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On the "Broadway of America"

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DEATH CLAIMS CLEO HUNTER IN PRIME OF LIFE

**Son of Prominent Taylor County
Pioneers Passes Away at Age
Only 32; Survived by Wife
And Two Children.**

Funeral services for Cleo Hunter, 32, well-to-do and highly respected farmer of Mulberry Canyon and member of a pioneer Taylor county family, held from the Methodist church here Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, were attended by hundreds of friends and loved ones in such numbers as to tax the capacity of the church auditorium and the remains were followed to their last resting place in Rose Hill cemetery by a large concourse that marked one of the longest processions ever noted in Merkel.

Death came at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, following a serious operation for appendicitis at a local sanitarium on Tuesday of last week.

Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene, pastor of the White Church, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the local Methodist church.

It was during the revival service last summer that was being conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams at White Church that Cleo Hunter was converted, but he had not affiliated with any church. Pall bearers were: John Toombs, C. R. Toombs, Jewel McClain, Vance McClain, Wade Ensminger and Elmer Patterson.

Cleo Hunter was one of the most popular young men of this section; descended from pioneer stock of that type that has made West Texas the empire it now is, he had led an exemplary life throughout the brief span of his years; he was respected by all and memory of his uprightness and integrity will linger always in the minds and hearts of those who knew him.

He was married about 16 years ago to Miss Maggie Lackey, by whom he has survived and their two children. Other survivors are: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter of Mulberry Canyon; four brothers, George of Lubbock, John of Amherst, and Walter and Roy of Merkel; and three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Clark of Fort Worth, Mrs. L. R. Cox of Lubbock, and Mrs. Luella Atwood of Merkel.

Merkel Pastor to Speak.

At the all-day meeting of the Workers conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association at the University Baptist church in Abilene Thursday, Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, was to speak at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on "Our Present Duty to Home and Foreign Missions."

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 7, 1911.)

Judge C. D. Mims was elected mayor of our city administration, R. A. McClain, secretary, and H. C. Burroughs, treasurer, W. N. Hall, marshal, and J. P. Sharp, J. O. Hamilton and G. H. Adams, aldermen, in the city election which was held Tuesday. The race for marshal was very close between W. N. Hall, Eugene Hargrove, T. F. Dubose, L. A. Freeman and T. H. Christopher, Hall winning over Hargrove with a majority of 14 votes.

AFRAID OF AN AUTO.

It is almost an every day occurrence and yet one of the most humorous sights to see a man driving along some country road and become frightened at an automobile and the horse take no notice of the benzine buggy.

One day last week B. C. Gaither and L. H. King, Dr. W. V. Cranford and Skinny Evans, driving the big rambler and going at a lively clip through the beautiful Jim Ned Valley near Buffalo Gap, noticed some trouble up the road. About three miles ahead of them they saw a man go out over the dash board and holding onto one of the lines crawl under a barbed wire fence. Expecting that the horse would make trouble, they slackened their speed and rolled slowly to the scene

START THREE NEW OIL OPERATIONS IN AREA SWANN WELL

Three new operations got under way this week in the area of Pope and Anderson's W. D. Swann well, northwest extension of the Noodle creek field.

Young and McNail are rigging up on the Cade estate tract, north of the Emerald Company's Williams well; the derrick is up for Croft and Conner's test on the Swann tract, diagonal offset to the Julian block, and Elmer Close is building rig on the Owen Brewer tract, east of the Swann well.

Lions are Entertained By Trio from Abilene

Entertainment at the weekly luncheon of the Lions club was furnished by a trio of talented musicians from Abilene, the Donaho sisters, Misses Nita and Rita, with Miss Maggie Grimes of Simmons university as pianist. Several popular numbers were rendered and the young artists were compelled to respond to two encores. Miss Rita Donaho plays the saxophone, while Miss Nita is an accomplished violinist.

After the singing of "America" by the club, led by E. Yates Brown, with Miss Grimes as accompanist, the invocation was given by Rev. E. L. Yeats. S. D. Gamble was toastmaster.

On motion of Dee Grimes the secretary was instructed to write the Abilene Lions club that the local organization would favor the neighboring city for the 1932 state convention of Lions.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess invited the Lions to hear Bert Low, prominent Abilene Lion, who was to address High school students at the chapel hour Thursday at 10:45.

The president, Mat Dillingham, reported an invitation to send representatives to a meeting at Colorado Friday morning, April 10, in the interest of the West Texas Bankhead Highway association, the purpose of which is to devise plans to keep cross-state travel on the Bankhead between Metcalf Gap and Pecos, whereas some of it is being diverted via the Dal-Paso highway.

After Slat's Bourn had referred touchingly to the withdrawal of Ben F. Bird from the club, due to his removal to Abilene, on motion of E. Yates Brown Lion Bird was requested to sing "Farewell to Thee," and he sang nearly one line before he was stopped, (also on request.)

Toastmaster for the next luncheon, April 21, will be J. S. Bourn, assisted by Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Radio Program.

Miss Ray Dennison will broadcast a program of popular songs from KFYC, Abilene, Thursday evening from 8:30 to 9 o'clock. The interested public is invited to tune in.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Henry Brock, 5, son of Mrs. C. H. Brock of Graham, died from a fractured skull and three others were hurt in an automobile wreck near Sweetwater Sunday.

A check of the Dallas public schools reveals there are 1697 more students attending school now than at this time last year, the total enrollment being 65,132 pupils.

The Red Cross has expended \$575,734 in 81 North Texas counties for relief thus far, as reported by B. A. McKinney, Red Cross drouth relief chairman in Dallas.

Bob Silver, Fort Worth bank robber, under life sentence, made his first public appearance Monday at a ball game in Huntsville, playing a trumpet in the prison band.

After the house committee on state affairs had voted unfavorably on the Fetsch public utility bill 8 to 5, the house as a whole voted Tuesday to print it on minority report 67 to 49.

John Dobbins, 46, died Sunday night of injuries received when an automobile, driven by a negro, ran over him as he watched firemen extinguish a blaze at a dry goods store in Dallas.

The Ball Brothers Glass company of Wichita Falls, manufacturers of glass fruit jars and employing more than 100 men, has reopened, after having been shut down for 18 months.

Children playing with sticks of dynamite in the Trinity river bottoms at Dallas uncovered 30 cases of dynamite stolen from the warehouse of contractors doing work on the levees.

Lieut. Commander Charles E. Rosen-dahl, formerly of Cleburne, Texas, Wednesday was designated commanding officer of the navy's new dirigible the Akron, now nearing completion.

A verdict of death from indigestion was recorded in the death of W. G. Jarvis, 45, traveling optometrist, found dead in the bathroom of his home at Cuero, after being missing 16 hours.

Arthur F. Duggan, Littlefield, former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has announced that he will be a candidate for congress from the new 19th congressional district.

J. M. Juykendall, 78, a resident of Texas 50 years and a pal of O. Henry, then known only as Sidney Porter, when the two worked in the general land office at Austin, died at Wichita Falls Thursday.

Half a million dollars worth of narcotics, the biggest seizure ever made in Texas, was confiscated at Dallas when federal narcotic agents opened a trunk packed solidly with morphine at the union terminal station.

Evidently despondent because she was unable to quit the narcotic habit, Eloise McClure, 33, strangled herself early Monday in the Tarrant county jail by using the belt from her uniform, tying one end on the bed post.

Merger of the First National and City National banks of Sweetwater, with combined resources of \$1,122,000, was announced Saturday. The enlarged bank will be known as the First National and R. K. McAdams will continue as president.

Shortly before closing time Tuesday afternoon, seven unmasked men robbed the Central State bank of Sherman of about \$40,000 in liberty bonds and cash, about \$30,000 of which was in cash as nearly as could be estimated.

Federal custom officials were Wednesday night busy checking 1,500 cases of foreign liquors seized in raids upon two high caches near Beeville, estimated worth \$200,000, resulting in the arrest of two men and the probable arrest of several others.

Having entered the "live" switch rooms by mistake, W. T. Hampton, 30, of Irving, Dallas county, was instantly killed when he came in contact with 13,000-volt feeder lines leading directly from high tension generators in the plant of the Dallas Power & Light company.

Stating that their position was taken in the interest of those employed by funeral directors, florists and cemetery associations, the Dallas Pastors association went on record at a meeting Tuesday as being opposed to conducting funerals on Sunday except in cases of emergency.

SENATE PASSES STATE HIGHWAY BOND BILL 22-8

**Provides for Submission of \$212,
000,000 State Road Bond Issue;
Next Action Will Come
In House.**

Austin, April 9.—The Texas senate Wednesday afternoon voted finally to submit a \$212,000,000 state road bond issue to popular vote in November. The vote was 22 to 2.

The election on the amendment would be held November 3.

Next action on submission of the amendment will come in the house, where it must pool 100 favorable votes. Tuesday, the house engrossed a measure providing for highway financing and retirement of county and district bonds directly from motor fuel tax receipts—an action regarded as unfavorable to submission of the bond plan.

Two years ago the house failed by four votes to approve submission of a bond amendment, after the senate had voted for submission.

The vote was taken at the conclusion of a final protest against the bonds by Senator W. K. Hopkins of Gonzales.

Senators who voted with him against the bonds were Cunningham of Abilene, Hornsby of Austin, Martin of Hillsboro, Poage of Waco, Rawlings of Fort Worth, Small of Wellington and Woodruff of Decatur.

Senators Pink L. Parrish of Lubbock, Tom Deberry of Bogata and Carl Hardin of Stephenville, who had been against bonds on earlier votes, voted Wednesday for submission.

The proposal, as acted upon, provides for a separate vote on issue of \$100,000,000 of bonds for construction and issue of \$112,000,000 of bonds for reimbursement of counties and road districts for state system.

Cermak Sweeps Chi Into Democratic Fold

Chicago, April 9.—Anton J. Cermak, democrat, was elected World's Fair mayor of Chicago Tuesday, ending the reign of Mayor William Hale Thompson.

Outstripping Mayor Thompson from the start, the democratic challenger maintained a commanding lead from the hour the count started, although his margin was trimmed to a ratio of 6 to 4, as the Thompson ballistics turned in their story. 2,800 out of 2,987 precincts gave Cermak, democrat, 516,107; Thompson, republican, 354,902.

True to his symbol, the "broom," Cermak swept the city into the democratic fold, completing the conquest begun by Senator James Hamilton Lewis, who carried virtually every Cook county office with the democratic banner last autumn.

Cermak's slogan was "Sweep the City Hall Clean of Crime."

Thompson had cried: "Fight for Thompson—He Fights for You." The stocky Bohemia-born ruler of Cook county democracy was swept into office by the largest majority ever given a candidate for mayor of America's second city, a majority that promised to exceed 200,000.

Walton Defeated in Come-Back Effort

Oklahoma City, April 9.—Rejection of J. C. (Jack) Walton, ousted governor, came from Oklahoma City voters Tuesday as returns after the polls closed added to the two-to-one early majority piled up by his opponent for mayor, C. J. Blinn.

Complete, but unofficial returns from all of the city's 179 precincts gave Blinn 25,375 and Walton 16,308.

During the closing hours the laboring classes to whom Walton appealed more strongly than Blinn went to the polls but Walton even then couldn't catch his opponent.

Throughout the summer-like day there were frequent minor disorders. Deputy sheriffs made four trips to one polling place to quiet arguments over eligibility of voters. A ballot shortage in mid-afternoon caused hasty printing of 5,000 more.

The election was non-partisan.

Entry Blank LIONS YARD AND GAR- DEN CONTEST Merkel, Texas

Please enter my name in the class checked.

