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SCHOOL BOARD MAKES MARCH 1ST DEADLINE

Delinquent Tax-Payers Urged to See President or Secretary of Board to Arrange for Payment Before That Date.

Around sixty per cent of the 1933 school taxes due before February 1 have been paid. That means that about forty per cent have not been paid. This is not fair, so the school board believes, to the sixty per cent who have paid. Besides, the board needs the money to operate the school. At the February meeting of the board it was decided to employ an attorney to collect all past due school taxes. Accordingly, Attorney Joe E. Childers of Abilene has been employed to collect school taxes. After March 1 all past due school taxes will be placed in his hands for collection.

The board is more than anxious to aid any tax payer who is in financial difficulties, but who wishes to make some arrangement with the board for payment, and to thus avoid his taxes being placed in the attorney's hands. For this reason, the board deferred bringing suit until after March 1—another thirty days of grace. Any interested tax payer who wishes to arrange some method of payment is urged to see either the president, O. J. Adcock, or the secretary, W. O. Boney, before March 1. After that date, it will be necessary to arrange with the attorney, Joe E. Childers.

During these years of depression, the board has been very lenient about pressing collection of school taxes, but now has reached the point where delinquent taxes must be collected. The board is also of the opinion that the great improvement in financial matters makes it possible for most school taxes to be paid.

If all taxes are paid each year, the amount of assessed taxes could be still further reduced. The amount has already been reduced some forty per cent during the last three years.

Attends Funeral of Grandfather at Ranger

E. B. Wallace, manager of the Jones Dry Goods company, went to Ranger Tuesday to attend the funeral of his grandfather, J. T. Freeman, who died at his home there Monday at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Freeman was a pioneer Texan, having come from his native state of Arkansas 74 years ago.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shurgart, residing in the Canyon, Friday, February 9, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Russell, Sunday, February 11, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Freeman, Trent, Tuesday, February 13, 1934.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 13, 1914.)

Mrs. C. L. McNees gave a six o'clock dinner in honor of her husband's fifty-sixth birthday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher and family and Mr. and Mrs. McNees and their family.

Miss Valerie Dye entertained with a dinner Sunday in honor of her Sunday School class of the Baptist church. Covers were laid for Misses Louise Warren, Lucy Tracy, Alinanda Brady, Ruby Hamm, Dixie Howard, Madge Dean, Lucile Smelzer and the hostess.

Messrs. Homer Easterwood and Dee Grimes, Miss Matilda Moser of Dallas and Miss Zora Coggin motor-ed to Abilene Tuesday.

Car new Studebaker buggies.—Anchor Merc. Co.

H. M. Warren, local agent for the Ford Motor Car Co., has this week sold to Banker John Sears one of the 1914 model Ford cars. The delivery was really made last Saturday and

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

While there were 63,150 deaths reported to the vital statistics division of the state health department in 1933, there were at the same time 113,820 births reported.

Sheriff W. T. Sorrells, Haskell, vice president of the West Texas Sheriff's association, was elevated to the presidency at El Paso convention which adjourned Friday.

The trial at Georgetown of Charles E. Heidingsfelder, 60-year-old Houston attorney alleged to have embezzled \$34,500 from a woman client, ended Wednesday in a hung jury.

W. C. Stripling, 74, Fort Worth merchant since 1899 and honored in 1929 as that city's most distinguished citizen at the Exchange club's annual banquet, died Friday night.

With a yield of 91,294 bales, Ellis county led the state in cotton production in 1933, Jones county being second with 88,066. Only ten counties in Texas ginned over 70,000 bales.

Three negroes, Jesse Mott, Thurman Burkley and Bluit Burkley, went to their deaths in the electric chair at the state penitentiary early Friday morning for murders committed in Dallas county.

Edward K. Russell of Annona, Red River county farmer and stockman, has announced as a "bone dry" his candidacy for governor of Texas and will oppose resubmission of the question of prohibition to a vote of the people.

Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First National bank of Chicago and a candidate for the democratic nomination for the presidency, who was a former Texan, died Wednesday night after a month's illness from pneumonia.

Baylor university has received an additional gift of \$200,000 for its endowment fund from Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin of Burkburnett, raising the total of their benefactions to Baylor in the past four years to \$850,000.

By a vote of 6 to 3, Adam R. Johnson, former city manager of Austin, was elected Texas relief director Monday by the state relief commission. J. H. Reed, who had served as assistant to former director Lawrence Westbrook and who was one of the nominees for the place, refused to accept a proffered place as Johnson's assistant and resigned immediately.

Quarter Inch Rainfall.

The gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale registered a quarter of an inch for the week-end rainfall, which was accompanied by some sleet and snow. January's figure was only one-eighth of an inch, so the year's total here is only three-eighths of an inch.

CWA WORK TO BE CURTAILED; TO STOP MAY 1

New Fund of \$950,000,000 For Civil Works and Direct Relief; Plan Provides for Dropping 10 Per Cent of Employes A Week.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Demobilization of the vast army of civil works employes was to start Thursday night with the dropping of approximately 200,000 from federal projects.

Orders were issued Wednesday by Harry L. Hopkins, civil works and relief administrator, simultaneously with passage of the \$950,000,000 civil works and direct relief appropriation by congress and opening of a conference of state labor officials with Secretary Perkins on state labor laws.

Hopkins directed discontinuance of work on all federal projects not on federal or other public property and directed various departments and bureaus to reduce their civil works forces from 50 to 90 per cent.

Those continued on the payroll are to be dropped at the rate of 10 per cent a week until May 1 when the last of the 4,000,000 employes are scheduled to be let out.

The money voted for civil works today—\$450,000,000 of the \$950,000,000 appropriation—will be used to continue the program until May 1. Hopkins with the approval of the president arranged several weeks ago to start trimming the CWA payrolls about February 15.

New Officers Elected By Western Union

New officers were elected at a meeting of the Western Union of the Methodist young people at Hamby on Thursday, Feb. 8, as follows: Irvin Clayton, president; Mabel Phillips, vice president; Mary Collins, secretary; J. Melvin Jones, publicity superintendent, and Rev. Elmer Crabtree, adult counsellor.

The Epworth league here elected chairmen for three new standing committees Sunday evening: Florene Rider, leadership training; Lela Patterson, missions and world friendship, and Paul Collins, recreation and personal development.

P. T. A. Carnival is to Be Staged at Goodman

Lots of good entertainment is in store for those who attend the P.T.A. carnival at the Goodman school Friday night.

Besides an operetta by the Choral club, features on the evening's program include a baby show, the auctioning of a cake, a visit to the rugole's gallery, fortune telling, a Martha Washington tea and games of "42" for those interested.

PERSONALS

H. F. Groene returned Wednesday on a business trip to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum and daughters, Misses Winter Dean and Jannell, of Abilene were week-end guests of Mrs. Ada Heeter and the Woodrums.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and children of Quanah are visiting here in the home of her father, J. S. Thomas, while Mr. Brown is at the bedside of his father in Anson, who is still very ill.

Miss Dota Garoutte spent Wednesday in Abilene in attendance on the Ash Wednesday services commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither and two daughters made a week-end visit with Mrs. Gaither's mother, Mrs. H. A. Maloy, in Elk City, Okla., remaining over for the Lincoln day holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring Hamblet and son have moved to Odessa where Loring has accepted employment. For the past several months he has been one of the Max Mellinger sales force and Merkel regrets to lose this good family.

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and two daughters, Misses Ouida Mae and Emogene, and son, Billy Bob, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey in San Angelo and Mrs. Hulsey's granddaughter, Nancy Sue Darsey, who had made an extended visit here, returned at the same time.

DEATH CLAIMS FRED REIDENBACH ON WEDNESDAY

Prominent Farmer Passes Away At Age of 64; Survived by 2 Daughters; Funeral Services Thursday Afternoon.

Fred W. Reidenbach, prominent retired farmer of this section, died at 7 o'clock Wednesday night at his home in the Mt. Pleasant community. He had been in bad health for two or three years and since December last had been suffering from a kidney and bladder trouble which caused his death.

Funeral services were to be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. P. H. Gates, the pastor, officiating. Interment was to be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Born in Missouri May 18, 1870, Mr. Reidenbach would have been 64 years old in May. Coming to Texas about 50 years ago, he settled on the same farm place which has since been his home. He had been a member of the Methodist church since 1924.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Agnes McClaine, by whom he is survived. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Mary Click and Miss Bessie Reidenbach, both of whom lived with him, and one granddaughter, Winnie Merle Click. A son, Joe Reidenbach, died as a young man in 1924.

