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VACATION CALLS; TEACHERS TELL SUMMER PLANS

Delightful California is Mecca of Several Faculty Members; Superintendent Burgess to Attend Columbia University.

To many of the teachers in the Merkel Public schools, the coming summer means vacation, the delights of California and other resorts; other some will combine vacation pleasures with study; the superintendent of the schools plans to attend Columbia university this summer, while several will enjoy the greater part of the summer resting at home.

Of the High school faculty, Miss Helen Patterson will join a party for a trip to California; Supt. and Mrs. Burgess will spend the summer in New York City, where Mr. Burgess will follow studies in Columbia; R. B. Irvin expects to attend summer school at the University of Texas; Miss Hazel Williams will enter Brantly-Draughon Business college, Fort Worth, on June 1, where she will also teach part time, and study a secretarial course; Mr. Riddle will teach summer school in Merkel and others of the faculty, Misses Lucy Tracy and Julia Martin, will spend the summer at home.

Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar school, will attend school at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, this summer and will have the opportunity of attending the National Educational association, which will meet in Los Angeles while she is there. Ralph Duke will attend the University of Texas summer school; Miss Virginia Welch will attend Sul Ross Teachers college at Alpine; Miss Carrie Coffey will spend the summer at her home in Vernon; Mrs. Irvin will be in Austin with her husband, but does not plan to go to school; Miss Opal Sloan takes her vacation in California, expecting to stay over for the National Educational association meeting at Los Angeles; Mrs. Jack Anderson will attend either Simmons university or A. C. C.; Mrs. Shelton will be at home at Dora during the month of June, but will attend the last six weeks' summer school at A. C. C.; Miss Imogene Hayes will spend part of her vacation visiting in Denton; Miss Winnie Heizer expects to spend most of her summer in Merkel; Miss Orpah Patterson will attend Simmons as will also Mrs. Holland Teaff; after spending the first part of the summer at home, Miss Evelyn Curb will attend the University of Texas for the last six weeks of summer school, and Miss Alzada Pogue will attend the Southwest Texas State Teachers college at San Marcos this summer.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 18, 1911.)

Miss Pearl Rawlins came in from the West Wednesday.

Mrs. G. W. Black of Sweetwater is visiting her sisters, Mrs. W. Parton and Mrs. I. S. Allen.

Mrs. Comer Clay came in on No. 7 Tuesday to spend a few days in Merkel. Comer has gone to Little Rock to the ex-Confederate re-union and will visit his father at Charleston, Ark.

Miss Mattie Murphy, who has been teaching in the Merkel school for the past year, returned to her home in Abilene Saturday.

J. E. Pitzer, Sr., has moved his family to Sweetwater where he accepted a position with the Texas and Pacific Railway Co.

Misses Mattie Paylor and Valerie Eye, attended the exercises at Trent Friday night. They report a wide awake time.

Mrs. G. F. West, Zora and Paul left last Friday for Augusta, Ark., to visit Mrs. West's sister, Mrs. Stevens. They will be gone a month or two.

El Paso Herald for sale at McClain's Drug Store.

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

Kite Flying Contest Scheduled May 28th

A kite flying contest for Merkel, sponsored by Miss Missie Dye and Earl Hill, is programmed for Thursday, May 28, beginning at 2 p. m. Burneal Scott and Virgil Perkins will be lieutenants.

The contest is for children under 16 years of age and prizes will be given for the largest, smallest and fanciest kites. It is required that all kites must fly. There will also be old time kite fights. Contestants may enter as many kites as they desire. Girls are especially urged to enter.

The Woodrum Hotel and Merkel Hatchery are headquarters for entries and presents will be given all entries.

The contest is to be held in the George Boyce pasture, two miles north of Merkel on the Largent road.

Local men will be judges and their decisions will be final.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite, Noodle, Friday, May 15, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp, Tuesday, May 19, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Horton, residing 12 miles north of town, Tuesday, May 19, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, residing 6 miles south of town, Wednesday, May 20, 1931.

Sing at Sylvester.

Delmer's Quartette sang at the commencement exercises at the Sylvester school Friday night of last week. They will also sing twice Sunday, at the Methodist church in Rising Star Sunday morning and at the First Presbyterian church in Abilene Sunday evening.

Mrs. M. E. Bishop, 67, Passes Away Quietly

Funeral services were held at the Nazarene church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning for Mrs. M. E. Bishop, age 67, who died Wednesday morning at her home here. The services were conducted by Rev. Leona Forbes, former pastor of the local Nazarene church, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Bishop was born in the state of Tennessee in 1864 and was married to G. W. Bishop in 1889. To this union were born seven children, five of whom are still living, the other two having preceded their mother out of this life.

When a child, about 13 years old, she was baptized and joined the Christian church, but it was about 20 years later that she embraced the faith of the Holiness church and joined the Nazarene church, in which she remained until called home.

Mrs. Bishop had been in poor health for a number of years, but her recent sickness lasted only nine days. During this time she proved herself a patient sufferer, never offering a word of complaint during the entire time.

Willing and tender hands performed every loving act possible to relieve her suffering and restore her to health again, but all in vain. She quietly passed away to her reward at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

She leaves a husband, five children and 20 grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The surviving children are two sons and three daughters: George and Grover Bishop, Merkel; Mrs. John Richardson, Trent, Mrs. W. R. Breeding, Merkel, and Mrs. Lexie Billberry, San Angelo.

Friday evening Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler honored their daughter, Miss Ina, and the graduates of '11 with a six o'clock dinner at their home in South Merkel.

THIS CITY GETS 1932 CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS

Two Merkel Men Named Delegates to Northwest Texas Conference; Tuscola Meeting Strong for 18th Amendment.

Methodists of the Abilene district, in closing session of a two-day conference at Tuscola Tuesday, chose Merkel for the 1932 annual meeting. The invitation of the Merkel church was extended by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor. The Albany church, of which the Rev. T. J. Rhea is pastor, also invited the conference.

Two Merkel men were chosen as delegates to the Northwest Texas conference to be held at Vernon next November: Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Herbert Patterson. There are ten delegates from this district.

Rev. E. E. White, elder of the district, presided for the sessions, which were largely attended.

The conference sermon Monday night was delivered by Bishop H. A. Boaz of the Northwest Texas conference.

A fund of \$200 to go from the Abilene district to provide a scholarship in Southern Methodist university school of theology was raised Tuesday morning. The action followed an address on "Our School of Theology" by Dr. Robert E. Goodloe, head of the S. M. U. church history department, who appeared on the program in place of Dr. C. C. Selecman, president of S. M. U.

Dr. Selecman was detained in Dallas on urgent business, but sent a greeting to the conference.

Declaring that the repeal of the 18th amendment would eventually mean the return of the "open saloon," Dr. E. V. Cole, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, church publication, made an address for prohibition. He said the Advocate is devoting a great deal of space to prohibition work and articles, taking an ardent stand for prohibition. The conference later adopted a strong resolution in behalf of preservation of the 18th amendment and in the interest of law enforcement.

Among those from Merkel attending the district conference at Tuscola were: Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt.

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Dallas hijackers chose a milkman and a peddler for their victims Tuesday night and made off with approximately \$50 and two boxes of strawberries.

Mrs. Catherine Lloyd Marrs, age 86, mother of S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public schools, died Friday at her home at Stephenville Erath county.

Both the senate and house have adopted the conference report on the bill increasing the number of highway patrolmen from 115 to 120. (The original bill called for 200.)

After emerging from what he claimed was his fourteenth divorce, Bruce Steele, El Paso's sneak plumber, let it be understood that he is in the market for wife number 15.

The proposed constitutional amendment to issue \$212,000,000 in bonds for state highway purposes failed of being submitted to popular vote by the house Wednesday by three votes.

The last vestige of unorganized Texas was swept away Thursday when the 195 residents of Loving county were given authority to set up their own domain and remove themselves from the rule of adjoining neeves county.

Austin was chosen as the 1932 meeting place of the Texas Bankers association and a Dallas man, J. W. Hoopes, was elected president at the closing session of the forty-seventh annual convention held at San Angelo last week.

Houston Harte, San Angelo newspaper publisher, heads the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for 1931-1932 and Sweetwater was selected as the next place of meeting at the annual convention that adjourned at Lubbock Saturday.

The trial of W. H. (Bill) Johnson, Hamlin city marshal charged with murder in connection with the shooting of Stonewall W. Parker at Hamlin on April 2, resulted in a mistrial when a 104th district court jury failed to agree upon a verdict.

Following an illness that became apparent last September after his return from Europe, Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks, president of Baylor university for a period of 29 years, died of cancer last Thursday at the Central Texas Baptist sanitarium in Waco.

It is estimated by officials of the Sinclair Oil and Gas company that the wild Sinclair No. 1 Cole well at Glade-water, which was capped Wednesday of last week, after running wild several weeks and fatally burning nine men, has already cost the company \$300,000.

A house joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution for exemption from taxation of homesteads to the assessed valuation of \$3,000, to be submitted at the general election in November, 1932, was signed and filed by Governor Sterling Monday.

Two men, Nicandro Munoz and Victor Rodriguez, convicted murderers of Customs Inspector Bert Ellison near Hargill last August and the first men ever sentenced to death in the electric chair from Hidalgo county, are awaiting their death in cells at the Huntsville death house.

Two men, H. E. Talley, 41, line foreman for the Texas Power & Light company, and Wayne Williams, 28, night telegraph operator for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad, were killed when walls of a building collapsed at Gainesville during a fire early Monday morning.

While waiting in a doctor's office during her lunch hour for the result of a consultation of four physicians, Mrs. Ben C. Richards, Jr., wife of the man who figured prominently in an alleged election bid at Dallas several years ago, died suddenly Monday, her death having been apparently due to heart failure.

Jim McDonald Seriously Ill. After having been able to be at the store for the past two or three weeks, following an illness that kept him at home several days, Jim McDonald, pioneer grocer, is reported to be seriously ill again at his home. His condition was reported slightly improved Thursday afternoon.

COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION HERE SUNDAY AT 2 P. M.

Merkel will be host next Sunday afternoon at a called session of the Taylor County Singing convention, the meeting to be held at the Baptist church, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Abilene, Sweetwater and Anson will be represented with quartettes and class singing and everyone is invited to take part.

All Hands to Join; Cemetery Working Monday Afternoon

Next Monday afternoon, May 25, will be cemetery working day at Rose Hill cemetery.

A. J. Canon and Charlie Jones have asked The Mail to give as much publicity as possible to the plan and to urge everyone to be present Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock and bring a hoe with them.

It is planned, with the general cooperation of the citizens of Merkel and the vicinity, to rid the cemetery of weeds and grass and put it in first class condition.

Summer School Here Starts Monday, June 1

The summer school for the Merkel High school will open on Monday, June 1. There will be no summer school for pupils in the grammar grades.

