



**THE BADGER WEEKLY**

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**7 W's MEET.**

The Senior girls' club met Monday afternoon for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees. W. W. W. W. W. club was submitted and voted on as the name for the club. Blue and white were the colors. "Smilin' Thru," the motto adopted.

**FRESHMEN NEWS.**

Did you know Felix had a new crush?  
 Some of the Freshmen are sick. Wonder why some of the Freshmen take up for the Sophomores?  
 Reba Martin has come back to school.  
 Many of the Freshmen have the flu and we hope that they will soon be back to school again.  
 The vaccination will soon be over—we hope

**HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.**

It seems that the year 1932 is an eventful one for Merkel High school for more than one reason. We have over two hundred students now enrolled in our High school; this is the largest enrollment since 1924. This is also the second greatest enrollment that there ever has been in Merkel High school.  
 Every student in school loves his High school and is very proud of our enrollment.

**SPORT NEWS.**

Since basketball season is over, we see track coming to the front. This is one of our main sports now.  
 I think the coach is well pleased with the team this year. Prospects look very good. The boys have not been tried out yet, but we are sure there will be a number of good track men in the team. We will hear from them later.  
 We can't say that some of our Badgers are tired of the different sports, because we have seven letter men in basketball coming out for track. They are the following ones: Derrick, "Red" Williams, Jack Patterson, Monta Moore, B. P. Middleton, Boaz and Higgins. There were several more basketball boys, Shannon, Patton and Tittle that played the latter part of basketball, but were not able to letter. They are also included in the track team.  
 The captain for the track team has not been elected yet, but the boys will elect one soon.

**SUMMARY OF BETTER SPEECH WEEK.**

Monday, February 22, the Speech class discussed and criticized the speech given by Dr. Surface to the chapel on Washington. This was typical for Better Speech week.  
 Tuesday, Miss Tracy read one scene from "The Littlest Rebel," a story of the Civil War, and a very appropriate one for this particular week.  
 Wednesday, "Pink and Patches," a one-act play, was read to the class.  
 Thursday and Friday were given over to the discussion and deliverance of extempore speeches and declamation.

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 Such as Sidney, Spencer, and Shakespeare?  
 Were they not fashioned from a common mould?  
 Why read Chaucer, Vergil, Marlowe, all ere  
 We think on our modern poets so dear?  
 Yet will their work some day gain the priceless  
 Value of the poets of old? I fear  
 It never shall, but I must here confess  
 By having both, mankind is more than blessed.

Found—The way to be popular with girls.—Marshall Stalls.  
 Lost—Bunch of keys fastened to wife. Finder please return keys to Merkel High school office or phone 4971 and receive reward—Supt. R. A. Burgess.

Notice—If the person who took the five tires, five rims, horn, battery, and drained all the gas out of my Ford last Wednesday will kindly call and take the rest of the car, no questions will be asked.—Mr. R. B. Irvin.

Wanted—A way to work "trig" problems. I'm not particular about the way, the only requirement being that no mental effort be required.—"Woody."

**THEY WILL SOON BE CARRYING ELECTRIC LIGHTS.**  
 Here's one on a couple of "Fish" that went fishing. Last year in the wonderful season of spring, Grisham Dowell and Kennedy Whitely decided to spend a night on Mulberry, a small

river about four and one-half miles east of Merkel. That night the mosquitoes were so bad that the poor little "Fish" took refuge under the bed clothes. At last Kennedy ventured to peep out, and seeing a fire-fly, exclaimed, "Grisham, it's no use. There's one of the critters searching for us with a lantern."

**CHAPEL.**

The Choral and Glee clubs and the Dramatic club entertained at chapel last Tuesday morning. The program was as follows: "There's Glory in My Soul" by the Glee club; "A Medley of Old Southern Songs" by the Choral and Glee clubs; two plays given by the Dramatic club: "Nevertheless," and "Farewell Cruel World." Talks on the history of two of our old songs were given by Marie Stanford and M. E. Grimes. B. P. Middleton acted as master of ceremonies.

**JOKES.**

Ross: "What kin is that child to its own father who is not its own father's son?"  
 Gerald: "I'll bite. What kin would it be?"  
 Ross: "His daughter, of course."  
 Miss Martin: "What are the two smallest things mentioned in the Scriptures?"  
 Julia: "The widow's mite and 'the wicked flee'."

First Fish: "Why is a room full of married folk like an empty room?"  
 Second Fish: "Because there's not a single person in it."

Mrs. Riddle: "Oh, Tom, what shall I do? Baby is crying because I won't let him pull all the fur off my new coat."  
 Mr. Riddle: "Well, that's all right. Give him the cat."

Paul: "Jack, what's become of that hole I saw in your pants the other day?"  
 Jack S: "It's worn out."

