

SECOND ANNUAL SEVENTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT

County-Wide Exercises for Seventh Grade Graduates Booked For 10:30 Tuesday Morning at Abilene High School.

Abilene, May 28.—Second annual commencement program for seventh grade graduates of Taylor county schools will be held here next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

Plans for the ceremony were announced Tuesday by M. A. Williams, county superintendent, who said the program will include an address and special music in addition to the recognition of students and presentation of diplomas. At the first Taylor county-wide commencement for seventh grade graduates last year, 135 students received diplomas.

Mr. Williams is requesting the graduates to assemble at 10 o'clock so that the program may open promptly at 10:30 a. m. The affair is public and parents and friends of the graduates have been invited.

Lists of graduates from 17 county schools have been received at the office of Mr. Williams: Buffalo Gap, I. X. L., Blair, Shep, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Elmdale, Moro, Dewey, Castle Peak, Caps, Salt Branch, Union Ridge, Iberis, Mulberry, Neill and Wylie.

Mr. Williams requests teachers of other schools in which there are seventh grade graduates to grade examination papers and send tabulation of grades to him immediately in order that he may have all diplomas prepared by the commencement day.

Tuesday Guest Day Merkel Lions Club

Tuesday, June 2, next luncheon date of the Lions club, is to be guest day. Each member will bring along some friend or business associate and a general good time is anticipated.

A. T. Sheppard is toastmaster for the day, assisted by W. T. Nichols.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Houston Tiner of Weatherford, Friday, May 22, 1931, at the home of Mr. Tiner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner.

Really Burglar Proof.

Houston, May 28.—A burglar proof safe in a large grocery store here is really burglar proof. The combination dial was beaten off, punches and crowbars were used and from the number of cigarette stubs found nearby, the yeggs must have worked most of the night, but they were forced to leave empty handed, police discovered here Monday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 2, 1911.)

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY. On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock about 50 guests responded to invitations given by Mrs. T. J. Coggin to meet Miss Tullie Mosher of Dallas at the Coggin home north of town.

The guests were received by Miss Coggin, daintily gowned in old rose messaline, who presented Miss Mosher, who preferred tan messaline.

The guests were kept busy with the rose contest. Mrs. J. G. Jackson was the fortunate winner, receiving a solid silver spoon in the rose design which told of a coming event in a most original way. Engraved in the bowl, each read "Aziel G. Crouch-Jewell Coggin June 7, 1911."

Mrs. H. C. Williams then toasted the bride-to-be, showering rose petals over her graceful shoulders. The toast was answered by happy tears and smiles.

"SHOWER."

On Wednesday, May 31, Mrs. Courtney Hunt and Miss O'Brian received at the home of the former, complimentary to Miss Jewel Coggin.

In the receiving line Mrs. Hunt received in an elaborate net over blue silk, presenting the honored guest in a white silk chiffon robe draped over white. Mrs. T. J. Coggin wore a black and white messaline gown, Miss Mosher wore a tan pongee hand-embroidered silk robe; Miss Zora Coggin favored a dainty gown of canary silk

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Yard and Garden Contest,
Merkel, Texas

(Saturday, May 30, is last day to enter contest.)

First Judging Comes Monday or Tuesday, Yard-Garden Contest

First judging in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, with the assistance of a committee of ladies, will take place either Monday or Tuesday of next week. Other dates for judging are July 1 and August 1.

It is not too late yet, if one desires to enter this contest. Just phone your name to Mrs. Len Sublett, chairman of the ladies' committee, or to Mrs. Booth Warren or Mrs. Dee Grimes, or to The Mail office.

Besides the silver cup, offered by The Mail for the most beautiful yard, including front yard, back yard, flower garden and entire premises, some twenty prizes are offered by the merchants of Merkel and the florists and nurserymen of Abilene and Sweetwater.

Mayor Elliott Leaves For General Assembly

Abilene presbytery of the U. S. A. Presbyterian church will be represented at the annual general assembly at Pittsburg, Pa., by W. M. Elliott of Merkel and by the Rev. J. Wood Parker, pastor of churches at Snyder and Post. The two were chosen as lay and ministerial delegates, respectively, at the meeting of presbytery held here last month.

The convention proper opens Thursday night and will continue the rest of the week. Mr. Elliott left Sunday morning in order to attend committee meetings and advance conferences.

Trimmed in baby Irish; Miss O'Brian was charming in a canary messaline trimmed in Venice points and pearls. A marriage bell of white covered with pink vases over which two doves were cooing was suspended over the white and pink chair where the bride-to-be was escorted by little Miss Madalyn Hunt in white. The orchestra, which was concealed behind a bank of palms and vines, played throughout the reception.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Margaret Hatten of Merkel to Mr. George D. Henck of El Paso at El Paso on May 30. Miss Hatten is a daughter of Mrs. Austin Fitts of Merkel and besides her natural attractiveness has attained by habits of industry many rare accomplishments in art, music and literature. She was once a teacher in the Merkel public school and is very popular here.

Miss Mamie Mann, who has been visiting Miss Fannie Burroughs, returned to her home at Stamford Monday.

Miss Mabel Collins came in Thursday morning from Liberty, Mo., where she has been specializing in music.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, Tuesday, a fine girl.

ONE OF MERKEL'S MOST PROMINENT CITIZENS DIES

Jim McDonald, Age 60, Pioneer Groceryman, Passed Away Saturday; Large Concourse of Friends Attend Last Rites.

Fulfilling in abundant measure all of life's obligations, as husband and father, citizen and business man, Christian and philanthropist, James H. McDonald, age 60, well known grocer and one of the most popular and highly respected residents of Merkel, answered the Heavenly Master's final summons at 9:30 Saturday morning, his death occurring at his home where he had been critically ill since the previous Monday, following a heart attack. Several weeks ago he had had a similar attack, but recovered and had been actively pursuing his business life in the interim.

Funeral services, held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church, were attended by a large concourse of friends, some of them visitors from neighboring cities, many from distant points, in such numbers that the capacity of the building was overtaxed and many stood in the church yard to do reverence to the departed one.

Rev. Ira L. Farrack came from Chillicothe to conduct the last rites and he and W. G. Cybert, Church of Christ minister, both of them long time friends of the deceased, paid sincere tribute in eloquent words, mingled with tears and sobs, to the industry, the charity, the broad-mindedness, the uprightness of Jim McDonald, whose manner of living was so simple, so straightforward, so free from ostentation.

The Masons took charge at the church and services at the graveside at Rose Hill cemetery were under their ritual. A wealth of beautiful flowers made his last resting place a memorable picture.

James Henry McDonald was born February 23, 1871, at Camden, Ark., and was married May 23, 1895, to Miss Josephine Westenhover at Mansfield, Texas. They moved to Merkel 31 years ago and he had been engaged in the market and grocery business most of that time. After an interim of about nine years, when he worked in Louisiana, he returned to Merkel seven years ago to re-enter the grocery business. At the time of his death he was operating one of the town's largest grocery concerns.

He was a member of the Baptist church, which he joined at Center Point in the Mulberry canyon, also a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Woodmen of the World.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five children and seven grandchildren. The children are Mrs. H. B. Leeton, Eldorado, Ark.; Bob McDonald, Merkel; Mrs. Nathan Wood, Myrtle McDonald and Mrs. Belle Kimbrough, all of Merkel. One brother, E. M. McDonald, of Merkel and a sister, Mrs. B. A. Jones, of Little Rock also survive.

Among relatives and friends from out of town, who came for the funeral services, besides the daughter, Mrs. Leeton, of Eldorado, Ark., and her two sons, Harold and Jimmy, were: Miss Bessie Westenhover, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kimbrough, E. E. Kimbrough, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Canyon; W. W. Rodgers and family, Snyder; Tom Faught and family, Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stewart, Jessie Dean, Brownwood; Jim Dean and family, Blanket; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Westenhover, J. M. Westenhover, Shreveport, La.; George Baggett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, Eugene Hargrove, Abilene; G. M. Sikes and family, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, Abilene.

J. R. Frazier.

W. H. Frazier was called to the bedside of his father, J. R. Frazier, at Rochester last Friday. His father died at 6 o'clock Saturday evening and was buried at Rochester Sunday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Russell Pike, who is pastor of the Methodist church at that place.

Grandpa Frazier has spent the winter here with his son, W. H. Frazier, but a few weeks ago he and his wife went to Rochester to visit a daughter. He was born in Alabama eighty-two years ago. He came to Texas about sixty years ago and settled in Taylor county about 1895.

He is survived by his aged wife and

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Garrett Talley, 16-year-old Clarksville rider, was killed when a bucking horse threw him during a rodeo near Honey Grove.

Bob Slaton, outfielder on the Pecos baseball team, made such a hefty throw in trying to catch a man at home plate Sunday that he broke his right arm.

Charles L. Fowler, 72, third white child born in Brown county and former collector of customs for the district of Arizona, died at Tucson, Ariz., Thursday of last week.

After resigning as manager of the San Angelo board of city development, Does H. Berry of that city has been named traffic manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce.

Houston's first annual cotton festival narrowly averted tragedy when King Cotton and his gracious Queen were forced to leap from their cotton decorated float after it burst into flames.

Mrs. Catherine Kauffman Stubbs, 96, member of a prominent Galveston family and oldest living resident of the city, died Friday morning at the residence of her son, Charles J. Stubbs, an attorney.

Elgia Brookshire, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brookshire, residing near Colorado, died from the effects of a rattlesnake bite received when she attempted to place a nest egg in a hen's nest.

Persons convicted of drunken driving in Texas after August 20 will be barred from driving for a period not to exceed two years under terms of a bill enacted by the 42nd legislature and signed by Governor Sterling.

Erskine W. Williams, president of the Fort Worth and Tarrant County Bar association and former Texas vice-president of the American Bar association, has announced his candidacy for congressman-at-large from Texas.

