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## 115 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Twelve Out of Thirty-Six Seniors Included; Lucille Campbell, A Senior, Leads High School With Average of 97.

The honor roll of the Merkel Public schools for the fourth six-week period, which ended on March 3, contains the names of one hundred fifteen students. This number was slightly below that of the previous period due partly to the fact that it was during this period that we had the extremely cold weather resulting in a large number of absences on those cold days. In spite of this handicap, about one pupil in every six made the roll.

The Seniors, with twelve of their thirty-six members on the roll, had the highest per cent of their class meeting the requirement. Lucille Campbell, a Senior, lead the High school with an average of 97 for the period. The Sophomores came second with 22 per cent of their members meeting the requirements.

To be on this honor roll a student must have been neither tardy nor absent for the six weeks, must have made at least 90 per cent in department, must not have made less than 75 per cent on any one subject, and must have made a general average for the period of 90 per cent or more. The following students of the Merkel Public schools have met all these requirements:

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.  
R. V. Clark, 96; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 96; Clarence Harrell, 95; Willene Camp, 95; Doris Ruth Gilmore, 95; Billie Joe Dunn, 93; Billie Mae Cobb, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.  
Nisanda McCoy, 97; George Mack, 96; Mary Jo Hutchins, 96; Don Melton, 94; Don Melton, 94.

Second Grade, Miss Swann.  
Sue Sue Grimes, 97; Billie Clyde Haynes, 97; Billie Tom Hutcheson, 96; Walter Hickom, 94; Floyd Hutcherson, 94; Joy Bland, 93; Joe Earl Kimbrough, 93; Gwynn Dunn, 92; Glynn Dyer, 90; Clara Belle Hawkins, 88; Mickey Diltz, 91; Wayne Hughes, 90; Robert Gilmore, 90; Bob Jinkins, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.  
Clare Perry, 92; Aubrey Shouse, 92; Margaret Sharp, 91; Jim Sublett, 90; Jerry Warren, 90; Billy Joe Wiley, 90; Charles Williams, 90; Dwight Swafford, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Brown.  
Becky Gaidner, 97; Dora Marie Gaither, 96; Billy Jack Lancaster, 92; Mary Lou Higgins, 91; David Gibson, 90; Omyle Dowell, 90; Bettye Lu Higgins, 9.

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## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Anna Corrigan, the first white child born in Palo Pinto county, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Watson, at Strawn.

Silliman Evans of Texas, former Fort Worth newspaperman, was confirmed Monday night by the United States senate as fourth assistant postmaster general.

Twin babies, a boy and a girl, were born in an ambulance at Houston as the machine raced with the stork to the Jefferson Davis hospital, with Mrs. G. E. Owens, the mother.

Barney Saunders, 8, of Pampa, was crushed and smothered to death Sunday afternoon when the bank of a ravine caved in on him as he and other boys were digging in play.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson signed a bill repealing the automobile headlight law, the bill having been approved by the legislature by a majority sufficient to put it into immediate effect.

Fred Russell, formerly of Sweetwater, his wife and two children were killed and another child badly injured when the truck in which they rode stalled on a railroad track near Overton and was hit by a switch engine.

The annual meeting of the Texas Press association, scheduled for June 8-10, will be held in Houston instead of Del Rio, it was decided at a meeting of executives of the organization attending editors' day at the Fat Stock show Saturday.

The Texas house has set for special order at 10 a. m. Friday a bill by Representative Sarah Hughes of Dallas that would provide for election of delegates to a convention to pass on the ratification of repeal of the eighteenth amendment at the November election in 1934.

Mayor C. M. Chambers of San Antonio, former district attorney and prominent in city and state politics and credited with having started the movement that elevated John Garner to the vice-presidency of the United States, was found dead in bed Monday morning.

In the Democratic run-off primary in the 15th congressional district, Milton S. West of Brownsville had 12,334 votes to 9,321 for Gordon Griffin of McAllen, the winner to meet Carl Watson, republican of Brownsville, in the special election April 22 to determine the successor to John N. Garner, vice president.

Calvin B. Yarbrough of Belton was given 25 years imprisonment for a Travis county district court jury Tuesday in connection with the death of his adopted daughter, Doris, who was fatally burned when her clothes caught fire from a blow torch after gasoline had been spilled on them.

John R. Daniel Livery, Feed and Sale Stable South-Side Auto Service in connection Opposite T. & P. Depot Merkel, Texas

Miss Nola Whiteley returned Sunday from points east.

Fred Guitar, George Ferrier and Emmett Counts, Esq., were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Miss Isla McDonald was in Cisco Sunday, the guest of friends and relatives.

Claud Sears returned last week from Arizona where he has been engaged for sometime in the business of buying and trading horses.

Miss Annie Lou O'Briant is in Abilene this week, the guest of Miss Mabel Faucett.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jennings of Abilene came in Wednesday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

## DEATH CLAIMS BELOVED WIFE OF C. A. HIGGINS

Funeral Services Held at Rose Hill Cemetery Sunday Afternoon; Mother, 76, and Seven Children Survive.

Mrs. Charles A. Higgins, age 59, resident of the Salt Branch community for 45 years, passed away at 7:40 Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Rose Hill cemetery, attended by a large concourse of friends who attested in this way to their love and respect for this noble Christian woman. Rev. R. A. Walker officiated, with R. C. Griffith of Abilene, life-long friend of the family, paying tribute to the lofty character who had taken passage to a better world.

Pall bearers were: Clyde Reed, F. A. Folley, Will Cox, R. E. Harris, Austin Robertson and H. W. Hester.

Mrs. Higgins, whose maiden name was Ida Williams, was born in Bell county and was married to C. A. Higgins there in August, 1887. They moved to Taylor county in 1888 and for 31 years had lived at the present family home at Salt Branch. She became a member of the Missionary Baptist church at the age of 14.

When she learned of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Hasley, of Grandfield, Okla., her mother, now in her 76th year, came to be with her in the last illness. Besides the mother, Mrs. Higgins is survived by her husband, partner for over 45 years along the journey of life, and seven children, Warren, Charles, Jess, J. R. and Bryan Higgins, Mrs. Gardia Harrell and Mrs. Lula Land, all of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Monroe King and Mrs. Will Herd, of Grandfield, Okla., and one brother, Charlie Hasley, of Lovington, N. M. Surviving grandchildren number thirteen.

## "Lookin' Lovely" Will Chase the Blues Away

Hurrah! Now that the banks are open you can draw out those dimes you've been hoarding and bring Mama and the kiddies to the Cozy theatre Friday to see the three-act comedy, "Lookin' Lovely." It's a treat you can't afford to miss! If you have the blues, this little play is guaranteed to chase them away. If you are naturally optimistic—and more of us are growing that way daily—this will cause you to view life with even rosier-hued glasses than before.

Folks, don't fail to see the show, for you will benefit not only yourselves but also the Philathea class of the M. E. church, as the proceeds from this play go to a worthy cause.

Below is a list of the characters appearing in the play:

Persimmon, Mrs. John Dunn.  
Winnie Bordine, Mrs. Wm. Shepard.

Jennie Matthews, Dorris Durham.  
Miss Amarilla, Mary Eula Sears.  
Esther Hastings, Mrs. C. V. Shelton.

Clytie Bordine, Dorma Lee Shelton.  
Bill Baker, Spencer Bird.  
Jim Dugan, Cyrus Pee.  
Speed Hawkins, Tom Allday.  
Cholly Longacre, Wren Durham.  
Moe Dubrowski, Castle Ellis.  
Buddie Bordine, Joe Cook.

Remember, for the small sum of only 20c for adults and 10c for children you can spend three hours in a land of make-believe. Buy your tickets from the bevy of good-looking damsels selling them or get them at the Cozy theatre Friday, March 17. Curtain rises promptly at 8:15 p. m.

## Revival Dates Are March 19 to April 2

The Methodist-Presbyterian revival to be led by Rev. John Neal, of Huntsville, a gifted evangelist, will begin next Sunday, 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.

## CLOSES CAREER HALF CENTURY IN THIS COUNTY

B. C. Gaither, Age 81 Years, Passes Away at Home of Son Here; Business Houses and Banks Close for Funeral.

Last week The Mail chronicled the death of one octogenarian, W. R. Bigham, colorful character of the old west; this week noted the passing of another picturesque pioneer, another octogenarian, who had witnessed the progress of Taylor county as an active participant for exactly a half century.

B. C. Gaither, ex-cattleman and stock raiser and retired grocery merchant of Merkel, died at 11:30 Tuesday night at the home of his son, Forest Y. Gaither. He would have been 82 years old on June 4 next. He went to his bed Thursday night of last week with a heart attack and was ill only five days.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of this district, an old-time personal friend, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the church which he regularly attended. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery where his wife, who died October 5, 1915, is buried.