Improving and beautifying the home grounds by proper planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., better kept yards, and cleaner alleys and streets.

Class 1—Those who own their homes.

Class 2—Those who rent their homes.

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to _____

Mrs. Len Sublett, Chairman,
Yard and Garden Contest,
Merkel, Texas

(All entries must be received before June 1st.)

Red Cross to Close Local Office Apr. 10

After Friday, April 10, the local Red Cross office will be closed, according to statement authorized by J. T. Warren, local representative.

Mr. Warren early in the week received notice to accept applications for aid only in extreme cases until the 15th of the month and after that not to accept any applications.

This means that assistance through the Red Cross agency is discontinued in this section for the present.

County Commissioners Will Canvas Returns

Abilene, April 9.—The Taylor county commissioners court will be in session Monday to canvass returns of the county school elections of last Saturday, it was announced today.

Interest in the official count centers on the contest between W. A. Graham, Guion, and Ben Smith, Bradshaw, for county trustee from precinct 4. Incomplete and unofficial returns have shown Graham to be leading by some 12 or 15 votes.

C. B. Tisdale of Tuscola, was unopposed in re-election from precinct 3. Returns from all district trustee elections also will be canvassed at the court session.



OFF THE FRONT PAGE.

I was talking recently with Ted Clark who was secretary to Mr. Coolidge at the White House. He told me about one of the famous Grid-iron dinners, at which a character was made up to represent the "Front Page." The poor fellow was emaciated and despondent; he complained that Coolidge had ruined him by making so little news.

Ted said: "I think that one of the best and truest tributes that could be paid to Coolidge would be to say: 'He took the government of the United States off the front page.'"

He went on to tell half a dozen dramatic incidents which might easily have become national issues if Coolidge had been minded to make a fuss about them. But he handled them so quietly that the public knew nothing about them.

The newspapers are the greatest single educational influence in our lives. By throwing the fierce glare of their search-light in all directions they have been a powerful aid in abolishing secret diplomacy. They have encouraged big business to come out into the open, and they are a constant and tremendous deterrent to crime.

But under our system of government they put an unwilling premium upon the performance of the self-advertiser and the demagogue.

Our Senators are no longer chosen, as they used to be, by responsible party organizations in the state legislature. They are nominated in popular primaries.

The easy way for a Senator to keep his voters from forgetting his name is to make them think he is important in Washington. And the easy way to achieve this seeming importance is to attack something, or investigate something, or become otherwise noisy and conspicuous.

But be not discouraged.

I have stood in the laboratory where Edison worked so many years to give the world electric light. I have seen the old shed where Kettering first began the experiments which culminated in the self-starter for automobiles. I have visited the tiny village where, in a modest home, Charles Darwin wrote the book that changed the trend of scientific thought. On the gate post is a tablet with this inscription:

"Here Darwin lived and thought for forty years, and here on April 19, 1882, he died."

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SHEPPARD WINS IN ALDERMANIC RACE BY 1 VOTE

**Present Incumbent Re-Elected
In Close Contest With L. L.
Murray; Len Sublett Named
As New Alderman.**

A. T. Sheppard was re-elected alderman of the city of Merkel by one vote over L. L. Murray in a three-cornered race, (two to be elected,) in the annual city election Tuesday. Sheppard received 124 votes, while Murray's vote was 123. Len Sublett, the other candidate for alderman, received 229 votes.

When the totals were first run up at the close of the voting day Tuesday, it appeared that Sheppard and Murray were tied, with 124 votes each, and a run-off would have, therefore, been necessary.

But before certifying the returns for delivery to the city secretary, the judges, believing that an error had been made, due to doubt as to whether a certain ballot had or had not been counted, re-counted the votes, with the above result. George Boyce was election judge, assisted by H. M. Rainbolt and R. R. Buford, as judges, and E. C. Conner and Carl Black as tally clerks. All five of the election board were present when the recount was made and certified to the report.

W. M. Elliott, only candidate for the mayor's office, lacked only two votes of securing every vote cast. 247 votes were registered and he received 245.

Miss Pauline Johnson, present city secretary and tax collector, was defeated by Mrs. Floyd Dowell, the vote being 132 for Mrs. Dowell and 110 for Miss Johnson.

MERKEL'S NEW MAYOR.

Will Elliott has never before held public office. He came to Taylor county from Kaufman county in 1890 and has lived in Merkel since 1895. He was graduated from the Merkel High school in 1900, in the second graduating class from the Merkel public schools.

On the first of January of this year, he sold his interest in the Bob Martin Grocery to Mr. Martin, having been associated with Mr. Martin 15 years in the business and both of them having worked in the store several years prior to the time they purchased it.

Mr. Elliott is superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School, an elder of the same church, secretary of the court session.

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WTU Announces Much Construction Work

Abilene, April 9.—Extension and construction work, as planned for the next two weeks by the West Texas Utilities company, includes electric, gas and water developments, the extension of service to oil fields, and the further development of existing water supply in the Panhandle, according to a report made available from the local offices of the company here yesterday.

Urban electric extensions will be made at Dumas, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Eldorado and Rule. Each of these extensions will carry service to new customers.

Oil field extensions will be made at Iraan, where a one-mile, 12 Kv. three-phase line will serve the Humble Oil and Refining company lease; at Albany, where a 220 volt three-phase secondary line will furnish oil well pumping power demands in the Clarke field, and at Vernon, where a secondary extension will be strung to a residential demand on the lease of the Lido Oil company.

New parkway cable will be laid for a section of the Cisco whiteway system, and two new lighting standards erected at Roby.

Changes in Regulations For Used Car Transfers

Announcement of changes in regulations regarding method of recording used car transfers, made by the Texas highway department, has been received by Earl Hughes county tax collector.

Cost of filing a bill of sale with the collector, formerly \$1, is now 25 cents, provided the bill is filed within ten days of the transfer. A

penalty of \$2.50 is attached for failure to file within ten days and the fine is increased to \$5 if 20 days expire before filing.

Newly enacted law regarding the transfer, effective at once, follows: "One copy of the bill of sale required to be delivered to the transferee of a used or second hand car shall be retained by the transferee as evidence of the title and another copy shall be filed by the transferee within ten days from the date of the transfer with the collector in the county in which the transferee resides, as an application for a transfer of license with fee of 25 cents, provided that if the transferee does not file the application within ten days a penalty of \$2.50 shall be paid and before the expiration of 20 days a penalty of \$5 shall be paid upon filing the application."

Students Allowed Ten Full Semesters

Austin, April 9.—High school students will be allowed from now on to participate in activities of the Texas Interscholastic league for ten full semesters, whether they are in attendance at school continually or intermittently, according to a referendum taken among the member schools of the league by the University of Texas League bureau. The 1930 statement of the rule governing this matter gave the contestant a period of only ten semesters after he first enrolled in high school. The change, which goes into effect immediately, will permit the contestant to participate for a longer period of time.

Merkel Boy Named On SMU Honor Roll

Dallas, April 9.—One student from Merkel was on the honor roll of Southern Methodist university of Dallas for the first term of the 1930-31 session. He was Sterling Sheppard, Junior of the school of Journalism, who earned a "B" average for the past semester.

Forty-nine Texas towns, nine states and one foreign country, Mexico, were represented on the honor roll which totaled 292 students in all, 185 girls and 107 boys. Of the Texas towns, Dallas led with 215 students on the honor roll. There were 58 from other Texas towns and 18 from other states.

Texas stands tenth among the states in number of radio sets in use with \$64,000 on July 1, 1930.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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We can put up patiently with quite a lot of Senators, so long as we know that, back in the thousand quiet homes and shops and offices, there are Edisons and Ketterings and Darwins.

MOVED To
BLUE FRONT GARAGE
EARL TEAGUE
Tinner and Plumber
Phones
Residence 154 Shop 60
Satisfaction Guaranteed

SPECIAL FOR APRIL ONLY

CAMPING TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

SUPREME COTS, 15 oz., Brown cover \$3.00
CAMP CHAIRS 75c
CAMP STOOLS 50c
TOPS not put on, any Sedan \$5.00
ANY COUPE \$2.50
SEAT COVERS, new stuff, 30 per cent Off
CAR ENAMEL, good as the best, pint, black 80c
CHASES in black, pint 50c

We have Glass and Machine to grind it and can fit any Door and Window while you wait.

LEATHER—ALL KINDS OF HARNESS LEATHER AT THE RIGHT PRICE.

HAME STRAPS 25c
SATURDAY SPECIALS IN THE SHOE DEPARTMENT
Men and Boys Half Soles and Rubber Heels \$1.00
Ladies' Half Soles and Rubber Heels 90c
Leather Tips 15c

There is no cut on Half Soles if you don't get the whole job

IN THE SHOE DEPARTMENT IS FOR SATURDAY ONLY AND THE REST IS FOR APRIL ONLY.

NEATS FOOT OIL 50c Quart or \$1.25 Gallon
Good for All Kinds of Leather.

SHOES DYED, any color with oil dye, pair 50c

Have Shoe and Boot Laces of all kinds and length.

We have a few boxes of Shells—12 ga. Sure Shot Remington box 75c

45 and 41 Pistol Shells at \$1.70 and \$1.25

Come to see me for the Right Price on any thing in my line

DOWELL'S TOP AND SHOE SHOP

Front Street

Condensed Statement of Condition of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

At Close of Business March 25, 1931.

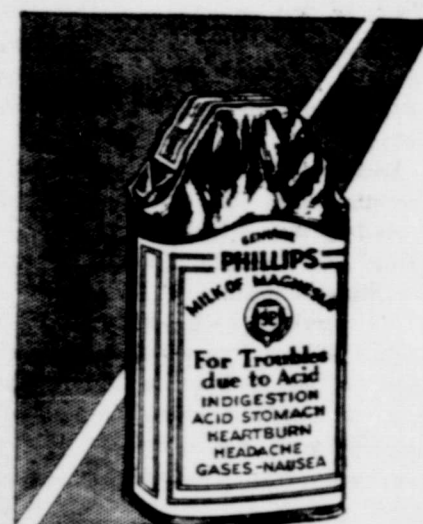
RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$254,730.16
Overdrafts	551.63
Real Estate on Hand	12,274.10
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	\$ 24,300.00
Cash & Sight Exchg.	110,224.68
AVAILABLE CASH	134,524.68
Total	\$417,143.07

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Und. Profits	30,708.80
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscouts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	330,184.27
Total	\$417,143.07

The above statement is correct,
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.



ALWAYS DEPENDABLE!



WHEN FOOD SOURS

ABOUT two hours after eating, many people suffer from sour stomachs. They call it indigestion. It means that the stomach nerves have been overstimulated. There is excess acid. The way to correct it is with an alkali, which neutralizes many times its volume in acid.

The right way is Phillips' Milk of Magnesia—just a tasteless dose in water. It is pleasant, efficient and harmless. It is the quick method. Results come almost instantly. It is the approved method. You will never use another when you know.

Be sure to get the genuine Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, the kind physicians prescribe to correct excess acids. 25c and 50c a bottle—any drugstore.

"Milk of Magnesia" has been the U. S. Registered Trade Mark of The Charles H. Phillips Chemical Company and its predecessor Charles H. Phillips since 1875.

