

The Wheeler Times

VOLUME 1—NUMBER 4 WHEELER, WHEELER COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1934 THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

Highway Work Is Starting In County

Contract Soon to Be Let on Highway 41—Mobeetie Project Starts In Ten Days

S. Bailey, member of the state highway department with offices in El Paso, was a Wheeler visitor Wednesday in connection with proposed improvements on highway 41, which extends from Wheeler to the county seat.

Bailey stated that a contract will be let for hard surfacing this week of road with calcium asphalt as a supply of material can be obtained.

During a conversation with Commissioner Sims of Mobeetie, Bailey stated that a contract has been let for improvement of the 1.8 miles of road between Old and New Mobeetie. Work is to start within ten days on this project. Improvement of this road will benefit the community by giving a better connection between the schools, churches and the business district of the county.

It is reported that Coke & Braden of Amarillo secured the Mobeetie contract. Their bid, approximately \$75,000, was the lowest submitted.

REFERENCE OF BAPTIST WORKERS HERE TUESDAY

Announcement is made by Rev. Al Starkey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wheeler, that a meeting of the North Fork Baptist Association Workers Conference will be held at the local church on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon sessions will continue throughout the day, with a lunch at noon. Attendance is expected from all churches in the association and a profitable and instructive day is anticipated.

- Program is as follows:
- A. M.—Song Service, Mitt Bullen.
 - 9:15—Devotion, Sidney Johnson.
 - 10:00—The preaching needed in the Testament Churches, Robert E. Carter.
 - 10:45—Giving in New Testament Churches, W. E. Carter.
 - 11:30—Layman Leadership in New Testament Churches, R. G. Brister.
 - 12:15—Sermon, Taking the Pains for Christ, C. E. Lancaster, District Organizer.
 - 1:00—Noon Lunch.
 - 2:00 P. M.—Board Meeting.
 - 3:00—Report on Sunday School, Lollar.
 - 4:00—Report on B. T. S., A. N. Athy.
 - 5:00—Report on Cooperative Program, Cecil Goff.
 - 6:00—Inspirational Address, Milton

REAPER STRIKES TWO IN BRISCOE FAMILY

Death of two little girls during last week of the new year cast a shadow of sorrow and sadness over the home of the Briscoe family. Their deaths were attributed to the after-effects of diphtheria.

Lea Tipps, six years and seven months old, passed away Jan. 3. Her death was made in the Zybach cemetery on the following day, with Dr. F. Carmack of Briscoe conducting the services. When she was an year old, Mary Lou's mother, but kind hearts and loving had done everything possible to up the loss.

Jean Tipps, three years and seven months old, died Jan. 4. Funerals were conducted by Rev. W. Wonderly on Jan. 5. Burial was made in the Zybach cemetery.

Jean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tipps, one brother, Frank, and her mother, together with a number of other relatives and many friends were left to mourn the passing of the little ones.

They were especially lovable children and will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

W. Armstrong of Canadian and daughter-in-law Mrs. Armstrong of Abilene, N. Mex., were in Wheeler Tuesday on business.

W. Wofford motored to Briscoe Tuesday of last week to take home Linton Wofford and baby, who was born to Mrs. C. N. Wofford and

Jail Empty

Sheriff John Porter last week volunteered a bit of news somewhat out of the ordinary, but through an oversight the item was omitted from the paper.

According to Porter, the county jail was empty and so remained for most of the week.

Although Wheeler and Wheeler county is not less law abiding than other communities, it is nevertheless somewhat unusual for the jail to be totally devoid of inmates.

In fact, inquiry reveals this to be the first time in two years that not a prisoner was in the hold-over.

NEW COTTON SIGN-UP DRIVE STARTS MONDAY

County Agent Jake Tarter and his helpers have been very busy the past few days getting ready for the cotton sign-up drive for next year's program. The drive is scheduled to start Monday, Jan. 15.

A county committee has been appointed as follows: Melvin Pillars, Twitty; R. C. Hawk, Shamrock; W. V. Hickerson, Allison; and Ben Barker, Mobeetie. In order that farmers and other interested parties may better understand the setup, arrangements have been made for dissemination of such information throughout the county this week.

On both Friday and Saturday, one of the county committeemen will be stationed at each of the following places, where they may be consulted on the subject: Shamrock, Mobeetie, Allison and Lela. And the office in Wheeler will also be open to inquirers both days.

Enjoy "42" Party

The women of the young married people's class and the girls in O. B. Miller's of the Church of Christ entertained the men and boys of the same classes in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marl Jaco Jan. 10 from 8 to 11 with a "42" party. This entertainment was the result of a contest which closed Dec. 24, in which the men and boys beat the women and girls in attendance, being on time and bringing visitors to Sunday school. Seven tables of "42" were arranged immediately after prayer meeting service.

Refreshments of home-made candies and fruits were served to the following Messrs. and Mesdames O. B. Miller, Amasa Flynt, Jim Trout, Flavil Yeakley, R. H. Forrester, Bryan Witt, Louis Wood and Ruby Lee and Bennie Mae Williams, Doris Hooker, Evelyn Balch, Lavelle Jaco, Novilla Whitner, Weldon Sandifer, Bill Owens, Doreen Woods, Mrs. Ormond Sandifer, Mrs. Charlie Sandifer, Mrs. Balch, Miss Blanche Adams, Viola Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Marl Jaco and Austin Jaco.

Floyd A. Mooney In Commissioners Race

Announces Candidacy, Commissioner in Precinct No. 2—Lives Near Kelton

Announcement is made in this issue of The Times by Floyd A. Mooney for election to the office of commissioner in Precinct No. 2, Wheeler county. Mr. Mooney lives on a farm one mile east and a half mile north of Kelton.

Mr. Mooney is not a politician nor office-seeker, and only consented to enter this race at the instance of his neighbors and many friends, who know his ability and can vouch for his integrity and good character.

The only public office ever held by Mr. Mooney is that of president of the Kelton independent school board, which he has filled for the past three years. He did not seek the place, rather it was thrust upon him by the voters who felt that he was qualified to handle the situation. This he has done with credit to himself and satisfaction to his supporters.

While Mr. Mooney is a comparative new comer to this part of the state, he has made many friends and a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the county and especially in his own precinct. About four years ago he moved with his family from Hutchinson county to Wheeler county, buying the farm near Kelton which has since been his home.

Mr. Mooney asks the earnest consideration of the voters in precinct 2 and hopes to receive their support at the primaries in July.

Basketball Tournament At Mobeetie Next Week

Second Annual Invitation Affair Promises to Be Huge Success

Preparations are practically complete at Mobeetie in anticipation of what promises to be one of the largest and most interesting basketball tournaments to be held in the Panhandle this winter. The dates Jan. 19 and 20. This is Mobeetie's second invitation tournament.

The tournament last year was won by the Mobeetie boys and the Canadian girls. Both teams will be on hand this year to defend their title.

Invitations have been sent to twenty-five of the leading schools in this section of Texas and western Oklahoma. Early this week entries had been made by Canadian, Wheeler, Allison, Briscoe, High Point, Community Center and Mobeetie. Many more are expected to register by Friday.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Mobeetie business men supplied funds for purchasing the trophies, which are now on display at the City Drug store.

Supt. Carl Chaudoin of the Mobeetie schools, today made the following statement relative to accommodations for visitors to his city:

"We need rooms for about 300 players and thus far have quarters

donated for only about 100. This meet is not only for the officials of the Mobeetie schools, but is for the whole town and community.

"Such events can be brought to our town only by your help and cooperation. All you are asked to do is to give some boy or girl a place to sleep the one night they are here.

"Parties whose names do not appear on the following list, should call the Mobeetie high school office immediately, and thereby help make this tournament a huge success.

"Mobeetie will be made when Mobeetie people make it."

Homes offered are:

J. I. Reynolds, John Dunn, Henry Flanagan, W. C. Ring, C. A. Dysart, E. T. Reudolph, Mrs. J. H. Bradley, Arnold Hotel, L. W. Williams, Mrs. Ward Golden, Rev. Cecil Mathews, B. R. Lane, F. E. Robison, Mrs. Edd Johnson, I. T. Goodnight.

Clarence Lee, Leonard Green, Tom E. Laman, John B. Love, W. D. Key, G. R. Harrell, H. F. Dyson, O. W. Elliott, W. A. Scribner, L. W. Love, W. K. Winkley, Vernon Hotel, W. E. Dart, Joe Hathway, Willard Godwin, Mrs. P. L. Meadows, E. V. Heard.

Mrs. Geo. Holliday, A. H. Dyson, Mrs. Guy Porter, Mrs. John Collins, Rev. R. G. Brister, R. A. Sims, Marie Orr, Mrs. Nathan Hunt, W. R. Slagle, Lois Douglas, J. M. Knowles.

County Women to Major in Wardrobe

Part of Preparation for County and State Contests—To Promote Harmony and Economy

The following announcement concerning demonstration club activities is made this week by Viola Jones, home demonstration agent:

To have a more harmonious and economical wardrobe, the home demonstration club women of Wheeler county are taking the wardrobe for one of their major demonstrations. Each club will have a Class I demonstrator and ten clubs will have Class II demonstrators. All other club women will be cooperators and will have for their goals to have and use a foundation pattern and to make a dress for the clothing contest in June.

Class I demonstrators will plan clothing according to individual needs, keep a record of clothing expenditure for herself and have a foundation pattern by which she makes a dress for the county and state contest. Class II demonstrators are the Class I demonstrators for 1933. They will plan clothing according to the individual needs of each member of her family, keep records of expenditure for the entire family, have a foundation pattern and make a dress and slip for the county and state contest.

Demonstrators in both classes will take an inventory of clothing on hand, giving the condition and listing any material on hand that can be used; put all clothing in good condition; list garments needed and things to be purchased; study line, color, construction and selection of garments needed; provide closet and storage space for clothing, taking a picture before and after improvement.

The county contest will close next June at the county clothing contest. The winners in the county will compete in the state contest during the Farmer's Short Course in July.

The Class I demonstrators are Mrs. S. M. Oates, Briscoe; Mrs. Bryan Witt, Wheeler; Mrs. G. B. Roper, Busy Bee; Mrs. H. G. Starkey, Shamrock; Mrs. Lucile McMillan, Allison; Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, China Flat; Mrs. Frank Westmoreland, Twitty; Mrs. Henry Pitcock, Kelton; Mrs. Lena Harvey, Bethel; Mrs. J. E. Fain, Magic City; Mrs. W. C. Haws, Lela; Mrs. Grace Powell, Ramsdell; Mrs. Jack Bailey, Heald; Mrs. Mary Wright, Davis; Mrs. Lu Lane, Myrtle; Miss Christina Pakan, Pakan.

The Class II demonstrators are: Mrs. Jim Risner, Wheeler; Mrs. Cliff Bradstreet, Busy Bee; Mrs. A. E. Dillon, Allison; Mrs. Roy Scribner, China Flat; Mrs. Thomas Todd, Twitty; Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Lela; Mrs. Mary Powell, Ramsdell; Mrs. R. J. Tyson, Mobeetie; Mrs. Iona Miller, Myrtle; Mrs. Paul Stauffer, Pakan.

