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MERKEL ENTRIES IN EVENTS OF COUNTY MEET

Contests in Debate and Playground Ball Scheduled for Saturday, March 25; Not to Compete in Volley Ball.

On Saturday of this week the contestants from the various schools of Taylor county meet to compete in the preliminary events of the county meet. The main meet will be on March 31-April 1.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel schools is league director-general.

On this next Saturday March 25, contests in debate, volley ball and playground ball will be held at Abilene High school.

Four teams, Merkel, Wylie, Trent and Tuscola will meet in debate. On the first round, Merkel debates Trent with both boys and girls teams. Then, in the finals, the winner of this Merkel-Trent debate will meet the winner of the Tuscola-Wylie bout. Clarence Church and Mordell Shouse represent Merkel in the boys' debate and Lucile Campbell and Helen Joyner will represent the girls.

In playground ball Merkel will have four junior teams—two from High school and two from Grammar school. The Junior boys of High school meet the winner of the class B division for a final game. The girls of High school meet Wylie, the only other girls team in the high school division.

The Grammar school girls meet Wylie in the first round. Seven teams compete in the ward school division.

The Grammar school boys meet Ovalo in the first round. Nine teams will compete in the boys' ward school division.

Merkel is not competing in girls volleyball.

In the events to be held March 31-April 1, Merkel will be well represented.

Bill Passed; Applies in 14 States

Washington, March 23.—President Roosevelt signed the 3.2 percent beer and wine bill into law Wednesday immediately on receiving it from the capitol.

It legalizes the beverages to be sold where not otherwise prohibited as soon as the clock strikes midnight, April 6. Fourteen states allow the beer, which must be held at 3.2 percent alcohol by weight, or four percent by volume.

Record of Births.

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Friday, March 17, 1933.

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunn, Wednesday, March 22, 1933.

TRUSTEE ELECTION APRIL 1; CITY VOTE COMES ON APRIL 4

Two members of the board of trustees of the Merkel public schools are to be named on April 1, date for the annual election. Those whose terms expire are Herbert Patterson and J. M. Collins. The latter has announced his desire to retire from the board, as he has no children in school.

C. P. Church, member of the board before his removal to the Plains a few years ago, has consented to serve again in this capacity and the names of Messrs. Patterson and Church will appear on the ballot.

Holdover trustees are: W. O. Boney, S. D. Gamble, O. J. Adeock, A. J. Canon and J. E. Richardson.

CITY ELECTION.

In the city election, scheduled for the first Tuesday in next month, which is April 4, a mayor, two aldermen and a city secretary and tax collector ex officio are to be elected. Aldermen whose terms expire are A. T. Shepard and Len Sublett. Mrs. Juanita Dowell is being opposed for re-election as city secretary by Mrs. Florence Berry. The two retiring aldermen wish to be relieved of duty, but Mayor Elliott has agreed to stand for re-election.

Holdover aldermen are: J. A. Buford, John S. Hughes and C. E. Jacobs.

\$500,000,000 Economy Bill Quickly Passed

Washington, March 23.—The \$500,000,000 economy bill, cutting deeply into veterans' benefits and providing for reduction of government salaries, was signed Monday by President Roosevelt.

Upon a sweeping delegation of power from congress, the president is now free to slash the billion-dollar veterans' cost by almost \$400,000,000 and to prune \$125,000,000 from the salaries of federal employes.

In conjunction with the estimated \$150,000,000 in taxes from legalized beer and the \$137,000,000 gasoline tax the measure is expected to bring the budget to a near balance and restore the impaired credit of the federal government.

Extension of Fisher

Pool of Interest Here

Considerable local interest centers in the news announcement in the papers Wednesday morning of the extension of the Rogston pool in Fisher county with the addition of Callahan and O'Donnell No. 1 Pardu, capable of producing 1,000 barrels daily from one to two feet of lime pay topped at 3,112 feet.

Messrs. Tom Largent and Fred Hughes own about 80 acres a third of a mile from this well and between it and the Jean well, one of the largest in the pool.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Harmon "pure gasoline" bill, requiring labeling of inferior grades of motor fuel, was passed Wednesday by the senate.

Mrs. John Finch died in a Paducah hospital of burns suffered when a gasoline stove exploded at her home 12 miles west of that place.

The body of Charles D. Rogers, missing Kelly field student pilot who crashed during the night, was found Friday on a ranch 15 miles southwest of Comfort.

Cone Johnson, colorful political figure in Texas for the last 50 years and former member of the Texas highway commission, died Saturday night at his home in Tyler.

Carlot shipments of fruits and vegetables in Texas during the month of February, totalling only 3,946 cars, were the smallest for any February since 1928. Last year 6,805 cars were shipped.

Repeal of the three-day notice marriage license law was approved Tuesday by the senate state affairs committee when it reported favorably a house bill to remove the four-year-old statute.

W. S. Pendleton, 87, formerly mayor of Fort Worth, who left Texas soon after Oklahoma had become a state and who had served three terms as county judge at Shawnee, died there Wednesday.

C. K. Quin, former city utilities attorney and law partner of the late Mayor Chambers as well as a close personal friend, was named mayor of San Antonio by the city council to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Chambers.

H. M. Edwards, 37, Reno, Nev., aviator, who was charged with murder in connection with the fatal plunge of Miss Ivy Young, actress, from his hotel room at Houston on Feb. 19, was acquitted Wednesday afternoon after the jury had been out only four hours.

Attorneys for Frank L. Denison, Temple man appointed as chairman of the highway commission by Governor Ferguson, have given notice of appeal from the decision Saturday by District Judge J. D. Moore of Travis county, who ruled that the state senate did not confirm appointment of Denison as is required and that the governor's commission to him was issued without authority.

N. L. Speer, former sheriff of Walker county and former warden of the penitentiary, who was sentenced to three years imprisonment on conviction of a charge of theft of \$1,000, overpaid him by the comptroller in settlement of Speer's fee account, has been granted a 60-day furlough by Governor Ferguson in order to permit him to arrange his business affairs before starting his sentence.

House Votes Farm Relief 315 to 98

Washington, March 23.—By the overwhelming majority of 315 to 98, the house Wednesday passed the farm relief bill virtually identical in its drastic provisions with that sent from the White House last week. The future of the bill in the senate, however, is doubtful.

The measure would confer upon Secretary Wallace unprecedented powers to deal with the farm situation. Under its terms he could apply any of several methods of controlling surpluses and reducing acreages, including features of the domestic allotment plan, rental of lands to retire them from production and the Smith plan of reducing cotton planting by giving in exchange options on government-owned cotton.

Roosevelts Like Naval Post.

Henry Latrobe Roosevelt, distant cousin of the president, was nominated to be assistant secretary of the navy, a post previously held by four other members of the Roosevelt clan. The late President Theodore Roosevelt, Theodore Jr., Franklin D., are others who held this position. T. Douglas Robinson, another occupant of the post, was a nephew of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. STALLINGS HELD SUNDAY

Resident of Merkel for 32 Years and Wife of Former Mayor Passes Away at Home of Daughter in Fort Worth.

Funeral services, in charge of the ladies of the Eastern Star, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Woodrum hotel for Mrs. J. J. Stallings, who died at 5:20 Friday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. McGee in Fort Worth. Elder W. G. Cypert officiated, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery beside her husband, the late J. J. Stallings, a former mayor of Merkel.

Mrs. Stallings, whose maiden name was Sarah Elizabeth Parrish, was born Dec. 27, 1857, at Honey Grove, Texas, the daughter of Wm. Denton Parrish and Nancy Bowman Parrish, the former born in Kentucky in 1782 and the latter also a Kentuckian born in 1799. On Dec. 12, 1881, she was married to J. J. Stallings, who died June 19, 1921. Soon after his death Mrs. Stallings left Merkel, where they had lived for 32 years, to make her home with her daughter in Fort Worth. She was a member of the Church of Christ and during her long residence here formed lasting friendships that endured through the years.