Adults Contract Children's Diseases

Adults can, and do, contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them much more than children do. For instance, many adults contract worms, an ailment usually associated with children. Sometimes they suffer intensely and take expensive medical treatments, without realizing that worms are the cause of their troubles. Yet, the symptoms are the same as in children, loss of appetite and weight, grinding the teeth and restless sleep, itching of the nose and anus, and abdominal pains. And, the same medicine that surely and harmlessly expels round and pin worms from children will do the same for adults—White's Cream Vermifuge, which you can get at

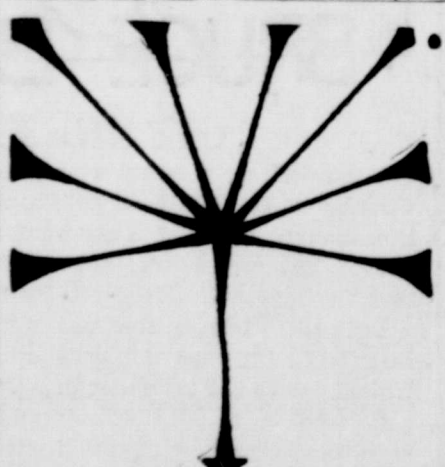
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WHEN BABIES FRET

THERE are times when a baby is too fretful or feverish to be sung to sleep. There are some pains a mother cannot pat away. But there's quick comfort in Castoria!

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There is more real satisfaction in a fifty-cent out-of-town telephone call than in days of back and forth writing.

Now Is the Time

We will tighten all body bolts and thoroughly grease your car

ALL FOR \$2.00

We do all kinds of repairing. Try us. Our prices are right

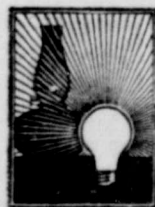
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Earl Henry
Dell Sanders
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Phone 210



PIONEERS---THEN AND NOW



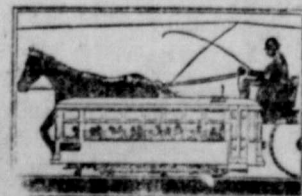
Not so many years ago, hardy pioneers, attracted by the richness, beauty and character of West Texas, halted their ox-drawn "covered wagons" in this section of the nation's last frontier, and sensing, perhaps, its future greatness, made it their home. Wrestling their livelihood from the virgin soil, these sturdy Empire-builders laid the foundations for our present high standard of living, our progressive cities, substantial industries, beautiful homes and alert citizenry.

In a comparable manner, the West Texas Utilities Company—pioneering the widespread distribution of electric energy—has made possible, through the equalizing influence of dependable and inexpensive electric power, the intensive development of West Texas.

Just previous to the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company, the average residential cost per kilowatt-hour in this territory was 13 3/4 cents. Now, under the modern rate schedules of this company, it has been REDUCED to 6 1/2 cents—a REDUCTION OF MORE THAN FIFTY PER CENT! During the year 1930, monthly residential consumption averaged fifty kilowatt-hours per customer. Under the present rate

schedule of this company, the customer can increase his use of service to three times that amount and only increase his total bill by 10 cents a day. Before the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company, a similar increase above the normal average would have cost more than four times that amount, or more than 40 cents a day for the additional comfort or service now available for 10 cents! In other words, you can now use an abundance of service, knowing that the added comforts and conveniences possible in this manner will make only a small increase in your total cost.

The building of a transmission line system, which links scattered communities and widely separated rural homes into one unit served from strategically located main generating plants, was a revolutionary theory when the West Texas Utilities Company first pioneered in this territory. This system—in a territory as sparsely settled and undeveloped as the West Texas area of a few short years ago—has increased the quantity and quality of service, and at the same time reduced rates. Only a sincere faith in the future development of the territory has warranted this investment of many millions of dollars.



West Texas Utilities Company

TIGER EYE

by B. M. Bower



SECOND INSTALLMENT.

The Kid's name was Bob Reeves, but back home on the Brazos they called him Tiger Eye, because one was yellow—the eye with which he sighted down a gun-barrel. His father was "Killer" Reeves, but the boy did not want to kill. If he stayed home he would have to carry on his father's feuds, so he headed his horse, Pecos, northward and encountered Nate Wheeler, who drew his .45 and fired just as Tiger Eye did. The Kid didn't want to kill Nate, only to cripple him, but his aim must have been wild, for Wheeler dropped from his horse. Babe Garner came riding up. Wheeler was a "nester," he said, and had it coming to him. Tiger Eye rode to Wheeler's cabin to notify the dead man's widow.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
"No'm, yo'all bettah stay right heah. I'll go tote him in, Mis' Wheelah. I'll tote him on his howse."

The mother stood upon the step and watched him go, her hand shielding her eyes from the last direct sunrays. Her face was white and her mouth was grim.

He knew there was murder in her heart; not for him who brought the message—for the man who had shot her husband.

A bleak sense of being somehow tricked by circumstance swept over the kid. It wasn't fair. He wasn't a killer, he hadn't wanted to kill, but a man lay dead because of the kid's bungling shot.

Shoah funny, Babe Garner being right there close where he could see and hear the whole thing. Never needed any explaining—just took it for granted the kid only did what he had to do. Never said a word, either, about the poor shooting.

Getting Wheeler on the pinto, tying him on with his own rope—like toting a deer out of the hills along the Brazos. The kid worked calmly enough but he worked fast and he did not look straight at Nate Wheeler's face; not once. Damn' shame. Shooting Wheeler's arm down would have done just as well. Better. A damn sight better for the woman and that baby.

She was down by the gate, waiting in the dusk, when the kid came riding up, leading the pinto with its grisly pack. The little woman unfastened the gate, her fingers clinging to the weathered, strap-worn slick in her husband's hands.

She did not speak as the grim burden went through. Just reached out and caught a swaying, inert hand and laid it swiftly against her cheek and let it go. The kid swallowed hard and turned his tiger stare straight ahead up the trail toward the darkened cabin.

"I'll go fix the bed for him," she announced duly, coming up as the kid halted at the doorstep and swung limberly down from the saddle.

The kid was unfastening the rope where the last hitch had been taken in the middle of Nate Wheeler's back. The body had sagged to one side, and the Kid lifted it by one arm—the gun arm, the one he meant to "shoot down." The arm gave limply in his grasp, the bone shattered above the elbow; and the kid froze to an amazed immobility for ten seconds, his mind blank, his fingers groping and testing.

Arm shoah was plugged, all right. Not a doubt in the world about that. Funny the kid hadn't noticed it before. But, then Wheeler had fallen on that side and his arm had been underneath and the hole in his head was too plain to miss seeing. It never had occurred to the kid to look at that arm. Hadn't happened to get hold of it when he loaded him on the pinto, either. Hell, he hadn't missed, after all! Hit the arm right where he aimed, up above the elbow where there was only one bone to bust and no great harm done. Few weeks in a sling, arm good as ever.

The kid felt the little heat waves streaking up his spine at the woman's voice from the doorway, and the heat warmed and dissipated the cold lump he had been carrying in his chest. He hadn't bungled that shot, after all. Wheeler must have ducked his head right in line with the bullet. It was an accident—and that made a difference; a very great difference to the kid, justly proud of his skill.

He lifted Wheeler's body from the pinto to his own back, carried it in and laid it on the bed. The wife now stood staring down at him with the

hot, dry eyes of hate. Hate for the man who had killed her husband.

She stooped now and picked up the baby and set him astride one bony hip and wiped his nose and cheeks with a corner of her apron. Red-headed little tike, that baby. Red-headed like his pappy. It pointed now to Wheeler and said, "Daddy go bye?" twice, waving its chubby arm toward the bed.

That did something to the woman, kinda. She grabbed the baby's arm down and turned away quick, and sat down on a rocking chair and started moaning and rocking, the baby's face pressed so close against her shoulder that its little stubby nose was flattened and it kicked like a calf at the branding fire, trying to get loose.

"Anything yo'all want me to do—milk, or anything like that?" The kid stood by the door with his bullet-scarred hat in his hand, trying to keep the red out of his face.

"No—oh, no—oh, feed the pinto—and feed the team—" The little woman still rocked the baby, speaking jerkily like that between her moaning.

The kid went out and led Pecos and the pinto down to the stable. Pecos he led behind the stable. Dark, back in there. Pecos snorted a little, but he'd stand, all right. No use having him out in sight—not in a country where the nesters hollered "Draw, you coyote!" and then started popping it right to you, without waiting to see if yo'all were going to draw.

The chores were soon done. How about a grave? Plump foolish to start digging, unless he knew where to dig. She ought to have the say about that, but he hated to ask her.

Riders coming, Poole men, maybe, after Nate Wheeler. They oughtn't to bother the widow now, the way she was feeling. The kid started running. He reached the cabin door and opened it while the riders were still at the gate.

"Men a-comin' heah, Ma'am. If yo'all don't want 'em—"

"Oh, let 'em come," she answered wearily. "They can't do any more damage. They've got Nate—they ought to be satisfied with that."

She got up and crossed the room, and presently the kid saw her face, dead white in the flare of a match she was drawing across the lamp wick.

The riders stopped outside the cabin and some one whistled a call—but it was not the night-bird call Babe Garner had taught the kid. Different. This was the first strain of that old war song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." The kid's lips puckered thoughtfully and he repeated the strain standing just inside the closed door. Friends, they must be; that is, friends of the Wheelers. He wouldn't have to dig that grave, after all. The kid was glad, for he hated grave digging.

He opened the door and the men came in; four of them, one after the other. Shaggy, farmer-looking men, with stubby cheeks that stuck out on one side with great cuds of tobacco. The kid felt a vague distaste for them. They halted at sight of him, huddling just within the room instead of scattering. But the kid's hat was off, and though it dangled from his left hand he looked at home there, somehow. Besides, they had got their signal all right. The leader relaxed, dropping his hand to his side.

"We come to tell Nate there's a meetin' over to Hans Becker's place and we'd like to have him go along." He cast another suspicious glance toward the kid and checked what more he would have said. "You better get ready and go too. The women are talkin' about stayin' all together over there, where it's a big house and plenty of room, till we git the Poole—" He stopped again. "This boy workin' for you?" he asked brusquely.

"He's—been helping me—" "Oh, I don't call him to mind. Yuh want to look out for strangers. Where's Nate?"

The little woman lifted her hand from patting the baby, and pointed one finger to the corner where stood the bed.

"Sick?" A headshako was his answer, and the kid did not move.

"No time to go on a toot, with the Poole—" "They got him," Nate's wife spoke in that dull, level tone which the kid hated to hear. "Shot him on the road somewhere. The boy found him and brought him home."

The kid stood aside for them, as they rushed to the bed to look at Nate, but no one paid any attention to

him. Not then. The tall man brought the lamp and they examined the body thoroughly. They muttered together, but the kid could not hear what they said, because he stayed back, near the foot of the bed—near the door too. No use letting them block the way out, even if they did think he was working for the Wheelers.

There was a sudden and significant pause. The tall man leaned over and probed carefully with a finger, then stood up and spat over his shoulder into the shadows. He looked past his companions, fixing his unpleasant gaze on the kid.

"You over there, what's your name?"

"Bob Reeves," said the kid. "Reeves—don't know that name. Where you from?"

"Brazos." The kid did not lift his eyes—much. But he got a pretty comprehensive view through his lashes.

"He brought Nate home to me. And he did the chores." The little woman in the rocking chair, holding the sleep-slackened form of her baby in her arms, stopped rocking and turned her anguished eyes upon the tall man. "He's been awful nice and accommodating, Pete Gorham."