Soon after Salvador Morales, 9, was drowned while swimming in the Rio Grande near El Paso, his father, Dominguez Morales, 38, was run over by a freight train, while apparently asleep on the tracks, and a leg was severed at the knee.

Harry B. Jewett, Houston merchant, was elected president of the Retail Merchants association of Texas at an executive session of the board of directors at Lubbock Wednesday, marking the close of the 31st annual convention of the association.

Paul T. Tyson whose Waco high school football teams won Texas interscholastic league championships in 1922, 1923, 1926, 1927, and were runners-up in 1923 and 1924, has been granted a year's leave of absence to attend Leland Stanford university.

Mrs. Ewell Thompson, wife of C. C. Thompson and a graduate of the University of Texas law school, made her first court appearance in the 32nd district court of Mitchell county at Colorado Wednesday, representing the plaintiff in a divorce case, and won it.

Until June 30, when the board of trustees of Baylor university will meet to elect a permanent president to succeed the late Dr. S. P. Brooks, Dean W. S. Allen, who has been acting as president since Dr. Brooks became ill a year ago, has been named acting president.

Ovalo Next Meeting Place County Singers

Ovalo was named for the next meeting place of the Taylor County Singing convention at the called gathering of singers at the Methodist church here last Sunday afternoon. The attendance was said to have exceeded 1,000.

Out of county visitors were T. H. Westbrook of Lorraine, president of the T. & P. Sunshine Singing convention and Miss Ola Westbrook, also of Lorraine.

The convention paused for a few minutes at 3 o'clock to give a prayer and sang "Amazing Grace" out of respect to the family of J. H. McDonald, whose funeral was being held at the adjoining Baptist church here.

The Ovalo meeting will be on Sunday, June 22, at 2 p. m. S. E. Clark is president and W. A. Jones is secretary of the Taylor County Singing convention.

MERKEL GIRL TO RECEIVE HER B. A. FROM TCU JUNE 1

Fort Worth, May 28.—Miss Frances Anderson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson of Merkel, is among the 154 students who will receive their degrees from Texas Christian university at the 58th annual commencement exercises of the school Monday evening, June 1. Miss Anderson will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with a major in English.

Class day exercises are scheduled for 6:30 p. m. Saturday, May 30. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 31.

Miss Anderson entered T. C. U. in the fall of 1927 becoming a member of the Frogettes, an organization of the freshmen girls who reside in the dormitories. The following year, she became a member of the Uppettes, a club which is made up of the upper-classman girls who are residents in any of the school dormitories. The next year she joined the Bryson Club, an organization founded for the furtherance of the study of the English language. Because of her excellent work in her studies, she was placed on the honor roll her last two years in school.

Her senior year, Miss Anderson won the greatest honor that can be won by a girl, when she was chosen to represent T. C. U. at the annual Roundup, which was held at Austin. A delegate is selected from each school in the Southwest conference.

Supt. Burgess Leaves Soon for Columbia

About June 3, Supt. Burgess will be leaving for Columbia University to be in summer school for the summer. He will be out of his office for the entire summer. Parents, therefore, who wish to see him about the transfer law, the high school tuition law for free tuition for those from other districts, entrance examinations, summer school work, or other matters that should receive attention this summer should see him at his office in the High School building before June 3. His telephone is 174.

Pupils with credits incomplete, pupils who do not have enough credits to enter the next higher grade next September, pupils from other districts who next year plan to enter the Merkel High School should see Supt. Burgess now before summer school opens on June 1. Some matters might be adjusted now that could not be if the student should wait until next fall. Some summer work might be planned to make up certain deficiencies.



DON'T SPEND IT.

Some years ago I met a man who spoke as follows: "The boss issued a memorandum today with a lot of new instructions. Some of them were all wet, and I didn't hesitate to tell him so. I shot a memo right back at him, and, believe me, it was a hot one."

Said another man: "I received my first business training under a wise old bank official. One day a letter came in from a customer who made unreasonable complaints and asked for an unwarranted favor."

"I sat up almost all night drafting an answer to that letter. It was a beauty, and I took it in to the old man next morning with pride. His head nodded approvingly as he read it."

"You've put the case just right," he said. "The position you have taken is based on sound banking principles; it states our attitude with dignity and force. All in all, it's a very fine letter, and I congratulate you on it. Only, for Heaven's sake, don't send it."

Afterwards, I learned that the man I first quoted was paid \$4,000 a year; the other is paid \$40,000.

Like every other man in business, I receive a certain number of communications which are both unkind and unfair. Having red hair and a naturally quick temper, I used to let such letters hoist my temperature considerably. Sometimes I carried them around in my mind for several days, forming red hot phrases in reply.

Now I play a much meaner trick on the writer. I do not answer them at all. I can imagine one of my critics going down to the front gate every morning to meet the postman, looking eagerly for my answer, thinking up what he will say in his next outburst.

Day after day goes by, and no answer comes. The fire that was to burn me up, burns him up instead.

This method of dealing with one's enemies is certainly not spectacular and maybe it is unmanly. If so, I can reply only that as I grow older the glory of being spectacular appeals to me less and less in comparison with the comfortable joys of peace.

Life seems somehow too short for controversy, and much of my income in these days is received not so much for what I do as for what I have learned to do.

Patience, I have learned, is almost as important as work; while judg-

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HONOR PUPILS SENIOR CLASS '31 ANNOUNCED

Elvis Richardson, Valedictorian, Audrey Farris, Salutatorian; Largest Class in Past Seven Years From Grammar School.

Highest honors in the Senior class of 1931 were awarded to Elvis Richardson as valedictorian, with an average of 96.492, and to Audrey Farris, as salutatorian, with an average of 96.093. Less than one-half point separated the two honor pupils.

Other high averages were made by Margarette Turner, 95.238; Velma Lee Holden, 94.524, and Ola Ellen Smith, 93.674.

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of '31 were held at the Methodist church Monday evening when nineteen proud Seniors in gray caps and gowns received their diplomas.

Hon. J. E. Hickman, chief justice of the court of civil appeals, eleventh district, Eastland, delivered the address to the class.

The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

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, Mattilou Largent, Elsie Lasater, Thelma McAninch, Norma Patton, Holley Perry, Elvis Richardson, Vera Richie, Inez Robbins, Benjamin Sheppard, Ford Smith, Jr., Ola Ellen Smith, Margarette Turner.

GRAMMAR GRADUATION.

The largest class in the past seven years, fifty-three in number, was graduated from the Merkel Grammar school in exercises held at the Methodist church on Friday evening of last week. Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the address to the graduates.

Of the 53 graduates, nineteen had been neither tardy nor absent during the year just closed and six were on the honor roll for every period during the year. These names are listed in the honor roll reports elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Ethelda Tucker won valedictory honors with an average of 96.09, while two tied for second honors, Robbie Walker and Billie Bernice Gambill, their average being 93.6. Robbie Walker gave the salutatory on the program, (Continued on Page Four)

"MY CRUISE SOUTH"

Letter from L. R. King, U. S. S. Melville, to his mother, Mrs. M. G. King.

San Diego, Calif.
U. S. S. Melville
April 29, 1931.

Dear Mama, and all:

Hello, how is everyone tonight? Fine, I hope. I intended to go over to the "Y" and work out tonight, as I am doing a little boxing; some of the boys are going out nights and working out, but I stayed aboard this time.

I will try to tell you about our trip to Panama and I will call it "My Cruise South." We left old San Diego on the morn of Feb. 5, 1931. Some seemed glad and some a little sad, because they had to go and leave their loved ones behind. After we got out to sea and there wasn't any land in sight, everyone cheered up and talked of trips they had been on before and some were a bit excited of the things that were to come. It was good to be out there where there was no noise except the old ship steady plowing ahead. Nothing happened except practicing drills and battle maneuvers.

After about four days the weather began to get hot and in a couple of more days it was plenty hot. Then came the airplanes attacking us from every direction and it looked real with them swooping down almost to the top of the ship and occasionally dropping small sacks of flour on the deck of the ships and, when a ship got hit with a sack, it was supposed to be sunk and so was out of the fight.

After two days and one night we anchored off the coast of Porto Rico. We then went down past Panama and came back up the coast of South America to try and slip in to Panama from the opposite direction from what we thought they were expecting us. Then the battle was over and neither side knew which side had won. Then came liberty in Panama City and what a time those American sailors did have! A short walk up the dock and the taxi drivers by the dozen yelling "two-beets, down town, yes? no?" And they have the old custom of driving on the left side of the street. Then the taxi driver would say, "You are at the end of zone, sailor, you are in town now." The streets were dirty and there were old women carrying things on top of their heads, and the merchants would be out on the streets with things to sell. They would have silk shawls and shoes and other things, walking up and down the streets trying to sell their things for a big price. Some of the sailors would stop and tease them. A sailor would ask, how much for this, and the merchant would say only five dollars "for this pretty shawl, Mister Sailor, you buy?" would say only five dollars "for this pretty shawl, Mister Sailor, you buy?" "Naw, that's too much." "How much you give?" "Three dollars." "Four dollars, yes? Look at these material—see silk. You like. Naw. Give me three dollars. Bottom price, no less." "Aw, here's two bucks; that's all I'll give." Mucho malo sailor go away. All right, sailor come back, "two dollars all right." "Naw, I don't want it now." "But look at these material."

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Then, on down the streets, cars clanging, sailors sailors everywhere, horses, buggies with sailors, white hats and uniforms every direction. Then the saloon—beer two jacks—and snap it up. Peanuts, sailors, "yeh 'um, this beer is good; too bad my old man can't blow the foam off a couple of these right now. Yeh, too bad, just bothers me to death, yeh. Hey! two more jacks."

