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## DELINQUENT LIST FOR CITY IS TO BE PUBLISHED

Resolution Adopted By City Council Provides Publication Of List of Delinquents Beginning September 22nd.

The city council of the City of Merkel at its regular meeting voted to publish a list of the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel beginning September 22nd, 1933, as shown by a copy of the resolution hereinafter set out.

The City of Merkel is still offering to accept the principal of the tax due and to waive the penalty and interest for any delinquent who will pay his taxes in full before the list has been published.

### TAX RESOLUTION.

A resolution authorizing the publication of the delinquent tax list for the City of Merkel:

Whereas, the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel have been given two months in which to make arrangements for paying their delinquent taxes; and

Whereas, many of the tax payers of this city have taken advantage of the plan offered while others apparently able to do so have failed to avail themselves of the privileges offered them; and

Whereas, it is unfair to tax payers who have made sacrifices to pay their taxes to let others who are able to pay their taxes continue delinquent; therefore

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Merkel, Texas:

That the attached list of the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel as certified to as being correct by the mayor and attested by the city secretary, be published in the Merkel Mail once each week for three consecutive weeks, beginning September 22, 1933. The publication of this list is authorized by Article 7323, Rev. St., 1925.

Be it further resolved: That any delinquent tax payer may pay his taxes in full on or before the final publication of this list has been made and that the principal of the taxes plus the cost of this publication will be accepted in full satisfaction of the amount due and that the penalty and interest will be waived.

Passed and approved this 4th day of Sept., A. D. 1933.

W. M. Elliott, Mayor

Attest: Mrs. Juanita Ferguson, City Secretary.

Approved as to form before passage.

Joe E. Childers, Attorney at Law.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whisenand, residing south of town, Friday, September 8, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, Trent, Monday, Sept. 11, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1933.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 12, 1913.)

The Merkel public schools opened Monday morning with a grand total of 430 pupils present. During the electric storm Wednesday afternoon lightning struck the south side school building. There was little damage except to the roof and stampede of the pupils into the rainstorm as the shock was distinctly felt.

C. E. Whitaker, Dr. J. H. Warnick, W. R. Bigham and M. D. Ussery were visitors to Abilene Monday.

Park Hendrix of Abilene was a social caller in Merkel Sunday.

Miss Katherine Anderson returned to Merkel Tuesday after a few days in Abilene visiting relatives and friends.

### AUTO JOY RIDE.

A jolly ride was given to the teachers Friday afternoon. Promptly at six o'clock Dr. Adkisson, Messrs. W. L. Harkrider, T. A. Johnson, Luther Woodroof and Booth Warren called at the Templeton home where the home teachers had assembled to welcome the new teachers. Seats were assigned in the autos to Misses Evelyn Williams, Lucile Peek, Mary

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

With the finding of bodies of four unidentified Mexicans Monday night, the list of hurricane deaths in the devastated lower Rio Grande valley was increased to 29.

Semi-official returns from the special election of Aug. 26, tabulated for the state canvassing board, show that Texas gave majority of 112,586 for repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

Mrs. Jules Cahn, 55, prominent Dallas club woman, died Tuesday morning of gun wounds inflicted by a 68-year-old man she had sought to advise as director of a social service bureau.

Mrs. Lee Womack, of Weatherford, who went to attend the funeral of her friend and neighbor, Mrs. J. B. Burchard, was overcome with grief at viewing the body and dropped dead beside the bier.

Three persons, Mrs. Nesbit Brawley and her two children, James, 2, and Wanda, 4, lost their lives when kerosene used to start a wood fire exploded at their home in the Concord community near Gilmer.

Luke Trammell, one of three brothers involved in several West Texas cases, was sentenced to a total of 45 years imprisonment by a jury at Coleman which convicted him of robbery with firearms in two cases.

Mrs. W. L. Dean, wife of the late Judge W. L. Dean, author of the Texas dry law, died at her home at Huntsville Sunday morning. She had been confined to her bed since the death of her husband on July 14.

Jim Crowder, negro churchgoer at Commerce, is in a critical condition and his pastor was in jail at Greenville after the pastor allegedly shot Crowder from the pulpit of a negro church during the Sunday night service.

Thurman and Blaitt Burkley, negro brothers, were found guilty of the brutal killing of Miss Kathryn Prince on a country road near Dallas August 30 and were both given the death penalty in trials at Dallas Monday.

Sam Stuart, of Fort Worth, a bull fighter who expects to become a matador in Mexico this fall, was gored through the right thigh by a wild Brahma bull Saturday night in full view of the largest crowd that has witnessed a showing of the World's Fair rodeo at Chicago.

A native of Pittsburg, Texas, and a son of John L. Sheppard, thirty years ago a member of congress from the Texarkana district, and brother of Senator Morris Sheppard, John L. Sheppard, who has practiced law in New York City since completion of his law course in the University of Texas, died Friday morning in New York City.

## CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Warm Session Predicted at First Called Assembly: Relief Bonds And How To Handle Funds Chief Subjects.

Austin, Sept. 14.—Controversial subjects, such as the manner in which state relief money shall be administered and whether Texas' stringent anti-trust laws should be liberalized, were topmost on the legislator's slate, as the first called session was about to convene.

The legislative halls, deserted since June 1, when the regular session adjourned after 143 days of continuous work, took on activity Wednesday night as senators and house members came in.

Coke Stevenson, speaker of the house, predicted on his arrival that this would be a "warm" session. Lieutenant Governor Edgar Will will be here in time to call the senate to order at noon Thursday.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson's official proclamation giving her reasons for convening the legislature in extraordinary session will be read after a quorum is reported present. Whether Governor Ferguson planned to send up her message on the opening day or wait until Friday had not been revealed.

She submitted legislation to make the \$20,000,000 state relief bond issue effective. The voters, in a special election on August 26, ordered the state constitution amended to permit issuance of the securities to match federal money sent here to support dependent families. The legislature is authorized to direct the amount of money to be made available and set up rules and regulations governing its distribution.