Other survivors include a sister, Miss Georgia Reidenbach, who made her home at his home, three half-brothers, Ennis and Dan Reidenbach, Merkel, and Mark Reidenbach, Colorado, and three half-sisters, Miss Winnie Reidenbach, Colorado, Mrs. Beulah Gilmore, Merkel, and Mrs. Lula Porter, Long Beach, Calif.

Date of Seth Parker Entertainment Reset

Date has been changed from Thursday, Feb. 15, as announced in last week's issue of The Mail, to Friday night, February 23, for the engagement of the well known dramatic artist and singer, John Howard, who is to present his impersonation of Seth Parker, famous radio entertainer, under the sponsorship of the Methodist ladies at the Cozy theatre here.

He will be assisted by a full company of local stage artists and singers in his production, "A Night With Seth Parker."

Special Program on Recreation Arranged

The young people's department of the Methodist church, formerly known as the Senior Epworth league, is having a special program at 6:15 p. m. Sunday in the regular meeting room.

We are asking each member to be present and a special invitation is extended to visitors; visiting includes all young people as well as our fathers and mothers. Come, see "Why You Should Have Recreation." Study "Our Growing Need for Recreation." See "If Part of Life is Recreation."

The program is as follows: Leader, Eleanor Mae Hamilton. Scripture, Psalm 100. Talks:

"Why Have Recreation?" Terrell Mashburn.

"Our Growing Need for Church Recreation." W. A. Whiteley.

"Is Part of Life Recreation?" Paul Collins.

A Correction.

In the report in The Mail last week of the death of Will Compton, former Merkel resident who had lived in Los Angeles, Calif., for 29 years or more, it was stated by one of those peculiar slips that will happen in reportorial offices that in late years he had served as a Pullman porter on the run from Los Angeles to Chicago. This should have, of course, read Pullman conductor.

Will Preach at Hope.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Hope at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

Present Play at Union Ridge.

A play entitled "No Account David" is to be presented at the Union Ridge school on Friday night, February 23, sponsored by the P. T. A. Admission prices are 10c and 20c.

REBATE CHECKS ON AUTO TAGS READY IN TAYLOR COUNTY

More than 250 Taylor county motor vehicle owners who registered their machines after February 1, paying the 20 per cent penalty, are in line for the penalty refund, provided in recent legislation which set March 31 as the permanent deadline for license fees, without penalty.

Refund checks are ready at the office of Grady Parnelly, county tax collector, and may be received at once, Mr. Parnelly said. Persons eligible for the rebate should bring their 1934 registration receipt, from which formal application will be made.

"We shall be glad to have these car and truck owners come in at once for their checks," said Mr. Parnelly. "They cannot be issued later than March 15."

Sixty refund checks were issued Wednesday. The necessary blanks were received from the state.

Taxable Value Fixed For Cattle in County

Taxable values for cattle, sheep and goats for the year 1934 have been set by the commissioners court, according to announcement from C. W. Boyce, assessor.

Ten dollars per head for cattle, one dollar per head for sheep, and 50 cents per head for goats was adopted as the taxable value.

Said Mr. Boyce: "Under the order issued Monday, if that value is not acquired by the tax assessor, it will be raised to said value by the commissioners court who sit as a board of equalization in May."

Local Masons to Hold Washington Memorial

A George Washington memorial service, with the local Masons in charge, will be held at the Methodist church on Thursday night, February 22, at 7:30 p. m.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Past Grand High Priest, Dr. E. M. Wood, of Anson.

The public is invited to attend this service.

Death of 3-Year-Old Son Mr. and Mrs. Brown

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. P. H. Gates, the pastor, officiating, for James Albert Brown, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Brown, who reside on the Woodroof farm.

Besides his parents, five brothers and sisters survive, to all of whom The Mail joins the entire community in extending deepest sympathy.

ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS ATTAINS NEW HIGH MARK

Close of Last Week Shows 787 Pupils Enrolled in Merkel Public Schools; Highest Previous Figure was 726 in 1928.

With an enrollment of 787 as of the close of the week, Friday, February 9, the Merkel public schools reached the highest mark in its history. Highest enrollment prior to this year was the session of 1928-29 when the figure was 726.

Of this total of 787 enrolled this year, 261 are in the High school, an increase of about 30 per cent over last year, and 526 in the Grammar school. The increase in High school enrollment is primarily due to the inauguration of a school bus from Mulberry canyon, bringing pupils from four schools, Butman, I. X. L., White Church and Blair, in addition to high school students who have been coming regularly from surrounding communities.

At the beginning of the school year last September, students were enrolled in High school from Goodman, Noodle, Union Ridge, Stith, Marra, Comper, Salt Branch, Cross Roads, Mt. Pleasant, Trent and Castle Peak, besides the four schools served by the bus.

BURGESS RE-ELECTED.

At the regular February monthly meeting of the school board, Superintendent Roger A. Burgess was re-elected for his thirteenth term, the seventh in succession since he returned to the Merkel schools in 1928.

He was at the head of the local schools for six years from 1919 to 1925, and previously had served as principal of the high school two years. In the interim, he was superintendent of the Childress schools for three years.

Hear Talks by Leaders Of Road Beautification

To hear talks by Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, of Abilene, division chairman of the state highway beautification program, and Mrs. Harry Tom King, also of Abilene, county director, a number of interested citizens gathered at the Methodist church on Thursday night of last week.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess, local chairman, presided and a pleasing feature of the evening's program was an appropriate reading, "The Small Town," by Mrs. Len Sublett.

In addition to the committee working with Mrs. Burgess, many others have indicated great interest in the local plans to beautify the state highway along its course through the city.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

64 BRUCE BARTON

SAMUEL, SAUL AND DAVID.

Finally there was Samuel, stern, uncompromising, incorruptible. He was a particularly lovable character, and his powerful one-man rule does not seem to have left a place for any associates. At least the people saw no one capable of carrying on in his place, and reminded him brutally that his own sons were failures.

Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways; now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

Angrily Samuel agreed, but not without a warning. Their king would be tyrannical, he told them; they would repent their demand. None the less he acceded to it, and searching through the tribes he found a clean-cut young man named Saul who stood head and shoulders above all the rest. Him he selected and anointed as Israel's first king.

"God save the king," shouted the people happily—the first time in history that the cry had been raised—and indeed it looked as though their happiness were justified. They had a brave and handsome monarch whose modesty was as striking as his courage. What now could stop them from complete success? But Saul's career is one of the great tragedies. He might have been the George Washington of his people, but he could not stand prosperity, and so little permanent imprint did he leave that the writer of Hebrews, in enumerating the great characters of the nation does not even mention his name. He was modest and likable, but he was a prey to sullen moods and the slave of jealousy.

He was jealous of Jonathan, his son, and would have slain him but for the determined protest of the people. Most of all was he jealous of David, who, when the armies of Israel were standing in helpless terror before the giant leader of the Philistines, Goliath, took his shepherd's sling, picked up a smooth stone from the brook and planted it squarely in the giant's forehead. For this victory, and the acclaim that followed it, Saul never forgave him.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers were hosts to the latter's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Rogers, and family of Abilene last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle of Abilene visited recently in the home of the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Forrester, and family.

Bruce Howell of Abilene spent a few days last week assisting his uncle, Ben Howell, in re-arranging some pasture land for his cattle.

On Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. Those attending the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. John Crane and Mrs. M. T. Alexander of Lubbock. In connection with the same entertainment John Crane enjoyed a fine birthday dinner.

Mrs. Joe Boone left Tuesday of last week for Hermleigh to assist at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Byron Dingle, who has been quite ill but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hogue had as their guests last week Mrs. Hogue's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowermaster, from Harrisburg, Pa.

On Tuesday of last week a party of several women spent the day with Mrs. Roy Stewart, when the afternoon was spent in quilting. Those present were Mesdames F. Allyn, Wallace Kelley, C. T. Beckham and Bill Hogue and Misses Helen Hogue and Pete Smith.

Lon Adrian and daughter of Colorado spent a few hours in the home of his brother, L. E. Adrian, and family one night recently.