Then the sights, the landmarks of liberty from the temple, even bull fights, if you choose to attend, and a hundred more things. While there, two more sailors and myself went out in the jungles and found all the bananas and coconuts we could carry back to the ship. Some of the bananas are red. We went bare-footed so you can imagine how sore our feet got. There are about 300 natives there on the island. They carry knives about 18 inches long. They got after some of the boys one day, but, believe me, I talked good to them, so they wouldn't get after me. Some of the boys went hunting one day and got lost for about 36 hours and when we found them they were beginning to suffer for water. The brush is so thick up to the water's edge a man can hardly get through it. Then back to the ship: first, the docks, hundreds of ships, boats alongside, thousands of sailors with bananas and coconuts, shawls, and beads, everyone happy and singing and having a wonderful time. It's all a part of the coast, the bell of the motor launch, an hour's ride back to the ship and then it's all over for another year.

The dope for the next fleet concentration is rumored Honolulu; for Panama, it's "Adieu."

Then on the morning of March the twenty-fourth, which came with a slow tropical rain we began to prepare



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to shove off. A hushed atmosphere was over the place; the American ships, gray monsters of war, swinging quietly at anchor. Then without warning, a ship blasted its whistle three times and once with the shrill siren, then another the same, and another. Then, one by one, the anchor "chons" were hoisted from Panama waters, steam and smoke poured from almost every ship in harbor as slowly they crept into formation and were away. Then, as we got headed for San Diego, there was the tense waiting for old "Point Loma" to loom up over the horizon and after twelve seemingly short days to me there she was. Then everyone ashore to see their wives, sisters, mothers and sweethearts—just a cruise to be remembered or forgotten, but, as for me, I think I will remember it for quite a while, as it was my first. Well, this is about all I remember; so I'll close. Answer soon, with all the news.

Your son,
L. R. King.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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ment uniformly commands a much higher rate than well intentioned activity.

What is judgment? you ask. Well, it's the little voice that whispers: "That would be brilliant, but don't do it." Or, "That's a smart one; very smart indeed. But, for Heaven's sake, don't send it."

BANK NOTICE.

Saturday, May 30, Decoration Day, and Wednesday, June 3, Jefferson Davis' birthday, being legal holidays, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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Houston Cotton Fete Is Termed a Success

Austin, May 28.—High praise for the spirit shown by Houstonians at their cotton festival last week-end was voiced by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald, who attended the fete.

Merchants, newspapers, public officials and persons from every walk of life entered into the spirit of the fete, he said. Stores featured articles made of cotton, every effort was made to bring home the need for increased consumption of cotton, and "Houston women, always beautiful, were more beautiful than ever dressed in cotton."

The festival undoubtedly did much to stimulate the use of the south's greatest farm product, McDonald said, commending Houston's plan to other Texas cities.

Organization of the Texas division of the Association for Increased Use of Cotton was begun at a meeting there Friday. A nominating committee was named to appoint officers for the association, after which active work on the use-more-cotton campaign will start in Texas.

The nominating committee will be called to Austin headquarters of the organization at an early date to make its report, McDonald stated.

Persons reported missing last year in New York City numbered 25,009, including 3500 boys and 2450 girls.

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SOUTHLAND GREYHOUND



Memorial Day

It is good for the souls of men to have established dates when they may pause to contemplate what has been done for them in the establishment of nations and the advancement of civilization.

In the lives of all loyal Americans, Memorial Day each year is a milestone which marks the achievements and great deeds of their fellowmen. It is a day when sincere tribute should be tendered to those brave souls.

This organization joins others in observance of Memorial Day and will not be open for business on Saturday, May 30th.



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TIGER EYE

by B. M. Bower



NINTH INSTALLMENT

Bob Reeves, the Kid, was nicknamed Tiger Eye by his friends down in 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 and shoots him through both hands.

Nellie's dad is shot from ambush and suspects Babe against his wish. The latter thinks another nester killed the old man. Babe is wounded by hidden enemies, who also shoot at Tiger Eye but miss. The Kid pulls Babe back into the cabin and wounds one of the attackers.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Reckon I could, Babe."

"Well, damn it, do it, then! When yuh draw a bead on a nester, git 'im right. There ain't no come-back from a dead man. You got 'em out there before yuh, Tiger Eye; any jury in the world would make it self-defense. Yuh don't have to worry a damned bit. Now's your chance—git 'em, kid! Damn it, don't yuh know there's a bounty on nesters? You can collect five hundred apiece for 'em and no questions asked!"

"That the price on ole Pappy Murray, Babe?"

"Hell, it's the price on any damn nester! Didn't the Old Man tell yuh so?"

"Nevah did tell me that, Babe. Mistah Bell taken my name and wheah I'm from and all, and asked right smart questions. Nevah did tell me anything, 'cepting I was to get my o'dahs from y'all."

"Damn right, you git your orders from me! I order yuh right now to lay 'em cold! Kill every damn nester you can draw a bead on, out there! Save goin' after 'em in the valley. Hell, they're out to kill you, ain't they? You and me both! Git 'em, or they'll git you. Git the damned—Babe trailed off into a meaningless mumble.

The kid sighed and gazed at the dried mud and tried to think of something else.

"Why, dammit, you come here with the dead list in your pocket!" Babe cried suddenly from the bunk, his sick brain seizing anew upon his grievance. "I knowed you was lyin' when you said you found that map where the wind had blowed it into a bush. You was headin' straight for the nesters with that dead list, and you knowed what you had to do.

"You made a slip-up with me when you said you was goin' to Wheeler's place because Nate Wheeler come first on the map. I like yuh, Kid, and I've let yuh make out like you're a nice little lad that wouldn't kill a m'skeeter. I ain't never asked no questions, but I ain't a damn fool. You had the dead list and that was all I needed to know. A man ain't expected to go around shootin' off his mouth about what he's doin'. Nobody wants yuh to advertise yourself.

"But, damn it, you've crippled one of the best shots the Poole has got, and you've been runnin' on me about beefin' old Murray, and yuh claim you won't kill a nester yourself for love or money. Looks pretty damn' scaley to me, Kid—damned if it don't. Looks like they've got you workin' for 'em. Damn' spy, for all I know."

Once more the kid tried not to listen. In one ear and out the other—that was the only way to do with fever talk. Plumb foolish. Babe was shoah a sick man, all right.

He took up Babe's rifle and sent a shot over to where the little blue smoke clouds betrayed the position of the nesters. It wasn't much of a target; whether he wanted to hit a man or not, it was unsatisfactory shooting. "How's the water holdin' out?"

That meant Babe wanted another drink. The kid filled the tin dipper, hoping Babe would not notice how he

had to scrape the bottom of the bucket to do so. He hadn't thought of the water problem, but it loomed rather large now. Couldn't get to the spring while the daylight held, and Babe's thirst was growing. If the nesters stayed where they were, they had him trapped.

About noon, now. Seven hours and more till dark.

"Think you can git out through the roof?" Babe tried to prop himself on one elbow and watch, but the pain turned him dizzy and sick, and he lay panting and cursing his helplessness.

"Shoah going to try," said the kid grimly.

"They'll shoot yuh like a rabbit!" The kid shook his head and stepped up on the foot of the bunk where he could bring his full strength into action, prying and pushing at the dirt-covered poles of the roof.

Had the ridge beyond the little flat been higher, the nesters over there would have seen him when, at last, with a final avalanche of clouds and dust on the bunk, his head poked through into the sunlight. But the cabin stood on a little ridge of its own and only from the bluff opposite could one look upon the farther slope of the roof.

"Mebby when they bust in tonight you can drop down outside and make a run for it—but I can't. It's all day with me, anyhow. God, I'm dry! Gimme a drink before yuh go, will yuh, Tiger Eye?" Babe muttered.

"Shoah will, Babe. I'll get a bucket of watah directly."

"You stay inside. They'll fill yuh with lead, Kid."

"Nevah will see me, Babe. Gully back of the cabin goes to the spring and beyond."

He poured all the water into one bucket and set it on the box close to the bunk where Babe could reach the dipper if he had to.

He kindled a small fire in the stove, and let the smoke advertise a live man's presence. An old trick, but so natural a one that so far as he knew it always worked.

Shots from the ridge answered that challenge. The kid waited until the firing ceased, then took his bucket and crawled out through the roof, dropping noiselessly to the ground and sliding at once into the brushy little gully that separated the cabin from the bluff behind it.

He did not feel that he was taking any risk, but all his life he had been drilled in caution, so he went sneaking along, keeping close under the bank and stooping every few feet to listen and peer ahead. He could not see any one, and it was so quiet that he could hear a lone mosquito humming over his head. Yet he felt a human presence near him. He stood still and waited two minutes and his quick eyes caught a quiver in a drooping branch. Some one was hiding in the bushes just above the spring, lying close under cover and watching the cabin and the open flat beyond.

"Yo'all bettah crawl back outa that brush." The kid spoke with an ominous kind of calm. "Come damn' careful, lessen yuh hungry foh lead."

Immediately the bushes shook as if swept by a sudden gale. A pair of legs with blue overalls tucked into worn riding boots came squirming backward into view. The kid reached out and grabbed one and gave it a vicious yank, and the form it belonged to came sliding down and landed pretty much in a heap at the edge of the pool. The kid stepped back, his gun sagging at his side and his other hand going up mechanically to claw at his hair.

"Ah—excuse me, Miss Murray," he blurted crimson to his collar.

Nellie Murray, in her father's clothes, and with her father's gray Stetson tilted over one eye at a most rakish angle, stared up at him with astonished blue eyes.

"Ah—good evenin'," the kid stammered again. "I hope yo'all will excuse me—"

"I never even heard you!" gasped Nellie. "I thought you were in the cabin. Wasn't it you shooting?"

"Yes'm, I reckon it was." The kid was trying not to look at her. Shoah did look cute, though. He dared one swift glance from under his hat brim and looked away, guilty but entranced. But Nellie Murray was not thinking of her appearance.

"I had to come and warn you if I could. I know you didn't shoot my father, but they'll kill you just the same. They're out to kill any Poole man they can find."

"It shoah was kind of yo'all, but I wish yuh hadn't come, Miss Murray." The kid's face was grave, his eyes

more tender than he guessed. "Babe's shot, and I'm aimin' to get him outa heah tonight. I was awn my way to the stable to get the hawses."