Farm Association In Annual Meeting

Officers Chosen for Another Year—Secretary's Report Shows Splendid Growth

Tuesday afternoon of this week the Wheeler National Farm Loan Association held its annual meeting at the Agnes Reynolds Abstract office. Directors for the association are W. M. Sanders, L. L. Collins, Charley May, J. W. Barr and W. G. Stiles.

From this group Barr was re-elected president and Stiles vice president. Agnes Reynolds was also re-elected secretary-treasurer. J. A. Bryant, Luther Willis and O. B. Miller were elected as a loan committee, with John Callans, S. P. McBee and J. W. Anglin, alternates, for the ensuing year.

A report of the year's work was presented by the secretary. An outstanding feature of this report was figures showing that membership in the association had increased fifty per cent during the past three months.

Mr. Bryant addressed the gathering on "Productive Credit Cooperation", a division in which he has recently been appointed director-at-large.

Following the business session, the directors enjoyed a round table discussion, and a little diversion from routine affairs. Included in this was a fine assessed against President Barr, who was late for the meeting. He was ordered by the board to deliver to Secretary Reynolds one Morton cured ham as a penalty for his tardiness.

NEW CURTAIN FOR SCHOOL

E. G. Pettit and F. M. Robison, patrons of the Corn Valley school district, accompanied by C. E. Ellis of Amarillo, a specialty man, were in town Saturday soliciting business houses for advertisements to be placed on a new drop curtain for the school. Corn Valley school is located five miles west and one north of Wheeler, in a progressive, up-to-date community.

During a call at the Times office, Mr. Robison ordered the paper sent to his daughter, Mrs. Chas. D. McBee, at Cowgii, Mo.

SAFETY INSTRUCTION TO BE GIVEN CWA EMPLOYEES

Believing it advisable to take precautionary measures toward prevention of accidents and injury to CWA workers, officials of the civil works administration have sent out letters containing instruction on the subject.

A meeting has been set for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the court house, at which time Administrator Veale will introduce these letters. All workers employed under CWA patronage are urged to attend the meeting.

Crump Injured

"If a dog bites a man, it isn't news; but if a man . . ." is a definition once given by a noted writer.

When a man runs over a dog it is not so important, except, perhaps, to the dog. But when a dog runs over a man, that's different.

Friday night as A. B. Crump was walking down town, a dog ran over him—or at least knocked him down. A neighbor was returning home in a car; his big police dog was loose in the street and demonstrating his delight at the master's return by frisky leaps along the sidewalk as he followed the auto.

Supposing the dog had seen him and would get out of the way, Crump paid little attention to the animal. Suddenly the dog bounded heavily against him, knocking him to the sidewalk with sufficient force to cause painful injuries to his knee.

At least that's the story A. B. tells about how he got that hitch in his gait—and he is going to stick to his story.

DR. GAINES TO TAKE POST-GRADUATE COURSE

Dr. W. L. Gaines plans to leave Sunday for New Orleans, La., where he will enter Tulane University and do post-graduate work in X-ray and laboratory diagnosis and abdominal surgery. Mrs. Gaines and little daughter, Billie Ruth, will accompany him. They expect to be gone from four to six weeks.

Mrs. J. O. Martin, head nurse, will be in charge at the local hospital during the doctor's absence.

AUSTIN-RUFF

Miss Margie Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Austin of Wheeler, and Shelby Ruff of Mobeetie, were quietly married in Mobeetie Saturday Jan. 6.

Mrs. Ruff is a native of Wheeler county, having graduated with the class of 1930 at Shamrock. She is a talented musician and a highly esteemed young lady.

Mr. Ruff is a young farmer and his friends are numbered by his acquaintances.

The newly-weds will make their home on the groom's farm, near Mobeetie.

Wheeler Bakery Leased

Two Wheeler boys, James Chaney and Isaac Carter, have leased the Wheeler Bakery and are now operating it. They are striving, and confidently expect, to maintain the high quality of products that has distinguished the plant in the past.

District Clerk Seeks Re-election to Place

During the First Term Has Shown Efficiency and Ability in Her Duties

Miss Blanche Adams who is now serving her first term as district clerk has announced her candidacy for a second term, subject to the will of voters in the Democratic primary on July 28th.

The efficient manner in which Miss Adams has handled the affairs of her office the past year has won widespread praise from lawyers, court attaches and citizens who have had business with the district clerk's office. She has rendered efficient and courteous service to the public and has kept all court records in a most competent manner.

Miss Adams had had several years office and business experience before offering her candidacy for the clerk's office. She is a graduate of Draughton's Business College in Oklahoma City and served as an instructor in the school following her graduation. She was formerly employed by a member of the Oklahoma Supreme court where she familiarized herself with court matters.

Miss Adams has resided in Wheeler county for several years. She formerly made her home at Shamrock, moving to Wheeler when she took office last January. She will be glad to have interested voters check up on the record she has made as a clerk and she will appreciate your vote for a second term.

H. W. Whitener of Kelton was in Wheeler Monday afternoon.

American Legion to Sponsor Boy Scouts

Reorganization Meeting Dated for Thursday Night, Jan. 18, at Legion Hall Here

Announcement was made yesterday by Dr. H. E. Nicholson that the American Legion Post of Wheeler has chosen to sponsor the Boy Scout movement in this city and the entire north part of the county.

Next Thursday night, Jan. 18, is the date selected for a meeting at the American Legion hall in Wheeler. Every Boy Scout and friend of the Scouting movement in this area is urged to attend the meeting. Reorganization of a troop and election of a scoutmaster and committee is planned.

Due to a number of causes, interest in scouting throughout this territory has dropped to practically nothing.

However, under the patronage of the ex-service men and with a little effort on the part of those who should realize the importance of the work, it is expected that new life will be infused into the organization. It is planned to re-establish a troop here, and possibly others in the area.

The Legion expects to be of material assistance in reorganization and promotion work. It has proposed to take care of the matter of national dues for boys who are temporarily not in position to do this for themselves. Later, under more favorable conditions, the boys will look after this feature themselves.

Dr. Nicholson is chairman of the Scout committee in this section.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING

All members of the city council were present at a regular meeting held Wednesday evening at the office of C. R. Weatherly, secretary, in the Citizens State Bank building. W. Veale, county relief administrator, was also present.

In addition to transaction of routine business, CWA relief work projects within the city were considered. Under this heading a program was outlined to proceed immediately with graveling the streets. A contract was made with C. A. May for surfacing material to be used.

Thoroughfares to be improved at this time are as follows: Beginning at end of present gravel on South Main and extending eight block south. Beginning at the school building, going one block west, thence south seven blocks.

POPULAR MOBEETIE COUPLE MARRIED

Sunday afternoon Jim Hathaway and Miss Lavine Lee motored to Wheeler and were united in marriage by Rev. Yeakley.

Mrs. Hathaway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee and an accomplished young lady. She is an ex-student of W. T. S. T. C., Canyon, and is teaching at Mountain View.

Mr. Hathaway is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hathaway and is a fine young man with a promising future.

This popular young couple have a host of friends who wish them all the happiness in the world. They will make their home at his father's for the present.

SERVICE STATION MAN TO LOCATE IN McLEAN

George Lambreth, for more than seven years employed at the Crump-Mundy service station in Wheeler, plans to leave this week for McLean, where he will make his future home. Mr. Lambreth has made arrangements for a shop and station of his own at that place. A wide circle of friends in Wheeler and throughout the county will regret to learn of his leaving, but will wish him success in the new location.

Hawk Mayfield of Mangum, Okla., takes the position vacated by Lambreth. Mayfield has been here some time familiarizing himself with his duties.

Mrs. R. B. Puckett and son R. J. and Mrs. J. A. Page and sons Amos and Joe motored to Erick, Okla., Sunday where they were guests of Mr. Puckett's sister Mrs. John Bruchi and family and Mrs. Page's brother-in-law Bud Page and family.

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DO WE NEED A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IN THE TOWN OF WHEELER?

If we were to launch a movement to organize a business men's club or chamber of commerce, naturally we would expect to meet with the following:

Some would answer the above question YES, without the least hesitation, because they have carefully considered the possibilities and advantages of such an organization and are convinced that a town of this size is at a disadvantage without some co-operative effort, and have a reason.

Some would say NO because of this thing or that thing, and have a reason.

Some would be on the fence about the matter, and have a reason.

Some would be prejudiced against any organized effort, and have a reason.

Some are unconcerned about anything, and have a reason.

Some would favor conditionally, and have a reason.

Some would be against conditionally or otherwise, and have a reason.

Some are against everything, and have a reason.

This all goes to prove that it takes all kinds of people to make up the world, and by this we do not mean to say that you are not right in your conviction, but it does go to prove that everyone cannot see things alike, furthermore, every man is entitled to his or her opinion or conviction about the matter, and we grant this to everyone.

SILVER AS MONEY

The Administration's recent re-orientation of silver is a definite step toward solving problems that have been talked about for generations. It means immediate benefits to workers, investors and the public. This is especially true of the west, where American silver mines are located. The mining depression in many states has been more severe than the general depression. Thousands of jobs have been lost, a vast amount of purchasing power has disappeared, and one of the most important sources of governmental revenue has dried up. Revival of silver will help this condition.

As for the economic side of the move and its influence on monetary matters, only experience can supply the answer. But it has long been the opinion of many able economists and industrial leaders that, in this complicated modern world, gold is not enough. Proof of this is in the fact that cheap silver has destroyed the purchasing power of half the world's population, and has come close to destroying foreign trade.

The move, it is believed, will be followed by action in other countries. It is a great experiment, with almost limitless possibilities for achievement.

BETTER BUILDING EASES FINANCING

To speed recovery, governmental and private agencies can perform no greater service to the country at large than to stimulate private construction—both by creating a wider demand for it, and by making financing easier and less expensive.

Government has made an excellent start, through the Home Loan banks which are endeavoring to loosen credit for residential building. Building and loan associations should, so far as is possible, follow—the heads of some of the largest of them have said that themselves, and are known to be considering ways and means to expedite financing and eliminate the various barriers that have stood in the way during the past few years. And the home builder can do a great deal to help—simply by demanding higher quality in housing, both because of economy and comfort, and because the finished structure is so much more worthy of a loan.

Generally speaking, real estate has stood up better than most other types of security during depression. The value is there. It is tangible. It will remain. And where real estate values have collapsed is in the case of jerry-built, boom homes, which were the best friends of obsolescence and decay.

Nowadays, especially, there's no excuse for building poorly. Methods

and materials have been constantly improved—and depression has actually forwarded progress in these fields, due largely to the need to make sales appeal stronger than ever.

Is the home fire resistive? Is it rigid in construction? Is it permanent? Will maintenance cost be low? Has it the modern conveniences that buyers demand? These and similar questions answered in the affirmative point the way to better homes for America—and have an obvious influence on solving the problem of financing.

DON'T STAY BURIED

This story isn't ours, but nevertheless it is a good one:

A farmer had an old blind horse which had outlived his usefulness. One day he fell into an old well. The farmer looked in and saw him standing deep in the water. There seemed to be no way to get him out, as he was quite useless, and the well abandoned and dangerous, the farmer ordered his men to fill up the well and leave the horse buried in it.