Mrs. Stallings is survived by one daughter, Mrs. McGee, of Fort Worth; one son, E. P. Stallings, of Houston; her mother, Mrs. S. S. Parrish, of Honey Grove; four sisters, Mrs. G. W. Fielder, of Galveston, Mrs. W. G. Richardson, of Dallas, Mrs. Overton Craven, Honey Grove, and Mrs. G. H. Strange, of Hobart, Okla.; five brothers, H. A. Parrish, of Corpus Christi, John Parrish, of Houston, and Bernard, Wilbur and Gilmer Parrish, of Honey Grove, and two grandchildren, J. J. McGee, of Fort Worth, and E. P. Stallings, Jr., of Houston.

Among those who came for the funeral, besides the children and grandchildren, were: Mrs. G. W. Fielder, her sister, of Galveston; Mrs. Kitty Belle Parrish, of Fort Worth; Mrs. Enric Miller, of Fort Worth, and Miss Pauline Mercer, also of Fort Worth. The latter, while here, was the guest of Miss Dora Garoutte.

Active pall bearers were: George Woodrum, Herbert Patterson, Kenneth Pee, Yates Brown, C. K. Russell and Eli Case.

Honorary: J. T. Dennis, C. M. Largent, Dr. M. Armstrong, Joe Holmes, J. H. Witcher, G. W. Boyce, W. W. Wheeler and J. T. Warren.

Vivid Description of California Tremors

(By Louis Butman.)

Long Beach, Calif.—March 10, 1932, will long be remembered in Long Beach. At exactly 5:55 p. m., without warning, the ground began jumping up and down and moving back and forth so violently that it was practically impossible to stand. In some instances the highway seemed to jump from under the cars. One man from Texas was killed in this way.

My friend and I had an apartment in a brick hotel. We were in our room when the quake came. After falling several times we started for the nearest exit but finding a larger hole in the wall we went through that to safety. Five of our friends were killed in the building. After removing as many as we could we rushed to see if those near and dear to us were safe. Then we went to the St. Mary's hospital where we carried the patients to a nearby church.

The quake came just after thousands of school children and business people had gone to their homes and after the matinee and before the regular evening shows; otherwise there would have been many more killed.

All those who lost no members of their families are going about cheerfully, no matter how much material damage was done. Water and gas mains were broken and the city was plunged into darkness. 100,000 people were living in the open and had it not been for the warm weather there would have been much resultant suffering.

REID VARIETY CO. NEW ENTERPRISE OPENS HERE SOON

About April 10 the Reid Variety company will open for business in the Jones building, on Edwards street between the Barrow Furniture company and the Merkel Motor company.

Claud Reid, who has been connected with the Stone Variety store at Spur and who will assist his brother in the conduct of the store, arrived Sunday and started to work cleaning out the building preparatory to a complete overhauling inside.

The store will be operated by Roy Reid, with long years of experience as manager of Moses Variety store at Paducah, who will remove here with his family. Claud Reid is unmarried.

With new fixtures to be installed, a completely new stock of variety goods ranging in price from 5c, 10c, 25c, to \$1.00 will be brought in and the store will be ready to open about April 10.

The new enterprise, coming at this time means much to the citizens of Merkel as illustrating the advantages of this town as a trading center and both the Reid brothers may expect the hearty co-operation and support of the people of this city and the surrounding communities.

Little Boy Suffers Concussion By Fall As Car Turns Corner

Little N. R. Harvell, Jr., 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Harrell, sustained very serious injuries when he fell from the back seat of a touring car without any top early Tuesday afternoon as his uncle, Fred Dickerson, who was driving the car, rounded the corner at the street intersection where Mrs. W. A. McSpadden lives.

Others in the car were his mother, Mrs. N. R. Harvell, and her sister, Nell Dickerson, together with an older brother of N. R., Jr. There was some feed on the back seat of the car, beside which N. R., Jr., was sitting but he had climbed upon the feed and when the car turned the corner was thrown to the ground suffering concussion of the brain. His pain was intense for hours during which he had several convulsions. After temporary relief, at Mrs. McSpadden's, he was carried to the home of Clarence Eoff where he remained until Thursday morning.

He was sufficiently recovered at that time to be moved to his parents' home.

Checks in Mails.

Dallas, Mar. 23.—Eight thousand checks totaling \$700,000, representing the first installment of 1933 crop loans, were mailed from the southwestern crop production loan office here Monday.

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."

ON MEETING AN OBJECTION.

Every business man knows the value of being able to sense an objection and meet it before it is advanced. Jesus knew that far better. He went one night to dine with a prominent Pharisee. While the dinner was in progress, a certain woman of unfortunate experience crept into the room and kneeling down by Jesus began to bathe his feet with precious ointment and wipe them with her hair. Jesus knew what that outburst of unselfishness meant to an overburdened spirit, and accepted the tribute with gracious dignity. But all the time he was perfectly well aware of the thoughts that were passing through the self-satisfied mind of his host.

"Ah," said that cynical gentleman to himself, "if he were a prophet he would have known that this woman is a sinner, and would have refused to let her touch him."

He might have been tempted to put his thought into words, but he never had a chance. Quick as a flash Jesus turned on him:

"Simon, I have somewhat to say to thee."

"Teacher, say on." It was a half-concealed sneer.

"There was a man who had two debtors," said Jesus. "One owed him five hundred shillings and the other fifty. Neither could pay and he forgave them both. Which of them, do you think, will love him most?"

Simon sensed a trap, and moved cautiously.

"I imagine the one who owed him the most," said he.

"Right," said Jesus. "Simon, seeest thou this woman?"

Simon nodded. He began to wish the conversation had not started.

"When I came into your house, you gave me no water for my feet," Jesus continued with that extraordinary frankness which cut straight to the heart of things. "But she has washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You poured none of your expensive oil on my head, but she has taken her precious ointment, which she could ill-afford and anointed me."

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FROM STEAMBOATING TO TRAIL-DRIVING AND INDIAN FIGHTING

(Some Reminiscences of the late W. R. Bigham)

(This is the first installment of a feature newspaper story written specially for the Semi-Weekly Farm News by Cora Melton Cross about one of Merkel's most colorful characters, the late W. R. Bigham, and published July 13, 1928. The other installment will follow in next week's issue.)

Born in Western Tennessee, W. R. Bigham knew little of sorrow and responsibility until the death of his parents left him, a lad of 11 years, to shift for himself. Drifting from place to place, with only an occasional job, he finally landed on a Mississippi River steamboat. It was a "come day, go day, God send Sunday" sort of existence, but it sufficed in that it momentarily made him forget his loneliness, as he listened to the darkies singing and watched them double shuffle to the buzz of a Jew's harp. His work was varied and hard, but he liked the river atmosphere, and as he grew in experience it became easier and more to his liking.

Bitterly disappointed because a "musterin'" officer of the Civil War refused to enlist "such a strippling," he returned to the boat with a morbid outlook on life. To his surprise, the four succeeding years were exciting ones. The Mississippi and its tributaries, under strict surveillance, played an important part in Southern warfare, and young Bigham helped

transport many a cargo on the White Cumberland and Arkansas Rivers while shot and shell were flying. His river work began under the Confederacy and ended when the Federal Government took over the transportation.

TO TEXAS ON HORSEBACK.

