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## BANKHEAD BILL AWAITS SIGNING TO BECOME LAW

### Compulsory Crop Control Started: Cotton Quotas to be Fixed By States and Counties for the Present Season.

Washington, April 19.—The administration today has final approval by congress to begin its first experiment with compulsory crop control.

By 235 to 105 the house approved the conference report on the Bankhead cotton production control bill and completed congressional action on the measure. President Roosevelt is expected to sign the bill soon.

The bill limits the 1934 cotton crop to 10,000,000 bales. A tax of 50 per cent of the current market price is to be assessed on all cotton produced in excess of the 10,000,000 bales.

Agricultural adjustment administration officials estimate voluntary agreements already signed by farmers will hold this year's crop to between 9,500,000 and 10,000,000 bales. They view the Bankhead bill chiefly as providing a means for curbing production by the comparatively few cotton farmers who have not signed voluntary agreements.

Under the bill the agriculture department will fix state cotton quotas. These quotas are to be re-allotted to counties by state boards and in turn amounts will be assigned to individual farmers by county boards. A similar quota system already has been set up under the voluntary plan and little difficulty is expected in adjusting this machinery to the new plan.

While existing AAA production control machinery will absorb administrative responsibilities, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace does not relish the new duty which congress has delegated to him. He gave the Bankhead bill half-hearted endorsement only after favorable sentiment toward it became unmistakable in the cotton belt.

## Promoted to Position Of Manager at Hugo

Friends of Raymond Neal, former local manager of the Community Natural Gas company, will be glad to learn of his promotion to the position of manager of the company's office in Hugo, Okla.

For the past several months he has been employed in the Sweetwater office.

## Attend Red & White Banquet.

One hundred and three members and employees of Red and White stores in the Abilene district attended a special banquet and program held Tuesday night at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Peters of this city.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 17, 1914.)

### INSTINCT OF A HORSE.

Monday night the pony "White Fan" from the Daniel Livery stable loosed itself in Trent and started home with the buggy and made the trip in good walking time arriving here unusually calm and with the buggy in good condition. The driver, C. P. Stevens, started walking to Merkel from Trent as soon as he learned the horse was loose, expecting to find the buggy torn up and the horse probably injured but arrived here to find his charge safe.

### EASTER PARTY.

Little Miss Christine Collins celebrated her thirteenth birthday Saturday afternoon at her home on Bettis Heights. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated in yellow and white. The score cards were hand-painted. The Easter lily was given preference in thus carrying out the Easter theme. After the guests had been greeted and while they were happily engaged in various games Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin were concealing Easter eggs on the lawn which were afterward found by the guests. They were then invited into the dining room which had been darkened for the occasion; yellow and white streamers radiated from the ceiling to the

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Ten new civilian conservation corp camps will be located in Texas this year, making a total of 1,468 in the United States.

Lloyd Rippetoe, truck driver's helper, was burned to death near Killgore Monday when his truck turned over after being sideswiped by another car and he was trapped in the cab.

Silliman Evans, former Texan, has announced his resignation as fourth assistant postmaster general to become executive vicepresident of the Maryland Casualty company of Baltimore.

A man identified as the bandit who shot four persons in a downtown El Paso holdup at noon Tuesday was shot and killed by police later in the day, when he refused to stop at the order of the police.

The war department has announced the award of a soldier's medal to Capt. James W. Kendrick, infantry reserve of Waco, for bravery in rescuing a number of CCC men from a wrecked truck near Stephenville, Nov. 24, last.

At the closing session of the State Baptist Sunday School convention at Fort Worth, Houston was chosen as the 1935 meeting place and Rev. H. E. Fowler of Dallas was elected president to succeed Rev. Robert H. Coleman, also of Dallas.

Two robbers, who forced the president and cashier of the Willis State bank to sit on the floor of the vault while they were sacking available cash, escaped with more than \$300. This was the fourth time the Willis bank had been looted.

During the first three months of the current year passenger car registrations in fifteen Texas counties, representing all parts of the state, amounted to 9,634 cars against 5,850 cars during the corresponding period last year, a gain of 65 per cent.

Jolly Garner, 48, brother of Vice-President John Garner and employed in the customs service at El Paso as a mounted guard against rum smugglers, Saturday night was victim of his own hand, shooting himself in the mouth with an automatic pistol.

Little 3-year-old Ann McConnell, who with her mother, Mrs. Mack McConnell, of Memphis, Tenn., was visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Johnson, Houston, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile as she attempted to cross a street in front of the Johnson home.

Police at Oklahoma City were successful Tuesday night in trapping two of the alleged robbers who figured in the holdup of the transcontinental bus near Weatherford last week, one of them, David Stovall, with several aliases, being shot probably fatally. The other man captured was Elmer Green.

## Storm Unroofs Barns, Other Minor Damage

A wind and sandstorm that swooped down upon this city about 8:30 Tuesday morning unroofed several barns and outhouses, laid low four windmills and blew down five poles for the West Texas Utility company and one telephone pole. Window panes were blown out in several homes.

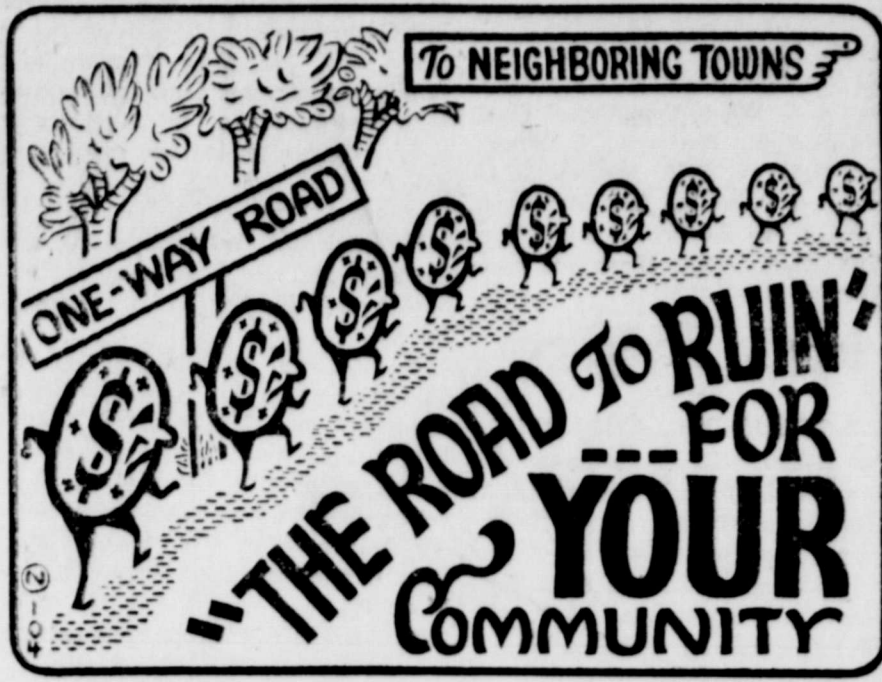
From Tuesday to Thursday morning, rains at intervals have furnished 1 1/8 inches additional ground moisture, bringing the total for the year so far to 6 1/4 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

### Upstairs Room Finished.

By the end of the week it is expected that the work of finishing for occupancy the upstairs rooms of the Woodrum home on the site of the former Woodrum hotel will be completed, space for four rooms upstairs having been provided in the original building plans. The Woodrums occupied their new home on November first of last year.

### In Charge of Corner Garage.

Returning from Carlsbad, N. M., Paul Stanford assumed charge of the Corner Garage Filling station last week. He and Curley London will be associated together under the firm name of Corner Garage, operating both the filling station and a general auto repair shop.



## DEATH CLAIMS TRENT FARMER

### Funeral Services Held Wednesday Afternoon for W. F. Steadman Victim of Pneumonia.

W. F. Steadman, highly respected farmer, who had lived for 29 years on the same place about one mile south-east of Trent, died at 7:15 Tuesday night at an Abilene sanitarium, death resulting from pneumonia and complications. He had entered the hospital about a week before.

Funeral services, conducted by Elder W. G. Cyper of Merkel, were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ at Trent, with interment in the Trent cemetery.

Mr. Steadman was a native Texan, having been born in Tarrant county Feb. 3, 1887. He was married in Sweetwater in the month of December, 1910, to Miss Asha Gafford, who with three children, two sons and a daughter, survive him. The children are Mildred, Foy and Kirby. Three brothers, H. M. Steadman, Bonham, C. C. Steadman, Cedar Hill, and C. S. Steadman, McAlester, Okla. all of whom were present when he died, also survive.