At this writing Grandpa Burton is real sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancell O'Neal entertained as overnight guests in their home last week Messrs. Cecil O'Neal of Brownfield and George Igo of Norton.

Miss Chunky Parker spent several days with Miss Ida V. Estep.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown was buried Sunday afternoon at this place.

Our ball team met with the Wylie team at that place last Monday afternoon. The report is that Trent won one game and Wylie two.

Mrs. J. E. Perkins had as her all day guests last Tuesday her sister, Mrs. D. D. Coats, and family of the White Church community.

Mr. Bright and Mr. Poor and family have returned from California where they have been visiting for the past month.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson has returned home after spending a few weeks with relatives in South Texas.

Buster Sipe of Fort Worth is here on a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe.

Mrs. Roy Stewart gave a dinner in honor of her husband's birthday last Monday and as a surprise invited several of his friends to dine with him. Those who attended were: J. E. Bowers, Jack Frost, M. G. Scott, Coleman Whitfield, Tom and Alex Williamson and John B. Winn.

Woodrow White of Sulphur Springs, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. R. Shannon, for the past two weeks, has returned home.

Mrs. Norwood has returned from a recent visit with relatives at Comanche. She returned via Brownwood, making a short visit there with her sister, Rev. and Mrs. McGinnis, and family, Rev. Mr. McGinnis having formerly been pastor of the Baptist church here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright attended the funeral of their friend, George Neevef, at Roby last Tuesday afternoon.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.
Mesdames M. G. Scott and T. G. Hamner were co-hostesses in entertaining the Home Demonstration club with an all-day quilting in the formers home on Wednesday, February 7. Those bringing a covered dish and spending the day were Mesdames Joe Nalley, Ed Burks, Walker Steadman, Connie SoRelle, Nelson Bright, A. C. Wash, A. W. Wood, George Stewart, Frank Allyn, R. B. McRee, Jr., Wallace Kelley and C. C. McRee and Misses Lillian McRee, Dollie Wash, Maimie Gafford and Lena Bright.

In the afternoon cake and hot

chocolate were served to Mesdames Alex Williamson, R. L. Reeves, Bessie Billings, Hale McRee, Henry Ogletree, John Payne, Herbert Reagans, Tom Vessel, Lelia Churchwell, R. C. Shannon, Stanley Armour, Harvey Jones, Ann Boone, Hosea Winn, John Strawn and T. L. Stephens and Miss Helen Bright and those mentioned above and the hostesses.

The next quilting will be February 21 at the home of Mrs. R. L. Reeves.

BAPTIST PROGRAM.
The ladies of the Baptist church held their regular meeting last week when the following program was rendered:

Subject: "Caring for our Aged Ministers and Widows Wisely and Worthily."

Hymn, "O. Spread the Tidings Round."

Prayer, by Mrs. Currie.

Solo, Mrs. Matthews.

Scripture reading, Mrs. Bowers.

"Chaplains of Our Morale," Mrs. Stewart.

"The Forgotten Man," Mrs. Currie.

"When a Preacher Needs a Friend," Mrs. Stribling.

Prayer for the aged ministers and widows of Texas, Mrs. Burks.

Hymn, "The King's Business."

"Texas Beneficiaries of the Relief Department," Mrs. Scott.

"A More Excellent Way," Mrs. Williamson.

"Facts You Should Know About the Relief and Annuity Board," Mrs. Massey.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Robinson.

SETH PARKER COMING.
"A Night With Seth Parker," staged by John Howard, well known dramatic artist and singer, assisted by a full company of local stage artists and singers, is to be presented Friday night, Feb 16, at the Trent High School auditorium under the auspices of the W. M. U. of the Methodist church.

SCHOOL VISITORS.
The district inspector, Miss Sue Mann, the county supervisor, Miss Madge Stanford, the county superintendent, M. A. Williams, and the following trustees, Messrs. R. L. Reeves, J. P. Roberts, Malcolm Bessley, Oscar Bishop, Herbert West and Earl Norwood, were served lunch by the home economics class Tuesday, February 13.

The menu was: tomato juice cocktail, meat loaf and sauce, salad, creamed potatoes, French asparagus, rolls, fruit salad and whipped cream and coffee.

Miss Mann is on her annual tour of inspection of the schools of Taylor county.

HOM ECONOMIC GIRLS.
As a final project, climaxing the term's work in foods, the home economics girls were hostesses at a heart party Saturday night. After the game of "Hearts" a Valentine contest was won by Vera Bright and Woodrow White for which they received a large chocolate heart.

Refreshments of salad, Valentine sandwiches, olives, potato chips, tarts and chocolate were served to the following home economics girls and their guests: Misses Idell Cooper, Dorothy Reaves, Doreen Scott, Gladys Hamner, Louise Allyn, Mildred Steadman, Mona Robinson, Helen and Vera Bright, Lois Powell and Virgie Strawn, Messrs. Jack Perkins, John Hamner, Henry Bright, Jack Bowers, Cullen Tittle, Freddy Allyn, Fred McCurdy, Wilbur Younger and Bob Cole.

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Saul was not without military genius. He led his people more than once to victory. Throughout his career fighting was constant, with the Amalokites, the Philistines and other hostile tribes, and sometimes one side won and sometimes the other. But much of the energy and time that ought to have gone into the nation's battles was spent in the vain effort to destroy David; and the net result of Saul's reign was little, "Tomorrow," said the ghost of Samuel, appearing grimly before him, "tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me." Saul marched into battle on the morrow knowing that his fate was sealed; and when the final moment of defeat arrived he called upon his sword bearer to run him through.

If you are thrilled by Napoleon, the penniless young lieutenant leaping to the throne of an empire; if your imagination is warmed by the rise of the gaunt, homely, country

boy Lincoln to the White House, then there is a real treat for you in David.

Next Week: The Reign of David.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown to us he past two weeks in the illness of our dear wife and mother. Your untiring efforts have made it possible for her to be under Dr. E. A. Dan, Sweetwater, and now her condition is very much improved.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each one of you.

I. N. Brown and Children.

P. T. A. Organized at Blair.

A P. T. A. was recently organized at Blair, the election of officers resulting as follows: Mrs. J. A. Russell, president; Mrs. Carl Hughes, vice president; Mrs. Vandra Fancher, secretary, and Mrs. A. Mitchell, treasurer. Two meetings will be held each month, one in the afternoon and the other at night.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

COMMISSIONER JACK CANON SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:

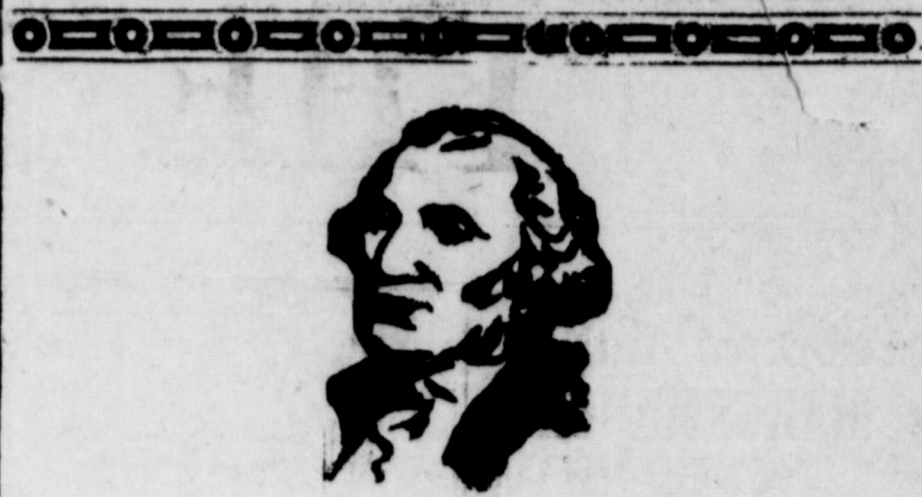
Along with the yearly report from precinct No. 2, which is submitted herewith, I wish to express my appreciation for the co-operation that has been given me by the public through the past year. During the coming year, as in the past, it is my intention to devote my whole time to the work.

In this connection I wish to emphasize the fact that, while the budget for precinct No. 2 for 1933 was \$22,866.00, the total net outlay was only \$19,858.23, which means a saving of \$3,007.77 under the budget. (Total disbursements for 1932, according to the report on file, were \$44,501.41.)