Texas, with her wonderful resources and opportunities, had been discussed on young Bigham's boat and where such a conference was in progress there he was to be found. Having experienced some of the thrills attendant upon the fighting between the States he resolved that he would not be cheated of his birthright. Being a son of a pioneer, what was more fitting than that he should carry on? To be sure, the information about Texas, gleaned in the haphazard fashion, did not wholly satisfy. It was indefinite and left his mind in a chaotic state, in which free land for settlers, cattle raising, buffalo, antelope, pioneers, Indians and cowboys all figured without place or purpose, except as the deciding factors of his going. Having concluded the matter, as soon as the boat docked at Memphis, W. R. changed from its deck to that of a calico pony, with Texas as his objective port. It was in the winter that he made the trip, crossing Red River in the afternoon of the first day of January.

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BUY SOMETHING.

The following bulletin was posted in all plants of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., at Orange, N. J., by Charles Edison, son of the inventor and president of the company:

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"Buy something. Buy anything, anywhere. Paint your kitchen, send a telegram, give a party, get a car, fix your roof, get a haircut, see a show, build a house, take a trip, sing a song, get married.

"It does not matter what you do, but get going and keep going. This old world is starting to move."

City tax payers have until April 1 to take advantage of the extension granted by the city council in their February meeting whereby the penalty and interest on delinquent taxes due the city of Merkel will be remitted if the tax is paid before that date.

"Coming Out of Miss Spring With Jack Frost as Escort Sets Weather Scandal Awfuler" — is a decidedly variation in headline from the usual prosaic weather report. The Dallas News sponsored the verbiage in announcing the freeze that accompanied the first day of spring.

Some 14 states may permit the sale of beer in 15 days after the president's signature was attached to the congressional 3.2 per cent beer bill. In Texas, however, which had state prohibition before the eighteenth amendment to the United States constitution was adopted, two legal restrictions will continue to bar its sale. One is the amendment to the state constitution itself which prohibits the sale of liquors capable of producing intoxication and the other is the Deane law prohibiting the sale of liquors having an alcoholic content of more than 1 per cent.

BRUCE BARTON

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The dining room was silent; every eye was turned upon the Teacher; the poor woman still knelt at his feet, embarrassed that her action should have caused so much comment.

"She is like the debtor who owed the five hundred shillings," he said. "Her sins which are many are forgiven, for she loved much. To whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." And then with a glance of infinite tenderness:

"Thy sins are forgiven," he said to her simply.

It is easy to imagine that the conversation rather dragged during the remainder of the meal. Even very supercilious and self-assured gentlemen hesitated to expose themselves to the thrusts of a mind which could anticipate criticisms before they were uttered and deal with them so crisply.

Next Week: A Question Will Do.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy extended and for the assistance and many kindnesses show us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our dear mother; we shall always hold in tender memory the many evidences of the love and esteem in which she was held by those who knew her so well in this community.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stallings and Son.

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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.

Reminiscences

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February, 1865. The Wayside Inn, a famous roadhouse of that time, housed him overnight. After expressing to the proprietor that it was his intention to become a cowboy, he was directed to the cow camp of Hugh Riggs in Navarro County. The foreman at the Riggs headquarters was short of hands and upon W. R.'s arrival immediately set him to work. Riggs owned thousands of cattle and was very considerate of his men, both of which pleased young Bigham. He liked to be connected with a big outfit and it was his chief characteristic to glory in overcoming obstacles to make good at whatever he undertook. A few months' demonstration of this promoted him to head boss. About that time he made his first trail drive, going from Navarro County to Shreveport, La. The next drive took him from the ranch to Simmsport. From these points the cattle were shipped down the river.

Saddle tramping found him at the headquarters ranch of old Jim Reed, where the reputation earned at Riggs camp had preceded him. A trail herd was in the making and he found himself following it to Abilene, Kan. Again and again this occurred, until, with the old river habit strong upon him, a chance was inevitable, and he landed at the Jim Rose ranch, where he continued trailing cattle until the sum-total, first to last, numbered an even dozen drives. Booted and spurred, rearin' to go with another herd he was, when he met a rosy-cheeked lass and immediately his trail work resolved itself into the establishing of a home in Jack and Young Counties. It was here that he, with his charming bride, set up housekeeping.

KILLS HIS FIRST INDIAN.

Indians, peaceable when W. R. came to Texas, later became angered with the settlers and went on the war-path. The country was overrun with the red devils, Comanches and Kiowas, murdering entire families. Scalping, tomahawking and other hideous atrocities were the order of the day. Horses were stolen until ranchmen had none with which to work their cattle. Whole herds of cattle were scattered to the four winds. Every frontiersman had his Indian problems and everybody was constantly expecting a surprise attack and were seldom disappointed. It was at one of these that W. R. got his first Indian, and he is going to tell you here just how it was done.

"There had been a devastating raid in Jack and Young Counties. Our cattle were everywhere except where they belonged. Horses had been stolen until we were almost unmounted. Women and children were scared to death, men worried for the safety of their families and things were in a state of pandemonium. But we cowmen got together and determined to give that bunch of Comanches a whirl for their money and we started trailing 'em. It was no trouble at all to follow their tracks, which we did until we reached the Indian Territory, but we never could overtake 'em. On the way home we ran out of grub. Didn't have a bite to eat. We surely were glad when we ran across a big drove of antelope. After killing, dressing and cutting the choice portions from one of them, we boiled it and had a feast. Good? Well, I'll say it was. Although we had neither salt nor bread, nor anything else to go with it. No, sir, that goat did not go begging on the account. After tightening up our belts we felt better and hurried on to make camp at Buffalo Springs, where we hobbled and side-lined our horses. It was my turn to stand first guard, for we were still on the lookout and also cussin' the Comanches. My orders were to shoot the first redskin I saw and upon hearing the shot the boys were to run to my assistance. I was watching very closely every tree, bush, rock, in fact any and everything that would hide an Indian, when I saw a form glide between two scrubby clumps of bushes. It looked like an Indian on his allfours creeping up on us. Now, I had never yet killed myself a redskin and I was determined this one should not get away, as they had done so often in our several skirmishes.

(Concluded Next Week.)

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one who so lovingly assisted us in the illness and death of our dear father and we especially thank each and every one for the beautiful floral offerings which made his last resting place so typical of his love for flowers in life. In the assistance and sympathy of our neighbors, we found great comfort and because of their comforting words it was easier for us to bear our grief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dillard and Children.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and Children.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

E. B. Jones of this city has accepted a position as clerk with the Melba hotel at Fort Worth, located at Tenth and Houston streets. Mr. Jones wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all his friends in Merkel and the surrounding country to visit with him when they come to Fort Worth.

At an early hour Thursday morning, Mrs. John Mansfield received the sad message of the death of her father at Slaton and she and Mr. Mansfield left at once for that place.

Rainfall Friday night of last week measured three-eighths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's figure to 1 3-4 inches.

G. L. Anderson, who was greatly worried about the safety of his daughter, Mrs. June Butman, and her two little daughters, who reside at 1935 Myrtle avenue, Long Beach,

Calif., which was almost the center of the earthquake of March 10, was relieved to learn shortly after the catastrophe that they escaped unhurt, but were living in their backyard, due to the fact that part of their house had been damaged and had been condemned.

Mrs. L. B. Reeves, who went to Brownwood last Friday upon receipt of news that her mother was critically ill, is still at her bedside. Mr. Reeves and Leonard, who accompanied her, returned Sunday but went again to Brownwood Monday upon hearing that Mrs. Reeves' mother was much worse. They returned Wednesday night.