The purpose of the summer school is two-fold: to give pupils who have failed in regular session an opportunity to make up their work and to give pupils who wish to make High school in three years an opportunity to make one and one-half units in the summer. Summer school will continue for ten weeks, closing on August 8.

Summer school is maintained solely from the payment of tuition. Of course, if not enough pupils want summer work to make it worth while for a teacher to spend his entire summer at this work, then there will be no summer school. Mr. T. D. Riddle will have charge of the work for the summer.

More detailed announcement will be made in next week's issue of the Merkel Mail.

CLASS OF '31 MHS TO GET DIPLOMAS MONDAY EVENING

Nineteen on Class Roll This Year; Rev. E. B. Surface and Judge Hickman of Eastland Commencement Speakers.

Following the Senior play, "Whimsy," presented Friday evening of last week, and the recital by the expression pupils of the Speech Arts department on Wednesday evening, three events still remain on the list of important chapters of the commencement season: the Grammar School graduation exercises coming first on this Friday evening, the commencement sermon on Sunday evening and the commencement exercises for the High school Seniors on Monday evening.

The programs will all be given at the Methodist church, beginning at 8:15 each evening. As announced last week, seats will be reserved for the parents of the graduates of the Grammar school and for the parents of the Seniors on their two nights, the remaining seats being free to the public, first come, first served.

The roll of the Senior class of 1931 of the Merkel High schools reads: Fred A. Baker, Jr., Lona Bryan, Lois Clark, Audrey Farris, Beth Hamm, Jess Higgins, Velma Lee Holden, Matilou Largent, Elsie Lasater, Thelma McAninch, Norma Patton, Kichie Perry, Elvis Richardson, Vera Ritchie, Inez Robbins, Benjamin Sheppard, Ford Smith, Jr., Ola Ellen Smith, Margarette Turner.

Winners of Senior class honors had not been determined at the time of going to press, but will be announced at the exercises Monday evening.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises will be held at the Methodist church Monday, May 25, beginning at 8:15. The program follows:

Processional, Miss Lucy Tracy. Invocation, Rev. A. R. Walker.

"When Twilight Weaves," Seniors. "Touching Shoulders," Vera Ritchie. "Softly the Silent Night," Inez Robbins, Thelma McAninch, Fred A. Baker, Jr.

Commencement address, Hon. J. E. Hickman, chief justice of court of civil appeals, eleventh district, Eastland.

Announcement of honors and certificates.

Presentation of diplomas. "Thanks be to God," Seniors. (Continued on Page Four)



Way of Life BRUCE BARTON

SUNKEN PILLARS

I went to a function where a brilliant young man received a distinguished honor. Fine speeches about him were made, and the mayor of the city presented a gold medal.

Back near the door sat a demure old couple who seemed ill at ease. Their faces were lined; their hands showed the marks of hard labor. They alone of all the guests did not wear evening clothes.

But when the young man came down from the platform he strode quickly across the room and, reaching the old couple, put his arms around them. The audience cheered.

I thought of Thomas Carlyle who, when fame came to him, looked back from the fashionable society of London to the rugged farm where he had grown up, and the humble parents whose self-sacrifice had made his career possible. Said he:

"I feel to my father, so great though so neglected, so generous always toward me, a strange tenderness peculiar to the case, infinitely soft and near my heart. Was he not a sacrifice to me?"

And he added: "I can see his life in some measure as the sunken pillar on which mine was to be built. Had I stood in his place, could he not have stood in mine and more?"

I thought of the father of Robert Burns and the "pains he took to get proper schooling for his boys, and when that was no longer possible, the sense and resolution with which he set himself to supply the deficiency by his own influence. For many years he was their chief companion; he spoke to them seriously on all subjects as if they were grown men; at night, when work was over, he taught them arithmetic; he borrowed books for them on history, science, and theology. . . . He would go to his daughter as she stayed afield herding cattle, to teach her the names of the grasses and wild flowers, or to sit by her side when it thundered."

I thought of the father of John Stuart Mill, neglecting his own interests in order to work patiently at the education of his boy; of Thomas Lincoln, struggling to keep his poverty-stricken family together—of all the uncounted hosts of hidden fathers. . . "sunken pillars" . . . who suffered oblivion cheerfully in order that their sons might rise.

It would be fairer if every life could be measured by a double standard—first, by its own achievement; second, by the careers of its children. On this basis many obscure lives become glorious.

And many a medal, placed in the strong, achieving hands of brilliant youth, should be passed back to the gnarled hands of the little old couple sitting shyly by the door.

Metropolitan Tenor Will Be Featured on Next Conoco Program

George Mendor, lyric tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company of New York City, will be the featured artist on the 26th broadcast of the Conoco Listeners' hour—the final program of this series which began last December. He will be heard in operatic selections—the type of singing which has won him the acclaim of critics.

The rest of the program staff, headed by Peggy and Pat—the listeners' own representatives—are working to make this final program the finest of the entire series. The Rondoliers are preparing special arrangements of requested songs, and the Conoco orchestra, directed by George Shackley, will play numbers of universal popularity.

Peggy and Pat, who are leaving soon for their vacation motor trip, will tell the listeners how they have been aided in making their plans by the Conoco Travel bureau in Denver, Colorado, whose unique services are available to every motorist free of charge.

Incidentally, it is hinted that Peggy and Pat will patch up their little quarrel concerning the relative merits of classical and jazz music before they say good-bye to their nation-wide radio audience.

Tune in next Monday evening, May 25, on station WFAA, Dallas, at eight o'clock. The program can also be heard Tuesday at 8 p. m. from KFYO, Abilene.

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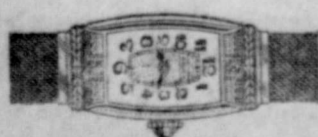
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Two Towns Get First Electric Service

Abilene, May 21.—The extension of dependable transmission line electric service to two towns, the building of an enlarged water system, and general extension and maintenance work are the highlights from the construction report of the West Texas Utilities company, made available from the offices of the company here.

Initial electric service will be made available to the towns of White Flats and Four Corners through the building of a ten-mile, 11 kv. transmission line northwest from Matador. The new line will carry service to twenty residential customers, fifteen commercial customers, ten small power users, one cotton gin and several rural homes.

At Sunray, in the Panhandle territory, a twelve-inch water well will be drilled, a 150-gallons-per-minute vertical pump installed, and a 35,000 gallon steel water tank erected. Sunray is growing rapidly and the old water system has become inadequate.

Other construction activities included in the report are:

The addition of twenty-four suspension type, 4,000 lumen street lighting fixtures to the whiteway at Quanah; improvements to distribution systems at Dalhart, Rotan and Chamberlain; extensions to serve new customers made from Rochelle, Winters and Crowell, and the installation of a three-phase, 11,950 volt transformer

rack and 2,250 feet of three-phase 490 volt secondary line to serve the Lido Oil company lease in the South Vernon oil field.

According to the construction bulletin, work on these improvements and additions is going forward at the present time, completion dates being scheduled for the immediate future.

Driver of Tractor Dragged to Death

Temple, Texas, May 21.—Ted Allen, 29, farmer living near Blevins close to the Bell-Falls county line, was killed in a tragic accident. The sight of a tractor circling aimlessly around the field in which Allen was plowing caused his friend, Edgar Stone, working in another field, to drop his work and investigate. His investigation found Allen entangled in the machinery and dead, having been dragged to death.

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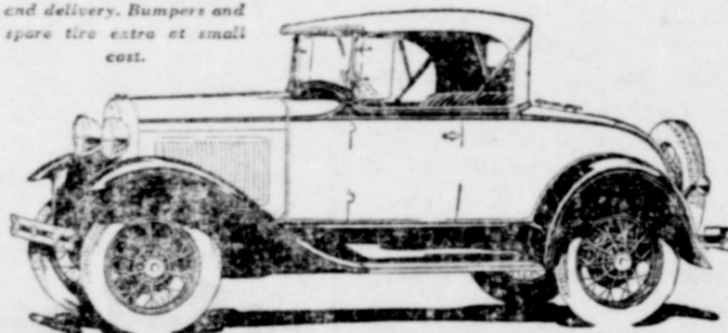
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Four More Added To Hall of Fame

New York, May 21.—The busts of four more Americans were added to the six, five in the Hall of Fame Thursday and a distinguished gathering paid tribute.

Praise in prose and verse was accorded James Monroe, fifth president and sponsor of the Monroe Doctrine; Matthew Fontaine Maury, oceanographer; James Abbott McNeill Whistler, artist, and Walt Whitman, "good gray poet."

The Monroe Doctrine, said President Hoover in a letter read at the exercises, formed the foundation for "an ever-increasing mutual respect and good will between our own country and these advancing nations to the south of us."

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TIGER EYE

By B. M. Dower



EIGHTH INSTALLMENT

Bob Reeves, the Kid, was nicknamed Tiger Eye by his friends down in the Brazos country because his "gun-eye" was yellow. When his father, "Killer Reeves," died the Kid left Texas to avoid continuing his father's feuds. Reaching Montana he is forced to draw on Nate Wheeler, an irate nester. In the exchange of shots Wheeler drops dead, the Kid later learning that Bob Garner who had also shot at the same time, really killed Wheeler.

Garner gets the kid to join the Poole outfit as a rim rider. The Kid succors Wheeler's widow and is interrupted by Pete Gorham and some other nesters. He shoots Gorham through both ears for coupling his name with Wheeler's widow. Later he rescues a girl, Nellie, and her dad from Gorham, wounding Pete again. The girl, in spite of her belief the Kid is an imported Texas killer, warns him the nesters will kill him. The kid warns Garner the nesters are planning an attack on the Poole outfit. He meets Jess Markel, a Texan who is boss of the Poole wagon crew.

That night the Kid shoots Markel through both hands when the latter attempts to kill him for being the son of Killer Reeves. The rest of the gang approves of the Kid's action. While near Nellie's home he hears the crack of a rifle and finds her dad has been shot from ambush and helps carry the dead man into his house.

On leaving the nester's cabin the Kid examines the slayer's tracks and finds a match, broken like the ones Babe discards. He returns home and Babe sees he thinks he is the one who killed the old man. Just then the foreman arrives and eats with them, preventing a show-down for a time. As the foreman finishes his coffee he breaks a match in the same way Babe does. The Kid blushes and looks forgivingly at Babe.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"That feller that shot old Murray down in the valley; yuh say he left broken match stubs where he waited, Tiger Eye? Can't go much by that. Lots of fellers in a grass country break their match stubs in two before they throw 'em away. Less danger of fire."

With his big gray hat far back on his head and his high-heeled boots hooked over the edge of the neatly brushed stove hearth.

"Ye'all plumb shoah ole Pappy Murray was a cow thief, Babe?"