Born June 4, 1851, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Burgess Clayton Gaither came to Texas in 1876. He was married Jan. 15, 1880, to Miss Mary Atwood Young in Winchester, Fayette county. The couple came to West Texas in 1883, settling near Buffalo Gap where he engaged in the cattle business. Later he moved to Jim Ned Valley and continued stock raising. Coming to Merkel in 1905, he engaged in the grocery business for several years before retiring. Before leaving Tennessee, he had joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church and when this denomination united with the North-

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## Mrs. Howard Dies of Injuries in Car Crash

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the home of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Church, for Mrs. Clarence A. Howard, who died at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon in an Abilene hospital. Death was the result of internal injuries sustained in an automobile collision here nearly three weeks ago.

Elder W. G. Cypert officiated in conducting the last sad rites and Mrs. Howard was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery beside her husband who died of pneumonia on November 13 last.

Pall bearers were: Leslie Beasley, Malcom Beasley, W. R. McLeod, Sam McLeod, Hale McRee and T. D. Scott.

B. N. Wheeler, father of Mrs. Howard, who was injured in the accident, still is confined in the Church home and for this reason the services were held there instead of the church.

It will be remembered that three children of Mrs. Howard and a sister, Mrs. Joe Hayhurst, were slightly hurt in the mishap, a collision of the car in which the family was riding with a truck driven by W. C. Touchstone of Abilene.

Besides her father, with whom she had resided since the death of her husband, Mrs. Howard is survived by five children, Dorothy May, Ruth, Annie, Ethel and Clyde Alvin, the latter only about nine months old; two brothers, Paul Wheeler of Noodle and Andrew Wheeler of Comper, and three sisters, Mrs. A. L. Rogers of Kale and Mrs. Hayhurst and Mrs. Church of Merkel.

To the bereaved father, brothers and sisters and motherless children, The Mail extends deepest sympathy.

## Three Track Men in Exposition Meet

Three of Merkel High school's track men will represent Merkel in track events at the Fat Stock show this week. Albert Cade is to run the 440; Jack Patterson, the 880; and Milton Shannon, the mile. All three are in good shape and have already shown excellent time. Patterson made the half in 2' 15"; Shannon ran the mile in 4' 53"; and Cade ran the 440 in 57" from a standstill.

No meets with other schools have been scheduled so far.

## BEER BILL TO WHITE HOUSE BY END OF WEEK

Congressional Leaders Confident of Senate Action; House Has Already Approved; Message Follows Platform Plank.

Washington, March 16.—Congressional leaders were confident Wednesday night of sending the house 2.2 per cent beer bill to the White House by the end of this week, after the senate finance committee hurriedly had approved the measure.

President Roosevelt's third major proposal of the special session—the Cullen 3.2 per cent beer bill—was rushed through an enthusiastic house Tuesday to the senate where democratic leaders confidently predicted speedy approval. The vote was 316 to 97.

The two-sentence, 72-word message from President Roosevelt to congress on beer was nearly identical with the democratic platform plank.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BRIEF.

The message read: "I recommend to the congress the passage of legislation for the immediate modification of the Volstead Act, in order to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages of such alcoholic content as is permissible under the constitution, and to provide through the manufacture and sale, by substantial taxes, a proper and much needed revenue for the government."

"I deem action at this time to be of the highest importance."

"Franklin D. Roosevelt."

### HOW TEXANS VOTED.

How Texas representatives voted on the beer bill:

For—Dies, Mansfield, Buchanan, Cross, Kleberg, Thomason, Terrell, Eagle, Bailey.

Against—Futman, Sanders, Rayburn, Summers, Johnson, Briggs, Latham, McFarlane, Blanton, Jones, Strong, One vacancy.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Loven, residing north of town, Thursday, March 9, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Nichols, residing north of town, Friday, March 10, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, residing south of town, Tuesday, March 14, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster, Wednesday, March 15, 1933.

### Mellon to Sail March 17.

London, March 16.—Ambassador Andrew W. Mellon will sail from Southampton for New York March 17 aboard the Leviathan.

### The Coward Income.

It is estimated that Noel Coward is drawing nearly \$5,000 a week in salary and royalties from his play, "Design For Living."

## 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."

### STREET CARS AND MEN.

Surely no one will consider us lacking in reverence if we say that every one of the "principles of modern salesmanship" on which business men so much pride themselves, are brilliantly exemplified in Jesus' talk and work. The first of these and perhaps the most important is the necessity for "putting yourself in step with your prospect." A great sales manager used to illustrate it in this way:

"When you want to get aboard a street car which is already in motion, you don't run at it from right angles and try to make the platform in one wild leap," he would say. "If you do, you are likely to find yourself on the floor. No. You run along beside the car, increasing your pace until you are moving just as rapidly as it is moving and in the same direction. Then you step aboard easily, without danger or jolt."

"The minds of busy men are in motion," he would continue. "They are engaged with something very different from the thought you have to present. You can't jump directly at them and expect to make an effective landing. You must put yourself in the other man's place; try to imagine what he is thinking; let your first remark be in line with his thoughts; follow it by another with which you know he will easily agree."

"Thus, gradually, your two minds reach a point where they can join without conflict. You encourage him to say 'yes' and 'yes' and 'that's right' and 'I've noticed that myself,' until he says the final 'yes' which is your favorable decision."

Jesus taught all this without ever teaching it. Every one of his conversations, every contact between his mind and others, is worthy of the attentive study of any sales manager. Passing along the shores of a lake one day, he saw two of the men whom he wanted as disciples. Their minds were in motion; their hands were busy with their nets; their conversation was about conditions in the fishing trade, and the prospects of a good market for the day's catch. To have broken in on such thinking with the offer of employment as preachers of a new religion would have been to confuse them and invite a certain rebuff. What was Jesus' approach?

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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail March 14, 1913.)

Mrs. Lee Carter and daughter, Miss Allie, were in Abilene Wednesday evening.

Lon Martin, mayor of Shiloh, was in Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Mershon, formerly of this place, came in Wednesday from East Texas to visit the family of J. W. Mayfield.

Best prices paid for your hides and feed.

Jno. B. Bell & Sons.

Men's white buck quarter shoes, the latest thing out. Star Store.

T. D. Hannah was in Abilene Saturday looking after some legal matters.

Mrs. Bob Saddler returned home Sunday afternoon from a visit east with friends.

Fred Bigam left here Saturday afternoon for Abilene in his Lambert auto; spending the night there and getting some minor repairs done, he left early the next morning for El Paso, expecting to arrive in the border city not later than Tuesday afternoon.

Messdams E. M. Rust and T. J. Coggin left Sunday evening for El Paso.

to attend the cattlemen's convention; after the visit there Mrs. Coggin will go to Douglas, to visit her husband, Mrs. Rust returning home at the time.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

The noted young Swiss-American adventurer, Charles F. Hofstetter, who is headed from Brazil to Los Angeles, arrived in our city on Monday of last week about 4:30, with no other companions than his horse, "Flash," and his dog, "Ranger." The young man took a two days rest in our town and the trio were royally entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, assisted by their son, R. B., Jr. Space will not permit a lengthy write-up, but the young man made a wonderful impression on those who met him. Though a man in age, he has a very youthful appearance. Mrs. Johnson having taken him for one of our school kids; as he and her son approached the house, she was watering the yard and she turned the hose in full on them and gave them a real shower bath. As the young fellow had been traveling all day, he had no serious objections to this. We hope he reaches his destination safely and we'll have an opportunity to see him again.

Mrs. Tolliver Walker and daughter, Vivian, returned home last Thursday afternoon after an extended visit with her daughters, Mrs. W. L. Fowler and Mrs. Pounds, who live in Pampa.

Our readers will note with interest that Miss Nathalie Walker was married while she was away on a visit with relatives in Pampa. Miss Walker, one of Trent's most popular girls, was married to Mr. R. A. Simmons of that place on the 28th of February and the young couple will make their home there where Mr. Simmons has employment with an oil company. We wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright and two daughters motored to Cisco last Sunday and spent the day with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fry, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rister of Tye were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boswell, last week.

Mr. Judge Thurman is visiting his friend, Roy F. Elliott.

Mrs. Arnold of Abilene is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale this week. Mrs. Arnold is an aunt of Mr. Hale's.

The eldest son of Mrs. Winslow Beckham is quite sick in the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson here. Mrs. Beckham is visiting relatives here from Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Boone, motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit the bedside of J. W. Dowdy of that place. Our readers will regret to know that Mr. Dowdy isn't improving very fast.