Some legislators were advocating a proposition to create a "sales board" that would be empowered to issue any amount of bonds up to \$20,000,000, as they are needed. This would obviate the necessity of calling the legislature into session each time additional bond money was needed.

## Sam Butman Reported Steadily Improving

The Mail is glad to pass on the information in the following report from Will F. Butman that his father, Sam Butman, Sr., one of the oldest pioneers of this section, is steadily improving, although his progress is slow at best:

"In answer to numerous inquiries by his friends as to my father's welfare, will say he has undergone two operations of serious nature at Melrose hospital situated in the city of Melrose, Mass.

"We get a report of his condition most every day; he is improving slowly, but steadily. My mother is with him.

"We appreciate the letters and kindnesses shown them.  
"Gratefully,  
"Will F. Butman."

## Trent Man Re-Elected President of Carriers

A. C. Terry of Trent was re-elected president of the Taylor County Carriers' association at their regular session Saturday at the postoffice building in Abilene. Other officers named were: John C. Howell, Sr., Abilene, vice president, and L. F. Spencer, Ovalo, secretary. All of the 16 rural carriers of Taylor county hold membership in the association.

Plans were made at Saturday's session for a get-together meeting and basket luncheon at Buffalo Gap on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Those from Merkel in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, Dutton and Bob Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

### NRA Honor Roll.

Since the publication of the last list of additional names on the local NRA honor roll, one more firm, the Merkel Produce company, has been added, bringing the total for Merkel to 97.

### Wednesday's Rainfall Half Inch.

Wednesday afternoon's rainfall measured one-half inch, according to the gauge of Volunter Weather Observer Grover Hale. This brings the total for the year to 91.4 inches.

## '33 COTTON CROP ESTIMATE FIXED AT 12,414,000

Increase of 100,000 Bales Over the August Crop Bulletin: Texas Yield Given as 3,815,000, Last Year Was 4,500,000.

Washington, Sept. 14.—A United States cotton crop of 12,414,000 bales in 1933 was indicated by the cotton crop report of the department of agriculture Friday, based on conditions of Sept. 1. The estimated yield was an increase of 100,000 bales over the August government report.

The department said acreage removed through the activities of the agricultural adjustment administration amounted to 10,396,000 acres, which is 92,000 acres more than was anticipated on Aug. 1, and which went far to reduce this year's under the 13,002,000 bales produced last year.

### CONDITION OF TEXAS CROP.

The condition of the cotton crop for Texas as of September 1 was reported as 68 per cent of normal, which indicates a yield of 162 pounds to the acre.

"This yield, applied to the estimated 11,290,000 acres for harvest places the production at 3,813,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight," the report said, "as compared with 4,500,000 bales last year."

## Queen Will Feature Country Store on Thursday Nights

Beginning Thursday night of this week, the Queen theatre will feature a "Country Store" each Thursday night.

The program for the current week is as follows:

Friday and Saturday—Robert Montgomery, Madge Evans and Walter Huston in "Hell Below;" also chapter 10 of "Hurricane Express" and comedy, "Bone Crushers."

Monday and Tuesday—Ann Harding, Robert Montgomery and Myrna Loy in "When Ladies Meet;" also comedy, "Chum's Choice."

Wednesday and Thursday—Joe E. Brown in "Elmer the Great;" also comedy, "Alma Martyr."

## "Look Upon Texas" WMS Program Topic

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church will have a "State Mission" program Tuesday, Sept. 19. The theme of the program will be "Look Upon Texas." The following program will be presented beginning at 10 o'clock: Devotional, Mrs. C. R. Joyner. "Look on Texas," Mrs. Reeves. "Missions in Our State," Mrs. Collins.

"Texas' Greatest Need," Mrs. Ted McGehee.

"Our Debtorship," Miss Vallory Dye.

"Our Mexican Neighbors," Mrs. Earle Lassiter.

"A Look at our Russian Work," Mrs. P. B. Causseaux.

"The Negro Women," Mrs. Ollie Dye.

"Discussion of Cooperative Program," Rev. C. R. Joyner.

Noon.

Devotional, Mrs. Meeks.

"Christian Education," Mrs. W. W. Haynes.

"Looking at Our Orphans," Mrs. W. J. Largent.

"Looking at Our Pioneer Ministers," Mrs. A. R. Booth.

"Looking at Our Hospitals," Mrs. B. Petty.

All the women of the First Baptist church are urged to be present.

## Win Eleven Firsts at Kentucky State Fair

A telegram from Willie Joe Largent was received Thursday morning by his father, C. M. Largent, advising that the Largent show cattle had scored heavily again at the Kentucky State Fair at Louisville this week, winning 11 firsts, senior and grand champion bull and also junior champion female.

At Indianapolis last week they won senior grand champion bull, junior champion female, 8 firsts and 4 seconds.

## MERKEL SCHOOLS ENROLL 577 STUDENTS; LARGEST OPENING DAY IN HISTORY

## 14 OF '33 SENIORS OFF TO COLLEGE

Six to McMurry and Three to Simmons; Partial List of Others Going to College.

Of 33 members of the '33 graduating class of Merkel High, fourteen will attend schools of higher learning the coming session, according to present announced plans.

Six, Clarence Church, Van Roberts, Mardell Shouse, Misses Frances Marie Church, Opal Huskey and Florene Rider, have entered McMurry and three, Ward Berryman, Albert Cade and Miss Lucile Campbell, will enter in Simmons.

Others of the class going off to school are: Terrell Mashburn, to Texas Tech; Jim Patterson, to University of Texas; Miss Nell Hughes, to Texas Tech, and Miss Mildred Richardson, to John Tarleton college. Miss Duncan Briggs will enter Draughton's Business college.

While it is too early to report a complete list of students from Merkel, besides the Seniors of last year, who will attend college this year, a partial summary can be given.

Miss Ethel Hamilton returns to John Tarleton, while Misses Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Margaret Turner and Athelda and Helen Yeats are among those entering McMurry.

Misses Sis Boaz and Margaret Cannon will re-enter Simmons, also Miss Vernie Derrick.

Miss Madeline Murray leaves Saturday to attend West Texas Teachers college at Canyon for another year.