Mr. Steadman, while farming principally, had devoted considerable time to the carpenter trade.

## 42nd District Grand Jury Brings 10 Counts

Returning a batch of 10 indictments, the grand jury in 42nd district court, which was impaneled by Judge M. S. Long Monday morning, recessed Wednesday afternoon.

S. C. Parnell of Lawn is foreman of the body and Herbert Patterson, secretary. Other members are: J. J. Toombs, Merkel; H. B. Williams, Tuscola; L. A. Sadler, Abilene; Whit Ritchie, Merkel; Johnnie Woodward, Trent; C. J. Smith, Buffalo Gap; C. M. Presley, Abilene; A. M. Hinds, Tye; H. C. Brown, Shep, and Wayne Hunt, Bradshaw.

## Sister of Two Merkel Men Dies in Abilene

Mrs. S. A. White, 81, native Texan, who died at 7:40 Sunday evening at her home in Abilene, was a sister of Messrs. H. F. and R. S. Darden and an aunt of Miss Josie Hogan and Fine Hogan, all well known in the Merkel territory.

She was also the mother of Miss Mae White, who taught in the Merkel schools a number of years ago.

The body of Mrs. White was carried overland to Clifton for burial there Monday afternoon beside the grave of her husband, who died many years ago.

## Two Merkel Girls on McMurry Honor Roll

Two students from Merkel, Eleanor Mae Hamilton and Margarette Turner, were named on the honor roll of McMurry college at the close of the mid-semester examinations. Miss Turner, a member of the Sophomore class, had a total of 54 grade points. Miss Hamilton, who is a junior, made a total of 60 grade points.

In order to be on the honor roll a student must rank among the upper tenth of the student body according to grade points.

## FUNERAL HELD FOR PIONEER

### Uncle Bob Hannah, Resident of This Area for 41 Years, Passes Away at Age 83.

R. J. (Uncle Bob) Hannah, 83, who had been a resident of Merkel and this area for over 41 years, died Friday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Provine, here after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. P. H. Gates, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. F. Click, of Sweetwater, former pastor of the Blair church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. The pall bearers were: W. P. Moore, W. T. McAninch, T. O. Lackey, S. G. Russell, John Hughes and E. J. Osborne.

R. J. Hannah was born Oct. 4, 1850, in Campbellsville, Tenn., and was married to Miss Susan English November 18, 1873. Of the ten children born to this union only three survive: Mrs. Mary E. Provine and I. W. Hannah, Merkel, and T. D. Hannah, Barksdale. 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren also survive. His wife died in 1921.

One of the oldest settlers in Taylor county, Mr. Hannah farmed in the Blair community for many years, coming to Merkel to make his home about 5 years ago. He was converted at the age of 35 and had been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for 48 years.

## Death Claims Little Bobbie Jack Reynolds

Bobbie Jack Reynolds, little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Reynolds and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless, died suddenly Wednesday night.

Funeral services were to be held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the graveside in Rose Hill.

The bereaved parents and grandparents have the heartfelt sympathy of a large number of friends in their sad bereavement.

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## LOCAL MERCHANTS LAUNCH TRADE EXTENSION PROGRAM WITH ATTRACTIVE EVENTS

### G. B. BROWN TO BE BURIED HERE

#### Former Prominent Cotton Gin Man Passes Away at Anson Early Thursday.

Word was received here Thursday morning of the death of G. B. Brown, formerly in the gin business here, who passed away at 6:30 a. m.

Funeral services are to be held at his home at Anson at 9:30 Friday morning, after which the body will be brought here for interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Brown is survived by four children: Dewey Brown, Quannah; Bill Brown, El Paso, and G. B. Brown and Miss Tinnie Brown, Anson.

### Mrs. I. N. Brown Dies After Lengthy Illness

After a lengthy illness, borne with true Christian patience, Mrs. I. N. Brown died at 5:30 Tuesday morning at her home in Blair.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church there, conducted by Rev. Jake Richardson, Primitive Baptist pastor from Bronte, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Brown is survived by seven children: Charles Brown, Post; Mrs. Etta Warren, Baird; Mrs. Lola Barnes, Merkel, and Luther, Ruby, Christine and Jessie Merle Brown, who lived with their parents.

### Play at Goodman.

The Goodman P. T. A. are sponsoring a play, "Wild Ginger," Friday night of this week, beginning at 8:30. There will be no admission charge. Everyone is invited.

### Mass Meeting Attended by 119 Representative Business Men; Committees to Outline Schedule of Promising Features.

Initial steps for the organization of a concerted effort by the business and profession men of Merkel to promote more trade for merchants in this town were taken at a general mass meeting held Monday night at the Queen theatre here. The register of those in attendance showed 119 representative business men and women and professional men present.

At this time Booth Warren, as temporary chairman, outlined practical ways of holding and stimulating business through a series of activities to be worked out and announced in definite shape at a later meeting. C. J. Glover, Jr., was named temporary secretary.

It was the sense of the meeting, un-animously expressed, that a permanent organization should be formed with this purpose in mind, and a nominating committee was appointed to select committees to start actively at work. This committee, consisting of three men, was Dee Grimes, chairman, Dr. W. T. Sadler and O. R. Dye.

While they were preparing their report, enthusiastic talks with suggestions that indicated a great deal of thought had already been given to the plan were made by Sie Hamm, C. K. Russell, D. H. Vaughn, T. G. Bragg, Roy Reid, W. I. Peters, Herbert Patterson, John R. West, Allen McGehee, Nathan Wood, Dr. M. Armstrong, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Eli Case, Tyre Sublett, Yates Brown, Charlie Jones and others.

The chairman asked the privilege of extending thanks of those who had been instrumental in calling the mass meeting to George Caple of The Mail for the result-getting invitation card, also to S. P. Nesmith, manager of the (Continued on Page 2.)

## THE BOOK

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

### BEGINNING OF THE END.

The beginning of the end of the Jewish nation. All of this took place around 1000 B. C., which is a useful date to remember in connection with David and Solomon. From the death of Solomon until 586 B. C., when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians, the history of the two little kingdoms is a sad tale of intrigue, sinfulness, bad management and steady decline. Sometimes the kingdoms fought and sometimes they were allies. In periods of peace the crown prince of one kingdom was usually named after the reigning monarch of the other, so that the record in the Book of Kings is confusing enough to the average reader. You get the gist of it in verses like these:

In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah (the smaller kingdom) began Omri to reign over Israel (the larger) . . . But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord and did worse than all that were before him. . . Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. . . And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him.

Each king, you see, excelled his predecessor in wickedness and incompetence. We have no time for them in this rapid survey except for a single glance at two of the most dramatic figures—Jezebel, the strong-minded old queen, and Jehu, who slew her. Jezebel was a princess of the proud kingdom of Tyre, and when Ahab, king of Israel, married her, he thought he had achieved a great diplomatic victory. As Queen Mother, Jezebel's powerful influence lasted after the death of her husband and throughout the reign of her son Joram, king of Israel, and Azariah her son-in-law, who was king in Jerusalem. Attaliah was another Jezebel and dominated Jerusalem as the mother did Samaria. Jehu was a kind of Cromwell, stern, bloody, unmerciful. He killed both Kings Joram and Azariah, and raced back to the capital to make away with Jezebel and all the members of the royal family. When Jehu started for a place he arrived in a hurry.

The driving is like the driving of Jehu son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously. Jezebel could have fled, but her queenly pride scorned such cowardice. Instead, she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

When Jehu drove through the streets she taunted him as a dog who had slain his master. And Jehu lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses; and he trode her under foot. With such edifying spectacles the record is thickly dotted.

Next Week: Always a Righteous Man.



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EVERYDAY PHILOSOPHY.  
When you make a serious mistake,  
do you worry about it long afterwards,  
worry? Just forge ahead with  
greater determination and remember  
that a worm and a snake are the only  
things that can't fall down.

No subject of conversation is so boring  
to parents as the boasts of other  
parents about the accomplishments of  
their children.

Advertise! Make a noise, even a  
baby does.

—Observant Reader.

PERSONALS

Miss Martha Bird was home from  
Graham for the week-end.

Mrs. S. Young had as her recent  
guest her sister, Mrs. C. W. Blacklock,  
of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene  
were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and  
Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Miss Agnes Odom of Eastland is  
the guest of her friends, Miss Blanche  
Simmons and Mrs. Warren Hig-  
gins.