Mrs. Fred Hale returned home last Saturday, having been called to Greenville to attend the funeral of her sister. Mrs. Husbands, who passed away Thursday of last week, Mrs. Hale was in company with her brother, W. W. Ireland, from Stanton, who also returned home Saturday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Elery Smith and children, accompanied by Miss Helen Hogue, were guests in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Floyd Smith attended to business matters in Dallas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott, who reside on Route 2, were called to Cleburne last week to attend the bedside of Mrs. Scott's father, who has been sick for sometime. They returned Friday, leaving him some better.

Buck Phillips made a trip to Justiceburg last week.

Mrs. Sam Butman and son, Billie Sam, of Merkel were visitors in the home of Mrs. Butman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau, last week, spending the day and night with her school chum, Miss Helen Hogue, last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers and son, Billie Jo, accompanied by Miss Bessie Mae Ford, were in Abilene the entire day last Wednesday.

Mrs. Buck Phillips is improving from a recent few days in bed.

Rev. Styles and family of Post City attended church at the Baptist church here last Sunday. Brother Styles was on his way to Ranger to hold a meeting. We enjoyed the fellowship of this good family and it was an inspiration to have them in our services.

Brother Will Howell of Abilene was called to the Baptist church here as pastor, for the present time coming to us on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Brother Howell is a fine preacher and we are wishing him a successful pastorate here.

M. G. Scott made a trip to the Plains last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodard, Sr., returned home last Monday after a short visit with their son, Homer Easterwood, and family at Taft.

Hays Wheatley lost a fine mule a few days ago.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Gafford were very happily surprised by their daughters, Mrs. Keltz and

Mrs. Hardison, who live at Vernon and who drove through, presenting them with a nice Philco radio. As their birthday is approaching, the gift was a birthday present. They were accompanied by Mrs. Atwell and little Tim Hardison, also of Vernon. They returned home Monday.

Last Monday night Goodman school had a spelling contest at the school house. Winners in high school were: first place, Laverne Winters; second place, Walter Pearl Phillips. Winners in the seventh grade; first place, Clyde McWilliams; second place, Maudine Howell. In the fourth grade, first place, Dorothy Rutledge; second place, Billy Coony. After the contest, members of the P. T. A. served them and the graders with chicken salad sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens had as guests in her home Monday her nieces, Mesdames William Allen, Acree, Jr., and Otto Cozart of Graham.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder, will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Following the sermon, the second quarterly conference will be held. All official members are urged to be present. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend our services.

**High School News.**

**TRENT STAFF.**

Editor-in-chief, Fanny Belle Vesel.  
Senior reporter, Sara J. Johnson.  
Junior reporter, Stanley Coppage.  
Sphenomena reporter, Doreen Scott.  
Freshmen reporter, Gladys Hamner.

**DID YOU KNOW—**

That Trent girls can really play ball?  
That white is popular among high school girls?  
That Cullen likes red hats?  
That Fanny Belle likes new "chevy's"?  
That Idell really got a hair cut?  
That whipping seems to be the boys' delight?  
That Mackey is to be paid a forfeit by the "Red Headed" typist of Trent HI?  
That Jewel can afford a hair cut?  
That Gladys got her "man" Saturday night?  
That Mr. Elliott has a personal friend visiting him this week?  
That Miss Bailey and Miss Powell likes Model "A" Fords?  
That Idell thinks "spring" is in the air?  
That our High school boys have begun baseball practice?  
That the Trent girls are interested in parties at Eskota?  
That Trent volley ball girls haven't lost a game yet?

**SCHOOL PLAYS.**

The Seniors are now happy again; they have been practicing on the Senior play, "Closed Lips." The date for the play has not been set yet. The other classes of high school also have a play that will be staged in a few weeks. "The Gates to Happiness." The plays are under the control of Lois Powell and Anna Bell Bailey.

**JUNIOR NEWS.**

Again the Junior class has news. We take pleasure in presenting to you its new member, Fred McCurdy. The girls are happy to have such a good looking boy join the class, and the boys are all glad to have him as a fellow-student. Some of us even saw Miss Bailey smile and try to look as young as possible when she saw him.  
The Juniors are all looking forward to the Junior-Senior banquet.

**SALT BRANCH NEWS**

Salt Branch school will put on a program Friday night consisting of several one act plays, songs, and readings.  
Mr. G. F. Turner quietly celebrated his eighth birthday Tuesday of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Foster.  
Mrs. Charles Higgins died at the family home Sunday morning. Funeral services were conducted at Rose Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, by Rev. R. A. Walker of Merkel, where a large crowd of relatives and friends paid their last tribute to Mrs. Higgins.  
Mr. Will Walker of Clyde visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster Sunday.  
The Busy Bee club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. M. H. Ely.

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

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Little Durwood Doan is a mighty sick child at this writing, but we hope nothing will prove serious. Mrs. Sam Horton of Trent, his grandmother, is attending the bedside of the little fellow since Sunday.

Arthur Addison is also on the sick list and we hope for his early recovery.

Mrs. Otis Moore returned recently from Port Arthur where she had gone in response to a death message of her sister, Mrs. M. E. Corley, a trained nurse of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors visited their daughter, Mrs. Jim Burfeind, of King county, last week-end. Mrs. Neighbors remained for the week, while Mr. Neighbors came home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe were passing visitors with their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears of Valeria, Texas, visited midweek with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley of Stairs were also guests in this home recently. It seems like old times to see Mr. and Mrs. Stanley in our midst.

Robert Moore made an interesting talk at the Sunday morning service, which was enjoyed by a nice crowd.

Several from here attended the preaching services at Nubia Sunday.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, pastor of the Nazarene church at Merkel, preached at the M. E. church. She is a woman who loves God and those attending receive a blessing. Among those from Merkel were: Mr. Bells, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. Stapleton, Misses Eula and Mildred Stapleton and Ineta Bells, Messrs. Sherman Roessom and Davis Walker.

Mrs. O. R. Pollard and children, Will Jo and Melba, and Miss Grace Pollard, of Sweetwater, were in our midst Saturday, looking after her property. She visited with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pribble Saturday night.

**STITH NEWS**

The Stith junior girls baseball team won district championship Saturday, March 11, at Truby when they played the Truby team. They will go to Anson next Saturday, where we expect to carry off county honors. The Stith boys were defeated by Truby.

The chapel program Monday morning was very interesting, consisting of declamations, dialogues and musical numbers. We expect a good program next Monday and invite everyone interested in school work to attend.

The honor roll for the fourth month of school is as follows:

First grade: Billy Clay Jones, Junior Palmer, Louise McGinnis.  
Second grade: R. C. Mashburn, Lucille Varner, Margaret Kelso, Neta Mashburn, Marjorie Isenburg, Trell Watson, Mary Alice Hines.

Third grade: Oleta Woolsey, Alva Grace Jones, Mildred Nixon, Louise Ferguson, Mildred Sue McCormick, Truett Thompson.

Fourth grade: Florine Varner, Winona Kelso, Mildred Browning, Lamine Sherrill.  
Fifth grade: Muriel Kelso, Helen Nixon.

Little Miss Mildred Browning celebrated her eighth birthday Sunday afternoon, March 12, with a birthday party to which fifteen of her little friends were invited. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of cake and tea were served.

**ZION CHAPEL**

Singing was enjoyed by a large crowd Sunday afternoon, and also at Comper Sunday night. Everyone is invited to singing at Zion's next Sunday night, also Sunday School at 10:30 every Sunday morning.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin is visiting her son, Mr. Jim Spurgin, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Loven are the proud parents of a big boy. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Miss Flora Adkins has gone to Seminole, Texas, to visit her sister, Mrs. Howard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cemmer entertained the young folks with a party on Saturday night. Every one reported a real nice time as there were visitors from Noodle, Stith and near Abilene. We hope Mrs. Cemmer will give us another one soon.

Norman and Amie D. Blankenship were seen in our midst Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jordan Clemmer's parents from Big Lake visited her last week.

**COTTONSEED FOR SALE.**  
First year Harper Mebane Cottonseed; 50 cents per bushel. H. L. Wilson, five miles northwest of Merkel.

**BRUCE BARTON**

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"Come with me," he said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Fishers . . . that was a word they could understand . . . fishers of men . . . that was a new idea . . . what was he driving at . . . fishers of men . . . it sounded interesting . . . well, what is it, anyway? They listened. They were convinced. They said yes—and they went with Him.

Next Week: On Meeting an Objection.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BUSY BEE CLUB.**

The following is the program for the meeting of the Busy Bee club on Friday, March 17, at the home of Mrs. M. H. Ely:

Roll call, name a vegetable that can be used in a green salad.  
"Green vegetables in our midst."  
Mrs. Wilma Robertson.