"I'll help. I'll go crazy if I don't have something to do."

The kid tried to persuade her to stay under the bank by the spring, but he was secretly glad she wouldn't do it.

The kid led the way, thrilling to the sound of Nellie Murray's footsteps behind him. The stable door was sheltered from view of the ridge by the small haystack and by the clump of service-berry bushes where the nester had hidden that morning. There really was no danger of being seen at the stable. But while the horses were drinking thirstily from the pool, the crackle of more shooting reminded him that the battle was still going on.

"Reckon I bettah get back to the cabin and answer those shots with a few of my own," he said uneasily to Nellie. "I'll take the watah bucket. If yo'all would follow along with Babe's hawse, I'd be much obliged, Miss Murray."

Nellie, coming along behind him, with never a whimper of fear for herself, filled him with a great wonder.

Shoah complicated matters too, having her along. Going to be bad enough, making a run for it, with Babe. Never planned on having any one else to look after—Nellie Murray, least of all. They'd need another horse, and they'd need somebody that could shoot and hold back the nesters. The kid didn't see how he was going to make it, but it never occurred to him to change his plan. There wasn't any other plan to change to; not unless he just rode off with Nellie and left Babe—

"Reckon yo'all bettah wait down heah with the hawses." The kid turned and set down the water bucket. "I'll tote Babe out and put him awn his hawse."

"Through the roof? You can't do it alone. I'll have to help."

"You've got to have help, and you may as well own it first as last." She must have thought his silence was plain stubbornness, for she gave his arm an impatient shake. "You can't do it without me."

"Ye'all can't go in, Miss Murray. They keep awn shootin' at the cabin. Bullets come th'ough the doah and window like bees into a hive in a plum thicket."

"I wouldn't get hit any quicker than you would." But she let her fingers slip from his arm. "Well, all right—you go on and boost him through, and I'll stay outside and ease him down to the ground. But do be careful, won't you—Bob?"

"Shoah will—Nellie. I kain't say what I want to say," murmured the kid helplessly. "I nevah did see a girl like yo'all—"

Babe lay with his eyes shut and his face twitching with the pain of his wound, and he did not pay any attention to the clouds of dirt that rattled down on the blankets. The kid picked up one of the rifles and began shooting

at the ridge, rushing from one loophole to another to make it look as if two men were handling the guns.

The air was thick and acrid with powder smoke. The kid looked at his old silver watch and saw that the afternoon was half gone. No use moving Babe yet. He'd die on the horse before they could get him out of the gully. It would have to be dark when they made it.

Nellie, out there—she must be hungry, hiding in the brush since dawn. Mighty hungry himself, now he got to thinking about grub. The kid reckoned it would be safe to have a little picnic out back of the cabin in the shade, just him and Nellie. Babe was all right. Nothing to do for him but let him lie quiet as long as possible.

The kid wrung out a folded towel in cold water and laid it across Babe's forehead before he crawled out through the roof with a picnic lunch for Nellie. The men on the ridge would have been astonished to see the two sitting there with their backs to the wall of the beleaguered cabin, feasting contentedly on cold sourdough biscuits, cold bacon and dried black-berry sauce.

The kid was holding his mouth organ between his cupped hands, watching Nellie from the corner of his eyes. He played "The Mocking Bird" softly. Nellie sat curling the end of her yellow braid absently around her fingers, her eyes downcast and her lips half smiling.

"Dammit, Tiger Eye, why don't yuh shoot to kill? What yuh so damn' chicken-hearted for? Damn' cow thieves—"

(Continued Next Week.)

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LONGEST SESSION IN HISTORY

After the longest session in history, the forty-second legislature adjourned late Saturday, May 23, having been in session since January 13.

Before adjournment, Governor Sterling had indicated that he expected to call the members back in special session within about thirty days, but owing to the increasingly alarming crisis in the oil industry it is likely that he will call them a bit earlier. He indicated as much in a statement Tuesday.

At the time of the adjournment, the governor still had a number of bills on which he had not acted. (He has the privilege of veto to twenty days after the passage of a bill.) Included among the bills on which he had not acted were the two truck regulatory proposals on which the legislature spent a good part of its time, general appropriations and an allotment of \$1,000,000 to repay farmers for losses suffered in pink boll worm tick eradication.

Appropriations, aggregating more than \$50,000,000, were considerably more than the estimated revenues as forecast by the governor. The chief executive had said he would call a special session if he should be unable to trim the appropriations to fit the revenue of the next biennium. The belief that a special session would be called anyway was strengthened by the failure of congressional redistricting in the session's dying days.

The legislature voted to submit nine constitutional amendments at next year's general election. The most important was a proposal to exempt \$3,000 of the value of homesteads from the state property tax.

Outstanding legislation included the 3-cent a package cigarette tax, an increase of the sulphur tax from 55 to 75 cents a ton, split tax payments, legalization of Sunday shows, limiting load of cotton trucks and giving West Texas owners of school land title to all mineral rentals and bonuses.

Andy Mellon now carries money in every pocket; the man accustomed to handling millions of dollars had to borrow 60 cents from a doorman in order to pay taxi fare one morning recently. That's what he gets for riding any way; it's more thrifty to walk.

While steel magnates, bankers and financial wizards are debating the ifs and ands of wage cutting, those actually engaged as workers are putting the golden rule into practice. Printing pressmen in New York City led the way several weeks ago by voluntarily waiving two days a week, so that unemployed in their trade might get the extra time. Now motion picture operators in Houston have announced plans to absorb their own unemployment. Under conditions existing heretofore, 32 of the 44 union members have been employed seven days weekly. A six-day week has just been adopted and the unemployed will be given the seventh day.

"Believe it or not" fans will have a new one to figure out. Ignace Paderewski, world famous pianist, after a concert in White Plains, barely managed to catch his boat after an automobile dash led by motorcycle policemen with shrieking sirens at a 75-mile an hour clip through the busy New York traffic. How long before he regained the composure which has become synonymous with the idolized artist?

Cotton Dress Contest.

On Friday, May 15, the Salt Branch Demonstration club met at the club house for judging of the dresses entered in the sheer cotton dress contest.

Mrs. Alexander and Hughes of Abilene judged the 18 dresses and chose for first place, the one made by Miss Gladys Petty; second, Miss Marie Pinckley, and third, Miss Edith Baker. Fifteen members of the club wore their dresses to the Rally Day program in Abilene on the 18th where the county judging took place.

CARD OF THANKS.

To our Friends: the Masonic Lodge, the people of Merkel and vicinity, the people of Trent and vicinity:

We wish to acknowledge the flowers and kind expressions of sympathy. They are deeply appreciated.
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CHURCHES

Sermon Topics of
Dr. McCall for
Next Several Days

The Baptist revival, the opening service of which was held last Sunday morning, other services being deferred on account of High school commencement, got under way proper with the Tuesday morning service, and much interest has centered in the meetings held twice daily the past week.

Dr. George McCall of Dallas, widely known evangelist, is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. T. King. His sermons are direct, gospel messages, filled with power and effectiveness. Some of the big thoughts of the sermons thus far, when the evangelist has "hit the bull's eye," are reproduced herewith:

"Our prosperity has wrecked us."
"We are a nation of people going to hell on rubber tires."

"I am not sure that we have suffered enough to have a business revival."

"Pride the most universal sin of the world."

"Oh, I can't talk." "Sister, you have talked too much."

"You are not close enough to Jesus to speak."

"The thing that is hurting the church is the great mass of respectable sinners."

"You can't have joy among the devil's dry cattle."

"Oh, that God would help us to get on the cross of Jesus."

"Brethren, it is not an easy thing to live a life of faith, but it is the divinest thing in the world."

"There are no crosses, but a cross."

"There is nothing good about us but what God gave."

"The preacher has to go around with his pockets full of sugar-tits to keep a lot of church members from crying."

"The most beautiful thing Christianity has to present the world is a new life."

SERMON TOPICS.

Evangelist McCall will continue his sermons throughout next week. His topics for the next several days are:

Saturday night: "Can a Modern Man Believe in Hell?"

Sunday morning: "Christ's Passion and Compassion."

Sunday night: "Three Things that Will Close the Door of Mercy on a Soul."

Monday 10 a. m.: "The City of Six Wonders." A special service for old people and shut-ins.

Monday night: "Modernism, or Shall We Have Hell Now or Hereafter? The Growth of Atheism and Immorality."

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Sunday, May 31, 1931.
Subject: "Marvels of Modern Missions."

Devotional, (five minutes.)
Song, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Scripture reading, Psalm 96.
Prayer.

Discussion.
"A Record of Marvelous Expansion," Mr. Largent.

"A Record of Marvelous Baptist Growth," Miss Tracy.

"The Marvel of Open Doors," Mrs. John Toombs.

"The Marvel of Changed Attitudes," Capt. Nixon.

"Some Marvels of Recent Achievements," Mrs. Largent.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.
"The Place of Missions in Baptist Life."

Introduction, Ida Mae Derstine.
"The Bible the Authority," Yates Brown.

(1) In the Old Testament, Aileen Childress.

(2) In the New Testament, Janie Escue.

"Baptist Beginnings in Missions in England," Gerald Derrick.

"Beginnings in America," Margaret Canon.

"The Southern Baptist Convention Organized," Lona Bryan.

"How the Southern Baptist Convention Does Missionary Work," Vernie Derrick.

"Some Results of Our Missionary Work," Clara Pilcher.

"The Church and Missions," Benny Sheppard.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.
Scripture, Mark 3:13-15.
"America's First Missionary Doctor," Louise Toombs.

"John Scudder's Boyhood," Frances Higgins.

"He Hears God's Call," Neeley Tittle.

"On Board the Ship," Frances Owens.

"He Preaches and Teaches," Clara Frances Largent.

"Sick in the Jungle," Vernon Mansfield.

"He Goes to Sleep," Rayburn King.