Robert Mauldin, stationed with the  
coast guard at Port Aransas, is here  
on a vacation visit with his mother,  
Mrs. G. F. Woods.

Mrs. Algie Daniels and little daughter,  
Patsy Ruth, of Port Worth,  
were week-end visitors with her mother,  
Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Misses Ethel Hamilton and Duncan  
Briggs, accompanied by Tommie Jones  
went to Stephenville for a week-end  
visit with Miss Mildred Richardson.

W. R. Hampton, former Merkel  
resident and now living with his daughter  
at Post, was here a few days  
the first of the week greeting old  
friends.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens and son, also  
Mrs. Dan Reidenbach and children,  
David and Billie, spent the week-end  
in Hamlin visiting Mrs. G. L. Mc-  
Cracken.

After a visit of several weeks here  
with their daughter and son-in-law,  
Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Mr. and  
Mrs. Robert Terrell returned Wednes-  
day to their home in Xenia, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker and daughter,  
Miss Edith Baker, made a recent  
visit with Mrs. Baker's parents at  
Thalia. Mr. Baker and Miss Edith  
went on to Chillicothe to see Rev. I. L.  
Parrack.

Due to a fall, in which several ribs  
were cracked, Raymond Earthman,  
who was recently appointed to the as-  
sistant-managership of the Woolworth  
store in San Antonio, has come home  
to recuperate.

After a visit with their daughter  
and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L.  
Duffer, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. McAlester  
of Seminole, Okla., joined by Mrs.  
Duffer, left Tuesday for a trip to  
Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

Trade Extension

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Queen theatre for the use of the  
house.

The following committees, which  
were appointed by the mass meeting,  
will report at a second meeting to be  
held at the Queen theatre Monday  
night, April 23:

Permanent organization: C. J. Glover,  
Jr., chairman; S. D. Gamble, A. T.  
Sheppard, Olin Lusby, J. O. Pearson.

Produce: H. C. West, chairman; T. G.  
Bragg, W. I. Peters, Roy Reid, Nathan  
Wood, E. B. Wallace.

Finance: Booth Warren, chairman;  
Dub Diltz, Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes,  
W. O. Boney.

Rodeo: W. E. Lowe, chairman; Sie  
Hamm, Jake Massey, W. S. J. Brown,  
C. K. Russell.

Baseball: Jim Cook, chairman; L. J.  
Renfro, Frank Golladay, Charles  
Jones, J. Parker Sharp, Warren Hig-  
gins.

Grounds: John West, chairman; W. E.  
Lowe, Jake Massey, Chas. Jones,  
Jim Cook.

Social trades day events: Tom  
Allday, chairman; Max Mellinger, C. J.  
Glover, Yates Brown, W. B. Petty,  
Tracy Campbell.

See me for gasoline, kerosene and  
oils. L. K. Mayfield, Merkel. Phone 2.

Office supplies—Mall office.  
Mail want ads pay dividends.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Laura Howell, who is teaching  
at Stamper, was a week-end guest in  
the J. E. Bowers home.

Mrs. J. F. Abernathy returned last  
Friday from a visit of several days in  
the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L.  
Simmons, of Lubbock.

Mrs. J. G. Hamner and Cecil  
McRee left Friday for Norman, Okla.,  
where they plan to visit relatives of  
Mrs. McRee for ten days or more.

Mrs. Ernest Nemir had as her guest  
last week her mother, Mrs. Gordon, of  
Roscoe.

Miss Helen Bright, who is attending  
Draughon's Business college at Abi-  
lene, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and grand-  
son, Jimmie Tittsworth, spent several  
days last week visiting their sons,  
Frank and Ellis Smith, near Lubbock.  
They were accompanied by Mrs. Henry  
Ogletree and little son, Smythie.

Mrs. Copeland of Lorraine, who has  
been visiting with her daughters, Mrs.  
Adrian and Mrs. Swann, has gone to  
Colorado for a visit with her daughter  
there, Mrs. Lon Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughter  
made a trip to Ireland last  
week-end to visit with Mrs. Scott's  
sister, Mrs. Chamlee. On their return  
they were accompanied by Mrs. Scott's  
father, Mr. Adams, who will visit with  
them an indefinite time.

Little James Bright is suffering  
from a broken arm this week.

Jack Bowers of Abilene High spent  
the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian and daughter,  
Margery, accompanied by the  
former's brother, M. L. Adrian, of  
Colorado, last Sunday attended the an-  
nual home-coming of the Adrian fam-  
ily, which was held at the home of  
their mother, Mrs. Adrian, of Elk  
City. The occasion was in honor of her  
84th birthday, which was a very hap-  
py one. On their trip Mr. and Mrs.  
Adrian also visited with their daughter,  
Mrs. Garnet Wilkes, who lives at  
Canute, Okla., and who will be remem-  
bered as Miss Lucille Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright are  
visiting relatives at Longworth this  
week.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy visited  
with her mother, Mrs. Parker, of  
Stanton, last week.

Miss Medeah Rawlings of McMurry  
returned to school this week after  
spending a few days at home with a  
case of "flu."

M. G. Scott, Ben Howell, W. A.  
Wood and Joe Boone and their fam-  
ilies attended the banquet at the Wooten  
hotel last Tuesday night.

JOHNSON-WASH.

On Saturday evening, April 14, at  
7:30 at the bride's home, nuptial rit-  
es were said uniting Miss Fama  
Maude Johnson and Mr. Harold D.  
Wash in the holy bonds of matrimony.  
The ring ceremony was read by Rev.  
E. C. Dowell of Merkel.

Only the immediate families were  
present, with Dr. O. C. Watson and  
wife and Miss Johnnie Watson of  
Sweetwater. Miss Dollie Wash, sister  
of the groom, was the bride's only at-  
tendant, Johnnie Terry being best  
man. Miss Watson sang "Little Girl  
of My Dreams."

The bride wore a lovely frock of  
blue crepe with white accessories. The  
attendant was attired in white.

Miss Johnson, the charming daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson,  
finished in the Trent High school with  
the class of 1930, later attending  
Randolph Junior college where she  
finished in 1932.

The groom is the son of Mr. and  
Mrs. A. C. Wash and is employed with  
the Stanolind Oil and Gas company  
at Hamlin.

Immediately after the ceremony  
cake and punch were served with Dr.  
O. C. Watson as toastmaster. The  
bride and groom then left for Abilene

where they spent the night at the Hil-  
ton. Mr. and Mrs. Wash will be at home  
in Hamlin after April 23.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Miss Fama Maude Johnson and  
Mrs. W. L. McLeod entertained the  
Home Demonstration club with an all-  
day quilting affair on Wednesday,  
April 11. Each member brought a cov-  
ered dish. Those present were Mes-  
dames A. C. Wash, Tom Vessel, Mag-  
gie Walker, Ed Burks, A. W. Woods,  
Henry Ogletree, T. L. Stevens, T. G.  
Hamner, C. C. McRee, L. Z. Tittsworth,  
Perkins, Cleve Johnson, Johnnie Ter-  
ry and Misses Dollie Wash and Fan-  
nie Vessel.

RURAL SOCIETY

ESKOTA H. D. C. MEETING.  
The Eskota Home Demonstration  
club will meet at the home of Mrs. A.  
E. Bullard on Tuesday, April 24, at  
10 a. m. Foundation patterns will be  
cut for the members. Lydia Bullard  
will give a demonstration of making  
angel food cake after the noon hour.  
Everyone interested is invited to  
come and bring a covered dish for lunch.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met in the home  
of Mrs. Roy Harrell, with Mrs. Luth-  
er Land as hostess, on Thursday after-  
noon, April 12. With Mrs. H. B. Rob-  
ertson, the president in charge, roll  
call was answered by household hints.  
The club voted to make and sell a  
quilt in order to get funds to send one  
or more representatives to the Farm-  
ers Short Course at A. & M. college.  
Mrs. Dwiggin of Merkel demon-  
strated the making of an angel food cake.

The following members were pres-  
ent: Mesdames W. E. Petty, F. L.  
Castleberry, Clint Allen, Roy Harrell,  
H. B. Robertson, Nim Teaff, Misses  
Celia Hester and Ruth Pinckley and  
the hostess. The following were vis-  
itors: Mrs. Joe Higgins, Mrs. Mack  
Buzbee, Mrs. Ewell Allen, Mrs. Hous-  
ton Robertson, Mrs. Dwiggin and  
Mrs. Ellis Harris.

