

HONOR ROLL OF 114 PUPILS ANNOUNCED

The following 114 pupils of the Merkel Public schools met the requirements to have their names placed upon the honor roll for the fourth six-weeks' period. Of this number 40 are from High school and 74 from Grammar school. In the High school slightly over 30 per cent, or one in every three pupils, made the honor roll.

The highest average made for the six-weeks' period was 96 per cent, and this average was made by eight pupils: Roy Owens, Mary Jo Russell, Billy Woods, Ethelda Tucker, Waldeline Huskey, Lucille Campbell, Elvis Richardson and Audrey Farris.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Shelton.
Roy Owens, 96; O. C. Shouse, 95; Louise Patterson, 93; Tilman Joe Rutledge, 93.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Maria Duran, 95; Homer Tye, Jr., 95; Alene Cox, 94; Ova Martin, 92; Forrest Glen Barnett, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
Guy Manscill, 94; Euvalda Fox, 94; Betty Jane Diltz, 94; Billy Largent, 93; Billy Cox, 93.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Don Wood, 92; Doris Gay West, 92; Emma Lee Pence, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heiser.
Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billy Wood, 96; Mary Nell Morgan, 95; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Frances Owen, 94; Ralph Russell, 92; Mary Love Tipton, 92; Don Warren, 92.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.
Joyce Hays, 93; Mabel Murray, 92; Richmond Buford, 91; Comora Hughes, 91; Pearl Mathews, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.
Othar Suber, 91; Ruby Rice, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.
Marvin Hunter, 92; Dana Derstine, 91; Billie George Gant, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.
Morris Wozencraft, 95; Billy Rose, 93; Laurence Thornton, 92; Pauline McAninch, 92; De La Vergne Teague, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.
Robert Grimes, Jr., 93; Bettye Lou Grimes, 93; Altie Grayson, 92; Laverne Hughes, 91; Bud Gambill, 91; J. C. Porter, 91.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Patterson.
Mollye Frank Touchstone, 94; Ella Mae Rice, 94; Harold Morgan, 94; Billie Woodrum, 93.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Irvin.
Ora Derrick, 92; Hollis Floyd, 91; Cohrene Morrison, 90; John A. Jones, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
Aline McAninch, 95; Clara Frances Largent, 94; Mary Helen Lancaster, 94; Billie Bernice Gambill, 93; Thel-

ma Mathews, 93; Jesse Margaret, 92; Lena Fae Harrell, 92; Ima Ruth Brown, 91; Vivian Davis, 91; Lena Mae Moore, 91; Nell Contres, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
Ethelda Tucker, 96; Robbie Walker, 95; Louise Toombs, 93; Burneal Scott, 92; J. V. Patterson, 91; Alice Russell, 91; Lois Perkins, 90; Hazel Rice, 90; Ben Sublett, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Eighth Grade.
Waldeline Huskey, 96; Billy Gardner, 95; Fay Pinckley, 92; La Verne Holden, 91; Vivian Lasater, 91; Valeria Parks, 91; Lois Whiteley, 91; Raymond Wilson, 91; Frances Adcock, 90; J. R. Graham, 90; Reba Martin, 90; J. B. Moore, 90; Sarah Sheppard, 90.

Ninth Grade.
Lucille Campbell, 96; Nell Hughes, 94; Opal Huskey, 94; Florene Rider, 92; Fay Vantresse, 91; Mildred Richardson, 91; Imogene Middleton, 90.

Junior Class.
Leo Tucker, 95; Oleta Moore, 93;

Lela Patterson, 92; Woodrow Wilson, 91; Robert Manscill, 90; Margaret Canon, 90; Ida Mae Derstine.

Senior Class.
Elvis Richardson, 96; Audrey Farris, 96; Jess Higgins, 95; Margarette Turner, 95; Velma Lee Holden, 94; Mattilou Largent, 94; Norma Patton, 94; Elsie Lasater, 93; Beth Hamm, 92; Thelma McAninch, 92; Inez Robbins, 92; Ford Smith, 90; Vera Richie, 90.

