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DELEGATES TAYLOR COUNTY UNANIMOUS FOR JOHN GARNER

Name of Famous Texan Only One Mentioned; Dan Moody Endorsed as National Committeeman from Texas.

Submitting with "pride and confidence" the name of Speaker John N. Garner as the democratic nominee for president, Taylor county democrats in convention assembled Saturday at the court house unanimously endorsed the candidacy of the rugged Texan for the highest office in this country. The few brief talks made during the hour and twenty minute session were tributes to Garner and so harmonious was the session that no suggestion of a second choice was even considered.

Delegates to the state democratic convention to be held in Houston on May 24 were instructed to vote as a unit and to endorse the names of Garner, for president; Dan Moody, for the state's national executive committeeman, and Mrs. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene as national committeewoman.

The only contest was on the report of the committee on resolutions recommending Jed Adams, incumbent, as national committeeman. By vote of 45 to 34, former Governor Dan Moody's name was substituted by the convention, when presented by Dallas Scarborough.

Ben L. Cox was elected chairman of the convention, and Mrs. Dallas Scarborough was named secretary, after preliminaries were conducted by Jas. F. Stinson, chairman of the county executive committee.

The committee on resolutions was composed of Dr. O. H. Cooper, Harry Tom King, R. L. Young, Sr., M. G. Jenkins, Tuscola; Mrs. W. R. Chapman, R. M. Wagstaff and E. T. Brooks.

TO STATE CONVENTION.

Chairman Cox was selected chairman of the county's delegation to the state convention. Thirty-four were named in the group, and the county has 15 votes in the state meeting.

The committee appointed to name the delegates to the state convention included W. R. Ely, Bernard Hanks, W. O. Boney, Dan O'Connell and T. C. Richardson.

Delegates named, with Cox as chairman, are: Dallas Scarborough, J. D. Casey, Tuscola; C. J. Glover, Merkel; J. M. Wagstaff, R. M. Wagstaff, J. E. Burnam, Bernard Hanks, W. J. Cunningham, D. M. Oldham, M. J. Jenkins, Tuscola; Booth Warren, Merkel; W. R. Chapman, M. S. Long, J. R. Black, Mrs. W. R. Chapman, Harry Tom King, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, R. D. Green, Jas. P. Stinson. (Continued on Page Four)

Recital of Junior Expression Class Thursday, May 19

The Junior Expression class of the Merkel Public schools will be presented in recital Thursday night, May 19, at 8:15 o'clock at the Grammar School auditorium.

The program follows: Numbers by Primary Rhythm band. "An Aeroplane for Two," duet, Sue Sue Grimes and Billy Haynes. "The Willing Workers," Mrs. Malone and the Censor, Dora Marie Gaither.

"Opportunity," "Liza Anne's Lament," Dorothy Nell Haynes. "The Silly Kitten," Mildred Tarleton.

"Do Birds Really Tell?" song, Billy Haynes.

"Bud Discusses Cleanliness," Forest Glynn Barnett.

"Spelling in the Nursery," "A Man in Our Town," "The Courtin' Call," Sue Sue Grimes.

"What's in a Name?" "Wadin' in the Creeks," Doris Clyde Miller.

"Cuttin' Grass," "How to Eat a Watermelon," "Wish of a Small Boy," Billy Haynes.

"The Lost Purse," Dorothy Nell Haynes.

Duet, Doris Clyde Miller and Sue Sue Grimes.

"Unappreciated Methodism," Dora Marie Gaither.

Hospital scene; doctor, Billy Haynes; nurse, Dorothy Nell Haynes; patients, Forest Glynn Barnett, Doris Clyde Miller, Dora Marie Gaither and Sue Sue Grimes.

One act play, M. H. S. Players.

"Belling the Cat," play, expression class.

Numbers by Girls Choral club.

Rainfall for Past Week at 3 Inches

Rainfall during the week totalling three inches, most of which fell late Friday afternoon and Friday night, has brought the year's figure to 12.79 inches, 7.5-8 inches of which have been recorded in the past three weeks.

Friday and Friday night's precipitation was 2.5 inches, with a quarter more registered on Sunday and another quarter Monday night, according to the gauge of Grover Hale, volunteer weather observer.

Oil Operations.

At Thursday noon the Eastland Oil company-Dunagin Tool and Supply company test on the M. G. King place had reached 2,415 feet, without any favorable indications. It is below pay level in this section, which is from 2,388 to 2,400 feet.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Miriam A. (Ma) Ferguson will open her campaign for governor at the Texas Cotton Palace in Waco on Saturday, May 21, at 2:30 p. m.

Trapped in her flaming home, Mrs. Jewel Jackson, about 30, who firemen were told had been ill in bed, was burned to death at Dallas Tuesday.

Dorothy Smith, red-haired 15-year-old Lubbock high senior, died of self-administered poison in her room at her home late Friday night or early Saturday.

E. W. Seale of Corpus Christi has been named president of the Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville by the board of directors. He will succeed the late R. B. Cousins.

Burney Blackshear, 23, oil field worker and formerly a resident of Dallas, was given a death sentence at Tyler Monday for the "flatiron" murder of Mrs. Vera Brimberry at Arp.

William Dozier, 26, of Greenville was almost instantly killed at Louisville, Ky., Saturday when he fell from the fifth floor of his hotel room and struck a roof in a court one floor below.

Dr. A. A. Ross of Lockhart was elected president of the Texas State Medical association at its annual convention in Waco last week and Fort Worth was selected as the 1933 meeting place.

In a telegram dispatched Wednesday from Fort Worth to Clint Small, state senator from Wellington, Governor Ross Sterling stated that he would announce his candidacy for governor in the next few days, setting forth his platform in detail.

The explosion Wednesday morning at the Ward-Winkler county line of 500 quarts of nitroglycerin, being delivered by truck, cost the lives of W. K. Judy, 46, of Tulsa, manager of the Osage Torpedo company, and Bill Scofield, 30, of Parshing, Okla.

Five doctors, including Dr. Ivy Stansell, commander of the Alamo Post No. 2, American Legion, were arraigned Monday before United States Commissioner Lockhart at San Antonio on indictments charging violations of the Harrison narcotic act.

Announcement comes from Beaumont that approximately 600 men will be given work when two of the Kirby Lumber company's largest mills and one logging front resume operations on June 1. All three plants have been shut down for a year or more.

Former State Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher, who was runner up in 1930 against Pat M. Neff for the post of railroad commissioner, has announced his candidacy for the post now held by Neff, assuming that Neff will resign in time for a successor to be named in the July primaries.

At the closing sessions in Abilene Wednesday Austin was named as the next host city for the state convocation of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian sisters. John Lee Smith, of Throckmorton was elevated to the office of grand chancellor and Mrs. Elizabeth Tipps was the unanimous choice of the Pythian sisters for grand chief.

Shannon Gives Good Account of Himself

Milton Shannon, Merkel High School's representative at the Texas Interscholastic League meet at Austin last Friday and Saturday, ran second in his heat of the one mile run but failed to place in the finals.

Shannon won the district meet at Abilene with the time of 4:56 for the mile. In his heat at Austin, he led until the last few yards and placed second with the time of 4:46.

Morgan of Alvord broke the state meet record of 4:33:8 and won the race, Shannon doing no better than eighth with time of 4:47:4 minutes.

Shannon has two more years of league competition and he should be able to win next year since he is vastly improved over his showing last season.

Coach Briggs Irvin, Cephas Wozencraft and Isadore Mellinger accompanied him to the state meet at Austin.

SCHOOL CHORUS IN PROGRAM OF READINGS, SONGS

"Evening of Praise" Arranged By High School Chorus for Presentation at Baptist Church Sunday Night.

At the First Baptist church at 8 o'clock Sunday night the Merkel High School chorus under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy will present an "Evening of Praise," to which the interested public is invited. The pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches have announced no evening services in order for members of these congregations to attend the school program, which follows:

Prelude, Ida Mae Derstine and orchestra.

"Tis Joy to the World," chorus. Reading, "My Land," Margaret Canon.

A Tribute to Youth, Rev. E. L. Yeats.

"The Happy Song," boys quartette. "Sing to the World," chorus.

Reading, "The Art of Praise," Ola Smith.

"This is Enough to Satisfy Me," selected voices.

Reading, "The Little Old Church," Betty Lou Grimes.

"At the Old Church Door," chorus. "There's Glory in My Soul," boys quartette.

"The Heavenly Guide," Girl's Choral club.

"Whispering Hope," selected voices.

"The Perfect Gift," one-act play, M. H. S. players.

"Goin' Home," mixed quartette.

Tribute to Music, Rev. R. A. Walker.

Benediction, chorus.

Proceeds Next Play For Cemetery Fund

To show their appreciation to the people of Merkel and the surrounding communities who turned out so well to see their recent play, "The Wild Oats Boy," the Merkel Volunteer Fire department in regular meeting last Monday night voted to sponsor a play and give the proceeds to the Cemetery association.

Parker Sharp was selected as business manager for the project, and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby, one of the directors of "The Wild Oats Boy," has consented to direct the play. A three-act comedy drama, "George In a Jam," has been selected and most of the cast has been named.