The next meeting will be with Mrs.  
H. B. Robertson April 26. At that  
time Miss Chambers will demon-  
strate the making of jelly roll. The dresser  
scarf contest will also be held at that  
time.

MEETING PLACE CHANGED.

The meeting of the Union Ridge  
Home Demonstration club, which was  
to have been held in the home of Mrs.  
Fred Guitar on Friday, April 20, has  
been changed to the home of Mrs. W.  
A. Harris.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of San Jacinto Day, the  
undersigned banks will remain closed  
all day Saturday, April 21. Customers  
will please take notice and make their  
arrangements accordingly.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK.  
THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

Elka pictures are better. Bring us  
your films and negatives. Sie Hamm  
Drug Co.

See me for gasoline, kerosene and  
oils. L. K. Mayfield, Merkel. Phone 2.

A run-down system invites disease.  
Try a bottle of Nuxferone. Clears the  
complexion, produces restful sleep,  
appetite, renewed strength. Sie Hamm  
Drug Co.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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Your floors. We have new elec-  
tric polisher for rent. Have plenty  
floor wax on hand.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Dr. Dooly, whose health has been  
bad for several months, has gone to  
Laredo to enter a sanitarium there.  
We join his many friends in hoping  
for an early recovery.

Several from here attended the fun-  
eral services of Uncle Bobbie Hannah  
last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn and  
family and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ors-  
born motored over to Sweetwater  
Sunday and attended the family re-  
union in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.  
T. Scott, sister of the Orsborns.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mathews and  
daughter of Trent visited one day re-  
cently with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie  
Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Rogers and pretty  
daughter of Snyder were the inter-  
esting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest  
Rogers and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and sons  
returned home Tuesday after attend-  
ing the funeral of Mrs. Russell's moth-  
er, Grandmother White, in Abilene  
Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer and  
son, J. H., of Snyder, visited with the  
latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim  
Campbell, last week-end.

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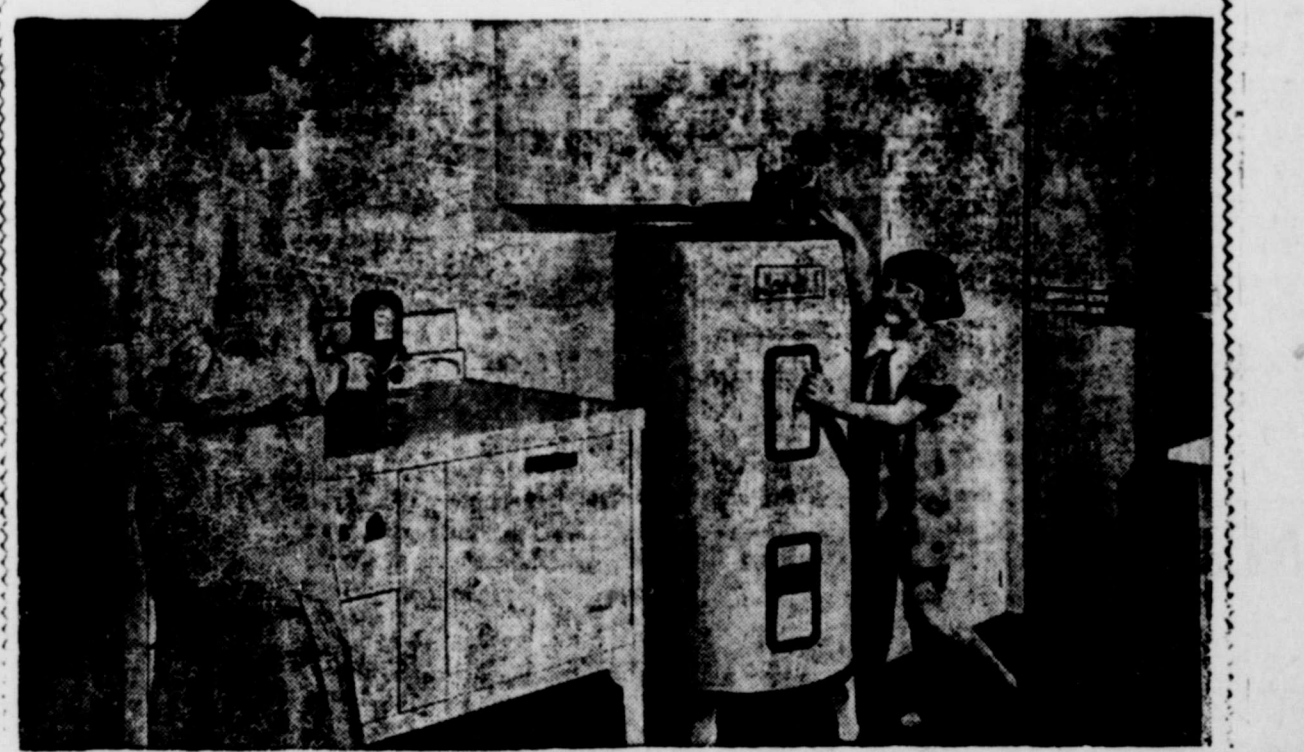
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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

## SHANNON WINS MILE IN TRACK MEET SATURDAY

Shannon, crack miler of district 5, won an easy race from a field of slow milers. Shannon ran the mile in 4:46-2, 10 seconds better than last year's district time. Shannon had hard luck in getting a good lane as he drew inside lane on the second row and that way he was boxed in for about half a lap. We think that he could have set a new district record had he drawn a lane on the front row.

Shannon will compete with milers from San Angelo, Breckenridge, Brownwood and Sweetwater districts. Shannon will have to run against the same fellow who won at the Stock Show meet.

## TOMFOOLERY

David: "Do you believe in hereditry?"  
Kennedy: "Absolutely! That's how I got all my money."

A palmist seems to devote so little thought to his work—he always gives his opinions off-hand.

Then there was the guy who had a dirty joke tattooed on his forehead—and was his face read!

Mrs. Washington: "You better watch the cherry trees this morning."  
Mr. Washington: "Why so?"  
Mrs. W.: "Little George has a hacking cough."

**SCHOOL HOUSE GOSSIP.**  
Did you know Truett Patterson is going to wear an evening dress to the banquet?  
Billy Gardner has a new nickname. If you wish to know what it is, go to Sweetwater and enquire.

## The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '34—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

**The Staff:**  
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Assistant Editor—Helen Joyner.  
Society Editor—Billy Gardner.  
Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.  
Joke Editor—Jack West.

## NO ITALL Free Air

Dear No Itall:  
Please tell me what to do for the itch.  
Yours truly,  
Wanda Hunter.

Dear Wanda:  
The best thing to do is to scratch it.  
Sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Why can't I get a date to the banquet?  
Your friend,  
A troubled Junior.

Dear Troubled Junior:  
Even your best friends won't tell you, but get some Listerine by all means.  
Urgently,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Could you tell me the difference between the front and the back of a De Soto?  
Sincerely,  
Billie Gardner.

Dear Billie:  
One is spelled f-r-o-n-t while the other is spelled b-a-c-k.  
Sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Could you tell me the name of a play I would like? I am very hard to please. I want something funny and romantic especially.  
Yours,  
A Stude.

Dear Stude:  
Certainly, "Boots and Her Buddies."  
Yours sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Is it possible to make two mountains without putting a valley between them?  
Yours,  
R. D. Hunter.

Dear R. D.:  
Yes. First you will make two valleys without a mountain between them; then make two mountains with three valleys between them; then make three valleys with two mountains between them. Last, make a series of twelve valleys and six mountains. By this time you will have used up all your valleys and you will then make the

## Senior Play, "Boots And Her Buddies" on Friday, April 27th

The Senior play this year is said to be the best in history. And it not only is said to be but it is. The secret of its success is that it is the kind of play anyone will like.

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"When Man Plays Maiden," there's bound to be something happening every minute, and especially if he tries to chaperon his sweetheart.

Only one week away—it's worth the admission to see David Gamble dressed like a lady! Don't fail to be there Friday night, April 27.

Yours sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
How can Eula D. Sumpter make a certain little boy over at Goodman know she likes him?  
Another No Itall.

Dear Another No Itall:  
Speech is man's only means of communication.  
Yours sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Why is it that I feel so funny after swallowing about a pint of gasoline?  
Yours,  
Sarah.

Dear Sarah:  
This sensation is probably caused by the motion of the gasoline in seeking for you.  
Yours sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Another gal has stolen my feller. What can I do about it?  
A troubled friend,  
Annie Lee DuBose.