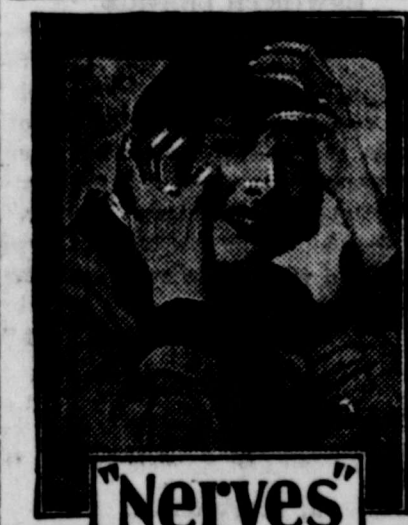
"Accommodatin'!" The tall man snarled the word like an oath. "Probably one of the Poole's new Texas killers they shipped in! Accommodated you, mebbey, by killin' Nate. Willin' to take Nate's place, mebbey!" The kid lifted his eyes now, though one was squinted shut and the other was the eye of a tiger. They did not see him draw his gun, but the little woman jumped and caught her baby up against her breast at the shattering roar of the kid's shot.

"That's to earmark yo'all so white folks'll know and walk wide of a skunk," drawled the kid, as the tall man clapped hand to his head. "And that's for spittin' on the floor," he added, on the echo of another shot. "Scuse me, Ma'am—I couldn't stand to see him insult yo'all that-a-way."

No one in that room saw the kid make a hurried move, but the door opened, fanned the acrid haze of powder smoke and shut with a bang. Where the kid had stood was empty space. They looked at one another and they looked at Pete Gorham, with the blood trickling down each side of his neck from bullet holes bored through the gristly tops of his ears that stood out against the black brim of his hat.

Once more the kid was running away, but he was not taking any more time than was necessary. He was in the saddle and waiting, peering forth, when he heard the cabin door open, saw a dim shape steal out. Then another, and after a minute one more.

Afraid of him, the way they acted. Afraid he would hide outside in the dark and pick them off one at a time as they came out. That's about their notion of what a Texas killer would be like. That was about the way they would fight—Pete Gorham, anyway.



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Now he would go earmarked the rest of his life. Shoah was a neat trick, and tempting too, with his ears sticking up like a field mouse under his black hat. Shoah made a fine mark, easier than shooting the pipe out of cards. The kid gave a sudden boyish laugh at the thought of those ears with their round bullet holes.

The three went in again, slipping in one at a time. The kid grinned again. He'd bet Pete Gorham was the man that stayed inside and didn't come out.

After awhile they came out again, this time with a lantern, one man walking ahead as if he were on guard. The kid didn't know about that lantern if they went snooping around, and if they looked behind the stable, he might have to shoot somebody. Better not take a chance. So he backed Pecos a step at a time, back and back until they were out beyond the stable.

There, within sight of the gate—within easy shooting distance too—the kid waited in the gully not far from the gate. They drove away from the house at last, coming his way. One man was driving the team, his horse following behind the wagon. The little woman was on the seat beside him. Two riders went ahead.

Half a mile behind them, he followed the little cavalcade. Easy enough, with the cluck of the wagon coming faintly through the starlight. The kid wondered if they were afraid he might be on their track. Probably not. His little argument with Pete was kind of personal. One of the men didn't like Pete's remarks any too well. He'd be glad Pete got himself earmarked that-a-way.

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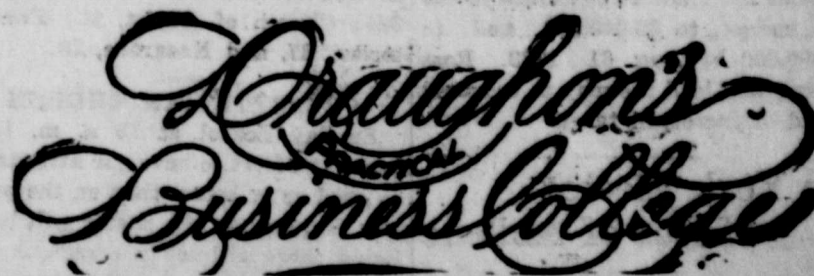
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The first number of the Loraine News, edited by Thos. Durham, was issued last Friday—a credit both to our neighboring city in Mitchell county and to our good friend and confidant, the genial, whole-souled Tom Durham. Mr. Durham was editor and publisher of The Mail for eight years prior to its purchase by the present owners, September 1, 1928, and since that time has followed the newspaper game in Albany, where he leased the Albany News for a term, later going to Crane City where he founded the Crane City News. Just a few weeks ago he disposed of his interests there to return to Merkel with his family. But his untiring energy gave him only a brief vacation and he is again in harness, pushing and pulling for the thriving citizenship of Loraine. The Mail joins a host of Merkel friends as well as members of the newspaper fraternity in West Texas in wishing Tom Durham much success in his new field of endeavor.

The old home town was handed a deserved bouquet by Brother Yeats in the course of one of his sermons during the recent Union Revival when he remarked that, considering the size of the town, there were more regular attendants at the Sunday Schools here in proportion to population than anywhere in Texas. A conspicuous comparison verifying this fact, was brought to this editor's attention in reading the Collingsworth County Standard last week when the item appeared in print that "of a population of approximately 4,000 people in and near Wellington, only 800 are enrolled in Sunday School." Merkel, with a census population of 1,848, had 912 present at her Sunday Schools last Sunday.

Since the days of the impetuous Theodore Roosevelt, the figure in national politics and affairs that has at most frequent intervals crashed the front page, without premeditation or publicity propaganda, is Major General Smedley D. Butler, the colorful commandant of the fighting marines. The latest disclosure comes in the announcement that the marine general, who recently escaped a court-martial for an alleged public reference to Premier Mussolini of Italy as a "hit and run driver," plans to throw his hat in the Pennsylvania political ring in 1932 to seek the senatorial seat now held by former Secretary of Labor James J. Davis.

Contracts for construction work since December 1, as reported to the president's emergency employment committee, have exceeded the sum of one billion dollars. The process of planning public works, letting contracts and then getting the operations started is necessarily slow, but this stupendous figure is bound to have telling effects in restoring our country to its normal state, when it is admitted that the circulation of single dollars is not to be sneezed at, under present conditions.

It is well that Texas has such a well balanced and experienced business man as governor to meet the approaching emergency of an estimated deficit of \$4,450,000 for the state treasury on August 31 of this year. For 1932 this figure would rise, if the state tax rate remains the same and the appropriations are made as contained in the state budget, to \$6,940,000 and to \$11,390,000 by Aug. 31, 1933. Ross Sterling will lead the way to economy instead of increased taxes.

Lee York Elected
Mayor of Abilene

Abilene, April 9.—In the annual city election here Tuesday, in which 2777 votes were polled, Lee R. York, present judge of the corporation court, led a field of five candidates for mayor, his total being 1174. D. H. Jefferies was second with 593 votes.

Charles E. Sammons, W. Victor, Womack, C. L. Johnson and J. F. Johnson were elected commissioners, making a clean sweep of the present administration.

Rick Sibley, present chief of police, defeated his opponent, Frank Whaley, 2175 to 602.

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CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

When one considers that in many of the instances of life things terminate so differently from what he had expected, and when so often it is the case that the power and forces of man combating the powers of God are hopelessly defeated, the question is asked by Rev. R. A. Walker in his weekly sermonette for readers of The Mail, printed below, "How can man refuse to leave God out of his life?"

"The Incredible Things of Life."
Text: "The Kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem." Lam. 4:12.

There are a great many things in life with which man has to do that terminate so differently from what we ever expected.

We see so often the power and forces of man combating the powers of God and always hopelessly defeated.

The walls around Jerusalem for the protection of the city were thought by the people of the earth to be impossible for an enemy to break through, but sin had entered first. Depending on a wall alone, God was not within the walls. He was not a part of their fortification.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by the power of God because of sin. The inhabitants may have felt that their fortification was sufficient and that that happened was impossible. Jericho's walls fell at the command of God.

The soldiers who guarded the tomb of the Saviour thought it impossible for the stone to be rolled away and His body to come forth. So man has and always will fight a losing battle without God's help, and the seemingly impossible will happen.

A strong young man cannot realize in the strength of his manhood that the time will ever come when a child may have to lead him, or an intellectual giant to sometime have to be told his own name, or a wealthy man ask for something to eat; it may be so.

Then can man refuse to leave God out of his life, our only safe refuge and security? God is our only protection against the enemy of our souls. When all things else may have fallen and we have come to the end of the way, we can assuredly say we have a home not made with hands eternally in the heavens.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

W. D. Butler is to be the leader of the Men's Prayer Service at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. next Sunday and the lesson will be the 84th Psalm. Last Sunday Joe Risinger was the leader, the service having been held at the Nazarene church. The two weeks Union Revival, which came to a close Sunday, was sponsored by the men of the Men's Prayer Service, with the cooperation of the churches of the city, and the preaching was done by the local pastors. As a result of this meeting, there has come a city-wide awakening of religious life and activity, very gratifying to all who were interested in the arrangements for the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Easter Sunday was given appropriate observance here Sunday with the largest attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools that has been tabulated since The Mail began keeping the record systematically some two years ago. The attendance for Easter Sunday was 912, distributed as follows: Methodist, 357; Baptist, 345; Church of Christ, 93; Presbyterian, 87, and Nazarene, 30.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's make an effort to have our attendance as good as or better than on the previous Sunday. As the pastor will be at Baird, there will not be preaching service. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The interest in Sunday School was very good last Sunday. There were about 30 present. We had no preaching services either morning or night on the account of the Union revival.

We have prayer meeting each Thursday night. You are invited to come over and worship with us.

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45.
W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

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"There are many threadbare souls Under silken clothes and gowns."
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ABILENE PRESBYTERY WILL

CONVENE HERE APRIL 14-15. The Grace Presbyterian church will be host to the Abilene Presbytery Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, April 14 and 15, convening at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday. The public is invited to all the sessions and addresses by three able speakers are in store on the two day program.

Dr. J. H. Burma, president of Trinity university, Waxahachie, will preach the opening sermon which will be preceded by "Jerusalem the Golden," an anthem by the choir and a solo by Paul West.

Wednesday at 11 a. m. Rev. Eugene Surface, pastor at Lamesa, will preach, followed by a communion service. Special music will be a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," by A. J. Tucker. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Markley, pastor at Breckenridge, will preach. Special music will be an anthem, "Be Thou Exalted," by the choir, and a duet by Delmer Compton and Paul West.

piercing statement and make it personal and see and know for your own satisfaction, if this is true of your soul, and come to church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and hear a sermon that will help you to settle the question.

My subject at 7:30 p. m. will be "The Challenge of Modern Youth." Let us mark Sunday another great day in our Sunday School. Do not miss our B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. It is growing in numbers and interest. You are wanted and you are welcome.

J. T. King, Pastor.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Scripture reading, Matthew 18:23-25, by Mrs. J. H. Ensminger. Group leader, Mrs. Causseaux. First part, Mrs. Carson. Second part, Mrs. Daugherty. Third part, Mrs. G. M. Sharp. Fourth part, Mrs. E. W. King. Fifth part, Mrs. J. J. Toombs. Sixth part, Mrs. E. W. King. Seventh, brief discussion, Rev. J. T. King.

POST SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Scripture, Matthew 18:23-25. Song, by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott. "The Dispute Among the Disciples," Bill Haynes. "Jesus Tells How to Settle a Difficulty," Miss Hazel Williams. "Peter's Question about Forgiveness," Byars Petty. "The Sin of an Unforgiving Spirit," Miss Vennie Heizer. "Why People Harbor Grudges," Mrs. T. E. Collins. "How to Overcome an Unforgiving Spirit," Miss Valerie Dye.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

"My Money, A Trust." Program material, Sarah Sheppard. "The Bible Teaches God is Owner," Joe Earl Lassiter. "We are Stewards," Ethelda Tucker.

"Why Should We Give?" Hail Derrine.

