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## SENIOR CLASS PLAY REPLETE WITH COMEDY

"Boots and Her Buddies" to Be Presented at 8 o'clock Tonight At Grammar School Auditorium; Sponsored by Mrs. Irvin.

Tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock the Senior Class of 1934 presents its class play, "Boots and her Buddies," or "When Man Plays Maiden," a comedy drama in three acts.

The summary of the play is as follows:

A professor wishes to marry again but his spoiled daughter rules against it. Boots, his daughter, thinks she can dress as a middle-aged widow, and does, until she meets Jed Harding. In order to revenge himself on Boots for a trick she played on him, he dresses as a middle-aged widow, applies for the job as her governess, gets it, and acts the part admirably. The fact that his two friends won't let him give up and the exciting things he manages to get into make this a comedy full of laughs from beginning to end. Naturally he is found out, and then things do happen!

The cast is as follows:

Boots Boyd, a vivacious, pretty girl, Lois Whiteley.

Professor Ned Boyd, her father, Tommy Jones.

Albert Stevens, a bachelor friend who marries, Howard Carson.

Mrs. Stevens, his wife, Wanda Hunter.

Jed Harding, a boy friend of Boots', David Gamble.

Bill Tompson, a veritable clown, Kennedy Whiteley.

Percival Manners, a young Englishman, Jack Patterson.

Jane Nelson, Boots' friend, Helen Joyner.

Mary Roland, another friend of Boots', Sarah Sheppard.

Mrs. Hemingway, whom the professor would like to marry, Billy Gardner.

Mandy, the old servant, Vivian Laster.

Howard Nutz, a boy friend of Boots', Kenneth Cribley.

There are clever in-between-act scenes coached by Misses Helen Patterson and Virginia Welch. The play is sponsored by Mrs. R. B. Irvin.

Be there and "If you have laughs, prepare to laugh them then."

Admission—students 25c, adults 35c.

## Officers of Farmers Co-Op Are Re-Elected

At the annual meeting of the Farmers Co-Operative Society No. 1 of Merkel, which was held Tuesday afternoon at the office of the company, the former officers were all re-elected.

These officers are: H. H. Tombs, president; Comer Haynes, vice-president, and Holland Teaff, secretary-treasurer.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 24, 1914.)

### TWENTY YEARS AGO IN MERKEL TOWN.

To the Merkel Mail:

I have been thinking of the good old days of twenty years ago, of my home and friends of days gone by, when Merkel was a wide place in the road.

At that time old Brother Vaughn was superintendent of the Gould system from Tebo to Trent when during the rainy season local freight ran as high as a car a week, Marion French, the genial postmaster, sold a dollar's worth of stamps sometimes in one day and "Ball Head" Joe McMillen, the druggist, sold hair renewer, and on Saturday in the summer time would get some ice and sell cold soda pop. George Boyce sold corn, feed and eggs and his good wife sold that good Jersey butter.

Pirk Browning would tell us of the big tobacco deals and pretty women and good whiskey in Old Kentucky while Sam Dunkin skinned us on a bill of lumber and Jim Barnes would tell us how he hunted possums in Louisiana and sold us lumber at cost. At that time we were sure the H. B. \$2.50 shoe was the best in the world

## SINGERS GATHER AT SALT BRANCH FIFTH SUNDAY

The Salt Branch Baptist church is the place of the Fifth Sunday Singing which Tom Spears, president, has asked The Mail to announce and to give notice of the meeting as prominent space as possible.

The singing will begin at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and will, as usual, be an all-day affair. All singers in this section are invited to come and bring their dinner.

As president, Mr. Spears also reminds everyone to have a plentiful supply of coffee for him in his official capacity.

## "Bound to Marry" is Castle Peak's Play

"Bound to Marry" is the title of the play to be presented at the Castle Peak school house on Friday night of next week, May 4.

The cast is as follows:

Betty Jane Deve, Mrs. Tommie Patterson.

Augustus G. Baker, G. W. Hughes.

Hilda M. Slater, Allyne Riley.

Samuel Boyer, J. D. Sandusky.

June Ray, Mrs. John Fulton.

Billie Ponder, Tommie Patterson.

Evelyn Grace, Mrs. Allyne Sandusky.

Mose Lincoln Hall, Walter Hensley.

Mandy Snook, Novis J. Whiteaker.

## Home Talent Play At Blair Saturday

The Blair P. T. A. is sponsoring a home talent play, "George In a Jam," which is to be presented Saturday, April 28.

The cast of characters reads:

Jim Gray, a youthful guardian, H. E. Addison.

Missy Brown, his mutinous ward, Mary Parrish.

George Forbes, another ward of his, Arthur Moore.

Odessa, the colored cook, Anna Addison.

Jack Carson, George's bosom friend, J. C. Horton.

Nellie Morrow, a school teacher, Dorra Mae Meeks.

Sara Jane Larkins, a rustic heiress, Bessie Lou Windham.

Ma Larkins, her mother, Mrs. T. A. Mitchell.

Pop Larkins, Sara's father, T. A. Mitchell.

Zeke Stebbins, a rural detective, Howard Windham.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Rex McClain, Blair, Sunday, April 22, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Barney W. Woodward, Hawley, Tuesday, April 24, 1934.

## Bands To Convention.

San Angelo, April 26.—At least ten bands will be in attendance at the West Texas chamber of commerce convention, San Angelo, May 14-19, according to reports already received.



## OUTLAW TAKEN NEAR SHERMAN

Raymond Hamilton Caught After Robbing Bank at Lewisville; Had Single Companion.

Sherman, April 26.—Slippery Raymond Hamilton, bank robbing expert of the notorious Clyde Barrow gang of outlaws, fell into the hands of officers here late Wednesday while trying to escape with the loot of a small town bank—his favorite prey in a spectacular career of crime.

Fast driving—the tactics used by the Dallas desperado so successfully in former getaways—failed to keep him out of reach of the law and he was abruptly halted at the little farming community of Howe, seven miles south of Sherman.

With him in the stolen sedan he was using for the latest of his bank hold-ups, was T. R. Brooks, 21-year-old Wichita Falls man who claimed this was his first arrest. In the car was about \$1,000 taken from the First National bank at Lewisville, Denton county, less than two hours before.

Using a favorite system, Hamilton entered the bank alone, covered the president and assistant cashier with an automatic pistol and calmly gathered up available cash in the cashier's cage. Then he dashed out a side door, jumped in a car in which his confederate had been waiting outside and sped away to the north-east.

Driving the car at top speed, Hamilton tore through Little Elm, 15 miles northeast of Lewisville, seven minutes ahead of pursuing officers. At Frisco, in Collins county, he was leading his nearest pursuers by 15 minutes. Then he turned into the highway leading toward Sherman and as he raced into Howe, he found his way blocked by a party of officers which had driven to head him off.

Offering no resistance, Hamilton and Brooks surrendered their loot and two automatic pistols and were brought to jail here under heavy guard.

## Jolly Picnic Party On Elm Creek Sunday

On last Sunday a party including Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hassey and daughter, Mrs. Milliken and daughter, Mrs. Gladys McLean, Mrs. Edith Fox, and of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman, Abilene, Miss Agnes Sanders, Sacramento, Calif., and F. A. Sanders, who has recently returned from an extended visit to California and who will soon take up his old job as rural mail carrier on route 3, enjoyed the day outing and picnicking on Elm creek, fifteen miles south of town.

On their return trip they motored via Buffalo Gap and Abilene, each one reporting a very fine time.

## Attend Conference of Relief Case Workers

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, who is local chairman of federal and state relief work, accompanied Misses Lona Bryan and Zada Bell from the local relief office, to Eastland Wednesday, where they attended a conference of administration case workers in this section.

Miss Violet Farr, special case worker assigned to the Abilene office, who also went with them in Dickinson's car, was one of the speakers for the conference program.

On Tuesday, Chairman Dickinson and Miss Bell attended a meeting in Abilene of all county relief workers.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Jessie Ashcraft, 72, granddaughter of General Sam Houston, died Tuesday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Roberts in Waco.

Cadet F. R. Drake of Kelly field, San Antonio, leaped safely with his parachute while his disabled pursuit airplane fell in wreckage near Laredo Saturday.

