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STORES TO CLOSE ONE HOUR FRIDAY; ATTEND REVIVAL

For Last Morning Week-Day Service, Business Houses Urged to Suspend Activity; Revival Closes Sunday Night.

For the last week-day morning service of the Methodist-Presbyterian revival, which has been under way since Sunday, March 19, under the convincing and convicting leadership of Rev. John Neal, it is planned to ask all the stores in the city to close at 10 o'clock Friday morning and thereby make this service a climax of the two-fold campaign to win souls to God's kingdom and to stir the city religiously.

A committee, which was appointed to call on the merchants and business people of the town and get their consent to close for the hour Friday morning, had not completed its labors before the Thursday morning service, but it was stated that over twenty-five firms had already signified their willingness to close and prospects were that this action would be unanimous.

After this service, there will be two week-night services and the concluding day Sunday will bring two powerful sermons, morning and night.

With each succeeding service, the evangelist has grown closer to Merkel folks. Manifold blessings have already been evidenced from this series of meetings and John Neal will leave his mark long to be remembered in this city not only for the number of converted and saved souls but in many untold other cases where the home has been reclaimed and the church has been made stronger.

It is announced that the First Baptist congregation will dismiss their service with a turban in order to join it's like the Presbyterian revival again!

She was thought, as her cheek "I believe"

Men Merkel Purchase Ranch

"I believe in Merkel men, most of them are interested in the lease on the Steward ranch which is southeast of Merkel and. Desuo or three years, have a deal for the purchase of the tract, which includes Paul's includes: T. G. Bragg, Paul West, J. D. Sanborn, G. F. West, S. D. W. T. Sadler, F. C. Booth Warren. They intend to stock the lake with application has also been made for supply of quail. The ranch is in charge of Messrs. Sandusky.

FROM STEAMBOATING TO TRAIL-- DRIVING AND INDIAN FIGHTING

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

(This is the concluding installment of the feature newspaper story written specially for the Semi-Weekly Farm News by Cora Melton Cross and published July 13, 1928, about the life and experiences of the late W. R. Bigham. The first installment was published last week.)

"Buffalo grass, almost as tall as a man's head, was rank there, and I finally saw him raise his head high enough for me to see the feathers in his headband. Then he ducked again. I decided that he was too far to risk a shot, so I kept my eyes peeled and noticed that every move was bringing him closer. At last he raised his head and I could see the whites of his eyes and I let him have both barrels of my old cap-and-ball right between the eyes. The boys came tumbling out head over heels. I sat steady, sure that I had hit this one, but not knowing how many others were in waiting to get me off guard. By and by, we decided, since there were no further developments, to scout around and see how we stood. Not finding any more Indians, we moved cautiously up to the dead one, to discover that he was a big jobo wolf. Well, the joke was on me, and so were the drinks, for it cost

HALF BILLION IN GOLD RESTORED TO BANKS OF COUNTRY

Washington, March 30.—The dead line for the return of hoarded gold having expired at the close of business Monday, the federal reserve banks had a store of the precious metal worth \$503,000,000 as a result.

Each of the twelve federal reserve banks was under orders to send to the treasury as quickly as possible the names of those who, during the last two years, had drawn out large sums of gold without returning it.

Orders to compile such a list went out early in the Roosevelt administration. The step was taken under the emergency banking act after it was found there had been an alarming drop of \$558,000,000 in the gold reserve during February.

Merkel High Loses In Three-Way-Track Meet by Two Points

If the smaller things of life are ever counted, they were certainly counted Wednesday.

In a three-way track meet held on the local cinders Wednesday, Merkel was nosed out by a mere two points. Competition was keen throughout the bout. Merkel was beaten by manpower alone. She did not place in either the shotgun or the discus. A second place in either of these would have made her the victor of the field.

The contestants were: Roscoe, Wylie and Merkel. The final tally gave Merkel 52, Roscoe 54 and Wylie 22. Of the thirteen events that competitors entered Merkel took 8 first places, Roscoe 4, and Wylie 1. Patterson, Merkel, was high point man of the day with 22 3-4 points. Cade, Merkel, came second with 15 3-4. Hrbrack, Roscoe, had 9 1-4. Four Roscoe men tied for fourth.

The events and standing of representatives and schools, first, second and third places, follows:

440 yards—Cade, Merkel, Graham, Roscoe, Hrbrack, Roscoe. Time, 57.5. Broad jump—Graham, Merkel, Kilian, Roscoe, Patterson, Merkel. Distance, 19' 5".

High jump—Patterson, Merkel, Wood, Wylie, Mitchell, Wylie. Distance, 5' 7".

100—Shannon, Merkel, Waldrop, Wylie, Mathis, Roscoe. Time, 5:25. 220 yard dash—Long, Roscoe, Hrbrack, Roscoe, Cade, Merkel. Time, 24.8.

Discus—Stewart, Roscoe, Noble, Wylie, Duncan, Roscoe. Distance, 104.8. 120 high hurdles—Patterson, Merkel, Henley, Wylie. Time, 18.8.

Pole vault—Wood, Wylie, Cade, Merkel, Mitchell, Wylie. Distance, 9' 6". 100 yard dash—Cade, Merkel, Hrbrack, Roscoe, Hendricks, Roscoe. Time, 11 flat.

880 dash—Patterson, Merkel, Long, Roscoe, Coleman, Roscoe. Time, 2:18. 220 low hurdles—Patterson, Merkel, Hendricks, Roscoe, Graham, Merkel. Time, 29 flat.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

The week of April 2 to 8, inclusive, has been designated as Spring Clean-Up Week.

There are many reasons why the Spring Clean-Up Campaign this year should receive the enthusiastic support of every man, woman and child. First, because a city that is clean and beautiful creates cheer and banishes gloom. Cheer produces courage and confidence, and no doubt, most of us are badly in need of both these attitudes at this particular time. Second, because every dollar in property destroyed by fire, which so frequently is the result of "careless" house-keeping in the home and in the average place of business, is a serious drain upon present economic conditions. Third, because every job created in connection with the Clean-Up Campaign not only develops better fire protection but supplies better sanitation and public health; it creates an atmosphere of encouragement.

Now, therefore, I, W. M. Elliott, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby designate the week of April 2 to 8, inclusive, as Spring Clean-Up Week, and most respectfully call upon all departments of the city, civic and patriotic organizations and our people in general, to take an active part in this Clean-Up Campaign.

I further designate the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief as a committee of two to work with the city officials in selecting active committees to carry on this campaign, and ask the cooperation of all our people in this enterprising campaign for a clean city.

In testimony whereof, I hereto sign my name and seal of office, this the 30th day of March, 1933.

W. M. ELLIOTT, Mayor, Merkel, Texas

Attest: Juanita Dowell, City Secretary.

FARM HOLIDAY GROUP FORMED

Object of Organization Is to Support Farm Debt Moratorium Before the Legislature.

Austin, March 30.—A Texas division of the National Farmers Holiday association was organized temporarily here Tuesday. Permanent organization was postponed to a meeting called for Waco on the third Wednesday in April.

George W. Armstrong of Fort Worth was elected temporary president; L. T. Mayhew of Plainview, temporary vice president, and J. F. Newsom of Fort Worth, temporary secretary.

Armstrong said the approximately 30 delegates, most of them from the Panhandle and plains sections of Texas, represented several thousand farmers.