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TOMATOES, No. 2 can, B & W, 3 for **25c**

SALMON, R & W, red, can **18c**

Tuna Fish Cortez can **15c**

MEAL, R & W, 2 packages **15c**

Coffee Sun Up pound **19c**

MARSHMALLOWS, R & W, 8 ounces **10c**

SOAP, Palmolive, 2 bars **13c**

Biscuit Flour R & W, with baking pan, pkg. **39c**

SYRUP, Crystal White, Golden or Sorghum, No. 5 pail **29c**

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FIFTEENTH 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. Jerry, wild with jealousy, calls upon Dennis and "talks freely"—Dennis, in doubt, comes to Barbara.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"From Jerry?" She looked surprised, and then sudden relief sent the color rushing back headlong to her white face. "What did he want with you? I haven't seen him for some time."
"He came to talk about you."
"About me?" She shrugged her shoulders. "Was he very melodramatic? Did he beg of you to give me up and not to ruin his life?"
"Something like it." O'Hara's sounded thick and unnatural. "Something like it." He caught his breath on a hard sound before he broke out savagely: "He told me you were his mistress."
Barbara stared down at the gray ash on the end of her cigarette.
His mistress! Jerry's mistress! She wanted to laugh, and she wanted to cry. It was a lie. Thank God, it was not the truth, and yet—it might so very nearly have been.
But it was a lie—all the same—thank God!
The gray ash fell, and she looked up into O'Hara's face.
"Well—what did you say?" she asked. She was confident of what he had said; most likely he had kicked Jerry downstairs—poor dear Jerry!
"I told him I should do what I have done; I told him I should come straight to you and tell you."
"Oh!" For a moment she felt paralyzed; this, then, meant that Dennis believed it—believed it!
She drew her hand from his and stood up.
"Why should you come to me?" she asked slowly. "Do you want me to swear with my hand on the Bible that I am a spotless saint?"
"No—no."
"Would you believe me if I did swear it?"
Dennis fell back from her with a smothered groan.
"My God, I don't know. Men don't lie about such things."
Barbara's white lips formed a question.
"Do they generally talk about such things?"
He came back to her, his face white, his eyes tragic.
"It sounded like the truth. I'm no

saint, but you and that man—my God, Barbara—if it's true—"

"You mean—you believe that it is?"

He made no answer, and she said in a voice that was only so very still because it was so unutterably tragic: "Very well then, go on believing it."

Like a woman in a dream she heard Dennis trying to explain, to excuse himself, to defend himself.

"I knew the kind of life you lead. You always knock about with men. I've always heard—it was Pauline who defended you—always; she would never hear a word."

Barbara's stiff lips smiled. "Ah—Pauline!" The thought of Pauline was like a gentle hand laid on a terrible wound in her heart, and yet its very gentleness was agony. And Dennis blundered on, his sheer honesty and distress making every word an insult.

And Barbara laughed, harsh steely laugh that was like a knife-cut in the tragedy of the room. "You seem to have had an entertaining night, altogether. Did you sit up till the small hours of the morning tearing me to pieces?" She caught her breath harshly. "Fine gentlemen, both of you—and you both pretend to love me."

Dennis said fiercely: "I did love you—God knows I did love you."

Already in the past! "I did love you," not "I do!"

She saw his hand go out to her, then fall again to his side.

"He swore it! He said he'd been here with you alone, night after night—is that the truth?"

"Yes."

She heard him sob as he turned away, and there was a tragic silence. Then he came back once more.

"That's nothing—and she knew that he was trying to convince himself rather than to apologize to her for his suspicions—it's nothing, I know, nowadays. Girls often go to men's flats—don't they? It isn't what I should like Pauline to do—"

Barbara turned away. "Pauline!"

"—But she's different from you," he went on hoarsely. "She's led such a sheltered life, and you? Then suddenly he was gripping her arms with frenzied hands. "Tell me—tell me the truth if you've never told it to me before. Tell me!"

Barbara closed her eyes and swayed in his grasp. She knew she had to speak, to say the word he prayed to hear, and in a moment she would be in his arms again, her head on his shoulder—the divine resting place—and yet—

"I'm so wonderfully happy that I want to share my happiness with you . . . my best friend, Barbara darling . . ."

Poor little Pauline! Poor little loyal Pauline who believed in her and loved her even though she had betrayed that love and belief.

And then came a pressing thought besieging her, deafening her, and refusing to be silenced.

"Now is your chance. To do a decent thing—to make up for all the shabbiness of your life. Let this man go—send him back to his wife and to the life that is his by rights."

"God, oh, God," Barbara

whispered. She tried to beat down that whispering voice, tried not to hear it. Then she felt Dennis' face against her shoulder, pressed to it as if he were an unhappy boy, and felt his arms holding her closer, closer. "Barbara—if you ever loved me . . . oh, my dear one."

She tore herself free. She stood back against the table, panting a little, white to the lips.

"It's true," she said. "It's true—that Jerry told you. It's true, true, true!"

It seemed such a long time since she had spoken those words—she was sure that a whole lifetime had come and gone since she tore herself from Dennis O'Hara's arms, and waited for him to speak. She had not moved her eyes from him—she knew it might be the last time she would ever see him, and she wanted to remember him faithfully—the obstinate chin and sensitive mouth—the honest eyes—the brown hair, and the broad shoulders against which her head had rested for the only happy moments she had ever known.

Barbara smiled a little and held out her hand.

Although she knew it was all over she felt that she must make one last appeal to him—an appeal which she knew would be disregarded.

"In spite of everything—I'm the same woman I was last night, Dennis," she said.

Afterward she wondered if he really heard—or if she really spoke. She heard him cross the little hall, open the front door, and shut it again behind him—and that was all.

Then presently she found herself kneeling by the fire and wondering hopelessly why she could not cry. She could have kept him, but she had let him go. Why?

"Because I'm a damned fool," she told herself with shaking lips. But she knew it was not; she knew it was because of a child she had once held in her arms for a little while that she had not found it possible to injure a child of Pauline's.

Mellish came to the door. "Did you call me?" she asked.

"Bring me some brandy, will you? 'I'm so cold.'"

"There's a nice fire, too," Mrs. Mellish said.

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"Yes," Barbara agreed. "Bring the brandy to my bedroom, please. I'm going out."

"Ghastly! Ghastly!" she thought and hunted for rouge.

Mrs. Mellish brought the brandy. Out in the street she hailed a taxicab and gave the address of a flat, off Park Avenue.

"If only I didn't have to go on living," Barbara thought; then she laughed as she wondered whether Pauline would ask her to be god-mother to Dennis's son.

The taxi stopped, and she got out and paid the fare; then, without hesitating, she walked into the entrance of the flats. A porter came forward.

"Can you tell me which flat is Mr. Stark's?" Barbara asked.

"The second floor, madam—I'll take you up in the lift."

"Thank you. I'll walk. I'm not in a hurry."

She went slowly up the stone stairs. Douglas would be surprised to see her, or wouldn't he? It didn't matter much either way—probably he wouldn't be up.

She rang the bell and waited. After a moment her husband's manservant came to the door.

Barbara said, "Good-morning Richards—is Mr. Stark in?"

"Yes, madam—just going out."

"I'll go in. You need not announce me."

She walked across the hall with unfaltering step and into the sitting room. It smelled of spirits and cigar smoke and was overheated. A man stood by the sideboard emptying a tumbler.

Barbara said, "Good-morning Douglas"

"God Almighty!"

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Douglas Stark was a good-looking man, a little puffy under the eyes, and a little red in the complexion.

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"Will I—hell!" He made a sort of excited lunge toward her, but she deftly avoided him.

"We're not married yet, you know. Besides—I hate sentiment."

He looked at her admiringly yet disbelievingly.

"You hate sentiment—pooh! How long is it since a man kissed you?"

For a moment Barbara wavered and looked back into the past—such a little way back—only to last night; then she laughed.

"You should now!" she cried. "It seems like years and years."
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OUR SENIORS.

Margaret Miller.
Margaret is a pretty little brunette with laughing brown eyes. You'll probably never see her unless Nell is with her, for they are good pals. Margaret is pianist for the Glee club and part-time pianist for the Choral club. She is secretary of the M. H. S. Players club and belongs to the F. U. N. club. She also entered spelling and is in the one act play try-out for county meet. We hope you'll always have good luck and plenty of it, Margaret.