A. J. CANON.

ANNUAL STATEMENT 1933, PRECINCT NO. 2.

Jan. 1st, 1933, Balance on Hand prior to payment of		
December 1932 Bills		\$2,372.53
December Bills 1932 Accounts paid in Jan.		1,534.86
Balance in Budget Jan. 1st, 1933		\$1,037.67
RECEIPTS:		
Refund West Co. Nails	\$ 3.75	
Refund Santa Fe Ry. Co.	8.00	
Refund Expense to Lubbock	1.45	
Sale of Truck	25.00	
Fines "Miss Welborn"	9.50	
Fines "W. P. Bounds"	12.75	
Sale of Team	175.00	
J. M. Smith	23.04	
Fines W. W. Wheeler	25.50	
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,488.95	
Auto Registrations	18,612.35	
Gas Refund	712.37	
Use of Machinery	124.00	
Total Receipts	\$29,385.94	
Transfer for Pr No. 2 Bond	5.47	
Total Receipts and Transfers	\$29,391.41	
Total	\$24,429.10	
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Removal of Guy Wire and Relocation of Poles	\$ 75.00	
County Court Cost—Right-of-way	5.55	
Right-of-Way Purchased	478.75	
Publishing Legal Notices	15.68	
Posts	72.10	
Recording Right-of-Way Deeds	4.00	
Culverts	391.69	
Expense to Lubbock	10.00	
Rent for Lot	4.20	
Damages to Land	30.00	
Expense to Angelo and Dallas for Machinery	10.31	
Regular Hands	5,065.90	
Road Work	1,923.71	
Machinery	1,837.75	
Salary Commissioner	1,200.00	
Commission Roy C. Fuller	209.87	
Lumber, Cement, Paint, etc.	2,450.55	
Hardware, Wire, etc.	342.56	
Parts and Upkeep Machinery	1,253.47	
Repairs	338.76	
Gravel	687.77	
Blacksmithing	218.55	
Lights—Warehouse	16.50	
Gas and Oil	3,776.80	
Phone Tolls	2.65	
Feed for Team	3.00	
Tires and Tubes	180.59	
Total Disbursements	\$20,604.81	
Transfer to 3rd class on salary	150.00	
Total Transfers and Disbursements	\$20,754.81	
Balance in Budget Jan. 1, 1934	3,674.29	
Total	\$24,429.10	
RECAPITULATION		
The budget fixed for Precinct No. 2 was		\$22,866.00
The total outlay by the Commissioner as shown by the foregoing pages was		\$20,754.81
Deducting refunds for returns on payments as follows:		
Gasoline	\$736.34	
Use of Machinery	124.00	
Expense returned	1.45	
Refund on nails	3.75	
Road Work	31.04	
Total refunds	896.58	
Total Net Outlay		\$19,858.23
The difference between the budget and Total Net Outlay		\$2,007.77
Shows a saving by Commissioner Prec. No. 2		\$3,007.77



Washington's Birthday February 22

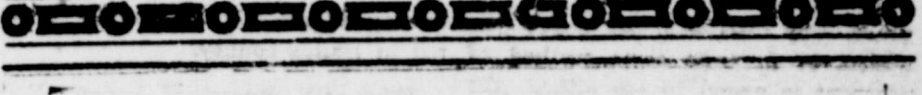
As we pause in memory of a great man, let us renew our determination to carry on to the best of our ability the work he started—the building of a great nation.

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PHONE 61

The Dollar Bride

Mary Ingham Taylor

SECOND INSTALLMENT.

Roddy Gordon, who has gone to New York to make his fortune, returns home to confront his parents and his sister Nancy with the fact that he has stolen fifteen thousand dollars from the bank where he works to help the 'loveliest woman in the world' and will soon be found out unless he can return it. "But I love her," declares Roddy to his angry father. "I'd steal for her. I'd die for her—" "A pretty story!" shouts his father. "You've broken your mother's heart, you've disgraced your father and your sister—your young sister. Look at her, a girl in the morning of life—with a thief for a brother!"

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

It was still in the room. The yellow light flared low in the lamp on the table. There lay the newspaper as it had dropped the night before, and her mother's work-basket was overturned by the hearth. Roddy had knocked it down when he sprang at his father.

Roddy was going to jail!

Nancy gasped. On a chair were her furs, her hat and her gloves, just as she had tossed them. She drew a long breath, averting her eyes from her father's gray face and went to the chair. Swiftly and stealthily she put on her hat, her furs, and her gloves. Then she stole out into the hall, dropped the chain-bolt, opened the front door, and slipped silently out of the still house.

It was broad daylight outside now; the morning air touched her hot face gratefully like cold clear water. It was February and the pussy-willows swung over her head. At her feet some yellow crocuses shot up, just opening little yellow eyes in the grass like the yellow eyes of Roddy's siren. Nancy stamped her foot on the ground, it was that woman who had done it. She knew it with the unerring jealous second sight of a woman. It wasn't Wall Street, it wasn't curb-brokers, it wasn't gambling, it was that woman with the fascinating eyes; she wanted money and she had made a boy steal for her!

Nancy opened the gate and walked rapidly down the street, never looking back. Sunrise made the flagstones white between the new green of the grass; keen little blades of it thrust up through the new brown earth and gleamed in the sun like metal. The red maple buds were like a scarlet haze. There was Major Lomax's house, the little one standing back. Nancy walked faster; if she did not hurry she would never do it. There was the low, black iron gate—it was ajar, too, waiting for her! She drew her breath, opened it wider and went in.

She went up the steps, lifted the old brass knocker, let it fall with a clang and started, trembling, to run away again. But she was only just down the steps when the door opened wide and Richard Morgan stood there, looking at her.

He was not very tall, but so loosely built and lean that he looked taller. There was a white band on his forehead, above the tan of his lean face, and his eyes held you. Strange eyes, brown with green lights glistening in still brown pools.

Nancy put her hand out and laid it on the tall stem of one of his young trees.

"I—I came to see you, Richard." He came down the steps, holding out his hand.

"Won't you come in then, Nancy?" She breathed hard, her knees were shaking under her. She could never do it—never!

"I've got to come in, Richard," she said weakly.

He had her hand now and he led her up the steps. Three times already he had asked her to marry him, and the last time she had tried to be rude to him, tried purposely, to stop him. They both remembered; she saw it in his face, but he was nice about it; he did not look into her eyes just then. He took her into the library. It was big and square and friendly, and the books lined it richly. A log had just been kindled on the brass andirons; in a bowl on the table were some snowdrops and pussy-willows. A tight pain clutched at Nancy's heart, like the closing of a vise. She saw Page Roemer's face as plainly as if he stood there, speaking to her. Then she heard Richard's voice.

"Sit down, Nancy. Here's mother's favorite chair. I'll let you have it."

His mother had been one of the rich Kentucky Weatherills; she had brought her fortune to the little old town and made it wonder over her resources and Dr. Henry Morgan's luck. Her death two years ago had left all the money to her only son. Dr. Henry hadn't any to leave, but he had left a practice and a good name; Richard had those, too. It was called the Morgan luck.

Richard pushed his mother's big winged arm-chair forward now for Nancy. As he did it, the clock on the mantle struck six.

Nancy started. "What can you think of me? I know you haven't breakfasted—I had to come!" She had not accepted the chair, she stood by the fire, pulling at her gloves. She was shaking from head to foot with an agony of fear. "I had to come, Richard!"

"Yes?" his voice was low, "what is it, Nancy?"

She did not answer; she averted her face and he saw her delicate chin trembling. A pang of bitterness shot through him; he knew well enough why his love for her had never reached her, she cared about that Roemer boy. But she was here, at his hearthstone now, and he could let his eyes rest on her. He saw her as no one else in the world could see her, he thought. How little she was, and delicate; he could crush her body up against his with one arm! Her little head, too, was so defiant, and the round trembling chin and the white throat. He could see it move and quiver as she breathed. The exquisite turn of the cheek, the little ear and the lovely glossy hair. How dear she was. He drew a deep breath and she looked up sharply, met the passion in his eyes and shrank. She shrank so visibly that it pained him again. He thrust the chair nearer.

"Sit down, Nancy," his voice sound-

ed harsh and unnatural.

This time she sank into the chair, a little huddled figure, her head down.

"I don't know how to begin, Richard!"

He became aware suddenly of her anguish. He held himself in check with a strong hand.