Boy of 3 Recites All Of Mother Goose

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 12.—"Barber, barber, shave a pig"—and Jerry Gregson, just past 3 years old is launched forth on the first of the 150 poems that he can recite without the usual procedure of having an adult say the first line for him.

The tiny lad, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gregson of Marshalltown, has learned all of the poetry during the past year, and not only recites the verses but explains what they mean. When Jerry is in the middle of "speaking a piece," and forgets momentarily, he does not stand and wrack his brain for the right words,

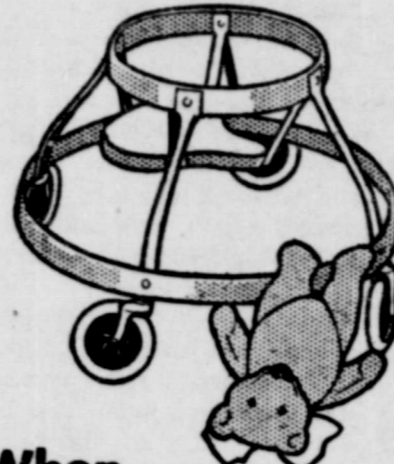
but tells the meaning of the lines, the exact words of which he can not remember. This serves in recalling the necessary verse to him and he continues on with his poem.

A few months ago someone remarked to Mrs. Gregson, that Jerry must know a great number of verses, so the mother turned accountant and kept the list as the 3-year-old went through his pieces. Two evenings were consumed and at the end of that time 150 poems had been fully recited without prompting.

Someone gave Jerry a book for writing the other day—what he writes now doesn't make such good reading, but it'll mean something some day.

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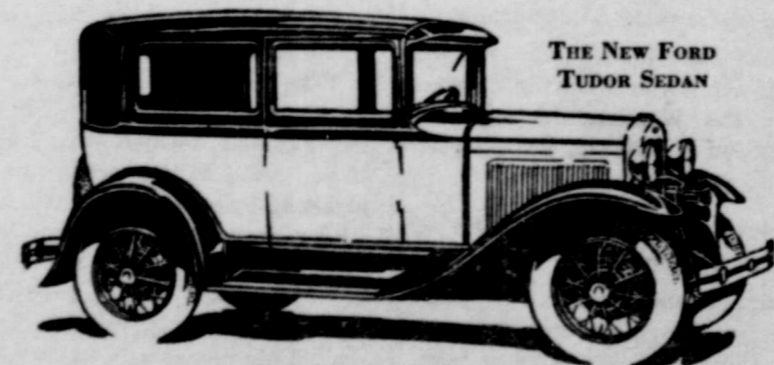
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ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT.
Maggie Johnson, whose father is a lettercarrier, her mother, a lazy woman who has "seen better days," and her sister a bootlegger's sweetheart who works in a beauty parlor, is stock girl in the "Mack" stores, the Five-and-Ten of San Francisco. A boy whom she knows only as "Joe Grant," but who really is Joseph Grant MacKenzie Merrill, son of the owner of the "Mack," is learning the business by starting at the bottom. He doesn't like the job until he meets Maggie. And neither of them realize that they are falling in love with each other, at first. Joe is impressed, however, by Maggie's intelligence and goodheartedness, and gives her advice on the subject nearest her heart, how to live the ideal life. She makes a suggestion for a better way of selling certain lines. He tells his father, as if it were his own idea, greatly pleasing the old man. He finds that the girls he used to know don't interest him as much as Maggie does, and when Maggie discloses her love in a burst of jealousy, he realizes that he loves her, too.
Joe is afraid that if Maggie finds out who he really is she will not have anything more to do with him. So he pretends that it is some other fellow's car when he takes her home in his big yellow roadster. And on the way they talk, at last, about marriage.
Joe that night reveals to his father for the first time that he has been working in the store under an assumed name, and tells him about Maggie.
Joe's mother has him invite Maggie to a fine dinner party at a fashionable restaurant. There Maggie gets her first intimation that he is something besides a boy in the store.
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
Quiet! He had never seen her so quiet. She had conquered her first suffocating rush of shyness, she was sitting erect, and when he or his mother or father spoke, she answered. Her look told that he had betrayed her, delivered her, bound and helpless, to her enemies. "I trusted you—I loved you when you were a shabby, dirty errand clerk, beside me in a cheap store," said Maggie's eyes, "and all the time you were my employer's son, ready to make fun of me, ready to shame me—when your moment came!"
She helped herself, awkwardly, unfamiliarly, to food, when it was presented at her left elbow on the big platters. But he noted with a real pang of shame and concern that she hardly touched it.
"Would you ask the help if I could have some more water?" she said once. And Mrs. Merrill said quite audibly, as if in an aside, "Oh, priceless!"
Joe looked down, his face dark.
"Mother—" he murmured, choking.
A faint smile touched the older woman's painted mouth, and she said graciously: "I beg pardon?"
"Water to Miss Johnson," Mrs. Merrill said, annoyed. It was the waiter's business to see that the guests glass was filled, but Mrs. Merrill felt illogically irritated with the guest who had had to call attention to the omission.
"And a fork, please," Maggie added. She said it so low, with such embarrassment, that nobody heard it.
"Another fork, please," Maggie repeated, audibly now.
"A fork for my fish," she said, clearing her throat. "And a fork—while you're up."
"While you're up!" Mrs. Merrill's lips twitched, as if unwillingly. Her sardonic, triumphant glance, as it met Joe's wretched, defiant gaze, expressed a certain reluctance to laugh at his unfortunate little humble friend, but an inability to resist the tremendous temptation.
In such a situation as this tonight she could score. Not very clever, not really a gentlewoman, she was still enough of each to snub and suppress Maggie Johnson. She enjoyed the chance. To feel herself this girl's superior, to cut her easily and carelessly in a bored, beautiful, cultivated voice gave Lillian Merrill real satisfaction.
She had been, as a girl, of that miserable and superfluous class known as shabby genteel.
At twenty-five, Lillian was sharp, eager, beautiful, hungry. She fell upon George Merrill with avidity; he was a commoner, but he was rich.
He was the first real man she had ever met, and to her own surprise and confusion she had come to like him very much, to feel a strange loyalty