Virgil Lee Perkins.

Virgil Lee is another one of our members of the Dramatic club. He entered debate, too. Having traveled through the weary years of high school life wearing a smile, he has gained for his reward many friends. Virgil Lee, when the rains of success fall, we hope you are caught without an umbrella and just get soaked!

SCHOOL NEWS.

Mrs. Haynes, we are sorry to relate, has been ill since last Friday. She has been unable to come to school. Everyone sincerely hopes she will soon be back with us.

RATIO.

No, Ratio doesn't happen to pertain to math this time. It happens to be Lucille's cat.

When the debaters started home Saturday, they heard a cat crying. It couldn't be found in the car. The cry became louder and louder. At last Mr. Riddle pulled off the pavement and stopped. Mardell raised the hood and there was Ratio, scared within an inch of his life and very hot, for he had been near the exhaust pipe. How he got there is conjectural. No one knows. Anyway, we had a good laugh at his expense.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores have been doing a great deal of work for the county meet the last three weeks or a month. If it were not for the Sophomores in school, we do not know what the other classes would do; we know that we could not do without them.

We hope that everybody who is taking those mid-term examinations again will make good grades so they can pass.

We are very sorry that Mrs. Haynes is ill and can not be with us. We hope that she will be well so she can be back with us soon.

A TOAST TO SWEET SIXTEEN.

"Over the hill to the poor house" you may go. You're not any good now. You're sixteen, but you're not so sweet. Just skin and bones, that's what they say. Kicked about by the hired hands, you can hardly eat, walk, or work. Aw, sad, sad, day; when you reach this age, you might as well go off and die! You're not pretty; you can't work; you're just in the way. Poor, poor, horse.

TENNIS.

Mr. Riddle took Tommy Jones and Harold Reese to Trent last Monday afternoon for a game of tennis. The scores were 6-2 in favor of Trent, and 6-8 and 4-6 in favor of Merkel, totaling 16-16.

Several girls are entering singles. The tryouts started Tuesday evening.

THE JUNIORS.

Here are the answers to the characterizing puzzle:
David Gamble.
Caribel Mansfield.
Kennedy Whiteley.
Billy Gardner.
Loise Whiteley.

The Juniors had one representative to go to the track meet—Jack Patterson. We have some more Juniors coming out and they are doing good work, too. They are: J. B. Moore and J. R. Graham. County meet will be soon and we're expecting a great deal from our Juniors.

SPELLING AND ESSAY.

Tryouts for spelling and essay contests were held last week. Those going in spelling are Nell Hughes and Anna Lou Church. Juanita Huskey is the substitute speller.

Waldeline Huskey will represent Merkel in the essay contest. Marizoe West won second place in the tryout.

CHAPEL.

Tryouts for declamations were held in chapel Tuesday morning. Senior declaimers were: Lola Brabbin, Margaret Dean, Annie Lee Owen and

Frances Marie Church. Junior declaimers were: Mildred West, Mary Helen Lancaster, Clara Frances Largent, Ima Ruth Brown and Maryzoe West. Winner for the Seniors was Annie Lee Owens. Francis Marie Church won second place and Margaret Dean third.

From the Junior declaimers, Mary Helen Lancaster won first place; Clara Frances Largent, second place, and Marizoe West, third place.

The tryouts for the boys will be held later.

S-S-S-S-S-S!

Sudden swallows swiftly skimming, Sunset's slowly spreading shade; Silvery songsters sweetly singing Summer's soothing serenade. Susan Simpson strolled sedately, Stiffling sobs, suppressing sighs, Seeing Stephen Slocum stately, She stopped, showing some surprise. "Say," said Stephen, "Sweetest sigher, Say shall Stephen spouseless stay?" Susan, seemingly somewhat shyer, Showed submissiveness straightway. Summer's season slowly stretches Susan Simpson Slocum she. So she signed some simple sketches, Soul sought soul successfully. Six September seasons swelter— Six sharp seasons snow supplied Susan sat in sofa's shelter, Six small Slocums side by side.

DEBATE.

Merkel debate teams met Roscoe again Wednesday. Both boys and girls debated. As there were no judges this time either, it is still uncertain as to who is best.

Merkel debaters attended a debate tournament held Saturday in Abilene. Of course, the team lost out in the first bracket because they had to debate Lubbock. They contested Santa Anna next, but Santa Anna won too. However, that isn't any sign that Merkel girls can't go to district.

As Clarence could not go, the boys could not debate.

FOOLISHNESS.

"So your brother's going to college? What is he specializing in?"
"Latin."
"Why, that's a dead language."
"Yes, but he'll need it. He's going to be an undertaker."

Annie Lee: "What's the difference between a doctor and a donkey?"
Rogene: "I dunno."
Annie Lee: "Well, you'd certainly better watch your step."

M. Riddle: "What can you tell me about nitrates?"

Ora: "Well-er-they're a lot cheaper than day rates."

"Hello" called a feminine voice over the telephone. "Is this the Humane Society?"

"Yes," was the reply.
"Well, there's a book agent sitting in a tree, teasing my dog."

"BE WHAT YOU IS."

Don't be what you ain't
Jee' be what you is;

'Cause you is not what you am,
Den you am not what you is;

If you is jes' a little tadpole
Don't try to be a frog;

If you is jes' de tail,
Don't try to wag the dog.

You can always pass de plate
If you don't exhort an' preach;

If you is jes' a pebble
Don't try to be a beach.

Don't be what you ain't,
Jes' be what you is,

'Cause de man that plays it square
A' gwine to get his;

It ain't what you is or has been,
It's what you now am is.

—Anonymous.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dale West and children of Cross Roads, visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne Sunday.

Mrs. Chester Reagh, who has been sick for a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey, is much improved at this time.

Miss Stella King of Merkel visited her cousin, Miss Ruth Pinckley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Douglas of California, who are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington in Abilene, visited Miss Nora Foster during the week-end.

Mr. Donald Payne is sick at this time.

Mrs. Homer Foster of Merkel spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Cora Scott of Abilene visited with her brothers, T. D. and Spurgeon Scott, for the past two weeks. Misses Mattie Scott and Fannie Aldredge, also of Abilene, spent last week-end with them and they were accompanied by Miss Winona Patton of Abilene.

Mrs. Billings spent a few days in her home in Abilene last week. Rev. Massagee held a few nights meeting here this week, but we haven't learned the results of the meeting as yet.

Ben Howell and R. B. Johnson, Jr., attended the rodeo at Hamlin last Friday and Saturday.

Little Billie Ruth Phillips and Betty Lou Howell attended the birthday party of Cecil Rutherford, Jr., at Abilene last Saturday afternoon given to him by his mother in honor of his sixth birthday.

Miss Lyndle White of Hamlin is visiting Mrs. Buster Edwards for an extended time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling spent the week-end at Lamesa with relatives. They accompanied Mrs. Joe Beckham home after she had spent some two weeks here with relatives.

Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh is in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elbert Rogers.

On last Friday night, one of our most popular musicians, Jack Frost, with his instruments went over to Merkel to assist in the play, "Lookin' Lovely," which was put over in a big way. Mr. Shelton drove over for him. Mr. Frost reports an enjoyable time and states that he was glad to assist them.

Mrs. M. G. Scott is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Martin.

Mrs. Ben Howell spent the day last Saturday with Mrs. Rhodes in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde visited the bedside of their granddaughter, little Willadean Strawn, who has recovered from a severe spell of sickness.

Miss Margie Adrian spent the week-end at home this week.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers and son, Billie Jo, accompanied by Miss Bossie Mae Ford, motored over to Newman Sunday to visit with Miss Ford's sister, Mrs. Bill Watson, also her brother, Andrew Ford, of that place.