**ESSAYS WRITING AND SPELLING.**

Two events that are of much importance in the Interscholastic League are spelling and essay writing. Both of these events are being worked upon in Merkel High school and much progress and interest is being shown.  
 A number of students have come out for essay writing, and some good essays are being produced. Only one essay writer from each school is allowed to enter; therefore, eliminations will be necessary within two or three weeks.  
 There are also a number coming out for spelling. In this contest, as well as in the essay contest, there will have to be eliminations. Only one team of Junior spellers and one team of Senior spellers are allowed to enter.  
 Everyone seems to be working faithfully, and Merkel High school expects to win several medals at the League this year.

**POETS**

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The Merkel High school student body was entertained by Miss Tracy's Grammar school speech art class. Billie Clyde Haines, Dorothy Nell Haines, Doris Clyde Miller, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Maria Gaither, Mildred Tarleton, Forest Glenn Barnett and Bettye Lou Grimes gave readings, songs and impersonations.  
 The student body always enjoys Miss Tracy's programs. We will be looking forward to another program in the near future.

**A MODERN "OLD MOTHER HUBBARD."**

A queer sight to behold is a woman going anywhere with ten or twelve children following after her. Such a woman is called a "Mother Hubbard."

It may be a surprising fact to some people, but anyway we have a Mother Hubbard in our own High school. Miss Martin, Freshman sponsor, has recently been given this name. She received this name on Monday afternoon during physical education period when she took the "invalids" out for a walk. The girls who got permits not to take physical education supposed they would stay in the study hall, but Miss Martin fooled them and took them out for a walk.

They were a queer procession as they walked around the school house following Miss Martin. They were out strolling in the sunlight.

**VACCINATIONS.**

The last shot of the typhoid serum was given last Friday by Dr. R. I. Grimes, assisted by Mrs. Grimes. This serum was given at the usual place, the Grammar School office.

There are only two more shots to be given. They are: one more shot of diphtheria and the smallpox vaccination.

**ELECTION OF NEW BASKETBALL CAPTAIN.**

The letter men of the basketball team met Tuesday morning at activity period to elect the captain for next year. Harry Boaz was elected captain.

The Badgers that lettered in basketball this year are the following ones: Middleton, Monta Moore, Boaz, "Red" Williams, Derrick, Jack Patterson and J. R. Higgins.

Middleton has lettered three years. This is his last year with the Badgers. Monta Moore has lettered one year here in Merkel, his last year with the Badgers. Boaz and Jack Patterson lettered for first time. They will be back three years yet. J. R. Higgins has lettered two years. He has two more years with the Badgers. "Red" Williams has lettered one year here in Merkel. This will be his last year with the Badgers. Derrick, captain of basketball team this year, has lettered three years. He has another year with the Badgers. We are sorry to lose some of our "good old Badgers" but they are finishing their high school days.

**T. A. C. CLUB.**

Although "Sel" is a new addition to the Senior class, he is a first pledged member of our club. "Sel" is a friendly chap that is liked by all his classmates. He is like many other members of our club: he is athletic and studious. Jones was a letter man on the 1931 basketball team and a member of the honor roll of the past six weeks, and I hope this six weeks. O, what an overwhelming success our club would be if all our members were of Selma's caliber.

**H. C. Toombs.**

Old H. C., the human wisecracker—that one group of words fully describes. H. C. Toombs is a boy that takes an interest in everything, and many times he makes good. At any rate, he will try his best at anything. He has been a squadman on the gridiron team for two seasons, and lately he has answered the call to the tennis court. Although he is some distance from fame he is progressing rapidly. Much is expected of H. C. whether he is a farmer, a tennis star or a Spanish teacher.

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**THE WAY OF LIFE**

(Continued from Page One)  
 such a man asks shall be granted. He is wanted in every city, town and village—in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such: he is needed and needed badly—the man who can 'Carry a Message to Garcia.'"

I do not think that humanity is inherently selfish or hardboiled. I think there are many business men who would like to help their fellows to better jobs and more business. But so few of those who want help have ever delivered anything.

Now and then comes one who does deliver. And what a joy it is to recommend him.

**Merkel Man to be In Charge Funeral Parlor at Eldorado**

(The Eldorado Success.)  
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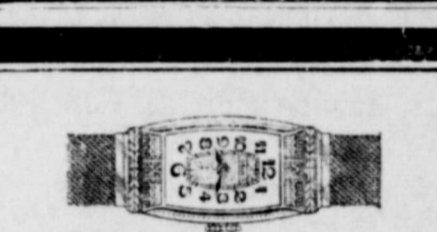
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**Notes From Nazarene Church.**

Miss Gussie Bledsoe and her niece, Miss Bledsoe, spent Sunday in Merkel, attending church and visiting friends.  
 Rev. Miss Forbes of Buffalo Gap preached at the Nazarene church Sunday.  
 Dr. Hendricks and wife and Grandmother Wiman were able to be at service Sunday.

**Will Preach at Blair.**  
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# RAPTURE BEYOND

by KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



TENTH INSTALLMENT.