"His Work Goes On," Winston Foley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 901 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, four more than on the corresponding Sunday last year, when 897 were present.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
On account of the funeral services for J. H. McDonald, which were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church, and the county singing at the Methodist church, which began at 2 o'clock, the Men's Prayer service was not held last Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. J. Gouge, who was to have been the leader last Sunday, will lead next Sunday's service and the lesson will be the same, the fifth chapter of James. The meeting is to be held at the Presbyterian church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time with a prepared lesson. Preaching at 11 a. m. There will not be an evening service on account of the revival at the Baptist church. Glad to have you worship with us.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
Our "Flower Day" has brought favorable comment. The congregation was large and responsive. It was a pleasing and helpful service.

The summer assembly for our young people begins Monday. Our young people could not choose a more helpful and interesting vacation than this assembly offers. The price is very nominal. The Abilene district meets at First church this week for organization and yell practice as well as to choose courses of study. See Miss Orpah Patterson for information.

Sunday morning service is being planned to please and help you.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Some increase in attendance over the previous Sunday; about 50 present in Sunday School. We had good services throughout the day. Rev. Miss Leona Forbes will occupy the pulpit next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. You are always welcome at our church.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Our 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' program at 7 p. m., ladies study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to attend church with us.

In love, The Elders.

Commencement

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while Billie Bernice Gambill rendered a piano solo, "Dance of Spring."

The list of Seventh Grade graduates reads: Oscar Adcock, Harry Boaz, Vernon Davis, Rodgers Derrick, Milton Hokit, William Hughes, Jack Lowe, Cal McAninch, J. V. Patterson, Truett Patterson, James Pilcher, Wayman Richards, A. C. Sears, Burnell Scott, Dallas Sharp, Felix Stalls, Jack Stanford, Ben Sublett, Alvin Wozencraft, Horace Daniel, Clifford Williams, D. C. Johnson, Doris Mae Barron, Jesse Margaret Berry, Ima Ruth Brown, Genevieve Bryan, Loreta Cox, Vivian Davis, Marian Delmer, Annie Lee Du Bose, Billie Bernice Gambill, Lena Fae Harrell, Mary Helen Lancaster, Pauline Lasater, Thelma Mathews, Aline McAninch, Lena Mae Moore, Nell Contres, Clara Frances Largent, Lois Perkins, Alice Russell, Dot Swafford, Louise Toombs, Ethelma Tucker, Robbie Walker, Mary Zoe West, Juanita Bishop, Hazel Rice, Irene Salter, Anna Lou Church, Juanez Jones, Mary Helen Mashburn, Mildred West.

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(Fort Worth Press.)

The announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Frances Anderson of Merkel to Marvin Alston of Hereford was made Monday when Miss Marjorie Scott and Mrs. Ollie Sharp entertained.

At present, Miss Anderson is spending a few days in Merkel with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Anderson, and will return to TCU to complete her work and receive her degree in June. She is a candidate for the 1931 Horned Frog beauty pages.

Mr. Alston is a former TCU student.

Miss Scott and Mrs. Sharp entertained with a bridge party and kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. Sharp, 4006 Modlin Place. A yellow motif was used in the decorations and bridge appointments. Sunburst roses and butterflies added to the theme. The announcement of the approaching marriage was made on notes, concealed in tiny houses. The date of the wedding has not been set.

The guest list included Miss Georgia Sheppard, Miss Jessie May Hayden, Miss Jean Harrell, Miss Mary Jane Alexander, Miss Frances Veale, Miss Dorothy Jacobs, Miss Helen Jenkins, Miss Janet Largent, Miss Marvolene Bowe, Miss Frances Hill, Miss Texora Pierce, Miss Edna Sowell, Miss Jane Saunders, Miss Elizabeth Ruff, Miss Katherine Moore, Miss Jane Jarvis, Miss Virginia Rawlings, Miss Katherine Canon, Miss Lucille Beasley, Mrs. A. McCartney, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Anderson of Merkel.

Tuesday Miss Veale entertained with a luncheon at the Dainty Maid Tea Room on University Drive. A linen gift was presented to the honor guest by the hostess. Places were laid for 12 guests.

After Miss Anderson's return, several other parties will be given in her honor.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Mr. Ralph Duke, who is leaving shortly for Austin, was complimented Tuesday evening with a bridge party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer. Pink roses were used in profusion as a background for tables appointed for games of bridge. Radio music interspersed progressions of the bridge games and at a late hour delicious strawberry ice cream and angel food cake was served to Misses Mary Eula Sears, Anna Lou Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Largent, Miss Margaret Herrington of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Messrs. Wren Durham, A. J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer.

BRIDGE GAMES.

A number of friends enjoyed an informal evening in the home of Miss Iva Bragg on Thursday evening of last week. Games of bridge progressed happily until a late hour when delectable strawberry short cake, black coffee and olives were served to Misses Loyce Dry, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Messrs. Ray Garrett, C. J. Glover, Wren Durham and Doyle Garrett.

BRIDGE GAMES.

A number of friends enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Lola Dennis at bridge games on Thursday evening of last week. At the culmination of the games delicious salads and sandwiches were served to Misses Virginia Welch, Evelyn Curb, Maurine Tipton, Helen Patterson, Johnnie Sears, Flora Frances Anderson, Mrs. Sidney Foy and the hostess.

GRADUATE HONORED.

Miss Mattilou Largent was the happy honoree on Thursday evening, May 21, when Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes entertained complimentary to her graduation from High school. Larkspur and roses were used in colorful display throughout the house. Games and dancing furnished delightful entertainment during the evening hours.

At the refreshment hour delectable salads, sandwiches and potato chips were served with iced tea to Misses Lou Largent, Nelle Durham, Willie Maye Swartz, Thelma Leach, Artilee Simmons, Messrs. Orion Tittle, Clyde Mayfield, G. B. Tittle, Jr., Kenneth Mayfield, G. P. Holland, Jr., and D. O. Huddleston, Abilene, and the hostess.

CLUB PARTY.

The High School Choral and Glee clubs were entertained on Friday evening in the studio with the officers of the two clubs acting as hosts and hostesses and members of the High school faculty and members of the Senior class as guests of honor.

The evening's entertainment included indoor games, clever contests and original stunts.

At the refreshment hour sandwiches,

soda water and mints were served to a large number.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

The 69th birthday of Mr. J. A. Buford was the occasion for a happy family reunion Sunday when a large number of his relatives and friends gathered at his home for an all day celebration.

A sumptuous dinner was served buffet style to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKee and Mrs. Will Pope of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. John Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McKee and son, Bruce, all of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Mershon and son of Abilene and the following of Merkel: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Buford and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday and son.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

With the coming of warm weather, Shannon's Pool has been a popular resort for young folks the past week. The opening took place last Sunday and large crowds have been in evidence daily at this ideal swimming pool.

E. Yates Brown and Warren Smith, joined by Tom Brown of Lubbock and Victor H. Tippet of San Angelo, are fishing on the Pecos this week.

The cemetery working held last Monday afternoon at Rose Hill cemetery resulted in lots of much needed work being done. A great many resi-



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On Front St.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS

STEAK, any cut, per lb.	20c
BEEF ROAST, chuck or seven, per lb.	15c
RIBS, or BRISKET, per lb.	12c
PORK ROAST, per lb.	25c
ARMOUR'S or HORMEL'S SKINNED HAMS, half or whole, per lb.	25c
SAUSAGE, pure pork, per lb.	20c
HAMBERGER MEAT, per lb.	15c

Come around and visit us awhile and I believe you will like us; that is, if you try to.

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Abilene, Texas

dents of Merkel and the surrounding territory responded to the call and, with hoes and rakes, made fast work of eliminating weeds and accumulated rubbish.

The 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Blair was brought home Tuesday from Alexander sanitarium at Abilene, where he was taken last week for an appendix operation.

As the Mail goes to press, dozens of kites are being flown in the Merkel Kite Flying contest, held in Boyce's pasture and sponsored by Earl Hill and Missie Dye. Prizes are to be given every kite that flies and special prizes are offered for the largest, smallest and fanciest kites.

CAKE AND PIE SALE.

Buy your cakes and pies for Sunday dinner from the Philathea class at Patterson's Market, Saturday, May 30.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

MODERN BEAUTY
SHOP1174 North 3rd Street
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New clothes, new thoughts, new hairdressing! All these delights belong to the first weeks of Spring.

Upon such changes, especially as regards hairdressing, depends much of your happiness for the rest of the year. A fresh curl here, a lightsome wave there, and all your beauty is doubly enhanced! You are ready to face the Season's activities knowing that you will be at your best.

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Every Thursday Is
DOLLAR DAY

Mrs. T. T. Earthman

Announces

that she will continue her studio at the residence of Mrs. E. B. Barnes during the summer on Mondays and Thursdays.

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Personal Mention

J. L. Collins was in Goldthwaite Wednesday.

W. J. Wozencraft returned Wednesday from a trip to Plainview.

Miss Ruth Copeland spent the week-end with her sister in Hobbs, N. M.

Miss Stella and Edna Wilson are visiting relatives in Roby this week.

Miss Lorena Dry arrived Friday from Ennis where she has been teaching school.

Mr. Mellinger returned Wednesday night from a week's trip to points in South Texas.

Miss Minnie Coates has returned from Eastland where she has been teaching school.

Mrs. Roy Largent and children of Brownwood are visiting her mother, Mrs. Harkrider.

Miss Irene Swann has returned from Roswell, N. M., where she has been teaching school.

Dr. W. T. Sadler attended the meeting of the Tarrant County Medical society at Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. Lee Simms and son, Robert, of Thalia were passing guests Monday with her sister, Mrs. Fred Baker.

Joe Davis of Abilene, while in Merkel on business Tuesday, also visited with the Misses Garoutte and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy and son, Billie, of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore.

Miss Mary Parrack of Chillicothe is the guest of Misses Fannie Belle and Willie Evelyn Boaz and Miss Edith Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotan Cypert and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Smith, all of Lubbock, were week-end guests in the W. G. Cypert home.