The convention authorized Armstrong and Oscar Calloway, former congressman, to appear before the senate civil jurisprudence committee to advocate passage of a bill by Representative J. J. Greathouse of Fort Worth which would permit a farmer to retain possession of his property for a year after foreclosure and provide for him to redeem it. The bill had been passed by the house.

The object of the association was given as the support of farm debt moratoriums before the legislature, concerted action to prevent foreclosures on farm property and restoring farm prices.

Dr. Gardner Named Health Officer For The Merkel Precinct

At the meeting of the commissioners court Monday afternoon, Dr. C. B. Gardner was named as health officer for the Merkel precinct.

This session was the court's first meeting under the new plan of convening twice a month. Attention at the second meeting each month is given principally to budget, county finances and economy measures. Judge John L. Camp pointed out, and no bills or accounts are considered. These have right of way at the first meeting, which falls on second Monday.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston, Sunday, March 26, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas, residing north of town, Wednesday, March 29, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Murdock, Trent, Wednesday, March 29, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Farr, residing north of town, Wednesday, March 29, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner, Wednesday, March 29, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. McClain, residing north of town, Wednesday, March 29, 1933.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The house state affairs committee Monday reported favorably two bills to legalize 3.2 per cent beer by weight.

Organization of a West Texas independent baseball league was perfected Sunday at San Angelo with Texon, Abilene, Coleman, Ozona and San Angelo as members.

Twenty-five students of Texas A. & M. college, including eight seniors, one a cadet major, were suspended by the college's discipline committee for one week on charges of hazing.

Rains falling over the Panhandle region Tuesday broke a severe drought in most localities, with precipitation ranging from one-half an inch in Amarillo to one inch on the South Plains.

Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of American troops in the World War, spent Wednesday night at Midland, en route to his home in Lincoln, Neb., from Tucson, Ariz., where he had been for his health.

A concurrent resolution by Senator Walter Woodall was adopted Monday making the customary appropriation of \$500 for an oil portrait of Governor Ross S. Sterling to be placed in the rotunda of the capitol.

Edward G. Edwards, who returned to Texas Feb. 17 from San Francisco where he surrendered to police after an absence of 8 years, pleaded guilty at Sinton Monday to a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of John Lightbourn, a deputy sheriff in 1919.

Two Mexican children, Gregoria Sanchez, 7, and Anita Sosa, 6, were drowned when they tumbled through the rotten top of an abandoned cistern in the rear of a Presbyterian Mexican kindergarten at Dallas into four feet of water at the bottom of the cistern.

Mrs. Vic Bergstrom, 27, wife of a farmer near Brady and mother of two small children, was drowned late Tuesday when she fell in a well and, while her screams attracted the attention of members of her family, they were unable to rescue her before she drowned.

Mrs. Ida L. Hunsucker, who had been held in Tarrant county on a charge of accessory to the slaying of Deputy Sheriff Joe Brown of Rhame two months ago, was released Sunday on \$1,000 bond. She is the mother of Glen Hunsucker, who has been sought in connection with the killing.

Both houses of the legislature Wednesday passed a bill, with sufficient majorities to put the law into effect immediately upon the governor's signature, protecting Texas life insurance companies from heavy withdrawals on policy loans and cash surrender values until Dec. 31, this year.

PRESIDENT ORDERS 15 PER CENT CUT IN GOVERNMENT WAGE

Washington, March 30.—President Roosevelt Tuesday night ordered a 15 per cent cut in salaries of government employes, effective April 1.

This action was taken under provisions of the recent emergency economy act authorizing the chief executive to reduce salaries by a maximum of 15 per cent to aid in balancing the budget.

In his proclamation Mr. Roosevelt said the cost of living had declined 21.7 per cent since 1928.

He was authorized by the economy act to cut salaries in proportion to the reduction in the cost of living since the first six months of 1928, provided the total cut did not exceed 15 per cent.

The investigation of the relative living cost was made by the department of labor.

County Meet Comes This Week-End; List Of Merkel Entrants

The Taylor County meet of the University Interscholastic League will be held in Abilene on Friday and Saturday of this week. The choral singing contest will be held on Thursday evening in the auditorium of Abilene High school. Merkel Grammar school will have a chorus in this meet directed by Miss Welch. On Friday the literary events will be held at the University Baptist church. This will include contests in declamation, spelling, extempore speech, picture memory, music memory, essay writing, arithmetic and the 3-R contest. These contests will begin at 9:30 promptly.

Saturday beginning at 9 o'clock, the track and field events will be held at Parramore field, Simmons university. Supt. Ellington of Lawn is director of athletics and the meet will be run off by Coach Les Cranfill of Simmons. Merkel Grammar school will enter the junior events of the ward school division, but Merkel High school will not compete in this county track meet. Merkel High school is the only class A school in the county participating in the county meet and in track will go direct to the district meet. In other events Merkel does compete for places.

In last Saturday preliminary events, Merkel Grammar school won first place in each division of playground ball, boys and girls. The High School girls won their division of playground ball by defeating Wylie. The High School junior boys won class A by default and then defeated Ovalo, the champion of class B for all-county championship. This gave the Merkel schools four firsts, winning in every event entered. Merkel had no volley team.

Merkel will be represented in the meet this week-end as follows:

Arithmetic (seventh grade)—Robert Grimes, Sylvan Mellinger.

Choral singing—Merkel Grammar School chorus.

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TWO TICKETS IN FIELD FOR CITY OFFICES

Mayor Elliott to be Opposed, Mor Re-Election by Judge N. D. Cobb; Five Aspirants for Two Aldermanic Places.

Two tickets for mayor and the two places on the city council, to be filled at the annual election on Tuesday of next week, April 4, are now entered in the field, which will result in considerably more interest than was at first indicated, due to the lack of any candidacy except the statement from Mayor W. M. Elliott that he would be willing to stand for re-election.

Announced by friends of the mayor as his running mates are W. D. Hutcherson and Fred Baker for positions as aldermen.

The other ticket is headed by Judge N. D. Cobb, a former mayor, together with T. O. Lackey and J. D. Porter.

Just before going to press The Mail was requested to add the name of Watt Blair as an aspirant for aldermanic honors.

G. W. Boyce is to be presiding judge for the city election, which will be held as usual at the city hall. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Retiring aldermen, who declined to serve again, are A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett.

TRUSTEE ELECTION.

Two places on the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district are to be filled in Saturday's election. Those whose terms expire are Herbert Patterson and J. M. Collins. In place of the latter, who has stated he prefers to retire as he has no children in school, C. P. Church, a former trustee, has consented to serve.

J. L. Ford is to be presiding judge for the trustee election.

Nubia Will Stage Its Rabbit Drive Tuesday

A rabbit drive is scheduled for all day next Tuesday at Nubia. Those taking part are requested to meet at Whit Ritchie's house. As usual, the big noon day dinner will be a feature of the event.

A large number of Merkelites joined in the rabbit drive at Goodman last Thursday, which was reported as highly successful.

Two Big Events for Racing Course Sunday

A 16-registered-dog stake, with \$5.00 entrance fee, and a 16-cold-blood stake, with \$2.00 entrance fee, are announced for Sunday, April 2, at the Abilene racing course.

There will also be plenty of rabbits for match dog races after both stakes are run off.

The races start at 2 p. m.

BRUCE BARTON

...Writer of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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

A QUESTION WILL DO.

On many occasions Jesus won his case with a single question—one of the best weapons in the whole armory of persuasion and all too infrequently employed. How often a blundering advocate allows himself to be dragged into futile argument, when by throwing the burden back on to his opponent's shoulders he could attain an easy mastery. Jesus seldom argued. The record of his questions is a fruitful study for all of us who, in our every-day affairs, must deal with other minds. Let us recall two of those questions.