"Are you in trouble, Nancy?"

"Yes."

He went over to the mantel and stretched his arms along it, steadying his fingers on the edge. He had the long thin fingers of the artist and the poet, but his hand had strength and power, too. It was the hand of a surgeon. He was watching her with his strange eyes, but he was not helping her.

"Richard, I tried to be rude to you—you know—last time—"

"Last time I asked you to marry me," he said quietly; "yes."

She caught her breath. He was not bitter, but there was something in him that was like granite. There was power in his look, too, it frightened her; he seemed to have himself so well in hand, and yet—She began to feel that his love must be a power; she had always been afraid of it, she knew it now! She cast a frightened look toward the door. Could she get away?

Then suddenly she saw her father's bent gray head and his white face, his mouth hanging open—as if he had died as he slept in the chair by the hearth; he would look that way when he was dead, she was sure of it! She tried to raise her eyes, but her lids seemed to weigh them down. They traveled along the dull blue rug to the fireplace, they reached his feet, and then slowly—up, up to his narrow prominent chin, his tight mouth, his nose—it wasn't quite straight—his green-brown eyes! She started and the blood went up from throat to brow, her own eyes quivered and fell, she gasped.

"I've come to take it back," she whispered. She could not speak loud.

"What do you mean, Nancy Virginia?"

She twisted her hands in her lap. Her gloves had fallen on the floor at her feet. She couldn't raise her eyes at all.

"I mean my rudeness to you, then. I—I take it back."

He caught his breath. "Nancy, you can't mean—"

She straightened herself, clutching at the arms of the big chair. Her dry

lips moved but muttered nothing. Then with a frightened effort, she dragged it out, tumbling her words together.

"I've come to you for help—I'm in awful trouble, I've got to borrow money—borrow it today, too! A great deal of money—I've come to ask you to lend me fifteen thousand dollars, Richard."

His eyes held hers now against her will. She did not know what he thought; she felt humiliation, it beat down on her like rain.

"It's a great deal to borrow," she faltered weakly, childishly, "but I've got to have it—today! Richard, can you lend it to me now?"

He seemed to answer with an effort, but his voice had a strange thrill in it. "I'd do anything for you, Nancy—you know that, surely? I'd give you all I've got if I could—if you'd let me!"

She raised her eyes slowly, reluctantly, and met his again. There was a glow in his, as if some hidden fire had leaped up in there like a flame. The sight of it set her heart beating wildly again.

"I want to borrow it, Richard," she said hoarsely. "I'll—return it, I'll—I'll give you a pledge for its return."

He started and changed color.

"What did you say, Nancy?"

She rose, trembling, and stood, holding him off with her wide frightened eyes, her very lips, white.

"I even pledge myself—I'll marry you, Richard."

Silence followed, a silence so thick and tangible that it pressed down on Nancy's shaken nerves until she wanted to scream. Her heart began to beat against her side, the throbs were like the heavy strokes of a hammer on an anvil.

"Did you mean that, Nancy?"

"Yes."

"You'll marry me?" He drew nearer. She could feel his passion for her, it shook him so she recoiled, sinking again into his mother's chair, hiding her face from him.

"Yes, I—I said so," she faltered in a broken voice. "I meant it, Richard."

He threw himself on one knee beside her chair; she felt his arms around her. "When, Nancy, when?" His arms trembled.

She lifted her head and looked at him, her blue eyes still wide with fear.

"On Monday—in Washington."

He held her, his strong arms like a thing of iron about her; she felt as if

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WASHINGTON

The more you read of Washington and of his many military campaigns, the more amazed you are at his magnificent achievements.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Most of us know that February twelfth is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, but many of us think very little about that historic hero. Perhaps it will help us to recall what others have thought and said of him:

"Among the noblest of those Who perished in the cause of right."
—W. Cullen Bryant.

"For you they call the swaying mass, Their eager faces turning."
—Walt Whitman.

"New birth of our new soil, the first American."
—Lowell.

"He was a man who grew according to his need."
—Emerson.

"Lincoln was a self-made man in every respect."
—Charles Morris.

"Lincoln is the only white man I have ever met who did not show consciously or unconsciously that he recognized his color."
—Frederick Douglass.

"We and all mankind owe the debt of the ages to Lincoln—the man of God."
—Goff.

"Abraham Lincoln, child of poverty, champion of freedom, savior of the Union."
—Shortridge.

"No other death ever touched so many hearts."
—James Morgan.

"Now he belongs to the ages."
—Stanton.

IT IS NOT EASY.

1. To admit your errors.
 2. To live up to your ideals.
 3. To apologize.
 4. To keep on trying.
 5. To be unselfish.
 6. To withhold hasty judgment.
 7. To endure success.
 8. To overlook mistakes of others.
 9. To make the most of the little.
 10. To forgive others.
 11. To study when you're failing.
 12. To be nice to an enemy.
 13. To sing when you'd like to cry.
- But it always pays.

OUR SENIORS.

Lucy came in to Merkel on the bus from Blair. She is a member of the "Blue Badgerettes" and also a member of the Dramatic club. It did not take her very long to make a number of friends in M. H. S. With her dark brown eyes and winning smile she will long be remembered in our dear old Merkel High.

Tommy Jones. After a long time Tommy decided he'd be a football hero. For the last two or three years he has come out for tennis. Making a star tennis player, he wanted to play football, too. He came out this year for the first time and lettered. Not only is he athletic but also a very good student. He is a friend to every one, as he is always ready to do his part and has a smile for every one. Luck and happiness to you, Tommy.

SHANNON, THE TRACK TEAM. Shannon, the miler, winner of the district and sixth in state, is most of Merkel's track team. Shannon has been competing in track events for the past several years and now he is almost to the climax. This year will end his career as an athlete in Merkel High school. He will start training within the next week and we hope he will leave us a new district record in Merkel High. Other track news will appear later.

BASKETBALL SUITS TURNED IN. As the time goes, sports go. Basketball season has come and gone in Merkel schools. Merkel closed one of the most unsuccessful seasons in the history of this school last Thursday afternoon when they lost to Wylie, the county champions; however, they gave the boys from Wylie a pretty good game. Until the third quarter there was never over a three point lead, one team going into the lead and then the other. But in the beginning of the third quarter, Wylie opened up and beat Merkel 27 to 15.

Captain Boaz and Shannon received honorable mention for the all-county team and were the most valuable players for Merkel throughout the season. Ten men will receive sweaters: Boaz, Shannon, Evans, Durham, Reese, Robertson, L., Robertson, Z., Womack, Patton and J. R. Higgins. Boaz was re-elected captain of the 1935 team.

THE FISH. We thought it was about time that high school gave us some publicity.

We've been over here about five months, and one wouldn't know we were here unless we are heard during school. We want to thank the "Badger Weekly" staff for such an honor as dedicating an issue of the school paper to us.

As county meet is drawing near, the teachers are looking to the Freshmen to help them out. Some of us are coming out for baseball, some for spelling, while others are coming out for essay writing. When the county meet is over, just wait and see if the Freshmen don't take the cake.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Wayman how he likes his new girl that sits behind him.

Ora Derrick how to pronounce Ferguna, Jaxartes, Kalmucks, and Khorassan.

Murry why he blushes every time he sees De La Verne.

L. V. how much his gas bill is.

Oscar how many sweethearts he has.

Rodgers if he has practiced fainting again.

R. T. if he doesn't like grammar school.

Willie B. why he throws notes in Miss Patterson's study hall.

Thelma Patterson and Robbie why they couldn't guess the right chair Friday night.

Willie B. if Mrs. Haynes doesn't think he won first place in declamation.

Ora how and what time she got home Friday night.

Mabel Maddox what she knows about "repudiating."

JUNIOR CHATTERBOX. Have you noticed: "Smitty's" laugh?

Randall's being a good tennis player?

Marizoe's being so loud?

Lynn's beautiful singing while he is coming up the hall?

Pauline's being so quiet?

Joe's being so popular?

Thursday night, Feb. 8, the Juniors were proud of some of their bunch—Bussie Boaz, captain, Milton Shannon, Harold Reese and Lloyd Robertson. You should have seen Harold making the basketball goals! Now that basketball season is over, we hope that there will be several Juniors who come out for track.

ASK: Bussie why he wanted to go to Sweetwater.