Monta J. Moore will enroll at Texas Tech.

Miss Berdelle Adcock entered Abilene Christian college at Abilene Wednesday to complete her four year course.

### Hospital Patient Improving.

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Naomi Grayson, who was carried to the West Texas Baptist hospital at Abilene last Thursday night for an emergency appendix operation, is improving satisfactorily. She will probably be able to be removed home by the end of the week.

### A Busy Newspaper Row.

Boston, Sept. 14.—A single block on Washington Street, in Boston's "Newspaper Row," boasts no less than eight restaurants.

## 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."

RESponsibilities OF SUCCESS.

Jesus went to John to be baptized and for a while John's influence molded him. Jesus, too, retired into the wilderness and there met the first crisis of his career. When he emerged he had formed his own plan for his work; asceticism and denunciation, he knew were not the role for him.

His first success was swift beyond all expectations. Out of the Temple, shrieking and cursing, went the money-changers, while the crowd cheered his name to the echo. That night the whole city was stirred by the story. When he left, at the end of the feast, and went back into his own north country, he found that his fame had preceded him. Crowds flocked to hear him talk; news of his deeds of healing traveled ahead of him everywhere.

His vision of his work began to take definite shape. He would restore the self-respect of the people, abolishing the rule of formalism, and establishing a fresh, glorious conception of the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. It all seemed so natural, so easy, there in the warm sunshine of Galilee with the responsive faces of the multitude turned eagerly toward him.

The year or year and a half that followed were filled with the joy of increasing reputation and success. Apparently there was not a single cloud in the sky.

But there were people in Jerusalem with whose private affairs his ideas would seriously interfere. He was not left long in doubt as to their attitude. Incensed at his cleansing of the Temple, they sent their spies into the north country to report his movements and made every effort to turn the crowds away. Perhaps at first he had hope of winning even his enemies to his teaching—so altogether simple and satisfying his gospel seemed to him. If so, the hope soon vanished.

Opposition crystallized; it made itself felt in every audience he addressed, in every town he visited. Reluctantly he had to face the fact that the time was coming when he must compromise or fight. It was with this realization that he faced a second and a greater crisis.

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Agriculture, Livestock  
Departments of State  
Fair Plan Great Show

Dallas, Sept. 4.—Featuring special  
programs which will deal with the re-  
placement of cotton acres in Texas,  
the agriculture and livestock depart-  
ments of the State Fair of Texas ex-  
pect to hold their greatest shows dur-  
ing the 1933 exposition, it has been  
announced here by Otto Herold, presi-  
dent of the fair.

The agricultural department will  
feature the progress of diversification  
in Texas since 1919, the year such  
great agitation was started by various  
farm agencies. This program will be  
shown by two exhibits from Dallas  
county. One of the exhibits will be a  
duplication of the 1919 display and  
the other will be a 1933 exhibit.

The livestock department will fea-  
ture utility livestock, or livestock that  
are practical on any farm, and that  
which can be fed and milked and at the  
end of the year show a profit. Many  
agencies advocate livestock as a means  
of reducing acreage.

While these two departments have  
been featured in planning the 1933  
exposition, the amusement end of the  
fair has not been overlooked and of-  
ficials of the fair have planned and  
are bringing the greatest amusement  
program ever presented in Texas.

Headed by three elaborate Shubert  
musical productions in the auditor-  
ium—"Bitter Sweet," "Nina Rosa" and  
"Florodora"—the program has been so  
mapped that there is a portion of  
it which will be of interest to every-  
one. In the livestock arena for 12  
days, the Southwestern Championship  
Cowboy contest will be held, bringing  
the "tophands" of the rodeo worlds  
to Texas.

The Beckman and Gerety shows are  
bringing many new attractions to the  
midway, the most sensational of which  
will be a duplication of the now fam-  
ous "Sally Rand Fan Dance," which  
has created such a whirlwind of com-  
ment at the Century of Progress in  
Chicago. In addition to this dance,  
the shows are bringing several new  
rides to the 1933 State Fair of Texas.

BRUCE BARTON

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He had crossed the lake one day in  
a little boat to get away from the  
crowds; but they were too quick for  
him. Running around the end of the  
lake, and gathering recruits as they  
ran, they waited for him at the land-  
ing place—more than five thousand  
strong. He was tired, and wanted a  
chance to rest and think. But here  
were the people, pathetically eager,  
and he "had compassion on them."  
So he sat down among them and went  
on with his teaching until the day was  
almost over.

Next Week: Eyes Upon the Goal.

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 ap-  
preciate your patronage because they  
solicit your business and make special  
offering of their goods.

NOTICE TO MY  
FRIENDS

I wish to express my sincere  
appreciation to the many custom-  
ers of the E. M. Cox Ice Co. who have  
patronized us during the past few  
months.

On account of the closing of  
the Ice season shortly I will be  
connected with Mr. Houston  
Robertson at the Cotton Yards  
and will be glad to render each  
and all the very best of service.

I trust it will be my pleasure  
again to render a maximum of  
service to the many patrons of  
the E. M. Cox Ice Co. during the  
coming Spring and Summer  
months.

MACK BUZBEE

PERSONALS

J. F. Bolls, Jr., who spent a few  
days at Borger, returned home Mon-  
day.

Mrs. J. E. Hawkins of San Angelo  
is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs.  
Frank Benson.

Mrs. J. M. Hinson of Wurika, Okla.,  
is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J.  
R. Sanders, and will spend the winter  
here.

Miss Flossie Campbell, who spent  
the summer here with her parents,  
has returned to El Paso to resume her  
duties as teacher in the public schools  
there.

Messrs. Will and John Toombs, who  
have been buying cotton in the Rio  
Grande valley, returned the middle  
of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden and son,  
Robert, were over from Hamlin for  
the week-end. Mrs. Rodden remaining  
for a longer visit.