"Shore he was! Why, hell, I told yuh a thousand times, Tiger Eye, there ain't an honest man in the hull valley. Not a one. Say, how'd you come to know he was shot, if you was off over on the river side of the Bench where I sent yuh?"

"Nevah did ride awn to the river, Babe. Got right curious about something in the valley so I taken a jog down off the Bench to see foh m'se'f."

"Poole riders'll be shot on sight down there. I told yuh that, Tiger Eye. You was takin' too big a chance."

"No biggah chance than some otha Poole ridah taken, going down to kill ole Pappy Murray."

"How'd yuh know it was a Poole rider? You didn't see 'im, did yuh?"

"No, suh, I nevah did see him."

"How'd you know it was a Poole rider, then?"

Babe flung down his book and sat up, eyeing the kid sharply while he pulled tobacco and papers from his pocket. "Nesters ain't above dry-gulchin' and layin' it to the Poole."

"Nestah wouldn't hit out foh the Bench aftah he done his killing."

"Which way'd he go when he hit the rim?"

"Kain't say Babe. Plumb rocky along the rim."

Babe studied the kid for another ten seconds and gave a grunt that seemed to release a tension within his mind.

"You come into camp here, actin' like you thought I done it," he stated calmly, lighting a match with his thumb-nail and deliberately breaking the stub in two while the kid watched him with an unblinking steadiness in the stare of his yellow right eye.

"Nevah said I thought it, Babe."

"You looked it, when yuh come to camp."

"Kain't tell a thing by my looks, Babe. This yallah eye of mine is plumb deceiving sometimes."

"What gets me, Tiger Eye, is how you come to take it to heart the way you do. Ain't a bigger cow thief in the country than old Murray. He was bound to get his, sooner or later."

"Nless he was a p'ticular friend of yours—"

"Nevah was no friend of mine, Babe."

"Well—they say he's got a good-lookin' girl. You seen her?"

"Wasn't no girl theah, Babe, when I rode along to the house. Heard a woman screaming and a-crying like my mammy cried when Pap was bush-whacked. Killahs don't think of the women 'pears like."

"And as far as the women are concerned—"

Babe rose from the bunk, hitching up his trousers' belt as he hunched over to the water bucket and lifted the dipper with a jangle of tin.

"They got to take their chance same as the men. There's always women cryin' over some man. There always will be, as long as there's a man to cry over. What yuh goin' to do about it? A man can't set and roll his thumbs all his life, just so his woman won't have cause for tears. They hawl a lot—but they git over it."

"Reckon yo're right, Babe."

"Darn right, I'm right. You've been so growed up and steady, far as I've seen, I shore never expected you'd git chicken-hearted over a nester all at once."

"If every killah was fixed so he couldn't shoot a gun, theah wouldn't be no moah killing, Babe."

"I'd rather be dead than have my hands smashed the way you smashed Jess Markel's. So would any man that was a man."

"I said killahs, Babe."

Babe shivered as if a cold wind had struck his bare flesh, but he didn't say again that he would rather be dead than crippled. The kid knew he thought it, though. The kid's eyebrows came together in a puzzled frown while he studied Babe at the window, peering out into the faint moonlight.

The kid had counted on Babe's friendship and on his being square so a fellow could trust him. But if Babe had waited like a coyote among the rocks and had shot Nellie's old pappy in the back, he was just a mean, low-down killer and nobody could trust him. A man like that would shoot his best friend in the back if he took a notion.

The kid would have to be mighty certain it was Babe, though, before he would believe it. He'd want stronger proof than that broken match had been. It made him shiver to think how close he had come to shooting Babe just on the strength of a broken match. Now, he didn't believe it—but he couldn't put it out of his mind, either, and the vague distrust hurt like physical pain.

"Yuh don't want to let old lady Murray's cryin' worry yuh, Tiger Eye," Babe said abruptly, when they were pulling off their boots. "Best not to waste sympathy on a nester. They don't deserve no sympathy; man or woman, they're all tarred with the same stick. You're goin' to be valuable to the Poole, once you git over that sympathy of yours for nester women. You got to cut that out or yuh won't never git nowhere."

The kid did not answer that, and presently Babe's breath fell into the slow rhythm of sleep.

The kid's mind jarred back from deep dreaming and he opened one eye to see yellow streak of sunlight on the cabin wall, high in a far corner behind the stove. By that he knew he had slept late. Usually they were ready to ride out along the rim when the sun showed above the mountains. Babe's side of the bed was empty, but there was no breakfast smell in the cabin and no crackling of fire in the stove. Gone to look after the horses, probably. Babe must have slept late, himself. Must have been Babe shutting the door that woke him.

The kid swung his feet to the floor and reached for his clothes. Babe would expect breakfast to be ready when he came back.

The kid started a fire in the stove, set a kettle of water over the blaze, and washed his face and neck and ears in the tin basin on the bench. He shoved another stick of wood into the stove, picked up the basin and pulled the door open, to fling the water out upon the ground.

The basin jerked spitefully in his hand, a round hole cut through its upper side where the water spurted through. From a clump of bushes over by the corral the bark of a rifle tardily followed the bullet. The kid let go the basin and dropped to his knees, then fell forward on his face and lay there with his arms stretched out in front of him.

The kid's fingers, stretched slowly to their slender length, relaxed a little, stretched again, moved this way and that, until they encountered something which they clasped so firmly the knuckles turned white. Babe's foot, Babe, lying there on his face, within a few feet of the door, shot down while the kid lay dreaming. It wasn't the shutting of the door—it was the rifle shot that woke the kid. Babe, shot in front of his door, just as Nellie's old pappy had been shot. Even at that moment, while the kid was taking a firmer grip of that limp foot, he wondered if Babe was only getting back what he gave old Murray.

The kid squirmed backward, dragging Babe by his foot. Slow. Back an inch or two, and wait a minute. Babe groaned at the third pull, and the kid's heart gave a flop and then raced for joy. Babe was alive yet. Something to pull for, now.

"I'm draggin' yo'all inside the doah, Babe," he muttered, in a tone that would not carry beyond the woodpile.

Babe did not answer except with another groan, but he pressed one hand hard on the ground and pushed backward when the kid pulled again, so the kid knew Babe heard and understood all right. The kid hurried after that. He wanted his body all inside the door as soon as possible, and with a last wriggle his tousled damp hair went in past the door jamb. Like a cat he was on his feet then and had Babe inside with one great yank and slammed the door shut.

Then he turned, picked Babe up in his arms and laid him on the bed.

"Damn, coyotes—got me when I stepped outside," Babe gasped.

"That's what a killah always aims to do," the kid observed drily. "Always aims to down a man at his own doah."

Whether Babe caught the significance of that remark or not, he made no answer to it.

The kettle was boiling on the stove

and the kid brought basin and clean dish towels and a bottle of carbolic acid and set them on a box beside the bunk. He pulled off Babe's shirt and studied the round, purplish hole on Babe's right side just under the curve of his ribs.

Babe fainted, which left the kid free and unhampered in his crude surgery.

"I taken out the bullet, Babe," he said calmly, when Babe came back to consciousness. "Wasn't moah'n two—three inches deep. Kain't figure it, lessen it come from ovah across the field. Nevah did come from the berry bushes, or it's gone awn through. Two men out theah, I reckon."

"Two, yuh say?"

"Two and likely moah."

"And me down! They'll git us, Tiger Eye."

"In a pig's eye."

"Git my rifle and—help me on my feet."

"Ye'all lay quiet. I taken charge today, Babe." The kid was loading Babe's rifle, and now he placed it on the table.

He turned his rifle upon the clump of bushes over by the corral.

Three shots carefully spaced brought a spiteful volley in reply.

"Pears' like the nestahs are aiming to take theah revenge foh ole Pappy Murray," he remarked, as a steady stream of bullets came spitting viciously into the cabin. It worried Babe, who was beginning to talk feverishly.

"Shoot to kill when yuh start in," Babe urged. "Ain't goin' to try bustin' knuckles now, I hope."

"Kain't see any knuckles to bust, Babe."

The kid's face clouded as he pushed his rifle barrel through the hole between two logs, but his yellow right eye was as unblinking as a tiger's when it looked down along the sights. He caught a glimpse of gray hat crown among the bushes beyond the spring. He didn't want to kill. Hat crown, head, shoulders below—The kid couldn't see the man he swiftly visioned, but he aimed where a shoulder should be and pulled the trigger. There was a sudden and violent agitation of the bushes and a man went streaking it back toward his more discreet companions. The kid's fingers bent again deliberately and the man's swinging right arm jerked upward and went limp at his side. The kid made sure of that before he withdrew the rifle from the hole and crossed the room to another.

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"J kill 'im?"

"Reckon not. Shot his ahm down, peahs like."

"Shoot t' kill, why don't yuh?"

Babe's voice was high and querulous. When he turned a strained look upon the kid, his eyes were glassy and had

an anxious stare wholly unlike Babe Garner. "Damn their arms and shoulders! You can kill if you want to—anybody that can whirl and bust knuckles the way you busted Jess Markel's can put a bullet through a man's heart, if he wants to."

(Continued Next Week.)

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Witness Last Texas Indian Fight Now 94

San Antonio, Texas May 21.—Surrounded by a hundred relatives and friends, Sam Maverick, who witnessed the last real Indian fight in Texas, celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday anniversary at a Maverick "round-up" in Koehler Park here.

The pioneer Texan, who has lived ninety-three and one-half years of his long life in this state, is the son of a man of the same name who was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The elder Sam Maverick became one of the greatest ranchmen of his day and the term "maverick" as it refers to unbranded cattle, reputedly sprang from his refusal to brand his calves, all unbranded cattle being regarded as Maverick.

The original Maverick home, an adobe structure, stood near what is now Alamo Plaza and in that dwelling there arrived the first American boy born in San Antonio, the present Sam Maverick's youngest brother, Louis.

Mr. Maverick served with the Confederacy in the Civil War as a member of Terry's Rangers. He is credited with swimming across the Cumberland River to set fire to a "Yankee" gunboat.

Mr. Maverick's encounter with Indians began when he was a baby six months old. His father's family, making the overland trip to Texas, was surrounded but unmolested by a band of redskins. The Council House fight here in 1840, last real battle with Indians in this section, took place when the man now 94 was just old enough to remember it.

Among members of his immediate family here for the reunion were Sam Maverick, Jr., Galveston; John Frost Maverick, Houston; Mrs. Ed Sammons, Austin; Mrs. Sallie Gray, Mrs. E. A. Harris and a brother, Albert Maverick, San Antonio.

Commencement

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 Benediction, Rev. E. L. Yeats.
COMMENCEMENT SERMON.

Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, is to deliver the commencement sermon to graduates Sunday evening. The program follows:

Processional, Miss Lucy Tracy.
 Invocation, Rev. J. T. King.
 Hymn.
 Scripture reading, Rev. E. L. Yeats.
 "Be Thou Nearer," Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott.