Fresh from a French convent, Jocelyn Harlowe returns to New York to her socially-elect mother, a religious, ambitious woman. The girl is hurried into an engagement with the wealthy Felix Kent. Her father, Nick Sandal, surreptitiously enters the girl's home one night. He tells her he used to call her Lynda Sandal. The girl is torn by her desire to see life in the raw and to become part of her mother's society. Her father studies her surroundings.

Lynda visits her father in his dingy quarters. She finds four men playing cards when she arrives. One of them, Jock Ayleward, her father tells her, is like a son to him, but warns the girl he is a trifle.

Lynda pays a second visit to her father and Jock takes her home, on the way stopping with her at an underworld cabaret.

Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused him to be sent to jail unjustly by fixing up his report on a mine.

Felix tells Jocelyn that Jock is a worthless scamp. Later Lynda tells Jock she does not believe in his innocence but will try and find, through Felix, some letters Jock claims will clear his name.

Marcella finds her jewels—stolen and hires a private detective, who uncovers the mysterious prowling of Lynda, without knowing who she is. Lynda suspects her father.

Jocelyn decides to marry Felix quickly and preparations are made for the wedding. She asks him to tell her the combination of his safe as a mark of his confidence in her.

Armed with the combination and accompanied by Jock, Lynda enters Felix' office at night, abstracts the wanted papers from the safe and throws them down to Jock, who is waiting below. Then she is captured by the janitor and turned over to the police.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

He laughed grimly to cover his furious astonishment, his growing fright. She seemed to him a changeling.

"Do you know what you've done? Do you even begin to know what you are up against? You, Jocelyn Harlowe, have been caught in the act of house-breaking and theft. You are in the hands of the law. Do you know anything about its power?"

"More than I did," quoth Lynda with Nick's cool irony.

Her master's spirit winced and hardened.

"You know very little as yet. Listen to me, Jocelyn, and don't dare to defy me. It is my generosity alone that can get you out of this ugly, this horrible fix. Do you want to go to prison? State's prison? There are still prisons, believe me, where insolent women prisoners are flogged. Tied up and flogged."

"You've sent other people to prison," cried Lynda. "People very much less guilty than I am."

His narrowed icy eyes probed her wide ones. Her face was like a pale lamp; his, like a blue sliver of steel. They glowed and glittered at each other for an instant silently.

"Whom have you in your mind? What secret influence has been at work in your life? What has led you to deceive me, Jocelyn? To deceive your mother? Do you remember that we are to be married tomorrow at noon?"

She shook her head and moistened her lips, trying to say "No."

"Yes. Nothing you can possibly do or say can prevent you now from becoming my wife tomorrow. I'll take you out of this, and carry you home and when you've told me the truth of your ugly and wicked escapade, you can wash yourself and burn these horrible clothes. Where in heaven's name did you get them? And get some sleep and then you will put on your wedding dress and come to St. Peter's and . . . after you are Mrs. Felix Kent . . ."

He paused. Her brave wide eyes had filled.

"After you are my wife," he said and then with a cry he gathered her up into his arms and carried her about the room, kissing her wildly, ruthlessly, at his will, until she went limp and her head dropped back.

Then Felix laid her down on the floor and as soon as her eyelids fluttered he went out, locking the door.

He came, mopping his bitten lip and laughing, to the desk.

"Look here, Cracken," he said. "This isn't at all the sort of case it looks like. The girl is one of these silly debutantes. She's been put up

to a wild sort of prank by some of her friends and she's had her lesson. What name did she give you?"

"First Jimmie Grant and then Lynda May."

"Well, of course neither is her real name. I want to hush this thing up and withdraw the charge and take her home with me now. The poor kid is all in. She fainted."

"About them papers, Mr. Kent?"

Kent's laughter was difficult but it still came, a short hard laughter. "That's all right. I'll get them back. The little devil wanted to give me a scare. When I lay hands on the boy that helped her—"

His fist on the desk top whitened. The police officer who looked down at it whistled.

"Well, what do I have to do to get this child out of jug and to keep the whole silly business quiet?"

Cracken, with some willingness, explained what might be done. There was of course no accuser but Mr. Kent, the robbed man, himself. If he withdrew the charge the young lady might walk out, provided.

The proviso being cared for, Felix returned to the locked room and found Jocelyn sitting dazedly against the wall, her head dropped forward on her knees. She seemed a mere limp bundle of old clothes. He helped her up and, getting her hat, pulled it down over her eyes and so, shielding her from amused and pitying observation, he half carried and half dragged her out to his waiting limousine.

As they moved silently up the city's crowded avenues Felix presently remembered the conversation that took place as they drove fast seaward with the wind in their eyes. At the end of a careful reconstruction of this conversation he spoke and looked down at her white cramped face.

"U-hum . . . the Rappel parson's son . . . Jock Ayleward."