In oil-stained clothes and rough boots, Winthrop Rockefeller, grandson of John D. Rockefeller, is laboring as a roughneck in the Tomball oil field, a few miles north of Houston.

Detective Lawrence Knight shot and killed a negro purse snatcher late Tuesday night at Dallas as he sought to escape after having been captured a half hour after he wrenched a purse from a woman.

Charles F. Ashcroft, Sulphur Springs banker, was named to preside over the affairs of the East Texas chamber of commerce during the coming year, Lufkin being selected as the next meeting place.

Former Governor Ross S. Sterling, admittedly broke when he left the governor's mansion sixteen months ago, announced his third new oil discovery within a year with a new deep well in Brazoria county.

Charles Arthur (The Great) Shiras, colorful former major league first-baseman, has been signed by Del Pratt, manager of the Fort Worth Texas league club, under whom he formerly played in Texas.

Four children were killed, a fifth critically injured and three other persons less seriously hurt Sunday morning when a Missouri-Kansas-Texas passenger train and a Sunday School bus collided at a San Antonio street crossing.

A gunman, identified by a Dallas man as Clyde Barrow, robbed the Treadell State bank of about \$100 he collected in the cashier's cage, but fled after about fifteen minutes trying to force bank employees to open a safe in the vault.

Jurors who deliberated for approximately 140 hours the case of Cal B. Yarborough, Belton mechanic charged with murder in the torch death of his adopted daughter, were dismissed Monday without a verdict by District Judge W. F. Robertson.

Aubrey Ray, who lived near Anson as a youth and who was slain in Lincoln, Neb., in a gun battle with officers last Friday, six days after his escape from the Texas penitentiary, was brought home to be buried beside his mother in Mount Hope cemetery at Anson.

District Judge J. D. Moore of Trav. is county ruled Saturday that R. L. Holliday of El Paso was not legally removed from office as a member of the state relief commission when he was replaced by Julius Dorenfield of Amarillo, but the appeal filed by Dorenfield's attorney leaves Dorenfield privileged to continue to act on the commission, pending a final decision.

Relief For Little Fellow. Washington, April 26.—Credit relief to the average salary or wage earner was the object of an effort at the capital Wednesday to round out the recovery drive by helping the "little fellow" as well as the nation's basic industries.

## URGED TO REPORT ANY SCHOLASTIC MISSED ON CENSUS

This year's scholastic census for the Merkel schools, just completed by Carl Black, shows a total enumeration of 692, as compared with 699 last year.

However, it is probable that some children of the scholastic age were overlooked, Superintendent R. A. Burgess has pointed out, and parents who have not been seen and any one knowing any child that has not been enumerated are requested to telephone 174, the superintendent's office, so that they may be included.

A scholastic is a child who will be at least six years of age by the first of September, but who will not be over 17 years old on that date.

## Mrs. C. S. Gregory, 86, Passes Away at Roby

Mrs. John R. West, accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. George F. West, attended the funeral in Rotan Saturday of her grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Gregory, who died on Friday at her home in Roby at the advanced age of 86.

Mrs. Gregory will be remembered by residents here as Mrs. T. C. Eason, wife of a Methodist pastor, who at one time had a charge here and also in other places in this section. Rev. Mr. Eason died in 1919 and she married Mr. Gregory about 4 years ago.

Besides Mrs. R. B. Johnson of Trent, mother of Mrs. John West, Mrs. Gregory is survived by five sons and three other daughters.

## Man's Leg Broken as Auto Falls Off Jack

Uncle Ben Yates' left leg was broken just below the knee and probably other bones fractured Tuesday morning when his Chevrolet sedan, which he had jacked up in order to work on the differential, slipped off the jack.

He had been working under the car but had just come out and was standing alongside when the accident occurred. Had he been still under the car, his injuries might have been much more serious.

## CANVASS FOR FUNDS STARTS AUSPICIOUSLY

Organization of Trade Extension Association Perfected; Five Merchants Voluntarily Add Themselves to Finance Group.

Permanent organization of the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel was effected at a second general meeting of business and professional men of the city held Monday night at the Queen theatre, resulting in the election of four officers and eleven directors, who with the officers constitute a board of fifteen governors.

Heading the organization is T. G. Bragg as president, with Booth Warren, vice-president, C. J. Glover, Jr., secretary, and Herbert Patterson, treasurer.

The eleven directors named are: Dr. W. T. Sadler, O. R. Dye, S. D. Gamble, A. T. Sheppard, J. Olin Lusby, R. O. Pearson, Nathan Wood, Roy Reid, Tyre Sublett, Bob Dennis and George Woodrum.

Despite the storm which threatened at just the starting hour of the meeting Monday night, a large crowd turned out and the same marked enthusiasm as was so notable at the first general meeting prevailed.

Booth Warren called the meeting to order as temporary chairman and, after the election of permanent officers, continued to preside as vice-president in the absence of T. G. Bragg, who was out of the city.

Reports from working committees were presented by the several chairmen, which reports were given most thorough study at the first meeting of the governing board Wednesday afternoon.

On the basis of these reports, the finance committee, of which Booth Warren is chairman, was given the quota of funds considered necessary to promote the two-fold program of the organization, a bi-monthly rodeo and an inter-community baseball league.

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## THE BOOK

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

by BRUCE BARTON

ALWAYS A RIGHTEOUS MAN.

In every wicked reign there was a righteous man of God who could be neither bribed nor intimidated. He stood forth crying "Thus saith the Lord," and though the king writhed and fumed and sought to destroy, the prophet was the victor.

The first of this exalted company was Nathan, who was court preacher in the reign of David. When that mighty monarch had stolen the wife of the brave soldier Uriah and compounded the crime by sending Uriah into the front line of the battle, Nathan appeared at the court and announced that he had come to tell the king a story. There were two men in a certain city, he said, the one rich, having many flocks and herds, and the other so poor that he possessed only one little ewe lamb. And the rich man, desiring a banquet, had spared all of his own big flocks and appropriated the poor man's one lamb.

And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord Liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die.

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Picture to yourself the spectacle. The king on his golden throne surrounded by his lords and soldiers; the penniless preacher, clothed in rough skins, with no power but Truth, no protection but the flaming sword of moral courage. "Thou art the man." The effect was immediate.

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord, and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

After Nathan came Elijah the Tishbite, a hairy man, living alone in the woods, drinking the water of mountain streams, and fed by ravens. He it was who stood out against the four hundred prophets of the religion of Baal which the wicked Queen Jezebel had imported, and challenged them to a life and death contest. They were to build their altar and lay their sacrifice thereon; he would lay a similar sacrifice on the altar of the Lord. Whichever God sent down fire from Heaven was the one who deserved to be worshipped. From morning until noon the false prophets leaped upon their altar, calling out to Baal, while Elijah taunted them.

And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth and must be awaked.

At evening when the four hundred had proved their inability to deliver the goods, Elijah laid up his own altar, placed the sacrifice on it, stacked up the wood, and poured water over it to make the test harder. Then he prayed.

Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God: the Lord, he is the God.

Next Week: When Prophets Spoke.

# HONOR ROLL

Clifton Bellamy leads the High school for the fifth period with an average of 95 per cent. Coming second with 94 per cent are Vivian Davis, Aline McAninch, J. R. Higgins and Margarette Miller. About sixteen per cent of the High school made this roll. The Junior class led the other classes this period in having the greatest percentage of their class making the requirements. The Junior class had 28 per cent of its enrollment on the honor roll. The Seniors came second with 18 per cent, the Juniors third with 15 per cent while the Freshmen came fourth with only 8 per cent.

To be on the honor roll requires that the pupil be neither absent nor tardy, make at least 90 per cent in department, not make below 75 per cent on any one subject, and that he make a general average of 90 per cent or more.

The following pupils in Grammar and High schools were on the honor roll for the fifth period:

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

#### First Grade, Mrs. Nash.

Betty Jean Perry, 95; Mary Smith, 95; Dorothy Jean Jenkins, 94; Joyce Marie Webb, 93; Benny Kemper, 92; Ike Dale Turner, 92; Jimmie Speck, 91; Louis Rayburn, 90.