The Pharisees set a trap for him. One Sabbath day they hunted up a man with a withered hand and deposited him in the Temple where Jesus would be sure to pass. Then they waited. If Jesus healed him, it would be a breach of the Code, which forbade any activity on the Sabbath. They would have that to recall when the crisis came. Jesus sensed the test and met it without hesitation. "Stand forth," he said to the poor chap.

The bigoted formalists pushed in close. This was their moment. They had dug the pit cleverly and now he was about to fall in. The soft light went out of Jesus' eyes, the muscles of his jaw grew tense, he looked "round on them with anger," as he demanded: "Is it unlawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do harm? To save a life or to kill?"

He waited for an answer but none came. What could they say? If they replied that the law forbade a good deed, their answer would be repeated all over town. The crowd of common folks who followed him were his friends, not theirs—only too glad to spread a story which would cast discredit on the proud defenders of the law. The Pharisees had sense enough to recognize that fact, at least. They "held their peace," and sullenly slipped away. (Continued on Page Two.)

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CLEAN-UP WEEK.

By proclamation, Mayor W. M. Elliott has designated the week of April 2-8 as Spring Clean-Up Week and it's up to Merkel citizens to give their attention especially to this effort during the coming week.

Due to work superintended by the city and paid for out of RFC funds allotted to Merkel, not only the streets and alleys but all vacant lots in the business district and close-in residence sections have been cleared of all rubbish and trash accumulations, giving the entire city an atmosphere of beauty and cleanliness which it should be our ambition to maintain throughout the year.

Spring Clean-Up Week, coming just at this time, should result in removing every objectionable eyesore remaining within the confines of our beautiful little city.

THE BIBLE HIS GUIDE.

"The World in Review," the highly thoughtful column in the Sunday Dallas News edited by Joseph F. Willets, repeated the following most interesting comments on the president's inaugural address:

A Bible student reveals that President Roosevelt called heavily upon the Scripture in preparing his inaugural address. The president said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Isaiah 8, 12. His "not to be ministered unto, but to minister" is a quotation from Matthew, 20, 28.

Mr. Roosevelt's "swarm of locusts" comes from Exodus 10, 4-19. His "money changers" is found in Matthew 21, 12. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" is found in Proverbs 29, 18.

An analysis of the report of Pullman, Inc., for 1932 shows that, while the company owns 9,279 cars, only 5,893 were operated during the past year. It was further revealed that the company lost 8 cents on every passenger carried last year and lost 59 cents per car every day.

Easter, which comes on the "first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or next after March 21," may fall on any of 35 dates from March 22 to April 25. This year Easter is the third Sunday in April, which is the sixteenth. An April 25 Easter is due this generation in 1943.

BRUCE BARTON

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On another day it was his own disciples who learned how he could compress a whole philosophy into a well-directed interrogation. They were by no means free from the frailties of ordinary human nature. They fussed about little things—arguing among themselves as to who should have preeminence; wondering how their bills were to be met, and just where the whole enterprise was coming out.

He brought them up short with a question.

"Which of you by being anxious can add a single day to his life?" he demanded. "And if you can't do this simple thing, why worry about the rest? Consider the ravens; they don't sow or reap; they have no storehouses or barns, and yet God takes care of them. Don't you suppose that you are of more value in his sight than a flock of birds?"

How trivial seemed their concern and controversy after a question like that!

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Reminiscences

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ly would like to see them once again. Those were trying times, but days when friendships meant as much, many times, as family ties do now."

PERSONAL FRIEND OF TERAZZAS.

"Now that you have got me started talking, I guess I might as well tell you about the biggest cattle buying that I ever did. It was down in old Mexico, on the celebrated Terazas domain—a ranch, we could call it here. It measured 126 miles north and south, and 185 east and west. There were thirteen separate ranches on the tract, or domain, carrying 485,000 cattle, 26,000 mules and horses and 65,000 sheep, with hands to work all of them and supply commissaries to provision them. I remember the first cattle that I bought directly from Terazas were 6,000 heifer calves, unmarked and unbranded. After the sale was made, that same spring, he branded out 96,000 more calves. Speaking of square business deals, I would like to say right here that in all of my cattle buying and trafficking in cattle—and I did nothing else for many years; in fact, am still doing it—I never found a more upright, honorable and satisfactory man to do business with than that fellow, Terazas. As I said, I still traffic in cattle, but of late years I have found it to be like a poor man with a society wife—lots of worry and very little money in it.

"Up to seven years ago, when I lost my wife, I lived in West Texas. Now I make my home, when I am there, with my daughter in Lampasas. But during all of my residence in the western portion of our State, I tried to help build, promote and push toward success everything for the betterment of our Texas, and it will always seem like home to me.

MISSISSIPPI COMRADESHIP.

"I miss the frontier comradeship and close association of the early days, but I also enjoy the comforts, luxuries, conveniences and wonderful inventions of today. I seldom ride across country in a good automobile or a macadam highway without thinking of the weeks of tiresome travel we had on horseback or in a covered wagon to make the same journey. Times have changed, so have people. Requirements are different and things that were of vital importance in pioneer days are not worth considering now. For instance, take the preservation of fire. Why, we used to cover every coal knee-deep with ashes that we might not have to resort to flint and steel to start it again. Matches were not plentiful and settlement stores were few. Candles, home-run, or a twist of cloth soaked in grease until it would burn, were our lights. The coming of the little brass lamp, that had a handle on the side, small round wick, a chain with a cap or snuffer of the end of it, fastened near the wick, was a great event. Smoky, greasy, smelly things they were, to be sure, but the light they gave was more powerful than that of a candle and they did not blow out so easily. Added to that, they burned coal oil. I sometimes doubt if we appreciate the "daylight" electric light globes now as much as we did those little brass lamps in the old days. Yes, those were good old times, all right, but I am not grumbling about the present—it suits me fine."

Trentex Gasoline, (a high test gasoline.) 11 cents per gallon at Rock Garage Service Station.

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"FAST WORKERS"
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TUES.-WED.
"AMERICAN MADNESS"
With Walter Huston-
Constance Cummings

THURS.-FRI.
"FLESH"
Wallace Beery-Jackie Cooper
More Touching Than 'Champ'

County Meet

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Declamation (High School Juniors)— Ben Sublett, Mary Helen Lancaster; Seniors—Charles Tipton, Annie Lee Owen; Grammar School Juniors—Robert Grimes, Jr., Betty Lou Grimes.
Essays (Grammar school) Betty Lou Grimes; class A High—Waldeline Huskey.

Extempore speech—Howard Stanley, Imogene Middleton.

Spelling—(1) Grades 3, 4 and 5—W. I. Wozencraft, Billy Wood; (2) Grades 6 and 7—William Hawkins; Loyd Vick; (3) Grade 8 and above—Nell Hughes, Anna Lou Church.

Music memory (7th Grade)—Lav-erne Hughes, Nell Pruitt.

Picture memory— Francis Catts, Mary Russell, Mary Tipton, Mabel Murray, Mary Morgan, Mildred Bird.

Our 9-Cent Sale closes Saturday night. Brown's Bargain Store.

On Buying Trip for New Variety Store

Roy Reid, who will open the Reid Variety store here early in April, was here with his family Monday night and part of Tuesday, leaving for Dallas Tuesday morning to make more purchases for his new store.