"What my garden has saved on my grocery bill," Mrs. Garvin.  
"Causes of failure in gardens," Mrs. Petty.

"Methods of making hotbeds," Mrs. Lee.

**DORA DOINGS**

We heard the dove call and the red bird whistle; so we believe it is spring, a nice reason in the ground and everybody very busy.

Mrs. Alton Whiteaker, Novis and Modenia Whiteaker and Lewis Cook were visitors to the Stock Show over the week-end.

Owen Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin, of Sweetwater, preached at Slater's chapel Sunday to a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swanzy of Holland are here at the bedside of her father, W. G. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

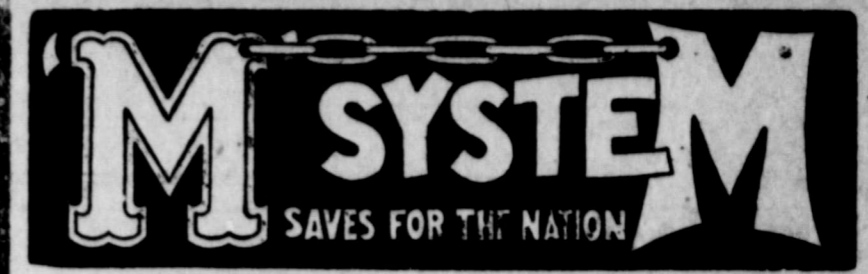
Mr. and Mrs. H. West of White Church are here for several days visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Ada May Rogers of Abilene is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Rogers.

Everyone reported a nice time at the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Perry Friday night.

J. B. McCoy is doing nicely after the removal of his tonsils at the Sweetwater sanitarium last Saturday.

You'll be surprised!!!



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**THE MERKEL MAIL**

# THE OTHER MAN

by RUBY M. AYRES  
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FOURTEENTH 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. Jerry, married-man friend of Barbara's, finds Dennis at Barbara's flat—and goes into a jealous rage. She orders him out of her life forever. Barbara is surprised by a call from her former husband who wants her to return to him.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

It was a happy evening, and yet—nothing was settled. It was like going round and round in a circle. Dennis thought savagely when they were back again in Barbara's flat and she was telling him it was time to go. He looked at her as she took off her wrap, and suddenly he said, "Are you ever going to choose between us all, Barbara?"

She turned. "What do you mean?"

He laughed unhappily. "Well—there is Barnet and your husband and myself—we all want you."

The delicate colour tinged the whiteness of her face.

"But I only want one of you, Dennis. You know which one."

He answered doggedly that she could choose if she wished.

"I am bewitched me, Barbara. I don't want to be anything but desire for you. I can't—God forgive me—even be sorry for Pauline." He went close to her and looked down at her with passionate eyes. "Let me stay, Barbara. Something seems to tell me that if you send me away tonight I shall never come back. Oh, my dear—don't you love me well enough? If I'm willing to throw everything away for you—"

"But—are you willing?" she whispered. "Isn't it only just for tonight, because we are alone? And tomorrow—"

"Tomorrow may never come."

She turned away, and for a moment there was a breathless silence. Why did she hesitate? Barbara asked herself desperately. She was not generally scrupulous; as a rule she took what she wanted of life and let tomorrow take care of itself, but now, when Dennis would have touched her, she gently repulsed him.

"Wait—let me think."

He moved away from her impatiently and began pacing the room. Barbara stood very still, looking into the heart of the fire. Her pulse were racing, and she put a hand on the mantleshelf to steady herself, and it was at that moment she saw the letter addressed to herself in Pauline's writing.

She took the letter and hid it in the folds of her gown; then she returned. "Come here, Dennis."

He came at once and took her in his arms. He could not speak, and his lips burned as they touched hers. After a long time he whispered: "Do you want me?" She could feel his heart beating against hers. "Do you want me—as I want you? May I stay?"

Barbara closed her eyes, and her whole being seemed to clamour just one passionate word in reply. "Yes, yes, yes—"

But something—she never knew what it was—kept her from speaking it aloud.

"Dennis—if—tomorrow—you still want me—"

"Tomorrow! Tomorrow never comes," he broke in almost violently. "How do we know what may happen before tomorrow? Don't send me away, my dear. I love you so much. Barbara for God's sake—"

She disengaged herself from his arms.

"Tomorrow, Dennis, if you still

want me—I swear—"

In the end she sent him away, how he never knew, and when he had gone she stood against the door that shut him out, her eyes closed, utterly exhausted, and the tears raining down her face.

She loved him so much, and yet she had sent him away. Why? Why? God alone knew.

She was roused by a little sound in the passage, and she looked up to see Mrs. Mellish, in a drab gray dressing gown, watching her with kindly eyes.

"Come to bed, my dear—I'll get you something hot to drink."

Barbara laughed sobbingly.

"I've been a fool, Mellish," she said. "I've been a silly damned fool. I've sent away the only man I ever loved."

Mrs. Mellish took her hand and patted it.

"He'll come back," she comforted.

"He'll come back tomorrow."

Barbara broke away from her sobbing.

"Tomorrow never comes," she wept. "Tomorrow never comes."

She read Pauline's letter sitting up in bed long after Mrs. Mellish had gone comfortably away, believing that Barbara slept.

Darling, Darling, Darling (Pauline began in her extravagant fashion)! I don't know why I am writing to tell you my wonderful secret even before I tell Dennis, something seems to tell me I must. I think somehow I've known it for a long time in the way that people know things—subconsciously, don't you call it?—and that I've been afraid to admit it even to myself. But now I'm sure, and I'm so wonderfully, wonderfully happy that I want to share my happiness with you, because you are my best friend and I love you. Barbara darling, I'm going to have a baby . . .

The little green and gold clock on the dressing table which Jerry Barnet had given to Barbara ticked merrily on—the only sound in a world that seemed suddenly to have grown empty and ceased to live, and at last with an effort Barbara picked up the letter that had fallen from her hand and went on reading.

"If it's a boy . . ." She closed her eyes with dreadful feeling of weakness.

Of course it would be a boy! a boy with eyes like Dennis' and a smile like Dennis', like the man they both loved. Oh, Dennis—Dennis!

She was so cold; suddenly Barbara realized that her hands were like ice and that she was shivering violently. She slipped out of bed, leaving the rest of Pauline's letter unread, and crouched down by the fire.

"There is still tomorrow!" It was as if a voice whispered those words into her ear as she crouched by the fire and suddenly her cheeks flushed and her pulses quickened.

Tomorrow! It was not yet too late. He would come back, and just for once, if never again, she would know the perfect happiness of his love, and then . . .

Across the warm, beautiful room she caught sight of her reflection in a long mirror, and it seemed to her overstrung imagination that a shadow Pauline stood behind her, a smiling, happy Pauline, with loving, trustful eyes.

Her best friend! Barbara fell for—

ward on the floor, her face hidden her hands clenched as she moaned over and over again in utter self-abasement:

"I can't—I can't . . . to be such a beast—such a vile beast!"

And yet in her heart he knew it was not so much for Pauline that she was willing to make her sacrifice as for the sake of a child she had once held in her own arms.

Such a little life it had been, but it had yet left something indelible in Barbara's heart, some memory which, recurring now, would not allow her to hurt the child of another woman.

Barbara woke from a troubled sleep late in the following morning to the sound of voices in the little hallway outside her door. Mrs. Mellish's she knew—the quiet, unemotional tones that never varied, and then another—the only voice that had ever had the power to make her heartbeats quicken, and her cheeks flush, Dennis! and so early.

Barbara leaned on an elbow and stretched over to her watch. Half-past ten. Something must have happened to bring him so soon, or was it just that he found he could not do without her any longer? She listened intently.

"Not up yet—very tired after last night. Sleeping soundly." Then Dennis' voice again, impatient, ob-

stinate. He would wait—if she would tell Mrs. Stark. Then the sound of his steps going to the sitting room, then the shutting of the door, and Mrs. Mellish tapping gently on her own.

"Come in."

Mrs. Mellish entered, calm eyes, undisturbed as ever. "Mr. O'Hara. He says he will wait. I told him you were still sleeping."

For a moment she could not answer; then she said with an effort: "Oh, yes."

"I'll get up. Please get my bath ready."

Barbara got out of bed and looked at herself in the glass. She did not look her best in the early morning, and she knew it.

"I look old," she thought with a pang, and hurriedly turned away. Barbara had never dressed so quickly before.

Why had he come so early? What was he doing now?

She looked in the mirror a hundred times, and at last she went to him without paint or powder on her face.

Dennis was standing looking down into the fire, and he had not taken off his overcoat.

"You are an early bird," she said, trying to speak lightly, and Dennis turned.

"He has heard from Pauline— he

knows about Pauline," Barbara told herself, and her hand went to her heart.