Miss Lola Roberts of Fort Worth is visiting in the home of her brother, J. F. Roberts, this week.

John Reynolds and family of Putnam are visiting relatives and attending services here this week.

Mrs. Bernice Bell and daughter of Merkel, Mr. Bob Campbell and family of Goodman and Mrs. W. C. Hunter and children of Nubia spent Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell.

Mrs. S. D. McLeod spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCollum of Big Spring have moved to our city. They have rooms with Mrs. Walker.

High School News.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Jewel can catch a fellow in Abilene?

That Thelma was seen sporting a new fellow Sunday night?

That Miss Lois Powell is absent from school on account of illness?

That the March wind is blowing?

That the volley ball girls will (try to) win county meet?

That Jack Perkins is ill at his home?

GOODMAN NEWS

The Goodman senior girls put on their play, "Finger Prints," Friday evening before a large crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy every act.

Miss Ora Hail has a badly sprained ankle from playing ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pomroy were in Merkel Saturday.

Roy Williams has been in a very serious condition, caused from a bad tooth, but he is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter entertained the young folks with a dance Saturday night.

Cecil Taylor from Weatherford is visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. R. D. Williams.

Mrs. Charley Seago entertained the basketball teams Saturday evening.

Mrs. Oliver Carey of Kale is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. W. N. Williams.

Mrs. Opal McLeod is our expression teacher this year. She has also organized a choral club among our H. school girls.

Mrs. Carter is visiting in Abilene this week.

You'll be surprised when you see our big 9-cent circular. Brown's Bargain Store.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Of course, now that spring is here the Mt. Pleasant people have the spring fever.

The men of Mt. Pleasant community have improved the looks of the school ground by cleaning and graveling the yards.

The young people enjoyed a party Saturday night which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith.

George Moore improved one of his farm houses by buying a half bale of shingles.

A good many of the Mt. Pleasant people attended the negro minstrel which was given at I. X. L. school. All reported a fine time.

Both the girls and the boys indoor baseball team visited Caps ball teams Thursday afternoon. Our girls and boys defeated Caps in both games.

We are planning a nice time at the county met Saturday and we will see you there.

STITH NEWS

Marguerite Berry is back in school. She has just recovered from the measles. Several cases of measles have developed recently but we hope all of the pupils will be back in school soon.

The chapel program Monday morning was enjoyed by every one. Lilly Belle Dawson read the scripture, Matthew 3rd chapter. Mildred Browning read "The Dead Pussy Cat." Nita Mashburn and Lucille Varner sang "Jesus Loves Me." A rare treat for everyone was the music given by the High School orchestra. The following selections were given: "Old Gray Mare," "Dew, Dew, Dewy Day," "Sweet Jenny Lee," "Rainbow Round My Shoulders" and "Hot Time in the Old Town."

Director, Hoyt Watson. Pianist, Gertrude Stanley.

The visitors Monday morning were Mrs. Ira Stanley, Mrs. Claud Allison and Mr. J. S. Varner.

The Junior girls played baseball in Anson Saturday. They won second place in county.

Although the 4-H club girls who went to Hamlin Saturday did not win, it was a very interesting and worthwhile trip. The Stith girls, Leola Varner and Gertrude Stanley, demonstrated the use of the sealer in canning.

The tryout for the literary events of the league work will be held at Anson Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25. The declaimers from Stith are as follows:

Senior declaimers: Gladys Mashburn, Olvis Burks.

Junior declaimers: Gorge Newman, Earlene Kelso.

The spellers are: Seniors: Emily Newman, George Newman.

Juniors: Earlene Kelso, Grovone Ford.

Sub-juniors: Helen Nixon, Bersh Mae Thompson.

Everyone interested in literary work should attend.

Mr. Allison, a member of the Stith faculty, went as a judge to the declamation elimination contest for the Noodle school at Noodle Monday night.

Rev. A. F. Click of Sweetwater, the pastor at this place, is holding a meeting here. He will preach every night this week and through Sunday and Sunday night. We urge the public to come hear this man. He is a very able preacher and really brings some soul-stirring messages.

W. A. Harrison is sick at this time. We hope he will soon be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley and daughter, Gean, were shopping in Merkel Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West have returned home after spending several days with friends and relatives on the Divide.

Mrs. A. M. Brown has been real sick but is up and better at this writing.

Rev. John E. Walker and Rev. McGregor of Abilene visited in the A. D. Barnes home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean and children and Mrs. Hoyt Horton and children of Nubia visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry have as guests this week their nieces and nephews, the Potts children, of Levelland.

The White Church Club will meet with Mrs. Beryl Brown on the fourth Monday.

Preaching at Blair.

Brother A. F. Click wishes to announce his pulpit will be filled at Blair Sunday and Sunday night. He is in a meeting at White Church.

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BLAIR ITEMS

A great deal of spring plowing has already been done. The frozes have killed most of the fruit here and very little gardening has been done on account of the cold spring.

The folks that were on the sick list last week are getting along just fine at this writing. Otherwise the health of the community is normal.

Brother John Walker, pastor of the Baptist church, filled his regular appointment Saturday night. The Rev. Mr. Alexander, a visitor, filled the pulpit Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, and Rev. H. H. McGregory of Abilene filled the pulpit Sunday night.

John Meeks and sister, Mrs. Elbert Barnes, returned the past week from a three days visit with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Meeks, and other relatives of Post City. They were accompanied back by Mrs. Meeks and we are glad to have this estimable aged lady, who is 91 years old, visiting in our midst. She formerly lived here for many years.

Sam Phillips spent the past week with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips, of Itaan, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer graciously entertained their four charming grandchildren, little Misses Edith, Nell and Jerrell Butman and Evelyn Latimer of Butman, over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman also dined in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and little grandson of the Divide were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maddera.

Master J. E. Meeks of Butman was the week-end guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison are sporting around in their new Sport model Ford. "Mr. Addison doesn't have time to work—just riding around seeing it done."

Those attending services at the Baptist church Sunday were: Mr. Swafford and two daughters of Merkel and Misses Novis and Modenia Whiteaker of Castle Peak.

There will be Bible study and class singing at Baptist church every Wednesday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers entertained visitors from Abilene Saturday night.

Elder Cypert filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore enjoyed the week-end visiting with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson of Baylor county, Mr. Moore looking after his property interests while there.

Those attending the singing at View Sunday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Fate Scoggins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, Misses Zuma Spears, Franee Scoggins, Mavis Peterson, Nell Scoggins and Rev. John Walker.

Howard Brown visited his brother of Sweetwater last week-end.

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County Honor Roll

ELM GROVE SCHOOL.

The following pupils from Elm Grove school were on the honor roll for the last month ending March 10, having made an average of 90 and above:

Hattie Tedford, eighth grade; Bernice Atkins, seventh grade; Lucille Bates, sixth grade, and Geraldene Jones, fourth grade.

UNION RIDGE SCHOOL.

The following pupils are on the honor roll at the Union Ridge school:

First grade: Patsy Ruth Cox, Oillie Blanton, Gladys Pearl Johnson.

Second grade: Lavern Douglas.

Third grade: Veda Lee Pannell.

Fourth grade: A. F. Johnson.

Fifth grade: Effiebell and Doswell Carey.

Sixth grade: Cora Johnson.

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL.

The following pupils of the White Church school are eligible for membership on the honor roll for the fourth month, according to the standards of Taylor county schools:

Beulah Harrison, ninth grade, 92; Ila Mae Snow, ninth grade, 92.5; Erma Dell Berry, ninth grade, 93 1-6; Edna Lee Odom, seventh grade, 91 4-9; Fredia Farmer, sixth grade, 91 4-9; Homer Tye, Jr., fourth grade, 93; Edward Farmer, third grade, 90; Deon Brown, second grade, 92; W. L. Brown, Jr., second grade, 91.

RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club members will entertain their families with a "kid party" on April first at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

The next regular meeting of the Busy Bee club will be at the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell, Friday afternoon, April 7, at 2:30 o'clock.

The program follows: Roll call, native shrubs.

Foundation planting, Mrs. E. Neff. Screening with vines, Mrs. Ida Higgins.

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Pleasant Rendition "Lookin' Lovely" By Home Talent Group

The wealth of home talent in Merkel was again made manifest when "Lookin' Lovely," a comedy drama in three acts, was presented by the Philathea class of the Methodist church at the Cozy theatre on Friday night of last week. An appreciative audience voiced their approval by generous applause and the players were individually congratulated for their capable interpretation of the separate roles. A neat sum was added to the class funds.

The story centering about the proverbial farm mortgage was replete with snappy dialogue and in the portrayal of the roles from Persimmon, the much prized cook, and Clytie Bordine, little sister of Winnie, the center of the love interest in one of the dual romances, to the principals in the get-rich-quick health culture farm venture, realism found itself in the hands of genuine types.

To specialize would be unfair for each played his part well to the complete success of the undertaking. With Mrs. John Dunn as Persimmon and Dorma Lee Shelton as Clytie, others in the cast included Mrs. William Sheppard as Winnie Bordine, Miss Dorris Durham as Jennie Matthews, Miss Mary Eula Sears as Miss Amarilla, Mrs. C. V. Shelton as Esther Hastings, Spencer Bird as Bill Baker, Cyrus Pee as Jim Dugan, Tom Ailday as Speed Hawkins, Wren Durham as Holly Longacre and Castle Ellis as Moe Dubrowski.

Music before the show was furnished by Jack Frost with his variety of instruments from Trent assisted by Clarence Perry and Ocie Burns.

With her crowing stage presence, Betty Lou Grimes in a clever song and dance skit proved pleasing as usual, while the versatile Jack Frost with his many-sided music box furnished welcome pastime as the second extra on the program.

The production was staged under the capable direction of Mrs. Jimmie McNeese.

Brazil has destroyed more than 7,500,000 bags of surplus coffee.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Chester Morris, Fine Depictor of Crooks, In "Blondie Johnson"

Once a crook does not mean always a crook in the motion picture career of Chester Morris, although he started as a crook and reverts to type in his latest production for First National, "Blondie Johnson," showing at the Falace theatre, Sweetwater, Saturday only.

Morris had played a few minor parts in pictures when a youth, but nothing of any importance. His first real training in theatrical work was on the stage in which he rose to stellar parts on Broadway.

His first real picture part came with "Alibi" in which he was a killer and all around bad man. This picture stamped him as one of the outstanding figures of the screen. Since then he has played many different kinds of roles in such pictures as "The Miracle Man," "Red Headed Woman," "No One Man" and others.

And now in "Blondie Johnson," in which he has the lead opposite Joan Blondell, he again appears as a crook leader of a gang of racketeers of which Miss Blondell is the brains. And it is in such roles, he believes, that he appears to the best advantage, and likes best.

"Blondie Johnson," however, portrays an entirely new angle of the racketeering game in which a woman is the real ruler of the band—a picture in which the intense dramatic moments are relieved by plenty of humor and snappy dialogue.

There is a strong supporting cast which includes Allen Jenkins, Claire Dodd, Earle Foxe, Joe Cawthorne, Mae Busch, Olin Howland and Toshia Mori. Earl Baldwin wrote the screen play while Ray Enright directed it.

High Track Men in Stock Show Meet

On Friday, afternoon at 4 o'clock, March 17, 1933, Coach Irvin, Ralph Duke, Milton Shannon, Jack Patterson and Albert Cade left Merkel in Coach's car and headed for Fort Worth, where Shannon, Patterson and Cade were entered in the track meet held at T. C. U. stadium. The ride was a very enjoyable one, even though two boys had to ride the distance in the rumble seat.

Saturday morning they went to the track field. It looked as if the God of rain had dealt his ace card against the tracksters and spectators Saturday morning, for it peppered down for awhile. But before noon the sky was clear, and the track was in fairly good shape for races.

Shannon ran the mile; Patterson the half-mile, and Cade, the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Even though they did not win, they enjoyed seeing some real athletes perform. The boys went to the stock show Saturday night and saw many interesting sights.

Sunday the group returned home. May Merkel go down there sometime and come home with honors!

Benefit VFW Dance Each Thursday Night

Beginning this Thursday night, Abilene post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will stage a benefit dance at the Elks hall in Abilene. Music for this dance is to be furnished by the Merkel orchestra.

Pen Bird, commander, has announced that ladies are to be admitted free and that the program will be varied to include both square and modern dancing.

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.

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May 11, 12, 13 Dates Of Piano Tournament

Abilene, Mar. 23.—Under the auspices of the National Bureau for the Advancement of Music, the fifth annual All-Southwestern Piano Tournament, inaugurated in 1929 by Irl Allison, dean of music Simmons university, will be held this year in eleven different units on May 11, 12 and 13.

These eleven units will be held in localities as follows: West Texas district at Abilene; North Texas at Dallas; Central Texas at Waco; East Texas at Tyler; Southeast Texas at Beaumont; South Texas at San Antonio; Southwest Texas at El Paso; Texas Plains at Lubbock; New Mexico district at Albuquerque; Oklahoma district at Oklahoma City, and Louisiana district at Shreveport.

Piano students of all ages of grade school, high school and college rank, from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana are eligible to enter their entire repertoires and receive a fair rating on each selection played. Rewards will be blue, white and red ribbons, and gold and silver seal certificates signed by the supreme judge.

Contestants do not compete against each other, but against the national standard of excellence embracing three honor ratings, superior, excellent and good. It is therefore possible for any number of talented students to share the highest honors, and be equally rewarded.

Dr. John Thompson, of Kansas City, famous teacher and composer, will be the supreme judge of the tournament. A uniform standard of judging will prevail in each unit, making a final elimination unnecessary. District and southwestern winners will be chosen from the reports of all units. A board of competent judges to assist Dr. Thompson has been appointed.

For the first time, piano teachers will also be rewarded with gold and silver seal certificates, signed by Dr. Thompson on the collective blue ribbon rating attained by their pupils.

Bernhard Richards, Abilene, is the general secretary of the tournament.

Will Remodel And Stucco His Home

Work preliminary to remodeling and stuccoing the Dr. C. B. Gardner home on Oak street was started the first of the week.

One room is to be added to the structure, while brick is to be built up to the windows with the upper portions stuccoed.

During the construction work, Dr. Gardner and family have apartments with Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Refinancing of Farm Mortgages Next Task

Washington, March 23.—The next card in the Roosevelt new deal will be a proposal to congress for complete refinancing of mortgages held against farmers and small home owners. President Roosevelt will follow this measure with propositions already taking shape for the federal control over the stock exchange and reorganization of the railroads.

Reduction of interest rates is one of the essentials in the mortgage refinancing contemplated by the president. He wants the program to extend to all paper, both government and private, now held over the debt-burdened farmers and home owners.

Series of Sermons at Blair. Beginning Sunday, March 26, Homer Hailey of the Highland Church of Christ at Abilene, assisted by Paul Witt, will begin a series of gospel sermons at Blair. Everyone is cordially invited.

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Mrs. Mary J. Burton, 78, Dies at Home of Granddaughter Here

Mrs. Mary J. Burton, age 78, of Cleburne, who was visiting in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Paul Bradley at Stith, passed away at 9:20 Thursday night of last week. She was the mother of the late Mrs. Jim Bird, who died September 26, 1931, and had been visiting here about a month. One of the great-grandchildren in the Bradley home was ill with measles and she had been assisting in caring for the little one when she was taken sick.