L. V. why he is like Billy Gardner.

Sarah why she was mad at Clara Frances Sunday night.

Kenneth what he thinks of a certain Senior girl. Ask Tommy the same thing.

Kennedy why he doesn't keep his mouth shut.

Mary Frances who is jealous of her.

Tracy and Jack what they find to talk about so much.

Fred McMinn how he learns so much American history.

Robert Junior who taught him to play tennis.

Billie B. what she loses every time she goes anywhere.

Bud Toombs if he is imposed on.

Frances what position she played on the football team.

Bessy where she got all her decorations.

Opal why she always wants to go home.

Mary Helen L. why she goes to the library every morning.

Jack Davis why he is so mean.

Lloyd why he didn't go somewhere Saturday night.

NOODLE NEWS

Owing to the inclement weather, Elder Cypert failed to fill his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.

The farmers are busy bedding land for a new crop. Some are almost through.

There is a lot of sickness in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice have been confined to their beds with the "flu" but are reported better at this writing.

E. O. Criswell has been on the sick list the past week.

Mozelle Sosebee was able to return to her home here Sunday after a two weeks' stay in the Abilene hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Maize of Kaufman county are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maize.

O. C. Sosebee of Crowell is here visiting relatives.

Winfred Maize has returned home after having spent the last eight months in the Forest Army.

Gerald Derrick of Big Spring is the guest of Lowell Barbee.

Mrs. Waldo Cox is having some repairs done on her house—built-in fixtures and repapering and painting.

A number of Noodle people attended the basketball tournament at Anson Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan and Louise Sosebee and Oscar McGinnis were Anson visitors Sunday night.

Jack Pierce, who has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sloan for the last year, went to Winnsboro last Tuesday to visit his parents.

Nineteen rural and class B teams entered the county tournament at Anson the 9th and 10th inst. to determine who had the right to compete against the winner of class A schools. Noodle won the tournament and will play Hamlin this week to determine which team will represent Jones county at the district meet at Roby.

Noodle defeated the following teams: Noodle 33, Mars 7; Noodle 20, Avoca 15; Noodle 31, New Hope 15; Noodle 34, Boyd Chapel 17.

The following boys played on the Noodle team: Wilson Williams, Lloyd Reese, Clyde Foster, LeRoy Eason, Henry Satterwhite, Pete Morgan, Roger Sosebee, Watts Davis and Clive Satterwhite. Prof. F. T. Bell is coach.

essay contest, which Mrs. Irvin is sponsoring. They are Waldeline Huskey, Emily Newman, Bessie Lou Russell, La Verne Hughes, Vernelle Bland, Louis Carson and Dallas Shaap.

The girls debate team is working very hard with Mr. Riddle.

There is no news from the other contests this week.

TOMFOOLERY. "You'd better hang me," said the man sentenced to die by electrocution. "Why?" he was asked.

"Because I've been janitor in a girls' boarding school," he replied.

Horace Boney: "Gosh! L. V. has wiggled his fingers twice this period. What's the matter with him?"

Arthur Wiman: "Well, he's one of these guys that don't believe in laying around all day doin' nothing."

Joe Cook: "Father, I've a notion to settle down and start raising chickens."

Mr. Cook: "Better try owls. Their hours will suit you better."

According to Mr. Burgess, the fellow who gives in when he is wrong is a wise man, but he who gives in when he is right is married.

COTTONSEED WANTED. We want to buy your cottonseed or will trade meal and hulls for seed; also want to cull your seed. See Bill Sheppard or C. V. Shelton.

CAKE AND PIE SALE. The Mary Martha auxiliary of the Methodist church will have a Cake and Pie Sale Saturday, February 17, at Patterson's Market.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is improving slowly.

Lena Fay Orsborn has had the measles for the past week.

Misses Essie and Clistine Davis of El Paso were the interesting guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, during the midweek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield motored over and spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield of Sweetwater.

I. N. Brown went to Sweetwater Saturday to visit his wife, who is under treatment of Dr. E. A. Dan, and found Mrs. Brown's condition much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Susie Doan and Mrs. Sam Phillips visited in the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens of Sweetwater Saturday.

Monroe Horton has returned to his home at Temple, Okla., after a two weeks visit with his brother, J. E. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter of Merkel were being attending the bedside of their niece, Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and sons visited with relatives at Abilene Saturday.

Red Melton has been visiting with relatives at Sweetwater the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore of Tye were seen in our midst Saturday.

Mrs. J. Thomas and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Bronte, were week-end guests of the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moore and daughter, Miss Murel, of Castle Peak, visited Saturday in the Jim Moore home.

Elder Witt of Abilene filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday. A nice crowd was in attendance, considering weather conditions.

The conference evangelist delivered an eloquent sermon at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Pat Addison made a business trip to Brownwood the past week.

THE DOLLAR BRIDE

(Continued from Page 3.)

they pressed into her heart, and yet there was a quiver in them; the thrill of his own heart-beats shook them. But his eyes were searching her. She tried to turn them away but she could not, he had a power in his that seemed to hypnotize her. But she saw the flush on his face die out and leave him white.

"God!" he whispered. "I can't lose her—my wife! Nancy—" he raised one hand to her shoulder, touching her white throat; "I'd give my immortal soul to know—that meant you loved me!"

She writhed, dragging herself away from his touch. The very act, hysterical as she was, betrayed her. She hated his touch. He caught his breath, releasing her and rising slowly to his feet. He stood looking down at her.

"You don't love me, Nancy," he said bitterly, "and it's madness, I know it—but I'll make you—I'll risk it; I'll marry you on your own terms, I—" he drew nearer again, looking down at her. "I'm taking you at your word, Nancy; you'll marry me on Monday—anywhere on God's earth—say the word and I'll be there!"

She was glad that he had let her go; she could breathe onw and she remembered. She had to save Roddy—she had to save the Gordon family honor.

"On Monday, Richard." He caught her hands in his, drawing her impetuously toward him again. His deep eyes kindled but she shrank, shivering.

"It's a gamble, Nancy, but I'll do it—I'll make you love me! I—" He lifted her hands and kissed them passionately, first one then the other. "Don't be afraid of me," he felt them shaking. "I'll do anything for you—you want to borrow money? Listen, Nancy, I know you must have some great need of it, but I shall never ask you, never! You can tell me when you're ready, but I shall never ask you one word about it, never question you, I'm going to take you at your word though and marry you on Monday—"

because I'll make you love me, I swear I will! It's Monday then in Washington?"

His voice was low still, but it seemed to reach through space and touch some quivering, pulsating spot in her soul. She tried to rise, dashing tears from her blue eyes, and her lips shook, but she answered, dragging out one word, the word he wanted.

"Yes."

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INSURANCE FOR ELDERLY folks, ages up to 85, \$1,000. Insure today; tomorrow may be too late. It's better to be safe than sorry. J. S. Frederick, Agent, Box 536, Merkel, Texas, Oasis Hotel.

FOR SALE—4 wheel trailer, \$40. "M" System store.

FOR SALE—1932 Ford "4" coach \$300, all cash. R. W. Burnett, Trent, Texas, Box 582.

MY HOME PLACE next block of Baptist church; half cash and half trade. E. Yates Brown.

FOR SALE—Good seed oats, free from Johnson grass. See H. R. Horton, 7 miles north of Merkel.

WANTED

WANTED—Abilene Building and Loan stock; will pay cash. Box 608, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED—To buy your hogs. Wheeler & Vaughn.

WANTED TO BUY or trade an electric Fideco washing machine, nearly new, for a battery radio. Lola Reidenbach, Merkel, Texas, Route 5, or see the washing machine at Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

WANTED—To buy your old furniture; all kinds of repairing done; upholstery work a specialty. J. T. Darsey Furniture Company.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A seed fork between Hobb Robertson's and town. Return to J. M. Garrett.