Dear Annie Lee:  
Send her your heart-felt sympathy.  
Sincerely,  
No Itall.

Dear No Itall:  
Is Friday 13 an unlucky day?  
Yours,  
Robert Malone.

Dear Robert:  
Yes, if you don't think so, just ask Sarah Sheppard.  
Sincerely,  
No Itall.

## OUR SENIORS

MARGARET MILLER, POST-GRADUATE.

Margaret decided that she didn't learn enough last year, so she came back to see what else she could learn at old M. H. S. With her pretty brown hair and friendly ways, we shall never forget her. She helps us out a great deal this year as she is the pianist for both the Choral and Glee clubs. We don't know what we'll do without her next year. Here's wishing you much happiness and success all during your life, Margaret.

**CHAPEL PROGRAM.**  
On Tuesday, April 10, chapel was held at the regular hour. At the beginning of the program the winning contestants of county and district meets were recognized, and several announcements were made.

The speaker was Dean Boswell of McMurry. His talk consisted of a summary of the history of Texas high schools. He began with the first so-called high school and traced the development of the schools up to the present system.

**ASK:**  
Shannon how he came to win. Vondel how it feels to be a girl. Betty what she wanted to drink Saturday.  
L. V. if he likes fish. Smitty who his twin brother is. Bud what he found out Saturday. Sarah who her date is. Billie if it's David she likes or the small of fish. Jack if he were tardy. Sylvan and Junior if they wanted to join the movies and the Frankenstein.

**SCHOOL HOUSE GOSSIP.**  
Helen thinks she can ride a horse better now—ask her why.  
Aline's weight is all on her feet. People are wondering who Mary Helen M. thinks is the sweetest girl in school.  
Bessylee C. says she isn't "obligated" to any one for a date to the banquet.  
A. C. is expecting something. Could it be a date to the banquet?  
Ask Clara Frances why it is rather difficult for her to walk.  
Wanda doesn't seem to have any influence over Anna Lou C.  
A certain blonde-headed boy, his mother calls him "Bussie," has a new crush on a "certain" brunette.

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## ESKOTA NEWS

There are several on our sick list again this week; measles seems to be the most popular cause. Those ill are: Floyd Patton, Roberta and Ouida Johnston, Billy Knox, Belva May Trent, Billy Kiser, John Anderson, J. M. and Olsby Mathews, Billie Dodson and Herbie Fay Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and son, Donnie Vearl, and Mrs. D. I. Trent were in Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. L. H. Utley was called to the bedside of her father at Amarillo again Thursday. She was accompanied by Chester Kiser, Mrs. R. G. Brazelton and Glen and Mattie and Jackie Utley. Mrs. Utley remained at Amarillo, while the others returned Saturday night. They report her father's condition as being very serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnston attended to business at Happy, Texas, over the week-end.

Feda Dodson of Post visited friends and relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kiser and children visited Mrs. C. E. Kiser of Stamper a few days last week.

Brother Shelby of Abilene filled his appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.

The singing was well attended Sunday afternoon, taking into consideration the rain and muddy roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee and small son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Mathews, of this place.

(Omitted Last Week.)  
There are several cases of measles and roseola here. Included among those who are sick or just recovering are Herbie Fay Johnston, Carl Knox, Homer and Albert Blankenship, Jeff

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and Tom Anderson and Mrs. Herbert Johnston.

The singing school closed here Friday night. Several singers from other communities were here and everyone enjoyed the good singing very much.

Chester and Albert Kiser and Clayton Nichols accompanied their mother, Mrs. L. H. Utley, to the bedside of her father, Mr. Chapman Franklin at Amarillo Saturday. They returned Monday night and report that Mr. Franklin is greatly improved.

Mrs. Albert Kiser and children have been visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brazelton for the past few days.

Mrs. D. I. Trent and Mrs. Lucy Vickers were in Sweetwater Monday afternoon.

The Woman's Home Demonstration club play has been postponed until April 26 on account of the measles.

Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Donnie Vearl spent a few days last week in the L. H. Utley home.

Several from this place attended the singing convention at Liberty Sunday. Included among them were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rudd, Jr., Claude Neighbors, Dorothy Cooper, Beatrice Knox, Mr. McNeill and R. C. Jones.

L. H., Jackie, Mattie and Virgil Utley and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Donnie Vearl attended the carnival at Sweetwater Saturday night.

Several from this place attended the play at White Flat Monday night. Velma Heald, Fisher County Home

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# The Dollar Bride

by Mary Inlay Taylor

TWELFTH INSTALLMENT.

The Story So Far: Nancy Gordon trades herself in marriage for fifteen thousand dollars—the price of her family honor—and the freedom of her brother, Roddy, who stole for a woman, that amount from the bank in which he works. Nancy, desperately in love with young Page Roemer, nevertheless agrees to a secret elopement with Dr. Richard Morgan, and with the money he loans her prevents Roddy's arrest. Dr. Morgan is loved by Helena Haddon, a sophisticated young married woman, but he adores Nancy and hopes to win her after marriage. In Washington they are married. Nancy is Richard's bride—and afraid of him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Then, either the visitor had found out all she wanted to, or she was tired of it: she was actually going. Nancy heard their movements in the hall. Mrs. Gordon came back, panting.

"Oh, Nancy, do you think she—she knows anything?"

Nancy shook her head doubtfully. "How can she? Unless—" There was Beaver, but Nancy would not believe that. It was too much. "I think she only wanted you to talk about Richard."

Mrs. Gordon's face changed. "I didn't know that he—that they had ever been engaged," she said blankly. "Anyway, he's in love with you, Nancy, I know that!"

A strange smile twisted Nancy's lips.

"Perhaps he isn't now," she said briefly. "perhaps he doesn't like a secret in the family—and I—" she laughed wildly—"I threw myself at his head, Mama."

"Oh, Nancy!" her mother blushed like a girl.

But Nancy did not blush, she turned suddenly white to the lips and caught at Mrs. Gordon's hand convulsively.

"There's Page Roemer coming in the gate—oh, Mama, what shall I do? What shall I do?" she cried.

Amanda's dusky face appeared at the door.

"Miss Page Roemer, Miss Nancy," she said softly, showing the whites of her eyes. "I said mebbe yo' was in an' agin mebbe yo' warn't but he's waitin', says he's gwinter wait till he sees yo' anyways, yes, m'm."

"That's all right, Mandy. I'll see Mr. Roemer."

Mrs. Gordon gave a little gasp and let the girl's hand slip. She was as eager to escape as Amanda.

Left alone to face the inevitable, Nancy dreaded it. Now, fresh from the thought of Richard's repudiation, of Richard's rage at her fear of him she must face Page.

"Come in here, please, Page," she said faintly. But he heard it, and came into the library. As the sunlight struck his face, Nancy saw the wreck of it. Page had been suffering, too, and the sight of his haggard expression writing her with a pang sharper than her own self pity. They stood looking at each other dumbly for a moment. He was the first to recover himself enough to speak.

"I got you," he said harshly. "I don't understand."

A deeper wave of crimson went up over Nancy's tremulous face and her eyes sank. She averted her face from Page's eyes, clasping her hands behind her back.

"I don't understand," Page repeated hoarsely. "What did you mean, Nancy?"

"What I said; my—my marriage is to be a secret."

"A secret?" there was a new note in his astonished voice. "Why?"

She recognized the note in it and she winced.

"I don't want it known—yet."

He caught his breath. She didn't love Morgan, she wanted to hide her marriage—please God, he'd get her yet!

"Nancy, you don't love him! You're sorry you did it—you want to keep it secret because you can't bear it! You—"

he came nearer, suddenly he flung himself down beside her. "Nancy, you're not living with him—you're here—you're not actually his wife!" he gasped.

"No!" she cried passionately, "no no!"

Exultation leaped into Roemer's face. He had suffered agonies of shame because Richard had taken her away from him that night!

"Nancy!" his feverish eyes searched

her face, "answer me—have you ever been his wife—except in name?"

She drew a deep breath.

"No," she whispered it, her head drooping, "never—never—I came home!"

Page gave a great gasp of joy. "God," he cried, "God, I'll take her away from him yet!"

The fury of his passion transformed him; his handsome smooth young face was furrowed—not with love but with hate, his hatred and his jealousy of Richard. Nancy saw it; something in his very passion was selfish and cruel, it reached her; suddenly, shaken as she was, she thought of Richard. Would Page have spared her as Richard had?

"You mustn't say such things, Page," she said weakly, "and I—I mustn't hear them, I—" she could not finish her sentence.