Felix leaned back. "Where and how did you meet him?" he asked quietly.

She said, "I met him in my father's rooms."

"Your—father's?"

"Nick Sandal. He is in this city. He came one night to see me in the apartment." But if Felix, if her mother, must know that Nick had visited her—what about the jewels?

"How long ago was that?"

Her eyes, deeply remorseful, deeply miserable, sought his.

"Just after our engagement was announced. He saw it in the papers."

"You've been seeing your father often?"

"I've been to see him at night. I would climb down the fire escape from my bedroom window."

Felix stopped her with a despairing gesture and, bending forward, put his hands over his eyes. From this position he demanded in a smothered voice, "You met Jock Ayleward in your father's room?"

"Yes. I did not like him. I did not believe in him. I believed in you."

"Now," he said, breathing hard and speaking through his teeth, "you will give me the whereabouts of this gentleman whom you did not believe nor like nor trust but for whose sake you made a spectacle of yourself in the New York streets at night, and lied and dressed like a man and stole and would ruin me." He shook her fiercely as though he would have shaken her to death. "Give me his address. I'll get him."

But that she steadfastly refused to do.

At last they reached her mother's home.

Quickly and as noiselessly as possible Felix took Jocelyn through the outer room and down the passage and thrust her in at her own bedroom door. "Get into your own clothes; be quick," he commanded and managed to close her in and to be back in the front room by the time Marcella, with Mary at her heels, came into it herself.

Marcella was lined, livid, sick. He told where he had found Jocelyn.

"Felix tell me—do you think that she knows anything about . . ." Marcella's voice had an almost sinuous furtiveness as she looked about and behind her, then at him, "about my—jewels?"

Felix was startled for an instant away from his own biting preoccupation. He looked at the silver cross on Marcella's flat breast. She placed her thin hands over it. "No. No my jewels."

"I don't know—"

"Of course. I forgot you were not to be told. I have had some jewels . . . here, hidden. They are not mine. They are a trust. They've been stolen. I have a detective tracing them. You mustn't say a word," she excitedly told him.

Jocelyn stood and looked at the clothing on her bed and the blood in her body moved, strong and free. There lay the outer semblance of Nick's daughter, Lynda Sandal, and she began to know that it was not only the outer semblance that had returned. It was Lynda Sandal's self that stood there looking down at Lynda Sandal's quaint attire. The night's work with all the adventure and the pain and the wild furtive delight that had led her surely to it had killed, in spite of her own contrary intention, not Lynda Sandal but Jocelyn Harlowe. The convent girl, Marcella's prisoner, the young lady bride of Felix Kent, had gone. Forever. Now lived and breathed a woman of strong will and vivid passion, with courage to face and to find, with the bitter courage for truth and for reality. A woman who loved Jock Ayleward, no other man; who would go to him through any barrier, to stand if she must at his dishonored side.

Rapidly and surely she got herself into the queer little symbolic costume and even ran her fingers through her hair. She meant to show Marcella and Felix a changed character.

Se went into the living-room and stood there facing Felix Kent.

"Now," she announced clearly and even with pity for him in her cool voice and eyes, "I will tell you everything, Felix. I am not afraid of you any more at all."

Felix after a long staring look said, "What in heaven's name are you pretending to be now?"

"This is the costume of a silly truant, Felix, romantic enough to

enjoy a dangerous make-believe. I'll not wear it again. But I did want to force you to see me like this. Because I felt that if you once could see me as I really am . . . and, Felix I much more wanted to—to possess—"

"You say things!"

"Because I knew that if I looked and spoke the real things of my nature you would never want me for your wife."

"I want you for my wife," he said doggedly and with a sudden dark flush. "I'll not let you go down into the streets—or into the mud. I'll save you in spite of your madness and your wickedness. And now, to begin saving you, tell me what you know and let's get on with the search for my papers. I take it that you understand what use this man could make of them to ruin me."

"I love that man. I want him to clear himself even if it must be at the price of your ruin, Felix."

Felix, very still and grim and white, came up to her.

"You choose me for your enemy then? People who have had the courage or the folly to do that have always regretted it. Always. I am warning you. I have seen men kneel and cry—"

"Yes. I have been knelt to, as your prototype. I won't kneel nor cry to you, Felix. What are you going to do?"

"First," he said, "I'll take you back to the police station and hand you over to the tender methods they use there for getting information. You know what that means?"

"Yes. But—"

They both looked about and closed their lips.

Marcella came into the room. She started toward Lynda with a quick cry of relief, then checked herself staring.

"It isn't Jocelyn. Tell me—" She stood looking from Kent to the tall strange girl. All at once her face

deeply colored. She clenched her hands and moved them curiously up and down. She ran over to the door that led back into the apartment and locked it, still with her scared eyes upon Lynda; then she gestured to Kent to repeat this action with the glass doors.