The men began to shovel dirt into the well. But the horse was not willing to be buried. When the dirt began to pour in upon him he began to shake it off and tread it under foot. As the well was filled up the horse came nearer and nearer to the surface, and when the men finished their task the horse walked out into the pasture.

The very things which conspire to bury the lion-hearted these days, are used by them to lift themselves out of difficulties and into the light. The very last last thing one should do is to agree to stay dead and buried—Sentinel, Fairmount, Minnesota.

KELTON ITEMS

Mrs. D. L. Briley

Nine of the Methodist ladies of this community took a dish and visited Thursday with their pastor's wife, Mrs. Bright of Shamrock. During the afternoon Mrs. Bright gave a brief outline of a missionary society. Those making the visit were Mesdames W. A. Purnell, H. Briley, A. F. Washam and daughter Dolores June, H. H. Walsler, L. W. Davidson, D. L. Briley, R. L. Roberts, Henry Pitcock and daughters, and Mrs. Grady Henderson of Shamrock.

W. A. Purnell was a business caller in Wheeler Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anglin and daughters Lois and Billy Gene of Shamrock visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Walsler and other relatives here Friday.

A large number of Kelton farmers attended the Tom Clay sale Friday. C. W. Whiteley, H. H. Walsler and Lloyd Anglin all were business callers in Wheeler Friday.

Several relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. Briley's gathered at their home Friday night where they played forty-two and other games.

Lamar Roberts made a business trip to Shamrock Tuesday. Misses Clara Davis, Fannie Bee Walsler and Katherine Rutherford, George Davidson, Tommy Henderson, and Leroy Wall attended the show at Shamrock Saturday night.

Miss Muriel Roberts is visiting her cousin Mrs. G. W. Henderson of Shamrock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Patterson had

as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Patterson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and family of Pleasant Hill.

G. O. McCrohan of Wheeler was a business caller here Saturday.

L. W. Davidson, Evert Powell and R. L. Roberts were business callers in Wheeler Tuesday.

Jim Calcote was in Wheeler on business Saturday.

W. D. Nelson and son Lonnie were in Erick on business last Friday.

The boys' and girls' basket ball teams went to Mobeetie Friday night where they were defeated by a large score.

Some of the young people went on a wiener roast at Turkey Hollow Tuesday night. Those who went were Messrs. and Mesdames Lamar Roberts, D. L. Briley, Lonnie Nelson, Grady Henderson and John Jet of Shamrock, Mrs. Alfred Washam and Misses Clara Davis, Fannie Bee Walsler and Muriel Roberts, George Davidson and Tommy Henderson. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Isbell visited with their cousins Cecil Isbell and family and V. B. Isbell of Ludie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Derryberry and family moved to Wheeler this week. Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCurley were visitors at Perryton from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown moved to a ranch near Houston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Baird and children and Dudley Baird returned from Mineral Wells where they have spent a few months for their health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown of Shamrock is moving to his father's farm three miles south and a half mile east of Kelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clay and family of Twitty moved to his home place five miles southwest of Kelton. It was formerly occupied by Tom Clay. E. L. Wall was a business caller in Texola Monday.

Grady Richardson held a public sale at his home four miles northwest of Kelton Tuesday, Jan. 9. He is preparing to move to Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tucker of Wellington spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tucker and Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Pat Scott of Shamrock visited from Friday until Sunday with her children Mrs. Walter Johnson, Mrs. John Barton and Mr. James Scott.

"Mother's Moment", a play, will be presented by the high school students at the auditorium Friday night. It is under the direction of Roy McCurley, principal.

Zeb Baird and little daughter, Gilzie were in Wheeler Monday and Tuesday where he was taking treatments.

Mrs. George Simmons and sister Mrs. Green of Sandy Basin were Wheeler business visitors Saturday.

Farmers! Trappers!

There will be a fur buyer from Canyon at Miller's Produce SATURDAY. Bring in your furs.

Miller's Produce

Phone 50

Banks

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION of the

Citizens State Bank

at Wheeler, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of December, 1933, published in the Wheeler Times, a newspaper printed and published at Wheeler, State of Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1934.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	102,495.55
Overdrafts	none
Banking House	5,336.08
Furniture and Fixtures	4,822.03
Cash in bank	4,009.57
Due from approved reserve agents	150,601.25
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	33,984.12
Bills of Exchange	19,541.16
GRAND TOTAL	\$320,789.76

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	20,000.00
Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,272.68
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	30,016.07
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	246,814.92
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,686.09
GRAND TOTAL	\$320,789.76

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Wheeler.

We, J. M. Porter, as President, and R. D. Holt, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Seal) J. M. PORTER, President
CORRECT—ATTEST: R. D. HOLT, Cashier.
D. E. HOLT, J. N. PORTER, A. B. CRUMP, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1934,
HARRY WOFFORD, Notary Public, Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas.

Puett's Statement About Candidacy

Wheeler Man, Seeking County Judgeship, Presents Views on Subject

W. O. (Oliver) Puett, of Wheeler, who last week officially announced in The Wheeler Times his intention of seeking election to the office of county judge of Wheeler county, offers the following statement in behalf of his candidacy:

Acting upon my own initiative and at the request of numerous friends, I offer as a candidate for county judge, subject to action of the Democratic Primary on July 28.

In making this announcement, I understand fully, I believe, the various duties of a county judge and the qualifications that official should have. I also realize the grave responsibility that rests upon him.

Fortunately, I have had the privilege during the last two years of doing a great deal of work in different county offices which has brought me into contact, either directly or indirectly, with practically every office and department of public service in the county. Through this work and the reports made, and other reports audited, partial audits made and other audits checked, I have come into possession of a general knowledge of the affairs of the county equal, I dare say, to that of any other person in the county.

My study of county affairs has been intense and extensive. Through this knowledge so gained and my ability as an accountant, I am formulating plans, which, if properly worked out and executed, will effect even greater economy in county government without hampering efficient service and will tend to relieve our embarrassing delinquent tax situation.

I do not believe in experimenting in governmental affairs. I believe in exercising the strictest economy consistent with good business and efficient service.

I believe in an equitable valuation of all property for tax purposes.

I hold the funds handled by the commissioner's court to be a sacred trust, placed in their hands by the people, and should be spent more carefully than private funds.

I am entering this campaign solely on my own merits and qualifications, and expect to finish on the same basis. If I am elected, and I hope to be, I expect to be elected on my own merits and not on any demerits or unfitness any other aspirant might have.

In 1930, when twenty-five or more

good citizens of Wheeler and vicinity signed a petition and filed my name as a candidate for county judge just a few minutes before the registration books closed, I realized the handicap under which I was placed because of the short time to work; but, rather than repudiate the confidence of these citizens, and in appreciation of their confidence and honor thus shown me, I entered the race. I heartily thank every one of the more than 1300 friends who rallied to my support and gave me such a large vote. May I again solicit your vote and influence in the coming election? To you who did not vote for me, let me say that I have nothing but the kindest feeling and I'm asking for your reconsideration and trust that you may

give me your support in the election.

To the people of Wheeler I pledge my sacred honor, with fibre of my being, that if elected to this office, I will endeavor to fully and impartially perform the duties of the position. I will earnestly for an efficient and economical administration, guaranteeing actions by what appears to be the best interests of the county and the wishes of the people.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. (Oliver) Puett

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hamp, daughter Miss Alvern, who live east of Wheeler, were in town Saturday afternoon.

PUBLIC SALE

Tuesday, January 16, 1934

At my farm, 1 3/4 miles east of Kelton; 10 3/4 miles and 3 miles south of Wheeler.

Sale to begin at 10 A. M.

Horses and Mules

- 1 span mare mules, smooth mouth, weight 2400
- 1 grey horse mule, smooth mouth, wt. 1100
- 1 span horse mules, smooth mouth, wt. 2000
- 1 brown mare, 9 yrs. old, wt. 1250

Household, etc.

- 1 4-burner Perfection stove
- 1 heater
- 1 220-egg Buckeye incubator
- 1 wash kettle and furnace
- Some chicken coops
- 1 50-ft. garden hose
- Some miscellaneous household goods
- About 100 R. I. hens
- Some chain harness, collars, bridles, etc.
- Many other items too numerous to mention

TERMS OF SALE—All items of \$10.00 and under, cash. Not approved by clerk, payable to The Citizens State Bank, due Nov. 15, 1934, at 10 per cent interest from date. Please have notes approved before bidding.

Lunch will be served by the Baptist Ladies Aid. Free coffee; bring your own.

H. A. Whitener, Owner

LEONARD GREEN, Auctioneer

R. D. HOLT

PUBLIC SALE

Monday, January 15, 1934

At my place 2 miles southwest of Wheeler, Texas.

Sale to begin at 1 o'clock P. M.

10 Head Horses and Mules

- 1 iron gray mare, 8 yrs. old in spring, wt. 1200
- 1 black mare, smooth mouth, wt. 1100
- 1 brown horse mule, smooth mouth, wt. 1200
- 1 gray horse mule, smooth mouth, wt. 1100
- 1 brown mare mule, smooth mouth, wt. 900
- 1 brown mare mule, smooth mouth, wt. 900
- 1 brown horse mule coming 2 year old, unbroke
- 1 filly colt, coming year old; no better
- 1 gray mare coming 8 yrs. old, wt. 1100
- 1 filly colt, coming year old in July

Tools, Etc.

- 1 set blacksmith tools, including—
- 1 anvil
- 1 drill
- 1 coal and gas-burning brooder
- 1 X-ray incubator, 200-egg
- 1 oil burning brooder
- 1 4-inch post vise
- 1 forge and blower

Feed

- About 3,000 bundles good cane
- About 3,000 bundles good kafir, to be sold privately
- Several tons of maize
- Some corn

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash. Notes to be approved by clerk, payable to National Bank, Wheeler, Texas, due October 15, 1934, at 10 per cent interest from date. Please have notes approved before bidding.

P. E. Lowrie, Owner

LEONARD GREEN, Auctioneer

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THE CORRAL

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Help Defeat
Sham-ock.

Jumping at conclusions is
the worst kind
of exercise.

Home Economics Girls Hold Meeting Monday

CLUB DISCUSSES RECREATION FOR WOMEN; CHOICE BOOKS, FRIENDS

Home Economics club met Monday afternoon at 3:15 in the high school auditorium. "America" was the opening song sung by the group. Recreation for girls was the topic for discussion which was cut into two different parts: First, choice of books and magazines, Helen Gilmore; Second, kinds of recreation, Willie Mae Hollabough. Orveta Puett played "In the Valley of the Moon" for special music.

It was decided by the group to present a play sometime in the near future to raise money in order to send clothing girls to Austin in the spring. The club set the second Monday in each month as a regular meeting. The program for the next meeting will be the lives of great women and a social, also an out of school speaker.

CAUSE OF ACTIVITIES "42" PARTY IS POSTPONED

Because of the Epworth League set at Heald the show, and other entertainments, the "42" tournament of high school students, which was to have been given last Friday night at the P. T. A., was postponed until later date. During this time it is hoped that more of the high school students will learn play "42".