Miss Jessie Margaret Berry left Thursday for Amarillo, where she will meet her uncle, Roy Holmes, and they will then visit in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bergin left Saturday for a vacation visit to Birmingham, Ala. They will also go to Miami, Fla., to spend several days.

Misses Lucille Collier of Post, Vernie Newman of Abilene and Ora Mae Robbins of Childress were week-end guests of Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swann and little daughter, who are now visiting in Abilene, are expected Friday for a week-end visit with their parents here.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and Mollie Frank, accompanied by Betty Lou Grimes, left Tuesday for Chillicothe, where they will visit several days with relatives.

Leaving Tuesday overland, a party of young ladies, Misses Johnnie Sears, Opal Sloan, Helen Patterson and Fay Joyce of Snyder, will spend several weeks in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thornton, who formerly lived here, but who have been living in Abilene for the past two years, left Saturday for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fuqua, their sons, Garven and Millard, from the Cross Roads community and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Isom and son, Ben L., from Caps visited Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King last Wednesday.

Returning from Waco Friday with her sister, Mrs. George Caple, Mrs. E. H. Cobb of Amarillo was met by Mr. Cobb and, after spending the week-end in the Caple home, they departed for Amarillo Sunday.

E. Clack, attorney-at-law of Dallas, en route to Sweetwater on official business, was a pleasant caller in the home of his old time friends, the Misses Garoutte, Monday. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Clack, supervisor of English in the Abilene High school.

Mrs. R. M. Robins of Odessa, who is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague, has recently enjoyed visits from her brother, Bob Young, his daughter and two grandchildren, from Duncan, Okla., who are visiting his mother, Mrs. A. J. Young, at Comptche, and also from her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Trantham of Abilene.

Before leaving for Pittsburg, Pa., Sunday morning, where he goes as a delegate to the Presbyterian general assembly, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited last Friday night with his mother Mrs. M. E. Elliott, at Stamford. Sunday was the date for the annual Elliott reunion; so they paid their visit in advance and Mr. Elliott had the pleasure of meeting his sister from New York while there.

Mrs. Victor F. Tippet and daughters, Jay, Ollie Lou and Maxine, of San Angelo, accompanied by Mrs. Tippet's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, of this city, left early Monday morning in Mrs. Tippet's car for Chicago, Ill., to visit their sister and daughter Mrs. Melvin J. Evans. Mr. Tippet accompanied the family to Abilene where he met E. Yates Brown and other Merkelites, who will spend a few days fishing on the Pecos.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Classified Ads

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

HAVE A FEW USED CARS for sale or trade; they must go. See me. L. B. Scott.

BALED WHEAT 25 cents per bale; real good wheat. Dr. M. Armstrong.

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WANTED

SEE BROOKS PATTERSON at Patterson's market on Front street if you want to sell your fat calves and hogs.

WE CAN FIX old rocking chairs, put on new rockers and upholster it; will trade for your old furniture. Will call for repair work. J. T. Darsey.

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LODGE NOTICES

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A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m.
Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Andy Shouse, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

Cattle Movement.

Tom Jenkins trucked 12 head of cattle to Fort Worth Monday for C. E. Jacobs.

On Tuesday a car of steers was shipped to Fort Worth by Mrs. S. N. Morrison.

The silver in a silver dollar has an intrinsic value of about 45 cents.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

It is illegal to deface or mutilate money, both coins and notes.

Crime has increased in England about 25 per cent since the World War.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

You will save money on the following items:

STEAK, per lb.	20c
CHUCK ROAST, per lb.	15c
RIB ROAST, per lb.	12c
STEW, cut from bone, per lb.	15c
PORK CHOPS, per lb.	25c
PORK ROAST, per lb.	25c
SAUSAGE, mixed, per lb.	20c
HAMBERGER MEAT, per lb.	15c
MUTTON CHOPS, per lb.	20c
MUTTON LEG, per lb.	20c
MUTTON STEW, per lb.	15c
CURED HAMS, Half or whole, Armour's Star, per lb.	25c
BOX BACON, Armour's Star, per lb.	40c
SLICED BACON, Armour's Star, per lb.	30c
CHEESE, Longhorn, per lb.	30c
LUNCH MEATS, assorted, per lb.	25c
POLOGNA SAUSAGE, per lb.	20c
POULD HAM, per lb.	40c
VEAL LOAF MEAT, pork added, per lb.	20c

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feel very grateful to the public for the reception accorded them last Friday and Saturday during

THE GRAND OPENING

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your presence and support and to assure you that it is the aim of THE RED & WHITE STORES to serve you with the best quality merchandise at the lowest possible price.

We regret very much that we were unable to supply the demand on a few items last week, consequently we are offering them again that you may have another chance to avail yourself of these bargains.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Pickles	Sour, Sliced Quart Jar	17c
Olives	Queen quart jar	39c
POTTED MEAT, Red & White, 3 cans		10c
Cakes	Bulk, Fig Bars or Ginger Snaps, 2 lbs.	25c

Sliced or Crushed
PINEAPPLE, Gold Bar No. 2 1-2 24c

Oats Table Glassware, Blue & White, lg. pkg. 22c

New Potatoes Fresh and Fine, per lb. 1c
Limit 15 Pounds

TOMATOES 2 lb. 15c Fresh Crisp
LETTUCE, hd. 3c Fancy Pinks

Corn fresh roasting 4 ears 15c

GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR, BUY
BANANAS BY THE POUND

BANANAS per lb. 4c

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New Crop Full of Juice
ORANGES, doz. 12c LEMONS, doz. 17c

Sugar Pure Cane cloth bag, 25 lbs. \$1.24

CHEESE, 1 lb. Both 29c
PIMENTOES, 4 oz. can

Slice Sugar Cure Dry Salt
BACON, lb. 20c JOWLS, lb. 8c

Compound 8 lb. pail 83c

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WEST TEXAS is a land rich in natural resources and vital raw materials, and in the near future far-seeing manufacturers will locate their plants in this territory where they will benefit by cheap land, moderate operating expenses, low living costs, an abundance of native-born and intelligent workers, splendid shipping facilities, ideal climatic conditions and an adequate and elastic supply of inexpensive and dependable electric energy.

When these industries survey West Texas for the most attractive factory-sites, first consideration will be given those progressive small cities which offer the constant power supply of a transmission



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One hundred and twenty prosperous cities and towns throughout West Texas are interconnected by the 2,500 mile trunk transmission line network of the West Texas Utilities Company. Receiving service from three major generating stations—supplemented by twenty-two auxiliary or standby plants—leading citizens of these towns confidently anticipate the rapid industrial development of this vast empire, truly called the "Land of Opportunity."

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

FRIENDSHIP QUILTING.

Friends of Pearl Hamner, who resided in Elida, N. M., met at the home of Mrs. Ellery Smith on Tuesday afternoon to quilt a friendship quilt in remembrance of her birthday anniversary.

Each guest worked untiringly until the quilt was completed. Then they were served sandwiches, lettuce and ice tea by Miss Viola Smith, assisted by Misses Ermadean Duncan and Dolly Wash.

Guests were Mesdames Boone, Reynolds, Clark Hamner, J. Cal Hamner, Tolliver Walker, J. I. Leamon, Theo Knox, Buster Edwards and Hosea Winn. Those calling during the afternoon were Mesdames Rosa Edwards and Curley Edwards and Misses Mary Lou Ross and Nathalie Walker.

FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Tuesday evening, the nineteenth, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley entertained with a "42" party. Their guests were Misses Yoakum, Cosby and Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan of Merkel. Refreshments of cherry nut ice cream and delicious cake were served.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee honored Miss Lillian McRee with a birthday party. Bridge was enjoyed and at the refreshment hour a delicious tuna fish salad, bread and butter and jelly sandwiches and grape punch, using tiny baskets as favors, were served to Messrs. and Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Leslie Beasley, Curley Edwards, R. E. Dowdy, Miss Duckworth, Abilene, Messrs. L. McRee and Bob Dennis of Merkel, the honoree and the host and hostess.

Jimmie Titworth of Rankin is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mrs. E. Massey of Hamlin is the guest this week of her mother.

Mrs. Lula Russell of Slaton is spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Volney Russell.

Mrs. Bill Neill and children of Hamlin are guests of relatives this week.

Mrs. E. M. Rutherford of Floydada is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens and daughter of Sylvester visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart the first part of the week.

W. H. Riley of Coleman spent Sunday and Monday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Hubert West, and seeing old friends.

Arthur Goode of Seminole visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goode, over the week-end.

Mrs. S. C. Phillips and daughters, Wilma Kate and Ivy Lou, of Big Lake are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell and other relatives this week.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson was the guest of friends in Abilene Monday evening. Christopher Brazil of Mineral Wells was a recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryan.

Mrs. Hooten and daughter returned to their home in Anson Saturday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore.

Mr. Alex Williamson has returned home after spending two weeks at Mineral Wells.

Mesdames Burks, Wood, Johnson and Hamner and Misses Perle Martin and Sarah Julia Johnson were shopping in Abilene last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham and son, Hubert, are visiting relatives in Arkansas.

J. E. Bowers, Bob Miller and Curley Edwards attended the funeral of C. S. Bryan at Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Stevens of Dallas visited relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore had as their guests Monday night Mrs. Pat Jones, Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Daws of Sierra Blanca, who were enroute to Greenville for a visit.

An old time quilting was enjoyed in the home of Mrs. W. E. Shouse Friday afternoon. A friendship quilt, pieced by a number of her friends as a surprise, was quilted for Mrs. C. R. Shannon. Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Mollie Winn, J. C. Churchwell, S. H. Estep, Wash, McDonald, Scott and Payne.

Miss Inez Arnold of Roscoe is the guest of Mrs. Hosea Winn. After her visit here, she will go to Dallas to spend the summer.

Mesdames J. Cal Hamner, Winn, and Joe Boone were Sweetwater visitors last Thursday.