R. J. Adcock, who has been away  
from Merkel for several months,  
spending most of his time at Uvalde,  
has returned home for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and  
two daughters, Frances and Melba,  
of Sudan, spent last week with Mrs.  
Brewster's father, J. S. Thomas, and  
other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnston, (nee  
Gladys Breeding,) have returned to  
their home at Quanah after several  
weeks with their grandparents. Mr.  
and Mrs. H. C. Breeding, of Bettis  
Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mellinger of  
Big Spring were week-end guests of  
the Max Mellingers. Their nephew,  
Sylvan Mellinger, who had been visit-  
ing them for a week, accompanied  
them here.

Night Watchman J. E. Tucker, Mr.  
and Mrs. Alvin Bird and Mr. and  
Mrs. W. E. Carr were a party from  
here to witness the Joe Rice-Maxie  
Rosenbloom fight at Fort Worth  
Tuesday night.

Mrs. V. P. Tippet and three daugh-  
ters, Misses Joy, O'Hee Lou and  
Maxine, accompanied by Miss June  
Tippet, daughter of Homer Tippet,  
spent the week-end with her mother,  
Mrs. E. N. Brown, and other relatives.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, husband and son  
left Tuesday for Borger where they  
were called to the bedside of their

daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. T. Bolls.  
They were accompanied by their son,  
J. W. Bolls, of Borger, who came for  
them.

Mrs. Jas. McKelvey, accompanied  
by her sister Mrs. T. E. Whaley, and  
the latter's husband and little daugh-  
ter, were over from Memphis Sun-  
day to visit Mrs. McKelvey's husband,  
Jas. McKelvey, of the Max Mellinger  
sales force.

Vernon B. Simpson, who has for  
years been in the employ of the Phil-  
lips Petroleum company, more recent-  
ly having been stationed at Brecken-  
ridge, has been transferred to Trent.  
He and his family moved back to  
Trent during the past week.

Mrs. Curtis Wilcox of San Benito  
and Mrs. Grover Gilbert and two ba-  
bies of Harlingen are here for a visit  
with their mother, Mrs. G. R. Hollo-  
way, until the storm damaged cities in  
the Rio Grande valley are repaired.  
Mrs. Holloway, accompanied by her  
son, Shorty Holloway, drove down af-  
ter them.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and two child-  
ren, Clara Frances and Billy, who  
spent the past several weeks with  
Mrs. Largent's parents, Rev. and Mrs.  
J. W. Saffle, in Plainview, visited the  
Century of Progress during their ab-  
sence, where they met Mr. Largent,  
and enjoyed the sights of the fair.  
Mrs. Largent's father, Rev. J. W.  
Saffle, returned with them for a visit  
here.

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A picture you'll want to see  
"GOLD DIGGERS OF 1933"  
Lavish sets, catch songs,  
swell acting—making great  
entertainment.

Tuesday-Wednesday  
 Sylvia Sidney  
"JENNIE GERHARDT"  
The story of a woman's undy-  
ing devotion.

Thursday-Friday  
Edmund Lowe-Nancy Carroll  
"I LOVE THAT MAN"  
He's the slickest guy that ever  
peddled a gold brick.



Merkel Drug Co., Merkel, Texas  
R. B. Johnson, Trent, Texas

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Ineta Bolls of Merkel and Mr.  
W. D. Hart of Borger were married  
at Hollis, Okla., on Friday, Sept. 8,  
the Rev. Mr. Hicks, Methodist pastor,  
officiating. They were accompanied  
to Hollis by Mrs. Hart, the groom's  
mother, and Mrs. Alma Sledge, a sis-  
ter. They returned to Borger to make  
their home, where Mr. Hart has em-  
ployment with the oil company.

On Saturday morning at the home  
of Rev. O. D. Pruitt, Baptist minister,  
who officiated, Miss Edith Dickenson,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dick-  
inson, and Mr. Hilmar C. Braune,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Braune,  
both of Tye, were united in mar-  
riage. Best wishes of a host of friends  
for a long and happy married life fol-  
low this young couple.

Miss Vera Harris and Mr. Wayne  
Poyd, popular young couple of Sweet-  
water, were married at 2:30 Tuesday  
afternoon at the home of W. G. Cy-  
pert, Church of Christ minister, who  
officiated.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Queen Theatre

Friday-Saturday  
Robert Montgomery, Madge Ev-  
ans, Walter Huston in  
"Hell Below"  
Also comedy, "Bone Crushers"

Morday-Tuesday  
Ann Harding, Robert Montgom-  
ery and Myrna Loy in  
"When Ladies Meet"  
Also comedy, "Chum's Chance"

Wednesday-Thursday  
Joe E. Brown in  
"Elmer the Great"  
Also "Alma Martyr"

Extra for Thursday night each  
week, beginning Sept. 21—  
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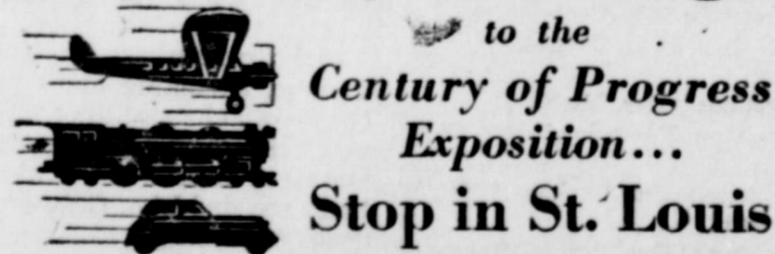
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**FOURTH INSTALLMENT.**  
**SYNOPSIS:** . . . Ruth Warren, living in the East, comes into possession of three-quarter interest in an Arizona ranch, left to her in the will of her only brother, reported to have died while on business in Mexico. With her ailing husband and small child she goes to Arizona to take possession, thinking the climate may prove beneficial to her husband's weakened lungs. Arriving at the nearest town, she learns that the ranch, "Dead Lantern," is 85 miles across the desert. Charley Thane, old rancher and rural mail carrier, agrees to take them to "Dead Lantern" gate, which was 5 miles from the ranch house. As they wearily walked past a huge over-shadowing boulder in a gulch in coming to the ranch house, a voice whispered "Go back! Go back." Their reception is cool and suspicious. Snavelly and Indian Ann are the only occupants. They hear the legend of the gulch.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—**  
 "No. You understand I don't believe there's anything to it—it's just an echo or some noise, that's all. 'Course with Ann it's different."  
 "How do you mean?"  
 "Well, she's superstitious clean through. She's scared to death to go through the gulch—but just the same she doesn't go around it. She thinks the voice tol' her never to avoid it in case it wants to tell her anything."