#### First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.

Dale Coates, 97; Ralph Hardy, 97; Billy Tom Diltz, 95; Ruel Ellison, 94; Lanier Hicks, 94; Alva Jeanette Byrd, 93; Marvin Miller, 92; Donald Derington, 91; Bedford Dunn, 90.

#### Second Grade, Miss Curb.

Mary Jo Hutchins, 95; R. V. Clark, 94; Mary Alice Hester, 94; Jack Haynes, 94; Dorothy Nell Greene, 94; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 94; Dixie Henslee, 93; Billy Joe Dunn, 92; Arthur Derington, 91; Doris Ruth Gilmore, 91; Tennie Lee Miller, 91; Marjorie Wayne Dunn, 91.

#### Second Grade, Miss Payne.

Don Hutcheson, 96; Allene Russell, 96; Freda Huddleston, 96; Johnny McDonald, 96; Ruby Toles, 94; Billy Bob Hulsey, 94; Frances Williams, 94; Matilene London, 92; Mozell Janties, 92; L. L. Wills, Jr., 91; Wamson Rutledge, 90.

#### Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

Marilyn Sue Grimes, 97; Billy Clyde Haynes, 97; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 95; G. W. Brown, 94; Floyd Hutcheson, 91; Clara Bell Hawkins, 90.

#### Third Grade, Miss Hughes.

Walter Hickham, 95; Clarence Perry, 95; Evelyn Sears, 93; Margaret Sharp, 93; Joe Gates, 92; Jack Hester, 92; Truett Perry, 92; Lee Mack Reynolds, 92; Jim Sublett, 92; Juanitz Holt, 91.

#### Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Roy Owen, 96; O. C. Shouse, 95; Doris Clyde Miller, 94; Louise Patterson, 94; Ima Gene Rosson, 94; Tillman Rutledge, 93; Maurine Steele, 93; Otis Rayburn, 92; Edwin Renfro, 91.

#### Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.

Becky Gardner, 98; Dora Marie Gaither, 97; Virgie Mae Henry, 96; Mary Lu Higgins, 94; Theda Lou Lasater, 93; Mary Derington, 92; Billy Jack Lancaster, 91; Omyle Dowell, 91.

#### Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan.

Doris Gay West, 94; Don Wood, 93; Jewel Moore, 93; Betty Jo Reid, 92; Bernice Thorn, 90; Aelo Mae Cypert, 91.

#### Fifth Grade, Miss Yates.

Harvey Davis, 90; Betty Jane Diltz, 92; Helen Heeter, 91; Ruth Hallmark, 93; Mary Humphrey, 92.

#### Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.

Pauline Hellums, 93; Ben Ferguson, 93; Mary Jo Garland, 93; Mildred Bird, 92; Maureen Huddleston, 92; Verne Moore, 90; Pauline Dean, 90.

#### Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.

W. I. Wozeneraft, 94; Don Warren, 93; Mary Nell Morgan, 90; Frances Owen, 90; Mary Love Tipton, 90.

#### Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.

Jannell Black, 95; Dorothea Sue Bird, 94; Marvin Hunter, 94; Pauline Joyner, 94; Preston Dickinson, 93; Clyde Cribley, 91; Frank Dye, 91.

#### Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.

Ainsworth Gates, 95; T. L. Reid, 93; Dick West, 93; Francis Higgins, 92; Hollis Perry, 92; Ruth Hickam, 90.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Eighth Grade.

Jane Ferguson, 93; Billie Dunning, 91.

93; Pauline McAninch, 93; Willie Mae Hudson, 91; De La Vergne Teague, 91.

#### Ninth Grade.

Clifton Bellamy, 95; Alice Carey, 93; Ruby Carey, 93; Marry Toombs, 93; Halbert Rister, 92; Thelma Patterson, 92; Harold Morgan, 92; Winston Polley, 91; Vernon Davis, 91.

#### Junior Class.

Vivian Davis, 94; Aline McAninch, 94; Randall McNeis, 93; Edith Neil, 93; Kathryn Russell, 93; Cleo Henley, 92; Harriette Rogers, 92; Horace Daniels, 92; Verner Hester, 91; Pauline Lasater, 91; Thelma Matthews, 90.

91; J. V. Patterson, 91; Ben Sublett, 91; Billie B. Gambill, 91; Doris M. Barron, 90; Jesse M. Berry, 90.

#### Senior Class.

J. R. Higgins, 94; Woodrow Griggs, 92; Jimmie Dell Perry, 92; Faye Pinckley, 91; Clara Lee Peterson, 91; Bessylea Church, 90; Sarah Sheppard, 90.

#### Post Graduate.

Margarette Miller, 94.

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- G. F. West, Vice-Pres.
- Booth Warren, Cashier.

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

## MERKEL WINS 2 FIRSTS, ONE 3RD REGIONAL MEET

Saturday in the regional meet at Abilene, Merkel placed in every event in which she had an entry.

In extempore speaking Charles Tipton won third place, losing to Brownwood and Cross Plains. Charles has another year in which to work, and we are expecting him to do great things.

In essay writing Walderine Huskey won first place. Second and third places went to Breckenridge and San Angelo, respectively.

An account of Shannon's victory will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Walderine and Milton will compete in state meet at Austin in about a week.

### NEW REGIONAL RECORD.

Milton Shannon, crack miler of district 5, finished the mile in 4.41 and away out in front of the other milers. Huggins, from Zenphen, was the closest man to Shannon and was about 30 yards back when Shannon went through the tape.

Shannon set a regional track record that we hope will stand for several years.

Shannon will go to state meet a week from now and he stands a good chance to win. Shannon says he can run it in 4.35 at the state meet, and, if he does, he will be a winner.

### 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:

Editor-in-Chief—Walderine Huskey. Assistant Editor—Helen Joyner. Society Editor—Billy Gardner. Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley. Joke Editor—Jack West.

(This issue published by Helen Joyner.)

## NO ITALL Free Air

Dear No Itall:

Why do all the girls think I'm so good looking?  
Concededly yours,  
Harold Reece.

Dear Harold:

There's no accounting for some people's taste.

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

Why don't the girls fall for me when I give them a wicked look?

Cal McAninch.

Dear Cal:

Try not to look wicked until they've fallen. Then treat them as you wish. With pleasure.

No Itall.

My dear devoted No Itall:

Why does L. V. call Caribel "stricknine"?

Sis.

Dear Sis:

Because she's poisonous to a weak heart.

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

What makes a certain Senior boy with blond hair and a blue Ford so crazy about a certain girl?

Rino.

Dear Rino:

It must be love.

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

Why didn't Gambill's squad win the marching contest?

La Roy Hester.

Dear La Roy:

Love may trust a few,  
But paddle your own canoe.

No Itall.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

On Friday, April 20, the Juniors showed their friendship toward the Seniors by "The Last Round-Up," a banquet admirably carried out in the Senior ciors, orchid and yellow. The Seniors wish to thank the Juniors for the banquet and cannot express in words their appreciation for it. It went over with a "bang," but everyone lived over it. None of the cattle stampeded; none of the cowboys was killed. Billie Bernice Gambill, the Junior president, made a wonderful toast-mistress. The toasts were as follows: To the Seniors of '34, Billie B. Gambill.

Response, David Gamble. To the faculty, Billy Gardner. Response, Mr. Burgess. As for the rest of the program, those present were entertained by the debate, presided over by Milton Shannon, given by Jack Patterman, Charles Tipton and Clifton Bellamy. The subject for the debate was: "Resolved, That applesauce is more beneficial to the country than banana oil." The Junior boys and girls gave some songs of the evening. Mrs. Haynes told in an interesting manner how people came and left the range through an illustration of one boy and girl.

The foreman of the range, the main speaker for the evening, Dr. Richardson, vice president of Simmons university, talked on "Customs, Both Old and New, and The American Cowboy." According to him, we have inherited from the cowboy courage and the ability to stay by our talk along with several other things.

The banquet was dismissed by singing "The Eyes of Texas." The Sophomore waitresses were Janet Hayes, Opal Buzbee, Alice Russell, Annie Lee DuBose, Ora Derrick, Mabel Maddox, Luella Hughes, Alice Carey, Eva Faye Bush and Hattie Mae Dwiggin.

## Schoolhouse Gossip

DID YOU KNOW—

Billy Gardner blushed at church last Sunday night?