He caught her hands almost roughly in his.

"Answer me," he gasped hoarsely, "tell me the truth—you don't love him—did you have to marry him, Nancy?"

Page Roemer's look seemed to her only the mad passion of his love.

"Yes," she answered faintly, not understanding, "I had to marry him, Page." She was too clean-souled to understand.

Richard would have known it, but Page dropped her hands and rose to his feet, tramping up and down the room like a madman. He had loved her, loved her deeply, and Richard had robbed him. Richard must have done what he would never have dared to do. She—God, was she worthless?

He could not believe it, yet she said so. Yet—he drew an agonized breath, he couldn't give her up, he'd get her away from Richard yet, damn him!

He—Page clenched his fist, he would like to shoot him, but, if he did, if it came out—poor Nancy! She—?

He stopped short in his walk and stood thinking; was she worth the struggle? The world would say "no." His own selfish ego cried, no, not now! Then he looked at the girl.

She looked like a broken lily. All the blood in his body surged up into his head; he turned hot with rage. Damn him, he should not keep her!

"Nancy!" he flung himself down beside the girl, hot with his rage and passion. "Nancy, I love you," he cried, "I adore you!" he seized her poor shaking little hands and covered them with kisses.

The girl quivered at his touch. His hot lips on her hands sent the blood back to her heart. Love—dumb, agonized, denied—struggled in her breast.

"Oh, Page!" she gasped. "I—I thought no one cared any more!"

Nancy felt the fierce intake of his breath, she seemed to feel his love pouring over her, crushing her. A wild relief shot through her, a wild thrill of happiness, of love.

"Page, you mustn't! I—oh, I've behaved like a bad woman!" she wailed, "you've got a right now to despise me, to think I'd—I'd do anything when I behave like this—why, Page I—I'm married!"

"Married?" he snapped his fingers, "that for such a marriage! I'll break it—listen to me, Nancy, I'm a lawyer. I'll break it—I'll—"

"You'll leave this house, sir. That's what you'll do!"

They both recoiled. Mr. Gordon was standing in the door, looking at them, his face on fire, his eyes blood-shot, his iron gray hair standing up in a frill on top of his head.

"Do you hear me, sir, you'll leave the house."

Roemer swung around, facing the older man, for a moment shamed.

"Mr. Gordon, I can't bear this! I know the truth. Nancy told me—she's been dragged into a secret marriage. If it were right, if she loved him, I—I could stand it. As it is I'm here. I'll always be here, ready to serve her to get a divorce for her, to set her free."

Mr. Gordon made a furious gesture with one hand. "That's enough! I understand. Now—Go!"

He was shaking with rage and Nancy saw it, she looked at Roemer imploringly.

"Please go now, Page!" she pleaded.

He hesitated and then he turned and took her hand, kissed it and went out

passing Mr. Gordon with the air of a conquering hero.

"Good day, sir, I'm sorry you misunderstood."

"I don't misunderstand," Mr. Gordon thundered, "good day, sir, and good riddance!"

The front door closed sharply. Nancy drew a long breath. Mr. Gordon came slowly into the center of the room and stood staring at her.

"Is that your idea?" he demanded hoarsely, "to marry one man—for money—and let another make love to you?"

The girl lifted her head and looked straight into his eyes.

"You're my father," she said simply, "look at me—do you believe I'm like that? That I'd be so—so base? If you do," she cried passionately, "I—I might as well kill myself!"

Her father's face worked, there was something like tears in his eyes.

"Nancy, my girl!" he held out his arms.

She flung herself into them with a low cry of anguish, pressing her face against his shoulder.

"I—I loved Page!" she gasped. "I'm wicked—I love him still!"

It was only two or three days later that Nancy—unable to endure the wretchedness of her plight at home—determined to go to Angie Fuller. She could not tell Angie anything. She must keep her own secrets, but there was a soft, pliant sympathy about the girl that was like balm to a sore heart.

Angie met Nancy in the kitchen; she had gone there for some hot water for her uncle.

"He's got one of his awful attacks of gout, Nancy," she explained, flushing a little at the sight of her visitor, "he's as cross as two sticks, but I'm sure he'd like to see you."

The old man was huddled up in a big Morris-chair.

"My soul!" he let his eye rest on the pair with a twinge of approval as sharp as his twinges of gout. "Where'd you drop from, Nancy Virginia?"

Nancy smiled more naturally than she had for days.

"I've come to help Angie take care of you," she said.

The major chuckled. "I'll soon scare you off!"

Nancy sat down on a low stool beside the old man's chair.

"I've come to thank you, major," she said faintly, blushing and paling by turns, "with—all my heart!"

"Eh?" he gave her an angry look.

his brows down, "what for?"

"For buying our house—"

He snorted, "Glad to get rid of it then?"

She shook her head. Speech was going to be very difficult. "You've—let us stay in it!"

The major settled back in his chair, staring hard at her quivering face.

"Your father's paying rent," he remarked dryly, "I'd call him a pretty good tenant—says he'll make his own repairs."

"Someone else might have turned us out and—"

Nancy's voice broke so that Angie dropped down on the floor beside her holding her hand. "We all love it!" she faltered.

The major stirred his tea.

"Where's Roddy?" he asked, abruptly, "still doing well?"

Angie felt Nancy's quick intake of breath; the girl full of her own

thoughts of Roddy divined that there was something wrong.

"I had a letter from him, yesterday," she said hurriedly, forcing lightness, trying to be unconcerned, "he's—he's all right, major."

Angie felt Nancy trembling now, and she jumped up suddenly.

"Why there's Dr. Morgan, uncle," she said, "he must have just got back—he's been out all night."

"Go let him in," the major set his cup down, "Here, Nancy, stay! I won't be left alone with a doctor, Dick's enough to kill me anyhow."

But Nancy was on her feet in a

panic.

"I've got to go," she panted, "I only came to thank you—to ask how you were, major!"

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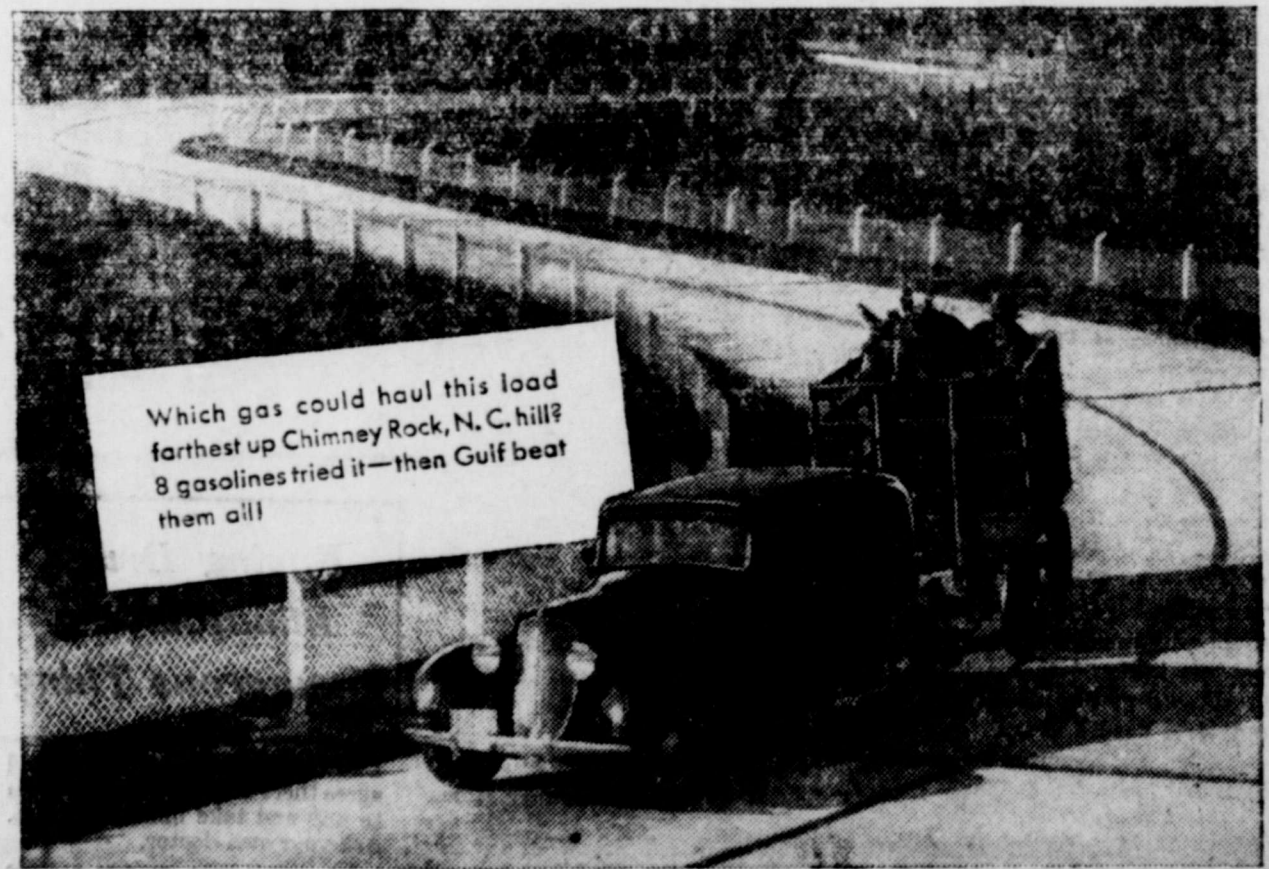
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**FOUND**—Bunch of keys. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. O. Tatum 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, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1934, the same being the 4th day of June, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1934, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1953-B, wherein The City of Merkel, Texas, a public municipal corporation, is Plaintiff; and H. O. Tatum is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: a suit for foreclosure of the tax lien on the Northwest 1-4 of the West 2-3 of Block 14, College Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, in favor of The City of Merkel for delinquent taxes due said City for the years of 1920 to 1933 inclusive, and being for the sum of \$230.57 and costs of court, and for order of sale and writ of possession.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ 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 5th day of April, A. D. 1934.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Zada McKee, Deputy.