The three sat silent. Soon the slightest of noises came from behind them and at the same instant Snavelly raised his eyes. Turning, the man and girl saw the giant woman towering above them. Snavelly, alone, was not startled by her silent appearance. She nodded to Warren. "Your trunk an' things is in your room."  
 Ruth stood up at once and gathered her sleeping son in her arms. "Thank you so much—I—we'll be going to bed now, I guess."

The old adobe seemed very huge and dismal. With no word between them the man and wife stood in the center of the room. The yellow light from the oil lamp shone upon the walls of earth, mellow and dim.

"What do you think of him?" asked Warren, glancing suddenly into Ruth's eyes.

"I don't know," said Ruth slowly. "Did you notice that look on his face when he was talking about people? Not what you'd call a social animal."

"He hates us—he hates every human being!"  
 Warren said nothing for a time, then, "We'd better go to bed, I guess."

Ruth nodded.  
 One of the canvas cots Ann had placed near the glassless window; another, close by, was probably intended for David. The third cot was in the rear room. When the man and girl had finished their preparations the three cots were so close together that there seemed to be only a single broad bed made up in three sections. So hot was the night that covering was impossible. With David between them and the lamp extinguished the father and mother lay on their backs, their hands clasped above David's head.

The stillness was stifling. Finally the hand of her husband gradually relaxed. How could he possibly sleep? Poor Kenny—so terribly tired. She lowered her eyes from their upward stare and looked at the window. It was no longer a black hole but a patch of light—as though the moon were shining.

Carefully, she got to her knees and

worked her way to the foot of the bed. Thus kneeling, she could rest her elbows on the sill and look out into the night.

A sound, a single squeak of a metal spring, instinctively brought her eyes to the back door of the ranch house. Some one was standing there; some one had just come softly out. Breathless, she watched. The figure moved slowly toward the ancient adobe and stopped. She knew that it was Snavelly. After a moment he turned slightly and, walking with quiet steps, went toward a mound of earth heavily covered with bushes. This mound was nearly opposite the girl's window and about a hundred feet away. When he had reached the clump of bushes Snavelly paused and seemed again to be looking at the adobe. She saw that he held a bundle under his arm. Suddenly he stooped low and disappeared from sight. The minutes passed—two, ten, or a hundred, the girl could not have told. Then she heard a hollow, echoing clank among the clump of bushes. A moment later, Snavelly reappeared and walked softly back to the ranch house. His hands were empty. This time he opened the door in such a way that it did not squeak.

By mid-afternoon of the next day Ruth could hardly stand. All morning, and for three hours since lunch she and Ann had been cleaning out the two rooms in the old adobe.

In spite of Ruth's exhaustion she had done very little actual work. Of the entire two floors she was only able to scrape an area which might have been covered by the ranch bathtub before the palms of her very white hands developed puffy red mounds, extremely tender. The hoe in Ann's huge hands ripped up long scrolis of earth untiringly.

Much might be said for Ruth's bravery in attempting to do any work whatever, but as a matter of plain fact she was afraid to do anything else. That morning at breakfast she

had asked if Ann could help her, and Snavelly had replied, "I reckon she can, if you need help."

All day this reply had rankled. She told herself that Ann was merely a servant employed on the ranch and that Snavelly's interest in the ranch was only one-quarter. Yet, while this was in some ways a comforting reflection, it could not put from her mind those pale, jerking eyes.

Warren and David were spending the day under a great live oak which stood on the western bank of the gulch and was visible from the doorway of the old adobe. It was a beautiful tree, its wealth of shade made even more inviting by the cool green of its leaves. Warren lay back in a canvas chair, lazily improvising on his guitar. Little David was tremendously busy making things with the small acorns which covered the shaded ground.

Often Ruth glanced toward the oak tree, and once she had gone part way over and shouted to Warren to watch out for snakes. She returned to the adobe reluctantly. She rather felt that she also should be under that tree.

Anyway, the adobe looked quite clean and pleasant compared with its appearance the evening before. Only last evening? Ruth could hardly believe that she had not yet been twenty-four hours on the ranch; it seemed a month. Well, the cleaning was over. She supposed that a storm would come in a few days and the whole place would fall down. In such an event she could imagine Snavelly suggesting that she move her family into the barn—after cleaning it out.

Since rising that morning, she had wondered constantly what Snavelly had been doing the night before. But she had not gone to the bushes to investigate, she had not mentioned the incident to her husband, and she had not the remotest intention of asking Snavelly. And, just as she told herself that the voice in the gulch was an echo, she told herself that Snavelly was probably attending to some ne-

glected ranch chore—well, such as putting something away in a box which made a clank when the lid was dropped.


Ruth did not know what she thought about Ann. The giantess both fascinated and frightened her. She was fascinated by the skill with which Ann drove nails and she was frightened when the woman bent her back and tossed aside a huge chunk of falln adobe which partially obstructed the doorway, as though the heavy earth were cork. It was hard to think of the giantess as a woman; her enormous strength and size were so foreign to the girl's idea of femininity. And always Ann was aware of the little dog—Ruth felt that but for her presence Ann and Sugarfoot would have carried on a continuous conversation. Several times Ruth had tried to start friendly talk with Ann but with no success. The giantess had not once smiled; she did her work like a relentless machine, but a machine with thoughts of its own . . .

From the corner of her eyes she saw Ann loading trash from a pile near the door into a wheelbarrow. She stepped to the threshold and asked casually, "What in the world shall we do with all that stuff, Ann? It won't burn; that's certain."