Sermon, Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene.
 Hymn.
 Benediction.
 Recessional, Miss Tracy.

GRAMMAR GRADUATION.
 Ethelda Tucker will deliver the valedictory and Robbie Walker the salutatory at the graduation exercises of the Grammar school this Friday evening. The program follows:

Processional, Miss Orpah Patterson.
 Invocation, Rev. J. T. King.
 Chorus, "We Come to Greet You," the Class.
 Salutatory, Robbie Walker.
 Piano Solo, "Dance of Spring," Billie Bernice Gambill.
 Address to the Class, Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Presentation of certificates, Mrs. Len Sublett, principal.
 Valedictory, Ethelda Tucker.
 Chorus, "Morn Rise," the Class.
 Benediction, Rev. R. A. Walker.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

CHURCHES



DR. GEORGE W. McCALL.

Dr. George W. McCall of Dallas comes to assist in the Baptist revival, which is to begin next Tuesday morning at the First Baptist church.

Services will be held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

For the opening sermon Tuesday morning, Dr. McCall's subject will be "Church Freezers and Church Heaters." Tuesday night he will preach on "The Crucifixion of Deacon Jones."

Dr. McCall is a powerful gospel preacher and the whole citizenship of Merkel is invited to come hear him and to join in this soul-stirring revival.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our revival will begin next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, with Dr. George W. McCall of Dallas assisting.

Dr. McCall is truly a great preacher, modest and loveable in his presentation of God's word.

I cordially and sincerely invite the whole citizenship of Merkel to attend our services and unite with us in prayer that the lost of Merkel shall be saved.

Friends, join with us in our worship Sunday at 11 a. m., the opening service of our revival.

No preaching service at 8 p. m. on account of school sermon at Methodist church. Our B. T. S. meets at 7 p. m. and you will be richly rewarded by attending this service with our young people.

J. T. King, Pastor.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Sunday, May 24, 1931.
 Topic, "The Missionary Spirit and Baptist Progress."

Scripture, Matt. 7:15-23.
 Special music.
 "The Period of Beginnings," John Toombs.

"The Period of Foundation Laying," Bill Haynes.

"The Period of Growth and Expansion," Mrs. Byars Petty.

"The Period of Vision and Victory," Vennie Heizer.

"The Period of Opportunity and Difficulty," Mrs. T. E. Collins.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Scripture reading, Matt. 7:15-23.
 Group leader, Mrs. B. H. Matthews.
 First part, Mrs. Enslinger.

Second part, Mrs. Meeks.
 Third part, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.
 Fourth part, Mr. G. M. Sharp.
 Fifth part, Mrs. Causseaux.
 President in charge, Mr. John Childress.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance was good last Sunday; if it is possible for the same ones to be present next Sunday and invite others to attend we may go above the high mark.

There will be no preaching here Sunday—pastor will be in Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 869 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. This compares with 837 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Rev. W. J. Gouge will lead the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service next Sunday. The lesson will be the fifth chapter of James and the meeting is to be held at the Presbyterian church.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

It was a great joy to have our former pastor, Rev. W. M. Murrell, and Mrs. Murrell with us last Sunday. We would welcome his coming at any time. Next Sunday is to be Flower Day and the morning sermon will be in keeping with Flower Day. Everyone

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love Him." In this language the Rev. R. A. Walker visualizes "God as our Stronghold" in the synopsis of his sermon delivered last Sunday, which is reproduced as this week's sermonette for readers of The Mail. "He is our safety," the pastor says, "our peace and joy, the only secure fortification against the enemy of our souls."

"God Our Stronghold."
 The Lord is good, a stronghold in time of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

There is a dependence of living things of earth upon something else for its existence; plant or animal life cannot exist without the other; all depend on the sun for heat and light, they cannot exist without air; it was so created by God.

God alone can exist without the assistance of anything created. Man cannot be good (religiously) without the help of God. He is unchangeable, will supply all the needs of the people of the earth, a stronghold in salvation, a present help in trouble.

A heathen worshiper of a man-made god, chiseled from stone, representing a beautiful woman without arms, was lying at its base, praying for help in time of trouble. After awhile, looking into the face of the stone, there seemed to come this reply from God, "My arms are too short to reach you." We worship a God that can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities, a stronghold in our trouble.

There must exist a mutual acquaintance—we must know God; not a historical information of God, either obtained from others or from His word, but know Him as Peter knew Him. Then he knows us and will supply all our needs.

Our friends may be separated from us for a period of time and be forgotten; we may not know of the happenings of their lives, but God is always mindful of them that know Him.

Was He not with Daniel when he violated the edict of the king, by praying to his God, and was cast into the lions' den, or with Job when his body was sore, when he lost all of his possessions, lost his friends and members of his family. He had such acquaintance with God that he could say, "Though He say me, yet will I trust Him," and "If a man die, he shall live again."

Apostles in prison, persecuted by their own people and friends, believed God to be their stronghold in trouble.

The God of the New Testament is as jealous as the God of the Old Testament and the God revealed by our blessed and holy Saviour, Christ Jesus, is as loving in the Old Testament as in the New. He is a saviour of life unto life, or a saviour of death unto death.

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love Him." "The Lord is my shepherd."
 He is our safety, our peace and joy, the only secure fortification against the enemy of our souls.

is requested to bring such flowers as you have. For further information, phone Mrs. Dee Grimes.

The Epworth League assembly for the Northwest Texas conference convenes at McMurry college June 1 to 5. Our young people are looking forward to this assembly with pleasure. The study course is unusually good. Therecreational and fellowship features will be delightful.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song.
 Prayer.
 Song.
 Scripture, by leader, Holt Vaughn.
 Song.

Story, "Eiffel's Triumph," by Richard Buford.

Story, "Something to Tell," by Betty Lou Grimes.

Discussion.
 Benediction.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The attendance was small in Sunday School last Sunday, only 12 being present. We are expecting Miss Leona Forbes, our former pastor, with us next Sunday. We invite all who can be with us in this service.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

All regular services for the week, unless it be the Sunday night service. Announcement will be made at the eleven o'clock service as to that. The other services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' service at



SOCIETY

SURPRISE PARTY.

Friends of Miss N. Olive Garoutte, led by two of her former Sunday School pupils, Mrs. Lizzie Latham and H. C. West, gave her a surprise call party on her birthday anniversary Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 9.

Seventy guests registered and left a room filled with floral offerings, useful and handsome gifts, honoring this old resident of Merkel.

Miss Garoutte, who came here 40 years ago and with her parents settled the little farm known as "Evilo Villa," was for many years an active worker in Merkel Sunday Schools and is loved by all who know her.

AUXILIARY HAS MEET FRIDAY.

(Abilene Reporter-News.)

Plans for next year's program and reports on committee work featured the monthly session of the Auxiliary to Taylor County Medical Society in the L. J. Pickard home on Meander street Friday, with Meses. Pickard, J. A. Smith, Frank Hodges, C. F. Williams, and R. I. Grimes of Merkei, hostesses.

Mrs. L. F. Johnson, president, was in charge of the business hour during which time the club voted to become a member of the social workers club and to continue its work with the free clinic.

Guests were seated at pretty tables centered with larkspurs and pinks on the Pickard lawn, and a social hour followed with the hostesses serving apricot ice and cake.

Other members were Meses. W. B. Adamson, J. F. Clark, Joseph Daly, G. B. Fain, Scott Hollis, A. B. Johnson, C. B. Leggett, W. V. Ramsey, Eric D. Sellers, Grady Shytle, Hugh Tandy, Mark Butler, Rosa Barry, and J. B. Latham.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott were very pleasantly surprised Sunday, when they returned from church, to find thirty of their children and grandchildren gathered round a table spread with good things to eat. The occasion was the fifty-second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott's marriage.

CLASS PARTY.

On last Tuesday evening the Philea then class of the M. E. church met in the home of Mrs. Claude Dye.

The meeting was opened by singing of songs followed by prayer and scripture reading by Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr.

Games were enjoyed by all after which the hostess, assisted by Missie Dye, passed a delicious plate consisting of sandwiches, fruit salad, cake and lemonade to Meses Rosa Laney, Essie Floyd, Dewey Floyd, Alzada Pogue, Anna Lou Russell, Sis Toombs, Lillian Cole, Stella King, Gladys Middleton; Mesdames Homer Foster, Cecil Guthrie, Ed McCrary, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Cyrus Pee, E. L. Yeats and the hostess. Guests were Miss Stella Wilson, Missie Dye, Edith Baker.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class were entertained in the home of Mrs. Hilman Hagood on Thursday afternoon. An inspiring devotional was brought by Mrs. Sam Swann and a pleasant social hour followed the lesson. At the tea hour delicious cream and cake with iced drink was passed to Mesdames Swann, Petty, Dickinson, McCoy, Haynes, Riddle, Moore, Class, Jenkins, C. H. Higgins, Sadler, Claude Perry, Rutledge, Clarence Perry and the hostess.

SLUMBER PARTY.

Miss Willie Maye Swartz was hostess to eight girls on Friday night, complimenting them with a slumber party following the Senior play.

Games were played until a late hour when cream and cake were served. After an early breakfast the girls walked home at sunrise. Members of the party were Zada Bell, Oneda Bell, Nell Durham, Vera Richie, Mattilou Largent, Thelma Leach, Lois Clark, Artilee Simmons and the hostess.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle will meet with Mrs. T. E. Lassiter next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

7 p. m., ladies' Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and prayer meeting and Bible study service Wednesday at 8 p. m.

You have a cordial invitation to come.

In love, The Elders.

NOTICE.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

Merkel will have its own Atwater Kent Radio audition this year when the Fifth National Contests sponsored by the Atwater Kent Foundation of Philadelphia will be held during 1931. It aims to discover young men and young women singers in the United States and give them further training, recognition and reward.

Thousands of young men and women participated in the elimination competitions in more than 1,000 communities during the four auditions that have so far been held. The awakening of an urge in talented young people to express themselves musically, together with the influence the local auditions have had in broadening cultural interests of the communities conducting them, inspired leaders in musical, educational and civic life who gave generously of their time and ability in sponsoring the auditions.

Madra Elayne Nixon will have a part in the Twenty Piano Concert to be held at Simmons university Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. At her first appearance she will play "Flight of the Butterflies," by Frazee, winning number at the all-state piano tournament, Temple, and she will also play in a sixteen piano, "Sonatina, Opus 36, No. 1" (Clementi-Timms). In the recent John Thompson piano tournament held in Abilene this talented little pianist won four first places, four second places and two third places.

A. J. Tucker sang "Open the Gates of the Temple" last Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian church, Abilene.

More than 90 Indians joined the Pilgrims in their first Thanksgiving feast.