They will return early next week for permanent residence here, having leased one of the Hampton stucco cottages.

Announcement of the definite date of the opening of his store in Merkel will be made in next week's Mail.

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THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Strawberries 2 pint boxes **25c**

APPLES, fancy Delicious, doz **19c**

ORANGES, fancy California, doz. **23c**

Grape Fruit Sure Sweet extra large **5c**

Spuds U. S. No. 1 10 pounds **12c**

BEANS, fresh green, pound **10c**

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head **5c**

SUGAR pure cane 10 pounds **47c**

WESSON OIL, Pint can **23c**

GELATINE DESSERT, R & W, 3 pkgs. **20c**

Grape Juice R & W pint **17c**

GALLON FRUITS, peaches or apricots **39c**

Pancake Flour R & W pkg. **10c**

PUFFED WHEAT, package **10c**

CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafer **25c**

TEA R & W 1-4 pound **19c**

MEAL, 10 lb. cream **17c**

FLOUR, R & W, none better, 24 lb. sack **59c**
48 pound sack **\$1.05**

SOAP Giant Bar any kind, 5 bars **19c**

COFFEE, Sun Up, 1 pound **19c**

MILK 1 large or 2 small cans **5c**

PEANUT BUTTER, 1 lb. jar **15c**

PICKLES, sour, quart jar **17c**

EGGS, fresh country, 3 dozen **25c**

Olives B & W, Queen quart jar **37c**

Compound 4 lbs. **25c**

BACON, 1 lb. sliced **15c**

Cheese Wisconsin pound **17c**

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FINAL INSTALLMENT.

Dennis left New York by the afternoon train. He had wired to Pauline, paid his bill, and departed. He hardly knew what he felt, or if he felt nothing at all, but he was conscious of a burning desire for the sun to cease shining. He felt like a man who had been absorbed in watching some unreal drama on the stage and who now walks out again in the same light of day.

He tried to analyze himself and failed.

He supposed that other men had imagined themselves desperately in love with some woman other than their wives and had paid as he was paying. Imagined! Had he imagined it? Or was it real? Was it still real? He had not found the answer he sought when the train stopped, and Pauline was there at the window.

"Darling," she rushed in the car and hugged him; she poured out all in a breath how happy she was to see him again, how awful it had been without him. "Really awful, Dennis!"—and how she was longing to be back in her own home.

"Mother's better, and Daddy's back, so tomorrow I think we might go, don't you?"

"Yes—anything you like," said Dennis.

"And Barbara? How is darling Barbie?"

Dennis was taking his bag down from the rack. "She's all right. I saw her this morning—just to say good-bye."

"I wrote her the day before yesterday," Pauline said. She was watching him with bright eyes. "Did she tell you, Dennis?"

"No. What did you write to her about?"

Pauline smiled mysteriously. "I'll tell you tomorrow—when we're back in our own home"; and then, with a tug at his hand, "Oh, Dennis, it's like heaven to have you back again!"

She was such a child, Dennis thought, as he listened to her chatter.

Her eyes danced, and she leaned her cheek against him for a moment. "I believe you're really glad to have me back," she said.

"I am—very glad."

They were on the porch now, and the cab they had taken from the station was driving away down the road. Dennis put his arm round little Pauline and kissed her.

"Have you ever loved anyone but me, Pauline?" he asked.

She did not notice the little accent on the second word, she was too eager to clamour her reply. "Never, Dennis darling, never! and I never shall."

They went back to their own home the following day. Pauline was very quiet on the journey, and when they arrived she went from room to room looking at everything with eager pride before she took off her hat and coat.

"I feel as if it's years since we went away," she said. "Does it seem like that to you, Dennis?"

"Yes," Pauline had discovered some letters on the mantleshef.

"Here's one from Barbie," she said eagerly. "How sweet of her to write and welcome us home."

Dennis did not answer, he was looking out of the window at the bleak garden.

Pauline, absorbed in her reading, suddenly gave a smothered cry. "Oh—Dennis! What do you think?"

"Barbie is going to be married—and who do you think it is?"

"I don't know."

"To her husband — to Douglas Stark again! I can't believe it; she hated him—oh, poor Barbie! Oh, I wonder what has become of the other man—the one she really loved."

"Do you think she did love anyone?"

"Of course she did. I know her well—there was someone she simply adored, Dennis."

O'Hara said nothing, but he was thinking again of that day on the road when he and Barbara were motoring together—of the moment when he struggled out of unconsciousness to the broken voice—"Oh, my dear, Dennis, Dennis."

He moved abruptly. "Take your hat and coat off, Pauline, and let's have tea."

found himself wondering why he had ever gone away. And yet—if he had the time over again he knew he would do the same thing.

And now Barbara was going back to Douglas Stark! Why, in God's name? He shut his eyes and tried to picture her face—the face he had loved. Did he still love her, or had he never loved her? Or was it possible for a man to love two women at the same time? Did she love him? If so, why had she told him the truth about Barnett and so sent him away?

"Tea will be ready directly," she said. She sat down on the rug at his feet and snuggled up against him.

"Happy to be home?"

"Wonderful." She took his hand and kissed it, and Dennis hated himself because the sudden thought came to him that if he had been here with Barbara—he would have kissed her hands—her beautiful hands . . .

"I want to tell you something, Dennis, darling."

"What is it? Are you in debt? Can't pay the butcher or something?"

"She pretended to be offended. "How dare you? I'm a wonderful housekeeper."

"So you are." He kissed her and leaned back again. "Don't strangle me, my child—what is it?"

But she hid her face against his coat while she told him by asking a little question that wavered between happy tears and happier laughter.

"Dennis—would you like to have a son?"

It was some time later over the tea and hot toast that Dennis said: "This wonderful secret—does your mother know?"

"Not yet—only you, darling—and Barbara."

"Barbara?" The blood rushed to his face. "What made you tell her?"

And Pauline answered happily: "Because she is my best friend and because I love her."

There was a little silence, then Pauline said, "But I'm sorry about one thing."

"What is that, Tuppenny?"

"Barbara said in her letter, 'Don't ask me to be godmother—I'm not the right sort to bring up a child in the way it should go—I'm so sorry about that, because I know she'd bring him up most beautifully, bless her.'"

"Him?" said Dennis with raised eyebrows and a very softened look in his eyes.

"Of course it will be a him," Pauline said dreamily. "And I should like him to be just like you. Of course, if it is a girl I shall call her Barbara whether she'll be godmother or not."

"Oh, I shouldn't do that," Dennis said hurriedly.

"But why not? It's a lovely name."

Yes, it was a lovely name. Once, for a little while of madness it had been the most beautiful name in the world to Dennis O'Hara, but now—

"Pray God I never see her again," was his passionate thought as he sat there so still in the firelight and listened to his wife's chatter.

It was after tea, when Pauline was bustling about the house that Dennis got up from his chair and went over to the mantelpiece where Barbara's queer wedding present stood. Somehow it had never meant very much to him until now—he had been rather impatient of its obvious sentiment—but tonight it seemed to appeal to him almost as if it had been a message from Barbara herself.

"Love locked out."

What had she intended it for— for him?— for herself—or just for nothing at all?

He turned away impatiently. Why had it been allowed that he should love her—and where would they have drifted but for Barnett?

The dream was ended. He was a married man with a wife who adored him—and perhaps soon the nursery

of which he knew Pauline had dreamed so many dreams would be a reality. A son of his own.

Upstairs he could hear Pauline moving about, singing happily, and with a sudden sense of loneliness he went to the foot of the stairs and called to her: "Pauline."