"I'm so sorry to come so early. I ought to have rung up, but I— somehow I couldn't. I—" He broke off; then with an effort he pulled himself together again and said constrainedly: "You look tired. Won't you sit down?"

Barbara laughed. "Don't you mean I look old?" she asked bitterly.

"Old!" he did not understand; then, seeing the pain in her face, he said vehemently: "No—good God, no!" Then again the unbearable silence fell. Barbara took a cigarette from the mantleshelf and lighted it.

With a supreme effort she controlled her thoughts and turned to

him. "I had a letter from Pauline last night." Was that the lead he wanted? Every pulse in her body seemed to stand still awaiting his reply.

Dennis said, "Oh, did you?" And then suddenly he plunged forward and took her hand. "And I had a victim from Barnet," he said.

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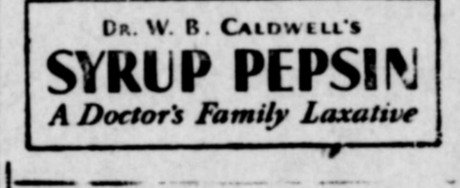
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**ANOTHER BIRTHDAY.**

March 17, 1933, means the beginning of the 44th year of the Merkel Mail. We are 43 years old today.

First issue of The Mail was published March 20, 1890, with Mary Jane Cox, as colorful a newspaper man as ever graced the profession, its editor.

The present owners date their connection with the publication from September 1, 1928. So we are in our fifth year.

Appropos of the beginning of a new year of newspaper endeavor, we look with confidence on the future of our city, our state and country.

The recent bank crisis proved a great leveler; no more can it be said we are scraping the bottom. A start up hill is inevitable. With solidity to banking, a new confidence in the people's minds and with the promise of rising commodity prices, the future looks bright. We begin our 44th year, pledging anew our endeavor to serve Merkel and the interests of this section even more earnestly than in the past.

**NEW CONFIDENCE.**

Upon his return to Washington from the Middle West, Senator Lewis, democrat, of Illinois, told President Roosevelt that there has been a "general revival of hope—the greatest revival of spirit since 1929."

"I have never seen in my political life," said Senator Lewis, "such a quick transformation from discouragement to encouragement, from despair to hope."

"The efforts to do something have created an atmosphere of new confidence that prevails all through the West."

**B. C. Gaither**

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ern Presbyterian church he left his church letter as it was. Since coming to Merkel, he has worshipped at the Methodist church from which he was buried.

Besides the son here, there are two other children: L. D. Gaither, Amherst, and Mrs. R. E. Dillard, Tuscola. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. John D. Gaither, wife of a son who died several years ago, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Fall bearers were: Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, Herbert Patterson, George Woodrum and Floyd Davis.

Known to old timers because of his sterling character and reputation for uprightness in his dealings with his fellowman, Mr. Gaither was equally well known to those in middle age and to the younger folks, for in all of them he took a keen interest. Gifted with a friendly sarcasm, his wit was an established characteristic. He had a fund of anecdotes, real life stories and historical facts that made him univrsally interesting. His charity extended to a defense of even the most lowly and weak.

His interest in life embraced all the duties of citizenship. In the early days of the volunteer fire department he was chief. He had served as alderman of the city and frequently presided as election judge. In politics he found his keenest enjoyment.

It was fitting that, in respect to his memory, the stores of the city should close during the hours of the funeral and in deference to his son, Forest Gaither, assistant cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, that the two banks should also close, even though the day was their first open since the termination of the bank moratorium.

To the writer, who knew him intimately for three years as a fellow-boarder, his loss cannot be replaced.

At the conclusion Tuesday of the friendly suit to determine validity of the claim of Frank L. Denison of Temple to the chairmanship of the state highway commission, Judge J. D. Moore promised a decision within a few days, but, regardless of his decision, the case will be taken to the state supreme court.

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**Honor Roll**

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**Third Grade, Miss Heizer.**  
O. C. Shouse, 96; Doris Clyde Miller, 95; Roy Owen, 95.

**Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.**  
Anne Lee Blake, 94; Betty Jane Diltz, 94; Helen Heeter, 94; Lloyd Gilmore, Jr., 90.

**Fourth Grade, Mrs. Campbell.**  
Burt Reeves, 96; Don Wood, 95; Doris Gay West, 95; Bessie Reynolds, 95; Guy Manscill, 95; Joe Glenn Wells, 91; Geraldine Teague, 91; Donald Lasater, 90.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.**  
Comora Hughes, 93; Mildred Bird, 92; Wilma McAninch, 90.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.**  
Billie Wood, 95; Mary Jo Russell, 92; Faby Mashburn, 90; Mary Nell Morgan, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.**  
Pauline Joyner, 95; Dorothea Sue Bird, 92; Clyde Cribley, 92; Barbara Nell Dewett, 92.

**Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.**  
Dick West, 93; Rosemary Lassiter, 91; Marvin Hunter, 90.

**Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.**  
Sylvan Mellinger, 94; Morris Wozencraft, 94; Duane Pangle, 92; Margie Melton, 91; De La Vergne Teague, 91; Pauline McAninch, 90.

**Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.**  
Robert Grimes, Jr., 93; Laverne Hughes, 92; Bud Gambill, 92; Billie Dunning, 92; Altie Grayson, 91; Murphy Dye, 90; J. C. Foster, 90.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

**Eighth Grade.**  
Juanita Huskey, 96; Clifton Bellamy, 95; Ora Derrick, 94; Billie Woodrum, 92; Murry Toombs, 91.

**Scotchmore Grade.**

Neil Durham, 92; Jo Warren Cook, 92; Ethelde Tucker, 92; Vivian Davis, 91; Mary H. Mashburn, 91; Lynn Shelton, 91; Billie B. Gambill, 90; Clara F. Largent, 90; Pauline Lasater, 90; J. V. Patterson, 90; Zerk Robinson, 90; Ben Sublett, 90.

**Junior Class.**

Wilma Gardner, 92; Caribel Mansfield, 92.

**Senior Class.**

Lucille Campbell, 97; Meyer Mellinger, 95; Van Roberts, 95; Florene Rider, 94; Mildred Richardson, 94; Frances M. Church, 93; Onal Huskey, 93; Margaret Miller, 93; Gerald Derrick, 92; Mardell Shouse, 90; Williams Catts, 90; Joyce Wheeler, 90.

**PERSONALS**

Bill Hamm and Bill Harris were week-end visitors to Big Spring.

Mrs. Fred Latham is spending the week with Mrs. L. R. Thompson in Abilene.

Mrs. G. F. Woods attended the pioneer barbecue at Fort Worth last week-end.

Mrs. Yates Brown has as her guest her mother, Mrs. B. A. Wall, from Midland.

Miss Nadene Lee of Throckmorton visited her sister, Mrs. Fred C. Hughes, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., of Austin, are spending a few days here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller of Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and children from Breckenridge spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris.

Mayor W. M. Elliott visited from Friday till Sunday of last week in Dallas with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott.

W. P. Sandlin of Mineola, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rea of Midland spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry of Clyde were guests Tuesday in the H. M. Rainbolt home. Mrs. Berry is a cousin of Mrs. Rainbolt.

Dr. Frank Armstrong and wife and little daughter, Mary Joe, of Fort Worth, were visitors Tuesday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, returning home Wednesday morning.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., returned Monday night after a short visit with his parents to Austin where he is attending the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren are entertaining their little granddaughter, Barbara Beckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive and children, Mary Lou and Bobby, of Big Spring were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell spent Sunday at Lamesa and were accompanied on their return by their niece, Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, who had been visiting in Falfurrias.

Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and Mrs. H. E. Britain, with her two daughters, Pattie Lynn and Jane, were over from

Abilene Wednesday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton and Lee Harrell have returned from a visit with Mr. Fred Harrell and family in Dallas. They also attended the Fat Stock show in Fort Worth Saturday.

**To Die March 20.**

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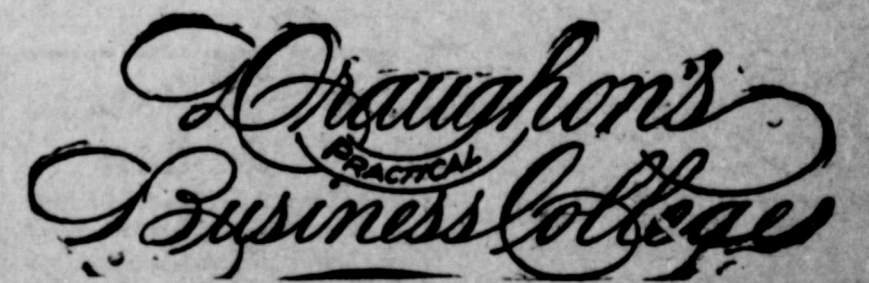
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# POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For City Secretary and Tax Collector, ex officio:

MRS. FLORENCE HOLMES BERRY.

