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## DENISON WANTS JOB ONLY IF ALL SIDES SATISFIED

Willing to Resign Post if Attorney General Allred Declares He Is Not Legally Qualified to Hold the Office.

Austin, March 2.—F. L. Denison of Temple, whose appointment to the highway commission by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has caused a controversy between the chief executive and the senate, has expressed a willingness to resign if the attorney general decides he is not legally qualified to hold the office.

James V. Allred, attorney general, Wednesday released the text of a letter received by him from Denison in which the appointee said if Allred "should decide that I am not legally qualified to hold the office, then I want to tender at once my resignation to Governor Ferguson, and thus avoid any prolonged discussion in the courts or otherwise."

Allred suggested to Denison that the matter be submitted to the courts in a friendly test suit, "but you stated that you would prefer to leave this department the final decision as to the law."

Governor Ferguson was claiming the office for Denison in spite of action of the senate at two different times in refusing to confirm his appointment by a two-thirds majority vote. The chief executive contends only a majority vote was needed and that he received a majority. The senate's vote on confirmation was taken in executive session each time and no record of the division for and against has been made, or officially divulged.

Denison was said to be 19 to 21 and the second time he visited the highway department, where he exhibited his commission, and requested Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer, to summon W. R. Ely of Abilene and D. K. Martin of San Antonio, other members of the commission, to a conference for Monday morning.

The last two named did not respond to the summons and in response to notice from Denison that claims and checks against the department must bear his signature, the state treasurer and state comptroller both asked for instructions from the attorney general.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bow, of Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, February 26, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis, residing on Butman ranch, Tuesday, February 28, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Steen, Trent, Thursday, March 2, 1933.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 28, 1913.)

The Anchor Hardware company sold their demonstration car last week to C. M. Largent. Mr. Largent is very proud of his auto and thinks of it in his second thoughts, his blue ribbon Herefords still remaining first in his estimation.

Lige Gamble, former druggist of this place but a farmer of the Waco country now, was here last week visiting friends.

J. S. Blasingame of Nubia left Thursday for Waco to visit relatives.

E. D. Massey and Postmaster Terry of Trent were in town Thursday on business.

J. S. Swann, banker, cattleman and farmer and an oldtime citizen of hereabouts, was seen on the eastbound passenger train No. 4 Wednesday. He had his hat in one hand and his ticket in the other and left town with the usual amount of hilarity. He was accompanied by W. L. Harkrider of the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham of the Scratch ranch near Trent were in town Saturday visiting relatives.

J. H. Lattimore and J. D. Henslee of the Canyon community were on our

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Rev. J. J. F. Lockhart, of Abilene, Baptist minister for over 62 years, was fatally injured Sunday afternoon when his car collided head-on with another machine on the Stamford-Anson highway.

One man, Lee H. Yocum, was drowned, while his two companions were saved when their 50-foot launch struck a rock at the entrance to the ship channel at Port Arthur and almost capsized.

Woodrow French, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. French, who reside in the Tuxedo community ten miles west of Stamford, died from wounds caused when the shotgun in the hands of a younger boy was accidentally discharged.

Three youths, one of whom allegedly shot and killed Sheriff F. L. Sproul of Jeff Davis county Friday, are being held in jail at Marfa. Sproul was shot when he attempted to arrest the trio for questioning concerning the robbery of two ranch houses the night before.

By a vote of 26 to 0, with one pair, the senate voted overwhelmingly Monday night to terminate its investigation of Governor Ferguson's charges based on a certain transaction involving the state highway commission and to refuse to criticize the actions of the commissioners.

Thomas Watt Gregory, 71, of Houston, attorney general in the Wilson cabinet, died in New York early Sunday of pneumonia. He had gone to New York ten days before for a conference with President-elect Roosevelt and was stricken shortly after he left the Roosevelt town house.

Milton West of Brownsville and Gordon Griffith of McAllen will enter the runoff March 15 to decide the democratic nominee opposing Carlos Watson, republican, of Brownsville, for the place made vacant in the 15th congressional district by the election of Speaker Garner to the vice-presidency.

W. C. Wear, for three years reporter of the Texas court of criminal appeals and who was president of the University of Texas class of 1885, in which Thomas W. Gregory, former attorney general of the United States, was graduated, died in Austin Monday after a brief illness. His body was sent to Hillboro, his former home, for burial.

Full restoration of citizenship was granted Saturday by Governor Ferguson to John W. Brady of Austin, former member of the Austin court of civil appeals and former assistant attorney general, who was convicted of murder without malice in connection with the knife slaying of Miss Lehlia Highsmith in Austin. He had been discharged from the penitentiary July 1, 1932.

streets Thursday looking after business.

C. L. Tucker has not yet fully recovered from the injuries received while assisting in the charitable work of helping move a lady's house to the Plair community but is able to be up all the time now.