LOST—Ladies' black kid glove. Notify Mrs. George White. Phone 253.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Ethel M. Thornhill by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the fourth Monday in February, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1933, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1861-B, wherein E. A. Thornhill is plaintiff, and Ethel M. Thornhill is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:
Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about January 4th, 1930, and separated about March, 1931; Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is alleged in his original petition;
Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next term, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 10th day of January, A. D. 1934.
Belle Wellborn, Clerk.
District Court, Taylor County, Texas,
By Zola McRee, Deputy.
(SEAL)

C. A. Cockrell Seeks Office of County Supt.



C. A. COCKRELL.

C. A. Cockrell of Abilene has announced as a candidate for the office of county superintendent. Mr. Cockrell has lived in Abilene for eleven years, coming from Archer county. He has taught school in Taylor, Archer, Throckmorton and Knox counties, principally in country schools. In 1929-30 he was superintendent of the Potosi school. He has been in varied business lines, including merchandising and real estate, in Abilene. He is 53 years old. Mr. Cockrell's formal announcement follows:

"In asking the voters of Taylor county to elect me to the office of county superintendent of schools, I do so fully realizing the responsibilities of the office. I feel that my fifteen years of teaching in the public schools of Texas, from a one-teacher school to superintendent of good high schools, with my business training and experience, well qualifies me for the administration of the office.

"In early life I graduated from the Paris Commercial college of Paris, Texas, and my teacher's college training was taken at the North Texas State Teacher's college, Denton.

"If I should be honored with the office, it shall be my purpose and aim to cooperate and work hand-in-hand with the county board of education, the rural school supervisor, the local boards of trustees, the Parent-Teacher association, and the teachers of the county—ever looking forward to that high ideal and purpose of education, the development of character, the love of good citizenship, and finding our place in life.

"During this transitional era through which we are passing the public school system must keep pace with other great industries of the state by

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We will buy your farm products at highest market price.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER (Re-election.)
BUCK SIBLBY.
PERRY P. DICKINSON.
S. H. McADAMS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
ORLEN HIGGINS.
A. D. FULTON.
CLYDE SHOUSE.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
A. J. CANON, (Re-election.)
L. L. MURRAY.
ANDY SHOUSE.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
GRADY PARMELLY.
C. W. BOYCE.

For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For District Clerk:
BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Supt. of Schools:
M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.)
C. A. COCKRELL.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
JOHN PAYNE, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:
OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.

adjusting itself to the needs of the hour. I believe more emphasis should be placed on teaching our children the importance of doing things as well as knowing facts.

"I assure you, if elected your county superintendent, I shall strive not only to make our schools just a little better but also shall look well to the economical side of the same. I respectfully solicit your support and influence, subject to the action of the democratic primary July 28, 1934.
"C. A. COCKRELL."

COTTONSEED WANTED.

We want to buy your cottonseed or will trade meal and hulls for seed; also want to cull your seed. See Bill Sheppard or C. V. Shelton.

Don't Get Up Nights Lax the Bladder With Juniper Oil, Buchu, Etc.

Drive out the impurities and excess acids that cause irritation, burning and frequent desire. Juniper oil is pleasant to take in the form of BUKETS, the bladder laxative, also containing Buchu leaves, etc. Works on the bladder similar to castor oil on the bowels. Get a 25c box from any drug store. After four days if not relieved of "getting up nights" go back and get your money. If you are bothered with backache or leg pains caused from bladder disorders you are bound to feel better after this cleansing and you get your regular sleep. Merkel Drug Co. says, "Bukets is a best seller."

GOLAN NEWS

Those attending the evangelistic rally in Sweetwater last Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lawlis, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Byrom, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kemp and E. O. Farmer. All report a great meeting.

H. F. Jeffery and J. T. Williams were in Merkel Monday. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lawlis visited in Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webb returned Sunday to their home in Lubbock.

Those present for the quilting Tuesday given by Mrs. W. C. Hill were: Mesdames Lee Eason, Waldo Cox, Joe Winter, James, V. P. Byrom, G. M. Byrom, W. E. Byrom, H. L. McLeod, Ollie Skidmore, Jim Brown, S. L. Hooper, Curley Kinsey, L. C. Williams, Mrs. Phillips of Noodle, and Misses Lula Mae Byrom, Bessie Nell Davis and Beryl Brown. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Doris Winter served a bountiful lunch to those present.

Mr. Touchstone, our commissioner, was out inspecting our roads this week.

L. C. Williams and C. C. Davis were in Anson attending to business Thursday.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

E. N. Morris of Trent has opened a Conoco filling station on the highway in the location just west of S. M. Hunter's battery shop. The station is being given a new coat of paint and the interior worked over.

Friends here will regret to learn that J. K. Fuller is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home in Abilene.

Blake's Dry Cleaners have recently installed additional equipment and

R & R PALACE Sweetwater

Saturday
Laurel and Hardy in "SONS OF THE DESERT"

Sunday-Monday
Kay Francis and Ricardo Cortez in "MANDALAY"

Tuesday-Wednesday
Kay Johnson in "8 GIRLS IN A BOAT"

Thursday-Friday
May Robson in "YOU CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING"

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17
To the soaring Rockies comes a hero sworn to vengeance in Zane Grey's "TO THE LAST MAN" With Randolph Scott, Esther Ralston.

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John Bishop, two and one-half-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, is seriously ill with pneumonia at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium in Abilene, having been a patient in the oxygen tent since Tuesday.

F. J. McCain, who has been critical-

ly ill from the after-effects of the "flu", was reported somewhat better Thursday morning. To be at his bedside four of his children are here: Joe McCain, Quitman; Mrs. J. L. Wilcox, Mineola; Mrs. Verner Barnes, Austin, and Mrs. W. E. Dugger, Hillsboro.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 16 AND 17

Spuds 10 lbs. 25c

APPLES, Winesap, dozen 29c

ORANGES, Sweet Navals, dozen 29c

GRAPE FRUIT Texas, each 5c

LETTUCE head 5c

CABBAGE, pound 2 1-2c

Yams Kiln Dried 5 pounds 17c

CATSUP, R & W, 14 oz. bottle 18c

PRESERVES, R & W, 16 oz. jar, 2 for 45c

JELLY, R & W, 16 oz. jar, 2 for 45c

SOAP Lady Godiva bar 5c

LYE, R & W, 3 cans 25c

WASHO, washing powder, 2 lb. pkg. 22c

OATS 55 oz. pkg. 14c

RAISINS, Seedless, 15 oz. pkg. 9c

SYRUP, B & W, Crystal White, No. 2 1-2 can 19c

FLOUR R & W, 48 lbs. \$1.93
R & W, 24 lbs. 99c
R & W, 12 lbs. 59c

Peaches No. 2 1-2 R & W, can 17c
3 cans 50c

BIRD SEED, R & W, pkg. 12c

BAKING POWDER, Calumet, lb. 25c

MAPLE SYRUP, Log Cabin, pint 25c

GRAPENUT FLAKES, package 10c

SHORTENING, 8 pound carton 50c

Kelloggs 2 pkgs. Corn Flakes 35c
Deal 1 pkg. Rice Krispies 1 pkg. Wheat Flakes

SALT, B & W, package 4c

RICE, choice, 3 pounds 19c

Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c

BACON, sliced, pound 19c

CHEESE Full Cream pound 19c

BRICK CHILI, pound 15c

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BRIDGE GAMES.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig charmingly entertained with bridge games on Wednesday afternoon. Games of contract progressed happily until tea time when the hostess passed a most delectable salad plate to Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ernest Higgins, Dot Gresham, Jack Anderson, George West, Charlie Largent, Edward McCrary, Milton Case, George Caple, Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham and Mary Eula Sears.

JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Sunday, February 11, marked a happy occasion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens, the event being in the nature of a joint celebration of the birthdays of these fine Merkel citizens, Mr. Costephens having been 83 on Saturday, Feb. 10, and Mrs. Costephens 72 on January 6. They have, likewise, been residents of Taylor county more than fifty years.

A real birthday dinner was served at noon, with the honored couple being the recipients of many useful and lovely gifts.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith and sons, Malcolm and Harold, Sonora, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Costephens and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Costephens, Roscoe, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Costephens and daughter, Dorothy, Sweetwater.

This happy day ended with best wishes from all present that "many happy returns of the day" be in store for these two grand old West Texas pioneers.

WILLING WORKERS.

Mrs. L. L. Murray was hostess to members of the Willing Workers class on Tuesday, February 13, carrying out a scheme of Valentine colors in the entertaining rooms.

After the devotional by Mrs. Fannie McConnell and the opening prayer, several songs were given and topics discussed. At the close of the program, the hostess served dainty refreshments to Mesdames W. M. Elliott, J. J. Russell, S. G. Russell, Fannie McConnell, S. A. Derstine, R. A. Walker, W. D. Butler, Will Curb, Marvin Smith and A. A. Baker and Miss Mary Keny.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. L. C. Curb entertained in honor of her daughter, Minnie Lois, on her third birthday. After games were played the guests were called into the dining room where the candles on the cake were lighted and blown out by the little guests. The cake was then cut and served with soda pop.