Ann grunted and lifted the wheelbarrow. Ruth fell into step beside her as the giantess wheeled her load toward the clump of bushes beyond the woodpile. "You know, Ann, we ought to have a regular place for putting it."  
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper are announcing the arrival of a baby girl that arrived at their home on the 11th. She was named Emma Lucile. Mrs. G. Boswell and little daughter, Anna Laura, spent several days last week as guests of her aunt, Mrs. N. F. Roberts, of Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ivy of Sweetwater were guests of relatives and attended the rodeo here last Friday. Jack Bowers has returned to Abilene to attend high school again this term. Weldon Tittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tittle, left last Thursday to enter school at Austin. Mrs. Bert Herrington of Caddo was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Washburn, of Goodman. She also visited with her sister, Mrs. Henry Cooper, here. Supt. Roy Elliott and wife had as a recent guest Mrs. Elliott's cousin, Miss Cross, of Sylvester. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B., Jr., spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Val Byrum of Golan. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and children, accompanied by Mrs. Orion Tittle, joined a group of friends Monday evening at Shannon's pool in Merkel where they enjoyed a very pleasant outing. Those from here attending the Style Review at Fair Park, Abilene, Monday night were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Mrs. A. A. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour. Miss Forrest Forrester has returned to Roby where she will teach in the school. We have been informed that school will open here on October 2nd with the same faculty as last year. Mrs. W. J. Beckham was called to her home in Lamesa last Thursday on account of the illness of her husband. She was accompanied home by Hubert Beckham and on their arrival they found W. J. much improved. Leonard Martin of Stanton came Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. Joe Reneau. Miss Earline Riley of Coleman was the week-end guest of relatives and friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Zant Scott and son, Billy Dave, of Floydada, were guests Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers have as their guests this week their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Anice O'Neal of Norton. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and sons, J. H., Bobby Joe and Billy Othel, of the Canyon were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Vessel. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock had as their Monday night guest Mrs. Murdock's brother, Dr. Lotha Thomilson, of Pampa. Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Druen and daughter of Mineral Wells were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Bright. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers and daughter, Earline, and son, James, and Mrs. R. H. Dorsett, of Drasco, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gabbert. Mrs. T. L. Stevens had as her guest her sister, Mrs. Lula Duckett, of Fabens.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Senior Epworth league met Sunday evening for the purpose of electing officers for this quarter. Stanley Coppage was elected president; Lola Bright, vice president; Dorene Scott, secretary; Ida V. Estep, highroad agent, and Fanny Bell Vessel, third Sunday advisor. The first, second and third Sunday leaders will be chosen later. Everyone is invited to attend.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod was agreeably surprised Tuesday morning when cars began to arrive at her home and daughters and daughters-in-law began coming in, all loaded down with parcels and cats. The occasion being a surprise planned by them on her birthday, a beautiful quilt, namely the Dresden plate, pieced and with their names in center, was presented to her, along with many other useful gifts. Those enjoying the occasion were: her daughters, Mesdames Bud Winters, Asha Mayfield, Mollie Springer, daughters-in-law, Mesdames Derman McLeod, Sam McLeod, Carlton McLeod and Homer McLeod.

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GOODMAN NEWS

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GOLAN NEWS

A number of farmers have commenced picking cotton here the past week. The Holiness meeting has been in progress for two weeks. The singing Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a great crowd. Many visitors from nearby communities were present. All are invited back. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson of Noodle were visiting her Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox of Merkel were present for Sunday afternoon singing. Mrs. Edith Jones of Abilene visited relatives here Sunday. Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey is visiting Mrs. Med Herron, near Sylvester, who is ill at this time. Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and daughter, Mrs. Barbee and children, and Mrs. Robert Davis of California are visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were in Roby on business Saturday. The singing school will begin Sept. 25, taught by W. W. Wood.

HEBRON NEWS

Several are gathering their cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell entertained the young people with a party Friday night in honor of Hubert Story, who is home from San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Mel Jones, Sunday and their little grandson, Charles Freddy, returned home with them to spend the week. Paul Pannell is in Dallas.

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Whispering Rock

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ting trash—something out of sight where we could put things we didn't want to see any more." Ann said nothing. "I've often wished I had a place where I could put things I've done that I shouldn't have done." The haughty cast of Ann's features softened; she looked into the girl's eyes and nodded slightly. Inside the encircling fringe of underbrush a half dozen sun-bleached planks lay upon the ground. Ann turned back the nearest of these disclosing a black hole. She tipped the wheelbarrow and the trash slid from sight. Ruth caught her breath without knowing why—there was something weird in the silent way that load disappeared—perhaps there was water in the hole, very close to the top. Ruth took a step forward, just as a sudden roar of sound belched from the blackness. She screamed—the trash had just struck bottom. Ann looked at her. "It ain't nothin'—jes, an ol' well we throw stuff into." "How—how deep is it?" "Way deep—a hundred feet, I reckon. The folks who built the 'dobe' dugged it years ago. But they never found no water jes' hereabouts." The girl shivered. Something in Ann's face caused her to turn quickly—Snavelly was coming through the bushes. His pale eyes glinted dangerously. "Now, Ann,"—he spoke in a high voice—"I think you'd better be tendin' to the milkin'." You best finish with the cleanin' tomorrow. We got to butcher this evenin' too." Ann left at once. After a moment in which he stood as though half stupefied, Snavelly smiled on the girl. "Ann'd rather do most anything than milk—seems to me. She don't know how lucky she is to have somethin' to

milk—it ain't every cattle ranch that's got a milk cow." As he was speaking he walked away from the well and Ruth followed. "I got that Jersey for milk—solely for milk—traded a long yearlin' beef for her to a Mexican who was goin' to slaughter her. Besides," he smiled again and stopped beyond the bushes, "we've got good milk for our victuals." "Oh, I see. It seems like good business to have a milk cow, then. Mr. Snavelly, about that well, I—" "You're dead right it's good business. I told Grey that when we first started up. While he was puttin' in a new windmill, and the tank, and the cement water troughs I looks around and got hold of that Jersey—she's already paid for herself in the poor little weak calves she's nursed." They were passing the woodpile and Snavelly stooped to pick up the ax. "I come up here for this—me an Ann're goin' to butcher. We need meat. Can't keep it more'n a couple days in this weather, but Ann'll jerk a lot of it. But we'll have fresh meat for supper." He smiled. "Don't reckon you ever had a chance to eat beef a half hour after it was killed. You want to come down to the corral and watch us butcher?" "No—no, thank you. Mr. Snavelly, please fence that horrible well! I won't let David out of my sight until you do. And when you begin I'll get him out of the way—I don't want him to know about it or be curious. He must never go into those bushes. You'll