Joe Cook resembles a poodle dog in some people's eyes?

Milton and Oscar learned to dance during the week-end?

Betty and Vondel can "Carices"?

Shannon set a new regional record?

The girls at Wanda's got all the low-down on the Merkel boys Friday night?

Somebody must have told Clara Frances something to make her happy Sunday night?

Billy and Caribel were disappointed Sunday night?

Mary Helen La can make love to Kenneth?

Why Mrs. Irvin married Mr. Irvin?

That Junior believes in the old saying "always room for one more"?

He's had a little speech all made up Monday morning?

Something made Maymie Webb sick Sunday?

Tommy said that he had loads of fun Friday night regardless of other things?

Seniors and Juniors know more about etiquette than they did this time last year.

We wonder which likes Anson the better—Lois or Wanda.

## TOMFOOLERY

David: "You look sweet enough to eat."

Phyllis B.: "I do eat. Where shall we go?"

Stanley: "Do nuts always grow on trees?"

Mr. Riddle: "They do, my son."

Stanley: "Then what trees does the doughnut grow on?"

Mr. Riddle: "The pantry, I suppose."

Ray: "Where are you going, Harold?"

Harold: "To raise the wind."

Ray: "What for?"

Harold: "To meet the draft."

## CANYON NEWS

Well, well, we've been absent for quite a while, but here we are back again. Most everyone is beginning their planting now.

Little Betty Jo Seymore is real sick with bronchial pneumonia. We hope she will soon recover.

Rev. Johnny Lee Norris and Miss Elna Hale of Abilene dined with J. L. Perry and family on Sunday, April 15.

Arthur Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mrs. Will Butman have returned from Toyah where Mr. Butman has leased a ranch.

Julius Jones of Putnam, who has been visiting relatives here the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

Misses Fern and Florene Evans of Sweetwater spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Frazier.

Oh, boy, what a ball team Nubia has? They have played four games this year and haven't lost a game. Whoopee! Stay right in there, boys, we're betting on you.

This community was made sad last Thursday when little Bobbie Jack Reynolds passed away. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Reynolds, just two years old. We miss Bobby Jack, oh, how we miss him, but we know he has gone to a better home. The entire community expresses their sympathy for the bereaved family.

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PERSONALS

Miss Mary Eula Sears is visiting her cousin, Miss Joyce Smith, in Waco. J. T. Dennis, pianist, was taken ill Tuesday, is still confined to his bed. Miss Ruth Pinckney visited Miss Leonie Mullen of Lamesa last weekend.

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. West.

Mrs. Max Mellinger has as her guest her sister, Mrs. M. Rossonwasser, of Lockhart.

Mrs. E. L. Kingsolving of Ft. Worth was a visitor on Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Annis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rubin of Shiner have returned home after a visit in the Max Mellinger home.

Mrs. Rossie Robbins, of Odessa, a former resident of this city, is the guest of Mrs. Earl Teague.

Miss Peggy Barpett was in Fort Worth Thursday and Friday, attending the races at Arlington Downs.

Mrs. George Caple, accompanied by Miss Cecilia Zehnpfennig, is spending the week in Waco with her parents.

Miss Beryl Hunter returned Thursday to Lubbock after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Dr. W. M. Gambill and Mrs. Gambill left Monday to attend the annual meeting of the state Dental society at Fort Worth.

Miss Mildred Richardson was home for the week-end from John Tarleton college at Stephenville, it being the spring holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gaines of Sierra Blanca were passing guests Tuesday of John Collins and Miss Christine Collins.

Week-end visitors to Lamesa included Mrs. J. M. Collins, Elmo Collins, T. S. Christopher and Misses Pauline and Ruth Pinckley.

Meyer Mellinger returned Sunday to Austin, where he is attending the University of Texas, after a week-end holiday with his parents here.

Byron Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. Claude Dye and little son, Billy Gene, left Sunday for a visit with their sister, Mrs. E. E. Beech, in Henderson.

Mrs. Nell Lee, for the past several months connected with the Modern Beauty Shop, has gone to Abernathy where she is to be in charge of a beauty shop.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Jack Anderson, joined by Mrs. Claude Young and Mrs. Stewart Cooper of

Arlene, enjoyed the races at Arlington Downs Saturday.

Messrs. Booth Warren, Tom Largent and Warren Smith were among those who took in the races on Saturday, which was closing date of the Arlington Downs spring meet.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. I. N. BROWN.

This community was saddened Tuesday morning of last week to hear of the death of Mrs. I. N. Brown, which occurred at their home at 5:30.

Words cannot speak the great character of this beautiful Christian life, for

A beautiful character from us has gone,

Who bore all her infirmities with patience and love;

And home without this mother dear Will be lonely since she has gone above.

But hear what the voice from heaven proclaims,

Since God has thought it best To take her soul from hence away To its eternal rest.

The tenderest sympathy is extended to those so sadly bereaved.

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A properly prepared liquid laxative like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin brings safe relief from constipation. It gently helps the average person's bowels back to regularity. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is an approved liquid laxative which all druggists keep ready for use. It makes an ideal family laxative; effective for all ages, and may be given to the youngest child. Member N. R. A.

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company featuring 'The Pin-It-Up Lamp-New!' and 'Handy Lamp'. Includes an image of a lamp and promotional text: 'Only \$1.65 With Globe', 'A Sensational new "Handy Lamp" . . . Just what you have been looking for to make your home more attractive', 'A special offer is being made on these Lamps. The price is extremely low, and they may be had in various colors and designs.', 'This new "Pin-it-up" feature is durable . . . may be made permanent . . . but primarily it satisfies the need for portable light in any part of the home.', 'Ask any employee about this wonderful "Pin-It-Up" Lamp, and see our beautiful display at the office.', 'Remember . . . the Price Convenient'. Logo: WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY.

Advertisement for The Merkel Mail Job Printing. Text: 'LEST YOU FORGET WE DO', 'JOB PRINTING', 'When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.', 'THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT', 'PHONE 61', 'THE MERKEL MAIL'. Includes an image of a horse and rider.

Advertisement for Kenneth Mayfield Petroleum Marketers Company. Text: 'To Our Friends You should try our tractor fuel—it is great', 'KENNETH MAYFIELD Makes prompt deliveries any place', 'CALL US FIRST', 'PETROLEUM MARKETERS COMPANY', 'V. E. SMITH, Manager', 'Phone 2 Merkel, Texas'.

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**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Electric washing machine; will take young heifer or maize or anything of equal value. Phone or write Lola Mae Reidenbach, Route 5, Merkel. Phone 9033F14.

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**FOR SALE**—Large lawn mower cheap. Mrs. Fred Latham, Phone 95.

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**FOR SALE**—Fresh Jersey cow with calf. See O. W. Walker, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

**FOR SALE**—Kaffir corn and maize, \$12.00 per ton. See Judge L. Crow, 8 miles north of Noodle on Hamlin road.

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## LEGAL NOTICE.

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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 held 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 \$260.57 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.

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## 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: JOHN L. CAMP, (Re-election).

## GOLAN NEWS

Our Sunday School attendance is increasing. All are invited to come. We need you come.

Brother Biggs filled his regular fourth Sunday appointment here Sunday and Sunday night, with a great number attending both services.

Our next quarterly conference meets at Sylvester May 13. Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winter of Noodle visited in the home of her parents Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Hill returned to her home in Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson of Noodle visited in the V. P. Byrom home Sunday.

Ross Kemp of McMurry was visiting home folks Sunday. He made a short talk on why April 22 had been set aside as "College Day" and as "Memorial" for Dr. J. W. Hunt.

Those visiting in the home of G. M. Byrom Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey.

Those from here who entered their babies in the contest for West Texas "best baby" will go to Abilene Friday for the show.

Mrs. C. C. Davis is visiting relatives in Waco. There are a few cases of measles and roseola in our community.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Brother Williams of Abilene preached here Sunday, as the weather prohibited his regular second Sunday appointment.

There were 75 present for Sunday School Sunday morning, a few more than on the Sunday before. Everyone is invited to come and invite someone to come with you that is not a member.

L. P. Lawlis, G. M. Lawlis and V. P. Byrom went to Sylvester Sunday evening for the first lesson of a series to be given to promote Sunday School work.