and admiration for her commoner. His indifference to her family's ideals and opinions was—well, simply breath-taking.
In the more than twenty years of their marriage, George Merrill had changed her somewhat. He was a good, simple fellow, amazed at his own success, proud of his wife, adoring his boy.
It was at about this time, when by her brightened eyes and nervous voice, and by the two scarlet spots that blazed in her cheeks, Maggie began to show the effects of the surprise and the strain, that George Merrill suddenly took a hand in the conversation.
He had been an almost silent spectator, so far, watching his wife and his son shrewdly, sending an occasional glance toward the girl.
"You work in the Stores, Miss Johnson?"
"In Number Seven—on Eighth. Yes, sir."
"How long have you been there? You don't look old enough to have been there very long?"
The kind, deliberate voice steadied her. She breathed easier, looked him in the eye.
"I'm eighteen. I went in nearly four years ago, when I finished Grammar. My father and mother had—considerable trouble."
"Your father's living then?"
"My father's a postman."
George Merrill flushed with genuine concern; he had been trying to put her at her ease.
"Well," he said pleasantly, "I think I owe that store a debt of gratitude. My son Joe, here, seems to have gotten a lot more out of it than he ever did out of college!"
Maggie looked at him unemotionally.
"He didn't do very well there, for awhile," she admitted quietly, "but now he is doing very well—good—" she changed it again, under her breath—"very well. They all like him."
"I'm proud to hear it," George Merrill said thankfully.
"Maggie," Joe began at this point uncomfortably, "thought that I was the dumbest thing she had ever gotten hold of, didn't you Maggie? She gave me my first start."
"I didn't know who he was," she explained, with a patient glance at his mother.
Something happened to Mrs. Merrill in that second.
"You had no idea who Joe was?"
"Nobody did," said Maggie.
"Who did you call yourself, Joe?" his mother asked.
"Joe Grant."
There was an interruption. A dance had ended, and a girl and young man came up to the Merrills' table. Joe and his father stood up, and a waiter pulled up another chair, and the girl—perfumed and rouged and beautifully gowned—sat down negligently and easily and was introduced to Maggie Johnson. Miss Millicent Russell studied the other girl comfortably, insolently, as she talked.
"Joe, I hear you're going to Japan?"
"I may go."
"May go? Why, I thought—" said Millicent innocently, turning to Mrs. Merrill—"I thought you said something of a little good-bye dinner tonight, Mrs. Merrill? I thought he was going tomorrow?"
The colour drained from Maggie's face. Mrs. Merrill laughed uneasily as she said:
"Well, I think it is practically settled, isn't it, Joe?"
Millicent, her bright, mischievous eyes reading all their faces, changed the subject tactfully and presently went on her way. Then Maggie, in the little pause that followed the other girl's chattering and laughing good-byes, said steadily:
"I'm going to ask you will you excuse me and let me go home now, Mrs. Merrill. I oughtn't to have come—I know that. But I didn't understand. You and his father have been pretty well worried about me, maybe. But it was because I thought Joe was a poor boy—and that, if he loved her, he'd be glad to marry a girl as poor as me!—Don't speak to me, Joe. I'm done with you—tonight. I never would have come here, ma'am," she added, to Mrs. Merrill, "I never would have given you any worry—if I had known. We were working together, only this afternoon, and he asked me would I meet his folks—" She faltered for a second, went on. "I thought maybe you and Mr. Grant