T. B. Garoutte, perhaps the pioneer farmer of Merkel country if not of Taylor county, was in town Wednesday seeing after business matters. Mr. Garoutte is the type of health for a farmer even though he has passed his 70th year.

Miss Nina Wright of Bellville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Woodroof.

H. F. Groene, manager of the Air-dome, is establishing his playhouse in a different section of the city. The open air motion picture house is being moved from across the street south of the postoffice to the rear of the Groene studio and when finished will be quite an improvement over last year's resort. The work will be finished in about three weeks.

E. D. Coats left Wednesday for points east in interest of the R. L. Moore patent garden plow.

## FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



THIRTY-FIRST PRESIDENT  
of the UNITED STATES

## SCHOOL CENSUS IS UNDER WAY

March the Month for Enumeration of Scholastics: Carl Black, the Census Taker.

During the month of March the census for the Merkel school is being taken. The board has named Carl Black to again take this census for this year. This census should include the names of all children who will be six years or older on or before September 1, 1933, and who are then still under eighteen years old. This should include all children of the above ages, whether or not they are now in school. Even if they are away in college, at home, at work, married or single, they should be enumerated in the census if they are during the month of March living in the Merkel school district. Children within the above age should be enumerated no matter what their plans may be for next year—whether they are to be here or not makes no difference.

Children whose parents live outside this school district cannot be enumerated here. They should be enumerated in the school district where the child's parents live. The person who signs for the child must be a resident of this district, the child for whom he signs must be in his custody or charge. The above must be sworn to before the census taker, who is empowered to administer the oath.

It is very important that every child should be enumerated for it is upon this enumeration that the state apportionment is made. The more children enumerated, the more money Merkel will be apportioned from the state. Later on in the month when Mr. Black has had opportunity to make the rounds, if any person knows of any child that has been omitted from the census, this person will be performing a service of value by telephoning this information to Supt. Roger A. Burgess at his High School office, No. 174.

### Old Jail Brings \$3.75.

Beaumont, Texas, Feb. 2.—Jefferson county's old jail, built in 1895 at a cost of \$22,000 was auctioned off Tuesday to the highest bidder. It brought \$3.75.

## NEGRO MINSTREL AFFORDS TREAT

Home Talent Show Sponsored by Methodist Ladies Goes Over In Big Way.

Friday night, February 24, the curtain at the Cozy theatre rose on one of the most interesting home-talent plays presented this season in Merkel—a negro minstrel sponsored by the Methodist ladies. Those present were astonished at and delighted with the dexterity with which the women sang popular songs and old ballads, told jokes and danced jigs.

The first scene was that of a tea party, "The Pink Tea," given by Mrs. Plack, a colored woman who had been run over by an automobile and had collected damages. The cast included Mrs. Black, the hostess, Mrs. V. Sublett; Saratoga, the maid, Mrs. D. Briggs; Mrs. White, the rude guest, Mrs. Wm. Sheppard; Pansy, Mrs. Black's daughter, Mary Collins; the tea guests, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mrs. C. H. Roberts and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, and Mrs. Rochester Lincoln, the wash woman, Mrs. L. D. Boyd.

In the minstrel proper, Mr. Charlie Jones played the part of the interlocutor very well indeed. The end women were Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, Mrs. L. B. Scott, Mrs. Vernon Sublett, Mrs. Tracy Campbell and Mary Collins. Those who completed the semi-circle were: Mesdames Wm. Sheppard, D. Briggs, L. D. Boyd, Cyrus Pee, R. A. Burgess, Homer Patterson, W. A. McSpadden and J. H. Cook.

The program read as follows: "Baby Parade," chorus. "That Little Boy O' Mine," Mrs. Wm. Sheppard, Mrs. L. B. Scott. "Moonlight Saving Time," song and dance, Dr. L. C. Zephenfennig, Doris Durham. Old-fashioned jigs, Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mrs. J. T. Dennis. "Just a Little Home for the Old Folks," Mrs. Wm. Sheppard. Jokes. Musical reading, Mrs. McSpadden. "Willie the Weeper," "Harlem Moon," song and dance, Nell Durham, Mary E. Grimes. (Continued on Page Two.)

## ROOSEVELT TO TAKE OATH ON TATTERED OLD BIBLE IN FAMILY USE SINCE 1670

### GARNER FIRST TO TAKE OFFICE

Program for Inaugural Ceremonies March 4th Is Announced; Parade Starts 2 P. M.

Washington, Mar. 2.—John N. Garner will become vice president about 50 minutes before Franklin D. Roosevelt takes the oath as president.

With full knowledge that few inaugurations have followed exactly the time schedule set for the ceremonies, the committee announced this program for the principal events of the day:

12 o'clock noon—Inauguration of Vice President Garner in the senate chamber.