SENIORS WILL PRESENT CLASS PLAY IN FEBRUARY

"The Simon-Pure Simpleton" by William Mortimer, selected by the juniors for the class play, will be presented early in February under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Gilmore, sponsor. The proceeds will be used to pay for the junior-senior banquet. The characters are Aunt Martha Weed, Mable Lee Starkey; Bee Lambert, Doris Oliver; Otter, Merriman Hawkins; Tom Cobb, Hazel Crowder; Wilbur Wood, Ford Newkirk; Jennie, Cozette Crawford; Bella James, Helen Gilmore; Joe Cook, Theodore Conner; Little Street, Florine Guynes; and Black Street, Forest Strentz.

WHAH! FOR THE LEGIONAIRES

Students, give the Legionaires a hearty cheer. You will no longer have to wander hopelessly from place to place hunting houses suitable for your entertainments. Being able to get the Legion hall will no longer inconvenience many parents for the school's social functions. The hall is centrally located and all pupils can find it without difficulty. Should the parties be held at private homes one would have a hard time finding room enough to play certain games, where now it is easily done.

For almost a year, the school has had no place in which to have parties and other sources of entertainment except in the school house which is much too small to accommodate even a class. The Parent-Teachers Association has made possible the entertainments by furnishing money for lights and lights. They have also planned parties for the benefit of the pupils.

The entire high school appreciates the courtesy of the Legionaires and the generosity of the P. T. A.—H. G.

SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS MEET FOR ORGANIZATION

Officers for the Methodist young people's choir were elected at a meeting held Thursday night in the basement of the Wheeler Methodist church. Coy Hix was chosen president; Helen Gilmore, secretary; Florence Merriman as treasurer and 9-1 pianist. Mrs. H. E. Mathews is in charge of the practices.

A motion was made and seconded that anyone who did not attend a practice must pay a dime, unless they have a legal excuse. Walter Adams, Field Meek, and Faye Ficke were appointed as a committee to consider uses.

Those present at the meeting were: Alice Craig, Alice Wiley, Parilee Y, Bonnie Adams, Dorothy Tramm, Ferrol Ficke, Guy Robinson, Raymond Bradley, Billy Noah, J. D. Hix, Charlie Hix, Elizabeth Joss, Maud Merriman, Faye Ficke, Exie Creekmore, Bessie Mae Ficke, Joe Field Meek, Helen Gilmore, Coy Hix, Walter Adams, and Carlisle Robinson.

THE STAFF

Editor in chief.....Helen Gilmore
Assistant editor....Anna Mae Puett
Exchange editor...Marguerite Ficke
Sport editor.....Billy McCarroll
Joke editor.....Joe Field Meek
Gossip editor.....Bessie Mae Ficke
Society editor....Mary Eunice Noah
Sponsor.....Miss Bernice Addison
Reporters...Doreen Wood, Mamie Lee Starkey, Mildred Kincheloe, A. B. and J. C. Turner, John Ficke, Coy Hix, Helen Gilmore, Anna Mae Puett, Marguerite Ficke, Billy McCarroll, Joe Field Meek, Bessie Mae Ficke, Mary Eunice Noah, and Exie Creekmore.

HEALD SENIORS TIE WITH WHEELER INTERMEDIATES

Both the senior and intermediate leagues of the Methodist church met with the Grey-Wheel Union at Heald, Texas, last Friday. Nine of the twelve leagues in the union were represented. The Heald league presented a very interesting program, after which a business meeting was held with Wanda Taylor, president of the union, in charge.

The Heald senior league and the Wheeler intermediate league tied for the loving cup. After the business meeting everyone went to the basement where many well planned games were played. Refreshments of sandwiches, chocolate, and cookies were served. Those present who attend high school were Alice Wiley, Amos Page, Aliene Buchanan, Ferrol Ficke, H. E. Young, Parilee Clay, Guy Robinson, Louise Craig, Carlisle Robinson and Bonnie Adams from the intermediate league; and Nerine Young, Marguerite Ficke, Elizabeth Joss, Bessie Mae Ficke, Helen Gilmore, Coy Hix, Walter Adams, Charley Hix and Joe Field Meek from the senior league.

CAUGHT IN THE LASSOO'S NOOSE

The president of the Shamrock league is interested in the Wheeler league. Wonder who could be the cause of that?

Earl Sivage, when are you going to start your spelling class?

Exie wants to know how much brains to store up for the winter.

Could you imagine Raymond calling Doreen a "little bugger"?

Did anyone notice how "Nick" came back from Heald?

Wonder why so many of the girls didn't come back to Wheeler as soon as the ball game was over the other night.

The teachers should not say anything if they see the pupils trying to court. You should have seen the home economics teacher last Sunday night.

Warren says he is going to start going with the big girls. Maybe now's our chance.

We've heard of collecting hotel towels and pieces of whales from museums, but the practical joker who "borrowed" two silver forks at the Methodist church banquet before Christmas takes the prize. Mrs. Wiley says that she'll try to see the funny side if they are returned soon—no questions asked—and even a 25c reward. But in the meantime, two of the only household articles salvaged from the big fire are missing and the Wileys are having to use cave man manners.

Come on, boys, we've asked and asked and announced and announced to no avail. Bring them out of hiding from your Sunday trousers pocket or from some convenient flower bed. Have a heart!

Wonder if Vice still likes to take Sunday dinners at Rev. O. C. Evans'?

Willie Mae, why be so particular how you go to the ball games?

Coy doesn't want us to say anything about his flirting with the Mobeetie coach. We won't, Nick.

Curtis was seen talking to a little brunette Saturday night.

Did anyone notice who Bill took to the basket ball game the other night? Why the change, Bill?

The reason that so many of the boys were wearing ties to school was to catch some of those good-looking daughters the mothers were sending to school to marry off. The boys must not have had any luck for I see most of them have stopped.

Books are just about to get the W. T. S. T. C. freshmen down. Two hundred students passed one place in an hour, carrying one thousand and three books.—The J. Tac.

Wheeler Girls Defeat Mobeetie Hornets 29-26

In a fast, rough game the Mobeetie boys defeated the Wheeler team 25 to 20 Saturday night at Mobeetie. It was a close game from the start to finish. Wheeler led 2 points at the half, but the Hornets put on a last quarter rally to win by 5 points. The boys that played for Wheeler were Creekmore, Turner, Adams, Weeks, Sivage, McCarroll, Farris, Ford and Coy Hix. Weeks was high point man with 14 points.

The game between the Mobeetie and Wheeler girls was a thriller as the winner was not determined until the final whistle blew ending the game. Wheeler won 29 to 26. The girls making the trip were Anna Mae Puett, Laney Mae Tillman, Inez Shipman, Willie Mae Hollabough, Lena Hollabough, Beulah Hollabough, Exie Creekmore, Bessie Mae Ficke, Helen Gilmore, Marguerite Ficke and Doris Tolliver.

Next Friday the Mustangs play a conference game with the Irishmen at Shamrock. The girls will also play.

RAMBLINGS ON THE RANGE

Marguerite and Bessie Mae Ficke were in Shamrock Monday afternoon of this week.

J. L. Gilmore went to Mobeetie Sunday.

Velma Pillars from Twitty enrolled in school here Tuesday of this week.

John and Fay Ficke and Anna Mae Puett were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

C. L. Balch went to Twitty Saturday night.

Charlie Austin was in Briscoe Sunday.

Theodore Connor returned from a week's visit in Arkansas Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilmore are giving a party in honor of the seniors and their sponsor, Winona Adams, Saturday night. "The seniors are looking forward to this event joyfully," states Coy Hix, president.

FROM OTHER BRANDING IRONS

A woman doctor from Indiana advised women not to put anything on their faces they wouldn't put in their stomachs. Looks like women will have to develop an appetite for soap.—The Lass-o.

We are twins and look alike. When we were at school my brother threw an eraser and hit the teacher. She didn't know the difference but I did. I was to be married, but my brother arrived at the church first and married my girl. She didn't realize it, but I did. I got even for all that, I died last week and they buried him.—Bared Walk.

"Will we ever have a woman president?"

"Of course not, a president has to be over thirty-five years of age."—Phoenix.

The 1933 American Academy of Arts and Letters award for best radio diction went to James Wallington, announcer for NBC and known especially for his part in the program of Rubinoff and Cantor. The award for best stage diction went to Lawrence Tibbett, noted singer.—The Wichitan.

The joy of doing something for yourself is doubled if you know someone else wants you to do it.—The Prairie.

Many astronomers believe that the moon was once that part of the earth which now is filled up by the waters of the Pacific Ocean, and that this section was torn out by centrifugal force during a time when the earth revolved at a terrific rate.—The Tornado.

STONES

A collection of 36 stones and other minerals mentioned in the Bible, and of the varieties used by the ancient Hebrews to adorn liturgical vestments has been added to Hunter College, New York.—The Wichitan.

Work is the yeast that raises the dough. People run in debt — when the dough runs out.—McMurphy War Whoop.

The night watchman at South Dakota State College has, during his duties, walked around the campus enough to equal a trip two-thirds around the world.—The Wichitan.

"BLOW-UP" RUINS THISTLE TUBE FRIGHTENS BILL

Does Dewey have it in for Billie or was that explosion in the chemistry laboratory last Thursday really an accident? Well, anyway there was an explosion when a bottle of hydrogen that Dewey was holding, "blew up" for reasons best known to itself (and maybe Miss Adams) and the stopper containing a glass thistle tube, rose gracefully in the air, fell within a few inches of Billy's ear and made a forced landing on the floor, breaking the thistle tube. After everyone got over the excitement, Miss Adams said, "Since no one is hurt I only regret that it broke our last thistle tube."

MISCHIEVOUS BOY DECIDES TO BE SCHOOL TEACHER

Some people like to do one thing and some another. This is a story of a small mischievous boy who had to stay in after school for shooting paper wads which was against the rules, so the teacher said. This is his thoughts as he travels on his way home, "I jest wish I could get a hold 'uf" that "ole" teacher. Who ever invented such funny things anyway? I wish I knowed who it was. If somebody was gonna invent sumthin why didn't they make things that are useful to everyone instead of things to punish us poor little children's lak me. Be glad when I grow up—but they don't make me stay in then. I know what I'll do—I'm gonna put tacks in the road so when she comes a flying by in her car she'll have a flat. One thing sure I don't plan to help fix it—no, siree not after she kept me in for doing nothing at all, jest shot one paper wad—aw I might have shot one or two more but what does it matter if I did? Didn't hit anybody except Susie Jones and I know it didn't hurt. Well, I know what I'M a gonna be when I grow up—I'll just be a school teacher and set an example fer the rest of them, that's just what I'll do."