were like us—I thought it'd be some little place like we have. I might have known—I might have known Joe wasn't like the rest of us!"
"He'll go to Japan tomorrow," said Maggie, looking Joe full in the face, "and that's right—that's what he ought to do. And I promise you that I'll never see him again!"
"I don't think he meant to hurt you, Miss Johnson," Mrs. Merrill said.
"That's all right," she said in a cold, nervous voice. "I guess he didn't know how it would strike me. Will you please excuse me if I go home now?"
"Wait just a minute, won't you—Maggie?" George Merrill said.
And in his turn he laid an arresting hand upon her arm.
The voice, grave and sympathetic and distressed, shook her, as did the touch, and the somewhat haltingly pronounced name. For the first time, she showed signs of a break.
"Maggie," Joe said pleadingly, "you know what we had planned—you know I never meant to hurt you."
"I think, dear, that Miss Johnson feels nervous and tired, and your deceiving her about your name and who you are has upset her. I wouldn't say anything more about this just now, Joe."
"You don't have to come with me," Maggie said stonily, to Joe. And she turned to the older man. "Thank you, Mr. Merrill. Good-night."
And even while she said it, he saw her eyes move beyond him to the door of the room and saw her face whiten. She sank down weakly into her seat again.
The party in which Millicent Russell was prominent was still lingering about its big round table, and all of its members and everyone else in the room were staring, as Maggie was, at the man and woman who were somewhat hesitatingly making their way across the floor, restrained, rather than guided, by the scandalized head-waiter.
It was all like a horrible dream to Maggie, exhausted, confused, and wearied almost beyond bearing this fresh blow. The approaching couple were her father, diffident and bashful and frightened, and her mother, agitated and bold.
Pop's shabby old suit, baggy and limp, Pop's searching rabbit eyes and bowed, meek little shoulders, looked doubly pitiful here, and Ma with the black veil falling impressively from the hat she had evidently assumed in great haste, and the dark hair in untidy strings beneath it, and the voluminous black cape she wore to funerals belying about her like a sail, was the target for all the eyes in the room.
Maggie felt her mouth fill with salt water, and her throat thicker, and her legs grow weak. She said, "That's my father and mother, Joe."
Joe had the waiter once again drag two chairs to the table, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, obviously dazed and astonished, sat down and were introduced.
"I ast him was there someone here