MRS. JUANITA DOWELL (Re-election.)

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

A trash fire, shortly before noon Tuesday, in the back yard of Judge N. D. Cobb was quickly extinguished by the fireboys, with only slight damage resulting. Except for the prompt response of the department, Judge Cobb states that the garage would probably have been entirely destroyed.

Announcement was made the latter part of last week of the purchase of the Magnolia station on the railroad right-of-way by J. H. Moseley, formerly of Pampa, who has moved here with his family. They have leased one of the Sutphen apartments on Oak street and are being given a most cordial welcome to Merkel citizenship.

With the rise in commodity prices in the past ten days, decidedly higher prices prevailed here for wheat and oats. One lot of oats brought 16 cents and wheat was sold at 34 cents.

Late Monday afternoon in 104th district court at Abilene, Paul Frederickson was convicted on a charge of possession of liquor for the purpose of sale and a sentence of one year in the penitentiary was assessed.

J. R. Baze received a telegram Tuesday morning from his son, Lloyd, in Los Angeles, Calif., telling that he and his two sisters were outside of the earthquake zone. He gave many details of the severity of the quake, which caused the death of more than a hundred people and injuries to thousands as well as destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

Will Preach at Blair. W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ at Blair next Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

## Lionel Atwill Spent Three Hours Daily in Applying Make-Up

While working on the production of "The Mystery of the Wax Museum," which shows at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Texas, Tuesday and Wednesday, Lionel Atwill set a new record at the Warner Bros. studios for the longest and most tedious make-up.

Three hours daily were required to put on the mustache and beard which he wears as the Russian sculptor, Ivan Igor. It was necessary for him to sit quietly in a chair for this length of time while an expert make-up artist affixed one wisp of human hair at a time to his face.

"Such care in make-up is unheard of on the stage," declared Atwill. "Obviously it would be impossible to take so much time. While playing in the Belasco production of 'Deburau,' I had to make a complete change from the costume of a French clown with Pierrot attire to that of a Parisian dandy. I had to do this in exactly two minutes time."

"The Mystery of the Wax Museum" is a mystery thriller, photographed in Technicolor, and is said to be one of the most fascinating pictures screened. It is taken from the play by Charles S. Belden and adapted by Don Mullally and Carl Erickson.

In the all star cast with Mr. Atwill are Fay Wray, Glenda Farrell, Frank McHugh, Allen Vincent, Gavin Gordon and Edwin Maxwell. The picture was directed by Michael Curtiz, a master of mystery drama, who handled the megaphone for "Doctor X."

## Club Calf Chosen As Champion Steer

Fort Worth, March 16.—For the second time in the history of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show a club calf was adjudged grand champion steer here Monday.

Mason's model, a Hereford owned and exhibited by J. D. Jordan of Art, in Mason county, was awarded the blue ribbon after defeating Depression Breaker, champion short horn owned by the Singleton farm at Midlothian, and the champion Angus steer, High Mark, owned by Elliott Brown of Rose Hill, Iowa.

## Carl Williams Quits Federal Farm Board

Washington, March 16.—Carl Williams of Oklahoma Thursday resigned as a member of the federal farm board, the resignation submitted to President Roosevelt to become effective March 15.

Williams was editor of the Oklahoma Stockman, published at Oklahoma City, prior to his appointment as a member of the board by President Hoover. His term was for a period of six years, ending in 1935. He was the cotton expert of the board and vice chairman.

## Brings New Laurels For Fredric March

"Tonight is Ours," the attraction tonight and Saturday at the Queen theatre, gives Fredric March, judged the best actor of 1932, many new laurels. This picture with Claudette Colbert, the beautiful Paramount star who has played with him in many of his successes, Allison Shipworth and Arthur Byron, is not exactly like anything March has starred in before. The story is laid in Paris and a small European kingdom. Miss Colbert is the queen despite the fact that she would like to marry March and live an ordinary life. The picture gains a high point when an assassin attempts to kill the queen, but all ends well. This is one of the season's most pleasing pictures. You should not miss it.

Next week the Queen presents H. G. Wells' famous horror picture, "The Isle of Lost Souls," with Charles Laughton, Richard Arlen, Katherine Burke, "The Panther Woman," and Leila Hyams. This picture starts where the other horror films left off. The Queen also announces the Liberty magazine story written by ten of the world's greatest writers, "The Woman Accused," starring Nancy Carroll and Cary Grant, to be shown March 31 and April 1.

Senate Passes Economy Bill. Washington, March 16.—After three days and two nights of furious debate, the senate Wednesday night gave overwhelming approval of the bill granting President Roosevelt power to reduce veterans' benefits and federal pay to the extent of half a billion dollars.

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## Extension for Paying Taxes Expires April 1

In making an urgent appeal to the citizens and tax payers of Merkel to take advantage of the extension of the time limit for paying city taxes without penalty and interest, Mayor Elliott has prepared the following statement:

To the Citizens and Tax Payers of Merkel.

"In our regular February council meeting we agreed to give an extension of time in paying taxes without the penalty and interest. Your council thought this step wise, and realizing the financial condition, they extended this time to April 1, 1933, whereby you could pay your taxes without the penalty and interest. This time is drawing near and I would like to appeal to those who have not paid their taxes to take the advantage of this saving. It means a nice saving to you, and at the same time you will help your town, which is your home and we feel sure that you want to do the best you can in promoting the best interest of your town. No government can be operated without funds, and our council has tried to eliminate all unnecessary expense and they have cut the city's operating expense down to where it is a nice saving.

"Let everyone be loyal to our town, all pull together and if we will do this we can work from under our burden and when we do, taxes can be lowered to please.

"W. M. Elliott, Mayor."

## City Well Represented At Oil Belt Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Oil Belt Educational association, held at Breckenridge last Saturday, L. E. Dudley, principal of the Abilene high school, was elected president to succeed Ben H. McLain, superintendent of the Sweetwater public schools. Mrs. Pauline Brigham, of Big Spring, was named as vice president.

About 1,000 teachers were in attendance at the meeting, Merkel having been represented by all except two of the teachers.

The executive committee includes O. G. Lanier of Ranger, C. Wedgworth of Snyder, R. F. Holloway of Ranger, M. A. Williams, county superintendent of Taylor county, and B. H. McLain, of Sweetwater.

## SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

The Shakespeare club met Tuesday afternoon to discuss "Cymbeline," another very interesting story written in the usual vivid and dramatic manner which is typical of Shakespeare.

Friday was a "make-up" lesson for the members who missed "Romeo and Juliet." At the end of the hour Miss Sears passed chocolate nut bars, which proved an enjoyable surprise to the members and two visitors that were present.

"Macbeth" will be the story for discussion this Friday afternoon at the usual time and place.

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## Rogers Heads 8-Star Cast in "State Fair"

Eight stars, headed by the inimitable Will Rogers, each playing the type of role in which he or she has won the greatest success, bring Phil Stong's popular novel, "State Fair," to the screen of the Paramount theatre in Abilene next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Janet Gaynor, Lew Ayres, Sally Eilers, Norman Foster, Louise Dresser, Frank Craven and Victor Jory are others.

Miss Gaynor and Ayres are the lovers of a romance between a little farm girl and a dashing newspaper reporter, and Miss Eilers and Foster are the principals of another affair, said to be an intense as it is unconventional. Will Rogers has what is reported to be the greatest comedy role of his career, that of a midwest farmer whose great ambition is to land a grand championship for his prize hog, Blue Boy. Miss Dresser takes the part of Rogers' wife, Craven appears as a country storekeeper and Jory portrays a carnival stand barker.

The action locales are Roger's farm home and the grounds of a big State Fair. Again the Paramount's popular regular price policy will prevail and although the picture is regarded as a road show the management will present it continuously from 1 to 7 p. m. on Sunday and from 1 to 11 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday out of town patrons can visit Abilene as late as 5:30 p. m. and see "State Fair."

## Pay Last Tribute to The Late W. R. Bigham

Those who came for the funeral of the late W. R. Bigham, one of the most beloved of early pioneer characters in this section, which was held here Wednesday afternoon of last week were: his only daughter, Mrs. Ed Young, of Lampasas, with whom he made his home, who was accompanied by her husband and three children, Alice Glenn, Eva Louise and Betty; and two grandchildren, Miss Alice Bigham, who teaches in the Abilene public schools, and Ralph Bigham, of Houston.

The only other survivor in direct line of descent is Miss Rane McMillen, a granddaughter, who lives at Meridian, Idaho. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. W. McMillen, a deceased daughter of the late Mr. Bigham.

