston Dickinson, 90.
- Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.*
T. L. Reid, 94; Dick West, 93; Charles Andy Shouse, 92; Francis Higgins, 93; Hollis Perry, 90.
- HIGH SCHOOL.**
- Eighth Grade.*
Robert Grimes, Jr., 95; Jane Ferguson 94; Sylvan Mellinger, 94; Lorraine Hughes, 93; Betty Lou Grimes, 92; De La Vergne Teague, 92; Pauline McAninch, 92; Vernelle Sublett, 91; Dutton Williamson, 91; Billy Dunning, 91; Genevieve Cox, 90; Maurine Dean, 90; Lloyd Vick, 90.
- Ninth Grade.*
Juanita Huskey, 96; Mabel Maddox, 95; Thelma Patterson, 91; Victor Joyner, 90; Winston Pelley, 90.
- Junior Class.*
Ethelde Tucker, 94; Anna Lou Church, 94; Cleo Henley, 93; Neil Durham, 93; Aline McAninch, 93; Harriet Rogers, 93; Ina Ruth Brown, 92; Clara F. Largent, 92; Horace Daniels, 92; Pauline Laster, 92; Mary H. Mashburn, 92; Edith Neil, 92; Kathryn Russell, 92; Thelma Matthews, 91; J. V. Patterson, 91; Mildred West, 91; Vivian Davis, 91; Hail Derstine, 91; Billie B. Gambill 91; Jessie M. Berry, 90.
- Senior Class.*
J. R. Higgins, 96; Waldgerine Huskey, 94; Besv Lee Russell, 93; David Gamble, 92; Helen Joyner, 92; Vivian Lasater, 92; Sarah Malone, 92; Jimmie Dell Perry, 91; Fay Pinckley, 91; Neva Malone, 91; Wanda Hunter, 91; Raymond Wilson, 91; Clara Lee Peterson, 90.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Annie Laura Wilson by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1934, the same being the 1st day of January A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of November A. D. 1933, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 9773.A, wherein David Wilson is Plaintiff, and Annie Laura Wilson is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That plaintiff and defendant married on or about the 8th day of July 1927, and separated on or about the 10th day of July 1932. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition. 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.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court Taylor County Texas. (Seal) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

Sarah C. Lockhart, Guardian of the Estate of Joseph H. Lockhart, Non Compos Mentis, having filed in our County Court her Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Joseph H. Lockhart, non compos mentis, numbered 1360 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, That by publication of this Writ one time in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they

see proper so to do, on Monday the 1st day of January, A. D. 1934, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1933.

W. P. Bounds, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County. (Seal)

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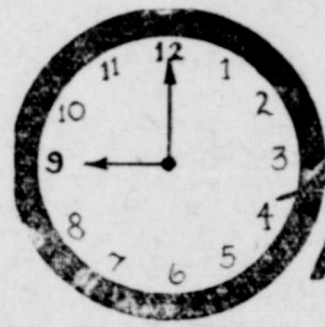
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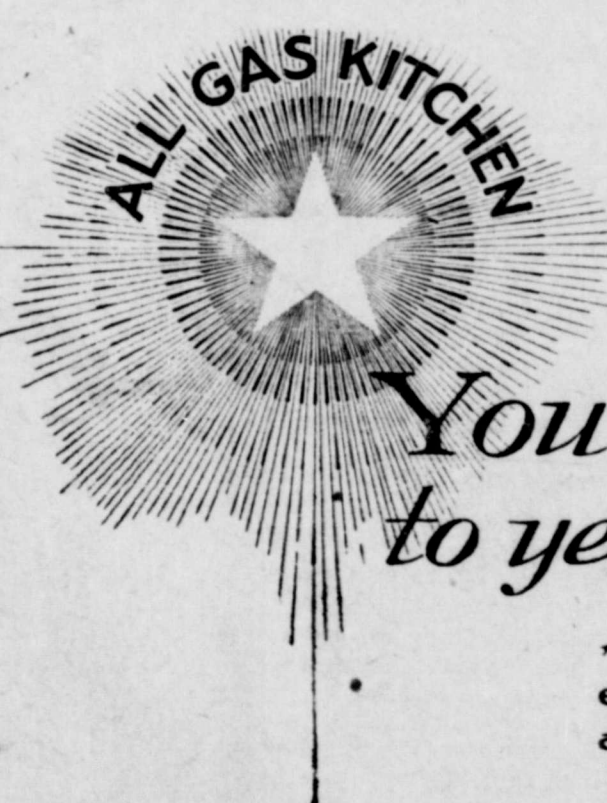
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