The cast, the place and the date of "George In a Jam" will be announced at a later date.

The money derived from the play will be turned over to those in charge of Rose Hill cemetery for whatever improvements they deem most urgent of the many that are apparent. The fireboys are simply offering to do the great amount of work involved in any play in order that they may repay their many friends who made it possible for them to have delegates at the State Firemen's meet.

Dallasites to Visit Merkel Next Saturday

Dallas business men, about 100 strong, on their 31st annual goodwill tour will stop at Merkel Saturday morning, May 14, at 8:10 o'clock. They will have a large band and are traveling in a special train.

Although no set program is being arranged, Merkel business men will be on hand to greet the visitors and the school children, following their usual custom, will be present in large numbers.

Another special train bearing the Dallas delegation to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Sweetwater is scheduled to stop here at 6:09 this afternoon.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton of Blair, Thursday, May 5, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Car-gill, residing near Nubia, Tuesday, May 10, 1932.

Fall Leaves Prison.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 12.—Albert B. Fall, who was secretary of the interior under President Harding, was released from the New Mexico state penitentiary Monday, nine months and 19 days after he began serving a sentence of a year and a day for accepting a bribe while in office.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED CLOSING EXERCISES OF MERKEL'S SCHOOLS

High School Chorus To Present Operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl"

"The Sunbonnet Girl," a comic operetta in two acts, by Geoffrey F. Morgan and Frederick G. Johnson, will be presented by the Merkel High School chorus Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Grammar School auditorium. Admission 10 cents.

The story of the operetta follows: Susan Clifton, the "Sunbonnet Girl," is the orphaned child of musical parents. She has been left in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Abijah Scroggs, a skin-flint couple who have starved and stunted her.

As the play opens, Mrs. Henry Coleman, the president of the State Federation of Music clubs, arrives in the village to conduct a contest for certain scholarships in music. She is accompanied by her daughter, Barbara, her son, Bob, and his chum, Jerry. The contest is held in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, who are prosperous and respected farmers, and whose daughter Miranda is among the contestants. On learning of the contest, Sue timidly approaches the ladies in charge and asks to be allowed to take part. They are willing, but Mrs. Scroggs, encouraged by her daughter, Evalina, harshly refuses to allow it, insisting that she has no proper clothes for such an affair, and that she is needed for the endless dishwashing of the Scroggs' household. Sue is discouraged, but on meeting Barbara, Bob and Jerry, she tells her story and enlists their sympathy and support. Moreover, she tells them that she believes her parents left her some sort of property, but that the Scroggs refuse to divulge the nature of it. They promise to call on Ezra McSpavin, the village constable, and persuade him to intercede in the name of the law.

The opening of the second act discloses all the young people of the village gathered for the music contest. Various members of the group take part, until Mrs. Meadows declares that the list has been completed, but Mrs. Coleman, on consulting her paper finds one more name, and announces "Susan Clifton." The chorus is surprised at this unfamiliar name, but (Continued on Page Four)

Graduation Night Comes on Monday, May 23; Address to Be Given by President Hunt of McMurry College.

The public is cordially invited to attend the closing exercises of the Merkel Public schools. These will begin on Friday evening of this week and end with the graduation exercises on Monday, May 23. There will be an admission for only two of these exercises—the operetta and the Senior play. For the other exercises there will be a few seats reserved for the parents of the graduates, but the remainder of the house will be open to the general public.

SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES.

Friday, May 13—Operetta. This program will be given by the members of the High School Chorus under the direction of Miss Tracy. This program will be given at the Grammar School auditorium. The admission charge will be ten cents. The program will begin at 8:15.

Friday, May 20—Senior play, Grammar School auditorium. The play this year is under the direction of Mrs. R. B. Irvin, the sponsor of the Senior class. The class has been working hard on this for some weeks and the play promises to be one of the best given here. There will be an admission charge for this play of 20 cents and 25 cents.

Saturday evening, May 21—Seventh Grade exercises. These exercises will be held at the Methodist church. There will be no admission charge to this. Seats will be reserved for the parents, the remainder of the church being open to the general public.

Sunday, May 22, 8:15 p. m.—Graduation sermon. The sermon this year will be preached by Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, Abilene. The program will be held at the Methodist church. The public is invited.

Monday, May 23, 8:15 p. m.—Graduation exercises. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, Abilene. This exercise, too, will be at the Methodist church.



RHYTHM.

Looking back, the record would be something like this: Unbounded optimism; "new era;" everything's going to be all right.

Collapse; disillusionment.

Fear.

Fear compels thought. "The fear of the Lord," says the Bible, "is the beginning of wisdom." Until we are thoroughly scared we do not start to recover.

Congress was thoroughly scared when it convened last December, and it has been the most sensible Congress in a long time. Business has been thoroughly scared, and more constructive business thinking has been done than for many years. Bankers have been thoroughly scared, and we shall have a sounder banking system.

The greatest impression that this experience has made on me is a fresh realization of the rhythm of human existence. The race does not move in a straight line forward and up, much as we should like to think so. It swings.

It swings too far to the left, bumps its nose, and swings back, too far to the right. In the course of these great swings it edges forward.

But most of us fail to sense the rhythm. We are looking for a fixedness, a finality which does not exist. We do not realize that change is the one unchanging fact in the universe; that because a situation is so today is the one sure reason why it will not be so tomorrow.

In these depression periods we question everything. We probe with doubts. We react. And the reaction is beneficent.

For twenty-five years we worshipped "scientific progress." Now we wonder whether less things and more thinking may not lead to the happier life.

In education we have been devoted to the practical, to training men and women to do things. We are swinging back to the old fashioned idea that education is an enrichment of the spirit and not a filling of the brain.

In government we have multiplied laws and bureaus and taxes. Now the worm is turning. The taxpayer rebels; government must simplify, deflate.

We had a great period of misdirected idealism, a passion for educating everybody, "improving" everything, enlightening the world. Now we are beginning to suspect that the older civilizations have fully as much to teach us as we have to teach them. (Continued on Page Two.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 10, 1912.)

Mrs. Henry West honored John West, a member of the graduating class, Thursday evening. Yellow and white, the class colors, were beautifully carried out. On entering each guest was given a name of an important personage and each was left to self identification by remarks made. A fishing pool afforded amusement and candy suckers to the merry fishers. Miss Clementine Barker received a box of candied cherries as a reward of merit in the drawing contest. Small bags cut in pennant shape were filled with nuts carried on a spoon, after which the contestants sat on the floor, told stories and ate nuts. Class pennants in water colors on which were written names of the boys and girls were hidden and in finding these they found partners for the future as well as for supper.

Orange ice, served in orange cups thus carrying out the class colors, was served to Misses Faye Lowery, Clementine Barker, Margie, Clara and Murlice Saffle, Zora West, Dorothy Lee Potter, Messrs. John West, Sam Swann, Taylor Jennings, Lytton Howard, Rufford Evans and Choc Jones. Miss Della McClain assisted the hostess in entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren went to Abilene Wednesday morning.

The beautiful Electrolier that will

be given away at the Elite has the effect of real cut glass. Ask for a chance when buying gum.

Miss Leila Nesbitt spent Tuesday in Abilene, the guest of friends.

Miss Lyska Pitzer was a visitor from Sweetwater to attend the carnival.

Miss Laverna Swafford was a visitor in Abilene Saturday.

The dance Thursday evening at the Thornton building ended a delightful series of spring dances. Programs were given out to the dancers bearing the toast: "Here's to the has beens, are now, and may be's."

Music was furnished by the Abilene stringed orchestra. Delicious punch was served to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Big-ham, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J.P.C. Hunt, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. Mack Alexander of Abilene, Misses Genevieve Rust, Nina Trott, Jessie O'Brian, Mabel Collins, Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Lulu Thorn-ton, Elma Sheppard, Olga Sheppard, Messrs. Keene, Hardwicke, Green, Taylor, and Ayers of Abilene, John R. Daniel, J. E. Faucett, Oly Sharp, Homer Easterwood, Drs. S. L. Davis of Clayton, Jim Alexander of Abilene and Parker of Seymour.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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SENIORS' FAREWELL TO M. H. S.

Farewell.

Now that dreaded time has come, boys,
Time to check our books and go;
Time to pack our things and go, boys,
To where the river of life does flow.

Our wading days are over, boys
The stream of life is getting deep;
Let's put our shoulders to the task,
boys,
It is no time for men to sleep.

I can hear the future calling, calling
From out of the briny deep,
Trying to show us all our chords,
Trying to break this stagnant sleep.

And at last we say farewell, as we
Pass outside the door,
Turning, gazing, ever longing for
Those high school days of yore
That are gone—forever more.

—Monta J. Moore.

There comes a time in every person's life when he has to say good-bye to the ones he loves. It has come to this point with the Seniors, and I can truthfully say that it is with regret that I say good-bye to dear old M. H. S. Some of the happiest moments of my life have been spent in Merkel High school.

Of course I realize that most of my life is yet ahead of me, but I shall never forget some of the things that my high school life has taught me.

Even though my name shall not be in the roll call next September, I shall be thinking about my old high school and my old classmates. May every student strive to carry Old M. H. S.'s banner to greater victories than have ever been reached before.