Funeral services were held at 12:30 Friday at the Bradley home at Stith, with Rev. Houston Scott, Baptist pastor of Abilene, officiating. The body was shipped to Cleburne on the east-bound T. & P. train Friday.

Only one child, a son, J. P. Burton, of Cleburne, survives. He was here for the funeral service and accompanied his mother's body home.

Mrs. Burton is survived by 15 grandchildren, six of whom, members of the Bird family, live here.

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H. G. Wells, noted writer of scientific articles, has written an unusual book, "Isle of Lost Souls," which is the basis for the picture at the Queen theatre tonight and Saturday. The film stars Charles Laughton, the famous English actor, with Bela (Dracula) Lugosi, Richard Arlen, Leila Hyams and a new sensation, the "Panther Woman." The story deals with

Laughton's scientific experiments on a lonely tropical island, and with experiences of Arlen and Miss Hyams, who are shipwrecked there.

The picture lays no claim to being a mystery, but is by far the best "chill" picture of the year.

The program also includes a "Betty Boop" cartoon and a Paramount act. Night show starts at 7:30, Saturday matinee at 2 p. m.

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ABILENE VISITOR HONORED.

Mrs. Briggs Irvin complimented her house guest, Miss Janelle Jennings of Abilene, with a pretty party on last Saturday afternoon in her attractive home on Oak street. Games of auction bridge furnished happy diversion during the late afternoon hours and at tea time delectable chicken sandwiches, pecan rolls and heavenly hash were served with black coffee to Miss Jennings, Misses Mary Eula Sear, Derris Durham, Helen Patterson, Johny Sear, Virginia Welch, Opal Sloan, Mesdames John Olan Luby and Briggs Irvin.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.

Co-hostesses in extending hospitality to Delta-Han-Aroun club members this past week were Mesdames Ernest Higgins and J. E. Gresham in the home of Mrs. Higgins. At the culmination of the bridge games a delicious sandwich course was passed to Misses Dorris and Nelle Durham, Mesdames Ed McCrary, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Milton Case, Bob Macfield, Orion Tittle, L. C. Zehnfenning, Harold Boney, Gresham and Higgins.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The monthly social of the T. E. L. Sunday School class took the form of a Saint Patrick's day celebration this month in the home of Mrs. B. H. Lancaster with Mrs. Earl Teague and Mrs. B. C. Moore assisting in entertaining.

Mrs. A. R. Booth led the devotional after which a delightful program was given; a vocal duet by Mrs. Ann Brown and Mrs. L. B. Scott, an appropriate Saint Patrick's reading was given by Mrs. Reeves and piano selections by Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. John Toombs was surprised with a handkerchief shower from the members of the class.

The Saint Patrick's colors of green and white were reflected in cakes, cream and olives at the refreshment hour. Those present were Mrs. B. A. Wall of Midland, Mrs. John Toombs and Mrs. L. B. Scott of Abilene, visitors; Mesdames Warren, Angus, Fulton, Dye, Reeves, Conder, Nat Anderson, Booth, Brown, Lassiter, Lancaster, Moore and Teague.

CLASS PARTY.

Members of the Sunday School class of the Methodist church of which Paul Collins is teacher enjoyed a social in the parlors of the church on last Saturday evening, each member of the class being allowed the privilege of inviting a friend. After an enjoyable evening of games, sandwiches and lemonade were served by Miss Wanda Hunter to approximately twenty guests.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Although disagreeable weather prevailed, the attendance at the six Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was \$10, the first time this year that the number has passed the 800 mark. On the previous Sunday The Mail received reports from only five of the Sunday Schools with 741 present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. We had 96 at B. T. S. last Sunday. Surely with that encouragement we will reach our goal of 100 next Sunday. Everybody bring someone with you.

Our pastor is away in a training school this week. There will be no Sunday night service. Instead we will attend the revival in progress at the Methodist church.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 an association B. T. S. will be held at the church.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

In the absence of the pastor, Brother Joyner, our president, Mrs. Booth, presided in the discussion of the 12th chapter of Romans Monday afternoon at the church. Everyone present, taking part in this interesting chapter, was made to realize the meaning of it more than ever before.

Next Monday, Mrs. Collins is planning to be with us and will bring a discussion from Mission Study book.

YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE'S UNION.

Topic: "Jesus and world peace." Introduction, Mrs. Bill Haynes. "Prophecies of peace," Ted McGeehee.

"Jesus came to bring peace," Mrs. Byers Petty.

"Jesus came not to bring peace, but a sword."

"Peace on earth, good will to men," Clark Mundy.

Bible reading, W. J. Largent.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Jesus and world peace." Introduction, Ida Derstine.

"Prophecies of peace," Fannie Boaz.

"Jesus came to bring peace," Mary Parrish.

"Jesus came not to bring peace, but a sword," Lona Joyner.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," Janie Escue.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We had a large attendance last Sunday and will be helped by your presence next Sunday, if you do not attend any other Sunday School.

This would be the pastor's Sunday at Baird, but in view of the Methodist-Presbyterian revival now in progress he will remain over here.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our attendance is still growing in numbers, for which we are very thankful. If you are not attending Sunday School somewhere else, we extend a hearty welcome to come to the Nazarene Sunday School next Sunday.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday. Prayer meeting each Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Ola Bells, Pastor.

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A cordial welcome awaits all who come

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The "old time religion" radio station at the Trinity Baptist church, Abilene, extends to us an invitation to preach over that station and we are making our plans to do so. So watch for our announcements.

We are having some interesting Bible study programs each Sunday night by either our young people or our juniors.

There will be no service Saturday night. Everybody go to Trent and hear Sam Morris preach.

Brother G. F. Scallorn died March 14 at El Paso and was buried there. He was a member of our church, an ordained deacon and a consecrated Christian gentleman. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," and though we miss him, yet we know he is safe in a land where all is well. We extend our love and sympathy to his aged bereaved wife and family. May the Lord comfort and make them happy all this life.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. S. M. Bird of Abilene spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Marrs here. Fred Latham, who has been in Dallas for the past few weeks, is again in Merkel.

Ben F. Bird, who formerly operated the Magnolia station here, was visiting with Merkel friends Tuesday.

Mrs. T. G. Bragg was accompanied on her return from Westbrook by her mother, who is now visiting with her.

Miss Floy Welles has returned home after a month's visit with her sister, Miss Ruth Welles, of Silver City, N. M.

Miss Sue Craven, who has been the guest of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble, left Saturday for a visit in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dennis returned Sunday to Alpine after a brief visit here to the bedside of Carlton's mother, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who continues quite ill.

Mrs. Loring Hamblet and little son, T. L. Jr., returned Sunday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Holt, in Colorado, Loring having driven there for her.

Charles Gaither, grandson of B. C. Gaither, who did not arrive from El Paso until after the hour of the funeral last week, remained for a visit with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

Among those from here who attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show the latter part of the week were: Mr. and Mrs. Jap McCoy, Tom Jenkins and family, Whitney Richie, Ted Nichols, S. D. Gamble, Booth Warren, Paul West and others.

Mayor W. M. Elliott drove over to Stamford last Thursday to visit his mother, Mrs. Nannie Elliott, and had the pleasure of seeing his sister, Mrs.

Leroy Weaver, of Hobbs, N. M., who was also visiting there.

Mrs. A. B. Patterson left last week for Dallas to be with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Beech, who is having her eyes treated and her tonsils removed. She will accompany her daughter back to Henderson for a visit after she gets better.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and daughter, Miss Mollie Frank, were over from Abilene Saturday both on business and to visit friends and relatives. Mrs. Touchstone is again devoting full time to her insurance business, being located in the office of the Southwestern Life Insurance company on the fourth floor of the Alexander building there.

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