12:40 p. m.—Presidential party leaves for the inaugural rostrum before the national capitol.

12:50 p. m.—Oath of office administered to Mr. Roosevelt by Chief Justice Hughes and the beginning of the inaugural address which may require only 8 minutes.

1:15 p. m. to 1:25 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt leave for the White House.

2 to 4:30 p. m.—Inaugural parade. 10 p. m.—Inaugural ball.

### Merkel Man Charged With Counterfeiting

Awaiting grand jury action, Paul Frederickson was in custody Wednesday in Abilene facing a complaint lodged against him charging counterfeiting of coins. Justice Walter fixed his bond at \$1,000, when the defendant waived examining trial.

The arrest of Frederickson was made here Tuesday by City Marshal Dickinson, who said he found plaster of paris moulds, a melting pot and coins in denominations from five to fifty cents at a tourist lodge here. Apparently two kinds of metal had been used, Dickinson said, with five-cent pieces and half-dollars made of pewter but 25-cent pieces having a genuine ring and appearance. Several of the coins had been found in local circulation.

### Philathea Class to Present 3-Act Comedy

The ladies of the Philathea class of the Methodist church will present a three-act comedy entitled "Lookin' Lovely" on March 15 at the Cozy theatre.

The cast of characters will be announced in the next issue of The Mail.

## BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

### THE CENTER OF INTEREST.

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well stopped short, her interest challenged in spite of herself; she set down the pitcher and looked at the stranger. It was a burning hot day; the well was far from the city; she was heated and tired. What did Jesus mean by such a remark? She started to speak, checked herself and burst out impulsively, her curiosity overleaping her caution:

"What are you talking about? Do you mean to say you are greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well? Have you some magic that will save us this long walk in the sun?"

Dramatic, isn't it—a single sentence achieving triumph, arousing interest and creating desire. With sure instinct Jesus followed up his initial advantage. He began to talk to her in terms of her own life, her ambitions, her hopes, knowing so well that each of us is interested first of all and most of all in himself. When the disciples came up a few minutes later they found an unbelievable sight—a Samaritan listening with rapt attention to the teaching of a Jew.

He prepared to go but she would not allow it. Running back to the city she summoned her brothers and relatives.

"Come," she cried, "and see a man who told me all things that ever I did."

They followed her out to the well—these prejudiced, reluctant men and women who, an hour before, would have thought it incredible that they should ever hold conversation with one of their traditional enemies. It is said that great leaders are born, not made. The saying is true to this degree, that no man can persuade people to do what he wants them to do, unless he genuinely likes people, and believes that what he wants them to do is to their own advantage.

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Next President to be Sworn in Saturday by Chief Justice Hughes, a Former Governor Of New York State Also.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Mar. 2.—Franklin Delano Roosevelt will take the oath of office on the old tattered Dutch Bible that has been in the possession of his family since 1670, he revealed Monday.

For generations the Bible was used to chronicle the births, marriages and deaths in the Roosevelt family. It was packed for shipment to Washington during the day for use Saturday afternoon.

"I took my oath of office twice as governor of the state of New York on the same Bible," he said. "When the Washington ceremony is over it will be transferred from the temporary keeping of the clerk of the United States supreme court and the chief justice to the White House."

"And here is another bit of news," he said. "I will be sworn in by Chief Charles Evans Hughes. That means a former governor of New York state, swearing in a former governor of New York state."

### No Insurance Loss Claims in February

Virgil Hassey, who keeps the record for the fire department, reports that only four runs were made during the month of February, with no insurance loss claims at all.

The list included two barns, a fire at the cottonyard and a burning pasture south of town.

### Ship Ten Cars of Livestock One Day

Merkel loaded out ten cars of livestock Thursday with another car ready to be shipped out.

Two loads of extra good calves were shipped by J. E. Boaz to the Clay Livestock Commission company, Chicago, and Jap McCoy was preparing to ship another car.

Nichols and Dickinson loaded out eight cars of sheep which they have been feeding here through the winter, destined for delivery to Jess Elroy of Kansas City, Mo. The latter were accompanied by Ted Nichols.

### Buster Keaton in Texas.

El Paso, Mar. 2.—Buster Keaton, film comedian, here en route to Mexico City, said he was married six weeks ago in Hollywood, Calif., to May Scribbens. He is accompanied by his bride.

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**Ladies of West Zone  
WMS in Meeting Here**

The Woman's Missionary society held their first meeting of the west zone Wednesday beginning at 10 o'clock at the Methodist church. Mrs. R. A. Burgess, efficient zone leader, was in charge of the meeting, which was one of the best zone meetings that have been held and which proved full of inspiration and help. Those who missed it truly missed a spiritual treat.