(SEAL)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Sheriff:

BURL WHEELER (Re-election.)

RUCK SIBLEY.

PERRY P. DICKINSON.

S. H. McADAMS.

DAVE BOOTH.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

ORIEN 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.)

BERT E. LOW.

For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Supt. of Schools:

M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.)

C. A. COCKRELL.

NENA KATE RAMSEY.

TOM McGEHEE.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:

JOHN PAYNE, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:

OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.

W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-election.)

For County Judge:

GRAY BROWNE.

For County Judge:

JOHN L. CAMP, (Re-election.)

AMOS 'N ANDY IN PERSON

AT PARAMOUNT APRIL 28

Amos 'n Andy at Abilene.

That's the super stage attraction the Paramount theatre offers the theatregoers and radio fans of the Southwest for one day only—Saturday, April 28.

The doors of the popular Abilene showhouse will open at 10:30 a. m. in order to accommodate the tremendous attendance which is expected. The first show will start promptly at 11 a. m. with the others continuous thereafter. ... seats will be reserved and at least seven complete shows will be given during the day. The prices will be adults 75c, including tax, and children 40c, both matinee and night shows.

Amos 'n Andy, in private life Free man F. Gosden and Charles J. Correll, respectively, are known perhaps in character to more people than any other team of entertainers. Their characterization of "Lightnin'", "The Kingfish", "Brother Crawford", "Roland Weber" and other mythical personages of their broadcasts are household names of the world.

In addition to these stellar entertainers, the management has booked Pietro Gentili heralded as the most promising of the rising baritones, and Huston Ray, famed as a concert pianist and composer of note. This team of artists has arranged a program of melody that brings the classics as well as popular numbers to the stage.

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## Conoco Bus Makes Saturday Visit Here

On a tour of the country the Conoco bus, equipped with loud speakers for broadcasting of music and announcements, visited Merkel Saturday morning, remaining on the streets for several hours.

This bus, which also visited here last year in the interest of the Continental Travel Bureau, was in charge of Charles S. Ritchie, with E. H. Robinson as operator.

Other members of the party, who were joined here by H. L. Duffer, wholesale agent, were H. B. Hamilton, district superintendent and C. L. Oden, assistant division manager.

### ROBERTS-BRABBIN.

News has been received by friends here of the marriage of Miss Lola Brabbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Brabbin, who formerly lived here, and Mr. Harold H. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Roberts, at Phoenix, Ariz., on Saturday morning, April 7, with Rev. Thomas B. Hart, lifelong friend of the bride, officiating.

The bride, who is a granddaughter of Mrs. M. E. Baccus, Route 3 out of Merkel, will be remembered as a Junior in Merkel High last year.

**Services at Mt. Pleasant.**

Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church Sunday April 22, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The whole community is invited.

**Again in Wholesale Business.**

Effective Monday, Homer Foster bought the wholesale business of Joe Barron and will continue to operate a wholesale agency with a complete line of gasoline, kerosene and oils. He will make headquarters at the Barron Motor company.

### DEAN-McBRIDE.

With Elder W. G. Cypert officiating, Mr. Bruce Dean and Miss Wilma McBride, popular young folks of the Largent community, were married at 8 o'clock last Thursday evening at the Cypert home. The Mail joins many friends of the young couple in extending best wishes.

### PHOTOS.

Six for 25c. Will be in Merkel Saturday, April 21, at Orchid Beauty Shoppe.

H. S. Holt.

## Friends Honored at Dinner in Smith Home

Friday, April 6, G. C. Smith and son, Floyd, returned home after a visit of two weeks among old friends and relatives in Oklahoma and Arkansas, bringing back with them an abundance of canned fruits and berries.

Following their return, on Sunday, April 15, Mr. Brown entertained at noon with a large dinner in remembrance of old friends and relatives. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Burr Hendricks and son, Ernest Herman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ector Smith and two daughters, Billye June and Martha Fay, Mr. and Mrs. George Woods and son, G. F. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and four children, Euwata, Eulas, Alveria and Lindy, Mrs. G. F. Woods and son, Robert Mauldin, of Port Aransas, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and son, Jimmy, Tina Smith, J. R. Hudson, Burl Lee and Floyd Smith, little Billye Marie Smith, Leo Mashburn, G. F. Woods, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all our friends for their assistance in so many ways during the long illness of our wife and mother and also for their many kind words of sympathy extended us in our sad hour of bereavement. May God's blessings rest upon all of you. I. N. Brown and Family.

### HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of San Jacinto Day, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day Saturday, April 21. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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Green Beans fresh, Texas 10c  
pound

New Spuds 5 lbs. 19c

BANANAS, pound 5c

COFFEE Sun Up 21c  
pound

WHEATIES, Bowl with 2 pkgs., 2 for 25c

PINEAPPLE, B & W, No. 1 can, 3 for 25c

CORN R & W No. 2 can 27c  
Golden Bantam, 2 for

PEAS, R & W No. 2 can, 2 for 35c

PIMIENTOS, R & W 4 oz. can, each 9c

Spinach R & W No. 1 can 23c  
2 for

TOMATOES, B & W No. 2 can, each 10c

POTTED MEAT, R & W, 4 cans 15c

OATS R & W 55 oz. 15c  
pkg.

DRESSING, G & W, quart 25c

MARSHMALLOWS, pound 19c

Peaches Neptune 14c  
No. 2 1-2 can

COFFEE, R & W, 1 lb. 35c—2 lbs. 69c

BLACK PEPPER, R & W in glass shaker 10c

GRAPE JUICE, R & W, pint 17c—qt. 33c

FLOUR 12 lbs. R & W 58c  
24 lbs. R & W 98c  
48 lbs. R & W \$1.90

Sugar pure Cane, cloth 52c  
bag, 10 pounds

CATSUP, R & W, 14 oz. bottle 15c

MUSTARD, quart 15c

PICKLES, sour or dill, quart 19c

SOAP R & W Giant 19c  
5 bars

CRACKERS, Salad Wafers, 2 lbs. 32c

Shortening 4 lb. 32c  
carton

BACON sliced 20c  
pound

Weiners, 2 lbs. 25c

JOWLS, dry salt, pound 7 1-2c





**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**

Mesdames C. K. Russell and W. E. Lowe entertained on Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Russell in celebration of their husbands' birthdays. The rooms were beautifully decorated with a profusion of pot plants, red-bud, spirea and roses.

Games of "42" progressed merrily as the evening's diversion and at the culmination of the games little Miss Mary Joe Russell sang "Happy Birthday to you." Delicious sandwiches, ice box cookies, olives and punch were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Twyman Collins, John West, Frank Golladay, Herbert Patterson, Forrest Gaither, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, R. A. Burgess, W. L. Diltz, Vernon Sublett, Stanley King, Lige Gamble, C. B. Gardner, Fred Hughes, Charlie Jones, J. H. Cook, C. K. Russell and W. E. Lowe, Mesdames J. C. Calvert, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Fred Latham, Misses Julia Martin, Anna Lou Russell, Doris Gay West and Mary Joe Russell.