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## Brother of Merkel Woman Found Dead

To attend the funeral of Dutton Williamson, oldest brother of Mrs. R. L. Adeock, Mr. and Mrs. Adeock, accompanied by their two daughters, Misses Berdelle and Frances, left last Thursday morning for Fort Stockton. Besides the sister here, Mr. Williamson is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williamson, Menard; two sons, Dutton, Jr., and Bobby; four brothers, Travis, Ft. McKavite, Herbert, Alvin and Carol, Menard; two sisters, Mrs. O. L. Murr, Ft. McKavite, and Mrs. A. M. Duke, Waco, and an uncle, W. O. Williamson, of Menard.

The following account of his death is taken from a Fort Stockton paper: Dutton Williamson, well known local citizen, was found dead Wednesday evening at the East Hill cemetery where he had gone in grief and mourning to the grave of his deceased wife. Her loss five years ago had left him in constant sorrow, and he had gone to join her in that world beyond.

He was one of the most popular men in the community, and his loss is keenly felt. He was a veteran of the World War, and a loyal member of the American Legion. It was his oft expressed wish that this organization have charge of the services consigning him to his eternal rest.

He leaves two young sons, his parents, and several brothers and sisters to mourn his demise. There are hundreds of close friends, too, who grieve with his loss and offer all sympathy to the bereaved family.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 3:30 this afternoon. The American Legion will be in charge of the last rites with their chaplain, L. E. Bailey being assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry.

French critics regard Edgar Allen Poe as the father of the short story. The most abundant metal in the earth's ten-mile-thick outer crust is aluminum.

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '33—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor

## The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mildred Richard.  
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### DRAMATIC CLUB.

On March 11, 1933, Lola Brabbin, Eloise Mancill, Nola Mae Anderson, Clara B. White, Eleanor Mae Hogan, Faye Vantrees, Ruth Davis, Mildred Sharp and Virgil Lee Perkins were hostesses and host for the Dramatic club.

St. Patrick was the theme carried out. There were several interesting contests. Annie Lee Owen received the prize.

The program consisted of extempore talks by Imogene Middleton, Terrell Mashburn and Nell Hughes. Mrs. Haynes, told about the plays that were given at Grammar school.

"Pink and Patches," the contest play, was given by Opal Huskey, Van Roberts, Margaret Miller and Imogene Middleton.

"Peck vs Peck," a divorce case, was presented by the speech class.

After seeing these plays, we returned to the studio where we were served ice cream tubs and cookies.

The president took charge and attended to the business.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Mr. Riddle, Thelma Mathews, Caribel Mansfield, Lois Whiteley, Mary Click, Marshal Stalls and Cephas Wozencraft.

### THE PLEASURE OF THE IMAGINATION.

The imagination is very helpful at times—times when you are all alone—times when you are sad—and times when you are happy. Through imagination the poor are made rich, the boy becomes a heroic soldier, the girl a famous tennis player, and Dad becomes president of the firm.

Were you ever angry? That is the time you should be left alone. Not only because of your temper, but because of the funny thoughts you have. Maybe you are quarreling with your big brother. Mother slaps you—a powerful blow on the side of your face—and then you are in your room.

You see the whole thing over and over again. It happened, of course. You fall in a dead faint, when Mother slaps you, and they call the doctor. After the doctor examines you he

asks, "I wonder what caused her to faint. Does this happen very often?" Mother, "Oh-oh-I-I-er-er slapped her."

It even causes lockjaw. For a whole month lie in bed, each day getting weaker and weaker. Every few minutes you groan in a weak voice. Ah! at last you die. What a sad, sad day.

Mother stands weeping over your body and promises never to slap another child. The big brother is standing near. Hush! What is he saying? "Oh! dear sweet sister, how could I have spoken a cross word to you? It was all my fault." Sniff - - sniff. I-I think I'll hang myself.

### TENNIS.

Sport season is on, and everyone is preparing for county meet. There seems to be a great deal of interest in tennis this year, and we are hoping to "bring back the cup." The tryouts will begin next Wednesday afternoon. More power to you, players!

### FRESHMEN.

What would happen—  
 If Edgar wasn't at the library?  
 If the Freshmen were not on the ball team?

If the girls won a game with Mt. Pleasant?

If Mabel M. and Ora were not together?

If Willie B. and Annie Lee D. stopped writing notes?

If Horace sat still for five minutes?

If Juanita averaged less than 95?

If Miller had his English?

If Janet were to have a date?

If Billy should suddenly want publicity?

### FOOLISHNESS.

Mildred: "Duncan, why don't you create some excitement around here, so I'd have something to put in the Badger Weekly?"

Duncan: "Well, Oscar got hit with a baseball bat."

Mildred: "Oh! fine. Thanks a lot."

Meyer (in physics): "There's no more sense in multiplying kilograms

and kilowatts than there is in multiplying dogs and cats."

Mr. Riddle: "No, but there's a lot of difference."

Julia: "Don't you hate crowds?"

Lois: "I should say I do. At the show the other night I fainted and had to walk two blocks before I could fall down."

L. V. Moore: "Why is a kiss like a scandal?"

Annie Lee: "Because it goes from mouth to mouth."

### OUR SENIORS.

Opal Huskey.

Opal is one of our old standbys. She is quiet, except when she's in debate, and is a most lovable sort of person. She is entering debate, and also the cast for the one-act play tryout. Opal has been a member of the Dramatic club for two years and she is also a member of the F. U. N. club. Dependability seems to be her second name. We hope for you plenty of good luck. Opal.

Gordon Murray.

Gordon is also one of our old-timers. If you think he doesn't have his fun, you just don't know Gordon. He was one of the letter men on our football team last year. The many friends that Gordon has made will miss him next year, but we know that he will have to succeed. Anything short of success will mean disappointment for your friends, Gordon, so good luck.

### DECLAMATION AND EXTEMPORE SPEECH.

The interest in declamation and extempore speech of the high school students is better than usual. We have two more high divisions in declamation this year, junior boys and junior girls.

Those entering in extempore speech are: Nell Hughes, Imogene Middleton, Terrell Mashburn and Howard Stanley.

Those entering in senior declamation are: Annie Lee Owen, Lola

### 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.

Brabbin, Frances Marie Church, Margaret Dean, Charles Tipton and Duncan Briggs. Those entering in junior declamation are: Mary Helen Lancaster, Clara Frances Largent, Vivian Davis, Mary Zoe West, Dot Swafford, Juanes Jones, Annie Lee DuBose, Ben Sublett, Zerk Robertson, J. V. Fatterson, A. C. Sears, Mildred West, Jessie Margaret Berry, Ima Ruth Brown, Mary Helen Mashburn, Dois Mae Barron, Joe Cook, Clifford Williams and Joe Earl Lassiter.

The tryouts for declamation and extempore speech will be held in ten days or two weeks. As we have a great number trying out for junior and senior declamation, we should be able to win first place. We hope so, anyway.

### CHORAL CLUB.

The Choral club took a vote last Tuesday morning to decide whether or not they should have a uniform dress. The vote carried and a committee was appointed to pick out a pattern. They are Caribel Mansfield, Mildred Richardson, Billie Bernice Gambill and Wanda Hunter. We intend to present many programs this spring and we are working hard to making them successful.

### TEACHERS' MEETING.

Merkel was well represented last Saturday, March 11, at the Oil Belt Educational association. Practically all the teachers attended some of the programs and divisional meetings. Some went over for the banquet on Friday night.

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### THE MAN WHO SELLS PENCILS.

(Essay.)

We very seldom go to town, especially in a large town or city, unless we see an old man selling pencils. He sits on the street corner day in and day out selling his wares, and is very seldom noticed by anyone. He is regarded as the lower class and some people will not even stop to buy his pencils and help him along in life. But he is a man that has impressed me greatly.

He is usually very dirty-looking (which makes me feel all the more sorry for him,) and summer or winter he has barely enough on to cover his body. His shirt, pants and coat are usually torn all over. If the bottom of his shoe is toward you, you can nearly always see his bare foot. He usually has his battered hat by the side of him in which he puts his coins. His hair is very seldom combed and it is long and shaggy. His face is unshaved and his beard is long.

As he sits on the street corner, he sings or tells about his pencils, which

are displayed by the side of him or in his lap. There is usually a sign tacked to the side of his pencil box saying that he is deaf, dumb, blind, or has some other well known deformity.

If ever I have a large sum of money, I am going to take a large part of it to the old man who sells pencils, so he can have something to live on, for I think that the old ragged man needs, very much, a kind word or a kind act from someone.

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We take this opportunity to thank publicly our patrons for the splendid spirit and co-operation displayed during the bank holiday. Merkel's citizenship, individually, and her business interests so shared the unprecedented problems that the essential business of our community was carried on with commendable smoothness.