—Ida Mae Derstine.

With sincere regret I realize that I will not be in Merkel High school next year. It has been a great pleasure to play football and basketball with the Badgers and to be a student in Merkel High school this year. I wish you, the ones that remain in Merkel High school, the best of luck.

—Davis Williams

My school career, or my high school career, is just about over; and I'm not very sorry. Of course I'm sorry about it in some ways. I've made some friends that I hate to leave behind. I have had some good times in Merkel High, and I have been in a great deal of trouble. I imagine some of the teachers will be glad to get rid of me, especially Miss Patterson.

—"Doc" Grimes.

Since I have been attending M. H. S., I have learned to love the students and faculty very much. I have always wanted to graduate from high school, but I have a deep regret in leaving as graduation approaches. Even though I look out upon great things in the future, I shall always look back upon my high school days with pleasure. I have never known how to appreciate the joys, friends and teachers of high school days until now. May M. H. S. always meet with the greatest success.

—Elleta Foster

It is with sincere regret that I come to the end of this school year. Of course, I do not want to fail. I want to graduate with my Senior friends of '32. Nevertheless, it almost makes tears come into my eyes when I think of the good times that I have had on the football field and the basketball court. These pleasures are never to be mine again with the Merkel "Badgers."

I shall miss all of my teachers very much next September.

B. P. Middleton.

"Farewell" is a word that sticks in the throat—especially when it is spoken to one's friends and alma mater as this "farewell" is. I leave M. H. S. with pleasant memories of the days I have spent here and leave half my heart with her.

Margaret C.

I am sure you will agree with me in the assertion that there are some occasions and emotions that are ever new in the hearts of students who are approaching their final step in their high school. There are certain pangs of joy; there are certain pangs of sadness.

No one not in my position can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting, since I have only been here

this one year. I sincerely regret that each day of my high school life was not spent in this institution. I also have been greatly pleased with the friendliness and kindness shown me here.

May the students coming in from other schools always be appreciated.

—Ruth Calloway.

No one, unless he be in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and to the kindness of this faculty, I owe everything.

It makes one have a queer feeling to say good-bye to all his friends and classmates. Maybe he will never get to be with them again as he has in his school days. I have enjoyed my school days. I have enjoyed my four years in M. H. S. and I especially have enjoyed backing our dear old Badgers, whom I dearly love. To the Pep Squad of M. H. S.—I will be watching you from day to day and I hope you back those Badgers through thick and thin. Never give up until the last whistle.

It is hard to say good-bye, but the time is really here. I believe I have "My row out." As I leave dear old M. H. S., I leave with many happy memories that will always be with me wherever I go.

—Willie Evelyn.

Since I'm saving all my knowledge until I go to college, I cannot tell you what I think of leaving Old M. H. S. Who knows? Maybe I have never had a thought; anyway I ditto all the statements of the other students.

—Helen Yeats.

I do not know just how I will feel yet, but I can imagine.

When I think about getting out of the study hall, I give a sigh of relief. Still there comes the thought of missing my classmates, of not being able to play on the football team, of not being able to represent M. H. S. any more.

These last thoughts make me feel as though I am leaving home.

Power to the ones that remain in M. H. S., may they "land her glories to the sky."

—Paul.

The student of Merkel High school has many things to be thankful for. As he is going about his regular school work from day to day, he does not stop and think of what an enjoyable time he and others are having, or of the many advantages that are offered in his school now that were not offered to those of previous years.

Though the athletic teams were defeated by teams of neighboring schools, M. H. S. is known for her clean sportsmen. Isn't that what it takes to count?

Clubs of various kinds have been organized for useful and better development of every student who will take part in the Choral, Glee and the Players clubs.

Every student that is taught in M. H. S. is affiliated All these are something that every student is proud of. I appreciate very much the opportunity that I have had in the work that Merkel High school has offered, and especially do I appreciate the association of the loyal student body and of the faculty members.

I shall look forward to an opportunity to visit school next year.

May I leave my good wishes for the further progress in the school work.

—Elmer Adcock.

Here's hoping that I have succeeded in the task which I set out to do eleven years ago. Although my high school days are growing to a close (maybe), I hope my college days are still many in number. I am glad that I am graduating, but I hate to part with my many M. H. S. friends. Here's to the Seniors of years to come and to the scrapping athletes who represent old M. H. S. I hope your wins are many. I shall watch the paper in order to keep an eye on the Badgers.

—Isadore Mellinger.

Well, when I leave old M. H. S. I think I'll feel like a lost sheep trying to find another place of learning in order that I might put a little more knowledge in this "topnot" of mine. As to say just how I will feel, I cannot; for I've been in school the greater part of my life.

I just wish to express my appreciation of Old M. H. S. and of my classmates who will be here next year to carry the work on. Last, but not least, as important, I wish to express

thanks and appreciation to the teachers of M. H. S. who have helped me over the struggles that I have met in these four years of learning.

—Zada Bell.

When I think of the lessons that I will not have to prepare when I have left M. H. S., I have to smile; but then I realize that I shall soon be doing something else just as tiresome, and perhaps more so. I think that I shall not leave Old M. H. S. without a feeling of rub—well, a feeling of uh—a feeling mingled with joy and sadness; of joy, because I shall begin something new; of sadness, because I shall miss my friends in dear Old M. H. S.

—Cephas.

Leaving high school will be the happiest event in my life.

—Hubert C. Toombs.

With a sad heart I think of leaving "Old" M. H. S., where I have gained the little knowledge that I have. I have enjoyed the friendship of everyone in school and of its teachers. These four years have been the happiest years of my life. I am hoping that all things good will come down the pathway of the students and teachers of M. H. S. next year.

—Lela Patterson.

It won't be long now! I can hardly realize that my high school days are almost over. I've often dreamed of the time when I would walk down the aisle of the church with a cap and gown on. My dream has almost come true. I'm not sorry I'm leaving M. H. S., but I am sorry to leave all my friends. I hope that if I, by chance, get to attend some college next year that my friends of M. H. S. won't forget me.

Au Revoir M. H. S.—!

—Nelle J. Durham.

I do not know what I shall do or how I shall feel when I am turned away from the doors of M. H. S. I do know that I am certainly going to miss all my friends and classmates. It is very sad indeed to think that all my high school days are almost over. But friends, take it from me, make the best of all your school days. Because they are days that will soon be gone forever.

—Marie.

THOUGHTS.

Of thoughts there're many kinds—
Thoughts of home, of mile, or pines;
Thoughts of glory, gain, or power,
Baser thoughts that make men cower.

Thoughts of leaving home or favorite haunts,
Thoughts long and tender for all of us;
Thoughts that oft bring tears when boarding the bus—
The bus of Life which goes—we know not where.

Thoughts of the old high school,
Of happy times and pupils gay.
Thoughts that we all must face—
And we—are facing now.

—W. M. Taylor.

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

Sis: "Why don't you ever talk about my dimple any more? You used to be always telling me how beautiful it was."

Marshall: "Oh, I can't. All the congressmen tell us never to mention the depression."

In her school essay on "Parents," a certain little girl wrote: "We get our parents at so late an age that it is impossible to change their habits."

—Zada Bell.

Ross: "I see by the paper that Babe Ruth walked twice today."

Ida: "Gosh! She should be more careful with whom she rides."

Mrs. Irvin worships her husband by placing burned offerings before him twice a day.

The other day Billie Bernice Gambill fell off a sixty foot ladder; that is, off the bottom step.

It is said that "Woosley" learned to hold his breath so long by living at a beach one summer while there was a man at the same place to whom he owed ten dollars.

CHEWIN' GUM.

You can find it on the market.
You can find it in the store.
You can find it on the ceiling.
You can find it on the floor.
You can find it in the office.
You can find it off' on assembly days.
And even that's not all.
On the teacher's desk you'll see it.
Sometimes beneath it, too.
You can find it on your breeches.
And the bottom of your shoe.
You can find it in the Northland.
And in the sunny South.
But the place you'll see it most
Is in Mary Elizabeth's mouth!

RECIPE FOR A MODERN NOVEL.

Stir in a fool to make us laugh;
Two heavy villains and a half;
A heroine with sheeny hair,
And half a dozen beaux to spare;
A mystery upon the shore;
Some bloody footprints on the floor;
A shrewd detective chap, who mates
Those footprints with the hero's
eight.
And make it squally for that gent—
Till he is proved innocent;
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THE WAY OF LIFE

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MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES

EIGHTH INSTALLMENT

Diana, in love with a married man, Dennis Waterman, has a nervous collapse as a result of the gay life of London society. Her aunt, Mrs. Gladwyn, takes her to a doctor, who orders her to the country for a rest. Dr. Rathbone has a country home nearby. Dennis calls at the cottage, then goes away for a long trip. He writes from America that he is there with Linda, his wife. Diana finds herself becoming more and more interested in Dr. Rathbone, and questions her nurse, Miss Starling, about him. She also questions Jonas, a farm boy of the neighborhood, about a woman who lives in Dr. Rathbone's house. Her name is Rosalie. Then Diana meets Rosalie in the woods; she acts strangely and leaves Diana puzzled.