Charter No. 12627; Reserve Dist. No. 11

Report of condition of the First National Bank of Wheeler

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1933

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$37,928.88
Overdrafts	37.68
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	900.00
Banking house	\$6000.00
Furn. and Fixt.	1900.00 7,900.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,200.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	20,565.11
Cash in vault and balances with other banks	12,457.76
Outside checks and other cash items	346.90
Other assets	15,928.78

Total

\$99,265.11

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits, except U. S. Govt. deposits, public funds and deposits of other banks	\$70,246.07
Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds and deposits of other banks	1,674.60
Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	1,632.90
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashier's checks outstanding	453.95
Common stock, 250 shares, par \$100.00 per share	25,000.00
Undivided profits, net	257.59

Total Account

\$99,265.11

State of Texas, County of Wheeler,

ss:

I, Frank B. Craig, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK B. CRAIG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., 1934.

(Seal) H. M. WILEY, Notary Public

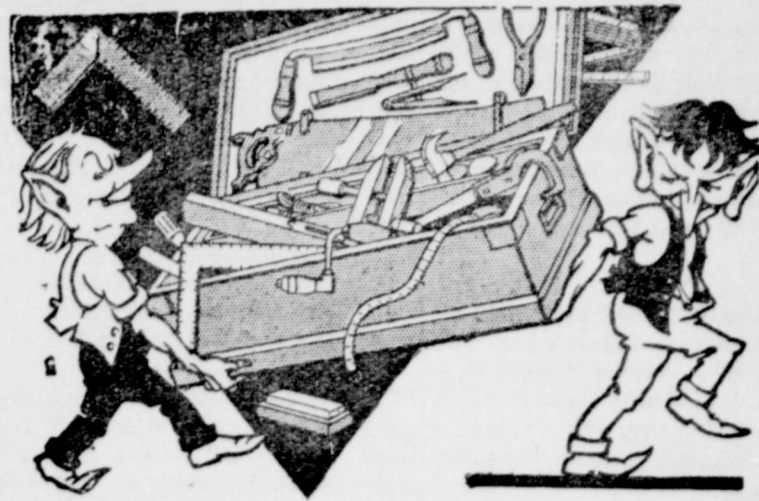
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W. E. Pennington,

W. G. Stiles,

A. Finsterwald,

Directors.



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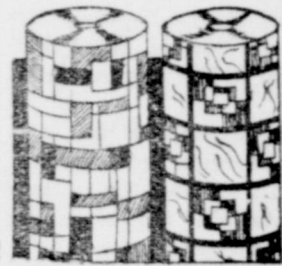
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TAX NOTICE

Those who have not paid their City Taxes are requested to do so before February 1, 1934.

C. R. Weatherly
City Secretary

Phone 75

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B. & P. W. CLUB MEETING

The Business and Professional Women's club will meet Friday night, Jan. 12, at 7:30 in the women's club room in the court house.

Mrs. C. J. Meek, educational chairman, will have charge of a very interesting program, which will be on education. All members are urged to attend.

CHRISTIAN COMRADESHIP CLUB

The Christian Comradeship club met with Miss Winona Adams Monday night at 7 o'clock. Miss Florence Merriman had charge of the program. A very interesting program was given on Texas wild flowers. The following topics were discussed: The cotton flower, yucca, black-eyed susan, Texas bluebonnet, Indian paint brush, Indian blanket and milkweed.

Those present were Misses Addison, Blanch Adams, Ewing, Gunter, Hix, Merriman, Winona Adams; Mesdames Anglin, Badley and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davidson.

The club will meet at the Methodist church next Monday night with a party. Every young adult is urged to be present.

DORCAS CLASS PARTY

Mrs. R. B. Puckett was a charming hostess to the members of the Dorcas Sunday school class of the Baptist church at her home Wednesday afternoon. After a short business meeting the guests were entertained with Bible quotations and a discussion of Revelations, 20th chapter. At the last meeting the class decided to bring a gift for those having birthdays in January and to continue for the year. Mrs. A. B. Crump was the lucky one this month. The hostess presented each guest with a handkerchief.

Guests were: Mesdames Jim Risner, A. B. Crump, Cordie Gill, Alamo Starkey, W. E. Collins, J. M. Lawrence, W. O. Puett, Jess Carver, J. M. Burgess, Ernest Dyer, Norwood McPherson, Herman Morris, Jim Trout, John Porter, Floyd Pennington and C. G. Miller.

Mrs. Puckett, assisted by Mrs. Morris, served delicious refreshments. Mrs. Jake Tarter and Mrs. Alamo Stacey will entertain the class on Feb. 14, at the former's home.

Mrs. Lee George was hostess to the Revelers bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home on the George ranch, northwest of Allison. Mrs. M. A. Webb and Mrs. Bill Wood of Canadian, Miss Mable Alexander, Mrs. O. Chadoin and Mrs. Chas. Copeland were special guests.

High score at cards was made by Mrs. Bill Wood as guest and Mrs. Dudley McMillin. Low score was made by Mrs. A. E. Dillow.

New Year suggestions were used in the decoration and at the close of the games a lovely salad course was served by the hostess to Miss Mable Alexander, Mesdames M. A. Webb, Bill Wood, Chas. Copeland, O. Chadoin, A. E. Stephens, O. C. Lowry, Ray Brown, Dudley McMillin, A. E. Dillow and R. E. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Porter delightfully entertained the members and guests of the contract bridge club last Thursday night. Travellers prize went to Mrs. Ed Watson and high score to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Britt.

At a late hour delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salad, pie and coffee, were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Worth Beal, R. D. Holt, G. O. McCrohan, Ed Watson, Clyde Fillmore, Roe Green, Buck Britt; Mesdames Al Watson and Bronson Green; Misses Reba Wofford, Mildred Watts, and Alan Helm, and Harry Wofford.

Movie Chatter

By a Rogue

Crossfire

Well, it looks like the old Rogue is going to give the picture public just what it wants this week. The old favorite, Tom Keene, is back in one of his rip snorting, hard riding, gun toting Westerns, "Crossfire". He is assisted by Betty Furness and Edgar Kennedy. There is plenty of comedy and action and a good story.

In addition the two reel comedy, "Kicking The Crown Around" will round out a program for all. Friday-Saturday nights and Saturday matinee.

Reunion in Vienna

John Barrymore and Diana Wynyard bring to the screen a truly great picture in "Reunion in Vienna." Those who know the two popular stars will have no doubts as to the merits of the picture. Both John and Diana have their regular followers, and the list is growing daily. Need there be more said?

Then, too, Vincent Lopez and his world famous orchestra in Rumba Rhythm. The date is Monday and Tuesday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to use this method to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted and offered assistance through the illness and death of our husband, father and loved one. Especially do we want to thank Mrs. Nicholson and Walker and Mrs. Brigman for their services and faithfulness.

The Savage Family,
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Miller,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller,
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilson.

FOR SALE—Holstein cow, will give 6 gals. milk daily if properly fed. Once sold for \$125; will take \$25 cash. M. H. Mitchell, at wrecking yard. 4tlp

FOR SALE at a bargain—29 acres in northwest corner of Wheeler city; 5-room house, with gas and electric lights. 15 acres sub-irrigated. Ideal spot for truck garden. Terms. Ed Strentz, Wheeler. 4tfe

Rondal Price of Clovis, N. Mex., who has been visiting at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Riley Price for several days, expects to return home the last of the week. He and his brother Neil have a battery shop at Clovis. Their father Riley Price has been with the boys most of the time since the middle of November.

W. J. Lary of Clovis, N. Mex., was in Wheeler Tuesday on business. Mr. Lary is an old-time resident of Wheeler county.

LOCUST GROVE

Clarice Robertson

Miss Maude and Preb McDonald and Roy Reives have returned from Clovis, N. Mex., where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell visited in the Liles home last Sunday.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Rieves transacted business in Wheeler Saturday morning.

There were thirty-six relatives and friends present at a New Year's dinner at the McDonald home Sunday.

Roy and J. C. Rieves and Harold Robertson were in Shamrock Thursday.

Orval Montgomery spent the week end with his parents in this community.

O. B. Miller, county superintendent, was a business caller in this section Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Walker motored to Oklahoma City Thursday and visited with relatives, returning Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Smith of Oklahoma City visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Cantrell. Junior Cantrell, who has been visiting in Oklahoma City, returned home when Mrs. Smith came.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Montgomery of Shamrock visited their parents Sunday.

Several people from Locust Grove attended the sale at Kelton last Thursday.

Mrs. R. B. Mann and Miss Maude McDonald are on the sick list this week.

MOBEETIE

Verdie Lee Meadows

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Matthews, pastor of the Methodist church, returned home Friday afternoon from a visit with their parents.

Rev. Matthews preached his first sermon of a series to the young folk. The sermon next Sunday night will be "Young men at the cross roads".

Saturday afternoon a truck filled with C. W. A. workers turned over east of town. None were hurt seriously.

Mrs. Cordie Gill and Miss Lillie B. Meadows of Wheeler spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Meadows.

Miss Alice Burch who is employed near Miami, spent Sunday afternoon with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gordon of Miami spent Sunday afternoon with F. P. Heare.

Robert Lane who has been ill was reported as improving.

Miss Allene Compton spent Saturday night with Miss Pauline Oswald.

Misses Verdie Lee and Lillie B. Meadows spent Sunday night with their brother Earl Meadows.

Louise Gill who has been ill with the measles is improving.

Earl Meadows who works at Puckett's Cash Store has been ill the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner were Wheeler visitors Saturday.

The Mobeetie senior boys and girls team defeated Kelton in a game of basket ball at Mobeetie Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Madows who have been sick with the flu are reported to be recovering.

Erma Lee Gunstream was absent from school last week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gordon of Miami visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. P. Heare.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pigg of Wellington visited relatives in Mobeetie Sunday.

The greatest event of the season will take place January 19-20, when the Mobeetie high school will sponsor the greatest basket ball tournament of the season. Tickets are out now and are going fast, and you are urged to buy yours now. The price of these tickets is placed for every pocketbook.

The Mobeetie basket ball girls and boys played the Kelton boys and girls. The girls' score was 65 to 15 in favor of Mobeetie. The boys also won.

Mrs. Yandell and two children from Madill, Okla., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnston.

BRISCOE NEWS

Pauline Evans

Funeral services were held in Wheeler Wednesday afternoon for Louis Sivage of this community.

Robert Newman and Venson Smith were Briscoe school visitors Thursday.

Funeral services were held for Mary Lou and Betty Jean Tipps the latter part of this week. Their deaths were caused from severe colds and tonsillitis. Interment was made in the Zybach cemetery.

Susie Vaughn, Pauline Evans and Mrs. Douthit and daughter Wilene were Gym City visitors Saturday.

Rev. Beavers was a Briscoe visitor Friday night.

Faye McCraw and Grace Douglas were Briscoe school visitors Friday.

A large number of people in and near Briscoe attended the funeral services held for Hugh West in Canadian Saturday afternoon.

Pauline Higdon went home to Twitty over the week end.

Mr. Beaty and family are moving to Twitty this week.

Dexter Allen and Ima Tipps from Waxahachie spent the week end in the Monte Tipps home.

Chan Helton entertained a group of young people in his home Friday night. At a late hour refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

Miss Christine Hendrix visited school at Briscoe Monday afternoon.

DIXON NEWS

Lois Douglas

Miss Lucille Grant is visiting with friends and relatives in Wellington this week.

Clinton Meek who is attending Amarillo College is visiting his parents this week.