"Yes, my precious."

"Come here. I want you."

It was some months later that Stornaway, up in town again for one of his flying visits, chanced across Jerry Barnett in the bar of a West End restaurant.

Jerry was very much the worse for drink, but he recognized Stornaway and came up to him and smacked him on the back.

"Member me?" he demanded. "Can't member your name, but knew you long time ago with O'Hara."

"Oh, yes," Stornaway offered his hand. "And how's the world been using you?"

The world, it appeared, had been using Jerry badly—damned badly! He had lost all his money again and had been forced to borrow.

"Never been the same since Barbie Stark chucked me," he bemoaned his fate. "Never been the same since she went back to Douglas, blast him! Awful!"

"Of course," Stornaway remembered Barbara vividly—indeed, few people, especially men, ever forgot her. "Very fine woman," he said.

"Fine!" Jerry was almost in tears as he explained how fine, how damned fine she was. "I love that woman," he said, leaning heavily on the counter. "I'd 'ave—I'd 'ave died for her and she chucked me. I want to see her," he added wistfully.

"Want to 'poligize, say I'm sorry for what I told that chap O'Hara."

"What did you tell him?" Stornaway was not interested, he wanted to get away, but Jerry had him by the lapel of his coat.

"I told him disgustin' things," Jerry said heavily. "Thing no man who's gentleman should say 'bout any woman, specially when it's not true. I was jealous of O'Hara, yesh, I was. Always with Barbie at one time,

always! Not fair; he got pretty little wife of 'is own."

"I don't expect O'Hara minded, whatever it was," Stornaway said. "He's not the chap to remember a thing or bear ill-will."

"Would this, though," Jerry sighed and ruffled his hair. "He was keen on Barbie, I know." He leaned forward and whispered something in Stornaway's reluctant ear—"that's what I told him," he said ponderously. "Just that—and it was a lie—damned lie!"

Stornaway moved restlessly; he wished Jerry Barnett and his unavowed confidences at the bottom of the sea, but Jerry still persisted.

"Often thought I'd like to see him and tell him! Make hon'rab'le amends. Can't bear think I told a lie. Awful Barbie was the best—best in the world, and I'd like to tell O'Hara. He dragged Stornaway closer to him. "Here—if you were me, what'd you do? Would you tell him? You say, and I'll do what you say. Would you tell him if you were me—as one pal to 'nother, now?"

Stornaway looked away from his companion's flushed face, and for a moment he visualized Dennis

O'Hara as he had last seen him, in his own room waiting restlessly downstairs, while in the room above. . . . Then when he—Stornaway—had come down to tell him, "It's all right—a boy—fine youngster"—Dennis' face, Dennis was very fond of his little wife, and Stornaway knew it.

Jerry bombarded him again: "If you were me would you tell him?"

Stornaway shook his head. "No," he said decidedly. "No, I don't think I should tell him." (The End.)

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GIRLS BASEBALL

High School sent a junior girls team over to county meet Saturday. We went over expecting to win the county, which we did. The girls had to play only one game and it wasn't so hard. It was played about 1:30 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Our opponent was Wylie High School Juniors. Our game was much easier than we expected it to be. The total scores of the game were 39-2 in our favor. The line-up was as follows: Thelma Patterson c., Ethelda Tucker p., Mary Helen Mashburn, 1b, Mabel Maddox 2b, Billie Bernice Gambill 3b, Anna Lou Church rss, Janet Hayes lss, Opal Buzbee lf, Ora Derrick cf, and Mabel Butman rf. We think Mr. Riddle was very proud of his team. We also wish to thank Mr. Riddle for his services as our coach. RAH! for Mr. Riddle. We also wish to thank the different ones who have furnished ways for us to go different places for games. We all hope the Junior team will win again next year.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL BASEBALL

The Junior girls and boys from Merkel Grammar school went over to county meet Saturday. They won the county too. The girls' first game was with Wylie. Wylie was defeated 10-3. Their second game was with Bradshaw. Bradshaw was defeated 3-2. Their last game was with Ovalo. Ovalo was defeated 7-6. The line-up was: Nell Pruitt c., Alta Grayson p., Pauline McAninch 1b, Frances Higgins 2b, Laverne Hughes 3b, Allie Lois Bryan rss, Hollie Perry lss, Ruthie Davis lf, Wilma McAninch cf, and Marie Davis rf. The girls had some pretty close competition.

The boys' first game was with Ovalo. Ovalo was defeated 12-3. Their second game was with North Park. North Park was defeated 13-0. Their third game was with Bradshaw. Bradshaw was defeated 7-5. The line-up for the boys was: Raymond Lasser c., John Duran p., Loyd Vick 1b, Herman Carson 2b, Bud Gambill 3b, Clyde Cribley rss, Stanley Toombs lss, Melvin Marshall lf, Junior Grimes cf, and Kermit Pangle rf. We are real proud of our boys and girls of Grammar school. We also give Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Duke a great deal of the credit, because Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Duke have spent many an hour coaching them.

OUR SENIORS

Van Roberts, We simply couldn't do without our joke editor for the Badger Weekly. Van is also a soloist from the Glee club and a good actor from the M. H. S. Players' club. He is a good sport and, although he has been kept pretty busy, he still has time to make friends. Van, the many friends you have made during your school years in Merkel wish for you all the success, happiness and good luck that work like yours can bring.

Mildred Richardson

Students you wouldn't even have a Badger Weekly to read if it were not for a certain brown eyed, brown-haired girl of about five feet, five inches tall, who is editor-in-chief. She is a member of the Choral club, M. H. S. Players' club and the F. U. N. club. She is a prominent figure in high school who has gained for herself many friends that wish for you plenty of good luck, Mildred.

CHAPEL

Tryouts for boys declamations were held Wednesday morning in chapel. Junior boy declaimers were Ben Sublett, Zerh Robinson and Rogers Derrick. First place went to Ben, second to Zerh, and third to Rogers. Charles Tipton won senior boys' declamation by default, but he gave us his declamation for practice.

Tryouts for extempore speech were held also. Speakers for the girls were Imogene Middleton and Nell Hughes. Imogene won first place, Howard Stanley, who won boys' speech by default, gave us a talk for practice also.

The Reverend John Neal spoke in chapel Thursday morning. He impressed upon us the fact that the small things we can do are the things that really count, for they are the things that make up the greater things of life.

Brother Neal also warned us against licentiousness. Then he gave us something of the conditions prevailing in the state prison in Huntsville. One of the most interesting things he told us was that many of the men there are

uneducated. Many can not read nor write. There is a school in the prison that is open four nights of the week these men may attend. There is also a good library furnished for them to use. An interesting discussion of the prison bloodhounds, their use and training was also given.

The Reverend W. P. Gerhart of Abilene spoke to us in chapel Tuesday morning on "Being Alive." Brother Gerhart urged us to be alive. Development of sports is one way to be alive. He said that there is moral value in the cultivation of sports also. He said that the energies of a man are inexhaustible. If you can get him interested in a thing, he can do many things with it, but many run on only two cylinders mentally. I think some of us are only running on two cylinders most of the time, and Brother Gerhart said that people in school who do not use their minds are not alive.

People who are going to school and have homes have great opportunities to live, he concluded.

DEBATE

The county debate teams met in Abilene Saturday. As Trent defaulted, Merkel went to the finals by default. In the girls' debates, Wylie won over Tuscola. Then the Wylie girls won over Merkel by a two to one vote. In the boys' debates, Tuscola won over Wylie and then Tuscola won over Merkel by a two to one vote. We are very proud of our debaters for winning second place.