Soon after the meeting in the woods with Rosalie, Dr. Rathbone calls again at Diana's cottage.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"On the contrary, I am quite sure that you will never forget and that you will often think about it, and perhaps sometimes when you begin to feel tired and bored to death with an eternal round of so-called 'gaiety' you will come back—even if only out of curiosity—and spend a couple of days with Miss Starling."

She made a little grimace.

"She might not want me."

"I am sure she will. Miss Starling has a great affection for you, though you may not believe it."

"That's a change," Diana said sarcastically, "for someone to have a great affection for me."

They were at the cottage gate now. She led the way into the cottage.

Jenny met them in the narrow hall.

"There's a telegram for you, miss, on the table in the parlour."

"Thank you."

Diana threw her hat down onto a chair and went into the sitting room.

The yellow envelope lay on the polished table, and she took it up, tearing open the flap with nervous fingers.

"Both sailing Aquitania tenth. Love, Dennis."

Rathbone had followed her into the room and saw the cable in her hand.

"Not bad news, I hope?" he asked. Diana laughed a little uncertainly.

"No, very good news," she said.

"That's splendid."

Diana folded the message across and across, keeping it in her hand. Tomorrow was the tenth: in a week's time Dennis would be home.

The cablegram slipped from her fingers to the floor, and Rathbone stooped and recovered it.

"I suppose he is on his way home," he said quietly.

She looked up, a hard light in her eyes.

"Yes, on the Aquitania."

"And so it will really be good-bye?" The colour rose quickly in her face and died down again.

"I don't know . . . there's nothing settled . . . anyway, I don't see why you should be interested."

"I am interested because I like you well enough to want you to be happy," Rathbone answered, "and because there is such a conviction in my mind that you are making a terrible mistake."

The colour rose again swiftly to the very roots of her hair.

"Well, you should know," she said defiantly.

Rathbone was silent for a moment; then he said in rather an expressionless voice:

"Two blacks do not make a white, Diana."

"I know that, but all the same—it's rather—cheap, isn't it?—to preach to me when everyone says that you—that you—"

She stammered and broke off, and Rathbone took up the words for her. "When everyone says that I have a woman living in my house—is that what you want to say?"

She stared at him with eyes that were pathetic in spite of their almost insolent defiance, but before she could speak he said in a voice of steel:

"It is indeed time you and I said good-bye, Diana."

"What do you mean?"

"Only that as I have done all I can do for you, all that I am sure you wish me to do for you, there will be no need for me to see you anymore."

She caught her breath. "You mean . . . never?"

"Never is a long day. It is quite possible that we may run across one another sometimes: the world is not such a big place. Anyway, I wish you

all the happiness you can wish yourself."

"But you don't think I deserve it, or that I shall get it?" she burst out passionately. "And you don't care, either, in spite of what you said when I was ill. You treat me like an ordinary patient now you think I'm well again. You promised to teach me to skate, but you're never said another word about it."

"Isn't there someone else better qualified for that privilege than I am?"

She ignored him. She went on with a breathless rush.

"You said you were my friend, and now you calmly say to yourself, 'Thank God there'll be no need for me to see her again' . . . Good-bye and good riddance, that's what you really mean. It's always what happens to me when I really like somebody—they always go away and leave me. I suppose it will be the same all my life. I was a fool to think you were any different from the rest. When you went to Paris you promised to come and see me directly you got back . . . You never came—you never would have come if I hadn't met you in the woods this morning . . . I don't know why you've come now. I stayed out purposely because I thought you shouldn't have to see me against your will. You don't think I want to see you if you don't want to see me, do you?"

Neither of them was aware that the moment was not without its humorous side. He looked so much older than she, and their relationship had been almost one of formality, she a sick child, not knowing what she wanted of life—perhaps wanting nothing—and he a world-weary man who had merely done his duty by healing her against her wish or desire.

Diana went on, her voice raised a little:

"Well, why don't you go? I don't want you to stay. As you say, you've done everything I can possibly wish you to do for me—you've done what your job is—more than you are paid to do, I suppose."

He let the childish insult pass, and she broke off for an instant, biting her lip hard to hide its trembling, only to rush on again: "Why didn't you let me die? I didn't want to get well . . . I'm no good to anyone—there's no place in the world where I seem to be really wanted."

And then, as if suddenly realizing how far she had lost her self-control, she hid her face in her hands.

Rathbone walked over to the window, standing with his back to her, as he said:

"You seem very determined to rake up all my sins of omission, but don't you think you are a little to blame too? If you had had any—any real regard for me, would you have gone prying into my private life—hoping to discover some wretched secret which you could triumphantly broadcast among your friends when you got back to town? If that is your idea of friendship, it is not mine."

And then for some moments neither of them spoke, till at last Rathbone turned again.

"Forgive me for that, Diana. I have no earthly right to talk to you like this. It's absurd for me to be angry with you—or with anyone. My life is as I have made it; yours will be as you make it; so try and build it out of something solid that will stand firmly through the bad days as well as the good. Good-bye."

She felt him come close to her, felt his hand for a moment on her shoulder, heard him say again, "Good-bye . . . Be happy." And then he was gone.

CHAPTER XIII.

During the next week quite a lot happened.

In the first place Diana's car arrived, and there was a renewed excitement of driving it once more; driving it at terrific speed with the Creature silent and terrified beside her.

"You'll break your neck," she gasped once, and Diana laughed recklessly.

"That would save a lot of trouble," she said flippantly.

Then a second cable came from

Dennis Waterman to say that his departure from America had been unavoidably postponed for another fortnight.

"Linda, of course," Diana told herself, but she did not care much; nothing seemed of great moment just then. Miss Starling was going up to London that evening to a lecture on something or other. She had told Diana all about it, but the girl had only listened half-heartedly, wondering why people should trouble to waste a railway fare on anything so dull.

She had offered to drive the Creature up to town in the car but her refusal had been quick and decided.

"No, thank you; besides, I shall have to come back by train."

So it meant an evening alone.

Diana leaned on the gate and decided that after all she hated the country. It would be fun to get into an evening frock once more and dance at the Savoy or Ciro's; fun to dive home in the early hours of the morning through brilliantly lit and almost deserted streets: London was a wonder city at night.

Did Rathbone ever take Rosalie Something-or-other to London? Or was it his idea of happiness always to keep her down in the country and walk hand in hand with her through lanes and woods?

Diana had not seen either of them for more than a week, and she suspected that they were deliberately keeping to the other side of the village.

She sighed and made a little grimace.

Well, let them . . . Rathbone must be missing her just a little, seeing that she missed him so terribly . . .

"Be happy." That was the last thing he had said to her, and since then she had been more miserable than ever in her life before.

The Creature came out of the house.

"I'll drive you to the station," Diana said quickly. It would be something to do—something to help pass the time.

"Don't drive too quickly, then," Miss Starling said nervously.

She sat with one hand tightly hold-

ing the door handle during the short drive, and Diana was highly amused.

Diana stood on the little country platform till the train went puffing slowly Londonwards, then she turned dispiritedly away.

The evening lay before her, long and lonely.

And the thought came to her:

"If Donald were only here."

Funny she should think of Rathbone by his Christian name: she could not remember that she had ever done so before. Well, he had more than once called her Diana.

"If Donald were here . . ."

Why not? . . . She felt her pulses jerking with strange excitement. Why not drive over and see him?

Diana caught up a woolen jersey from the coat rack and slipped it over her silk frock before she stole softly out and through the garden.

The big gates of Rathbone's grounds were shut, and she had to stop and get out in order to open one of them.

Diana went up to the big front door. It was open, and beyond she caught an attractive glimpse of a wide hall and some bits of old furniture and shining brass.

So this was where Rathbone lived. Diana stepped onto the inside mat and knocked with her knuckles on the door panel.

Was everybody dead or asleep? She knocked again and was conscious of a light movement in the dimly lit hall.

Somebody at last! She took another step forward ready to speak, and at the same moment Nero, the big Alsatian, came running down the stairs, and then, after the barest hesitation, he moved slowly towards her, walking on tiptoe.

Diana spoke his name at once, confident that he would recognize her.

"Nero—good old boy . . ." and she took another step toward him.

She saw him hesitate; saw his gleaming eyes through the dim light, and then suddenly and utterly without warning he sprang.

Like a panther he was upon her, his solid weight bearing her to the ground

before she could cry out or leap aside.

"Nero!" She could feel his hot breath on her face, and she put up both arms wildly in a vain effort to shield herself before she felt the agony of his great teeth tearing into her soft flesh.

For a moment it was just a lurid nightmare of pain and pandemonium: the savage snarling of the dog, her own frantic and unavailing efforts to beat him off, and his hot heavy body crushing her down, before her fear and agony rose above it all in a wild scream of blind terror, calling frantically on Rathbone's name "Donald . . . Donald!"