"The Highest Motive for Giving," L. Verne Holden.

"Two Gifts," Ruth Davis.

"The Bible Plan of Giving," Howard Carson.

Quartette, Thelma Matthews, La Verne Holden, Ethelda Tucker, Haseltine Farris.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "True Riches." "Teaching by Parable," Harold King.

Scripture reading, William Sheppard.

"This World." (1) "The Rich Man in Splendor," Rogene Dye. (2) "Lazarus at the Gate," Bussy Boaz. (3) "The Crowd Passing by," Carol King.

Song.

"The Next World." (1) "Lazarus in Abraham's Bosom," Woodrow Wozencraft. (2) "The Rich Man in Torment," Sis Boaz. (3) "The Lost Opportunity," Oleta Moore.

"A Word in Conclusion," Leonard Reeves.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

A very unusual course for religious workers will be offered at a training school to be held at First Church, Abilene, beginning next Sunday at 3 p. m. This school will continue until Friday night, meeting at 7:30 each evening with the exception of Sunday. The courses offered are as follows:

Program and organization of young peoples division, by Dr. J. Richard Spann. A study of middle childhood, by Mrs. W. E. Lions. Beginners' Psychology, by Mrs. E. J. Briggs. Spirit and genius of Methodism, by Mrs. F. Key of Amarillo. Church music

SOCIETY

EASTER PARTY.

On Thursday afternoon Bonnie Lee and Jimmie Gene White entertained a number of little folks with an Easter party at their home. As the little folks gathered games were played. When all had arrived they were invited into the dining room, each one finding their place by cards attached to pretty Easter baskets, where a delicious plate consisting of chicken sandwiches, deviled eggs, Easter cookies and punch was served.

Afterward an old-fashioned egg hunt was enjoyed by Doris Clyde Miller, La Vonne Vickers, Betty Lou Higgins, Francis and Mary Lou Foster, Joy Bland, Dora Marie Galtier, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Nedra Swafford, Betty Jo Hassey, Mary Margaret Boden, Dorothy Nell Lee, Johnnie McDonald, Gwendolyn Renfro, Freddie Nell Huddleston, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Jerry Warren, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Bobby Taylor, Carrol Pete Bland, Dwight Swafford, Robert Lee, Wesley Owens, Billie Tom and Buddie Hutcherson, Billie Joe White and George Mack Owens.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner extended hospitality to a few friends with bridge games on Wednesday evening. Musical selections interspersed progression of the games and at the refreshment hour delicious upside-down cake, topped with whip cream, and coffee were served to Miss Christine Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, Dr. and Mrs. Gardner and C. J. Glover.

MURPHY-COX.

Friends of Mrs. Mae Cox and Box Murphy will be interested to learn of their marriage on Monday of last week in Sweetwater, the justice of peace officiating.

Mrs. Cox is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore and Mr. Murphy, originally from Birmingham, Ala., has made many friends in the five years he has resided in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy will be at home on their farm four miles south of town.

and hymnody, by Joe Strother. Life of Christ, by D. B. Doak.

Those interested in these special lines of work could not do a better thing than to plan now to take the course. Several have declared their intentions to attend. Ways will be provided.

We are happy to have in our church with us the ten members that joined last Sunday. They are: Paul Collins, Mary Collins, Leo Tucker, Bernice Tucker, Bettie Lou Grimes, Zada Bell, Lois Suber, Otha Suber, Clayton Miller Leach, Mary Joe Russell.

We trust you will find a joyous, progressive, Christian home with us that will be both a haven of rest and a field of activity.

Sunday will be our first Sunday following the meeting. Let us see what effect the meeting will have on our Sunday School and church attendance. Let us make it a great day.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Our league is increasing in size and efficiency each day. The leaguers have decided to exhibit some of their talent and favor Merkel with one of the best three-act plays she has ever seen. Watch this paper for the coming of "An Old-Fashioned Mother."

Wednesday night new officers were elected and with a new staff and new enthusiasm we are going to try to live up to our motto "All For Christ."

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song. Prayer: sentence prayer. Song.

Leader, J. V. Patterson.

Scripture, by leader.

Three short poems, by Mollie Frank Touchstone.

"A Deed that Woke the World," by A. C. Sears.

"The Answer to a Riddle," Ethelda Tucker.

Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The usual services for the week and you have an invitation to be with us for any or all the services.

The attendance at the various services last week increased some over the week before for which we are thankful.

Lord's Day at 10 a. m. Bible study; at 11 a. m. to 12 m., communion service; at 6:30 p. m. young peoples program; Tuesday at 2 p. m., ladies Bible study, and Wednesday at 8 p. m. prayer and Bible study services.

In love, The Elders.

THE POETS CORNER

BUTTERCUPS.

(To the pupils of my home-room.)

A carpet of green
Near the village is seen
All bedecked with
Buttercups yellow.

'Round each little hedge
That's withered and dead
Are clustered the
Buttercups yellow.

The world blooms anew
In the morn with the dew
When it's clothed with
Buttercups yellow.

For brightness is near
And the world never sere
When its graced with
Buttercups yellow.

—C. Coffey.

Sheppard Wins

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Odd Fellows, and house commander of the Woodmen of the World.

He is one of Merkel's outstanding citizens and considered deservedly worthy of the honor which has been bestowed upon him.

TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED.

In the election for members of the school board of the Merkel Public schools, held last Saturday, all four of the present trustees, whose terms expire this year, were re-elected. They are S. D. Gamble, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson and C. R. Tittle. Only 23 votes were cast in this election.

Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. Opal Sheppard, Eli Case and A. J. Canon each received one vote for school trustee. Mr. Case and Mr. Canon are holdover members of the board.

NOTICE.

See me if you want maize heads; I will help you all I can.

L. L. Murray.

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Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail for one year for \$2.00.

County Director Says
No Recount of Points

The Mail gladly gives space to the following communication:

Abilene, Texas, April 7, 1931.

Editor, Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In last week's Merkel Mail there was a statement that I was a party to a recount of points toward all-round county championship for Taylor county schools in which Trent was declared winner of Class B Championship instead of Potosi. Please make it clear in your paper of this week that I have not taken part in any recount of points and that the all-round championship for Class B schools belongs to Potosi.

Respectfully,
W. C. McKeezie

Co. Director of Athletics.

Free Poultry School
Four Days, April 27-30

The Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association will hold a free poultry school April 27, 28, 29 and 30 and all those interested are urged to see Secretary Robert Hicks and enroll.

The school will be taught by V. R. Glazener, former head of A. & M. poultry department and now poultry specialist for the Purina people.

The course will cover all processes from the time the egg is laid until the chicken is matured. He will also teach how to cull and judge chickens.

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Short Orders to Suit
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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COFFEE, Sam Houston, 3 lb. tin with beautiful piece Cameo glassware free\$1.09
MOPS, 1 O'cedar Oil or Dust with 60c O'cedar or Liquid Veneer Polish, both\$1.39
FLOUR, Buck Rabbit, 48's\$1.00
SUGAR, paper bags, 20 lbs.\$1.00
MEAL, cream, 20 lbs., cloth bags 50c
PORK & BEANS, tall cans, 2 for 15c
GEM NUT, butter substitute, limit 4 lbs., lb. 15c
SPUDS, No. 1 Rurals, nice clean, 10 lbs 27c
STRAWBERRIES, pint boxes, each 15c
BEANS, snap, fresh and tender, lb. 13c

LETTUCE, BUNCH VEGETABLES, NEW
POTATOES, FRUITS, BABY CHICK
FEED SPECIALLY PRICED.

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Beginning Saturday, April 11, we will give FREE with each \$1.00 worth of work on our Cash and Carry plan one ten year guaranteed Silver Plated DORIS PATERN TEASPOON.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cornish Game eggs, \$1.00 per setting also baby chicks for sale. Robert Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

FOR SALE—Farmalls and equipment; also McCormick-Deering implements, cream separators, milking machines and feed grinders. We trade for and sell horses and mules. See Harry Barnett, Adams and Leverett, Merkel and Abilene.

BIG BOLL RUSSELL cotton seed for sale, culled and sacked; just planted one year; price \$1.00 per bushel. See Comer Haynes.

MAIZE DELIVERED—Will haul maize for you and put it in your barn. See me for prices. T. C. Jenkins, one half mile south of town. Phone 9018R2.

\$2,500 First Vendor notes trade for farm; will assume some debt. Nice tourist camp, all clear, to trade for residence in Merkel on North side of railroad.

Good farm in Lynn Co. near school, store and gin to trade for farm near Merkel.

L. B. Scott.

FOR SALE—2 good mares, 1 ordinary mare, 1 real good jersey milk cow, 1 jersey steer yearling, 1 jersey bull well bred 2 years old, 1 double row planter first class condition, 1 double row cultivator in good repair, a few other good implements various kinds. Farmers and Merchants National bank.

SECOND HAND PIANO for sale or will trade for electric radio. Buck Mashburn.

FOR SALE—Work stock and pure cotton seed. See Dr. M. Armstrong. Phone 12 or 195, or A. J. Canon.

WANTED

DROP IN and see our complete line of upholstery; will trade for your old furniture. J. T. Darsey.

WANTED—A slightly used gas cook stove. Call at Patterson's Meat Market.

WANTED—Two room furnished apartment, all conveniences; also adjoining single room unfurnished. Phone 56.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished south-east bedroom for rent; young men preferred; meals if desired. Call 120. Mrs. Thos. Durham.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Well bred white face male calf; ten months old; branded BT on left side. Elgie Ham, Dora, Texas.

STRAYED—From Tom Toombs' place fawn colored Jersey heifer. Notify Kenneth Pee.

LOST—Magnolia courtesy card issued to James B. Toombs. Notify C. H. Jones or J. C. White.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, April 9.—Increased cattle receipts Wednesday resulted in a weak and lower market. Around 3,600 head arrived. Steers moved very slowly on a steady to lower basis, and yearlings suffered a decline of 25c. Receipts of calves amounted to 600 head, and sales reflected a 25c drop. The general trade was very quiet and more or less a peddling affair.

About the only feature in connection with the cattle market was the sale of about two cars of choice yearlings at \$8.50. A few steers made \$7.75.

Hogs faced a downward revision of 15c to 25c with receipts reaching 800 head. The top was \$7.65 on truckers and \$7.60 on carlots.

The sheep and lamb market was uneven, opening sales being about steady, and the close mostly 25c down. The trade was slow. Receipts were close to 9,500 head. Genuine lambs brought up to \$8.75, shorn lambs reached \$6.75 and some 2-year-old wethers went at \$5.35.

Cattle Movement.

Four cars constituted the week's cattle movement from Merkel, including a car of mixed cattle by Baker and Collins on Monday and three cars of steers by Sam Butman, Sr., on Tuesday.

Personal Mention

Tom Wilson was here from Dallas to spend Easter with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman J. Lane of Abilene were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Kenneth Watkins was over from Abilene to spend Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Matt Dillingham and two children are visiting her parents at Jayton.

Mrs. C. W. Delmer and son, Merle Wade, visited Mrs. Sheppard in Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Foy came up from Baird to spend Easter with her parents.

Misses Mary Eula Sears and Loyce Dry spent the week-end in Midland and Odessa.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Christine Collins.

Miss Frances Anderson was home from T. C. U. to spend Easter with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck of Tuscola were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Misses Louise Booth, Maurine Davis and Lucille Cole were home from C. I. A. for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. J. R. Brown and baby of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

T. J. R. Swafford from Spur is spending a few days here with his family and attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington and two children of Midland were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither.

Misses Elois Stevens, Juanita Petree and Leah Hutcheson of Abilene were week-end guests of Mrs. A. A. McGehee.