A party was held at the Dixon school house Friday night.

Joe Douglas and Lee Slagle were Briscoe visitors Sunday.

Mrs. W. N. Reeves and children Bonnie and Thelma, returned home from Childress last week.

Billie McCarroll visited his parents of this community over the week-end. J. F. Cook made a business trip to Wheeler Thursday.

Love Smith and family have moved to the Mt. Zion Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Standle and daughter, Betty Jo, visited in the Farmer Hefley home Thursday evening.

Miss Lois Baird visited Lois Douglas Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Selby were Mobeetie visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Slagle visited in the Dan Slagle home Sunday evening.

C. N. and Willard Strawbridge were in Mobeetie Saturday.

Farmer Hefley and Bill Tayler were in Plainview on business Friday.

Miss Pauline Higdon visited her parents at Twitty over the weekend.

Miss Grace Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parker of Allison, were Wheeler visitors Monday.

Rev. Audie Smith and family visited in the R. D. Douglas home Wednesday night.

John Rankin who is attending W. T. S. T. C. at Canyon, was home during the holidays.

PLEASANT HILL

Opal Shumate

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Parker spent Thursday night with her sister at Briscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherly have moved into the Audie Smith house.

Mrs. W. E. Harville's children presented her with a home, located one mile southeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moore were Sunday guests of his parents west of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Weatherly and family from Wheeler were visitors in the Weldon Weatherly home Sunday.

The young people enjoyed a party at the Lee home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Devore visited relatives in Lefors over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anglin were Sunday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moore.

Paul Shumate made a business trip to Wellington Monday.

C. R. Weatherly and family were callers in the J. L. Shumate home Sunday afternoon.

J. T. Diamond from Amarillo and Austin Jaco from Wheeler were business callers in this community this week.

J. D. Merriman and Louis Shumate made a business trip to Shamrock Friday.

J. C. Jones spent Sunday with Paul Anglin.

Clifford Mason was a caller at the S. R. Maxwell home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gaines were Shamrock visitors Friday.

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with the intent to defraud such person, corporation or company, shall every such offense BE FINED NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

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Passenger Car and Truck Licenses are due and should

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uary you will be required to pay a full year's fees and

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The Fourth Lovely Lady



by THERESE BENSON

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—Following the splendid wedding of her niece, Cintra, to Lester, which she has financed, the lovely, young girl, Cintra, is unable to maintain her position as a lovely young girl, and she is in the weight of the four lovely ladies. And she is in a decidedly itched circumstance. She has her plans for the future, however, she refuses to divulge to her father, prominent figures in New York city.

CHAPTER II.—The historic lovely lady, Lovelylea, in Virginia, is owned by her brother, Bill, but, financially, she is in a position to be as a lovely young girl. She is living in Chile, while the estate is rented to Mr. Johnstone Nesbit. Smif's wish is to own Lovelylea, to which she feels sure her brother will return.

CHAPTER III.—Under the name of Madame Saitou, Smif establishes herself as a "Little Sister of the Rich," consultant. The business promises to remunerative, but there is a competition among the other lovely ladies. In the idea that one of the lovely ladies should, as one tartly expresses, become an "adventuress."

Madame Saitou, isn't it? Received your voice at once. I've sent a client. Be an angel and consider her that I'm worse luck for her seeing one crow on a Friday morning. Don't forget I'll be with you for lunch. I'm saving my appetite. I had a passion for sandwiches, I hung up without giving her a word of inquiry or reply. She, too, ever, had recognized a voice and did not take great acuteness to foretell the large lady who had so excited Buttons would prove to be the only of the merciless pursuit.

Smif was now eager to look the other over for herself. She rang for Buttons.

"Tell the strange lady that I can't possibly see her for at least three hours of an hour," she instructed. "I will fit her in if she will wait. Otherwise it will be two days before I can arrange for her. Saturday at ten is the only vacant time."

Buttons made his ready salute, at once descending to the official heights and lowlands of his voice confidentially: "Betcha she gets a hold of you. She's a corker. I'll say I saw her equal."

For all the boy's warning, the woman entered while he lingered at the threshold to observe the effect she produced, transcending anything Smif imagined.

His is a fabulous creature," Smif thought, "a fantastic design by nature, a female hotel." But she the lady indifferently, as if she had her nothing out of the ordinary. Buttons, disappointed, fled to his post.

"Madame Saitou?"

Smif bowed an assent. Never, she herself, had she seen so many eyes; dimpled chin, dimpled wrists, dimpled knees.

"I am surprised. You see my friend me you were so reliable. I expect some one much older." There no answer to this, and she went on. "My name is—"

"If stopped her with a swiftly hand.

"Do not require the names of my clients," she said. "It frequently embarrassment to remain anonymous discreet," the stranger smiled, showing two more dimples. "In my it is not necessary. My name is Washington Mercedes—Miss Washington Mercedes. My name call me Mercy."

Smif accepted this information gladly. As nothing more was forthcoming, she suggested: "There is nothing you fancy I can do for me once the round blue eyes in the baby face opposite her filled with tears.

"I suppose it all comes back to the that I've grown stout. A love is something to write poems to if you're built like a bean-pole. You're like me, it's only a joke; and in love, I'm just terribly in love," she burst out. As if a cloud had lifted, the tears became a flood.

"Dries easily," Smif registered aloud. "I wonder how much her eyes really amount to?"

"The next moment she called herself hearted, for Mercy raised streamers to hers and spoke with telling directness.

"I believe me and help me. I know people felt this way when they were in love. Maybe no one ever before," she suggested hopefully. "Well, your condition is not absolutely unique. Nor should I call it a disease. And you will when you hear

all about it," Miss Mercedes sniffed. "I'm desperate. Johnny absolutely hates all fat women. I've put on a little weight lately and since then he certainly avoids me. There's no mistaking that."

A little weight!

"If it's only a matter of weight, why not reduce?"

"What else could it be?" Miss Mercedes' round eyes grew rounder with astonishment, and she forgot to cry. "Perhaps it is lacking in delicacy to boast of it, but I assure you, Madame Saitou, no girl in the whole state had more admirers than I."

"You should never have allowed yourself to grow so large."

Mercy pouted as if she were a chidden child.

"I've such a wonderful cook," she murmured with a guilty look.

"Discharge her."

"Oh, I couldn't do that. My dinners are celebrated."

"Then don't eat them."

"In that case Lucinda would leave of her own accord. She has often told me that she wouldn't stay with a lady who didn't appreciate her food. Anyway, I've a tiny appetite. It can't be what I eat that makes me fat. Really, I take only enough to keep my strength up. Emotional as I am, and under such a fearful strain, I need nourishment. You do see that, Madame Saitou?"

"Hm," Smif pondered the point. Plain to her was the fact that Miss Mercedes was a gourmet and probably a glutton. "In that case the only thing to do is to keep Lucinda and you apart for a time."

"You mean that I ought to stay here and reduce? And not see Johnny for ages—How could I bear it? Oh, Madame Saitou, is that all you can think of to help me?"

"It may not be all I can think of—at least it's the most obvious remedy, isn't it?" Smif smiled. "If the gentleman preferred you as you were before, it would seem only to be necessary now to remake yourself more nearly to his heart's desire."

Miss Mercedes' tears stopped.

"How beautifully you do say things," she beamed. "I must 'remake' myself more nearly to his heart's desire? I think that's very lovely."

Since time was pressing, it did not seem worth while to point out that Fitzgerald had done more justice to Omar's thought. Smif began to sum up:

"As I understand your case, the only obstacle between you and your lover is your size. What is called for is self-denial on your part. I should not think of advising either diet or treatment. The most I should be willing to do is to suggest a physician who to my knowledge has been successful in similar cases."

Miss Mercedes now exhibited an unsuspected trace of native shrewdness.

"If you don't mind my asking, have you gone to him yourself?"

As Smif could read in her face that, if she had, her visitor did not think highly of the result, she permitted herself a broad grin.

"No, I've never taken any treatment. I can't afford to. My time is too valuable."

"Hm," said Miss Mercedes speculatively.

"If you wish me to do so, I'll call the doctor this afternoon and speak about the case. If he says he can help you, I'll make an appointment for you and it will then be possible for you to decide for yourself whether it is worth while to begin his treatments."

"Hm," said Miss Mercedes again. "I've got a better idea than that."

"You have?" said Smif.

"I have an idea that's nothing short of an inspiration," Miss Mercedes began firmly. "I only hope you'll agree to it." Smif waited expectantly and she went on: "You see, money's practically no object to me. I've plenty of my own, and for the last four years I've not begun to spend my income. Then Johnny's simply rolling. If I marry him I never mean to consider the price of anything again as long as I live. So, looking at this as a business proposition, it will pay me to find out what this treatment is worth before I try it on myself."

"And how do you propose to do that?" Smif inquired, although she already had an inkling of what was agitating Miss Mercedes' shrewd mind.

"What is your idea?"

"To try it on you," Miss Mercedes answered simply.

For a minute Smif was inclined to refuse to consider this proposal. Vaguely she felt insulted by it, though where the insult lay she could not say. Then she relaxed.

"In other words, you want a whipping boy. Well, I believe that was formerly regarded as an honorable post. What is your suggestion for the arrangement to be made between us? And have you taken into consideration the fact that the causes of our too solid flesh may be totally different?"

"If I find him successful with you,

it will give me confidence that he will be with me, too."

Smif's opinion of Mercy's common sense, which had been low, was rising with every word she said now that the subject of her love affair was left in the background. "As to the remuneration, I should feel that you ought to be satisfied if I paid your doctor's bills."

"Sorry," said Smif briefly. "we'll let the matter drop. I do not find myself interested in your proposition. Suppose I give you Doctor Blanton's address and you can make arrangements with him or not as best suits you? Any good man would probably do as well for you, but I happen to have confidence in him."

"You think there is no other course open to me? What about mental science of some sort? Absent treatment? The power of mind over matter? I must do something. I'd go through anything for Johnny's sake; it's only that I've made up my mind I want to see the result of treatment given some one else before I submit to it." Mercy whimpered, yet it was evident that with her a mind made up was a mind made up once and for all time, and Smif was becoming bored.

"Really, Miss Mercedes," she began. "I do not believe that you should have any difficulty in finding some one who would accept an offer such as you suggested if you added a small fee. I cannot help you there."

"Why won't you do it?" Feeling herself dismissed the lady began slowly to work her fat hands into gloves several sizes too small for her.

"Because I am a business woman whose time has a very definite value. Moreover, I am by no means sure my size is not an asset in my business. There is something about it that inspires confidence. I might be making a mistake to reduce. At all events it would require a large bribe to induce me to run the risk."

"Very well," Miss Mercedes ejaculated in trembling tones, giving way with surprising suddenness. "You shall name your price."

"Nor shall I undertake it except under a written agreement," Smif warned her, recognizing her client's vacillating disposition. "I shall expect ten thousand dollars. Moreover, to be fair to both of us, payment must be half in advance, half at the termination of Doctor Blanton's treatments. That is, when he has reduced me to what he decides to be a normal weight."