Other members were Mmes. W. B. Adamson, J. F. Clark, Joseph Daly, G. B. Fain, Scott Hollis, A. B. Johnson, C. B. Leggett, W. V. Ramsey, Eric D. Sellers, Grady Shytle, Hugh Tandy, Mark Butler, Rosa Barry, and J. B. Latham.

Guests were seated at pretty tables centered with larkspurs and pinks on the Pickard lawn, and a social hour followed with the hostesses serving apricot ice and cake.

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Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, May 21.—Demand for fat cattle was at a low ebb again Wednesday and the market was a slow, peddling affair from start to finish, with prices ruling weak to lower on beef steers, fat cows, and some grades of calves, the calf market being quoted steady to 25c down. Yearlings and bulls moved at values around steady. Receipts were estimated at 4,500 head of cattle and 500 calves.

Order buyers paid up to \$5.50 for grass-fattened steers, and took a few loads at \$4.25 to \$4.50. A car of good fat cows brought \$4.00. Good to choice yearlings went at \$7.00 to \$8.00. A load of sausage bulls notched \$3.00. Veal calves cleared up to \$7.00 and heavies sold mostly at \$5.00 to \$5.25. Stocker steer yearlings brought \$6.00 to \$6.50.

Prices in the hog division were steady to 10c lower, receipts amounting to about 700 head. Small killers paid up to \$6.55 for a few truckers. The best loads here went at \$6.50. Cows brought \$5.00 to \$5.25.

Activity featured the sheep and lamb trade. About 14,000 head arrived. Spring lambs sold mostly at \$7.00 to \$7.75. Shorn lambs and yearlings went at \$6.00 to \$6.50. Two-year-old wethers cleared at \$4.00 to \$4.50. Grown wethers were disposed of with in a range of \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Cattle Movement.

The week noted shipment from this market of four cars of cattle and a truck load, consisting of 12 head, overland: two cars by W. H. Laney on Monday, a car by Wetsel Brothers on Saturday previous and a car by J. D. Beasley, the latter shipping to his ranch at Levelland. The other shipments were to Fort Worth as were the 12 head that Jasper McCoy hauled by truck.

Over 400,000 Canadians were overseas during the World War.

There are now 615 members of the British house of commons. The chamber in which the body sits provides seats for only 475.

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"Connecticut Yankee" Cast Numbers 5,000

More than 5,000 players have parts in the Fox production of Will Rogers' latest starring vehicle, "A Connecticut Yankee." Mark Twain's famous comedy satire which comes to the R. & R. Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday.

There are knights and ladies of the court by the hundreds, servants, heralds, pages and hundreds of villagers in many of the scenes. "A Connecticut Yankee" is one of the biggest productions ever made, in point of the number of persons used.

Rogers, of course, has the role of "Hank," a Connecticut radio store proprietor, and "Sir Boss," when he becomes the Prime Minister of King Arthur's realm.

The story of "A Connecticut Yankee" deals with the modernization of King Arthur's Court by "Hank." The Knights, armed with machine guns, ride into battle in Baby Austins, and dozens of other amusing innovations are seen as the plot unfolds.

Maureen O'Sullivan is "Alisande," the beautiful daughter of King Arthur, Frank Albertson is "Clarence," the page boy who dared to love Alisande, and whose suit is fostered by the omnipotent "Sir Boss" with such success.

The exotic Myrna Loy is "Queen Morgan Le Fay," the wicked sister of King Arthur who imprisons "Alisande" in her castle, and William Farnum, the great star of the silent screen, stages a sensational comeback in his second talking picture as "King Arthur." Mitchell Harris is "Sagarmor" and Brandon Hurst is the evil court magician, "Merlin" who almost accomplishes Rogers' undoing.

David Butler, who has such previous successes as "Sunny Side Up," "High Society Blues" and "Just Imagine" to his credit, directed "A Connecticut Yankee."

Death of Little Girl.

Dora Alese Blanton, age 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blanton, died Monday morning after an illness of two weeks. The father of the little girl is truck driver for J. F. Burey, oil field contractor. The body was carried overland to Coleman for interment. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

Mrs. Woodrum "Doing Nicely."

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. George Woodrum, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene Thursday of last week, is doing nicely.

First Casual in War Slain.

New Orleans, May 21.—Edgar Bouigny, 43, a photographer, the first American wounded in the World War, was shot and killed early Monday by his wife, Mrs. Delia Bouigny, 37, at their apartment in the French quarter. Mrs. Bouigny said she shot her husband as a climax to years of quarreling and threats against her life.

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Trent Boy Receives Diploma From John Tarleton College

Stephenville, May 21.—One hundred forty-nine students will receive diplomas from John Tarleton college this month, 103 graduating from the college division, and 46 receiving diplomas from the academy division.

Commencement exercises will be held for the college graduates Sunday and Monday, May 24 and 25. Dr. Colby D. Hall, of Texas Christian university, Fort Worth, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, and Judge Frank M. Ryburn, of Dallas, will make the commencement address Monday.

Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the Texas A & M system, will make his annual address to the graduates and will present the diplomas immediately following Judge Ryburn's address. The academy graduation exercises will be held Friday, May 29.

Among those receiving diplomas from Tarleton this spring is B. B. Howell of Trent.

Next Lion Luncheon Is to be Guest Day

At the next luncheon of the club, Tuesday, June 2, each Lion will bring a guest. It will be guest day and a general good time is promised. A. T. Sheppard, one of the charter members of the club and a staunch Lion, is to be toastmaster, assisted by Ted Nichols.

At the luncheon meeting Tuesday a committee was appointed to arrange for a ladies' night at an early date. Dee Grimes is chairman of this committee and other members are S. D. Gamble, E. Yates Brown, Booth Warren and A. T. Sheppard.

In the absence of Dr. G. B. Fain, the scheduled toastmaster, who was in Temple in attendance on the state meeting of the Knights of Pythias, the president of the club acted as toastmaster. The club singing was led by Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, with Miss Thelma McAninch at the piano, and the invocation was given by E. Yates Brown. Luncheon guests were Briggs Irvin and T. D. Riddle of the High school faculty.

Special entertainment was provided by Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Miss McAninch in piano duets and an adaptation of "Coming Thru the Rye," sung by Miss McAninch.

At the suggestion of the president, each member gave his full name as a reminder to his fellow Lions that he had a given name.

Another committee, with H. H. Jenkins, chairman, and C. W. Delmer and J. S. Bourn as members, was named to suggest a plan for a Lion golf tournament with a neighboring club in the near future.

The city of Minneapolis is exactly midway between the equator and the north pole.

Delivers Booze to Church.

Ottawa, Ont., May 21.—A case of whiskey, ordered from Scotland by I. M. Tokugawa, Japanese minister to Canada, turned up in the cellar of a church near his home. The address on the case identified the consignee as the Japanese minister, to the expression, "minister" meant only one thing.

Alfonso 45 Years Old.

Fontainebleau, France, May 21.—Former King Alfonso of Spain celebrated his forty-fifth birthday anniversary Sunday, taking the royal family to Paris for a private luncheon.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

Equals World's Record.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 21.—Frank Wykoff, University of Southern California spring star, equaled Eddie Tolan's 100-yard dash world record when he ran the century in 9.5 seconds Saturday. The race was the second event of the California intercollegiate championship.

Chain Store Tax Upheld.

Washington, May 21.—The Indiana law of 1929 imposing heavy license fees on chain stores was sustained as valid by the supreme court.

Swallows can fly at a speed of better than two miles a minute.

Crowd Watches Tragedy.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., May 21.—While a crowd of a half hundred persons looked on, helpless, a man and a girl burned to death after their airplane crashed in a wheat field at Mason City, near here Sunday.

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

NORTH SIDE CIVIC CLUB ORGANIZES.

The ladies on the north side of town met in the home of Mrs. S. H. Estep Monday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a civic club, the aim of the club being to clean and beautify our premises. Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. S. H. Estep, president; Mrs. R. L. Reaves, vice-president; Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, secretary and Mrs. Hosea Winn, reporter.

There was no set program for the occasion, but Mrs. L. E. Adrian, general chairman of the organization, was present, offering suggestions and helping plan the work. All guests joined in a discussion of flower raising and it was agreed to meet at the Armour building on the following Friday afternoon for a flower exchange, with Mesdames C. Estep, Burke and Reaves in charge.

At the refreshment hour the hostess was assisted by Mesdames Estep and Reaves in serving delicious caramel cake and punch to Mesdames Adrian, Hamner, Boone, Leamon, Burks, McDonald, Steen, Smith, Winn, Misses Florence Sherman and Ida V. Estep.

OUTING ENJOYED.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryan and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ogletree and son and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson and children spent a very enjoyable day Sunday on the Clear Fork near Nuby.

BRIDE AND GROOM HONORED.

James Bright was married to Mrs. Ida Mae Swartz at Mineral Wells on Thursday, May 14th, the ring ceremony being used for the nuptials. Returning to their home Friday evening, the groom's granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore, honored them with a dinner. The house and table were attractively decorated with cut flowers, the dinner table being centered with the wedding cake. Tiny baskets filled with pink and green mints were place cards. A course dinner consisting of fruit cocktail, salad and meat course, with all accessories, brick ice cream and cake was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames C. T. Beckham, J. W. Armour, T. L. Hooten, Ruby Lee, Mary Francis of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Howard and daughter, Beatrice, of Hawley, J. B. Lena Mae and Betty Jo Moore, the honorees and the host and hostess.

FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards were most charming hosts Wednesday evening to a number of friends. Games of "42" were enjoyed and two song numbers were given by E. B. Richardson. At the refreshment hour delicious ice cream and cake was served to Misses Erma Dean Duncan, Pete Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McEae, Messrs. Tommie Wright, E. B. Richardson of Sweetwater, and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester had as their guests Sunday several of their children and families. Those enjoying the good old-fashioned gathering and dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle and children of Abilene, Prof. N. C. Forrester, wife and children of Roby, Miss Forrest Forrester, who is teaching at Roby, Ulric Forrester of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester of Trent.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, accompanied by Miss Estelle Terry, were guests of friends at Hamlin from Friday to Sunday. They attended the graduation exercises there. Miss Dorothy Boyd was one of the class.

Mrs. Jim Armour and daughter, Jannie, returned to their home at Del Rio Sunday after a pleasant visit of a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Armour.

Mrs. Jake Roberts and children left Thursday over the T. & P. for a visit at Breckenridge and Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogge and children, formerly of Sweetwater, but now living in East Texas, were guests recently of Mrs. Rogge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Keith of Caps.

Mrs. Boots Brown and little son, Windell, of Hermleigh, are guests of Mrs. T. A. Brown and Miss Winnie this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and baby of Amarillo are guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott returned Thursday from Mineral Wells where they were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod.

Mrs. M. G. Scott received the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and daughters, Doreen and Jean, and Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene left at once to attend the funeral and be with her father. Mrs. Adams, having visited here several times, had made quite a few friends, who will learn of her death with sadness.