The devotional was given by Rev. Mr. Tyson of Tye, with prayer by Rev. W. M. Murrell of Abilene. The morning program included a special song by Mrs. Homer Patterson and a duet by Mrs. E. L. Yeats and Mrs. Fred Hughes, with talks by Mrs. Stanley of the Bass auxiliary in Abilene on "Mission fields of Texas," and Mrs. Nat Rollins of Abilene on "Why I am a missionary woman."  
After lunch Mrs. T. J. Leeson, Jr., of Abilene led the devotional, followed by a violin solo by Miss Ora Faye Hefley of Abilene. Mrs. Fisk of Abilene gave an interesting paper on "Why foreign missions" and reports were heard from the following auxiliaries: St. Paul's, Bass, Mary Martha, Abilene, Caps, Trent, Tye, Stith and Merkel.

**Seeks Re-Election  
As City Secretary**

To the Citizens of the City of Merkel:  
It has been a pleasure for me to serve the City of Merkel as your city secretary and tax collector for the past term, and I have appreciated the cooperation of our citizenship.  
It was a new work for me in the beginning and I feel better qualified to do you more and better work for the next term than I have in the past, and as I have only served you one term I feel justified in asking for this place for another term and promise you that I will do my best to please and keep your city records in the shape that they should be kept in.  
Our city election will be the first Tuesday in April, and I am soliciting the support of everyone at that time, for I feel that if I have made you a good secretary in the past I am entitled to the place for a second term.  
Mrs. Juanita Dowell,  
City Secretary.

**WMS Minstrel**

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"Lazy River," Mrs. Homer Patterson.  
Stump Speech, Mrs. Burgess.  
"Is I in Love I Is," "Somebody Loves You," chorus.  
Jokes.  
"Just a Little Street Where Old Frier is Meet," Mrs. L. B. Scott.  
"Just a Shanty in Old Shanty Town," chorus.  
"Ji Time," song and dance, Betty Lou Grimes.  
Finale.  
Mrs. W. S. J. Brown deserves much praise for her untiring efforts as business and publicity manager. Mrs. C. B. Gardner and Mrs. R. B. Irvin served as directors.

**BRUCE BARTON**

(Continued from Page One)  
The secret of Jesus' success was an affection for folks which so shone in his eyes and rang in his tone, that even the commonest man in a crowd felt instinctively that here was a friend. . . . The afternoon shadows lengthened while he talked. It came time for the evening meal; again he prepared to go. They would not hear of it. He must be their guest, meet their neighbors, tell them more, persuade them further!  
"They besought him to abide with them; and he abode there two days."  
Next Week: Getting attention.

**Successor to Hull Named.**

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 2.—Gov. Hill McAllister Tuesday appointed Nathan L. Bachman of Chattanooga, former justice of the Tennessee supreme court, as United States senator to succeed Cordell Hull, named secretary of state in the cabinet of President-elect Roosevelt. Judge Bachman is a democrat.

**Dr. Hulsey to Speak  
Before District Ass'n**

Dr. H. P. Hulsey, local chiropractor, will go to Ballinger next Sunday to speak before a public meeting of the district chiropractors association. His subject will be legislation pending to license chiropractors who are graduates and qualified to pass an examination before the state board. All chiropractors will have to have three years class hours before they can go before this board.

This bill is now pending before the legislature and each evening this week those interested may listen in over station XER from 6:30 to 6:45 for more information.

Dr. Hulsey has worked hard to get some form of legislation through and feels confident that the present bill should be passed.

**Attends the Weichel  
Annual Spring School**

Miss Maurine Tipton from the Mar-nello shop is in Dallas this week attending Weichel's annual spring training school of beauty culture.

This school has a high reputation for the best and latest methods and styles and operators always find the spring training school especially worth while.

**NECROLOGY**

**W. C. SUMMAR**

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Laughter chapel in Abilene for William Carral Summar, farmer who resided on Route 3 out of Merkel and a resident of Taylor county since 1904. He died at 6:45 Monday evening at an Abilene hospital. He was 55 years of age.

Rev. J. E. Baker, Methodist minister of Lamesa, and the Rev. J. Perry King of the Rule Baptist church, officiated and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Mr. Summar resided in the Pleasant Hill community before going to Hamby about 15 years ago. He moved to Route 3 out of Merkel last year.

Besides his wife, Mr. Summar is survived by one son, M. F. Summar of Merkel; two daughters, Gladys Summar of Merkel and Mrs. Carl Pittman of Abilene; two brothers, Jim Summar of Tennessee and Doc Summar of Kentucky, and one sister, Mrs. E. D. Shumbley of Tennessee.

**DR. J. C. BURKETT**

Dr. J. C. Burkett, church builder and one of the best loved Baptist ministers of the state, died Tuesday night at an Abilene hospital where he had been ill since February 17. His death closed a ministerial career of half a century in Texas, the veteran pastor's native state. He would have been 73 years old next Saturday.