Those enjoying this happy occasion were her two great-grandmothers, Mrs. J. R. Curb and Mrs. S. F. Martin, her grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Curb, and Lena Joe Fulton, Dwight and Marjorie Dunn, Dorothy Nell Groene, Bobby Nell and J. F. Reagan, Joy Holloway, Jean Caris, Mary Joe Hutchins, Dorothy Nell Lee, Milton Cross, Clifford, Jean and Doris Jane Bull of Abilene, Mrs. Byron Bull and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins.

RURAL SOCIETY

THE BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club will meet with Miss Oelia Hester at 2 p. m. Feb. 22. Some important business will be brought before the meeting and an interesting Washington's program will be given. A quilt block making and quilting contest will furnish amusement. The quilt will be given as a prize to the winner.

Every member is urged to be present and visitors are welcome.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate.

CAKE AND PIE SALE.

The Mary Martha auxiliary of the Methodist church will have a Cake and Pie Sale Saturday, February 17, at Patterson's Market.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

DULL HEADACHES GONE

SIMPLE REMEDY DOES IT
Headaches caused by constipation are gone after one dose of Adlerika. This cleans all poisons out of BOTH upper and lower bowels. Gives better sleep, ends nervousness. Merkel Drug Co.

GOODMAN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

School began this week after being closed to repair and put in new radiators. School was turned out for a two weeks period.

Goodman senior girls entered the basketball tournament last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Brown entertained several friends Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Arnold Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and Mrs. F. Hail were in Merkel shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hail of Golan and Mrs. Edwin Camp and son of Merkel visited in the home of Frank Hail Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of Golan were at Goodman singing Sunday night.

Mrs. Odell Eoff and Mr. and Mrs. Naylor Eoff of Noodle were Goodman visitors Sunday night.

Mrs. N. R. Campbell and Mrs. Bruno Euckert were shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams and family and Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Campbell attended church at Trent Sunday morning.

Among the out-of-community visitors at singing Sunday night were Joe Nalley of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason of Truby.

Due to the fair weather for the past few days farmers are progressing nicely with their farming.

Herschel Riley of Arizona is visiting in our community.

Mrs. Phomroy is pending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Camp, of Merkel.

Misses Audie Phomroy and Augusta Euckert were in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Mashburn was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Lora Hail is having to miss school this week on account of a bad case of tonsillitis.

Ben Bond happened to the misfortune of running his car against his baby child. Thinking he had run over her, he carried the child to the doctor. We hope it was not seriously hurt, but cannot tell yet.

Mrs. N. R. Campbell entertained several friends Monday evening, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Delmer McLeod.

County Honor Roll

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL.

The following pupils were on the honor roll at the White Church school for the past month:

Seventh grade—Fredia Farmer, 96.
Sixth grade—Howard Shugart, 93.
Fifth grade—Homer Tye, Jr., 91; Iur Robinson, 90.

Fourth grade—Madiyn Brown, 91.
Third grade—Deon Brown, 91; Rudolph Farmer, 90.

Primer—Dorothy Jo Weston, 92; Kenneth Hunley, 92.

SALT BRANCH.

Miss Nora Foster, principal, has announced the following pupils on the honor roll for the Salt Branch school:

Third grade—Emma Jean Payne.
Fifth—Francis Harris, Lorena Higgins.

Sixth—Evelyn Garvin.
Seventh—Annie D. Garvin, Hortense Armstrong.

Eighth—Pauline Higgins, Horace Armstrong.

Program Postponed.

A program of sacred music by the Southside Baptist church choir of Abilene under the direction of M. Shaw, which was scheduled for last Sunday at the Salt Branch Baptist church, was postponed until Sunday, February 25.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

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How One Man Lost 22 Pounds

Mr. Herman Runkis of Detroit writes: "A few lines of thanks from a rheumatism sufferer—My first bottle of Kruschen Salts took all of the aches and swelling out of my joints—with my first bottle I went on a diet and lost 22 pounds and now feel like a new man."

To lose fat safely and quickly take one half teaspoonful of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning—an 85c bottle lasts 4 weeks—Get it at any drug store in America.

If not joyfully satisfied after the first bottle—money back.

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School 9:45. Last Sunday was a very bad day and the attendance was cut short, but we hope that next Sunday will be a fine day and that you will find yourself back at Sunday School. When you miss a Sunday, you miss one of the good lessons that we have—so come next Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Great Commission."

The young people will meet at 6:30 in their programs and you are invited. We hope that you will attend these programs.

Preaching at 7:15 p. m. Come to the evening service; you will enjoy it.

W. M. societies will meet at their usual hours Monday afternoon. Children's World club will meet at 4 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. You will find a friendly welcome. Everyone is urged to be on time and with a prepared lesson.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our attendance was off some Sunday on account of bad weather but the ones who were there were fully repaid by hearing Brother Joyner preach on "Christian Experiences," taken from the 20th chapter of John.

Tuesday evening the adult department had a banquet at the church. Dean Wiggins of Simmons university made an address.

There will be a study course taught at the church beginning Monday, Feb. 19. There will be five classes taught, one by Brother Joyner and one by Tom Riddle and three by Simmons students. Our church has needed something like this for sometime and we hope to have a large attendance.

We want to urge all members of our church to attend prayer meeting. We had an attendance of about one hundred last Wednesday night and it was truly good to be there. Brother Joyner brings us a wonderful lesson each Wednesday night. Come and join us.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Bible study. The pastor will bring the lesson from the 14th chapter of Revelations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The weather proving disagreeably cold the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was cut to only 469. This compares with 771 on the previous Sunday and with 773 on the same Sunday a year ago.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Monday night, Feb. 12, closed our first unit of the teachers' training course, conducted by Rev. F. O. Parr, of Abilene. We had eleven enrolled; seven of that number received credits. Certificates of promotion were issued to the following: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wills, Mrs. Ruby Neal, Miss Callahan,

Mrs. Annie Brown, Mrs. Mayhall and the writer.

We are expecting a great Sunday School in the near future and say, folks, if you are not attending Sunday School anywhere else, you belong in our school and we want you to attend every Sunday. And you young people could do no better than to join our N. Y. F. S. Good programs every Sunday night. We urge you to come and be with us.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. F. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Singing Tuesday night at 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study Lord's day 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Young People's 5 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. and a 30 minute Bible study Wednesday evening followed by sermon by one of the young A. C. C. preachers.

Subject for 11 a. m. Lord's day, "The Church in Philadelphia;" at 7:30 p. m. "The Great Commission." A welcome awaits all who come.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The daily prayer meeting from house to house is still growing in interest and the attendance is fine.

Sunday night Brother McConnell will sing "The Model Church." I wish everybody in town could hear him sing that song. The sermon will be on "The Model Church."

A revival spirit is sweeping our church. The Lord is good and is blessing us. Blessed be the name of the Lord. I praise the Lord for the fine Christian spirit among our young people.

That Chevrolet is still ahead, but look out, that Ford will move forward Sunday. 32 Bibles are on their way. So fill your calendar and bring it in Sunday and you will be entitled to a Bible.

We want every member to be present at Bible School Sunday.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

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Pork & Beans 16 oz. 5c

Nice and Tender—Fresh Beans, 2 lbs. 25c	Seedless Grape Fruit 5c
Large Firm Heads	Stayman's Winesap
Lettuce, each 5c	Apples, 2 doz. 25c
Jumbo Size	Large Bunches
Celery, stalk 15c	Beets, each 5c
Firm and Green Heads	Large Bunches
Cabbage, lb. 3c	Carrots 5c

Cocoa Our Mothers 2 Pound Box 20c

Pickles Sour or Dills Quart Jar 20c

Flour

48 Pounds

Yukon Best \$1.90	Crackers Excel Saltines 2 lbs. 21c
Honest Abe \$1.90	
Light Crust \$1.95	
Queen of West \$1.75	
Canadian Rose \$1.65	

CHILI 1 lb. Brick 15c

Peanut Butter 2 lb. Qt. Jar 27c

Apple Butter 38 Oz. Qt. Jar 19c

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