Ross Kemp of McMurry was home Sunday visiting the folks.

F. Jeffrey is improving slowly from a week's sick spell.

Orvell Hill is spending this week at home, his school having closed a week on account of measles and scarlet fever.

A nephew of Mrs. C. C. Davis of East Texas visited in their home this week.

Mrs. W. W. Hill of Snyder is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill this week. J. T. Williams and H. F. Jeffrey were in Anson on business Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. J. R. Dean has been visiting a daughter near Sylvester for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Coborn have moved to McCauley. Before her marriage Mrs. Coborn was Miss Willie Pearl Cook.

### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazine. 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.

The capitol in Washington required 70 years to complete.

## RURAL SOCIETY

### RECENT BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.

Complimenting Mrs. Mandel Rogers, who before her recent marriage was Mrs. Naurville Evans, Mesdames Beryl Brown and B. D. Pressly entertained Tuesday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. B. D. Pressly.

Games and contests were played, including the future contest, which was the untangling of a great spider-web. At the end of Mrs. Rogers' web was a chest that was filled with beautiful gifts.

Refreshments of iced punch and cake were served to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Willis Evans, of Sweetwater, Mesdames P. A. Riggins, Lloyd Harris, Sickle Phillips, D. D. Coats, E. L. Frazier, J. C. Riggins, Jessie Conley, T. M. Shugart, Lester Shugart, M. H. Farmer, Ina Hunter, Noble Hill, Leon Coats, Raymond Russon, Wade Ensminger, W. H. Brown, Howard Brown, Frank Demore, Lena Lee Weston of Sterling City; Misses Margie Coats, Ester Harris, Erma Dell Perry and Florene and Fern Evans, sisters of the bride and the hostesses.

### UNION RIDGE.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. W. A. Harris last Friday. With Mrs. Harris, the club president, presiding, a short business session was held in which Mrs. S. G. Russell was elected as council member and plans were made for the next meeting.

Mr. W. C. Lee gave a demonstration in cheese making.

Members present were: Mesdames W. A. Harris, Melvin Carey, Pierce Horton, G. Russell, J. L. McRee, S. C. Vick, Johnnie Dunn, Floyd Newberry, Ruth Bond, Burley Bond, Kenneth Pee, Marvin Douglas, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. J. Derstine, Mack Tucker, Lee Tipton, Meses Ruby Patton, Norman Patton, Mabel McRee and one new member, Mrs. Lige Harris, with four visitors: Miss Wynona Patton, Mrs. W. C. Lee, Sybil Harris and Adge Douglas from Slaton.

Coal oil users, buy the best. Conoco kerosene delivered to your home 6c per gallon. H. L. Duffer, wholesale agent.

### Honor Roll at Salt Branch Announced

The following pupils of the Salt Branch school, of which Miss Norah Foster is principal and Mrs. J. W. Teaff assistant, are on the honor roll for the sixth month:

Second grade—Coy Bacon, 90; Jeanette Neff, 93; Jean Payne, 92; Delma Harris, 90; Deverle Higgins, 90.

Fourth grade—Linnie Faye Armstrong, 90.

Fifth grade—Lorena Higgins, 90; Francis Harris, 90.

Seventh grade—Annie D. Garvin, 91; Hortense Armstrong, 91.

Eighth grade—Pauline Higgins, 93.

There are 22,156 horses left in New York City. What's equally interesting is that the city has 406 blacksmiths.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Office supplies—Mail office.

## ESKOTA NEWS

There are several sick folks in this community yet. Measles and roseola are the most popular cause. Those on the sick list this week are: Jeff, Tom and John Anderson, Floyd Patton, Mrs. W. M. Patton, P. B. and Doris Jo Cooper, Donnie Vearl Nichols, Mrs. Clifton Hale, Roberta, Ouida and Marion Johnston, Marieta Head, James Dye and Virgil Utley.

Mrs. May Day visited in the home of Mrs. F. E. Allyn of Trent last week. Marvin White of Snyder visited his cousin, L. H. Utley, here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. I. Trent and Mrs. Lucy Vickers were in Trent on business Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harding left Sunday morning for Rising Star. They had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Mathews.

Miss Irma Knox, who is working at Sweetwater, visited her mother, Mrs. Dora Knox, and Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd during the week-end.

Brother Harcastle filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning. Services were also held at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale's Sunday afternoon for the pleasure of Grandmother Daniels, who has been bedfast for several years.

Singing was well attended here Sunday night.

C. B. Johnston, Jim Funderburg and E. Thomas were in Roby on business Monday morning.

Mrs. Clayton Nichols and son spent a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knox and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Hale and family, all of Longworth, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale Sunday.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each 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.

### WAX

Your floors. We have new electric polisher for rent. Have plenty floor wax on hand.

BURTON-LINGO CO. Phone 74

### CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who lent their assistance during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you for every kindness shown and for the lovely floral offerings.

Mrs. W. F. Steadman and Children, C. S. Steadman, C. C. Steadman, H. M. Steadman.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our friends and neighbors who were so good and kind and helpful to us during the brief illness and death of our dearest baby, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be with you all. Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds and Children.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, Grandparents.

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**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

## SPECIALS

### FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

APRIL 27 AND 28

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**Strawberries** pint 10c

**ORANGES**, Red Ball, dozen 30c

**APPLES**, Delicious, dozen 30c

**Green Beans** 2 lbs. 15c

**New Spuds** 5 lbs. 17c

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**LETTUCE**, head 6c

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and son, R. B., returned home Monday after attending the funeral of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. C. S. Gregory, who succumbed at her home in Roby on Friday, April 20. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at Roby, it being the most commodious church in town, with Rev. Mr. Nealey, assisted by several ministers of the Nazarene church, officiating. Mrs. Gregory, who was formerly of this place, will be remembered as Grandmother Eason. She had not lived here for a number of years but has a host of friends who joined in extending sympathy to the bereaved family. To know her was to love her and she inspired to higher things all those who came in contact with her.

The pastor of the Baptist church is moving here this week from Abilene. We welcome this good man and his family to our town and feel honored to have them in our midst. At present they are residing on the south side, but hope to locate near the church soon.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Shannon were hosts to a few of their friends in honor of their son's birthday. Norval being nine years old. The outing spent on Sweetwater creek was a delightful one, enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt and son, Kenneth, Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughter, Doreen, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Terry, Mr. Adams of Ireland, Jack Perkins, Henry Bright, Dorothy Reeves, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and son, Glen, Mrs. Alex Williamson, T. G. Murdock, Kirby Steadman, Odell Connell, Ben Reeves, Troy Gerald Kegans, J. B. Winn, Jr., and the hosts.

Clinton Feazel of Fort Worth passed through our city Saturday en route to Sweetwater where he will be employed in the Home Cream factory there.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Craddock of Cisco visited friends and relatives here

last Sunday, also attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, accompanied by Mrs. Billings, attended church at Tye last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessel and children of Eastland were dinner guests in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vessel, Sunday, en route home after a visit with relatives in Slaton.

Rev. John Reynolds, formerly of this place, preached at the school house Sunday, visiting also with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosea Winn and children visited the former's sister, Mrs. Evans, of Sweetwater last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross B. Jenkins and son, Bobbie, of Baird, were six o'clock dinner guests in the Adrian home Thursday of last week.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts visited relatives at Gladewater last week-end.

Mrs. Abernathy visited her son in Abilene the latter part of the week.

Ralph Linebarger of Arizona is here for an indefinite visit in the home of his sister, Mrs. John A. Woodard.

Mrs. George Gafford and children of Hobbs, N. M., spent a few days with relatives here last weekend.

David Casey and Jack Bowers of Abilene attended to business in Sweetwater last Saturday and on their return home were dinner guests in the Bowers home.

Miss Fanyne Bell Vessel visited friends at Kale last week.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and daughter, Ella, of Merkel were guests in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. J. T. Vessel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick of Merkel visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathews last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Francis of Seymour were all day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson Sunday. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Pearl King, who

remained over for a week's visit with Mrs. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skillern and children, Gloria and Kenneth, of Sweetwater, were guests of Mrs. J. L. Leamon and Mrs. Ernest Massey last Sunday. They were accompanied by the former's brother, Jim Skillern, also of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo McElmurray and children of White Flat visited Mr. and Mrs. Hub Kegans Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Randel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, last week.