TRACK MEET

Last Friday much encouragement was thrown into the body of track members representing Merkel when they completed a decisive campaign over the Ovalo Eagles. Merkel men stepped into the lead in the first event and continued gaining as each combat ended. Merkel took every first place and Ovalo took only two second places. Patterson, Merkel, was high point man of the day with 29 1-4 points; Shannon, Cade and Graham each tied for second place with 14 3-4 points.

The events which occurred: 100 yard dash—Cade, Merkel, first; Patterson, Merkel, second, time 11:4. Running broad jump—Graham, Merkel, first; Patterson, Merkel, second. Distance: 18' 1 1-3". 880 yard dash—Shannon, Merkel, first; Wilkinson, Ovalo, second. Time 2:24:6.

Discus: Shannon, Merkel, first; Graham, Merkel, second. Distance 86' 2".

330 yard low hurdles—Patterson, Merkel, first; Cade, Merkel, second. Time 3:11.

440 yard dash—Cade, first; Patterson, second. Time: 58:2.

220 yard dash—Graham, first; Shannon, second. Time 26:4.

Running high jump—Patterson, Merkel, first; Keeling, Ovalo, second. Height 5' 6".

Mile relay—Merkel first, Patterson, Cade, Shannon, Graham. Time 4:09.

There were no entries in the javelin, shot put or mile contests. The final tally had Merkel chalked with nine first places and seven second. The total score was Merkel 65, Ovalo 9.

Merkel will be represented in the county meet to be held in Abilene tomorrow.

FOOLISHNESS

David: "I call Billy Belle because she always rings me up."
Clarence: "That's nothing. I call Lois Liberty Bell because she's cracked."

Tenderfoot: "A train just passed."
First class: "How do you know?"
Tenderfoot: "Why, here are the tracks."

BALL GAME

The Merkel High School junior boys played a good game of indoor baseball Saturday at Abilene. They met the Junior boys from Ovalo at 2 o'clock.

The Ovalo boys got first town, but they did not get a hit.

Merkel came in to bat and the first three men up got on base. Toombs, Merkel's second baseman, knocked a long fly between center and right field. The right and center fielders for Ovalo tried for the ball but ran together and both missed it. Bellamy and Blair ran in a score and Boney made an out at home. The umpire called time out, and Toombs stopped on third base. Toombs came in on a long

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy visited the bedside of the former's father, J. W. Dowdy, at Abilene last Sunday.

J. W. Reynolds had to go to the hospital again last week; returning last Sunday, reports are that he didn't improve very much.

Ruby Bright of Malga, N. M., visited in the home of her grandfather, Jack Bright, a few days last week. She also visited with her sister, Mrs. Allie May Abernathy, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham have as their guest this week their granddaughter, Veda Durham, of Honey Grove.

Winton McGregor of Big Spring visited with his aunt, Mrs. E. L. Mangum, this week. He also visited his aunt out at Goodman, Mrs. Joe Winters, while here.

Clifton Rogue of Sweetwater visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep, last Friday and Saturday, assisting his grandfather in the store.

Prother Coppage and family attended church at Merkel last Sunday night.

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. John Gafford had a few of her special friends as quilting guests, quilting out one quilt. Those who partook of the affair were Mesdames Annie Boone, Elery Smith, J. Cal Hamner, Walker Steadman, M. G. Scott, A. C. Wash, W. L. Leonard and George McDonald. Mrs. Gafford served angel food cake and chocolate and all reported a delightful time.

Mrs. Childs of Dallas is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. B. McRee, this week.

Grandma Knox visited with Grandma Smith of Sweetwater a few days last week. Miss Viola Smith, accompanied by Miss Ellie Lee Rogers, motored over to Sweetwater to escort her grandmother home Monday afternoon.

Heena Winn left Tuesday for Dallas where he will visit his son, Edwin Earl, in the Masonic hospital there for treatment.

Ellie Lee Rogers returned last week from Fort Worth where she had visited with relatives.

Little Vertie Ross accidentally got his arm near the elbow fractured in playing ball out at his home Monday afternoon. Physicians say he is doing fairly well, but will be out of school some three weeks.

Mr. J. I. Leaman has returned from a three weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Teyman Collins, who lives in the Canyon.

Mrs. Smith of Abilene was a guest of Mrs. Ben Howell one day last week.

Mrs. Brown from the Divide is here for a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Howell entertained a few friends Friday night, engaging in games and other amusements. All report a nice time.

There has been quite a lot of sickness in our community, but we are glad to report most of the victims are improving.

Rev. Sam Morris filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here last Saturday night.

Mrs. Fred Hale had as her overnight guests Friday night Mrs. Troy Eiland of Midland and Mrs. Byron L. Brown of Roswell, N. M. They were en route home after having spent sometime in Breckenridge with relatives. They will be remembered as May and O. D. Robinson to our old timers.

O. L. Bishop made a trip to Lamesa last week, returning Thursday. He brought with him a dandy little Shetland pony for his daughter, Elsie.

Bob Bowers and family of Brownfield were guests of J. E. Bowers and family Sunday afternoon. Bob is a cousin of J. E. They were en route to Austin to attend to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock motored to Big Spring Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock there.

Miss Estelle Terry spent the weekend at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce of Snyder, former residents of this place, passed through our city Sunday afternoon en

route home after taking in the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. They were guests in the L. E. Adrian home.

Jimmie Armour and wife of Del Rio are here to attend the bedside of the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Armour, who is quite sick.

Robert Worth Williams of Breckenridge was a guest of Miss Helen Bright the last week-end.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and son, R. B., Jr., motored to Stamford Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John West and daughter of Merkel.

Troy Fry of Cisco visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bright one day last week.

Mrs. Henry Burton visited her sister, Mrs. Hill House, of Westbrook, the past week.

Miss Victorene Bishop returned Saturday after a pleasant visit of a month with relatives and friends at Waco and Cameron.

Mrs. John Campbell had the pleasure of entertaining in her home last week-end a cousin, Mrs. Ellen Ben, of Dallas. Mrs. Ben will be remembered by the old timers here as Miss Ellen Dean, having been away from this place 33 years. Mrs. Campbell also had as her guests Mrs. J. T. Skillern of Sweetwater and Mrs. Fenton Boyd of this city.

Mrs. Seth Nugent entertained Mrs. A. M. Andrews and Mrs. Freeland Nugent with a party Tuesday afternoon.

T. G. Hamner, Bill Neill and Pop Purk left Monday on a fishing trip.

Mrs. E. E. Biggs has returned home after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Rawlings.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall has returned home after a pleasant stay with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Sherman.

Joe Reneau has gone to Murfreesboro, Ark.

Mrs. J. T. Vessel and Hanly and Fanny Bell attended a birthday dinner Monday of Mrs. Vessel's sister, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs of Merkel.

Miss Caroline Chambers demonstrated vegetable salads at the Trent club Wednesday afternoon. Both the plain and combination salads proved to be very delectable dishes. These were demonstrated on the basis of taste and color.

The house was called to order by the club president, Mrs. A. C. Wash. After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, a short discussion was held and Miss Chambers announced a special meeting of all club women, which will be held in Abilene on May 18.

In conjunction with the regular meeting a miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Wallace Kelley, whose home was destroyed by fire sometime ago. After a clever "dundee" game, conducted by Mrs. L. E. Adrian and Mr. John Payne, a beautiful array of gifts was presented to the honoree. These were displayed and admired by the members and visitors of the club.