named Grant, and he says, 'No,' said Mrs. Johnson. "It was just luck I happened to look in the door and seen Maggie."
"What is it, Pop? Why'd you come?"
"Maggie, a cop just come to the house," her mother said abruptly. "That fellow 'Elizabeth runs with has been arrested, and she's at the night court. Pop and me didn't know what to do! I give you my word that nothing like this has ever happened in our family before," Mrs. Johnson said, gently, yet in a tone of shame, to Mrs. Merrill.
"What's the charge?" George Merrill asked sharply.
"They say they were speeding," elucidated Maggie's mother, "an' Chess—my daughter's friend is named Chess Rivers—had some hooch in the car."
"You'll want some money!" George Merrill said suddenly. "How much have you?"
"It happens that I ain't got more than a quarter," Len Johnson said, in his reedy, troubled little voice.
"By the way, couldn't take it from you," Ma added. "I s'pose young folks will be young folks," she said to Mrs. Merrill, "and it ain't as if Liz had been stealing or anything like that. But I thought I would drop where I stood when the cop walked in. I'm not accustomed to having my daughter get into any trouble."
"Ma," Maggie said. And Joe's father noted that she only touched the older woman on the arm. But her mother immediately began a sort of rotary curtsying in farewell.
"Maggie—Maggie—why do you go—why do you mix yourself up in this?" Joe said wretchedly and incoherently, trying to draw her aside, catching her by the arm.
Maggie was on her feet now, shepherding her father and mother away.
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Sooners—Men who staked out homesteads without government consent. Also called "Squatters."

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Boot Hill—A plot where bad men are buried. Every Oklahoma town had one, aloof from the regular cemetery.

Boomers—Travellers, going they care not whither.

Chain Lightning—A particularly powerful brand of early Oklahoma liquor.

Diggings—Homestead or domicile.

Hogwallows—Pitfalls found in prairie countries.

Scallyhoot—Go! Beat it!

Vamoose—The same.

Flummixed—Failed.

Blatherskite—One who talks too much, or out of turn.

Neck Tie Party—Lynching.

Tin Horns—Cheap and boastful.

Cimarron—Wild, unruly, incorrigible—applied to man and territory.

Dust Hole—An oil well that doesn't produce oil.

Gusher—An oil well with a natural flow.

Tubby—A hefty Indian squaw—much admired by the braves.

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I think of the dear memories,
Of the happy days gone by,
And of our happy childhood,
With dear father by our side.

He was a true and loyal companion,
And a chum to his seven sons;
He was tender to his three daughters,
Always faithful to his God.

He was a law-abiding citizen
And loved his neighbors true;
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In our home we all knew.

He provided well for his loved ones,
Always fondled our every care;
And we will miss you, dear father,
But we shall meet you over there.

Thou art gone, our precious darling,
Never more shalt thou return;
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber,
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Nine Farm Checks Reach Local Office

Seven checks for federal farm relief loans were received by the local committee this morning and two had been received previously, making a total of nine checks that have come to applicants through the Merkel committee.

O. S. Fisher, United States agronomist, in charge of the Farmer's Federal Seed Loan office at Fort Worth has announced that loans to 3,242 Texas farmers have been made through the St. Louis office of the Federal Seed Loan organization, totaling about \$492,000. This includes all loans handled up to the close of business last Friday, Fisher said. This is an average of about \$150 per loan, it was said, and this average is also holding good in the loans made through the Fort Worth office.

At the closing of the office Saturday night, 774 applications had been received, and all of these have been given attention, Fisher said.

Of the 774 applications received, 395 were approved, 19 disapproved, and 360 are being held in abeyance, while the papers are sent back for corrections or for further data.

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Jeff A. Smith, 48, Dies at Memphis

Jeff A. Smith, 48, who formerly lived in this section and was engaged in farming about 12 miles north of town in the Shiloh community, died suddenly Thursday, March 5, at 6:15 p. m. at Memphis, Texas. He was buried in the Memphis cemetery, the Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church there, officiating.

He was born Nov. 8, 1882, in Marshall county, Ala., coming to Texas when 13 years old with his parents, who settled in Coryell county and later moved to the Shiloh community in 1907. He was married April 19, 1917, to Miss Ida Lazenby of Gatesville and shortly after their marriage he moved to Memphis, Texas. He was foreman of a gin there at the time of his death. He had professed religion at the age of 20, but never united with the church.

His father, A. T. Smith, died about 6 years ago and is buried at Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. M. L. Smith, age 77, who resides north of town with two sons, W. H. and C. C., and by four sisters and two brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. F. Howard, Merkel, Route 2; Mrs. J. E. Gay and Mrs. G. G. Inman, Maryneal; Mrs. Essie Lazenby, Big Spring, and his brothers are W. H. and C. C. Smith, already mentioned.

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