**CLASS SOCIAL.**

Little members of the C. C. Sunday School class were delightfully entertained in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon by the teacher of the class, Miss Mamie Walker, during the hours from 5 to 7 o'clock.

After the singing of several hymns numerous indoor and outdoor games were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour dainty sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, cookies and fruit punch were served to Misses Louise Patterson, Ima Gene and Lois Rosson, Doris Gay West, Mabel Murray, Betty Jane Diltz, Frances Owens, Messrs. W. I. Wozencraft, Ralph Russell, J. D. Wicher, Misses Doris and Miriam Diltz and Helen Heeter. Visitors were Misses Anne Lee Blake, Mary Joe Russell, Betty Joe Reid, Geraldine Teague and Miss Mamie Walker.

**CONTRACT BRIDGE.**

Mrs. W. T. Sadler very charmingly entertained contract lovers Wednesday afternoon with a pretty party. The entertaining rooms were profusely decorated with cut flowers, the pastel coloring of which furnished inspiration for game accessories and refreshments. Progression of the games was interspersed with the serving of a refreshing lime drink and at tea time the hostess was assisted by Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., in serving delectable strawberry- whip with ice box cookies, angel food squares and olives to Mesdames Charles Largent, George West, Jr., Ernest Higgins, L. C. Zehrfennig, Ed McCrary, Milton Case, George Cagle, Marvin Alston, Bob Mayfield, John Olin Lusby, Jack Anderson, W. L. Johnson, Jr., J. E. Boaz, Jr., George White, H. L. Duffer, Dick Pearson, Harold Boney, Misses Cecilia Zehrfennig, Loyce Dry, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Mattie Lou Largent and Johnnie Sears.

**WILLING WORKERS.**

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church held their monthly meeting with Mrs. W. M. Elliott on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The study was a continuation of "The Resurrection," discussed by Mrs. Fannie McConnell. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Ethel Tucker on "Helpers" and the devotional was given by Mrs. Will Curb. Everyone left with a determination to do better work after hearing these good talks.

Assisted by Mrs. W. L. Davis, refreshments were served by the hostess to Mesdames L. L. Murray, R. A. Walker, Thompson, Derstine, Tucker, Russell, Smith, Curb, Davis, McConnell and Misses Mary Keny and Alene Davis.

**DINNER PARTY.**

Miss Billie Bernice Gambill was a charming dinner hostess on Monday

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Headaches caused by constipation are gone after one dose of Adlerika. This cleans poisons out of BOTH upper and lower bowels. Ends bad sleep, nervousness. Merkel Drug Co.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. Last Sunday we had a very fine attendance, just a few under the 300 mark—with a little effort upon your part next Sunday we can and will go over the mark—will you not come and help us go over?

Sunday is college day throughout the conference and each church is asked to observe this day with a "memorial" service in honor of our late Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurtry college. We do want this service to be a great service in our church and we are asking that all the students of McMurtry now and those that have been students and all ex-students of other colleges be in this service. The subject for the morning message will be "What Shall I Do With My Life?" Come and worship with us.

Preaching at 7:45 p. m. The nights are not so bad now and it will do you good if you will get out to church. You can sleep better and you will find that the week will go better with you if you go to church. So come out and help in the services. There is a big welcome for you at our church.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday morning we had a fine attendance in all departments of the Sunday School. Summer is here and the Lord has blessed us with abundant rains, so let us show our appreciation of His goodness by coming to His house and worshipping Him.

The District Woman's Missionary society met at Abilene on Monday and Tuesday. Some of the speakers were

evening at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Gambill. A pretty color scheme of pink and green was reflected in all table arrangements where a delectable three course menu was served to Misses Caribel Mansfield, Sarah Sheppard, Billy Gardner and Billie Bernice Gambill, Messrs. David Gamble, L. V. Moore, Bussy Boaz and Milton Shannon.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY.**

Miss Caribel Mansfield entertained her Sunday School class at her home Tuesday evening. Games were enjoyed and new class officers elected as follows: Vivian Davis, president; Sarah Sheppard, first vice-president; Margaret Miller, second vice-president; Maurine White, third vice-president; Oma Lee Hathaway, fourth vice-president; Caribel Mansfield, secretary, and Clara B. White, reporter.

Refreshments of delicious ice cream and cake were served to Mrs. Bill Haynes, Misses Helen Joyner, Margarette Miller, Billie Bernice Gambill, Vivian Davis, Sarah Sheppard, Oma Lee Hathaway, Maurine White, Clara B. White and Caribel Mansfield.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

More than thirty members were present for the meeting of the Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Charles H. Jones last Friday afternoon. Following a business session, oatmeal cookies were demonstrated.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. A. Burgess on Friday, April 27.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco and Mrs. T. C. Jester of Houston.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

A total of 882 attended Sunday School at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday. This compares with 759 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, which was 1933 Easter Sunday, the attendance was 1,013. On Easter Sunday this year 934 were present.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. We had the pleasure of enrolling several new members last Sunday and extend everyone a cordial welcome to come and join us. If you are not in Sunday School elsewhere, we invite you to visit us Sunday.

No other services Sunday, as this is the pastor's day at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Interest continues good with fine services last Lord's Day, both morning and evening. Come help us enjoy them.

The following is announced for next week's program: Lord's Day, Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., subject, "The Vital Part of Man." Young people's program 5 p. m. and preaching 8 p. m., subject, "Why We Sing and Do Not Play," or "Why Instrumental Music is Wrong in Worship." This was the subject announced for last Sunday night, but was deferred on account of the weather. We especially urge all who can to come to this service, as you will better understand our position on this important subject. We assure you that nothing harsh will be said during this discourse. Come and listen.

Preaching at 8 o'clock each Wednesday evening by one of the A. C. C. preachers. This service is fine and is well attended. We are proud of our Wednesday evening attendance, which is between 80 and 100. We have good singing also. Come with us to these services. We welcome you.

The Elders.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School was an average day at our church. The Lord is still blessing us and we have our heads up and looking forward. We were greatly blessed Thursday night by a beautiful and timely message brought by our district superintendent, Dr. V. B. Atteberry, of Abilene. He spoke encouraging words to the pastor and people which we all appreciated very much.

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May be using your head, but it's the painful way!

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We want this to be our motto for our church, "Every member of the church present at every service." If we love God, we will love His services and be loyal to the same.

Come worship with us. Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday night the revival meeting came to a close. God was good to us. There were about 20 conversions, 23 joined the church and 5 backsliders returned into service. Rev. A. M. Dowell, father of the pastor, did the preaching. He is a man who loves God and brings a simple soul-stirring message always from God's word.

Brother Frank Carr, our choir director, and Sister Frank Carr, our church pianist, directed the choir. Brother and Sister Carr are doing a wonderful work. They are faithful and we appreciate them. Nola Mae Callahan is director of the junior choir and is doing a wonderful work with them. I have never worked with a more faithful and consecrated group of young people in my life than the young people of this church.

Our teachers are all doing fine work and we wish to express our appreciation for them all. We appreciate the many good words from visitor who said, "you have the most wonderful spirit of fellowship and of consecrated service of any church I have ever attended."

Our church is misunderstood and lied about, so were all the New Testament churches. All we ask you to do is "come and see." We love the Lord and are worshipping Him in spirit and in truth. We have never had any church rows. No use for such, when the pastor loves God and the church, and the church loves God, pastor and one another, and all love a lost world.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

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Winesaps Apples, 2 doz	25c	Extra large Oranges, doz.	40c
BANANAS	per Dozen	17c	
STRAWBERRIES	Pt. boxes 2 for	25c	
FRESH BEANS	Nice and tender	10c	
Pork & Beans	Per lb.	5c	
Mackerel	Tall cans 3 for	25c	
Pickles	Sour or dill Quart jar	20c	
Sugar	10 lb. sack	52c	
Crackers	25 lb. sack	\$1.27	
Peanut Butter	Pure Cane Cloth Bags		
S. Dressing	Excel Saltines 2 pound box	21c	
Hams	Qt. Jar	25c	
Soap Flakes	quart jar	29c	
Wheaties	picnic size Per lb.	15c	
Oats	5 lb. pkg.	29c	
FLOUR	With Bon Bon dish 2 for	25c	
	3 Minute 55 oz. pkg.	15c	
	Yukons Best	\$1.90	
	Light Crust	\$1.95	
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