"Look out. Be careful. Don't let her get away," she whispered. "This is the woman. This must be the

woman Catring described. You know—the woman who was seen going in and out . . . the woman who took the jewels."

Felix's brain worked with lightning swiftness.

(Continued Next Week.)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
DUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)  
Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:  
W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.)  
For County Tax Collector:  
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)  
GRADY PARMELLY.  
For County Judge:  
JOHN CAMP.  
JOE E. CHILDERS.  
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
A. J. CANON.  
L. L. MURRAY.  
For County Tax Assessor:  
C. W. BOYCE.  
H. F. (Henry) LONG.  
For County Clerk:  
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)  
For County Treasurer:  
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)  
For Sheriff:  
BURL WHEELER.



#### FOR SALE

S. C. RHODE ISLAND RED eggs, cockrels and pullets. See Bob Mayfield.

FOR SALE—Mastodon ever-bearing strawberry plants 1 cent each. See John Shannón.

COW FEED for sale, mixture of cotton seed and maize ground together; will deliver anywhere in town 85c per hundred. John S. Hughes.

#### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Boring farm one mile west of Merkel. Write or call B. Boring, 1905 Hemphill, Fort Worth, Texas.

RADIOS FOR RENT. See Ed Lancaster, Phone 276.

#### Chevrolet Six Leads 1931 Auto Production

Complete registration figures for the full year of 1931, recently announced, reveal that for the first time in the history of the automobile a six cylinder car led the industry in popular favor.

During the year Chevrolet titled 583,387 six cylinder cars compared with 528,539 by the runner-up, a low-priced four cylinder make. Of the total of 1,908,016 passenger cars registered in the domestic market, Chevrolet obtained more than thirty per cent, the largest proportion of available business ever enjoyed by the largest producing division of General Motors.

Complete returns reveal that in 1931 Chevrolet obtained within five per cent of the same volume of business as in 1930, while the industry as a whole slumped 27 per cent from the preceding year.

In December, 1931, Chevrolet titled 27,919 passenger cars, nearly twice as many as the second leading make, and the second highest December in the history of the company.

#### Lindbergh Baby

(Continued from Page One.)  
screaming from the baby's nursery Tuesday night up to an early hour Wednesday night, both Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh took an active part in the search for their first born.  
The most dramatic moment of the day came when Mrs. Lindbergh, pale, slender daughter of the late Senator Dwight W. Morrow, made an appeal to the abductors, to give proper care to the infant. Through the press she outlined the baby's diet in detail.

A Modern Lubrication System.  
O. B. Leach and Virgil Hass, managers of the Magnolia Service Station, have installed a modern lubrication system and are prepared to give first class service in car washing and greasing.

Two Day Rabbit Drive.  
A two day rabbit drive on the Sam Swann ranch was the order of the day Tuesday and Wednesday for several from Merkel and many of those residing in the community adjacent to the ranch. Altogether four rabbit drives were scheduled in this section the past week.

See Homer C. Foster, Wholesale Gas and Oil Dealer, Phone 101.

### Personal Mention

Sunday morning Lee Baker came over from Abilene with his family to spend the day with Grandma Baker and Aunt Molly. Then in the afternoon, J. L. Baker, Grandma's son, and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingram came from Mt. Pleasant, which made the day a pleasant one indeed in the Baker home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Rhodes of Overton, who were week-end guests of Mrs. Rhodes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh, were accompanied on their return trip by Chester Rhea.

Mesdames Ernest Higgins and Jimmie Roe, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Allen and children, returned Wednesday from a visit in Fort Worth.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, accompanied by Miss Mary King, returned Saturday from a visit with another daughter in Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and little daughter, Janice Lea, former Merkelites, now residing at Loraine, were Sunday guests in the J. E. Richardson home. They also spent March second holiday with friends here.

Mrs. Ed J. Leeman and son, Terry Leeman, of Duncan, Okla., former residents of Merkel, were week-end guests of Mrs. Leman's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Dean Higgins returned Saturday from Austin where he had gone to stand the barber's examination. He was accompanied on the trip by J. T. Darsey, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday and little son left Sunday for Silverton where Tom has accepted employment with Ira Shaffer in railroad work.

### State of Oklahoma Suit to Oust Gas Companies Dismissed

Waurika, Okla., March 3.—The dramatic suit of Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma to oust the Lone Star Gas company, the Community Natural Gas company and associated companies from the state of Oklahoma has been dismissed by Judge Eugene Rice of the district court in Waurika.

The governor with much acclaim launched his attack against the companies last fall, charging that the companies had made false reports to state commissions and were guilty of rate discrimination. Judge Rice dissolved the temporary receivership he had ordered against the companies and declared there was not sufficient evidence to forfeit the companies' charters.

He declined to permit the evidence to go to the jury, ruling that the state had failed to offer sufficient facts to constitute a case. He said even if the evidence could be proved, the matters were exclusively within the jurisdiction of the corporation commission and the board of equalization, pointing out that Governor Murray himself is a member of the latter board. The judge also said the rates in question were fixed by the people themselves through franchises and that he had no right to disturb what the people themselves had done.