Rev. Johnnie Reeves of McMurry college preached to an attentive audience at the Methodist church Sunday.

The W. M. U. of the Baptist church met in regular session Monday afternoon. Social plans were discussed and next Monday afternoon Mrs. Ernest Massey, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Mathews, will entertain the society at Mrs. Massey's home with a social.

Buckner Reed of Mt. Pleasant was

an overnight guest with his cousin, James Bright, one night last week.

On last Tuesday several ladies from town and near neighbors spent the day with Mrs. E. Howell. The morning hours were spent in quilting and at the noon hour a bountiful covered dish luncheon was spread and enjoyed by approximately 20 guests.

**BRIDAL SHOWER.**

One of the April showers on this week's social calendar was a pretty planned party given Mrs. Harold D. Wash at the downtown club room. Mrs. Wash was Miss Emma Mando Johnson before her marriage last Saturday.

Mrs. John Payne and Mrs. Ed Burks were hostesses for this gala affair. The room was decorated with a lovely array of spring blossoms assembled in wall vases and colored bowls. These carried out the colors of blue, pink and white. The wedding cake with a bride and groom for its only decoration was placed under the rainbow on a table overlaid with pink satin and lace table cloth. The ceiling

was a profusion of stars at which guests' fortunes were told. At the close of the games the bride was given a stereoscope through which she "gazed" on directions for finding gifts. Finding stars indicated by flirt, love, wealth and happiness, she came to the end of her rainbow of dreams to a "pot of gold."

Guests registering and filing their favorite recipes were: Mesdames: O. A. Smith, Bess Billings, R. B. McRee, Sr., Johnnie Terry, J. S. Armour, B. F. Sikes, N. O. Bright, Cloys Edwards,

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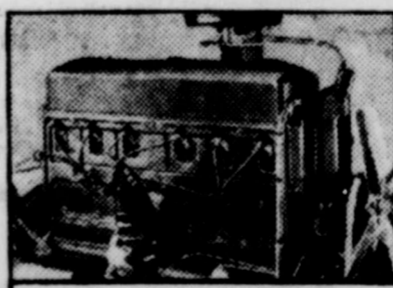
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THE STORY SO FAR

Nancy Gordon trades herself in marriage with Dr. Richard Morgan for fifteen thousand dollars—to save her family from the disgrace of her brother Roddy's theft of that amount for a woman. Nancy loves penniless young Page Roemer, and Richard is loved by Helena Haddon, a sophisticated young married woman. Kingdon Haddon, Helena's husband, sees the elopers, but holds his counsel. After the ceremony, Nancy returns to her parents' home, and continues to see Page, who urges her to divorce her husband. Mr. Gordon, to release his daughter from what he considers her shameful marriage, sells his house to his friend Major Lomax, who rents it to the original owner. Helena is jealous of Richard's interest in Nancy, although she knows nothing of the marriage, and tries to make trouble. Once Page comes to Nancy's home and makes love to her. Nancy is frantic—she loves Page but refuses to go back on her bargain with Richard by divorcing him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Richard started perceptibly at the sight of Nancy, but he came in quietly now, greeting them all easily, even cheerfully.

"I'm sorry I'm late, major," he said simply, "had a bad case—had to stay all night."

The major, releasing Nancy's hand, turned on him crustily. "Killing yourself for some old beggar, I'll warrant!" he said sharply.

Richard laughed grimly, "I'm harder to kill than that, major."

"Humph, you look like an owl! Nancy—where's that girl," the old man looked about, bewildered.

"She went out with Angie," Richard said drily. "Let me see your foot, major," and he laid hold of the bandages.

Meanwhile, Angie found it hard to keep her friend even a moment. But Nancy had utterly forgotten that Angie might be hurt about her brother. "She wrenched her hand free of Angie's detaining fingers."

"I've got to go!" she cried. "Mama wants me—I promised—I'll come again!"

She was off, running down the path like a frightened deer. She swung around, ran down to the back fence, climbed over into some blackberry brambles, stumbled and twisted her ankle.

She tried to take the short cut to her home but a sudden pang shot agony through her ankle, she stumbled again, went lame and tried to hobble toward the river. She could sit there on the bank until he had gone home, she thought, and then she flushed with anger; she hated herself for being so childish. She winced with shame as much as with the pain in her ankle. Suddenly she determined to walk straight across the field and go home. But her courage failed utterly when she saw that he was taking that way home. If she went a step farther it would look as if she wanted to meet him. There was just time to avoid the encounter.

She turned hurriedly and tried to run down the path behind the pine trees. But her hurt ankle suddenly gave way, her foot turned under her and she went down, full length, in the pine needles, not ten yards from the Morgan gate. She was struggling to her knees crimson with mortification, when Richard reached her.

"You're hurt!" he exclaimed, bending down to lift her back to her feet. "It's nothing—I stumbled," she said sullenly.

He was holding her firmly, supporting her, and his deep eyes looked straight into hers.

"Good heavens, Nancy, don't hate me so!" he cried violently.

She pressed her lips determinedly together, tears of anger in her eyes. "Let me go," she planted, "I didn't go lame on purpose—I'm not throwing myself at your head again!"

He let her go out of his arms as if she had stung him.

"Why don't you go then?" he asked her harshly.

She kept her blue eyes fixed on his, fury leaping up in them like a consuming flame.

"You thought I ran this way on purpose!" she said slowly. "I didn't, I didn't want to see you—I don't want to see you at all."

He stood looking at her for a moment dumb with excitement, then

something—almost a revelation—made the blood go up hotly into his face.

But he did not move. He was watching her, his own breath coming short.

Nancy did not look at him. She tried to walk straight past him to the path. She did achieve three straight, firm steps and then a wince of pain shook her. She wavered, stretched out a hand involuntarily and caught at the nearest branch; it saved her from falling, but her face turned white.

He saw it; the angry lover was suddenly merged in the doctor. She was hurt and he could help her. She had done something to her foot in the fall. It would take his skill to mend it. Without a word, he picked her up in his arms and carried her up the long path to his own house.

"Don't struggle so!" said Richard sharply, "if you've hurt your ankle, you'll make it worse. I'm going to bind it for you."

As he spoke he carried her into his office and put her gently down on the old leather lounge in the corner. Nancy's impulse to spring up vanished with a new pang in her ankle, and he was taking off her shoe and feeling of her foot. Then, ignoring her, he went to the door and called sharply:

"Mammy Polk, some hot water!"

Nancy, sitting on the side of the lounge, clenched her hands on the edge of it until her knuckles whitened. How cool he was! It made her even hotter with anger to see how cool he was.

"Ain't swelled any, Mist' Richard," Mammy Polk observed drily, on her knees to help him.

Nancy winced. "She thinks I'm playing hurt!" she thought.

Richard's hands were deft and fine on her ankle. He bound it swiftly. "There, mammy, that's a figure eight—see?" he said good naturedly, and then, pushing aside the hot water, "that's all, you can take the bowl away now."

Mammy rose slowly to her feet. "I reckon you-all forgets I've got ter put on her stockin' fo' her," she remarked with dignity.

But Nancy had snatched it up and pulled it on herself.

"I'm going right home," she said.

Mammy Polk courted. "If you-all wants me I'm right out in de kitchen, peelin' potatoes," she said majestically. "I reckons three ain't comp'ny no ways," she added.

Nancy, lacing her shoe frantically, stared after her with furious eyes.

"Richard, you've told her!" she cried.

He raised his eyes without a smile. "Is there any new reason to hate me, Nancy?" he asked drily. "I haven't told her."

She was ashamed of her unreasonable anger.

"I'm sorry," she said in a low voice. "I—I thrust myself into your life. I—was just sordid!"

He looked at her, passion in his eyes. "I love you," he answered; "I want the chance to teach you to love me."

She shook her head. "You don't know me—I'm not a good woman to have for a wife—I—" she stopped gasping, and then, hotly: "I've let Page Roemer kiss me—since we were married!"