Mrs. Queen of Brownsfield is the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed and children of Big Spring were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coppage of Roby.

Bill Nalley and Mr. Saunders of Iraan were week-end visitors with relatives here.

Billie Jo Bowers is guest this week of his auntie, Mrs. Billings, of Abilene.

Carl Murdock and son, Gene, spent Sunday at Odessa as guests of Hardy Murdock, Gene remaining over for a longer stay.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock and little daughter were week-end visitors to Dallas.

Miss Pearl Martin, having finished her school work at Hermleigh, came over Monday evening for a visit with friends here before returning to her home in Temple.

J. W. Dowdy of Abilene was attending to business matters here Monday and visiting his son, W. L. Dowdy.

Miss Marjory Adrian was home from A. C. C. for the week-end.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Misses Maurine Smith and Pearl Martin spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Butman School Program.

The Butman school program will be given Monday night, May 25, at the Butman tabernacle. The upper grades will put on two one-act plays, "Quack, Quack," and "The Hummage Sale." The primary grades will finish the program with songs, readings and exercises. Everyone is invited.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Miron Spears, who underwent an operation at the Abilene sanitarium, is not doing so well at this writing.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bryant, who has been seriously ill, is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette and sons of Rotan visited relatives at this place the past week and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan accompanied them back home and will visit relatives at that place for several days.

Mrs. Jess Scott and daughter, Miss Mabel, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson Thursday.

Evelyn Lattimore spent the past week as the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer of Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family motored to Sweetwater one day this week on business.

Mesdames Susie Doan and Hugh Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan and family visited their sister, Mrs. N. E. Myers, of Anson on her 78th birthday Sunday. More than thirty relatives partook of a bountiful birthday dinner.

Brother and Mrs. Brannon of Abilene visited in our midst Sunday, Brother Brown filling the pulpit at the Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour. Brother Marvin Williams is to fill



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

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M. B. Bell has purchased the interest of I. F. Gilbert in the Palace Barber Shop and the firm name is now

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his regular appointment at the M. E. church for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walker of Buffalo Gap have moved into our midst the past week, but have not located permanently. We hope they will decide to remain in our community somewhere.

White Church News

Brother Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. O. W. Reed is real sick at this time. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Edington of Abilene visited in our community recently. Mrs. Edington will be remembered as Mary Agnes Dryden.

J. W. Harrison had the misfortune of a horse kicking him last week.

A. D. Barnes, accompanied by his

mother, Mrs. A. H. Barnes, and brother, E. B. of Merkel, made a flying trip to Stephenville Friday.

Men—You can buy a good overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

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Bake Sale.
The White Church leaguers of Mulberry Canyon are to have a "Bake Sale" in the W. H. Laney building, across the alley from the Dennis store, next Saturday, May 23rd. We have chickens, cakes, pies, etc.

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RED AND WHITE SYSTEM STARTS

Formal Opening of Red and White Stores in Merkel Friday and Saturday.

Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, thirty-one Red and White independent home-owned grocery stores in the Abilene unit will open their doors to the public as members of the great Red and White stores, marking the entry of this nationally known grocery and market service in this portion of West Texas. The list of 31 stores in the Abilene unit includes two in Merkel, two in Trent and one at Stith, besides some 18 in the city of Abilene and others in Jones, Callahan, Rannels and Coleman counties.

The franchise which brings the Red and White stores to West Texas has been secured by the H. O. Wooten Grocery company, Abilene, which will be the supply house for the stores of this group.

Transformation of the interiors of the several member stores has been going on for the past several weeks and with formal opening Friday every store will be uniformly presented in the general color scheme of red and white.

Briefly, the Red and White plan is a union of independent manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, banded together in a cooperative way to market grocery products to the consuming public. The plan is credited by economists as the most economical method of food distribution yet devised. It insures the permanence of the independent merchant. The plan is substantially a merger of purchasing power without any merger of capital structure. The Red and White plan recognizes the wide public acceptance of the multiple chain store methods, and it therefore uses many of the popular features upon which these stores capitalize. Because of its international scope it is constantly on the alert for the newest merchandising trend and developments and is considered an unchallenged leader in its field.

More than 30,000 stores, operating through 200 wholesale houses which buy through one source, situated in three-fourths of the United States, and from Montreal to British Columbia in Canada, bear witness to the gratifying success of the Red and White operation. It is not necessary to point out the fact that the system embraces the largest group of individually owned stores in the universe.

What the individual Red and White store does and how it does it may be stated in a few words:

For the merchant there are no fees, royalties or franchise charges of any nature, but the procedure is one of loyalty and cooperation between the manufacturer, jobber and retailer. The Red and White system is very particular in that it obligates the merchant to cut out all waste in his business and shows him how to do it.

"Each local unit, being a separate and distinct organization, carries out the plan as laid down in the national system. The executive or advisory committee, composed of retail merchant members, are elected by their fellow members. They confer with the supply house on merchandising suggestions and pass on all outside arrangements looking to the conduct of their business.

"The H. O. Wooten Grocery Co., with the interest of local and West Texas grocers in mind, secured the franchise of the Red and White system for this territory with the idea in mind for the betterment of the grocery business for the independent store owner.

"H. O. Wooten, who heads the organization as president, is enthusiastic in his belief that the Red and White system is the one great institution for the independent grocer and declares with pride that 'nowhere in the United States has there been a failure of the Red and White organization, and that there is not an instance among the mem-

ber grocers where there has been dissatisfaction as to the results.'"

The formal opening of the Red and White stores in Merkel, Trent and Stith will be Friday and Saturday.

Becomes the Biggest Soldier in U. S. Army

Louisville, Ky., May 21.—George Washington Craig, 26, six feet, seven inches tall, is going back to the army to again become Uncle Sam's biggest soldier but the army had to break its own regulations to let him in.

Craig sought and received a discharge last July so he might try the fight game. The receipts, however, were insufficient to buy enough ham and eggs to keep his big frame in condition, so he applied for permission to reenlist.

He was six feet, five and a half inches tall when he first entered the service. The height limit for the army is six feet six, which ordinarily would disqualify him, since he is now over the limit, but the local recruiting officer found his service record was excellent and fixed it all up.

Now Craig will go back to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., to his old unit, the third field artillery, where he can eat regularly, and again be the first in the company line.

Hand-Shakes Tell.

London.—G. Brook, who prides himself on his judgment of men, says that there are seven different types of hand-shakers to judge a man's character by. They are the tepid shake, the too-eager, the too-firm, the hesitant, the unnatural, the too-prolonged, and the finger-tip shake.

Men—You can buy a good overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Panic Is Caused In El Paso By a Swarm of Bees

El Paso, May 21.—A panic among customers at a downtown store, five fire companies rushing to answer a double alarm, a summons to the police—all because of a swarm of bees.

When the bees suddenly alighted in a brown mass on the entrance of the store here Tuesday afternoon, a nervous woman screamed, and another, thinking the place was on fire, turned in an alarm. Then a customer was stung, and there was a second alarm.

Five fire companies roared down the streets and drew up before the store, but Fire Chief Sullivan was stumped. His men who never had hesitated at fighting fire and smoke fled before the angry swarm.

Some one thought of the police, a hurry call was sent to headquarters. They had nothing constructive to offer. "We don't want any bees," said Sergeant McKnight.

A man tried to rout the insects with a burning newspaper, but had to retreat down the middle of the street. Men and women ducked into nearby stores.

And then the bees solved the problem themselves. They flew away, no one knew where, after a stay of some 30 minutes.

Finis Written State Guaranty Fund Case

Austin, May 21.—J. D. Moore, district judge, Tuesday entered a decision in the guaranty fund case. The judgment disposed of the claims of 868 state banks, formerly members of the depositors' guaranty fund system of banking, and several thousand depositors of nine banks which failed prior to the repeal of the depositors' guaranty fund law.

Depositors whose deposits have been allowed by the banking commission as claims against the guaranty fund will receive the unpaid portion of their accounts, aggregating \$117,000. The remainder, more than \$1,500,000, will go to the banks, according to the proportion in which they contributed to the guaranty fund.

The judgment provided for an audit to be made immediately to determine the interest each claim has in the fund, the audit to be returned in the court subject to the court's approval.

The nine banks whose depositors were affected were the Commercial Guaranty State bank of Longview, the Commercial State bank of Cisco, the Altoga State bank, the Farmers and Merchants State bank of Mount Calm, the Guaranty State bank of Trinidad, the Farmers State bank of Kemp, the Guaranty State bank of Gunter, the Addison State bank and

the First State bank of Belton. The litigation has been pending for more than five years.

Chicago Rebuilds Old Fort for Fair Exhibit

Chicago, May 21.—A little cluster of buildings that was once nearly all of Chicago, old Fort Dearborn reconstructed on the lake front, has been dedicated as the first exhibit of the 1933 World's fair. The garrison that was destroyed after the famous massacre of 1812 had risen again to become a cherished bit of history in the midst of all the brilliant modernism that it is to be the "century of progress exposition."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

Auto Plate Contract Awarded in St. Paul

Austin, Texas, May 21.—The Gopher Stamp and Die company of St. Paul, Minn., has been awarded the contract for supplying motor vehicle number plates to the Highway department for 1932. The passenger car plates will cost 3c and all others .03185c each.

The contract for furnishing chauffeurs' badges was awarded the Los Angeles Stamp and Rubber company at .0325c each.

The contract for auto plates calls for 1,450,000 pairs. They will be of green with letters, figures and borders in white. The other plates to be furnished are: commercial vehicles, 250,000 pairs; trailer and tractor, 45,000, singles; dealers' plates, 15,000, singles; passenger motor bus, 6,000 pairs; motorcycles, 10,000 pairs; motorcycle side car, 3,000 singles.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '31—Hazel Williams, sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Ola Ellen Smith. Miscellaneous Editor—Margarette Turner.
 Assistant Editor—Audrey Farris. Joke Editors—Elvis Richardson and Lois Clark.
 Sports Editor—Fred A. Baker.
 Society Editor—Lona Bryan.

CHAPEL.

Last Wednesday the Seniors rendered their last program in chapel. Amid the tears of the Seniors and the laughter of the Freshmen the burying of the class spirit was the subject of the program.

The program was announced by Mattilou Largent and several special numbers were "tearfully" given.

The will of the class was read by Fred Baker. Mr. Burgess was appointed sole administrator of the said document. Several members of the other classes received valuable experiences and characteristics from members of the Senior class. For instance, Artie Lee received from Norma that slender figure; Mary Elizabeth received from Elsie her loud voice, and several such valuable traits were passed on to the classes below with the admonition that they carry on.

Elvis Richardson read the class history. This document was of very much interest, since it also looked into the future.