"How do I know that will make you slim enough? I want to be really slender; girlish, you know," Miss Mercedes was plainly wabbling again.

"I can't guarantee that," Smif returned calmly. "I refuse to take off a pound more than Doctor Blanton regards as safe. Really, Miss Mercedes, don't you think you are wasting time? What you require is some one more tractable than I—also cheaper," she added with a hint of contempt; for, after all, Smif was a lovely with a lovely's disregard for money, when

the only scales I could be weighed on would be a hay scales; and I suppose the same is true of Miss Mercedes."

"Don't fool yourself or let her fool you. Lucinda's best customer is her mistress. And Lucinda's an artist."

"So I was given to understand," Smif said dryly. "I judge that if Lucinda's masterpiece were less tempting, Miss Mercedes might be less colossal."

"What you'd like to say is, if Miss Mercedes were not such a pig Miss Mercedes might be less colossal."

"Really," said Smif, lifting her eyebrows and with difficulty restraining her laughter, and this man with the emerald horseshoe was, after all, so like a rather naughty little boy, "that is not the way a gentleman should talk about a lady, is it?"

"I can't see that." He compressed his lips stubbornly. "If a lady acts like a pig, I think a man should be free to mention it; judicially and without ill-feeling, you understand. But then what should I know about it? I don't pretend to be a gentleman. You didn't think I was one, did you?"

"Dear me, no!" Smif answered. "I had it on good authority that you were a gunman. Don't you want to hear of my interview with Miss Mercedes?"

"Not particularly."

"And that is just as well," she told him crushingly, "because I have no intention of telling you anything."

"I was sure you hadn't," Johnny rejoined.

"How could you be certain I would say nothing about Miss Mercedes? I thought she was your excuse for coming here." Smif was disturbed. She preferred playing with people to having them play with her.

Her guest beamed at her. "Any excuse that brings me here is good enough for me."

This was sheer frivolity. Smif pounded on the arm of her chair in exasperation. "Listen to me. I insist that you remember that I am a business woman engaged in a serious business enterprise."

"And I'm one of your customers," Johnny said soothingly. "You can't get away from that. I engaged you to keep me from being married by Mercy."

"You didn't engage me to do that, because I should have refused such an engagement. I said I would see if I thought I could help you. Well, if that's the only help you want, I can't and I won't, so there!"

"I never believed that you'd go back on a bargain."

"So far as that goes I haven't. You acknowledged that you are fond of her. You said that if she were not so fat you wouldn't mind—"

"That was my fatal desire to palm myself off on you as a gentleman. D—n it all, I won't marry her and have to sit opposite her watching her gobble Lucinda's glorious food day after day. Just tell me this, is that mammoth planning to reduce? Is that what you're driving at?"

"She isn't yet, not until I've shown her that it is possible."

And then this astonishing man astonished her again.

"But you aren't fat," said he.

Smif regarded him with incredulous wonder gradually merging into belief. The man actually appeared to mean it.

"Never say again that you aren't a gentleman," she remarked at last. "The first requisite is to be able to lie magnificently and spontaneously. I congratulate you."

"I don't mean you aren't big," Johnny began to explain laboriously, apparently quite uninterested in her view of the most essential qualification for a gentleman. "When I say fat I refer to something soft and boneless, a shape of blance mangle that hasn't quite solidified—in fact, Mercy! You can't be fat, because I like you and I simply hate fat people. I always have."

Giving this knock-down argument time to sink in, he went on with his sandwich. Having finished the first half, he resumed: "And that isn't the only reason I like you, either. I liked you from the first moment I saw you. You reminded me at once of my great-grandmother."

This compliment was more than Smif had expected. She broke into a peal of irrepressible laughter, laughing until tears stood in her eyes. Johnny never smiled.

Smif gurgled: "I've been compared to Kwan-Yin, to the Sphinx, to the Buddha at Kamakura, but never, never before to anybody's great-grandmother."

"It's a great compliment," said Johnny; "I hoped you'd appreciate it."

"I know it is. It is unique. In fact it has gone to my head," Smif gasped, keeping right on laughing because she

was unable to stop.

"You're a very trying girl," the gunman declared severely.

"This was too personal for his hostess.

"I am Madame Saitou," she bristled. "Pooh!" said Johnny. "That's just a business name. It doesn't mean a single thing."

"You know nothing about it—"

"Oh, yes, I do. I tipped Buttons a dollar and asked him if you were married. Thank God, I'm no gentleman! That's saved you the trouble of saying it."

"Well then," said Smif, "it's true enough.—What is it?" Buttons stood apologetically in the doorway.

"They're a lady here, Madame, Mrs. Stannard. She says she's your sister and insists she must see you."

Smif was in no mood for argument with Lucy.

"Tell Mrs. Stannard that I have not a moment to give her now but that I am to meet Mrs. Carter at Pierre's and shall be very glad if she will have tea with us there at five."

Buttons saluted and took his departure.

She turned back to Johnny to find him pointing a finger at her accusingly.

"Mrs. Carter—Mrs. Stannard"—he stammered—"they're your sisters. Then you must be the youngest of the family. Matilda Lovely."

"Correct enough, although I don't publish my pedigree on my business card." She was ruffled, as her next remark betrayed. "I am curious to know how you came to ferret it out."

"I didn't ferret it out!" Natural resentment colored his voice. "I didn't have to. You didn't take the family Bible with you when you left Lovelylea. You're all down in it, and when I saw a marriage in the paper I filled the date in after the name. . . . It seemed to me a friendly thing to keep the record up for your brother in case he came back. Not that I want him to come back. Now that I've been here so long I mean to buy Lovelylea—"

A light had broken over Smif's face only to darken again.

"You're Johnstone Nesbit!" she exclaimed.

He nodded.

"The tenant of Lovelylea, and as you must have heard a hundred times, no gentleman."

Silence fell between them.

Lovelylea! In her mind Smif had traveled back many years. She was a child again. The heavy brown book with gold lines on its leather cover was on the largest of a nest of lacquer tables that stood between two windows. The Bible, far too large for her to handle, always lay in its accustomed place. She had, from her earliest recollection, admired it.

She was roused from her reverie by Johnny. He leaped to his feet and began searching about wildly for his hat and coat.

"I'd better go," he muttered. "I needn't tell you I wouldn't have come if I'd known who you are. I don't apologize, because I didn't know. I didn't know, I tell you. I wasn't trying to push myself in under false pretenses."

"I never thought you were," Smif managed to interject.

"You did!" he accused her stubbornly. "I watched you trying to think how to get rid of me. You don't have to try. I'll take myself off. But never think it wasn't true. I did like you. You are exactly like my great-grandmother. And I was so lonely."

"So lonely." No more was needed. Those words were the open sesame to Smif's sympathy.

He had found his coat and was struggling into it when Smif jumped up and took it away from him.

"If you'll kindly tell me what you're making all this fuss about, I'll be a great-grandmother to you," she said in a tone of exasperation.

Johnstone Nesbit, as if unable to trust his ears, took one look at her face then dropped heavily into a chair and, setting his elbows on his knees, rested his head on his hands and stared down at the floor.

"It's a long story and after all these years I'm a fool to care, I suppose, but I still do," he confessed.

"I was so lonely!" That was the tune wherewith to play on Smif's heart-strings, and she had heard tragedy in it just now. She felt that she did not dare to let Johnstone Nesbit leave her until she had gone to the root of his troubles, yet her every minute was fully engaged in advance and some rearrangement would be necessary. While she was considering how best to effect this, Buttons further complicated matters by announcing that Mrs. Phelps was there accompanied by another lady. This probably meant a new and rich client, and any claim on her coming from Susan could not be ignored.

Johnstone Nesbit, accepting the announcement as a signal that his time was up, again got to his feet.

"I'd better go," he said.

"Wait half a second," Smif halted him. "Let me think how I can best arrange things. I live at the Madison-ton at —th and Madison avenue. We wouldn't be interrupted there. I wonder if it would be possible for you to come to see me this evening? As a friend, I mean."

Johnstone Nesbit looked at her as if he could not believe his ears.

"As—as—as a friend?" he stammered. "But—but you're a Virginian." "Certainly I am," Smif nodded.

"What has that to do with it?"

"Has nobody told you that I'm no gentleman?"

"Sure," said Smif, who had expected the question. "You've told me so yourself several times, and I'm amazed at the importance you seem to attach to the word."

Nesbit went over and picked up his hat and coat. Then he turned a happy face to her.

"You really mean it?" he asked anx-

ously. "I may come there—as a friend?"

"Certainly I mean it," Smif said sturdily. "You must ask for Miss Lovelylea. The place is the Badminton. You won't forget?"

"Forget? Not a chance in the world. Why, I'm coming there as a friend." He was gone on the echo of the last word and Smif was left in a curious state of mind. Interest, puzzlement, pity; all were mingled. She would have liked to sit down and devote herself to this case to the exclusion of all others. Of a sudden, Johnstone Nesbit outweighed everything, which was easily explained since he came to her from Lovelylea. A place, by the way, which he had said he proposed to buy. She stiffened at that memory. She was going to buy Lovelylea herself. No one in the world, however pathetic, could be allowed to come between her and the home of her ancestors.

It was obvious to her, now, that Miss Mercedes must own Rockwood, the old Stuart plantation. If Mr. Nesbit were fond of that country the best thing for him to do was to marry her (suitably reduced) and live there. This held out a happy solution of several difficulties and she decided it was the conclusion she must work for since, married to Mercy, no one would be allowed to be lonely.

With her thoughts still whirling chaotically around Lovelylea, its tenant and his neighbor, Smif forced herself to abandon her profitless speculations and resume the business of the day.

The trouble of Susan's friend was disposed of quickly. It boiled down to a query as to what should be done when one's son and the wrong girl fell in love. Smif suggested a plan of action so simple that there was no risk of antagonizing the boy, and the anxious mother went away comforted, accompanied by a beaming Susan, very proud of her resourceful protegee. Somehow the other business engagements of the day were gone through with credit, including the visit to Doctor Blanton.

At Pierre's she found that Laura had added herself to the party, for which Lucy, with her usual efficiency, had secured a table in the quietest corner. No gaiety emanated from it.

"Glad you didn't wait for me," Smif said, as she seated herself in the vacant chair. "I've had a terribly busy day and I'm afraid I'm a little late. Tea and lemon for me. No sugar and no cinnamon toast. Nothing else either. I'm going to reduce. Moreover, I'm going to be paid for doing it."

(TO BE CONTINUED)



"I Don't Pretend to Be a Gentleman. You Didn't Think I Was One, Did You?"

she had it. And Miss Mercedes sensed this, growing more eager the moment she feared Smif was inclined to draw back.

"I'll sign your agreement," she announced. "I'll pay anything in reason. Please have the paper made ready and I will make you out a check. It's a proof of my love for Johnny," she added, her voice trembling. "And I look on it as an investment," she ended, her practicality again to the fore.

So said, so done, and Miss Mercedes wended her weighty way toward the elevator.

CHAPTER V

Smif looked forward with an amount of interest that she found surprising to her approaching interview with the person she still designated to herself as the gunman. On his behalf she was tempted to order a more substantial luncheon; yet, after all, why should she? She had not invited this guest.