In spite of himself, he started. The instinct of the caveman to seize his woman and keep her, leaped up in him. Suddenly he put his arms around Nancy and kissed her. He kissed her forehead, her cheeks, her throat. Then she wrenched herself free, hot and trembling.

"How dare you!" she cried.

"How dare I?" he laughed bitterly, "didn't you tell me that you let Page Roemer kiss you? And I'm your husband! Would you rather have another man kiss you?"

She was furious, her face glowed with color. "Let me go," she cried. "I hate you! Let me go—you said you didn't want a woman who didn't love you!"

"Yes, I know it!" he said hoarsely. "I know it—I thought I could let you go, but what if I can't? What if my love is too strong for it—if—" he caught her hands now and held them, looking down at her. Love in his face, love triumphant and beautiful, but dominant and selfish, too. "Suppose I will not let you go?"

She panted, trying to break away from his hold, her eyes ablaze with anger.

"You've got to let me go—you—" she wet her parched lips—"you paid for me—that's how you feel, I know

—and you've taken half the money back. You've got to let me go!"

He flung her hands from him, rising to his feet, his face dark.

"You love that fellow! You want Roemer's kisses not mine! I—" he choked with fury—"he shan't have you!" he began to walk up and down the room; "he shan't have you, do you hear me, Nancy?"

He stopped short. The door of his office stood ajar and he suddenly saw a woman's figure coming down the hall. Unannounced, Mammy Polk had admitted a patient. It was Helena Haddon.

"Nancy, stay here—I'll take her into the other room," he said below his breath, going to meet his visitor.

But Nancy had struggled to her feet. "I'm going home," she gasped, and steadied herself, leaning on the table beside her.

Helena heard her. "Don't let me break in on another patient," she said, smiling, and then, coming to the door: "Why, Miss Gordon, are you ill, too?" Richard flushed. "It's a twisted ankle," he said briefly, "let me take you into the library, Mrs. Haddon; Miss Gordon can't walk very well yet, the ankle's just bandaged."

"I'm so sorry—" Helena began.

But Nancy cut them both short; she straightened herself and began to walk quite steadily across the room.

"I'm going right home," she said.

"Sit down," Richard ordered sharply, "your foot will twist again." Nancy flung him a look that breathed defiance. Agony was shooting through the hurt muscles, but she trod on the foot with an iron will. She had the side door open when Richard sprang to her aid.

"I'll help you home anyway," he said.

But Nancy recoiled from his touch. "Go back—to her!" she whispered, her

face flushed still with anger and pain. "I can walk."

Helena stood by the table, drawing off her gloves. Richard noticed it as he came in, bewildered and angry and in doubt. That ankle must hurt horribly, if it hurt at all. The doubt shook him, but he noticed how white and soft Helena's hands looked, and that she had discarded her rings. He did not even notice the usual plain band on the marriage finger.

"I always come at the wrong time, Richard, I'm as inopportune as the measles!"

He pushed a chair forward. "On the contrary," his voice said, "you're always welcome. I hope you're not nervous again, Helena?"

She sank into the chair, putting up her hands with a graceful gesture to push back the light veil she wore.

"Well, I don't sleep at all," she replied with her provoking smile. "I suppose you'd scold dreadfully if I should ask for chloral or morphine or anything—to make me sleep!"

Richard dragged his mind back from its absent contemplation and looked at her intently.

"I wouldn't give it to you," he said gravely.

She smiled, drooping her lids over

eyes that softened too much when they met his; even a little color went up in her face and transfigured it.

"She's beautiful," he thought reluctantly.

"I've taken lots of it already," she said, laughing quietly. "I increased the dose last night."

"What!"

"Chloral." She stirred in her chair, and he saw that her chin was shaking.

"Look here, Helena, this won't do," he spoke kindly, with genuine concern. "Do you know, I ought to tell King?"

"King!" She sat up, turning the blaze of angry eyes on him. "Why King? He's thinking of nothing—of no one—but his new racehorse he got from Lomax. He and the grooms are at him day and night, getting him in shape. He's to race next month. King

cares more to have that horse win the race for him—or to win himself in a golf tournament, than he cares for my soul!"

She rose from her chair and went to the window. Helena was winking back hot tears. She had seen Richard's face as he looked at Nancy, and every instinct of her nature leaped up into furious jealousy.

"Richard, I'm wretched—what's the use of lying? King and I hate each other cordially—I—" she covered her face with her hands.

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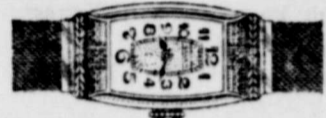
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TO THE VOTERS OF THE 17th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Mr. Blanton has flooded the district with a political circular purporting to be a speech delivered by him in the House of Representatives, Friday, March 2, 1934, in which he brands me as a "racketeer" for drawing compensation as an ex-service man for a physical disability.

This vicious and unwarranted attack on me was first published in the Congressional Record so that Mr. Blanton could then send it out over the district, through the U. S. mails without paying postage on it, by using his Congressional "frank," which is supposed to be limited under the law, strictly to official business. With such flagrant misuse of the Congressional "frank" (free use of the mails), is it any wonder that each year the Post Office Department is confronted with a huge deficit, running into millions of dollars, in spite of the fact that you are now compelled to pay three, instead of two cents postage.

If Mr. Blanton wants to make the matter of my service in the Army and my physical disability a political issue in the Congressional race, he should do so AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, and not require you as a tax-payer to pay the postage on his political literature. Figured on the basis of three cents postage (which you and I have to pay) every time Mr. Blanton mails out (under his Congressional free use of the mails) a political circular to all the voters in the District (as he has already done several times this year) it costs the Government more than \$1,800.00, which the taxpayers are required to pay.

The fact that Mr. Blanton brands me as a "racketeer" does not, by any means, make it true.

"If I am a racketeer" for having received compensation, which Mr. Blanton well knows that I was entitled to receive, under the law and the facts, then every disabled veteran in the United States, who is now, or has been, drawing compensation under, and by virtue of, laws passed by Congress, of which Mr. Blanton has been a member for sixteen long years, is also a "racketeer."

I knew when I dared to announce for Congress against Mr. Blanton, I was committing the unpardonable sin, from his viewpoint, and that if he ran true to his old form, he would classify me (as he has all his former opponents) as a rascal, a scoundrel, and a knave; so naturally

I am not concerned as to what he calls me. I do, however, resent the fact that Mr. Blanton has insinuated that the good people of my judicial district, whom I hold in the highest esteem and respect, would knowingly elect to the office of District Judge, a "racketeer"—and I say "knowingly" because in the four times that they have honored me with that high office they re-elected me during the time that I was actually drawing compensation, with full knowledge of that fact.

By his clever use of trickery and deception in printing only parts of my compensation record, and by deliberately and willfully omitting parts of sentences and entire paragraphs of letters, Mr. Blanton has, in his "purported" speech, made so many false statements and unfair allusions to me that space will not permit a detailed answer at his time. I will say that he has gone so far in his effort to mislead, as to deliberately falsify the record, as set out in his "purported" speech, and published in the Congressional Record, wherein he says as follows:

"In connection with his application for retired pay, based on being disabled, Judge Carl O. Hamlin filed with the Bureau an affidavit made by Lila Keith, sworn to on November 17, 1928, stating that Judge Hamlin was nervous, that his lungs gave him trouble and that he had boils on his head."

I say to you that such is absolutely false, and Mr. Blanton well knew it to be at the time he made the statement. I had never even heard of a person by the name of Lila Keith, and until I read Mr. Blanton's "purported" speech always thought my nerves were fairly steady, that my lungs were sound, and was not aware that I ever had a boil on my head during my entire life. By all means Mr. Blanton ought to furnish the Veterans' Bureau with a copy of this affidavit, for they are unable to find such in my file—it might be of interest to them and I am sure it would be to me.

Since Mr. Blanton in his "purported" speech asserts that I have made repeated effort to be restored to the rolls (which he knows is untrue) and has neglected to tell you that when I am elected to Congress I can not under the law draw compensation, no matter how justly I may be entitled to the same, and has overlooked telling you that I AM

HIS OPPONENT or giving you any information as to the true character and extent of my disability, I here and now challenge him to print in the Congressional Record for the inspection of the public at large my complete compensation file (and not just such parts as suit his fancy) so that the public may have the full facts and form their own opinion. I am more than willing to have this done, for I am fully convinced the people are capable of thinking for themselves, which Mr. Blanton does not seem willing to let them do.