Alton Davis, who is employed by the Rheme bakery in Abilene, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and family of Alba, Texas, have been visiting the past week in the home of Tom Henderson and family.

W. M. Elliott attended the latter part of last week the meeting of the head camp of Texas Woodmen of the World at Mineral Wells.

Miss Eva Horton returned home Monday from Hamlin where she had been visiting the past week with Misses Tula and Thelma Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff and Elbert and Roy Wilson of Prescott, Ariz., were guests last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

The many friends of Tom Henderson will be glad to know he is very much improved after being under medical treatment for a short while.

Week-end guests of Mrs. Duncan Briggs were her sister, Mrs. J. B. Steele and family of Eastland and her nephew, Ralph Bigham of Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Clarence Walden and daughter, Dolores, have returned to their home in Big Spring after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

Mesdames E. L. Yeats, Sam Butman, Sr., and R. A. Burgess attended the Northwest Texas Missionary conference at Big Spring Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Armstrong returned Wednesday from a visit to Fort Worth with her son and family, especially the new grandson. Dr. Armstrong had returned earlier.

For her Easter visit home with her parents, Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt was accompanied by Mrs. L. H. Fox and Mrs. Ruth Sanders of Kirkland, who were guests in the Rainbolt home.

B. L. Hamilton, for several years assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank here and now cashier of the First State bank of Loraine, with his wife and little daughter spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King had as their guests for the week-end, a sister, Mrs. Herman L. Grey and son, Herman Terry, of Paris, a nephew, Clifford Fleming of Las Cruces, and a niece, Mrs. H. B. Fleming and son, Donald Ray, of Las Cruces.

Mrs. C. A. Fryar of Albany joined Mrs. T. V. Touchstone here and they attended the Northwest Texas Missionary conference at Big Spring Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Ruby Hughes accompanied them to Big Spring and remained over for a visit.

Mrs. Verner Sublett and daughter, Vernelle, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, are here from Carlsbad, N. M. Mrs. Gilmore will remain here while her granddaughter completes the school term, while Mrs. Sublett will return to her home in Carlsbad.

A family reunion in the Thos. Durham home Sunday brought together Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and two children from McCamey, Miss Doris Durham from Crane City and Mrs. Bob Echols from Albany, besides Mr.

and Mrs. Sie Hamm and daughter, Wren Durham, and Nell and Neal.

Thos. S. Christopher, who is an assistant attorney general, and his wife and family, also Miss Carter of Lamasa, visited over the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett. Mr. Christopher went on to Amarillo on business, while Mrs. Christopher and the children are spending the week in the Sublett home.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble for the week-end were Mrs. Ed Young and two children of Lampasas, and father, W. R. Bigham, also of Lampasas, Ralph Bigham of Havana, Cuba, and Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene. Mr. Bigham, who is known to all the old-timers here, and his son, Ralph, visited with other friends also.

Misses Tommie and Bobbie Clack, teachers in Abilene High school, Mrs. Ben Dortch, Mrs. R. A. Miller and granddaughter, Mrs. W. F. Chumbley, Miss La Ruth Gill, of Abilene, Mrs. H. F. Groene, Misses Fay Dell and Adrian Steele of Eastland and Mildred Richardson, most of whom were former pupils, were Easter visitors at "Nuah Atod," the cottage home of the Misses Garoutte.

Trent School Board Sends \$25.00 Check To Merkel Fireboys

Fire chief N. A. Dowell and the members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department appreciate very much the following letter from the school board of Trent:

Trent, Texas, April 1, 1931. *
Merkel Fire Department,
Merkel, Texas.
Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find check for \$25.00 which we wish to present you to be used as you desire for your fire department and we want again to extend to you our thanks for your speedy and successful fire fighting in helping us save our school house. We hope that we can be of some help to you sometime and are willing at any time to assist you in any way we can.

So here's wishing you all the success possible for anyone and just hoping it will not happen again, but as before when in need we will call the Merkel boys, our nearby friends.

Respectfully,
J. Cal Hamner,
President of School Board.

Closes Fortieth Year In Active Practice

"It was 40 years ago this day, April 6," Dr. M. Armstrong, told the editor of The Merkel Mail Monday in referring to his first call, which came when he was practicing medicine in Coryell City, the first case being one of erysipelas in the head. He also mentioned that in the course of his practice covering 40 years he had attended the birth of 2630 babies.

Dr. Armstrong was called this week to Moffatt for consultation in a case of a former patient and he recalled that he taught school at Bland, near Moffatt, two years and out of his classes three boys had made lawyers and five had made doctors.

A rather odd recurrence of one shows in Dr. Armstrong's immediate family connection, made more noticeable by the birth of a grandson just recently. This makes his family register read: one wife, one mother, one daughter, one son, one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bransford, residing at White Flat, Friday, April 3, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Toles, Friday, April 3, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Tadlow Montsua, Trent, Monday, April 6, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Landreth, Tuesday, April 7, 1931.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

BABY CHICKS AND CUSTOM HATCHING

Now is the time to place your order for your BABY CHICKS. We will book your order now or any time in the future and arrange our hatches to give you the exact chicks you order right when you want them.

Custom Hatching is better—just a few cents per egg. Bring your eggs any time. Trays hold 112 to 120 eggs.

MERKEL HATCHERY

Phone 42

Same Location

Rose Drives 1929 Ford Roadster 41.8 Miles on Gallon Gas

Driving his 1929 roadster a distance of 41.8 miles on one gallon of gasoline, Arch Rose was the winner of first prize in the Gasoline Mileage contest for Model A Ford owners, sponsored by the Merkel Motor company Saturday. He was awarded \$10.00 in gold. George Woodrum won the second prize, driving W. G. Cypert's 1929 standard coupe 40.4 miles and Chub McCoy, driving a 1929 roadster, registered third with 38.9 miles.

Average distance of the 23 entrants was 31.7 miles, while the high three averaged 40.36 miles.

Judges were Booth Warren, L. B. Scott, P. P. Dickinson and Johnnie Wheeler, Jr.

The records of the other entrants in the contest follows: Slat's Bourn, 36.9; Morris Horton, 35.4; Roy Coates, 35; Dennis England, 35; T. G. Bragg, 34.3; Dr. J. P. Howard, 33.9; Bryan Dunagin, 33.1; A. E. Higgins, 33.1; Lonnie Patterson, 31.1; Johnnie Jacobs, 31.1; L. B. Reeves, 29.6; car of Booth Warren, 29.6; A. J. Tucker, 29.5; C. K. Russell, 29.1; L. L. Wills, 27.1; L. A. Perry, 26.8; Howard Laney, 25; car of Perry Dickinson, 24.2; O. B. Boden, 24.2, and L. J. Amason, 24.2.

Well Balanced Program A Fundamental Factor

A practical method of encouraging a live-at-home, diversified farm program has recently been announced by Anderson, Clayton & Co., Houston cotton merchants cooperating with the local ACCO bale ginner, Sam Swann, and the Dixie Poultry Farms. By special arrangement, without profit to themselves or the ginners cooperating, the company is offering baby chicks to farmers at less than wholesale cost.

The announcement, as it appeared in "Acco Press," Anderson, Clayton & Co. farm magazine, stated that the company is convinced that a well balanced farm program is a fundamental factor in the solution of the cotton farmer's "problem," and that the ability of farmers to live at home is a vital factor in lowering production cost.

A feature of the plan is the offer of Anderson, Clayton & Co. and the Dixie Poultry Farms, to further reduce the price per chick to any individual on the first 50 chicks ordered through an ACCO bale ginner by 2 per cent.

"We are prompted to bear this portion of the cost," the announcement read, "because we are particularly desirous of encouraging chicken raising where there are now no chickens, and because we should like to see pure bred chickens, where there may now be just ordinary, common stock of poultry. And we believe that this can be done by placing 50 chicks where such circumstances exist in ACCO bale gin communities. Where more than 50 chicks are wanted, however, as many additional as are desired may be ordered at announced prices, which are less than wholesale."

The company makes it very plain that it is not their purpose, nor do they expect, in any way to disturb relations already established in any community between the people of that community and a local hatchery selling chicks of quality breeding. The announcement endorses the service rendered by local hatcherymen and states that it "should be appreciated with patronage."

Serious Injury to Eye.

While pruning trees in his yard, W. L. Diltz, Jr., was hit in the right eye with a limb of a peach tree and the eyeball was injured. The extent of the injury is not yet known, but it is thought that the vision will not be affected.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Now Able to Sit Up.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Eugene Hargrove of Abilene is improving rapidly and is now able to sit up. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hargrove suffered serious injuries last fall in an automobile accident near Lubbock when her back was broken.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

FREE Silverware

We will give away absolutely FREE a complete 26-piece Set of silver divided into 6 prizes consisting of six each Knives, Forks, Tablespoons, Teaspoons and one each Sugar Shell and Butter Knife. This silverware is of the famous Wm. Rogers Mfg. Co. and is guaranteed without time limit.

THEY WILL BE GIVEN AWAY SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 4 P. M.

The six prizes will be as follows:

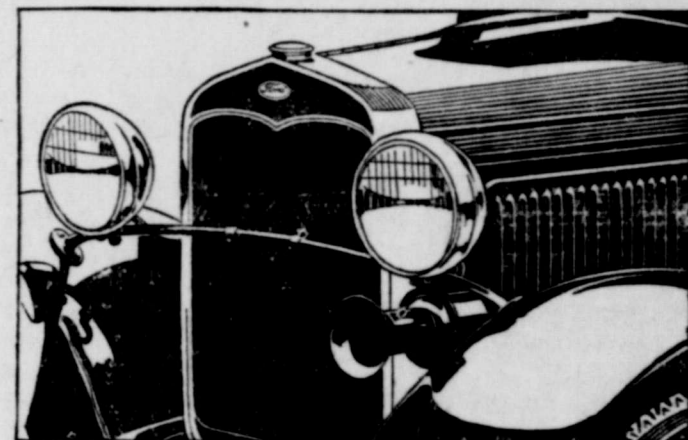
First, Six Knives; Second, Six Forks; Third, Six Tablespoons; Fourth, Six Teaspoons; Fifth, One Sugar Shell; Sixth, One Butter Knife.

BE SURE TO BE HERE SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 4 P. M.

SEE OUR LIST OF SPECIALS

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ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF FORD VALUE



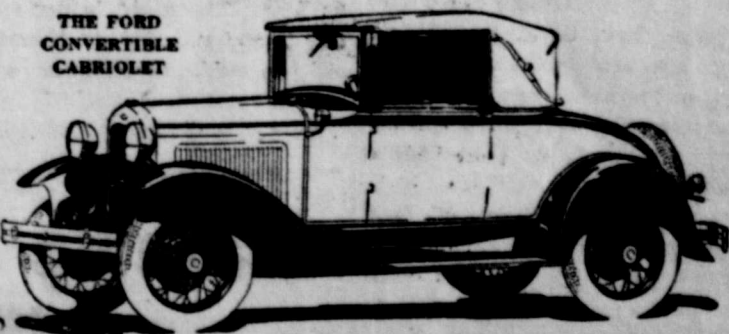
Bright, enduring RUSTLESS STEEL is used for many exposed bright metal parts of the Ford

WHEN YOU BUY a Ford you buy enduring beauty. The body finish is made to last for the life of the car and practically all exposed bright metal parts except the bumpers are made of enduring Rustless Steel.

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Joe Wash and children of Royston were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wash.

Will Smith of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith, Sunday afternoon.

Bill Nalley has returned to his work at Iraan after attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Walter Brutsche.