Cake and lemonade was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Roy Stewart, Allen, A. C. Wash and R. B. McRee, Jr.

These attending were: Mesdames John Crain, Clifford Estep, Annie Boone, J. Cal Hamner, Jim Smith, L. Quattlebaum, Harvey Jones, Elery Smith, Henry Ogletree, Hale McRee, L. E. Adrian, John Payne, Buster Edwards, T. L. Stevens, T. G. Hamner, Cecil McRee, Ed Bowers, John Strawn, Buck Armour, Carlton McLeod, Tom

Williamson, E. E. Cribley, R. B. McRee, Sr., Roger Williams, Walker Steadman, Rueben Reeves, A. C. Wash, Joe Reneau, Hosea Winn, Ed Burks, Wallace Kelley and Bryan of Abilene; Misses Caroline Chambers, Helen Hogue, Lillian McRee, Viola Smith and the hostesses.

JACK BOWERS FETED ON BIRTHDAY.

As a celebration of his seventeenth birthday, Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers, entertained a group of friends with a party at their home Friday evening, March 24. At the conclusion of several hours of fun and amusement, ice cream and angel food cake were served to Misses Helen Pright, Dorene Scott, Ruth Duncan, Gladys Hamner, Ila Daily, Marie Berr, Bessie Ford, Mildred Steadman; Misses John Hamner, Earl Duncan, Fey Steadman, Dave Howell, Eugene Murdock, Robert Worth Williams and the honoree.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

We are going to the county meet in literary events Friday and hope we will win. We had elimination in spelling, declamation, essay writing, arithmetic and music memory. The winners in spelling were: first place, Lucille Howell; second place, George Helen Lee; third place, Ola Martin. In declamation were Elizabeth Winn and Glynn Reeves. Essay writing, first place was Bobbie Franks, second place Elery Smith, third place Hazel Lane. Arithmetic, first place was Lucille Howell, second place Audeve Rogers, third place Hazel Wanda Williamson. In music memory were Elizabeth Winn and Gladys Roberts. We are working very hard on these events.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Junior-Senior banquet will be the 14th of April?
That Ruth has a new fellow?
That Mildred seems to be interested in "Freshmen"?
That the Seniors have ordered their invitations?
That Helen has a very important visitor who keeps her occupied?
That the moon failed to shine for four little nights owls last night?
That Winnie is sporting a new dress?
That Ola has been having her hair set very often?
That Lillian Grace is going to be flir' in our play?
That Hazel Wanda is getting popular with the boys?
That Bobbie likes the acquaintance of Mr. Scott?
That Dow is trying to reduce?

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LITERARY EVENTS.

The high school spellers this year will be Mildred Steadman and Fred McMinn and the extempore speakers are Stanley and Ruth Coppage. We have chosen Jewel Gabbert as our essay writer. Then in declamation senior boys we have Fred McCurdy. The senior girls first place Jewel Gabbert.

the second place Idell Cooper and Doreen Scott tied.

We are entering tennis, too, in county meet. Those entering are Ruth Coppage, Sally Freeman and Thelma Nalley. The boys are Cullen Tittle, Elmer McDonald and Fred McCurdy.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

We are going to the county meet in literary events Friday and hope we will win. We had elimination in spelling, declamation, essay writing, arithmetic and music memory. The winners in spelling were: first place, Lucille Howell; second place, George Helen Lee; third place, Ola Martin. In declamation were Elizabeth Winn and Glynn Reeves. Essay writing, first place was Bobbie Franks, second place Elery Smith, third place Hazel Lane. Arithmetic, first place was Lucille Howell, second place Audeve Rogers, third place Hazel Wanda Williamson. In music memory were Elizabeth Winn and Gladys Roberts. We are working very hard on these events.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Junior-Senior banquet will be the 14th of April?
That Ruth has a new fellow?
That Mildred seems to be interested in "Freshmen"?
That the Seniors have ordered their invitations?
That Helen has a very important visitor who keeps her occupied?
That the moon failed to shine for four little nights owls last night?
That Winnie is sporting a new dress?
That Ola has been having her hair set very often?
That Lillian Grace is going to be flir' in our play?
That Hazel Wanda is getting popular with the boys?
That Bobbie likes the acquaintance of Mr. Scott?
That Dow is trying to reduce?

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RURAL SOCIETY

NOODLE 4-H CLUB.
The 4-H club of Noodle met on its regular meeting day, Thursday, March 14, when plans were made for the entries in Hamlin fair and the meeting then adjourned until next meeting day, March 28.

MT. PLEASANT CLUB.
Gardening and seed adapted to this section made up the discussion for the Mt. Pleasant home demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Craig Humphreys last week. Miss Caroline Chambers, county agent, was present and gave suggestions. She also opened cans of vegetables put up by members and discussed the quality of each. Mrs. Mac Alexander, manager of the club market, was a visitor.

The next meeting will be an all-day session in the home of Mrs. Jesse Anderson, for the purpose of making foundation patterns. A covered-dish luncheon will be served. Mrs. Humphreys served a refreshment plate to Mesdames C. R. Roland, Elsie Roland, Henry Roland, H. Hensley, Ennis Reidenbach, Mary Click, Jesse Anderson, R. S. Darden, Jr., Horace Vanlandingham, Gty Vanlandingham, Jesse H. Morgan, Alexander and Miss Chambers.

SALT BRANCH 4-H CLUB.
The 4-H club met at the school house March 15 and re-organized. Twelve members were present, the following officers being elected.

President, Marie Pinckley; secretary, Lela Higgins. The sponsors appointed the following demonstrators: bedroom, Lela and Pauline Higgins; clothing, Dottie Rister; pantry, Gladys Petty.

72ND BIRTHDAY.
Monday, March 27, was a very happy day for the members of the Hobbs family. The neighbors of Mrs. Hobbs pieced her a friendship quilt block and they all came to her home at Stith, for an old time quilting. This was a complete surprise to Mrs. Hobbs, whose 72nd birthday it was.

At lunch hour a very nice lunch was served. In the center of the table there was placed a wreath of lilacs. Every neighbor brought a covered dish to be served.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs, Mrs. U. S. Reeder, Mrs. Eva Dean, Mrs. M. H. Ely, Mrs. B. J. Varner, Mrs. M. W. ...

Emette Patwell, Mrs. W. ... Holsted, Mr. ... Mrs. Floyd ... Mrs. J. T. ... Fanny Belle ... Hobbs and Haz- ... Ella Hobbs and ... Robert Dean ... Reeder, Erna Jo ... Lee Finch, Mor- ... Dean, Bobby Jay ... Jean Thomas.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. J. T. Dennis continues quite ill at her home on Oak street.

Miss Estelle Stone of Clyde is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Hays.

Miss Mildred Stapleton spent Monday night and Tuesday with friends at Castle Peak.

Miss Lola Fay Brabben of Castle Peak spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Stapleton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and family visited Sunday in the home of O. W. Paine at Salt Branch.

Mrs. G. H. Johnson of Sweetwater was Tuesday's guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Costephens.

A week-end guest in the J. M. Collins home was their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Q. A. Collins, from Lamesa.

J. S. Pinckley left for Denton early Monday morning to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. W. M. Gribble.