As the father of Mrs. L. B. Howard, who lived here for some years, news of his death was received with especially deep sorrow by Merkel friends.

His first wife died in Abilene in April, 1929. Later Dr. Burkett was married to Mrs. Irene Willard, who survives him.

His children, all of whom were at his bedside when death came, are, besides Mrs. Howard: O. S. Burkett and Mrs. Bernice Brunson, Abilene; Mrs. J. Cran Hardin, Dallas, and J. C. Burkett, Jr., Breckenridge.

Funeral services held from the First Baptist church at Abilene at 10:30 Thursday morning were said to have been attended by one of the largest concourses of friends ever witnessed in Abilene.

**GRANDMA GILLIAM**

Mrs. Emma Gilliam, affectionately known as Grandma Gilliam and who would have been 74 years old on April 9 next, passed away at 11:30 Tuesday night at her home here. She suffered a stroke of paralysis Friday night, which brought about her death.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church here at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. John E. Walker, Baptist minister of Abilene, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery beside her first husband, the late W. J. Dulin, who died in 1917.

Mrs. Gilliam united with the Baptist church when just a girl of 16 years and had always lived true to her faith. She was born in Heard county, Ga., and was married there before removing to Texas. She had lived in Merkel since 1905.

On January 4, 1918, she was married to W. H. Gilliam, who died in 1928.

Six children were born to her first marriage; three daughters, who are now deceased, and three sons, J. A. Dulin, Sweetwater; Bill Dulin, Tahoka, and Oscar Dulin, who with his family lived with his mother. She is survived by 27 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Trentex gasoline for sale at Rock Garage Service Station.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

A check for \$10.70 residue of cash on hand of the Lions club, was donated the past week to the cemetery association. When the Lions club suspended its activities the early part of 1932, the amount of the gas meter deposit was still on hand and this, with accumulated interest, was turned over to the cemetery association for its general fund.

Carlton Vick, for several years in charge of the soda fountain of the Merkel Drug, gave up this position on the first of the month to engage in the general merchandise business at Noodle where he is one of the owners of the Noodle Cash store. Carlton has loads of friends who will wish him much success in his new business. Leo Tucker has taken his position at the Merkel Drug.

Friday and Saturday's rainfall was three-quarters of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Previously one-quarter had been registered this year, total of one inch to date for

1933. The rain, while not needed at this time, was considered very opportune by some of the farmers just about ready to break their land.

Allen McGehee has installed a modern bread-slicing machine in his Dandy Bakery, which is just another of the progressive moves on the part of this enterprising young business man. The price of the sliced loaf is just the same; so housewives will find this added facility quite a convenience.

Poll tax reduction to \$1 was voted Monday by the house of the Texas legislature. The bill replaces a tax of \$1.50 in some parts of the state and \$1.75 in others.

**TRAINED NURSE.**

Mrs. H. E. Snell, specializing in obstetrics; three years experience; reasonable rates; at cottage south of high school building.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c

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CHIEF!**

The nation pays homage to its new President now taking office.

He enters upon his duties with the good will and good wishes of the people. He faces heavy responsibilities but his opportunities are boundless.

All good citizens of all parties should support the new administration in every measure which will promote public welfare. May our country, under his leadership, vanquish the depression!

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ORANGES, dozen ----- 15c

Grapefruit large Texas seed- less, 6 for ----- 25c

Spuds, 10 Lbs. ----- 10c

SUGAR pure cane 10 pounds ----- 45c

PEACHES, R & W, No. 2 1-2 can, each ----- 15c

PINEAPPLE, B & W No. 1 can, 3 for ----- 25c

GREEN BEANS, Kuners No. 2 can, each ----- 10c

CORN, No. 2 can, 3 for ----- 25c

PEAS, No. 2 can, each ----- 10c

Coffee R. & W. Vacuum packed, lb. ----- 33c

TOMATO  
HOMINY  
MACARONI each ----- 5c  
CORN

SHREDDED WHEAT, Kellogg's, pkg. ----- 12c

Oats B & W, with glass 14 oz. pkg. ----- 10c

COCOA, B & W, 2 lbs. ----- 25c

Gold Dust large size pkg. ----- 15c

SOAP, R & W Giant, 6 bars ----- 25c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lb. ----- 59c—48 lb. ----- \$1.05

Compound 8 lbs. ----- 43c

BACON, sliced, pound ----- 15c

CHEESE, Wisconsin, pound ----- 17c

Hams half or whole pound ----- 15c

# THE OTHER MAN

by RUBY M. AYRES  
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TWELFTH INSTALLMENT.