Announcements have been received telling of the arrival of a baby boy April 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Muddock at Big Spring. He was christened Horace Carol.

Mrs. J. R. Gafford honored her husband Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tude Keltz, Mrs. Alma Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atwell, all of Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Steadman and children and Mrs. S. A. Steadman. Mr. Gafford received many nice and useful gifts.

Having set Easter Sunday as an unusual "Get-Together Day" quite a few of the descendants of the late D. S. Howell met at the old homestead and from there went to the old well on the creek where for several hours an enjoyable time was spent in talking of bygone days, while the younger folks hunted Easter eggs, played games and made pictures. At the noon hour a delicious lunch was served to about fifty.

The meeting still continues with good preaching services and much interest being manifested. Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. M. G. Scott returned Saturday night from Ireland where she had been called on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry left Friday for Gatesville to make their home. Mr. Murry having accepted a position with the state reformatory. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCurdy moved the same day to the Murry farm.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens returned Monday from a pleasant visit of several days with friends at Mineral Wells. They attended the Woodmen convention also.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Maxwell were called to Wichita, Kans., on account of the illness of the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chapman and daughter, Georgie, returned to their home at Hale Center Monday after visiting here for several days in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson, W. B. Good and J. W. Billington.

Miss Opal Nalley returned to Dublin Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart had as their guest recently Mrs. Franklin of Abilene.

Mrs. E. D. Sherman left Saturday for an extended stay with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Matthews, of Burfin, Okla. She will stop in Hamlin for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Neil.

Prof. O. L. Howell and his niece, Miss Edna Merrick, of Abilene stopped for a short while with relatives Friday afternoon en route to Lamesa.

Miss Fama Maude Johnson spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and little son and Mr. Hubert Beckham of Lamesa came over Sunday for a visit with their parents. Mrs. Beckham and Hubert remained for a longer visit while W. J. returned Monday.

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, of Abilene were guests of Mrs. Ed Burks last Saturday.

Okly Reid of Lamesa spent a few days recently with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Reid.

STRIBLING-MCLEOD.

On last Wednesday at Shady Rest, under a shady tree, Mrs. Buna McLeod and C. C. Stribling were united in marriage. Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. The bride wore a beautiful traveling suit of rose beige crepe, with all accessories to match. They left immediately for points in Texas for a short honeymoon.

Returning Sunday afternoon, they were honored with a six o'clock luncheon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn. Those present were: Misses

Maurine Smith, Virgie Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa, Mrs. O. L. Reaves, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson, Hubert McLeod and Leonard Stribling, and the host and hostess.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, a well to do and well loved pioneer family, and numbers her friends by her acquaintance. The groom has also lived here for a number of years and is a man of fine character. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy married life.

EASTER LUNCHEON.

A colorful Easter luncheon was the gala affair concluding the Home Economics Cooking department.

By way of announcement clever Easter greetings had been mailed to the guests a few days preceding the luncheon on April first.

The Home Economics dining room was prettily decorated in lovely Easter colors and the table was a mass of gay decorations and dainty luncheon plates. A saucy bunny, surrounded by green leaves and Easter eggs "perkily" formed the centerpiece. Orchid and yellow streamers and napkins again emphasized the Easter theme. Easter lily place cards, accompanied by clever little rhymes, individualized the plates.

The menu, a delectable salad course, consisted of fruit cocktail, potato, salad, ham and cheese canape, marshmallow and apricot whip, served with golden cake and ice tea.

Mildred Steadman, Helen Bright and Thelma Nalley acted as hostesses, directed by Miss Nona Burgess, Home Economics instructor.

Honored guests were members of the Senior class, Maude Hoke, Mediah Rawlings, and Fay Steadman, Miss Mary Sheppard and Mrs. Rodo Archer, faculty members, and the club members included Victorine Bishop, Asha McLeod, Natalie Walker, Lena Bright, Ada Mae Rneau, Marie Adams, Mary Jo Howell and Sarah Julia Johnson.

OBITUARY.

Dorcas Nalley Brutsche was born September 12, 1898, near Groveton, Texas. At the age of five years she moved with her parents, Anna M. and W. C. Nalley, to Trent, Texas, where she spent her childhood and youth. She graduated from Trent High school, after which she continued her education at Sam Houston State Teachers college and the University of Texas. For seven years she was a highly successful and well beloved teacher in the public schools of Texas. She was married June the 25th, 1927, to Walter Brutsche of Mission, Texas, after which she made her home at Mission until she contracted her last illness. She died March 28, 1931, at Kerrville, Texas. She is survived by her husband and three tiny children, June, Lee and Joy; her father, W. C. Nalley, and three brothers, Joe, W. C., Jr., and Roy, and four sisters, Mesdames M. G. Bryan, W. F. Clement, Misses Opal and Emma C. Nalley.

When we come face to face with the great facts of existence, we are at times prone to hesitate and doubt. When we see one so young, so useful and so much needed, called at the height of a happy career, we are inclined to wonder why. But it is at such times that, as we grope in darkness, we see more plainly the light of life held up by our Christ, and our religion becomes real. Ours is the era of Faith and we must know that all is well. "Now we know in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then, face to face. Now I know in part, then shall I know even as I am. The night is far spent. The day is at hand. Let us, therefore, cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of life."

Our sister is away, but it is no time

for us that remain to stop to mourn as those that have no hope. No, we must take up the task where she left it and try by the grace of God to complete her work as well as our own, so that in the end it will reflect credit upon her who was so faithful in the things which were entrusted to her in her brief life. She was loyal, brave, and true to all that she saw as right. Never once did she concede a point to a thing that was against her conscience. She fought a good fight and even though she fell so soon she was a noble victor. After life's fitful fever she sleeps well.

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days,
None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."

Obituary

P. E. Rape was born May 19, 1874, in Illinois and moved to Dallas county with his parents at the age of five years, and remained there until he was married to Miss Caldonia Watkins of Dallas County, September 10, 1896. There were to this union seven children, two boys and five girls. Six children are left to mourn the going of a true and loving father. His loving companion, with their children and her mother, were present when the end came to a noble life. Bro. Rape professed faith in Christ about 25 years ago, and united with the Methodist church, and lived a devout Christian life until the Lord called him home. Besides the immediate family he leaves two sisters and host of friends. The end came March 17 at 7:40 a. m. For more than two years he was bedfast, but he bore his afflictions with patience. Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel. Sam. 3:38.

His heart's been cleansed by Jesus blood

And for his cause he firmly stood,
So now it's all well with his soul
While the tempest rage and the billows roll.

The children may say:
Father dear we are lonesome here,
You left us all to remember,
How we miss your loving face.
None on earth can take your place.
Sleep on, dear father, your work is o'er,
Your willing hands will toil no more.
On earth there's grief; in Heaven there's rest
We miss you most who loved you best.

The funeral was preached by Rev. J. B. Hibbert and Rev. W. F. Hardy preacher of the Methodist church at Slaters Chapel.

His Pastor, J. B. Hibbert,
Pastor of Methodist Church.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

It has been estimated that there will be only two more weeks of school. Abner Carey was elected new trustee member Saturday.

The school children were given an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon and there was a prize given to one of the small boys for finding the most eggs.

Mr. and Mrs. McRee and daughter were guests of relatives at Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark.

The Union Ridge baseball team played Merkel Monday in a very close game, in which we were defeated by one point, the score being 7 to 6.

"Poor Father."

The play entitled "Poor Father," will be presented Friday night, April 17, at the Castle Peak schoolhouse. Everyone is invited. No admission charges.

White Church News

Most of our sick people are getting better.

Little Paul E., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer, who has been ill with pneumonia, is better.

Miss Beatrice Perry of Dora spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. H. West.

We had a beautiful Easter program at the church Sunday night.

Miss Elmer Patterson entertained in honor of her little daughter, Lula Belle's fifth birthday last Saturday. The children enjoyed games and an Easter egg hunt and the little honoree received many pretty gifts. Refreshments were served to about ten guests.

B. L. Martin of Rotan has been visiting in the A. D. Barnes home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips and E. J. Morris of Blair attended church here Sunday. Mr. Morris made a fine talk after Sunday School.

Our Sunday School is growing all the time. We would be glad to have you as a new member.

Miss Alice Reid, who has been sick, is better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill visited in the F. F. West home one day recently. Mrs. Cordill is gradually getting better.

Our teachers, Misses Baucum and Chaney, spent the week-end in Abilene.

Our entire community is grieved at the passing away of Cleo Hunter, one of the most highly respected citizens a community ever had. We will certainly miss him in the activities of this section; but, if we could all say, as he had said: "If the Lord is ready for me, I am ready to go." Just be prepared, "for we know not the day nor the hour." We sympathize with the entire family in their bereavement.

Sabatini Is Divorced.

London, April 9.—Rabael Sabatini, internationally famous novelist, was divorced here Monday by his wife, the former Ruth Goad, an Englishwoman. The couple was married in 1905. Mrs. Sabatini charged infidelity. The suit was undefended.

Predicts Britain's End.

Nancy.—Mme. Heloise Arbrey of Saarburg, who predicted the World War, now declares the British Empire will be destroyed within 10 years.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

The school enjoyed a picnic dinner on April 1st. The P. T. A. held their meeting on Thursday night, March 19. After a short business session, an enjoyable program was given. The next P. T. A. meeting will be April 16. As this will be the last meeting of the school year, everyone is urged to be present.

Miss Verna Lyles of Floydada is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. W. B. Robertson.

The singing Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

Sunday is the regular day for preaching. Let all be on time and start Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Earnest Neff preached for us Sunday and Sunday night.

The Demonstration club met at the club rooms Friday. Miss Chambers gave a demonstration in cheese making. Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served to about thirty members and visitors. Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 17.

Visitors are always welcome and the club is open to anyone wishing to join.

Mr. Amos Jones of Tatum, N. M., is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Mrs. W. B. Robertson was on the sick list this week.

The young folks enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin on Saturday.

Miss Caroline Chambers organized a 4-H club at the school Friday. Ten girls were enrolled and invited other girls between 10 and 20 to join. The first meeting will be Thursday, April 9, at the schoolhouse. Miss Norah Foster has charge of the club.

The school enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt Friday.

After Three Decades.

Smithfield, N. C., April 9.—Rev. D. H. Tuttle, retired Methodist minister, married a couple 30 years ago. Saturday he received \$15 in payment and a letter of apology for the delay, from the bridegroom.

Texas has one of the oldest towns in the United States still existing as a town. Ysleta, El Paso County town of 1,500 population, was established between 1580 and 1680 by Spanish explorers.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

DORA DOINGS

We regret to report J. C. Rogers on the sick list again.

Rev. Hibbert, the Methodist pastor, preached a series of sermons for the Easter time.

B. E. Dunagan and the High School boys were guests at the Lec-Soc reaper 100th anniversary last Monday in Sweetwater. They report a nice time and felt their time well spent.

G. W. Koerth and family spent Sunday in Abilene visiting relatives.

G. W. Whiteaker and Pete Tyrone returned from Fort Worth Thursday where they had trucked two loads of fat sheep. They reported everything very favorable in the market.

Miss Gladys Rhoades of the Bethel school spent the week-end here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. K. Porter.

Mrs. Ivy McCoy and daughters, Misses Mildred and Gladys, were shopping in Abilene Wednesday.

COMPERE NEWS

The Fifth Sunday singing at Zion Chapel was attended by a large crowd. There were many beautiful songs rendered.

The people of this community enjoyed a rabbit drive last Friday. A bountiful dinner was spread at the church and everyone enjoyed the day. School was dismissed at the noon hour and the larger pupils went on the drive and the smaller ones enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the nearby hills.