Attorneys have been fighting the case for several months and it has been given wide publicity.

#### New Conoco Agent.

J. M. Collins, for several years engaged in the grocery business here, has secured the agency for the Continental Oil company and assumed his new duties last week. He succeeds A. J. Canon, whose chief business for the coming months will be campaigning for county commissioner. Elmo Collins, son of J. M. Collins, will have charge of Continental Station No. 1.

#### Becomes Wholesale Dealer.

Homer C. Foster, well known in local gas and oil circles, has announced the purchase by him of the wholesale gas and oil business from M. B. Moore, an independent oil dealer. Homer will continue to make office headquarters with the Blue Front Motor company.

### WHY NOT GIVE US A TRIAL?

Everybody in Merkel, who has not tried our work, should give the home enterprise an opportunity to demonstrate how well we can serve you. We feel sure you will be convinced just as large numbers of others have.

We Call For and Deliver and Guarantee our Work.

### THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY

Clarence Grayson, Owner  
Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Manager.

### Local Postmaster's Birthday Occasion For Dinner Party

O. J. Adcock, Merkel's postmaster, was 52 years old on Thursday of last week. So, instead of closing the banks and the post-office for the occasion, his better half invited a number of guests to surprise him when he came home for dinner. There was no surprise about the menu, however, for it showed most careful preparation, including as it did a variety of good things to eat, beginning with dressed chicken and baked ham, many vegetables, salads, etc., and winding up with pies and cakes of various brands and peaches and cream.

Besides those of the immediate family, friends who gathered for the occasion and extended many happy returns to Mr. Adcock were Wren Durham, Castle Ellis and Clark Munday, from the post-office force, O. R. Rodden, J. S. Stalls and family, Elder L. E. Carpenter, wife and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, Miss Pearl Elliott, Mrs. J. Willie Moore and H. H. Toombs.

#### Herd Tuberculin-Tested.

Seventeen head of John S. Hughes' herd of dairy cows were tuberculin-tested by an inspector for the livestock division the past week, including 9 thoroughbred Jerseys and the balance grade cows.

#### New Machines Installed.

Announcement of the installation of several new machines is made by Ferrier's Service Station in their advertisement in this issue of The Mail. Particular mention is made of the latest electric storm re-boring machine, an electric brake-lining machine, valve facing machine, cylinder hone gauges, micrometers and other equipment. Ed Gant, well known auto mechanic, is in charge of the shop.

#### Joins Chevrolet Force.

F. E. Church, well known in automobile circles, is now connected with the sales force of the Hughes Chevrolet company.

### MERKEL MOTOR CO.

If it's car trouble, bring it to us. The best of work at LOWER prices.

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Five Years with the Merkel Motor Co.

"There's a Reason"

### Henry Long Seeking Tax Assessor's Job

To the Citizenship of Merkel and Western Taylor County:

I take this method of asking you for the office of tax assessor of Taylor county, and in so doing I am aware of its many duties and responsibilities. Having had several years of experience in handling tax matters I deem myself qualified for the position which I seek.

For the past year I have been an employee of the commissioners' court of this county in revising the old records of the assessor's office, as well as the re-evaluation of the entire Taylor county. I have had full charge of all assessments for the year 1932, and when I shall have completed this work as far as can be done this year Taylor county will have a complete abstract title of all real property in Taylor county.

During this assessment period it is impossible to complete a system of record for the use of the tax assessor, but if the voters see fit to elect me as their next tax assessor, by the end of year 1933 Taylor county will have a system of records and taxation second to none in Texas.

I am asking the voters to give my candidacy a careful consideration as to qualifications, honesty, and integrity. In the near future I will attempt to see all voters in Taylor county and go further into the reason why I am

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asking the voters to support me for this important office.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. F. (Henry) Long.

December 23, 1931.

To the Citizens of Taylor County:

Having been requested to make a statement with reference to the candidacy of H. F. Long, whose announcement is being made for the office of Tax Assessor, and without the purpose of affecting the candidacy of any other parties who might be a candidate for this office, I am pleased to make the following, which is my own personal statement and not given as a statement of the Commissioners Court of Taylor county:

I have been in direct touch with the work of Mr. Long in connection with installation of our new county block system which is to be used in

the Assessor's office, as well as with his work in our present equalization program which is nearing completion. He has been employed by the County for about fifteen months, working on work connected with the Assessor's office altogether, except for a short time when he served as temporary auditor following the death of Len Faucett. His work has been performed in an energetic, courteous, honest, capable manner, and I know of no citizen who I think would be better qualified to serve Taylor County as its Tax Assessor. This statement is made after being informed that Mr. J. T. Howard, present incumbent, will not be a candidate.

Signed:  
Tom K. Eplen.

Office supplies—Mail office.