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brough.
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Dunn.
"Mother's Day," Robert Lee.
"The Busy Child," Bettie Jo
Moore.
"A Boy to His Stomach," Gwynn
Dunn.
"Strange Lands," Nedra Swaf-
ford.
"A Game of Tag," Nedra Swaf-
ford.
"The Kitchen Clock," Evelyn Sears.
"The Measles," Joe Earl Kim-
brough.
"The Gingerbread Man," Nedra
Swafford.
"If You're Good," Bettie Jo Moore.
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"The Doctor," Dwight and Nedra
Swafford.

A play, "The Lazy Grasshopper,"
will be presented by the following
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Frog, Robert Lee.
Bumblebee, Dwight Swafford.
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Robin, Evelyn Sears.
Fox, Joe Earl Kimbrough.
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Two Million Dollar Fire.
New York, May 12.—A fire which
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and killing one man, was brought
under control early Saturday after a
fight of more than 20 hours.

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Endorse Garner

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son, Dr. O. H. Cooper, Max Bentley,
E. W. Douthett, T. A. Bledsoe, T. C.
Richardson, Hamby; Miss Jennie
McConnell, Ocie Hunt, J. H. Hart,
B. L. Ellis, R. L. Young, Sr., T. N.
Carson, M. E. Richards, W. R. Ely,
R. W. Haynie.

PRECINCT CONVENTION.
At the precinct convention held
Saturday afternoon at the Lions club
hall here, W. O. Boney, precinct
chairman, presided and C. J. Glover
was named secretary.

Three men were appointed on the
committee to name delegates to the
county convention, these being Ford
Smith, Will Toombs and Charlie Curb.
Merkel's delegation was named as
follows: W. O. Boney, Herbert Pat-
terson, D. O. Huddleston, S. G. Tipton,
R. A. Ellis, Lee Harrell, C. F. Curb,
Booth Warren, J. N. Teaff, C. J.
Glover, W. W. Toombs.

On motion by R. A. Ellis, seconded
by Will Toombs, the delegates were
instructed to vote Merkel's 11 votes
as a unit.

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been advised of the specially attrac-
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George W. Armstrong is
Candidate for Governor

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Armstrong, Sr., county judge here in
the '90s, Saturday announced his can-
didacy for governor, favoring a state
currency system and a bond and mort-
gage moratorium as a means for re-
storing normal economic conditions.

Armstrong was elected county judge
thirty-eight years ago, retiring after
his second term without seeking re-
election. He was born in Jasper coun-
ty, his father having been an itiner-
ant Methodist preacher and his moth-
er of pioneer Texas parentage. He lat-
ter moved to Hill, Limestone and Ell's
counties and has lived in Tarrant
county for forty-four years. For sev-
eral years he has been president of
the Texas Steel company here.

Since 1923 he has written five books
on economic subjects, the first called
"The Crime of Twenty," attacking the
federal reserve banking system as
the cause of the deflation of 1920. His
state currency proposal is advanced
in the latest of his books.

Ready to uphold the soundness of
the measures he proposes for reform
of the economic, the judicial and the
tax system of the state, Armstrong
in his announcement challenged his
opponents or their designated repre-
sentatives to a series of debates.

He announced he will open his cam-
paign about May 18 or 20 at Jasper,
his birthplace, and will continue an
active speaking campaign throughout
the State. Arrangement of the speak-
ing tour depends upon whether his
challenge to the series of debates is
accepted.

Registrations in 1931
Show Drop of 731,178

An analysis of motor vehicle regis-
tration in 1931 just concluded by the
American Automobile association dis-
closes a drop of 731,178 vehicles, as
compared to 1930, with thirty-eight
states in the loss column.

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2.8 per cent, said the national motoring
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motor trucks dropped off only six-
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Operetta

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while they are speculating, Sue ap-
pears gorgeously dressed in the height
of fashion, complete even to jewels
and a fan, having been completely out-
fitted in secret by the sympathetic
Barbara. She sings her solo and is
immediately awarded the prize.

Bob Coleman, carried away by her
beauty and charm, immediately offers
his heart and hand, but Sue supposing
that his interest is based on sympa-
thy for her poverty and misfortune,
refuses to listen, saying that she
would be willing to consider him if
only she were wealthy and independ-
ent. Bob goes in quest of the constable,
and meanwhile Jerry and Bar-
bara come to a romantic agreement and
the chorus gathers to dance in their
honor. Constable McSpavin arrives
to say that he has searched the
Scroggs' home, and found a dispatch
box containing Sue's effects, and
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the match, and the curtain falls on
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By Charles McManus

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W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.

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Cleve Lowery.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church at 3:30 Friday afternoon for G. C. (Cleve) Lowery, 38, successful farmer residing in the Mt. Pleasant community, who died late Thursday afternoon at his home. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Lowery had been uptown Thursday and bought some carbolic acid for use with his chickens. About 6 o'clock in the afternoon he began to feel bad and lay down on the bed. While his wife was attending to the milking, he passed away. A bottle of the acid was found by his bedside, but physicians expressed the opinion that death was probably due to heart trouble from which he had suffered a long time.

Besides his wife, five children all under 16 years of age—two boys and three girls—at home, he is survived by his mother and two brothers, who reside at New Lexington, Ala.

He was reared in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Craig, who formerly lived here and who now reside at Winters, Mrs. Craig being a half-cousin of the deceased.

Mrs. F. L. Patterson.

Mrs. F. L. Patterson, 83, resident of the Hodges community for 47 years, passed away at noon Saturday, after an illness of six weeks, which began with a case of the "flu". Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Midway cemetery, conducted by two of her nephews, Judge Mead Griffin of Plainview and Herbert Patterson of Merkel, when the Anson minister who was expected to officiate was unable to reach the cemetery on account of the rains.

Six grandsons were pall bearers and granddaughters were flower girls. Mrs. Patterson died at the home where she had lived for the past 40 years. She and her husband, who preceded her in death by 23 years, came to this section from Mississippi. A member of the Primitive Baptist church, she was one of the many sturdy pioneer spirits that brought glory to the great west.

Eleven children, 50 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren survive. The children are John and G. S. Patterson, Hodges; Mrs. Fred Griffin, Tulsa; Mrs. M. A. Pair, Hodges; Mrs. Will Mayfield, Hodges; Mrs. M. Newman, Norman, Okla.; Mrs. T. P. Moran, Temple; Mrs. Rube Adams, Odessa; Mrs. Charles Balcomb, Mrs. Paschael Maples, Anson; Mrs. Ed Sweat, Hart, all of whom were present for the funeral.

Mrs. A. B. Ely

Mrs. A. B. Ely, 73, resident of Jones county for more than 25 years, died at the family home at Anson

Monday morning. She had been in failing health for several years.

After coming to Jones county, the family lived at Stith and Noodle for several years before moving to Anson, where they have resided since. Besides her husband, Mrs. Ely is survived by five sons, G. W. of Sweetwater, A. L. of Anson, L. G. and W. J. of Snyder and J. W. of Abilene, and five daughters, Mrs. G. W. Cook and Mrs. Harry Marvin of Anson, Mrs. Cecil Harris of Hodges, Mrs. Robert Eidson of Sylvestor and Mrs. Roy Bussey of Abilene.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at the Anson Methodist church, followed by burial in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Personal Mention

E. W. Carroll of Coleman spent last week-end with Doyle Garrett.

Miss Hollye Perry is visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Dr. W. T. Sadler and W. O. Boney were in Tahoka on business Wednesday.

Miss Emma Edna Moore of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Iris Garrett.

Dr. M. Armstrong attended the sessions of the Texas State Medical society in Waco last week.

Mrs. Luther Allen from Denton was the guest on Mothers' Day of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Mrs. Robert Echols of Albany came over to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham.

Mrs. Earl Beech of Overton was here for the week-end to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and two daughters, Wilma and Becky, spent the week-end with friends in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, accompanied by Miss Iva Bragg, were visitors here Sunday and Monday from Chillicothe.

Misses Winona and Norma Patton were over from Abilene to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton.

D. I. Shelton has been in Dallas since Sunday in connection with affairs of the Texas Cotton Growers Gin association.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and two daughters, Peggy and Patsy, of Breckenridge were guests Sunday in the J. S. Thomas home.

W. A. Medlen, formerly engaged in the printing business at Albany and an old-time friend of N. A. Dowell, was here Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eysen have returned to their home in Tyler after a happy visit in the home of Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald drove over to Westbrook to spend Sunday with the parents of Mesdames Bragg and McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott and

daughter, Johnnie, and Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott of Abilene spent Mothers' Day with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore.

Among those who came for Mothers' Day was Miss Lorena Dry, home demonstration agent for San Saba county, who spent the day with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mrs. Ray Cox and little daughter, Ona Fay, have returned to their home at Fort Worth, after visiting for sometime with her sisters, Mrs. N. B. Beall and Mrs. A. V. Henslee.

Mrs. Louis Goodrich and little daughter, Mayno, of Shamrock, who came to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. F. L. Patterson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

M. R. Blake of Paducah, after attending the Knights of Pythias grand lodge in Abilene the first of the week, was a guest Wednesday

night in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and daughter drove to Stamford Saturday to attend the district meeting of rural carriers, which was attended by about 75 or 80 carriers and their wives. They report a fine time and lots of good eats.