Fred Hughes entertained as a recent guest his former schoolmate and ex-buddy, Carl R. Young, of San Marcos.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and baby, Joan, of Childress were recent visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. Clemon Scott and children and Miss Dorothy Rogers of San Angelo spent a few days of last week with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King had as their guests the early part of last week their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King of Sterling City.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey has been confined to his bed since Saturday, following an operation on his leg. It will

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W. L. Johnson and Paul Causseaux, who were up from San Antonio for the week-end, were accompanied on their return by Mrs. N. Causseaux, who will visit in San Antonio for several weeks.

Mrs. D. I. Shelton, accompanied by her son, C. V., and Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppard, were accompanied on their return from Winniewood, Okla., by T. B. Strickland, Mrs. Shelton's father, who will visit her sometime for his health.

Mrs. J. R. Crosslin and daughter, Fay, of Eastland were passing guests Monday with Mr. and Mrs. S. Young.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harris and two children of Lamesa. Mr. Harris, who is Mr. Hughes' brother-in-law, is game warden at Lamesa.

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(Continued from Page One.)
Shotput—Killian, Roscoe, Stewart, Roscoe, Duncan, Roscoe. Distance, 40' 1".

Relay—Roscoe, Merkel. Time, 3:55. Final tally: first, Roscoe, 54; second, Merkel, 52; third, Wylie, 22; Merkel 8 first places; Roscoe 4 first places; Wylie 1 first place.

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PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 yellow cling, 2 for	25c
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10 QUART PAILS, each	15c
MILK, small cans, 2 for	5c
SOAP, Lux and Lifebuoy, 2 for	15c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 pounds	18c
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HUTCHINS-SMITH.

The marriage of Miss Morice Smith and Almus E. Hutchins was solemnized at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the residence of Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

Miss Morice Smith is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Smith, on Oak street, recently removed to Merkel in connection with the Trentex Refinery.

Almus E. Hutchins is the splendid and popular son of C. D. Hutchins, prominent cotton buyer.

The Mail offers sincerest congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins will continue to make their home here.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.

Mesdames Bob Mayfield and Ed McCrary were co-hostesses in entertaining members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club on Thursday of last week in the home of Mrs. McCrary.

After a pleasant afternoon of bridge games, delicious cream and cake were served to Mesdames Sidney Foy, Baird, George West, L. C. Zehn-pfennig, Ernest Higgins, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Harold Boney, Milton Case, Charlie Largent, Misses Eugenia Pike, Nelle Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Lou Largent and Dorris Durham.

Liberty's Ten Author Story at the Queen

The sensational Liberty-Paramount story, "The Woman Accused," which has been running in Liberty Magazine for several weeks, is the picture attraction at the Queen theatre tonight and Saturday.

Critics say it is Miss Carroll's best picture since the "Devil's Holiday." The story deals with an unsolved murder and of a girl who went through torment to protect her love and happiness. You haven't seen this one in a nearby town, so don't miss it.

The Queen announces the following coming attractions: next week, Clark Gable and Carole Lombard in "No Man of Her Own"; James Cagney in "Hard to Handle"; "The Big Broadcast" (by special request); "Sign of the Cross" and "42nd Street."

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The flagpole, which has been atop the new postoffice, has been replaced with one rising from the sidewalk to a height of about 30 feet. The one on top of the building blew down, tearing a hole in the roof.

On account of the Taylor County meet of the Interscholastic league, the Merkel Public schools will have holiday Friday, March 31. All the schools in the county, except the Abilene city schools, will be dismissed for this occasion.

On last Friday, 14 more cars of sheep, about 1750 head, were loaded from here, consigned to Jess McElroy, Kansas City, Mo., making 22 cars shipped altogether. These sheep were handled on feeding contract here by Nichols and Dickinson, one lot, and another lot, by Hob Robertson. Last week's shipment, jointly by all three parties, was accompanied by Hob Robertson.

A two day conference of ice manufacturers and dealers in West Texas, sponsored by the Southwestern Ice Manufacturers association, was held at the Hilton hotel in Abilene Friday and Saturday of last week. Among dealers in attendance was Ted Nichols from the Nichols Ice company here.

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CHURCHES

Commencement Will Conclude BTS Revival

Between 25 and 30 from Merkel will take part in the commencement exercises, set for 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church here, as the concluding service of the Baptist Training Service revival, which has been in progress for the past two weeks throughout the area.

The inspirational address for these exercises, which will be marked by the presentation of awards and recognition of churches with the best records for attendance and efficiency, will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Hughes, pastor at Cape and Lawn. B. F. K. Mullins of Dallas, general superintendent of B. T. S. work in Texas, is directing the district revival.

The general rally held last Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church here was attended by 230 young people, groups having been present from The First Baptist church and the Iamar Street church of Sweetwater, First, South Side, University and Immanuel churches of Abilene, and Ovalo and Caps, besides the Merkel members.

Dr. W. D. Powell, Southern Missions board representative, was the principal speaker at Sunday's conference. His address followed reports from the churches participating in the revival. Congregational singing was led by Yates Brown of Merkel. Miss Iris Garrett of Merkel was accompanist. Special music was a solo by Burl King of Abilene.

The Merkel church was host again Wednesday afternoon for a general conference at which Miss Grace Conn, field worker in the B. T. S., was the principal speaker. The devotional was led by Rev. W. B. Derr, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Abilene.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Mr. Dean Wiggins of Simmons university will hold the preaching service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. B. T. S. begins promptly at 6:30 p. m.

There will be no preaching service at the church Sunday night. We are turning out for the Methodist meeting.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The ladies of the W. M. S. met Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the church parlors. An inspirational hour was spent as Mrs. T. E. Collins gave the devotional and also brought to us the second chapter of our mission study book, "Great Joy." There is much work to be done, so may every lady do her part in making it a great success.

Next Monday is our regular monthly business day.

YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE'S

B. Y. P. U. Introduction, Ted McGehee. Discussion No. 2, Mrs. Snell. Discussion No. 3, Mrs. Wade Campbell. Discussion No. 4, Clark Mundy.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Generosity versus greed." Special song, Harold King. Introduction, Miss Carrie Coffey. "Two fundamental differences," Miss Vennie Heizer. "Two different effects," Harold King. "The grace of giving," Miss Nell Swann.

An interesting Bible drill is to be given on program. Be there promptly at 6:30 p. m. We always start on time. Don't miss any of it.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. At the close of the service, an invitation will be extended to join the church.

Sunday is the last day of the Methodist-Presbyterian revival; hence,

there will be no church service. It is, however, the regular Sunday for offering for Reynolds home.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

With 888 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools, the largest attendance for this year was registered in Merkel last Sunday. With two exceptions there have been over 700 present every Sunday since the first of the year. On the same Sunday a year ago, which was Easter Sunday, the attendance was 845.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We were glad to have several new Sunday School pupils and several visitors last Sunday. Come again.

Please read Romans twelfth chapter, while you rest. Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. All the ladies meet at parsonage next Monday 2 p. m. Bring your quilt blocks. We want to work on them.

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

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.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Next Sunday night our church will observe the Lord's supper. We want every member of our church to be present and observe this beautiful emblem of the death of Christ.

If everybody present next Sunday night will drop one dime into the collection, we can take care of our expenses and make a payment on our tabernacle. We urge that you do.

Sunday morning we preach on "Tithing" and such questions as the following will be answered: "Does the New Testament teach tithing?"; "Did Jesus sanction tithing?"; "Are those

who do not tithe guilty of robbery?"; "Does God bless in a financial way those who tithe?"; "Does God curse those who do not tithe?"; "Will God collect the tithe if we withhold it?"; "The building of a great church" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday night.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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