Miss Ima Brown of Sylvester is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. K. Milner.

Miss Gertrude Harris spent the week-end at Hodge with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris.

Miss Flora Adkins is on the sick list this week.

The party at Mr. Bonds last Friday night was well attended and everyone had a fine time.

Miss Maude Cook of Sylvester High school visited her parents the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith have tired of "city life in Compere" and have moved out to his farm.

Messrs. J. H. and H. C. Palmer made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

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FIRE MARSHALS.

The students have been practicing how to leave the building in case of fire. This work is very important, as well as it is necessary for a good school.

The following students are to act as our fire marshals: B. P. Middleton, Paul Collins, Leo Tucker, Robert Manscill, Jack Patterson, Terrell Mashburn, Elvis Richardson, Ford Smith, William Cypert, Jack West, Earl Watts, Raymond Wilson, Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Jones, Mardell Shouse, Howard Stanley, Jim Patterson, Sander Hollinsworth, David Gamble, Gordon Murray, Cecil Clark, Selma Jones, Coy Williams, Benny Sheppard, Meyer Mellinger, Carroll King, James West, Ross Ferrier, Lowell Vickers, Devere Toombs, E. L. Turner, Elmer Adecock and S. G. Russell.

It is their duty to close all windows and open and close all doors when the alarm is given.

PHYSICAL ED. TRACK MEET.

Members of the physical education class engaged in a track meet during their class periods part of last week and this week. Miss Patterson has charge of the class. The contest was between the High School classes. The Seniors won with a score of 33. The competition with the Freshmen was strong, their score being 29. Lona Bryan won the highest number of points, as she won a place in each contest she entered. Reba Martin, freshman, was second and Norma Patton, Senior, third. The girls think they like physical ed. better now; in fact, they hope they will have another track meet soon. The events and results are as follows:

30-yard dash—Jess Higgins, (Senior), first; Lona Bryan, (Senior), second; Valeria Parks, (Freshman), third.

Shot-put—Norma Patton, (Senior), first; Vivian Lassater, (Freshman), second; Inez Robbins, (Senior), third. Broad-jump—Reba Martin, (Freshman), first; Lona Bryan, second; Caribel Mansfield, (Freshman), third.

50-yard dash—Reba Martin, first; Helen Yeats, (Senior), second; Duncan Briggs, (Soph.), third.

Discus—Frances Adecock, (Fish), first; Norma Patton, second; Lona Bryan, third.

High-jump—Caribel Mansfield, first; Nell Durham, (Junior), second; Lona Bryan, third.

Relay—Jess Higgins, Lona Bryan, Margarette Turner and Helen Yeats, first; Mildred Richardson, Thelma Leach, Lena Mae and Florence Rider, second; Wanda Hunter, Billy Gardner, Sarah Sheppard and Reba Martin, third.

MONTE MOORE OUTSTANDING VISITOR.

The Blair and Merkel track teams participated in a group of field and

track events last Wednesday afternoon on the Merkel track field.

The visiting contestants were commended on their field ability, while our men were outstanding in track. It is notable that Monte Moore, high point man on the visiting team, had never before entered pole vaulting. He won first, vaulting eight and half feet. Benny Sheppard was high point man of the day.

The events and results are as follows:

100-yard dash—Sheppard, first; Melton, (Blair), second; Windam, (Blair), third.

880-yard run—Wozencraft, first; M. Moore, second; H. C. Toombs, third.

440-yard dash—Sheppard, first; Stalls, second; A. Moore, (Blair), third.

Pole vault—M. Moore, first; Whiteley, second; Shouse, third.

Broad jump—Sheppard, first; A. Moore and Melton, (Blair), second; Shouse, third.

Shot-put—A. Moore, (Blair), 33 1-2 ft.; M. Moore, (Blair), second; B. Melton, (Blair), third.

Discus—Graham, first; Stalls, second; M. Moore, third.

220-yard dash—Sheppard, first; Melton, (Blair), second; Stalls, third.

High jump—A. Moore, (Blair), and Sheppard, first.

Javelin—M. Moore, (Blair), 111 ft., 5 inches; Wozencraft, second; Windam, (Blair), third.

CHAPEL APRIL 1, 1931.

Rev. E. L. Yeats spoke during the chapel hour on Wednesday, April 1, at the Merkel High school. His text was "Whosoever Breaketh the Hedge, the Serpent Shall Bite Him." The lesson that he brought to the students was one which every student enjoyed.

The students are always glad to have the pastors of Merkel and other cities speak to them. They are very proud of the pastors' great interest in them.

A CORRECTION.

In the report in last week's issue of The Mail of the visit of the members of the two English clubs of Grammar school to the Merkel Hatchery, an error was made in giving the number of chickens hatched from a tray of 111 eggs. The correct number should have been 93 instead of 39, the latter as can be readily seen having been a typographical error by transposition of the figures.

DID YOU KNOW—

—That M. H. S. has fire drills now?
—That there are bats in the Junior room?
—That Mr. Irvin can sing?
—That the Fish are publishing the "Can You Imagine" column this week?
—That we had a good chapel program Tuesday?
—That you shouldn't run in case of a fire?
—That the Seniors won the track meet?

—That Reba can run?
—That school will soon be out?
—That gout is a person?
—That M. E. had a new car—namely, "Clementine?"
—That some of the girls have new M. H. S. bracelets?
—That several had a good time last Friday night, especially M. E. and Nell?

—That Thelma went somewhere Sunday night?

—That Vera is in love?

—That Miss Patterson's algebra is A class can work algebra?

—That some girls can high jump and broad jump well?

—That just last year Audrey believed rabbits laid eggs?

—That Artilee and Oneda are "thick?"

—That the Seniors have finally chosen a motto?

—That the Memory Book pictures have been sent to the press?

—That the speech class had a mock trial Monday?

—That Fred A. had recovered from the illness that has made him miss so much school and be missed by all the students?

—That Vera is getting stronger (if I may call it so) every day? She can break certain kinds of boards very easily.

—That Benny became too busy to argue last Friday during a history test?

—That Jess hurt her finger?

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—Sarah with short hair?
—High School having a fire drill?
—Joe eating candy in history class?
—Louise without rouge and lipstick?
—Ruth not giggling?
—Faye not having her algebra?
—Woodrow P. acting sensible?
—Jack W. not talking?
—Hazel not knowing her Spanish lesson?
—Mildred C. not talking in the study hall?
—Rogene without Caribel?
—Sis not talking?
—Mr. Riddle and Rogene argeeing?
—Walderine flunking?
—E. L. being a woman-hater?
—Caribel without freckles?
—Eloise minus her vanity?
—Cullen "being his age?"
—Annie Lee not acting silly?
—Billy catching a ball?
—Julia having a date?

JOKES.

Velma Lee: "I never thought I'd pull through. First, I got angina pectoris, followed by arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering from these, I got tuberculosis and asphyxia."
Audrey: "Good heavens, you don't look much the worse for it."
Velma Lee: "I wasn't ill, silly! I was in a spelling contest."
Miss Williams: "How may one leave purgatory?"
Benny: "Commit suicide."
Conductor: "How old are you, little girl?"

Vera: "If you don't object, I'll pay my full fare and keep my own statistics."

Cullen: "Isn't 'wholesome' a funny word?"

Mr. Riddle: "What's so funny about it?"

Cullen: "Why, take away the 'whole' and you still have 'some' left."

Mrs. Riddle: "I wonder where all the pins go."

Mr. Riddle: "I can't say. They're always pointed one way and headed the other."

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Lost Rifle Tag Gave Plot for "Beau Ideal"

"Beau Ideal," Radio Pictures' sequel to "Beau Geste," was inspired by the identification plate on a French Foreign Legion rifle, according to Percival C. Wren, the author.

A few numbers formed the only possible opportunity to follow up the original story.

"Besieged with demands for a sequel," Wren says, "I was at my wits' end until I remembered that every Legion rifle is tagged with the number of the soldier to whom it belonged. That gave me my story."

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"The new story arises from the death of this commander and the fact that there was no official record of John Geste's heroism."

"Beau Ideal" will be shown at the Palace R. & R. Theatre, Sweetwater, Tuesday and Wednesday. Ralph Forbes is "John Geste," the role he created in the original story. The featured cast includes Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Lester Vail, Don Alvarado, Otto Matieson, Paul MacAllister, Hale Hamilton, George Rigas and Leni Stengel.

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CARD FROM BEN F. BIRD.

To my Friends:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of my friends and customers and the public in general. Your patronage has meant more to me than merely a financial gain. It has become a friendship I shall always cherish and by which I shall always remember the good people of Merkel.

Though I am removing to Abilene, it is with deep regret I leave such a fine citizenship as I have come to know here in Merkel.

Within the next few days I will open Abilene's newest service station, located at North Tenth and Pine street, six blocks north of the Hilton hotel.

At any time I can be of any service to my friends, while they are in Abilene or passing through, I shall be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,
Ben F. Bird.

EASTERN STAR NOTICE.

Members of the order of the Eastern Star are requested to meet Saturday evening at 7:30, when Miss Minnie Higginbotham, deputy grand matron, will visit Merkel 212.

Mrs. Viola Ensminger, W. M.
Mrs. Aurra Johnson, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS.

To my Friends:

I wish to take this method of thanking you for your vote and support in my race for City Secretary and I pledge you my accurate and prompt attention to all matters entrusted to me and I shall endeavor to handle same with courtesy and dispatch.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Juanita Dowell.

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Local Pastors are "Suited" by Workers

The three pastors, Revs. E. L. Yeats, R. A. Walker and W. P. Sibley, whose churches cooperated in the Union Revival, which closed such a successful season Sunday night, will be wearing new suits the next time you see them.

This was made possible by a collection through the personal solicitation of Tom Largent, which was used to augment funds remaining from collections during the meeting and previously in the treasury of the Men's Prayer service.

Change in Schedule.

A change in the two day trains of the Texas & Pacific railway was announced, effective as of last Sunday. Hereafter No. 3 westbound will leave Merkel at 2:25 p. m. instead of 2:47 p. m., and No. 4, eastbound will leave at 3:42 p. m. instead of 3:47 p. m.

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PUT YOUR CARD WHERE DRIVER
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BRING US YOUR PRODUCE
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THANKS THE VOTERS.

To My Friends:

Your support in Tuesday's election was very gratifying to me and I want each of you to feel my appreciation of your loyalty. I also want to assure the citizenship of Merkel of my continued best efforts to serve them as faithfully in the future as I have in the past.

A. T. Sheppard.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

108 Claim Oil Interest.

Dallas, April 9.—Tom C. Clark, master in chancery, Thursday heard claims of 18 persons to interest in the Joiner discovery well in the Rusk county oil field in the action brought against C. M. Joiner by C. R. Adkins. There are 108 claimants to be heard.

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Special Friday, April 10—10 A. M.

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Special Friday, April 10th—2 to 5 P. M.

GINGHAM 1c

Limit, 5 Yards To Customer, With Purchase of \$1.00 or More

At 10 A. M., Friday, April 10th

1 CENT SALE

To the first 25 ladies to enter our store at 10 A. M. on Opening Day, we will sell Rayon Bloomers at 1c pair. Have your pennies ready.

Men's
WOOLSUITS
\$9.37

Men's
GOOD SOX
7c

Women's New Spring
DRESSES
\$7.88

Children's
SUMMER SOCKS
7c

1 Lot of
SHIRTING
11c

1 Lot Fancy
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SHEETING
19c

1 Lot Anna May Pongee
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Fast Colors
17c

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\$6.88

New Spring
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Choice
\$1.47