During the 150 years of their existence the United States marines have been referred to as "Webfoot Soldiers," "Soldiers of the Sea," "Leathernecks" and "Devil Dogs."

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads

White Church News

Most of the farmers in our community report a good stand of cotton and feed. We would be glad to have a good rain just now.

E. J. Patterson and D. D. Coats attended conference at Tuscola last week. They had the pleasure of hearing some fine preaching.

Several from here attended the funeral services of the late J. H. McDonald at Merkel Sunday. Our entire community was very deeply grieved at his going. We feel that he belonged to us, having one time been a resident of this place. The entire community sympathizes with the family in their loss.

Our school children put on the play, "A Worthy Vagabond," last Wednesday night. We had a large crowd and the play was well rendered.

A. C. Henslee is reported some better at this time. He is taking treatment in Hawley.

Baby Jean Presley fell one day last week and broke her collar bone. She is doing nicely.

This week is the closing of a very successful school year for us. We have the promise of our teachers again and we are all proud to know they are coming back.

Quite a few from here attended the cemetery working in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. John Coomer of Eskota visited Mrs. Frank Demere one day recently.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLAIR ADULT 4-H CLUB MEETS.

The Blair 4-H club met on May 20, with some nineteen members present. A round table discussion on the care of poultry was held.

Preparation for quick dessert will be demonstrated by Miss Caroline Chambers, county demonstration agent, before members of the Blair club at the next regular meeting, which is set for June 3. Mrs. Jim Maddera is to be the hostess. All members are expected to attend and visitors are cordially invited.

—Press Reporter.

Salary \$10,000 Annually.

San Antonio, May 28.—J. C. Cochran, superintendent of schools at Mexico and president of the Texas State Teachers association, was Monday elected superintendent of San Antonio schools at a salary of \$10,000 annually. R. L. Marquis, president of the North Texas Teachers' College, also was under consideration for the post.

Half the people of Germany are riding bicycles, and in Munich, the fourth largest city, "wheels" now outnumber automobiles.

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And I have the Hoes and Files

8-inch True Temper	\$1.00
9-inch True Temper	\$1.10
8-inch File	15c
10-inch File	19c
12-inch File	25c
Ax Handles only	25c

Straw Hats, Men's and Boys, only 25c
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Hodges Happenings.

Crops are needing rain in this community now and several of the farmers will be compelled to plant part of their crop over.

Mr. Walker is on the sick list this week. We hope he will soon be up again.

Miss Martha Jo Armwine of Mulberry community spent Saturday night with Miss Marie Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson and C. E. and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stephenson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Duni-gan Friday night at Stith. Mrs. Duni-gan was sick at that time but is better now.

Mr. Treck Bruton and family of New Hope were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker.

Mr. Clyde Mashburn has purchased himself a new binder.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walsh and children spent the day at Tye Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spradlin and Mrs. Nelly Spradlin. The latter returned with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruton spent the day with Mr. Rex Holder and family at Tye Sunday.

Remember next Sunday is preaching day at the Baptist church.

Having an average altitude above sea level of 6800 feet, Colorado is the highest state in the United States, with Wyoming a close second.

A thermometer buried fifty feet deep will remain at the same temperature the year round.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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SALT BRANCH NEWS

Mr. W. M. Hays and son, Bill, accompanied by Mrs. Oscar McMurray, visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes at O'Donnell.

Mr. W. E. Petty is visiting near Lubbock.

Miss Norah, Otis and J. B. Foster entertained a few friends with a forty-two party Wednesday night. Those present were: Misses Braunell Armstrong, Frances Farr, Ruth and Marie Pinckley, Earnest Neff, Joe Hartley, Bill, Jack and Paxton Hays, Jarrett Pinckley and Pete Petty.

Mrs. Doris Hubbard and small son and Miss Clydine Farr visited at Cross Plains recently. They were accompanied home by Mrs. J. T. Farr and Norman Farr. The latter has just finished high school at Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pace entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pace and daughter, Miss Mary Etta, and son, C. J., visited at Comper Sunday.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING.

As the Fifth Sunday is here again, I am asking all that sing to come and, if you have books, bring them and be at the tabernacle ready for business at 10 a. m. This is going to be a full grown convention, with visitors from other parts of the country; as the old saying is, they will be there from the forks of the branches. We are looking for Prof. V. O. Stamps from Dallas and Walter B. Seal of Wills Point and others that you will be glad to hear and meet.

I want all classes that have books to bring same, so that we may be well supplied with books and let's show our visiting friends a real good time. We will not be able to use all of our boys,

but will, if possible, but we want to look first after those we have invited to meet with us. Fisher county, you see, is meeting us in joint session and in a way has some say on arrangements. Bring your dinner and try to help look after our visiting friends from afar; so be there at 10 o'clock with your song books and lunch baskets.

Tom Spears.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his appointment Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark had as their guests Saturday relatives from Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son, Billie Bob, and Mary and Bill Douglas attended the Golan graduation exercises last Friday night at the Methodist church.

Mrs. J. L. McRee and daughter, Mabel, attended the baccalaureate sermon at Merkel Sunday night.

Rev. Mr. Sherrill was dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Newberry.

Everyone is urged to keep in mind that the Methodist revival will begin the first Sunday in July.

Several from here attended the cemetery working at Merkel Monday.

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.

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.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. A. L. Farmer, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is not doing so well at this writing.

Daniel Myers and family of Anson motored over to spend Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt, of the Divide the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris and daughter, Frances, spent the week-end with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lepard, at Noodle.

Odell Latimer was the house guest of his aunt at Hamlin for several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of Trent recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson and daughter of White Church attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family made a pleasure trip to View Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and family motored over from Clyde to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday.

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OUR PRESIDENT Wrote this Advertisement

AS STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, I am sometimes asked why we advertise. This question has never been asked by the great majority of people who have learned to depend upon advertising as a source of news and information. But in order that our customers and the general public will know specifically why we advertise, I shall briefly give the four principal reasons. They are:

1

To tell our customers and the general public about the company itself, its policies, its methods of doing business, the men and women who work for it, and its plans for development.

2

To gain public co-operation by directing attention to that which will encourage thrift, to promote safety, to build up industrial enterprises, and to make this community a better place in which to live.

3

To sell the service of the company and to keep our customers advised of the facilities that make this service possible. To assist our customers in saving gas and reducing their gas bills. To sell our fuel in competition with other fuels.

4

To give us a means of expression when misunderstood and unjustly attacked.

We use, principally, newspaper advertising because it has proven to be the most efficient and economical way to reach all of our customers, and the greatest majority of the general public. An advertisement in the newspapers actually costs less than it would to mail the same information to each of our customers by letter. Advertising is the voice of your gas company.

L. B. Denning
PRESIDENT

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THIRTY-FOUR STUDENTS ON YEAR'S HONOR ROLL

The following thirty-four students of the Merkel Public schools have had their names on the honor roll for each of the six weeks periods of the entire year. It is no little distinction to have made this honor roll for every six weeks' period of the entire year. Fourteen are from High school and twenty are from Grammar school.

First grade—Roy Owens.
Third grade—Comora Hughes, Ralph L. Russell, Mary Nell Morgan, Frances Owen, Mary Jo Russell.
Fourth grade—Dana Derstine, Marvin Hunter.

Fifth grade—De La Vergne Teague, Morris Wozencraft, Laurence Thornton.

Sixth grade—Harold Morgan, Ira Derrick.

Seventh grade—J. V. Patterson, Louise Toombs, Ethelda Tucker, Robbie Walker, Ima Ruth Brown, Billie Bernice Gambill, Lena Fae Harrell.

Eighth grade—Wilma Gardner.

Ninth grade—Nell Hughes, Opal Huskey, Imogene Middleton, Florene Rider.

Tenth grade—Margaret Canon, Oleta Moore, Lela Patterson.

Eleventh grade—Elvis Richardson, Audrey Farris, Jess Higgins, Elsie Lasater, Norma Patton, Margaret Turner.

HONOR CERTIFICATES.

Honor certificates were awarded to the following ninety-four pupils, who were neither tardy nor absent during the entire year:

First grade—Roy Owens.

Second grade—Billie Cox, Marvin DuBose, Doris Gay West.

Third grade—Lloyd Gilmore, Richmond Buford, Comora Hughes, Ralph Russell, J. D. Witcher, Billie Wood, Mary Nell Morgan, Frances Owen, Mary Jo Russell.

Fourth grade—Clayton M. Leach, Othar Suber, Clyde Cribley, Marvin Hunter, Dona Derstine, Lucille Gilmore Emogene Hulsey.

Fifth grade—Raymond Lasater, Jack Sublett, Laurence Thornton, Morris Wozencraft, Rosemary Lassiter, De La Vergne Teague, J. C. Foster, Bud Gambill, Elma Mae Gamble, Norman King.

Sixth grade—Harold Morgan, Horace Boney, John A. Jones, Ona Mae Berryman, Ora Derrick.

Seventh grade—J. V. Patterson, Felix Stalls, Ben Sublett, Alvin Wozencraft, Alice Russell, Louise Toombs, Ethelda Tucker, Robbie Walker, Mary Zoe West, Oscar Adcock, Harry Boaz, Edger Derrick, Ima Ruth Brown, Genevieve Bryan, Annie Lee DuBose, Billie Bernice Gambill, Lena Fae Harrell, Lena Mae Moore, Truett Patterson.

Eighth grade—Grisham Dowell, Thomas Jones, Lloyd Robertson, Kennedy Whiteley, Raymond Wilson, Wilma Gardner, Wanda Hunter, Vivian Lasater, Eltise Manscill, Caribel Mansfield.

Ninth grade—Gordon Murray, S. G. Russell, Howard Stanley, Deverle Toombs, James West, Duncan Briggs,

Hasseltine Farris, Nell Hughes, Opal Huskey, Imogene Middleton, Mildred Richardson, Florene Rider, Faye Vantrees, Joyce Wheeler, Margaret Miller.