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# CHURCHES

## Pastor Takes Devil For Sermon Theme

Prefacing his sermon with the remark that it was an unusual thing to preach on the subject he had selected, Rev. J. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, last Sunday discussed the topic, "Who is the devil? Where did he come from? What is he doing."

He said there were very few sermons about the devil, but that everyone should know something about the devil so as to fight him. "One must either fight him, or go in league with him," he said.

"The devil became a devil of his own choice, following a revolt from God. The devil is pretty smart. He has much wisdom and power. He would rather cast your soul into hell than do anything. He is captain of the organization to tear down souls. He is a very industrious old fellow. The devil is author of all modernism. The devil gets into pulpits. The devil causes sickness sometimes. The devil breaks up homes, disrupts membership of churches, leads people away from the church."

"Church members should break fellowship with the devil," he said in conclusion.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 and evening at 7:30 by the pastor. Sunday School starts promptly at 10 o'clock. B. T. S. Sunday evening at 6:30.

The teachers and officer are requested to meet in the T. E. L. room every Sunday morning at 9:45 for a short prayer service.

### SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "The Saving Work of Christ."

Introduction, by Ted McGehee. "Christ's mission upon earth," Mary Parrish.

"Christ's fitness to be the world's Saviour," by Lena Joyner.

"Christ's atonement for sin," by Miss Coffey.

"Why should He love me so?" Find out at Senior B. Y. P. U. Sunday night at 6:30.

### BAPTIST W. M. S.

Last week was the "week of prayer for home missions" and a very interesting and helpful program was given each afternoon. A good free will offering was given to the missions, which means all to the workers.

Monday was Royal Service day, with "Building world peace on the Word" being discussed to the very center and making each one feel his responsibility in order that universal and permanent peace may prevail.

Next week we will have our Bible study taught by Brother Joyner. Each lady of the church is extended a cordial invitation to attend these meetings each Monday at 2:30 p. m. You will get a blessing and will feel that your time has been well spent.

### B. T. S. REVIVAL.

The First Baptist church of Merkel is having a B. T. S. study course this week. We are indeed fortunate in having Miss Grace Conn of the State B. T. S. department to direct this work. Each night we will have a demonstration of how the B. T. S. should be carried on. We wish to urge you to attend, as the B. T. S. is important to our church life. It will be your misfortune, if you do not grasp the opportunity of hearing Miss Conn. If you hear her once, you will not miss the next time. We desire your presence.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A cordial welcome awaits you. If you are not enrolled elsewhere, we would be glad to have you join our Sunday School.

On account of the Methodist-Presbyterian revival, our congregation will unite in morning and evening services Sunday at the Methodist church.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

### FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Talk about volcanoes and earthquakes; they are only playthings compared with the great creeping paralysis of the Anti-Christ, who now has his deathly grip upon "Fair America."

Centralization is the sword used by the Anti-Christ. Transforming himself into an "angel of light" in a spirit like an "innocent lamb," through deception he unites the two horns, religion and political powers, (Rev. 13.) stamps on our coins the stamp of the "beast." The Anti-Christ, then what? Be at the Fundamental-

## ist tabernacle Sunday night and let the Word of God settle that question.

The Lord blessed our efforts last Lord's day by enlisting with us two more soldiers of the cross. Glorious things are happening at our Wednesday night prayer meetings. Come.

An interesting program by 26 Juniors was certainly appreciated by the large audience Sunday night. Preaching every Saturday night.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

With reports from only five of the six Sunday Schools in Merkel, the attendance last Sunday returned to the 700 bracket, with 742 present. On the previous Sunday, rainy and bad weather had cut the attendance to only 581, but on the Sunday before that there were 791 present.

### NAZARENE CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a good day. Our attendance shows a steady increase, of which we are glad. "How can I show my crowd that I am a Christian?" Read and practice St. John 13:35 and Titus 3:1-8.

We greatly enjoyed our trip to Blair last Sunday afternoon. We met a crowd of fine people.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to come worship with us. Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 9:45 preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, young people's program at 6:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, ladies Bible lesson at 6:30 p. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

### NOTICE EASTERN STAR.

Because of serious illness in Mrs. Greas' family, the worthy grand officers will not visit Merkel chapter Monday, March 20.

Iris Garrett, Secretary.

You'll be surprised!!!

# SOCIETY

## DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent was the meeting place this Thursday for members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club, with Miss Lou Largent and Mrs. Charlie Largent co-hostesses in entertaining. After a very pleasant afternoon of bridge games, two new members were given a hearty welcome, Mrs. Harold Boney and Mrs. J. E. Gresham.

At the refreshment hour delicious heavenly hash, angel food cake, olives and coffee were served to the following: Mesdames Ed McCrary, Milton Case, George West, L. C. Zehpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Harold Boney, J. E. Gresham, Orion Tittle, Ernest Higgins, Bob Mayfield, Misses Dorris Durham, Nelle Durham, Lou Largent and Mrs. Charlie Largent, Mrs. Tom Largent.

### ST. PATRICK PARTYE.

Members of the Gleaner Sunday School class of the Methodist church were complimented on Wednesday afternoon in the hospitable home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess, with Mesdames Burgess, J. E. Richardson and Duncan Briggs co-hostesses, in entertaining with a pretty St. Patrick's Day partye.

The devotional and business meetings were disposed of first and the class song, "Where hast thou gleaned today," was accepted permanently.

A delicate green and white color theme was employed in refreshments of green sandwiches of chicken, punch and cakes cut from Shamrock molds on green glassware. The guest list included Mesdames Roberts, Thompson, Mashburn Toombs, Guitar, Case, Boyd, Bennett, Ferrier, Patterson, Sublett, Shanon, Hughes, Baucus, Vaughn, Buford, Richardson, Burgess and Briggs.

### BAZE-HARRISON.

Concerning the marriage of Miss Margaret Harrison of Cortez, Colo., and Lloyd Baze, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze of Merkel, which occurred on February 14, the following write-up is taken from a California paper: "The Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Glendale, was the setting yesterday for the marriage of Miss Margaret

Harrison, head of the Orange branch of the Progressive Music studios for the last several years, and Lloyd Baze, an employee of the Southern California Gas company.

"Simplicity was the keynote of the wedding witnessed by a group of relatives and friends.

"Miss Harrison chose for her maid of honor a girlhood friend, Miss Greta Akin of Colorado, who has been her house guest for the last several months. Her bridesmaids were Miss Alice Stevens of Santa Ana and Miss Ruth Baze, a sister of the bridegroom. "The bride's brother served Mr. Baze as best man and ushers were Dr. Ronald E. Buell of Santa Ana and Leonard Thompson, a teacher in the Newport Harbor union high school.

"Following a brief honeymoon trip, Mr. Baze and his bride will establish their home in Los Angeles.

"While a resident of this city the former Miss Harrison was active in music circles and held membership in the local B. & P. W. club.

"Her music studios here have been taken over by Miss Ora Caldwell of Pasadena, a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago."

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock Little Billie Gene Grayson celebrated her fourth birthday in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall. Several games were enjoyed, then cake and hot chocolate were served the following: Lady Jane, Bobbie, Natalie Anderson, Clarene and Betty Jean Perry, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Mary Margaret Bowden, Billie and Arvel Kemper, Lavern and Nova Jewel Jenkins, Deloss Grayson, Buster and Leola Marshall and the hostesses, Billie Gene Grayson.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one who so beautifully assisted us in the sufferings and death of our loved one, Mrs. Arminta Howard, and who are still doing all that love and kindness can do for Grandpa Wheeler. We especially thank each and every one for the beautiful floral offerings and may they bloom throughout eternity. We would not dare forget our neighbors and friends for the splendid eats. We ask God's richest blessings upon each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and Relatives.

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## Must File Exemptions, Tax Assessor States

Attention of interested parties is called by County Tax Assessor C. W. Boyce to the fact that, while church parsonages are included in the list of exemptions provided by law for schools and churches, it is necessary

that such property shall be listed and the exemption claimed.

In order to get the advantage of the homestead exemption, it is also necessary, Mr. Boyce advises, for this property to be rendered as usual with the exemption claim attached thereto.

The work of assessing county taxable property is nearing an end and those who have not yet filed their renditions should see to it at once.

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Dried Fruits all kinds, 2 lbs. **21c**

Fig Squares 2 lbs. **19c**

Cocoa 4 oz can <b>5c</b>	Pork & Beans <b>5c</b>	Toms. No. 1 <b>5c</b>	Oats 11 oz. <b>5c</b>
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### A REVIVAL OF CHRISTIAN JOY AND OPTIMISM

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