Synopsis: Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, is married to Dennis O'Hara. Barbara, her closest friend, comes to visit her. Between Barbara and Dennis is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Barbara confesses to Pauline there is a man she really loves, despite her pretense of disillusionment, but she refuses to tell his name. Following an automobile accident Dennis learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself. Much against his will, Dennis finds a new attraction in Barbara, who plays the same cool and detached role as formerly. The O'Haras go to New York for a vacation visit, throwing Dennis and Barbara much into each other's company. Dennis, in love with Barbara, breaks through all barriers and tells her of his love. Pauline is called home by the illness of her mother. Dennis stays on. Barbara is happy. Both fight against love but it's overpowering. Dennis declares his love and Barbara admits she loves him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Then he heard Barbara's voice, a little breathless and nervous.

"It's Jerry—I made him come in. Give him a drink, will you, Dennis. While I go and make myself look beautiful."

Dennis turned quickly. Jerry Barnett was already in the room, and Barbara had escaped.

Jerry nodded stiffly. "How do! Didn't expect to find you here." His eyes were more unfriendly than his voice, and Dennis answered calmly, "We've just been to see my wife off at Paddington. Her mother is ill—she was sent for."

"I see."

There was an awkward silence, and Dennis knew that this man must have seen the tears and flushed distress of Barbara's face.

"Have a drink," he asked with an effort.

"No, thank you," she said.

The silence was more and returned to Pauline and Barbara returned. "Richard's himself again!" she said lightly. "I've been unbending my soul in a fit of tears," she informed Barnett. "Too many late nights and too much to drink, so Dennis has been telling me." She lighted a cigarette and pushed the box across to him. "Aren't you going to drink, Jerry?"

"No thanks."

She made a little grimace at his gloomy face. "Well, mix, one for me, anyway," she said.

Dennis took up his coat. "I'll be back," he was saying. "I'll be back," he was saying. "I'll be back," he was saying.

"Go and see him out, will you, Jerry?" Barbara said coolly. "She nodded to Dennis. "Goodbye—ring me up some time."

When Barnett returned she was sitting calmly on a big humpy stool by the fire, smoking and turning the pages of a magazine.

"We'll have tea when Mellish comes in," she said without looking up. "Does your head ache, Jerry, that you don't drink? Mine does, like the very devil."

Barnett made no reply, but he shut the door behind him with a little slam and came forward.

"Have you seen this picture of Evelyn?" Barbara asked. "Not too good, I think—look!"

Barnett tore the magazine from her hand and flung it across the room.

"What's that fellow doing here?" he demanded.

For a moment Barbara sat motionless; then she looked up.

"My dear Jerry!"

"What's that fellow doing here?" Barnett demanded again. "I've suspected him all along. That night in the theatre—every time he's been in your company—"

Barbara rose to her feet.

"If you're going to be a cad, Jerry, you'd better go," she said.

"Oh, yes, go! to make room for him, I suppose," he almost shouted. He caught her arm roughly, swinging her round to him. "Has he been making love to you?" he demanded.

"How dare you!"

He laughed. "Oh, I dare very well. I know you, Barbara—anything for a new conquest. And you his wife's friend, eh?"

Barbara's eyes blazed in her white face.

"Let go of my arm," she said in

a very still voice. "And when you've done that you can walk out of my flat and never come back." There was a tragic silence, broken only by Barnett's heavy breathing; then suddenly his anger fell from him and he began to plead.

"I'm sorry. I was mad. Forgive me. I didn't mean it. I was jealous. You drive me mad, Barbara."

"You can go out of my flat and never come back," Barbara said again. "I've done with you."

"No! no!" His distress was pitiable. "You know how much I care for you. Forgive me, Barbara, and I swear it will never happen again."

"No." Her eyes were hard and relentless. He fell back from her, breathing hard.

"Do you—mean this?" he asked thickly.

"I never meant anything so much in all my life," Barbara answered.

"So I'm thrown over, am I! After all this time—after all I've done for you. Kicked out like an importunate tramp. Very well! we shall see. I'll make you pay for this—you—"

For a moment she thought he was going to strike her; then his arm fell to his side. "I'll make you pay—my God, I'll make you pay to the last farthing!" he shouted, and was gone.

Pauline stayed with her mother for a week.

She was not unhappy, but she was restless and preoccupied.

"It's as if someone is walking over my grave," she told her mother once, with a little excited laugh. "Do you believe in premonitions. Mumsie? I never used to, but just lately I've had the sort of feeling that something is going to happen, something—something I shan't like. It's not Dennis—he's written every other day, and he's quite well." She laughed. "Dennis writes such funny letters. Mumsie—you really would think he's shy of me!"

Pauline's mother smiled. She could not quite make up her mind about her daughter's marriage. Pauline seemed happy enough. "The first year of marriage is always a little difficult," her mother said gently, "and I think my little girl is managing very well from what I can hear." She paused, then asked, "And what is Dennis doing in New York without you?"