Coming Sunday to bring their mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, who had been visiting them in Dallas, Mesdames Doss Sheppard and Bill Sheppard, accompanied by Mrs. George Sewell, of Dallas remained for several days, returning home Wednesday.

Miss Christine Collins visited Miss Mary Rogers in Abilene several days last week; while there she took part in the "Evening of Opera" given by the West Texas Opera and Orchestra society, and the cantata, "Pan, On a

Summer's Day," by the Abilene Musical Coterie.

Dr. Wallace Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Williams of Waco were out Sunday to visit W. D. Williams and family. Dr. Wilcox is the old family physician of the Williamses in McLennan county and came out with the son to see his old friend, who has been seriously ill for over six weeks.

Guests who arrived as Mothers' Day visitors with Mrs. N. Causseaux were Mrs. R. L. Scott and two children, Mary and Richmond, Mrs. Fred Schaub and Paul Causseaux from San Antonio. Paul, Mrs. Schaub and Mary Scott returned Sunday afternoon, the others remaining for a longer visit.

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Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, May 12.—Packers-buyers made another attempt to cheapen cost on fat yearlings at Fort Worth Wednesday despite light receipts of all classes of cattle. Yearlings predominated in the run and offerings of slaughter steers, cows and mixed butcher classes were limited to a few scattered loads. Yearling trade developed on a weak to 25c lower basis with movement slow. Other classes of cattle in light supply, held about steady, but the market as a whole was poorly tested.

Receipts 1,500; 400 calves; slaughter yearlings weak to 25c lower; other cattle quotably steady; better fat yearlings, 5.00-5.00; part load good fed steers 5.50; others 3.75-4.75; good fat cows 3.00-2.50; butcher grades 2.50; bulls scarce and stocker trade poorly tested; slaughter calves 25c lower; good heavies 4.75-5.00; vealers to 6.00; weighty calves of plainer grades 4.25 down.

Cattle Shipments.

Consigned to the Souers Sales Company, three cars of cattle were shipped from here Tuesday night. Two lots, a car of calves and a car of cows, went to Markle, Ind., and another car of calves was shipped to Rabur, Ind. W. H. Laney and A. J. Barbee were sellers.

Gas was exhibited in the United States in 1806 as a freak at a Baltimore dime museum.

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter of Lamesa were week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter.

J. B. Winn, our telephone man here, was called to Buffalo Gap Sunday to help with repairing the damage done there on the exchange last Friday during the storm.

H. W. Beckham of Lamesa was home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beckham, on Mothers' Day.

Bob McLeod of Mineral Wells came Saturday to be with his mother, Mrs. S. D. McLeod, on Mothers' Day. She returned to his home with him for a visit.

A number of the ladies of the Home Demonstration club are planning to enter quilts and pillow cases in the contest to be held at Fair Park auditorium Saturday, May 14.

Carl Murdock and son, Eugene spent Sunday visiting relatives at Cross Plains and Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Armour had as their guests over the week-end their son, Jim Armour, his wife and daughter, Janie, of Del Rio.

Mrs. Jimmie Abbott and baby son were recent guests of relatives and friends here.

Miss Florence Kegan of White Flat was guest last Wednesday night of Miss Daisy Fowler.

A live bunch of Dallas Boosters will be here Saturday, arriving on a special train at 7:30. They will spend thirty minutes here.

Miss Opal Nalley visited relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. Joe Nalley and wife, who is state secretary of the Rural Carriers Auxiliary of Texas, attended a lovely banquet at Stamford Saturday evening, May 7th. Members of the Letter Carriers association and Ladies Auxiliary from points in East, North and West Texas were in attendance. A very enjoyable and profitable meeting was reported.

Mrs. Bessie Billings spent the week-end at her home in Abilene and on Sunday she and her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Rutherford, were most charming hostesses at the noon hour to Mr. and Mrs. John Howell and son, John, Jr., Everett Bridges, Marion Billings, Jack Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billie Joe Bowers, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley spent Mothers' Day as guests of the former's parents, Grandpa and Grandma Smith of Stanton. They report a very enjoyable day with all the children and most of the grandchildren of the elderly couple present. Miss Maurine Smith, who has been visiting there the past week, returned home with her parents.

Mrs. Bob Martin was a guest Tuesday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Miss Erma Dean Duncan has gone to East Texas to visit a sister. She plans to be away for sometime.

Cletus Feazel of Fort Worth was a guest of relatives here Wednesday night and attended a school party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright.

Miss Madeline Payne was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor have as their guest this week Mrs. Poor's mother of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson honored Mrs. Williamson's brother, Hubert Beckham, of Lamesa Sunday night with a six o'clock buffet dinner. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Miss Virgie Strawn, Mr. Coleman Whitfield, Helen McLeod and the host and hostess.

The fireboys are arranging for a play, "No-Account David," which will be staged real soon. Further announcement will be made.

Mrs. Leslie Beasley had her tonsils removed Tuesday at Merkel.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

S. H. Estep, who until recently was connected with A. W. Wood's grocery, is putting in a brand new stock of groceries on Front street. Mr. Estep needs no introduction to the buying public as he has been in the grocery business here for a number of years. He invites you to visit him. Ben Howell, another old time business man of our city, is now in the A. W. Wood's grocery with market goods and ice. He solicits your patronage.

LAST WEEK'S NEWS.

Miss Chambers, the county demonstration agent, met with the club and judged canned goods, home canned peas, corn and pea. She also demonstrated tying and dyeing and gave a thorough report on the meeting at Albany where all the clubs of the district met. Refreshments of cakes, pies, iced tea and lemonade were served to

Mrs. Barks, Strawn, Howell, Reeves, Williamson, Hulsey of Merkel, Stevens, Beckham, Kelley, Williamson, Ailyn, Stewart, Ross, Rogers, Wash, Miss Chambers of Abilene and Billie Bob Hulsey of Merkel.

High School News.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

The Juniors and Seniors were honored guests at a party given by Miss Helen Bright and the Sophomores and sponsored by Nona Burgess Thursday evening.

Cleverly arranged games and contests were enjoyed by forty guests.

A refreshment plate, consisting of cake, candy and lemonade, was served. Unique plate favors concealed a fortune for each guest.

DID YOU KNOW—

That Miss Burgess spent the week-end in Kilgore?

That there are three more weeks of school?

That the Senior play is to be given soon?

That last week was exam week?

SENIORS.

The Seniors are looking forward to the arrival of their invitations which are to be delivered within the next few weeks. As the slang expression goes, "The sooner the better."

The Seniors are looking forward to "Senior week;" they feel that they deserve this week off after the efforts they have put forward for the school their last year in old Trent high. As we look back upon our days of schooling, we can only say that we owe more than we can ever hope to repay to the four teachers of high school sought to teach us things we did not know.

The Senior play is "Go, Slow Mary" but the date has not been announced.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB HONORED.

The Club met Wednesday, May 4, and had an interesting program directed by our hostess, Sara Julia Johnson.

During a business period the following officers were elected to serve for the rest of the school term: president, Edyth Hale; secretary, Joella McLeod; reporter, Fanny Vessels. The following program preceded the refreshment course:

"What Home Economics Has Done for Me," Edyth Hale.

"The Happiest Moment," Helen Bright.

"Story," Fanny Vessels.

"Choice," Helen Bright.

"The Most Embarrassing Moment," Charley Howes.

"Song," Joella McLeod.

"Happiest Moment," Johnny Terry.

"Jokes," Victorine Bishop.

"Disappointed Moment," John Hamner.

"The Most Disappointed Moment," Nona Burgess.

After the program, delicious ice cream and pound cake were served to the following members: Joella McLeod, Edith Hale, Helen Hogue, Helen Bright, Gladys Rogers, Fanny Vessels, Mildred Steadman, Nona Burgess, Victorine Bishop and the following visitors: Ross B. Jenkins, Bob Howell, Sally Freeman, Johnny Terry, Johnny Hamner, Mary Shepherd, Charley Howell and the hostess.

—Reporter.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Maybe you've forgotten, but we're still here, and we're all working with a smile.

Our motto is "Esse quam Videri" (to be rather than to seem.) We are putting in some good work now, and we invite anyone out to visit us at any time. Watch the seventh grade put it over!

Our class officers are: president, Luther McBurnet; vice president, Clara Louise Allyn; secretary, Wilson Bright; critic, Gladys Hamner; sergeant-at-arms, John Howell; reporter, Dorothy Fowler.

We are going to have our graduation play sometime in the near future. So watch for it.

Say, we want you to remember that the combined grades of Trent Grammar school ranked highest in arithmetic in a recent examination given by our supervisor, Miss Madge Stanford, in which all schools of the county took part. How's that for us?

Another wonderful thing that is going to happen is the last of our school we are going to have a two, one half hour play, everybody come to see it.

No fooling, and it's free for everybody.

JOKES ON US.

Wilson Bright was spending the evening with his uncle and aunt. His uncle was asleep when he arrived.

Wilson: "Auntie, is Uncle mad?"

Auntie: "Why, no, Wilson. What

makes you think so?"

Wilson: "I hear him growling."

Mrs. Reynolds: "Luther, while you are in the dining room, shove in the check damper of that stove."

Luther: "Yes, soon as I shove in this bread and jam I'm eating."