Between their spasmodic bursts of tears, the young lady members of the class sang a song that was sad and also amusing.

The class prophecy was given by Misses Farris and Turner. It was a rather interesting look into the future. Imagine if you can, some of the members of the class and faculty doing things that are out of the ordinary. For instance, try to imagine Audrey, an old maid, Miss Patterson and her 15 children living in a dugout, Margarette being seventh choice, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle in the movies, Benny and Inez with twins named "High-pockets" and "Curlylocks," Vera and Ford being champion "42" players, Miss Tracy living on a farm not far from Merkel and Mr. Burgess going to the beauty parlor to have his hair curled.

Their last program was in line with the spirit that has been characteristic of the class throughout the years. Putting it in modern terms, "they put it over big." Best of luck to all of them.

SENIOR GIRLS WIN.

The physical training class met for the last time Thursday, May 14. The period was well spent—the Senior girls thought since they won over the Sophomores in indoor baseball. This Senior team did not lose a game during the tournament; for that reason they were declared champions of Merkel High. They did not feel so "chesty" about it, because they, together with the four Senior boys, have won every contest entered this year.

The team consists of the following players: Inez Robbins, c and p; Lona Bryan, c and p; Thelma McAninch, 1b; Ola Smith, 2b; Margarette Turner, 3b; Norma Patton, rss; Audrey Farris, ss; Jess Higgins, rf; Velma Lee Holden, cf; Beth Hamm, lf; subs, Lois Clark, Holley Perry, Elsie Lasater, Helen Yeats, Mattilou Largent and Vera Richie.

REMINISCENCES.

Across the years and down the world
 My memories of M. H. S. shall blow;
 All laden with dear, sweet dreams,
 All singing softly, they shall go.

They shall remind me of paths winding,
 And of white walks leading straight
 To where the great doors of learning
 beckon
 And bid others not be late.

But other students shall answer,
 And other hearts shall fare
 Where my memories shall be dwelling,
 How I wish I could be there!

But Merkel High and I with prisoned feet
 Must ever stand apart:
 I think these reminiscences one day
 Will nearly break my heart.
 —Lona.

OUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

We cannot express in mere words what the Dramatic club has done for us. Our appreciation for the training we have received in this study mounts to something akin to reverence.

Among the things we have learned in this club, one is outstanding; we have learned to love art. The art of dramatics is a wonderful thing. Those who have knowledge and are gifted in this application of skill and taste to production according to aesthetic principles are indeed fortunate. The love of art has a decided influence on each of our lives. Our lives are more beautiful for it. But to love and ap-

preciate this production of beauty by imitation we must have a clear perception of it. This insight is what we have been trying to gain in our Dramatic club and we feel that our effort has not been in vain. We owe our success to our wonderful director, Miss Tracy.

All of us cannot be great actors. God did not intend that we should be. But since we now have a practical knowledge of dramatics, we can appreciate what others have done and are doing in this field of art.
 —Lona Bryan.

HIDING TEACHER'S OVERSHOES.

I was very cross when I arrived at school, because our teacher had made everyone come on to school even if the rain was coming down in torrents. When I entered the building, there sat Miss Jones' overshoes. I thought that if I hid them it would be a good way to get revenge.

At the end of the hall was an old grandfather's clock. I tiptoed to the clock and opened it. I put the shoes in a little shelf in the clock and shut it.

After school was out, I was the first one out the door. I surprised my mother, indeed, as it was the first time I had come straight home in months. "Why, Jerry!" exclaimed mother, "Why did you come straight home from school? You never do. Are you sick?"

"Yes'um. I mean no'um."
 "There are some cookies in the cookie jar. Do you want one?"
 "Yes'um."

Early the next morning mother came in and said, "Jerry, you needn't get up early this morning. Miss Jones has a very bad cold, and there will be no school today."

Somehow I didn't feel very happy. I answered, "Yes'um," and rolled over to go to sleep. I couldn't sleep; so I got up and dressed.

"Jerry Perkins, you must be sick. You're always fussing because you have to get up so early; and when you have a chance to sleep, you get up. You certainly are a problem," said mother.

"Yes'um," I answered.
 "Stop saying, 'yes'um.' That's all you have said in two days."
 "Yes'um."

There was no school for a month, because the cold developed into pneumonia. I am sure Miss Jones did not suffer any worse than I did. That little thing called conscience is as bad as pneumonia; but I'm all right now, because I have apologized to Miss Jones and she has forgiven me.
 —Billy Gardner.

PROPHCY.

The professionals, Vera Richie and Ford Smith, are the international "42" players. Ford curls cotton for a pastime, and Vera is winning a name in ladies' tennis singles.

Mattilou Largent is the new professor of dieting in C. I. A. We had expected Mattilou to enter the "Hall of Fame" in a bigger way than that.

Thelma McAninch, that promising pianist of 1931, is deeply absorbed in a new scientific problem, "Which end of the egg should be opened?"

Ola Smith, who promised so much to aviation, is an old maid. She works as private secretary to Ceaphas Wozencraft in his candy shop on M. H. S. campus.

Fred A. Baker now holds the world's record in spaghetti eating. His record is three miles of spaghetti.

Beth Hamm, has now set a new record in parachute jumping. She is still so little that the last trial kept her in the air five minutes. Her plane was flown by the charming son of the best all-round boy M. H. S., Paul Collins, whose wife is Norma Patton. Norma studied to be a physician but she decided it would be a better career to be married to Paul Collins, whose wife is lucky. She probably saved more lives by marrying Paul.

Lois Clark retains her popularity by selling tickets in the world's largest theatre; however it is doubtful whether she would be recognized, as she weighs about one hundred and sixty pounds.

Lona Bryan has the high paying position drawing bugs for a science professor at Texas University.

Elvis Richardson, who has been married seven times, has found the only woman in the world that he loves—formerly a senior of '31. She is Margarette Turner, who never would be second choice—if she knew it.

Velma Lee Holden and Elsie Lasater

have become rather reckless. They joined the show and are tight rope walkers.

Jess Higgins is teaching her eight children to play ping-pong. She was a genius at tennis in high school. She lives on board a ship with her children and her second husband.

Hard luck befell Audrey in many ways. Her greatest ambition was to be primary teacher. Dame fortune would not permit this, and she was destined to be primary teacher in homes instead. She is not married but is content to sit alone with her cats.

Inez is now the charming wife of the extempore speaker, Benny Sheppard; they have a very beautiful home and also twins, "Highpockets" and "Curlylocks." Benny is a traveling salesman.

Holley Perry has replaced the "It" girl of Hollywood, the position formerly held by Clara Bow.

Nell Durham and Helen Yeats have completely ruined the Duncan Sisters. They were discovered when they competed for tennis honors in the M. H. S. tournament. They call themselves the "Tom-boy Twins."

Mr. Burgess is the teacher of physical education at I. X. L. He spends the rest of his time in the beauty parlor getting his hair curled.

Mr. and Mrs. Riddle are in the movies. She has replaced Alice White, and he is wardrobe manager.

Miss Martin, now married to the greatest physician in America, lives in New York.

Mrs. Irvin teaches in Columbia U. while Mr. Irvin delivers seventh grade commencement addresses in Northern Mexico.

Miss Tracy has settled down at last on a farm close to Merkel.

Miss Williams is director of Marathon of speed in speaking.

Miss Patterson lives in a dugout in Arizona. She gives her fifteen children the jumping jack exercise every day.

SENIOR CLASS WILL.

We, the class of 1931, of Merkel High school, Taylor County, region of West Texas, in the northern hemisphere of North America, have come to the conclusion that we should leave part of the marvelous gifts which nature bestowed upon us:

We, the Senior class of '31, appoint Mr. R. A. Burgess executor of the will.

Each and everyone of the Senior class has some gift which he wishes to bestow on some lucky remaining student, so that he may sustain the school's reputation.

I, Ola Ellen Smith, will my ability to declaim to Sarah Sheppard that she may attend the county meet next year.

I, Elsie Lasater, will my "tomboy" ways to Nell Durham with the hopes that she will overcome her bashfulness.

I, Margarette Turner, will my authority over the library to Helen Yeats, hoping that she will be successful in keeping Jim Patterson quiet at the library.

I, Holley Perry, will my second-hand chewing gum to David Gamble. I know he will enjoy it.

I, Audrey Farris, will all my high school bonus to Rogene Dye.

I, Ford Smith, will my position as the honorable taxi driver of Merkel High School to Pee Wee Taylor.

I, Norma Patton, bequeath to Artie Simmons my "narrow" form.

I, Benny Sheppard, bestow upon Woodrow Wilson my arguing ability to be used only in Mr. Riddle's classes.

I, Jess Higgins, leave my ambition to become an actress to Zada Bell, hoping she will be a successor of Greta Garbo.

I, Elvis Richardson, will my habit of making poor grades to Joe Mason.

I, Vera Richie, will my knowledge of the present subjunctive to Willie E. Boaz, hoping that she will profit by it as I did.

I, Thelma McAninch, desire to will my sleeping period during history class to Cecil Clark.

I, Mattilou Largent, will my freckles to Caribel Mansfield, knowing that she will never know the difference.

I, Beth Hamm, will my ability as a vamp to Lela Patterson. I know she will succeed in catching lots and lots of beaux.

I, Lois Clark, will my part in the senior play to Voncile Gilbert. I have been a success, and I know that she will be.

I, Inez Robbins, will my ability to sing to Oneda Bell.

I, Velma Lee Holden, will my noisy laugh to Mary E. Grimes, provided she will use it at the right time.

I, Fred A. Baker, will my ability to "get by" without studying to Nell Hughes. I hope she will appreciate this gift.

I, Oleta Moore, will my sweet disposition to Miss Helen Patterson.

I, Lona Bryan, will my acting ability to Melba Taylor, hoping that she will make a success.

I, E. L. Turner, will to Bill Hamm

my spot behind the church, where he may smoke cigarettes in peace.

Hereby, I, Tarzan, affix this last will and testament and seal in the presence of those undersigned.

Tarzan the Mighty,
 Attorney
 Witnesses: Cleopatra, Herbert Hoover, King Alfonso and Mr. Dugan Riddle.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE BADGER WEEKLY STAFF.

A school paper is one of the things that keeps the school alive and full of pep. Merkel High school has had this kind of paper, and I am sure that, because of this, the year 1930-31 has been a more pleasant one than it would otherwise have been.

The Seniors are to be commended upon their splendid success with the paper this year. Every issue has been genuine enjoyment for everyone who read it. The underclassmen certainly appreciate the fine work of the Seniors.

First of all do we wish to express our appreciation to the sponsor, Miss Williams. It was by her help and her leadership that made this paper a success. Miss Williams never became angry with any of the reporters because of their negligence; she just asked them to do better next time. The students of Merkel High school appreciate her loyal support.