"Oh, I think he's quite all right," Pauline said. "Dr. Stornaway is up there, you know, and that's nice for Dennis. And then there is Barbara, of course. I think he's seen her once or twice."

"Poor Barbara!" said Pauline's mother.

The girl looked up quickly.

"Why do you say that?" she asked. "Barbara's quite happy—at least I think she is. She's got a nice man she goes about with; his name is Jerry Barnett. He adores her, but I don't think she cares very much for him. But there is someone she loves. She told me so once. I wonder who it is," she added almost to herself.

"I don't think Barbara is a very faithful lover," Pauline's mother said, but this Pauline would not allow. "She is! I understand her. Once she really loves anyone nothing would ever change her. Of course she doesn't wear her heart on her sleeve."

She said something of the same sort to Peterkin when he arrived to dinner one night, having driven forty miles through the cold and rain to see her. They had dinner alone, as Pauline's mother was still in bed.

"It's nice to see you, Peterkin," Pauline said. She hoped he thought she looked well and happy. She had put on one of her prettiest frocks in his honour and she wore the pearl necklace Dennis had given her for a wedding present.

"Still as radiantly happy?" Peterkin asked.

"Of course. Dennis is a darling," said Pauline's wife.

Peterkin emptied his wineglass.

"Why isn't he here?" he asked bluntly.

Pauline flushed. "He would have come—he wanted to come, only I knew it would be so dull for him with Daddy away. He would have come, only I persuaded him not to."

"I see."

Pauline was offended. She thought Peterkin was silly to be so old-fashioned.

"Is Mrs. Stark looking after him?" Peterkin said suddenly.

"I asked her to," Pauline said quickly, and then wondered why she had spoken defensively and then quite suddenly a wave of sheer homesickness for Dennis swept over her.

"A penny for your thoughts," Peterkin said suddenly, and Pauline felt her eyes ridiculously filling with tears as she answered. "Nothing. I was just wondering if Dennis is missing me as much as I miss him."

Peterkin winced; he had not yet got used to the fact that Pauline was married, and her love for O'Hara still hurt him.

"Of course he is!" he said loyally. "He'll be jolly glad to have you back."

And Pauline brightened instantly and flushed and dimpled and talked eagerly of her own little home. Then she broke off and flushed, and Peterkin kept his eyes on his plate. Pauline hurriedly changed the subject.

It came to her mind when she was undressing that night, and she sat down on the side of the bed and stared down at the carpet, lost in thought. Would Dennis be pleased if—if there was to be a baby? She had never heard him say he would like to have a son, for of course it would be a son—a son with Dennis' eyes, and his way of laughing. Pauline's simple mind leaped ahead and was lost in a midst of rosy dreams.

Barbara could be godmother of course, and perhaps dear old Peterkin would be godfather, and if it was a boy they would call it Dennis Peterkin O'Hara.

And then she cried a little because the dream was so beautiful and because she felt she did not deserve to be so happy, and then she kissed Dennis' picture, which stood in its old place beside her bed, and then she knelt down and said her prayers.

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her prayer. "Such a baby," a kind of feeling that Dennis liked her to pray for him.

And she prayed for him now in simple faith and love, and she prayed for Barbara, too, little dreaming that at that very moment those two were for her sake fighting desperately against their passionate love for each other.

Pauline slipped into bed and fell asleep almost at once, only to waken about two hours later with a fast beating heart and a feeling of fear. "Dennis!" She sat up in bed and spoke his name aloud in the silent room, stretching out her arms. For an instant she was almost sure he had been there close beside her; sure he had come to her in trouble, great trouble, begging something of her—something—

"Oh, what is it, darling, darling!" Pauline whispered in an agony of dread.

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Rev. Will Howell of Abilene preached here last Sunday at the Baptist church. He was accompanied by Mrs. Howell and they were dinner guests in the Winn home.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey, local chiropractor, will go to Ballinger next Sunday to speak before a public meeting of the district chiropractors association.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A check for \$10.70 on hand of the Ladies Home Demonstration Club met Friday, March 3.

HEBRON NEWS

Lavern Harwell of Merkel spent the week-end with Effiebell Pannell and Vedaltee Pannell spent the week-end with Frances Harwell.

RURAL SOCIETY

STITH CLUB NOTES. (Too late for last week.) At 2:30 p. m., with seventeen members and two visitors present, the Stith Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. M. J. Shaw Feb. 17.

NOODLE NEWS

We all enjoyed a nice rain Saturday and Sunday nights. The farmers are back on the job breaking land and getting ready in general for another crop.

Shiloh Happenings

The farmers are busy putting up land, but appreciate the nice shower. Mrs. J. H. Grayson was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

BLAIR ITEMS

Miss Gladys Lane graciously entertained her friend, Miss Foster, from the Divide the past week-end.