Tenth grade—Gerald Derrick, Ross Ferrier, B. F. Middleton, Marshall Stalls, Woodrow Wilson, Margaret Canon, Oleta Moore, Lela Patterson.

Eleventh grade—Elvis Richardson, Lona Bryan, Audrey Farris, Jess Higgins, Elsie Lasater, Norma Patton, Margaret Turner.

HONOR ROLL FOR PERIOD.

The following students of the Merkel Public schools have for the past six weeks (the last one of the year) been neither tardy nor absent, have not made less than 75 on any subject, have made at least 90 in deportment and have made a general average of 90 or more for the six weeks period:

First grade, Mrs. Shelton.

Roy Owens, 95.

First grade, Mrs. Teaff.

Ova Martin, 95; Billy Tittle, 95;

Maria Duran, 94; Mary Lou Higgins, 93; Forrest Glen Barnett, 91; Alphonse Dickinson, 90; Winona Fay Thomas, 90.

Second grade, Miss Pogue.

Aelo Mae Cypert, 95; Betty Jane Diltz, 95; Helen Heeter, 95; Anna Lee Blake, 93; Ralph Eoff, 93; Billy Cox, 93; Harvey Davis, 93.

Second grade, Miss Curb.

Doris Gay West, 95; J. C. Thomas, 92; Imogene Parks, 91; Bessie Reynolds, 91; Joyce Renfro, 90.

Third grade, Miss Heizer.

Mary Jo Russell, 96; Helen Nixon, 96; Mary Nell Morgan, 94; Frances Owens, 94; Ralph Lynn Russell, 93; Robert Rodden, 92; Edgar Tipton, 91; Don Warren, 91.

Third grade, Mrs. Anderson.

Joyce Hayes, 93; Comora Hughes, 92; Mildred Bird, 92; Annie Louise Lepard, 90.

Fourth grade, Miss Hayes.

Jannell Black, 95; Preston Dickinson, 95; Dana Derstine, 94; Juan Duran, 93; Marvin Hunter, 93; Clyde Cribley, 92; Lucille Gilmore, 92; Frances Higgins, 92; Emogene Hulsey, 92; Lennah Deane Bradshaw, 91; Allie Lois Bryan, 91; Mary Jo Garland, 90.

Fourth grade, Miss Patterson.

Dick West, 90; Charles Iddings, 93;

Hollie Perry, 93; Othar Suber, 91; Eva Mae Williams, 91; Goldie Hawkins, 90; Ruby Rice, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.

Morris Wozencraft, 95; Sylvan Melinger, 95; Lawrence Thornton, 93; Billy Rose, 92; Pauline McAninch, 92; Joe Young, 90; De La Vergne Teague, 90; Mae Reynolds, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.

Robert Grimes, Jr., 96; Bud Gambill, 94; Billie Dunning, 94; Weldon Davis, 93; J. C. Foster, 93; Bettye Lou Grimes, 93; Laverne Hughes, 93; Altie Grayson, 92; William Hawkins, 92; Melvin Marshall, 91.

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.

Harold Morgan, 95; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 94; Emmitt Price, 94; Billie Woodrum, 94.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Irvin.

Juanita Huskey, 98; Ora Derrick, 95; Janet Hayes, 94; Hollis Floyd, 94; Horace Boney, 93; Opal Buzbee, 91; Cohene Morrison, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.

Ethelda Tucker, 97; Louise Toombs, 96; Robbie Walker, 95; J. V. Patterson, 94; Truett Patterson, 94; Irene Salter, 93; Burneal Scott, 93; Clifford Williams, 93; Juanita Bishop, 91; Lois Perkins, 91; Dallas Sharp, 91; Jack Stanford, 91; Hazel Rice, 90; Alice Russell, 90; Ben Sublett, 90; Mary Zoe West, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.

Aline McAninch, 97; Clara Francis Largent, 96; Mary Helen Lancaster, 95; Cal McAninch, 95; Vernon Davis, 95; Billie Bernice Gambill, 95; Vivian Davis, 94; Marion Delmer, 94; Lena Fae Harrell, 94; Jesse Margaret Berry, 93; Pauline Lasater, 93; Nell Contres, 92; Lena Mae Moore, 92; Loreta Cox, 92; Ima Ruth Brown, 92; Milton Hokit, 91; Doris Mae Brown, 90; Annie Lee Du Bose, 90; Genevieve Bryan, 90; Bussie Boaz, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

Billy Gardner, 95; Ruth Davis, 94; Annie Lee Owens, 94; Fay Pinkley, 94; Reba Martin, 93; La Verne Hol-

den, 92; Valeria Parks, 92; Thomas Jones, 91; Vivian Lasater, 91; Julia Proctor, 91; J. B. Moore, 90; Lloyd Robertson, 90; Sarah Sheppard, 90; Lois Whiteley, 90; Raymond Wilson, 90.

Ninth Grade.

Lucille Campbell, 97; Opal Huskey, 96; Nell Hughes, 95; Florene Rider, 95; Meyer Mellinger, 94; Mildred Richardson, 94; Van Roberts, 93; Jack Tucker, 93; Fay Vantrees, 93; Margaret Miller, 92; Imogene Middleton, 91; James West, 92; Gordon Murray, 90; Mardell Shouse, 90; J. R. Higgins, 90.

Junior Class.

Leo Tucker, 96; Isadore Mellinger, 95; Willie Evelyn Boaz, 94; Lela Patterson, 94; Elleta Foster, 94; Oleta Moore, 94; Ross Ferrier, 93; Robert Manscill, 92; Cephas Wozencraft, 92; Margaret Canon, 91; Elmer Adcock, 91; Woodrow Wilson, 91; Gerald Derrick, 91; Zada Bell, 90; Madeline Murray, 90.

Senior Class.

Elvis Richardson, 97; Audrey Farris, 97; Margaret Turner, 96; Ola Ellen Smith, 96; Velma Lee Holden, 96; Jess Higgins, 95; Norma Patton, 94; Inez Robbins, 93; Elsie Lasater, 93; Mattilou Largent, 93; Vera Rich-

den, 92; Valeria Parks, 92; Thomas Jones, 91; Vivian Lasater, 91; Julia Proctor, 91; J. B. Moore, 90; Lloyd Robertson, 90; Sarah Sheppard, 90; Lois Whiteley, 90; Raymond Wilson, 90.

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Summer School to Start Next Monday

On Monday, June 1, at nine o'clock, the summer school for high school students will open. Mr. T. D. Riddle will have charge of the summer school. The same regulations will apply to this work as to work done in the regular session. The requirements of the State Department of Education are to be met just as in the long session.

The term will be ten weeks in length—the minimum as set by the State Department for affiliated high schools. If a student wishes to take one unit, for example Ancient History, he will report twice each day for one hour each period, six days a week for ten weeks to this Ancient History. Students are permitted to take as many as one and one-half units of new work or as much as two units if one of the units taken is merely a repetition of work done in the regular session. Classes will likely begin at seven o'clock each morning, and none recite later than twelve o'clock each day. All pupils interested in summer school work should report to the High School at nine o'clock Monday morning when a definite schedule will be worked out.

Subjects to be offered this summer will be: Ancient History, Modern History, American History, Civics (1-2), Algebra I, Algebra II, Plane Geometry, Advanced Arithmetic (1-2), Physiology (double period) (1-2 unit), English History (1-2). Each of the above are one-unit courses unless otherwise indicated. Pupils who want English IV this summer may see Miss Martha Bird. She will teach a class of English IV if there are enough pupils to justify. Credit cannot be granted for work done in any other way than above. Of course, any pupil may review and take the entrance examination next fall if he so chooses.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends and neighbors, who so kindly and willingly assisted us in so many ways, during the recent illness and death of our loving companion and mother. May the Father of us all richly bless and reward each one.

G. W. Bishop and Family.

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Obituary

(Continued from page One)
the following children: W. H. Frazier and Walter Frazier, both of Merkel; Mrs. Mary Colburn, Olden; Mrs. Minnie Watson, Knox City; Mrs. W. V. Hodges, Amherst; Mrs. Ida Jones, Rochester, and Mrs. H. B. Teaff, Weinert.

Orion S. Bryan.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Orion S. Bryan, 45, oil well driller, who died Monday morning in Abilene where he had gone for medical treatment. Mr. Bryan had been suffering from heart attacks for several months. His wife and two children, Clinton and Genevieve, were at the bedside when death came.

At the conclusion of the services at the church, conducted by Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, the Masons took charge and officiated at the graveside. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Bryan was born June 20, 1886, in West Hickory, Pa., and was married to Miss Eva McKean Nov. 23, 1910. They have lived at Merkel for about six months. In the short time of residence here, Mr. Bryan had made many friends who learned to know and respect him.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bryan, of Warren, Pa., besides his wife and the two children mentioned above. The bereaved ones have the sincere sympathy of

the entire community in the loss of their husband and father.

J. R. Graham.

Upon receipt of a telegram from his brothers advising of the serious illness of their father, J. R. Graham, age 81 years, M. C. Graham left at once for Greenville. His father died there at 7:40 Monday night. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending the arrival of two sons from California.

In a message to The Mail, Mr. Graham states that he does not know how long he will be detained in Greenville.

Mr. Graham and his brothers have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to all of our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and tender sympathy extended us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father; especially do we wish to thank the doctors and nurses for their untiring efforts, which we appreciate more than words can tell, and we want all those friends whose floral offerings made beautiful the last resting place of our loved one to know how much we appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald and Family.

A New Oil Town.

Arp, Texas, May 28.—This town Monday found itself in the ranks of incorporated cities of the East Texas oil area. Tabulation of votes cast in an election held Saturday showed that incorporation had carried by a vote of 29 to 7. D. D. Alexander was elected mayor. Commissioners named were G. V. Allen, R. A. Harmon and J. O. Ashby.

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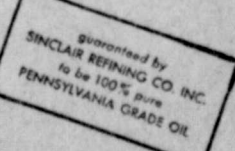
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