Harold: "Are you absolutely sure you love me?"

Vera: "Heavens, do you think I'd be sitting here letting you bore me like this if I didn't."

Mr. Elliott: "I wonder why it is that fat men are always good natured?"

Mr. Franks: "Probably because it takes them so long to get mad clear through."

John H.: "Isn't wholesome a funny word?"

Mr. Franks: "What's so funny about it?"

John H.: "Why, take away the 'whole' and you've got 'some' left."

Mr. Franks: "Louise, can you define nonsense?"

Louise: "Yes,—an elephant hanging over a cliff with his tail tied to a daisy."

BLAIR ITEMS

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Miss Novice Malone of Hamby was the attractive guest of Misses Sallie and Neva Malone the past week.

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GOODMAN NEWS

Whew, watch the weeds grow, but any way we farmers are awfully glad to see these good old rains fall.

Mrs. R. H. McAdams has returned home after a two week visit with her mother of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woods are the proud parents of a big girl, the little tot having been named Margie.

Now, just this week and next and Hi school days will be over for some of the girls and boys.

Better get your eyes open for things are going to happen fast at Goodman the last week of school.

The play, "Womanless Wedding," was carried on in a big way Wednesday night; every one enjoyed it fine.

We are proud to have Miss Cook back with her classes. She has been at the bedside of her mother and reports her mother improved.

Seniors were honored with a banquet Friday night, when a thoroughly good time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. (Buck) Phillips have moved from Noodle Dome to their new home on the Cade, Williams and Coats lease. We all welcome them into our community.

Little Vochell Truitt is enjoying school again after being absent seven weeks on account of whooping cough.

White Church News

Everyone is wearing smiles over the rains we are having. Quite a few farmers will have a lot of re-planting to do.

Our Outside players put the play, "Finger Prints," on at Butman and it was indeed a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coats and little daughter, Betty Joe, of Big Spring, were visitors here for Mothers' Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Green and children of Rotan visited in the A. D. Barnes home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. King were in Fort Worth on business last week.

J. W. Harrison has been right sick for the last week.

Mrs. A. V. Henslee and children and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Patterson visited Mr. Henslee of Carlsbad last week. They report Mr. Henslee as doing very well. Mrs. Beall and children of Elm visited her sister, Mrs. Henslee, last week.

WHITE CHURCH HONOR ROLL.

Clayton Coats made the highest grade in the White Church school this month; his grade was 95.

Others on the honor roll and their grades were: Maurice Pressley, 94; Lena V. Harrison, 93; Fredia Farmer, 93; Elsie Riggan, 93; Homer Tye, 92; Ila Mae Snow, 92; Erma Dell Berry, 91; J. D. Malone, 91; Margie Coats, 90; Beulah Harrison, 90; Edna Lee Odom, 90; Iun Robinson, 90; Irene Snow, 90; Edward Farmer, 90; and W. L. Brown, 90.

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Mrs. Alvin Bland and two children, Delma and Bonnie Wayne, Miss Jessie Clark of Sweetwater and Mrs. Ladene Ballou of Abilene were week-end guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walker and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield.

Mrs. H. H. Tittle of Trent visited her sister, Mrs. J. E. Addison, and family recently.

Mr. J. H. Campbell of Caps enjoyed the past week with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mrs. Dunn, Iva Fainbrough and Dimple Hood and little daughter, Iva Jene, Messrs. Metz Heald, E. Davis and T. Watson of Abilene and Mrs. Eason of Buffalo Gap were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rankins and children visited relatives at Lueders Sunday.

Willie Jo Hunter spent the week-end with her little cousins, Ethel and Deverle Hunter, of Nubia.

Miss Dora Mae Meeks and brother, J. L., had a pleasant visit recently with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Meeks, and family of Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and son of White Church spent the day Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell with their three little sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandusky of Castle Peak Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Richie, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Reynolds, Messrs. Hoyt Horton, Clyde Latimer and Willie Mathews of Nubia attended Sunday School at the Methodist church Sunday. Mr. Mathews won the admiration of the crowd with an interesting talk at the evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

H. Eddie Farmer of White Church was seen in our midst Tuesday.

Will Campbell, Jim Campbell, Hugh Campbell and Emmitt Campbell enjoyed a visit with the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, of Trent Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Campbell and little son,

Billie, visited relatives at Trent Sunday.

Another successful school term has just closed under the leadership of Prof. J. D. Rankins, Misses Vera and Maimie Walker and Miss Vernie Derrick.

We have not learned whether the trustees have elected the school faculty for another term or not.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Patterson and daughter, Lillian, and mother, Mrs. Patterson, of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith Friday.

DORA DOINGS

Rain—rain—by the barrels full, but when the sun shines this hurrah grass sure will grow.

Our school will be out in four more weeks counting this week.

Miss Irma Joy Wright is improving nicely now after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rape announce the arrival of Patsie Ann on Saturday afternoon. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Claude Storey and daughter, Claudene, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillips, visited Mrs. Storey in San Angelo over the week-end.

B. E. Dunagan, J. B. Bryant, Everett Pool, E. P. Perry and Thos. McCoy were fishing on the Concho Sunday and they said luck was fine. They brought home about 40 pounds.

Mrs. D. Rotan, who has been quite sick for several days, is improving some now.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whiteaker were shopping in Sweetwater Monday.

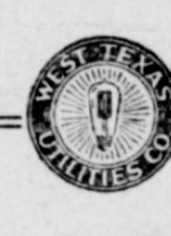
G. P. Phillips of the Caps community was here Monday looking after business interests.

Miss Ouida Cross is visiting with relatives in Abilene for ten days.

The Nolan county singing convention meets at Divide school Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody invited. Those who want to come Saturday night will be taken care of gladly.

To Present Play at Butman.

The I. X. L. players will present "The Eighteen-carat Boob" at the Butman tabernacle Friday night, May 13. Two and one-half hours of good wholesome fun. Be there early if you want a seat.

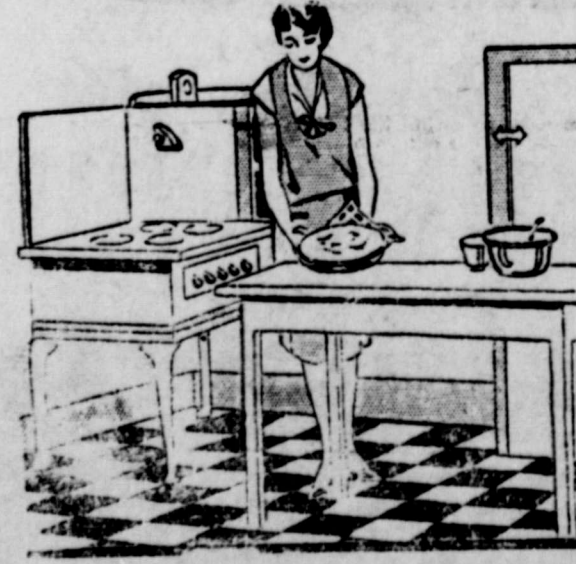


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RURAL SOCIETY

STITH DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Stith Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the club house. There were twenty-five members present. Roll call was answered by naming some products grown and produced in Jones county. The subject for the afternoon was, "How We Are Governed." Miss Massey, Mrs. Bob Mashburn, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin and Miss Louise Hudson discussed the different topics.

The club decided to have a health program on Saturday night, May 28. Everybody is invited. It was also decided to meet in the home of Mrs. Walter Kelso on Friday, May 13, to cut foundation patterns. Each lady is requested to bring a covered dish.

The club appreciated a bound button-hole demonstration given by Mrs. Sam Mashburn. A demonstration has been planned for each meeting.

—Reporter.

BLAIR 4-H CLUB NEWS.

The Blair 4-H Adult club met in the home of Mrs. Carl Hughes on Wednesday, May 9, with nine members and three visitors present.

Miss Chambers was with the club and a very interesting meeting was held.

Mrs. Carl Hughes was elected council member and Mrs. A. D. Barnes press reporter. All club members were urged to go to rally day in Abilene May 14 for the quilt show and pillow case contest.

The club will meet in the home of Mrs. A. D. Barnes on May 23 and the White Church club will also be present at that time when the canned meal demonstration will be given.

FOSTER-ROBERTS.

The wedding of Mr. Otis Benton Foster and Miss Ruby Roberts of Chico, Texas, came as a great surprise to many friends of this young couple. They were united in marriage at the home of Rev. M. F. Karnes, who officiated, Chico, Texas, Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Foster is the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts of Chico. She served as an employee of the Farmers Union Store there for more than four years and through such work and along with her kindness she had won many close friends.

Otis, a well known young man of

Merkel, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster, who has lived here all of his life and has gained a host of friends.

They will make their home near Merkel, where Mr. Foster is engaged in farming.

Their many friends wish them much joy and happiness.

CANYON NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son, who have been residing in the Noodle Dome community for the past few months, have moved back to the Canyon. We are glad to have them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and baby visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean spent Saturday night and Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Toombs of Snyder.

I. X. L. baseball boys met Merkel boys on the I. X. L. ground Tuesday for a game, Merkel winning several points.

Quite a number from here attended the cemetery working at the Rose Hill cemetery Monday.