DORA DOINGS

(Too late for last week.) After being ice bound for several weeks, it's beginning to warm up now and will write a few lines of news.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration Club will meet Friday, March 3, with Mrs. Joe Jaynes.

STITH NEWS

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DELTA-HAN-AROUN' CLUB.

The home of Misses Dorris and Nelle Durham on Oak street was the meeting place this week for the Delta-Han-Aroun club members.

Games of bridge progressed as diversion for the afternoon and at tea time a refreshing salad plate was served to Mesdames Charlie Largent, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Bob Mayfield, George West, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ernest Higgins, Milton Case, Misses Johnnie Sears, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Dorris and Nell Durham.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The pupils in the first grade were most pleasantly surprised on Friday afternoon, Feb. 24, when Mrs. John Leonard celebrated the seventh birthday of her little daughter, Ann Patricia, by arriving with a beautiful Jack Horner pie decorated in red, white and blue and containing paper caps of red, white and blue for each child present. These caps were put on and kodak pictures made of the whole group.

Mrs. Leonard was assisted by her little daughter, Valerie Jean, in passing pink paper napkins, all-day suckers dressed as clowns and individual birthday cakes decorated in pink and blue with pink a candle served with Dixie cups. The candles were lighted and the pupils sang a birthday song to Patricia.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PARTY.

Mrs. Frank Hamm and Mrs. E. M. McDonald were co-hostesses Wednesday afternoon entertaining members of the Alathean Sunday School class in the home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald with a George Washington party. The house was colorfully decorated in appropriate red, white and blue symbols of the day as was the program which followed Mrs. Brown's devotional. Mrs. Causseaux led the prayer. A George Washington game was enjoyed and entertaining readings were given by little Miss Marilyn Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Master Billie and Jack Haynes, with Mrs. Comer Haynes at piano.

Delicious custard and angel food squares were served at the refreshment hour to Mesdames Stevens, Patterson, Dennis, Brown, Joyner, Chunn, Polley, Causseaux, Warren and Mrs. Fred Guitler, visitor and the hostesses Mesdames Hamm and McDonald.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless honored her little granddaughter, Mona Merial McCandless, of Los Angeles with a birthday party on her sixth birthday, February 22. Both indoor and outdoor games were enjoyed by the little guests after which refreshments of angel food cake, jello and whipped cream were served to Mona Merial and Barbara Ann McCandless, Joy and Jane Hughes of Abilene, Betty Jane Tittle and Annie Laurie Boswell of Trent, Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes, Comorra Hughes, Betty Joe Hassey, Mesdames Harry L. McCandless, Bert Chambliss, Vergil Hassey, Gilbert Boswell, C. R. Tittle of Trent, Earl Hughes of Abilene and Len Sublett.

RECITAL.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, Miss Mary Helen Lancaster was presented in recital by Mrs. C. B. Gardner. This talented young pianist gave a most complimentary performance both to pupil and teacher before an audience who predict a brilliant future for her in the musical world.

Mary Helen was assisted by Clara Frances Largent, pianist, and Mrs. L. E. Scott, contralto, from Abilene. Billy Gardner played a sympathetic accompaniment for Mrs. Scott. Mary Helen began her recital with a three-division-group by Heller. Her next appearance was the one and only "Narcissus." Technical work showed to best advantage in her "Sonatina" but "Showers of Stars" was considered the favorite of the evening.

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# CHURCHES

## Revival Dates Are March 19 to April 2



REV. JOHN NEAL.

The Methodist-Presbyterian revival to be led by Rev. John Neal, of Huntsville, a gifted evangelist, will begin March 19 and continue until April 2. The services will be held at the Methodist church, with music by the combined choirs of the two churches. Yates Brown will lead the song service.

The other churches of the city are invited to cooperate with the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in these meetings.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Despite the rain of last Sunday, the attendance at services was very fine. Such response makes church work a joy.

The special songs of both morning and evening services were wonderfully inspiring. Thanks—

Revs. George Tyson and W. M. Murrell were visitors with us Wednesday. They report church work going well.

Regular services next Sunday.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

With three more present last Sunday than on the Sunday before, the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel approached just that much nearer the 800 mark, the exact number last Sunday being 791. Since the first Sunday of the New Year, the total has been above 700.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Officers and teachers meet at 9:45 for prayer service. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. B. T. S. meets at 6:30 p. m.

The time of our training school for B. T. S. has been changed and will begin the second Monday night of this month. Further announcement of this will be made from the pulpit.

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Rev. Leona Forbes and Miss Bledsoe of Buffalo Gap attended our services here last Sunday, also Rev. Emma James and husband of Abilene and Mr. Tom McCormick of Tuscola. Sunday School next Sunday 9:45. Preaching by Evangelist Patterson at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

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