Finally she compromised. Three sandwiches and an apple were to be brought to her as usual, while Buttons was told to hold a larger supply in reserve.

The man arrived promptly and ushered himself out to the lounge without ceremony. Plainly ceremony was one of the superfluities he had banished from his scheme of existence. Buttons followed with a small plate of sandwiches, regarded by the gunman with extreme disfavor.

"Are those a joke?" he demanded before he saw the twinkle in Smif's eyes, after which the rest of the banquet was quickly forthcoming.

"Well, why don't you talk?" he asked, doing full justice to the sandwiches the while.

"I was meditating on the inequalities and injustices of this world. If I consumed a tithe of what you do,

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Preaching 11 a. m.
Evening Service, Sunday evening,
7:30; Thursday evening, 7:30.
Young People's Meeting Tuesday evening, 7:30.
Everybody invited. Everybody welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH

J. Edmund Kirby, Pastor
Beginning Sunday, Jan. 14, I am beginning a series of sermons on "What to Believe". This series is preached with the hope that it will be helpful to those who do not know what to believe, since there are so many things urged upon us.

This is not a doctrinal series, but a series that will deal with the beliefs that are fundamental, no matter what your church affiliation or belief may be. We are going to tell you what the Bible and the teachings of Jesus tell us to believe about the following: the World, Jesus Christ, the Cross, God, the Church, the Bible, the Sacrament, and Immortality.

Subjects and Dates:
January 14, 11 o'clock—"What to Believe About The World We Live In."
January 14, 7:15—"What To Believe About Jesus".
January 21, 11 o'clock—"What to Believe About The Cross".
January 21, 7:15—"What to Believe About God".
January 28, 11 o'clock—"What to Believe About The Church".
January 28, 7:15—"What to Believe About The Bible".
February 4, 11 o'clock—"What to Believe About The Sacrament".
February 4, 7:15—"What to Believe About Immortality".
Visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. A. B. Crump and nephew Dick Stanley returned Friday night from San Antonio, where she has spent six weeks with her sister Mrs. J. M. Griffin, who underwent an operation five weeks ago. She was up and doing nicely when Mrs. Crump left.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Craig motored to Amarillo Monday.

T. J. Brannan of Shamrock was in Wheeler Monday on business.

E. T. Scott of Amarillo was in Wheeler Monday on legal business.

Louis Shumate of Pleasant Hill was in town Saturday on business.

Miss Pauline Irons was in Wheeler Saturday afternoon, shopping.

Miss Reba Wofford was confined to her home Saturday afternoon on account of illness.

Dick Stanley spent the week end in Amarillo visiting his father T. E. Stanley.

G. T. Richardson, who lives two and a half miles east of Allison, was a Wheeler visitor Saturday.

Misses Mamie Lee and Ella Pearl Starkey had for their Sunday dinner guests Warren Mitchell, Carlisle Robinson and Jeanette Hale.

Mrs. W. G. Stiles and daughter Miss Beth, who live east of Wheeler on a ranch, were county seat visitors Saturday.

Misses Edith and Madge Cooper of Shamrock visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper Thursday night of last week.

Mrs. John Ficke, son and daughter John and Faye and Miss Anna Mae Puett motored to Shamrock Saturday afternoon.

Chester, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anglin, was quite ill the first of the week. He was improving nicely Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Flavil Yeakley and Mrs. Jimmie Mitchever motored to McLean Tuesday to attend the preachers meeting of the Panhandle of the Church of Christ.

J. B. Puckett of Sayre, Okla., and Jack Nunley, manager of Puckett's store at Elk City, came Sunday to help the former's son, R. B. Puckett, take an invoice of the local store of which R. B. is manager.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson and daughter Jovena of Afton came Saturday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lem Guthrie and her brother Lee Guthrie and family. They returned home Thursday.

Lamar Guthrie, manager of the Rogue Theatre No. 2 at Matador, came Tuesday to visit his brother Lee Guthrie and family and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lem Guthrie, until Thursday.

R. P. Watts and Mrs. W. E. Case were host and hostess at a party Sunday evening for the twelve families who live at the power plant camp northwest of Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sappington of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mitchell and daughter Doris Marie motored to Pampa Friday on business. Mrs. R. E. Minor and son Edward of Pampa came home with the Mitchells and visited until Sunday.

Postmaster C. L. Lewis and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jerome Brigman, motored to Amarillo Sunday to get Mrs. Lewis, who accompanied Mrs. Fred Cornelius, of Amarillo, home the last of the week. They returned home that night.

W. A. Gilman was in Wheeler Monday on business.

Rev. W. M. Beaver, presiding elder of Clarendon, visited at the Methodist parsonage Saturday.

W.G. Stiles who lives on a ranch east of Wheeler, was in town Monday on business.

Mrs. J. Edmond Kirby has been confined to her bed since Friday with the flu. She was improving Tuesday.

J. S. Hibbard and John Howard of Garden City, Kans., were in Wheeler a short time Monday, on a return trip from South Texas.

Mrs. Fred Cornelius who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Garrison and friends, returned Saturday to her home in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dirrickson of Matador are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lem Guthrie and family this week.

Misses Hattie and Lectie Womack and Wanda Taylor motored to Pampa Wednesday.

Hubert C. Bentley of Magic City was in Wheeler Thursday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Mundy and her mother, Mrs. Crump of Shamrock, spent Sunday at the A. B. Crump home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sanders moved Sunday to Dallas, where they will make their home. They are the parents of H. C. Sanders.

Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Meeks and son Stanley of Canadian were guests Saturday night and Sunday of her sister Mrs. A. B. Crump and husband.

Clayton Kelley, who lives on the Kelley Brothers ranch northwest of Wheeler, was in town Thursday attending court.

Mrs. W. E. Case and son Jack of the power plant camp were in Wheeler Thursday visiting Mr. Case at the hospital.

L. C. Lewis, local representative of the Continental Oil company of Shamrock, was in Wheeler Wednesday in the interest of the company.

W. B. Breeding of Kirkland came Friday to visit his daughter Mrs. D. A. Hunt and family. He returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ridgway of Mobeetie and Mrs. John McCarroll of Briscoe were Wheeler business visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Dunn of Mobeetie were guests of their daughter Mrs. Ernest Lee and husband Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Derryberry of Kelton are moving this week to Mrs. Givens property on Shamrock street just south of the McBee home.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blair died on Jan. 3 and was buried in the Mobeetie cemetery. Mrs. Blair is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simpson, who live in the Corn Valley neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanclaire and children, Mrs. Ruby Murphy and Miss Iona Martin of Pampa visited Sunday with Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the church, with Mrs. Norwood McPherson as leader of the royal service program. There was a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Connor of Mobeetie came to Wheeler Saturday afternoon to get their son Clarence who works at Tolliver's Garage. Mrs. Cordia Gill and sister Miss Lillie B. Meadows accompanied them home and spent the week end at the P. L. Meadows home.

Rev. F. R. Yeakley, pastor of the Church of Christ in Wheeler, has a place on the program at a meeting of the preachers of the Panhandle, in session this week at McLean. The series, which began Tuesday and includes next Sunday, has two services daily. Rev. Yeakley discussed the subject, "The Foundation of the Church", at the morning hour Wednesday.

POLITICAL ASPIRANTS TO SHOW SIGNS OF ACTIVITY

Although it is yet early in the season, political affairs throughout the county are showing signs of increasing activity. A few aspirants for political honors and emoluments have taken the decisive step and placed formal announcements before the public.

Many are the rumors, linked with the name of this or that individual, going the rounds of court house corridor and street corner gossip.

As the score stands now for the county as a whole, one each have declared for the following places: sheriff, county judge, tax assessor and collector; two are out for commissioner in precinct 3, and one in precinct 2.

At such a season is an excellent time to hear things about this or that candidate or office-holder. Remarkable to relate, the writer has heard but little criticism of present incumbents. On the contrary, some mighty nice things are being said of the conduct of certain officials and their records.

And its not all found in the paid "write-ups", either.

To illustrate only one instance: During a conversation with C. J. Meek, county clerk, he informed the writer that he almost daily receives compliments on his service and the accuracy of his records. Mr. Meek is one official who likes his duties, and although he has not stated that he would be in the race for re-election, it appears reasonably certain that he will decide to do so in the near future.

HUGH WEST FUNERAL AT CANADIAN SATURDAY

Funeral services were held Saturday at Canadian for Hugh West, a resident of Briscoe, who died in a hospital here last Thursday following a smash-up near his home when a Santa Fe train hit the automobile in which he was riding. West sustained injuries which resulted in death a few hours after the accident.

Immediate surviving relatives are his mother, Mrs. Nettie West of Hemphill county, his wife and a small child.

H. H. Pond, who lives six miles northeast of Wheeler, was in town Wednesday on important business.

FOURTH GRADERS SHOW BUDDING POETIC GENIUS

Recently Mrs. C. J. Meek suggested to her fourth grade pupils in the Wheeler school that, as a part of their English class work, to try their hands at writing poetry. Below will be found several samples of their efforts which reflect considerable credit both upon themselves and their instructor.

The following group are entitled to honorable mention for their efforts: Melba Wiley, Jakey Trout, Eugene Dowdy, Elmeda Watts, Joe Griffin, Tholman Baker, Billie Haynes, Floyd Austin, Paul Ford, Lorene Craig, John Wright, Walter Cloke, Madge McClain, Marie Herd.

The Bee

J. W. Starkey
I saw a little bee,
And it was in a tree,
And oh! oh! how it stung me.

The Birds and the Brook

How the birds do sing,
As the brook flows along
And the boys and girls say,
I like to hear the birds sing in the spring.

I Like for Santa Claus to Come

I like for Santa Claus to come
And bring us lots of toys,
So we can have some fun
With all the girls and boys.

Spring

Alda Lea Coleman
The wind is blowing,
While it is snowing.
It will soon be spring
Then the birds will sing.

The Aspiring Poetess

Mary Nell Burke
If this little verse rhymes
They will put it in the Wheeler Times,
If it's not good and I fail,
All I can do is wail!

So do not break my heart
But print this all or in part.
Think of my teacher and me too,
And please give me all the credit due.

Holland

W. E. Pennington Jr.
In Holland the windmills sit on top
Of their houses which are strong,
But if the wind blew there like here,
They would not be there long.

The Wind and Snow

Juanita Griffin
Now the wind is blowing,
And the flowers will do no growing.
It will soon be snowing
Then we will do no going.

The Bee

Charles B. Sandifer
I saw a little bee.
He said to me,
"I am a bee!"

Specials for Friday, Saturday, and Monday

- 10-oz. Pkg. Rippled Wheat
- BREAKFAST FOOD
- 10 lbs. Sugar
- Quart Jar White Pony SOUR PICKLES
- Arkansas Black APPLES
- Good and Firm, Peck
- 2 lbs. Fresh Cookies
- 6 Cakes Haskins
- TOILET SOAP
- 1 Foot Coco Hardwater Castile SOAP
- 10 Bars Luna LAUNDRY SOAP
- 2 lb. Can D. M. B. P. (Free Sample with Each Can)
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