#### Specials for Friday and Saturday

COMPOUND, 8 lb. pail	59c
SUGAR, 10 lbs. cloth bag	46c
SPUDS, 10 lbs.	15c
MATCHES, 6 boxes	15c
HOMINY, 4 cans medium	25c
PEAS, No. 2 cans, 2 cans	25c
TOMATOES, No. 2 1-2 cans	10c
BRAN, 100 pounds	65c
SHORTS, 100 pounds	75c
FLOUR, 48 lbs. Guaranteed	80c
RICE, 5 pounds	15c
OATS, 5 pound package	25c

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**H. C. Foster**



## CHOIR PARTIES.

The members of the Presbyterian choir that participated in the program at Baird Sunday evening were given a most gracious reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker after services.

A number of the Baird congregation formed the receiving line and assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments to approximately thirty of the Merkel delegation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz extended the hospitality of their lovely home to members of the Presbyterian choir on Wednesday evening.

Games of "42" progressed as diversion for the first part of the evening after which a most delightful musical program was enjoyed, rendered by various talented members of the choir. Saxophone numbers by Messrs. Taylor Tucker and C. W. Delmer, also clarinet numbers by Taylor Tucker, Delma Compton, soloist, and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, accompanist. Mrs. Robert Walker of Baird gave most pleasing readings and Miss Mary Eula Sears beautifully sang "Mistress Margarita." Quartette numbers by Messrs. Tucker, Compton, Delmer and Barnett were repeatedly enjoyed as were piano duos by Mr. and Mrs. Delmer.

Delicious Osgood pies, whipped cream and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Jones, John West, Robert Mayfield, Harry Barnett, C. W. Delmer, W. L. Diltz, Misses Mamie, Vera and Velma Walker, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Helen Patterson, Messrs. Henry West, Delma Compton, A. J. and Taylor Tucker.

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES COMPLIMENTED.

The home of Mrs. C. H. Jones was opened on Wednesday afternoon of last week to the ladies of the church in open forum. The subject of the program was "Stewardship." A playlet, "Farming Eden," was most creditably impersonated by Miss Velma Walker and Mrs. Bob Mayfield. A contest depicting a search for lost time brought an appropriate message and with the serving of heart-shaped sandwiches and hot tea Mrs. Henry West called attention to the significance of having our heart in our work, that time was irretrievably lost but we could all have our hearts in the work of 1932. Refreshments were served to approximately thirty guests.

## LUNCHEON.

On Tuesday Mrs. W. T. Sadler returned a number of luncheon obligations at her home on Oak street. The house was profusely decorated with calendulas which were climaxed in a gorgeous center for the dining table where at one o'clock a delectable three course luncheon was served. Contrac bridge afforded afternoon diversion.

The guest list included Mesdames Stuart Cooper, W. V. Ramsey, W. B. Adamson, R. Van Bailey, Happy McGuire, all of Abilene, Mrs. R. A. Webster of Clyde, Mrs. George White and the hostess.

## J. U. G.

The J. U. G. club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Helen Heeter for a tacky party. When the guests arrived gum was passed by the hostess, which was very tacky. The prize was awarded to Miss Ann Leppard. Outdoor games and contests were played until refreshments of hamburgers and soda pop were served in picnic style to Misses Ann Leppard, Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Billie McGehee, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Frances Owens, Anne Lee Blake, the hostess and Missie Dye, the sponsor.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The seventh birthday of Fred Slayden was celebrated with a party for his little friends on Thursday of last week. The guests presented their gifts upon arrival and then outdoor games were played until the refreshment hour. While the table was being prepared sacks of popcorn were distributed.

The plate favors were cup cakes and Easter eggs. In the center of the table was the birthday cake lighted with seven pink candles, which was cut and served with fruit salad and whipped cream to Bobbie Taylor, Charlie Young, Ima Gene Rosson, Winona and I. C. Thomas, Earl Mashburn, Clarence Melton, L. B. Morrison, Doris Clyde Miller, Roy Owen, Louise Patterson, Robert Price, Tillman Rutledge, O. C. Shouse, Mildred Tarleton, John R. Dye, Dora Marie Gaither, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Billy Jack Lansford, Becky Gardner, Lula Mae Clark, David Gibson, Alford Dickinson, J. C. and Dave Car-

# CHURCHES

## District Banner is Awarded to Merkel

Nineteen young people from the Merkel Epworth league attended the Abilene district meet at Anson Saturday and Sunday. That is one of the reasons they were awarded the district banner. About 150 young people from all quarters attended the services during the meet. Hurrah for Abilene district. The next district meeting is to be held in Merkel in May.

Merkel was represented at the Anson meeting by Miss Marcella and Marie Pinckley, Orpah Patterson, Imogene Hays, Gwendolyn Vickers, Addie Faye Patterson, Mary Collins, and Messrs. Tracy Campbell, Jim Patterson, Neil Durham, Kenneth Cribbley, Mordell Shouse, B. P. Middleton, Paul Collins, Roy Patterson, Vernon Hudson, Lowell Vickers and Ralph Hays.

## METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our church is preparing an Easter program to be rendered Easter night, March 27. The main feature of the program will be a pageant portraying the news of the resurrection as it doubtless spread in the streets of Jerusalem. A beautifully lighted and decorated cross with pantomimes will make the program of unusual interest.

The Leaguers returned Sunday afternoon with the large new honor prize offered by the Abilene district for the best league. They also report that they secured the next district league meeting which will be held in May.

## Regular services next Sunday.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Nearly 800 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the exact figure being 790. The sixth Sunday School reporting is the Fundamental Baptist church with an attendance of 80 last Sunday. On the previous Sunday the total attendance was cut to 383 on account of extremely bad weather.

## MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Sunday afternoon meeting will open with special music and song numbers by singers from the various churches in the city. Other features on the program next Sunday will be a talk on "The Need of a Men's Prayer Meeting" by Herbert Patterson, scripture lesson from the 6th chapter of Romans read by Tom Coats and a discussion of the lesson by L. L. Murray. Last Sunday a large number was present to enjoy the wonderfully inspiring talk by Bert Low of Abilene.

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The fine attendance at all of our services is very gratifying. Let every-

son, David and Billie Reidenbach, Troy and Fred Slayden.

## FAMILY REUNION.

Mrs. Jewell McLaughlin of Floydada, who was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, was the honoree at a happy family reunion Sunday at the Baker home at Warren. A sumptuous family dinner was served at noon. Those enjoying this hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker, Miss Edith Baker, Freddie Baker and O. B. Leach.

one do his duty by inviting others to worship with us.

The pastor's subject for Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "Rewards in Heaven." Special music at both hours. Do not forget our Sunday School at 9:45 and the Young Peoples meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Visitors and strangers warmly welcomed.

J. T. King, Pastor.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Consecration of Mental Powers."

Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. "The Mind's First Great Problem—Finding and Knowing Christ," Benny Sheppard.

"The Mind's Second Great Problem—Finding and Filling Your Place in Life," Harold King.

"The Mind's Third Great Problem—Using Leisure Properly," Leonard Reeves.

"The Mind's Most Thrilling Task—Seeking the Best Means of Serving Through Christ's Church," Laura Barnett.

"Christ Challenges Youth," Iris Garrett.

Everyone come to B. Y. P. U. next Sunday and bring someone with you. Have a very interesting program and a big "surprise." So be sure and come at 6:30. All visitors welcome.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come, worship with us.

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

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a great day with us. Your presence was missed. Rev. Miss Forbes brought a very fine message at the 11 o'clock hour on the subject, "God's Faithfulness."

Come to church. Public worship lightens the load. It is a good thing to say something good about a bad man, though it is a bad thing to say something bad about a good man.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m. Cottage prayer meeting Tuesday 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.  
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

You have a welcome at the North Side church at every service. Come be with us for Bible study Lord's Day morning at 9:45 and stay for church at 11. Then there's the young peoples' program at 6:30 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 3 p. m. and the prayer meeting service each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Please let's have all members come to these services of the Church of Christ and invite others to come along, too.

Respectfully, The Elders.

## FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Some people do not yet understand that we are the old-time missionary Baptist. So, if you will come Saturday evening at 7:30 we will tell you what we believe and why: our theme, "Why I am a Baptist."

Tuesday afternoon we buried nine more with Christ in baptism. Next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 we will baptize again.

We had 80 in Sunday School last Sunday and three additions to our church Sunday night.

Bible School Sunday 9:45. Preaching 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at

7:30. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Street service every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Come to our Bible study every Monday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

In the near future we will bring another evangelistic meeting. Radio Jack will work with us in the meeting.  
Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Mark 10:17-25.  
Subject, "How to Obtain Eternal Life."

Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketcham.  
Verse 17, Ruth Jenkins; 18, Elton Dowell; 19, Madie Smith; 20, William Gay; 21, Roy Griffin; 22, Mattie Ruth Gay; 23, Gertrude Reynolds; 24, Mrs. Bessie Dowell; 25, Tony Huffman; 26, Tindall Martin.

## PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. John Richardson and son, Primitive Baptist elders, will conduct services Friday, March 11, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services at the Trinity Baptist building, first door north of Carson's grocery.

Ladies' Special—2:30 Saturday—Chardonized Silk Hose 19 cents per pair. Brown's Bargain Store.

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COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	25c
BROOMS, 4 string	20c
DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, apples and prunes, 2 lbs.	23c
K. C. BAKING POWDER, 50c size	38c
CRACKERS, 3 lb. box	35c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. box	22c
CRACKERS, 1 lb. box	15c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. Graham	26c
OATS, with cup, large package	21c
SOAP, Palmolive, 3 bars	22c

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