If Mr. Blanton is not willing to leave the question as to my right to compensation up to the public, after they have been given the full facts, then common decency should compel him to admit that he has tried to deceive and mislead his constituents who have for sixteen long years honored him with high office and political power, both of which he has never hesitated to use unfairly against foe or friend to advance his own political fortune.

Apparently not satisfied with ridiculing my service in the Army and my physical disability he has also attempted to inject religion into the campaign by criticizing the religious denomination of the law school I attend. If it would be any satisfaction to Mr. Blanton I might explain to him that I attended Georgetown Law School in Washington, D. C. to study LAW and not RELIGION, and while I am, and have been, a lifelong Baptist, nevertheless I am proud of the fact that among my many friends, whom I value very highly, I can number those of all denominations.

Not having the free use of the U. S. Mails as Mr. Blanton has, I shall during the campaign earnestly endeavor to reach the voters of this district, either in person, from the stump, or through the public press, for the purpose of discussing proper issues, which will, of course, include Mr. Blanton's record.

In conclusion I would like to remind you that one personal letter to each of the sixty thousand voters of this district would cost me over \$2,000; hence, I trust that if you receive no personal letter from me you will not charge it to any lack of interest, or failure of appreciation on my part, of your support and influence.

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MEXICAN PARTY.

Miss Christine Collins returned a number of social obligations Wednesday afternoon when she entertained with a cleverly planned Mexican party.

Invitations were extended to Mesdames Claude Young, Ernest Old and Marvin Alston of Abilene, Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, Miss Alice Bigham, Abilene, Mesdames Jack Anderson, Frank McFarland, W. T. Sadler, Charlie Jones, Lige Gamble, Bob Mayfield, John Olin Lushy, George Caple, Twyman Collins, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Charles Largent, George West, Jr., Ernest Higgins, Edward McCrary, Milton Case, L. C. Zehnpenning, George White, Misses Loyce Dry, Johnnie Sears, Cecilia Zehnpenning, Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Mary Eula Sears.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Bill Haynes entertained a delightful group of youngsters last Tuesday afternoon during the hours from three to five in celebration of her little daughter, Lora Pearl's sixth birthday.

Mrs. Warren Smith assisted Mrs. Haynes in serving angel food cake and ice cream to Billie and Jack Haynes, Abie and Ikey Turner, Ralph Dye, Becky Garber, Mary Fae Johnson, Stanley Lee Riddle, Nancy Jean Scott, Jimmie Lawler, Billie Morris Baze, Dwight and Nedra Swafford, Freddie Lee and Harold Hughes, Teddie Joe McGehee, Dorothy Nell Groene, Marilyn Petty, Bobby and Willy Brown, Bea Smith, Jackie Smith, Doris Mae and Wayne Leopard, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Wayne Haynes and Helen Haynes.

FIDELIS CLASS.

The Fidelis class of the Presbyterian church met in a social hour on Friday, April 20, and the class was organized with the following officers: Bob Dunn, president; Mrs. W. A. Thompson, vice-president; Miss Vera Walker, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. George West, Jr., reporter, and Miss Mary Derstine, teacher.

After a very pleasant social hour, refreshments were served to the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames Bob Dunn, W. A. Thompson, Emory Jones, S. G. Russell, Jr., Andrew Baker, B. Bond W. J. Derstine, Mrs. George West, Jr., Misses Irene Warren, Aileen Davis, Vera Walker and Mabel Murray, Messrs. Grisham Dowell and Gordon Murray, Rev. R. A. Walker and Miss Mary Derstine.

MARY MARTHAS.

The Mary Martha Auxiliary met Monday afternoon in the home of Miss Mabel McCree when members of the Woman's Missionary society were guests. Report of the quarterly conference was given by Mrs. P. H. Gates.

Angel food cake and ice cream was served to Mesdames S. G. Tipton, Jr., Fred Hughes, Walter Warnken, Shirley Wells, Allen McGehee, John Dunn, Floyd Newberry, Tracy Campbell, Denzel Cox, Kenneth Pee, Milton Case, Cecil Guthrie, Tom Allday, Arthur Steele, Leonard Jenkins, Irvin Lackey, B. M. Black, D. O. Huddleston, Etsel Church, Richards, W. S. J. Brown, P. H. Gates McCree, J. R. Pee, R. A. Burgess, Miss Lucretia Patterson and the hostess.

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CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday morning Brother Joyner preached on "Christians' Rewards," taken from the third chapter of 1st Cor. He told us that there was a difference in salvation and reward; that salvation is a gift and rewards are meted out for service, and our great reward is having our names written in the Lamb's book of life.

Several went from here to the Association B. Y. P. U. study course, meeting at Abilene at 2:30 last Sunday afternoon. The study course met at Tye Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 and will meet with the Merkel church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Some of the speakers will be Miss Grace Conn and T. C. Gardner, also Mr. Hopkins.

Our pastor left for San Jon, N. M., Monday morning to hold a protracted meeting and the pulpit will be filled next Sunday morning by Dr. Sandefer of Simmons university and Sunday evening by the B. S. U. of Simmons university.

W. J. Largent conducted the prayer meeting Wednesday evening and told of the work at the convention.

Dr. N. A. Moore, Bible teacher at Simmons, will preach in the morning and Brother Tom Riddle at night a week from next Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. B. T. S. at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Subject, "Missions." Song, "The Kingdom is Coming." Devotional, Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Prayer for our work at home. "The Unprivileged Group," Mrs. Petty.

"When the Story of Christ Came to Abilene," Mrs. Childress. "A Lone Survivor," Mrs. Clarence Perry.

Song, "Send the Light." Prayer for foreign work. "The Tide Has Turned," Mrs. A. R. Booth.

"Am I Really Missionary?" Mrs. T. E. Collins. Special song.

Since "Missions" are taught in the Bible by the Saviour we find that "Missions" are the outstanding subject to be taught in our W. M. S.

We are having a special program on "Home and Foreign Missions" next Monday, April 30, at the First Baptist church at 3 p. m. We urge everyone who is interested in "Missions" to be present for the program.

SENIOR PREP PROGRAM.

Introduction, Clara Frances Largent. Part One, Sis Gamble. Part Two, Walter Peters. Last part, part two, Charles Tipton.

Part three, Vivian Davis. Part 4, Vernon Davis.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. Now is the time for the Sunday School to pick up. Now is time for you to come—we will be looking for you next Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Come and worship with us. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 8 p.

m. Children's World club Wednesday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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

You are cordially invited to attend all of these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here was 871 last Sunday, as compared with 882 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago there were 821 present.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study Lord's day 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?" Young people's program 5 p. m. and preaching 8 p. m. subject, "What Will You Do With Jesus, the Christ?"

Preaching Wednesday 8 p. m. Sermon by one of the A. C. C. preachers. These services are fine and well attended and we invite you to be with us.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

There were ten baptized Sunday and several more are yet to be baptized. Bill Dowell preached for us Sunday night and Brother Rister from Tye preached Sunday morning. Brother John Reynolds preached Monday night.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We are very anxious to get the Fifth Sunday meeting in July at our church. We believe in good singing and Tom Spears does his best to have the very best singing possible. So we ask you to favor us by coming our way next July.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Last Sunday was not only a beautiful day, flooded with sunshine, but a mighty good day for the Church of

the Nazarene. The writer spoke to a large congregation from the subject, "Anti-Christ and the Mark of the Beast."

We had the largest number at prayer meeting last Thursday night that we have had since being in Merkel. Our Sunday School and N. Y. P. S. are moving right up the ladder and we are expecting to see them go over the top for the Master. If you are not attending church anywhere else, try our church one Sunday.

Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Come worship with us.

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Canvass Starts

(Continued on Page Eight) The original finance committee, which included four others besides the chairman, viz. Dub Diltz, Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes and W. O. Boney, was augmented by five volunteer workers, making that committee a

most representative body. New members added by the volunteer method are: Dr. W. T. Sadler, T. G. Bragg, Roy Reid, S. D. Gamble and Bob Dennis.

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