fence it right away, won't you please!" Snavelly nodded. "That's a good idea, Mrs. Warren. I'll attend to it myself tomorrow—we never expected to have kids on the place and just throw loose boards over it to keep the stock out. But I'll fence it sure." "Make a very strong fence—one David can't get through or over. Couldn't you use boards? These barbed wire fences look so insecure." Something terrible flashed into Snavelly's face. "Barbed wire"—he spat the words—"ain't goin' to be used for nothin' on this place! What wire is here can stay but by God I ain't never touched it an' I ain't never going to!" "Well—I—I'm glad you will use boards, Mr. Snavelly," said Ruth uncertainly, and left him. That evening when the girl and her

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Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and family visited relatives in Wichita Falls recently.

Those from here attending Merkel High school are: Misses Ruby and Alice Carey, Anna May Harris, Mildred and Maurine Dean, Marybel and Fay Douglas and Woodrow Clark.

Miss Hazel Lee Cook accompanied her brother, J. W., to their home in Cisco, after spending several days in the W. A. Inman home.

Miss Blanche Carey is attending the singing school at Goodman.

Miss Marybel Douglas had as her week-end guest Miss Margrette Weed of Abilene.

Howard Price of Abilene is spending several weeks in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Halstead. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell entertained the young folks with a party last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and daughter made a business trip to Post last Sunday and Mrs. John Meeks accompanied them home.

Those visiting in the M. L. Douglas home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed and daughter and son of Abilene.

**EXPRESSES THANKS TO FRIENDS.**

We take this method of showing our appreciation to our many friends for the kindness shown us during the serious illness in our home, to the men who came and headed maize and to the good ladies who did the laundry work and all other good things that have been done by everyone. Your kindness and love has been wonderful and we appreciate such friends as you have been.

May God bless you all is our prayer.

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**NOODLE H. D. C. NOTES.**

When the Noodle Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Carlton Vick, the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. M. Williamson. Roll call and minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. R. C. Goode and the education report was given by Mrs. Vernie Merritt, member of the Jones County Home Demonstration council, which was a summary of the work done during the past four months by Miss Sue Bonner, county agent. Mrs. Carl Bonneaux was elected as No. 1 wardrobe demonstrator for the ensuing year.

Plans for "Achievement in Pantries" to be held in October were discussed and will be completed at the next regular meeting.

We were glad to have with us Mrs. W. C. McDaniels of Hawley, who is president of the Jones County council and president of Hawley local club. She gave an interesting report of work done in the Hawley club during the year.

Miss Bonner, as usual, contributed much to add new zeal to our work, after which she gave a demonstration of a new vegetable.

Mrs. Vick, assisted by Misses Geraldine Sloan and Betty Lou Cade, served refreshments to some eighteen members.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DINNER.**

Last Sunday, Miss Blanche Carey honored Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey with a dinner, celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary.

Those enjoying this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and sons, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson and family of Stith, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Carey and daughters and Misses Anna Mae Harris, Blanche, Ruby and Alice Carey and Messrs. Clements Carey and S. G. Russell.

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**Ann Harding, Robert Montgomery Starred**

With Ann Harding and Robert Montgomery billed as co-stars and the supporting cast boasting such names as Merna Loy, Alice Brady and Frank Morgan, "When Ladies Meet" bids fair to be one of the best acted pictures of the year.

Indeed, the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film, which is to be shown at the Queen Monday and Tuesday, is easily among the smartest and most entertaining features the screen has enjoyed in many months, falling into the delightful category of high comedy and sophistication and yet retaining the humor and simplicity of less pretentious and lower brow entertainment.

The picture is a swift and pictorially perfect adaptation of the Rachel Crothers stage success. In it the performances add a zest to the brittle dialogue and hilarious situations upon which the unique plot relies.

Miss Harding, as the understand-

ing, modern wife of a philandering husband, gives a portrayal at once reminiscent of her "Holiday." Montgomery is his usual adequate self as the young newspaperman who handles his romantic troubles as he would a front page story. His flair for flip lines is deftly appeased by the crackling dialogue given him.

**Mrs. Boyce Sustains Painful Injuries**

Besides a great nervous shock, Mrs. George Boyce suffered painful bruises, and possibly a fracture of one of the bones in her right elbow, Thursday morning when she was knocked down after she had crossed the T. & P. railroad track on Oak street just ahead of the Sunshine Special. Her daughter, Miss Lorraine Boyce, who was coming to town with her, did not attempt to cross ahead of the train.

Mrs. Boyce stated that her right elbow was struck by the passing train. She was carried to Abilene for X-ray pictures and returned to her home shortly before noon Thursday.

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**DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.**  
The husbands of members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club were favored with a weiner roast on last Thursday evening which took the place of the weekly afternoon card party. This outing was held at a popular camping spot near Trent and proved a most enjoyable occasion for Messrs. and Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ed McCrary, Harold Boney, Bob Mayfield, George West, Charlie Largent, Milton Case, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpennig, Misses Lou Largent, Nelle Durham, Opal Dillingham of Abilene, Messrs. Joe Sutphen, G. C. Farrow of Abilene and Clyde Mayfield.

**CLASS MEETING.**  
The ranch home of Mrs. T. E. Collins was the meeting place for members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class on Wednesday of last week. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon and the afternoon was devoted to the election of officers for the forthcoming year.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter brought an inspiring devotional on "Patience." Class members present were Mesdames Reeves, Teague, Booth, Barnett, Lassiter, Warren, Collins and one visitor, Miss Laura Barnett.