Next, we wish to express our appreciation to the editor-in-chief, Ola Ellen Smith. Ola has made an efficient editor. Her place, we feel sure, will be hard to fill next year.

All of the other members of the staff are also to be commended upon their splendid work. The students of Merkel High school wish to take this opportunity to thank every member on the staff for their splendid paper.

—Ida Mae Derstine.

JOKES.

Itsey: "Yes, sir, these socks will give satisfaction. I've worn them myself for the last two months."

Leo: "Have you a pair like them that you haven't worn so long?"

Jess: "Isn't it strange! I had that wonderful idea while I was washing my hands."

Audrey: "Say, old pal, why don't you take a bath?"

Cecil (in crowded street car): "Can we squeeze in here?"

Rogene: "Will-er, it's kinda public, don't you think?"

Holley: "I play the piano just to kill time."

Ola: "You certainly have a good weapon."

Lona: "I shall earn my way through college illustrating love stories."
 Howard: "Please tell me one with illustrations."

E. L.: "What's chemistry's greatest contribution to the world's harm?"
 Mr. Riddle: "Blondes!"

It was time for roll call at a Polish institute. The prof. sneezed and six students jumped to their feet and cried, "Present."

SAY, DID YOU KNOW—

—That Margarette is nurse?

—That Leo is getting on the good side of the folks?

—That the Senior play was a "wow"?

—That not all of the High school students were exempted?

—That Marie can giggle?

—That Jess dreams of being a teacher of physical culture?

—That Thelma L. likes to drive Fords—especially if they are red?

—That certain members of the second year Spanish class are still "in love"?

—That "Whimsy" says he is not so timid? (We are convinced since last Friday night.)

—That Mr. Riddle's car can carry an unlucky number—thirteen?

—That Mr. Richardson wants to know with whom her son spent the night Friday night?

—That Mr. Riddle has another red tie?

—That Mr. Riddle has moved to his summer home? (This is information for serenaders.)

—That the boys won't let Audrey call them sugar?

—That Mr. Burgess had his hose fixed last Friday night? Wonder why?

—That Mr. Burgess disconnected his phone but it was too late?

—That someone burst the screen at Turner's the other night?

—That Inez went riding bare footed?

—That someone's white shoes had to be washed after she went riding?
 —That Ola Ellen promised a lot of little airplanes to aviation?

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

The Choral and Glee clubs are having a party at Miss Lucy's studio Friday evening, May 22, from 5 to 7:45. Every member be sure and be present.

BEST TYPEST OF SCHOOL.

The Seniors are very glad for their class to have the honor of having the best typist in the school in their class. Miss Lona Bryan heads the list in the test given last week; she typed forty-two words per minute. Others made good scores, too.

ADD BAGE WEEYKLY i DOT SWAFFORD RECEIVES AWARD FOR ESSAY.

As the result of a visit to the Ford show at Abilene recently by the seventh grade, Dot Swafford received a \$5.00 gold piece from the Ford company for writing the following theme:

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The wheels on the Ford car are made of special Ford design. There are thirty spokes in each wheel and each spoke is electrically welded to the hub shell and rim. Cleaning is easy because none of the outer spokes crosses another.

One of the first things noticed in driving the Ford car is the quick effective action of its four-wheel brakes. They are unusually safe and reliable because they are mechanical with all braking surfaces fully enclosed. This prevents mud, water, sand or snow from entering the brake mechanism or getting between the band and drum and interfering with brake action.

There are Ford mines in Michigan where one thousand tons of iron are produced daily. This is the world's

largest foundry. The motor block is made and cooled and is then shifted into the motor room.

We then follow the manufacture of steel, through the blooming mill where the parts are put into bloom. From the blooming mill the steel is sent to the rolling mill. After this it is put on the cooling table which keeps it straight. Finally it is shaped into Model A parts. It is welded into solid pieces after which they are machined with automatic machinery. The wheel becomes one piece of steel. The fender and other parts are made of sheet steel. When the car is finished it is shifted off onto an assembly line to be tested.

Ford cars are available in a number of beautiful color combinations. The solvent coat, the third coat of pyroxilin, the second coat of primer, the first and second coat of sufacer, and the metal.

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Today, as a result, the Ford car is an outstanding example of high quality at a low cost. If you are in the market for a car, buy a Ford.

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Personal Mention

Miss Pauline Toombs was home for the week-end from A. C. C.

Miss Arline Willett of Hamlin is the guest of Miss Lola Shelton.

David Graves of Clarksville is spending several days visiting friends here.

After a visit in the R. A. Ellis home Miss Laura Carey returned to Dallas Wednesday.

J. L. Speck attended the meeting of the 17th district of the American Legion at Ranger last week.

Dr. G. B. Fain returned Thursday after attending the state meeting of Knights of Pythias at Temple.

Week-end guests in the J. M. Garrett home were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and family from Stanton.

Miss Mary Maud Marshall, who is a student at A. C. C., was the week-end guest of Miss Christine Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burks and children of Odessa were week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Mary Pogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott and daughter, Lena, of Truby were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sublett for the week-end were Mrs. Bill Payne and Sam Roberts, both of South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler of Tullia were Saturday night guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards.

Mrs. Charlie Deutschman and daughter, Gladys, of Abilene were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Miss Lillie Dean was out from Dallas to spend several days with Miss Christine Collins, returning Wednesday to her home.

Miss Aileen Childress returned last Friday from a visit with Baylor university friends at Waco and also with friends at Taylor.

Mrs. Mary Huffman and two children, Bobby Wade and Dixie Ruth, of Marlin were guests during the week of Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Mrs. A. Touchstone and Miss Bess Touchstone returned to Dallas Wednesday after a visit in the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

D. I. Shelton returned last Friday from Dallas where he had been to a meeting of the Texas Cotton Co-op of which he was elected a director.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Seydler and little son have returned to their home at Stanton after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett will be here until school is out and will then return to Carlsbad, N. M., accompanied by

her daughter and mother, Mrs. Gilmore.

Miss Martha Bird, having returned from Graham, where she taught the past session, accompanied her sister, Mrs. Jack Smith, to Ranger for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Richards and son, Robert Everett, of Quincy, Mass., are visiting here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Broadfoot and Mrs. Callie Marshall, accompanied by Bruce Pyett, all of Clyde, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Jim Jay and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyd.

Mr. J. O. McMurray and children from Floydada are here, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays, and sisters, Mrs. H. W. Hester and Mrs. Dean Higgins.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burks and children, Mr. H. H. Toombs and Mrs. Mary Pogue and family motored over to Snyder to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Pogue.

Returning from Fort Worth, Mrs. R. O. Anderson was accompanied by Miss Frances, who will visit at home several days and then go back to receive her degree from T. C. U.

Miss Doris Durham is spending awhile here with her parents, before going to Houston where she will assist in directing a girl's summer camp. She taught the past session at Crane City.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula returned Monday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen in Tyler. They were accompanied on their return trip by Miss Lois Dry, who had been visiting friends in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Pribble departed Saturday for Portales, N. M., where they had removed shortly after the first of the year. They had been back for a visit home and Mrs. Pribble had visited the folks at Clyde also.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker and family, formerly of Paris, are being welcomed as new residents of Merkel. Mr. Walker is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker and will be connected with the shop of the Merkel Motor company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, former Merkelites, now residing at Shawnee, Okla., are in San Antonio this week where Mr. Morgan is attending the Embalmers convention. He stopped over here Sunday and was joined by Mrs. Morgan, who had been visiting for sometime with her sisters, Mesdames Fred Latham, C. K. Russell and Bob Martin.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Story of "Whimsy," Senior Class Play, Especially Appealing

"Whimsy" was the title of the romantic comedy offered by the Senior class of Merkel High school on Friday night, May 15. The story was especially appealing because of the natural settings and the usual events that are needed to make life.

The scene opened with a typical dormitory room. Jack and seven of his cronies, more or less congenial, are drawn together by the common necessity of making one dollar do the work of two, rent a house and employ a housekeeper. Jokingly they have styled themselves members of the W. Y. W. (Work Your Way.)

Judith and her friends resent the jealous attitude that her brother and other members of the "money class" take toward the scholarship of this organization; so they show their approval of the working boys by inviting them to a party given in the reception room of the girls' dormitory. On this night the boys' happiness is turned to misfortune, for upon Jack is placed the blame of stealing examination questions from the dean's office.

As the W. Y. W.'s listen to testimonies given before the dean the following day, they prepare themselves for Jack's sentence. But "Whimsy" draws all eyes to him by taking the blame.

Jack is helping his "roomie" pack. The "gang" pays their last visit to their beloved little pal. But, also, the dean and Dale appear. Dale confesses his own guilt and explains his inability to permit "Whimsy" to take the blame.

But Whimsy wins other honors of the day. He is just as lucky as Jack with his "yen" for Judith, for as he is waiting the answer to his invitation extended Rosy to go to the pic-

ture show, the young lady opens the door and says, "She said I could, Whimsy."

The characters of the play were as follows: Jack ("Prexy") Marshall, leader of the W. Y. W.'s, Elvis Richardson; other members of the club, Bob ("Tip") Bryant, Benny Sheppard; Willard ("Falstaff") Martin, Ford Smith; Donald ("Brick") Owens, Fred Baker; Chauncey ("De Luxe") Abbott, Ross Ferrier; Raymond ("Derby") Toler, Leo Tucker; Orville ("Dusty") Rhodes, Paul Collins; Gilbert ("Speed") McDermott, Gerald Derrick; Gene ("Whimsy") Chester, Marshall Stalls; Judith Denning, Jack's sweetheart, Mattilou Largent; Dale Denning, her brother, B. P. Middleton; and Howard ("Bunk") Peters, Cephas Wozencraft.

The Mantrell co-eds were: Barbara Chatterton, Beth Hamm; Estelle Johnson, Thelma McAninch; Marjorie McHugh, Inez Robbins; Helen Mitchell, Velma Lee Holden; Ruth Morris, Audrey Farris; Rebecca Thompson, Elsie Lasater; Thelma Wright, Ola Smith; Julia Brown, Jess Higgins; and Anne Baker, Holley

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Perry. Others were: Mrs. Ollie Sanders, house mother, Norma Patton; Rosalind, her daughter, Lona Bryan; Hermione Medill Du Pont, chaperson extraordinary, Margaret Turner; and Dean Russell Coulter of the faculty, E. L. Turner.

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The conclave will bring 1,000 visitors to Abilene about this time next year, Frank E. Smith, chancellor commander of the Abilene lodge, estimated. Date for the sessions, usually held in May, will not be set until later in the year.

A delegation of six from the Abilene lodge, headed by T. C. North, vice chancellor, presented that city's invitation on the floor of the conclave Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. With Mr. North were Dr. G. Burton Fain, W. R. Balfanz, R. L. Van Dyke, Cecil West and Judge E. M. Overshiner.

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