Little Misses Lucille and Louise Butman of Long Beach, Calif., are visiting relatives here.

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Burgoo King, Owned By Bradley, Wins Kentucky Derby

Churchill Downs, Louisville, May 12.—Burgoo King, ace of the E. R. Bradley stable, Saturday won the 58th running of the rich Kentucky derby. Economic was second and Stephen hit third.

Tick On, the favorite, got away poorly and finished sixth in a field of 20 starters.

Burgoo King covered the mile and a quarter in two minutes, five and one-fifth seconds.

It was Colonel Bradley's third triumph in the derby, his other victories being scored in 1921 and 1926.

The bad behavior of Tick On at the barrier proved costly, as the Loma stable's favorite got off in the ruck and subsequently was caught in a bad jam.

The race carried a gross value of

\$62,875, of which the net amount to the winner was \$52,350.

Burgoo King paid \$13.24 to win in the mutuels. The Bradley entry went to the post at third choice.

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Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Airplanes are transporting automobiles to the new goldfields in New Guinea.

The District of Columbia has 70 square miles.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

To Present Play at Castle Peak May 20

Friday night, May 20, a three act play "Headstrong Joan" is to be presented at the Castle Peak school house. The players are:

Aura Vernon, a school teacher, Mrs. Tommie Patterson.

Richard Randall, Jim Day's foster son, Tommie Patterson.

Granny Day, Jim Day's aged mother, Modenia Whiteaker.

Honora, the Irish housekeeper, Mrs. Dewey Sandusky.

Rosie, one of Aura's pupils, Neva Malone.

Jim Day, a prosperous merchant. Dewey Sandusky.

Abie, a peddler, G. W. Hughes. Ikie, his son, Robert Malone.

Jack Day, Jim Day's son, a black sheep, Pet Patterson.

Joan Van Pelt, sailing under false colors, Novis J. Whiteaker.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

WARREN NEWS

We have had plenty of good rains and indications are good for more.

The recent hail damaged the gardens to a great extent.

School was out last Thursday. All the school children went down on Warren Lake for a picnic. Mr. Neff brought the ice cream; after serving the ice cream, everyone roasted marshmallows and then played games.

Those present besides the pupils were: Messrs. Woodrow Brewer, Gaston Hobbs, Buster McCoy, Miss Ollie Hobbs, Peggy Stello, Ruth Thornton and Lottie McCoy, Mrs. Fred Whittman, Ben Stello, Ora Cross and Mrs. Neff.

Lottie McCoy spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ruth Thornton of Swinson.

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BUFFET SUPPER.

Miss Mary Eula Sears extended informal hospitality to a number of friends complimenting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Eyssen on Sunday evening. A profusion of lovely cut flowers decorated the house and graced tables where a delectable two-course supper was served buffet-style to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Eyssen of Tyler, Miss Vivian Sears and Gorum Streater of Abilene, Mr. Ray Crowell of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caple, Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

KEITH-RISTER.

Friends of Miss Christine Rister will be interested to learn of her marriage to Clinton A. Keith of Abilene on Sunday, May 1st. Miss Rister is the lovely daughter of Mrs. J. E. Rister, formerly of this place but for the last three years a resident of Abilene. Christine attended Merkel High school here, also Abilene High school before entering Draughon's Business college. The Rev. W. C. Ashford read the ceremony in the parlors of the Baptist parsonage. A host of friends offer heartiest congratulations.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons of the Baptist church will have a class party at 3 o'clock on Friday, May 13, at the home of Mrs. Charles Higgins.

To Name Two Aldermen In Saturday's Election

Next Saturday, May 14, is the date for the special city election to name two aldermen. In the regular election on April 5, Dr. C. B. Gardner, John West and C. E. Jacobs were elected to the board, but the first named two declined to qualify.

J. P. Sharp, Sr., is to be election judge, the Fire Station the voting box. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The Mail has been advised to announce the name of C. P. Stevens for place as alderman in the coming election, but so far this is the only name mentioned.

RINEY-GARRETT.

On Thursday, May 5, Miss Lena J. Garrett and Robert E. Riney were united in marriage at the home of W. G. Cybert, with Brother Cybert officiating. The young couple will make their home in the Canyon where Mr. Riney is engaged in farming and where best wishes of a host of friends go with them.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kind deeds of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings in the going of our loved one, Grover Cleave Lowery.

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Mrs. G. E. Hamm.
Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Craig.

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CHURCHES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our new Standard Training course began with the first study period on Wednesday evening of this week. The title of the text book is "The Message of Jesus." This course will be given each Wednesday evening for the next twelve weeks. Those taking the course will receive credit on Standard Training work. Twelve members of our church have taken courses this year. Twenty-five have signed up for the new course.

Regular services next Sunday morning. No service at the evening hour. All will be asked to attend a religious play given by Miss Tracy and her pupils.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m.

There will not be an evening service on account of a religious play at the Baptist church by Miss Tracy and her school pupils.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject: "How May We Work for World Good Luck?"

Leader, Imogene Middleton.
"The Scripture and Spiritual Background," Cephas Wozencraft.

"The protest Against War as a Solution," Lucille Campbell.

"The Plans for World Peace," Neal Durham.

Everyone is urged to be at Christian Endeavor next Sunday, because we are reorganizing; we are planning on starting two new societies. So come learn the news.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother Nicholas of Abilene, who is always heard because of his sincere messages concerning his welfare work, will occupy the pulpit for the morning hour. The evening service will be devoted to the program of sacred music given by the High School chorus.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Opening discussion, Mary Parrish. Discussion No. 2, Ida Derstine. Discussion, No. 3, Margaret Canon. Discussion, No. 4, Comer Haynes. Discussion No. 5, Fanny Belle Boaz. Discussion No. 6, Ted McGehee.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

"Dying or Living for One's Faith." "Elandina," Frances Tarleton.
"Sir John Oldcastle," Winston Polley.

"Felix Matz," Vernon Davis.
"George Jacob Blaurock," Caribel Mansfield.

"Balthazar Hubmeyer," Dot Swafford.

"Ludwig Hetzer," Joe Earl Lassiter.

Everyone is invited to attend the B. Y. P. U. with a hearty welcome awaiting you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Owing to the continued rains the latter part of the week and the threatening clouds of Sunday, attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in

Merkel last Sunday was cut to 389. On the previous Sunday there were 949 present.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Pursuing the study of Romans, the scripture lesson for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service next Sunday will be the 15th chapter, which is to be read by L. L. Murray and commented on by Ted McGehee. The men of the various churches are giving earnest co-operation in the success of these meetings; there is always an inspiring song service with special music, and a cordial invitation is extended to others to come and join these services: at the Grace Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. each Sunday.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Our three weeks revival came to a close last Sunday night with a nice Mothers' Day program. Sunday morning was one of the best services of our revival. We plan to have our baptizing next Sunday afternoon.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Since the devil is the father of lies, we will uncap hell and lay bare the combined forces of lies circulated and peddled over the town of Merkel by certain ungodly, corrupt friends of law violation and enemies of the cause of Christ who are seeking to bring reproach on churches and this pastor at the expense of an attempt to leave a question mark about the good name of innocent women and, since the deeds were said to have been done before the public, therefore the public is entitled to know the truth. So come early next Sunday night and hear the witnesses as they are questioned give their testimony and hear a sermon, "Who are the Appointed Agents of the Devil in Merkel."

Saturday night, "The Devil and His Fire," which will answer such questions as these: "Is There Any Fire in Hell?", "Is Hell Eternal Punishment?" Everybody be at Bible School Sunday 9:45 a. m. Services Monday, Wednesday nights.

Young Peoples program will be the same as announced for last Sunday, as a special program on Mothers' Day was given and this was deferred.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

The doors of St. Peter's at Rome are made of cypress and have lasted 1,100 years.

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.

MATTERS MUSICAL

MISS NIXON HONORED.

Little Miss Madra Elaine Nixon carried off first honors in the annual contest of the Texas Federation of Music clubs at Dallas this week for the second time in two years. A student in piano under Irl Allison, Simmons university, she won first place in the junior-piano-division and she with Barbara Peden were duo winners in their group. Miss Madra Elaine is the very talented ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nixon and it is with heartiest congratulations that Merkel people ac-

cord this young pianist the honors which are her due.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her pupils in piano at the Methodist church this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock.

The anthem, "In the Silence of His Presence," with Mrs. W. L. Diltz, soloist, will be given by the Presby-

terian choir at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Miss Mary Eula Sears will sing "O, Loving Father." Mrs. C. W. Delmer will give the prelude and offertory.

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The Supreme Court of the United States has held that "A usage to allow customers to overdraw and have their checks charged up without present funds in the bank, stripped of all technical disguise, is a usage and practice to misapply the funds of the bank; and to connive at the withdrawal of same, without any security, in favor of certain privileged persons. Such a usage and practice is surely a manifest departure from the duty, both of the directors and cashier, and cannot receive any countenance in a court of justice. Whenever this practice is allowed by the Cashier, it is at his own peril and upon his own responsibility. It is anything but well and truly executing his duties as Cashier."

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