**STUDIO PARTY.**  
On Friday, September 8, from 4 to 6 p. m., Mrs. T. T. Earthman, assisted by Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Gwendolyn Smith, entertained her class in her studio in the Smith residence just east of the High school building.

Promptly at 4 o'clock Prof. Irl Allison, dean of piano music of Simmons university, arrived. With him were Jack Moats, a young pianist, and his friend, Brooks Peden. After an introduction to the class, Prof. Allison and Jack Moats entertained with the following numbers:

"Gigue-Back," (McDowell), "Valse in A-Flat," (Newland), "Staccato Etude," (Rubinstein), "Sonata in C-Major," (Beethoven), rendered by Jack Moats.

"Prelude," (Rachmaninoff), "Country Dance," (Beethoven), "Valse Brillante," (Allison), "To a Rosebud," (Allison), "Juba Dance," (Dett), by Irl Allison.

Following this a musical contest, consisting of synonyms of musical terms, also a jigsaw puzzle of musicians' pictures, added merriment to the occasion. A lovely refreshment plate of pink and white cream and cake was served, with plate favors lending a touch of originality, which were tiny cards designed with sprays of forget-me-nots and musical terms cleverly arranged as a motto.

Those enjoying this happy occasion were: Mary Jo Russell, Don and Billie Wood, Betty Jane Diltz, Helen Heeter, Mabel Murray, Lois Whiteley, Alice Church, Mary Joe Garland, Opal Buzbee, Margaret and Doris Clyde Miller, Billie Bernice Gambill, Alice Russell, Doris Diltz, Margie Melton, Juanita Bishop, Janell Black, Bessylea Church, Aline McAninch, Gertie Lou Pee, Vernell Bland, Missie Spurgin, Prof. Irl Allison, Jack Moats, Brooks Peden and the hostesses.

**VOTA VITA CLASS.**  
Mrs. C. R. Joyner was hostess to the Vota Vita class Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After the singing of the class song, "Take My Life," Mrs. Bill Haynes brought a wonderful devotional on "Indebtedness to one's self." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Clarence Perry. Following the business session, every one had a good time playing games, then ice cold melon was served the following: Mesdames Byers Petty, W. S. Slayden, O. F. Fox, Walter Hathaway, Warren Smith, P. P. Dickinson, Bill Haynes, Neff, Clarence Perry and the hostess.

**CLASS MEETING.**  
The Willing Workers class, after a two months rest, was revived and met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Smith. Mrs. John Russell led the devotional and Mrs. Fannie McConnell entertained the ladies with several readings. Misses Ola Ellen Smith and Vera Walker passed refreshments to Mes-

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# CHURCH SERVICES

**SENIOR B. Y. P. U.**  
Subject, "Growing in Grace." Introduction, Ida Derstine. "Are We Growing?" Lena Joyner. "The Christian Ideal," Mildred Hamm. "What Price Growth?" Fannie Boaz. "The Means of Growth," Benny Sheppard. "The Tragic Alternative," Leonard Reeves.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 871, as compared with 833 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 740 were present.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Brother W. B. West, Jr., who is doing his senior year's work at A. C. C. will have charge of the preaching service on Sundays and the Wednesday evening program. Come hear him. Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's

dames A. A. Baker, John Russell, Ethel Tucker, R. A. Walker, S. A. Derstine, L. L. Murray, W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell, Fannie McConnell, Miss Mary Keny and one visitor, Mrs. Dodd, and the hostess, Mrs. Marvin Smith.

**PEP MEETING.**  
The old members of the Pep Squad of Merkel High school met Wednesday at 10:45. Annie Lee Owens, main leader, who was elected last year, took charge of the meeting. Caribel Mansfield was elected secretary and Wanda Hunter, reporter. Plans concerning pep dresses were discussed but no definite costume was chosen as the complete squad was not present.

Members are planning some means of initiation for the new members of this organization. Every old member of the Pep Squad wants to welcome each girl in High school to join them in backing our football team. It's going to be the best yet, they say.

program at 6:45 p. m. each Lord's Day. Prayer service and Bible study each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all and a hearty welcome awaits you.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching, morning and evening by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.  
J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. each Sunday. Program for next Sunday:

Subject "Blessed truth and love." Leader, Mrs. Donnie Walker. Scripture, Luke 19:10 and John 3:16. Mrs. George Smith. Scripture, Ps. 23:24 and Luke 15, Miss Virgie Stapleton. Scripture, Ps. 37 and John 14, Mrs. Fannie King. Scripture, Hebrew 12, Mildred Stapleton. Scripture, James 3, Eula M. Stapleton. Scripture, Luke 18:35-43 and John 9, Mrs. George Smith.

Special song by Miss Bennie Lawson, Mrs. Lois Henry and Mr. Dennis Walker.  
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
"Why do women try to act like men?" is our subject for next Sunday night.

There will be preaching every Saturday night and every Sunday except on Fourth Sunday, at which time we will preach at Trent from now on. There were ten additions to the church at Trent during the revival. There surely are good prospects for a great church there. Already I hear

the sound of going in the mulberry tree.

Next Sunday night we are calling on all our members and friends who can and will to bring a liberal offering for our tabernacle. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.  
Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**  
Regular services Sunday, with the pastor preaching at both hours.

A certain group of our church has promised to give a fifteen minute pageant just before the evening service. The pageant is "The Old Family Album." It will prove to be of interest to all.

Fourteen of our young people are off for college as follows: to McMurry, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Margartte Turner, Van Roberts, Frances Marie Church, Helen Yeats, Athelda Yeats, Mardell Shouse, Florene Rider and Opal Huskey; Terrell Mashburn to Texas Tech; Mildred Richardson to John Tarleton, Duncan Briggs to Draughon's, and Lucile Campbell and Ward Berryman to Simmons. We wish them well and shall watch their record in school with keen interest and will remember them in our devotions.

**Hurry! Hurry! Our School Sale closes Saturday night. Brown's Bargain Store.**

**Infant Son Buried.**  
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson of the Mt. Pleasant community, who lived only three hours after birth, was buried at the Drummond cemetery at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. O. D. Pruitt, Baptist minister officiating. The bereaved parents and family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sad loss.

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