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41 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION CLASS OF 1934

Don H. Morris, Vice President of McMurry College to Deliver Address to Graduates; Sermon By Dr. O. P. Clark.

Fortyone candidates for graduation are numbered in the Senior class of 1934 of the Merkel High school and closing exercises will take place on Sunday and Monday nights, May 27 and 28, both at the Methodist church, at 8:15 o'clock.

On Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. O. P. Clark, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene.

Special numbers on the program include the Girls Choral club in the following selections: "Day is Dying in the West," "Praise the Lord," prayer, "Recessional," and "The Sinner and the Song." Miss Margaret Miller is to play the processional. Two local pastors, Rev. R. A. Walker and Rev. C. R. Joyner, will give invocation and benediction, respectively.

Two other special numbers by the Girls Choral club are: "Keep Your Heart in Love with Jesus" and "The Lord's Prayer."

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. Diplomas will be presented to successful candidates for graduation at the commencement exercises on Monday night.

The address to the graduates by Don H. Morris, vice president of Abilene Christian college, is to be the feature of the program.

Rev. C. R. Joyner and Rev. P. H. Gates will give the invocation and benediction, respectively. Miss Margaret Miller will play the processional and special musical numbers will be: "Flower Song," by the Senior girls; "Awake, the Morning Dawns," by the Senior class and "My Task," by the Girls Octet.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION. Grammar School Graduation exercises will be held Friday night of this week at 8:15 at the Methodist church.

The program follows: Processional, Miss Emma Joyner. Invocation, Rev. C. R. Joyner. Chorus, "Texas, Pride of the South," the class.

Salutatory, Pauline Joyner. Address to the class, Rev. P. H. Gates.

Group of songs, by Choral club. Presentation of certificates, Mrs. Len Sublett, principal.

Valedictory, Jannell Black. Chorus, "Land of Hope and Glory," the class. Benediction, Rev. R. A. Walker.

"Fingerprints" to be Given.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. will present the play, "Fingerprints," at the school house at Noodle Saturday night, May 26. Admission prices will be 5c and 10c.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 22, 1914.)

\$75 COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA FREE. To Some Young Lady of Merkel Trade Territory.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail and vote for your favorite. First prize: one \$75.00 Columbia Grafonola to the young lady receiving the largest number of votes.

Second prize: one \$50.00 Hornless Jewel Graphophone.

Third prize: one \$25.00 Columbia Hornless Eclipse Graphophone.

Fire Chief Ferrier and delegates, Occie Burns and George Woodrum, returned Saturday from a week's stay in Victoria where they attended the State Firemen's convention.

The piano department of Merkel Public schools will give a recital Friday evening, May 22nd, at the Southside Christian church at eight o'clock. An admission charge of 10c will be charged to all parties.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Virgil Touchstone left Saturday night for Houston and other points in Southeast Texas where he will visit for about two weeks.

BARROW AND BONNIE SLAIN IN TRAP IN LOUISIANA BY RANGERS-SHERIFFS POSSE

QUARREL ENDS WITH SHOOTING

R. E. Cole Held on \$1,500 Bond Under Assault to Murder Charge Filed Here.

Formally charged with assault with intent to murder in Justice W. W. Wheeler's court here Monday morning, R. E. Cole, 24, waived preliminary trial and was returned to the county jail where he had been since Saturday, in lieu of \$1,500 bond.

The defendant was charged in connection with the shooting Saturday afternoon of W. H. Garrison, age 30, at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. E. Cole, in the west part of town.

Garrison, who formerly lived at Jersey City, N. J., and who had been employed by Mrs. Cole at her dairy for about a year, was shot as he sat in his automobile. The two men had quarreled inside the house and Cole had ordered Garrison to leave, it was reported.

Immediately after the shooting, Cole walked uptown and surrendered to City Marshal Chester Hutcheson, who carried him to Abilene.

Muscles of Garrison's left arm were torn and his chin was grazed by a bullet from a single-barreled shot-gun, causing considerable loss of blood, but his recovery is expected. He remains at the home of Mrs. Cole where he had been staying.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan Dies

James Allen Doan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan of Blair, died at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, just three days old.

Funeral services were conducted in the home Thursday morning by Rev. John E. Walker of Abilene, pastor of the Blair church, and the little body was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, where the mound was covered with beautiful flowers.

Besides his parents, one sister, Joy Juanita, 13, and a brother, Samuel Finley, 8, survive, and to these and other members of the family The Mail joins many friends in extending sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

Death of H. B. Hill.

News was received here Tuesday of the death of H. B. Hill, 35, who was found dead at his home in Galveston. Mr. Hill, who was engaged in the insurance business, was the husband of the former Miss Vera Jinkens, daughter of the late Mrs. B. Jinkens, one of the pioneer families here.

Plans Announced for Buddy Poppies Sale

Buddy poppies, made by the eager fingers of America's disabled war veterans, will be sold here and in approximately three thousand other cities of the country Saturday, May 26, in the thirteenth annual distribution sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The local sale will be the project of Abilene Post No. 2012, of which J. H. Owens is commander. Headquarters for the poppy distribution here will be at Reid's Variety store, arrangements being in charge of Roy Reid and Dent Gibson, who will be assisted by a committee of girl workers.

Misses Thelma Mathews, Bessylea Russell and Dot Swafford and probably others will canvass the streets and stores all day Saturday to sell the buddy poppies and secure funds for the relief and welfare work of the V. F. W. among disabled and needy veterans.

Extend Time to Sign Readjusted Contracts

Time for signing re-adjusted cotton acreage contracts has been extended from Saturday to Monday night for Taylor county farmers, C. Metz Heald, county agent, announced Thursday when he was here with members of his committee.

The vacant building next to the West Texas Utilities company was used for headquarters Thursday in receiving signatures of farmers who reside in this section. Members of the committee, besides Heald, are H. B. Robertson, Merkel, J. Walter Hammond, Tye, and H. S. Nall, Bradshaw.

Producers who do not have opportunity to sign this week at any of the designated points are asked to come to the agent's office at Abilene Monday.

Child Dies of Burns.

Little Gedora Ribra, five-year-old Mexican child, who was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Wednesday of last week, with a large area of her body badly burned, died Saturday morning. Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon. The child's clothing caught fire while it was playing near a fire in the yard at its home.

Long Hunt Over a Half Dozen States is Ended as Group of Officers, Led by Texans, Ambush Pair.

Arcadia, La., May 24.—Clyde Barrow, notorious Texas outlaw and his gun man, Bonnie Parker, were ambushed and shot to death near here Wednesday in a sensational encounter with a posse led by an oldtime Texas ranger, Frank Hamer.

The law-mocking desperado whizzing along the "Big Road" highway at 85 miles an hour ran right into a trap set for him.

Before he or Bonnie Parker could get their guns into action, the officers riddled them with bullets.

The trail of the bandit pair was ended through the cunning of Hamer who with three Texans had trailed the notorious man and woman over a half dozen states for 15,000 miles. He was rewarded for his search through a ruse accomplished by the aid of a relative of an ex-convict on the promise that the convict, who had broken prison, would be given consideration by the law.

Barrow's car, running wild, careened from the road and smashed into an embankment. As the wheels spun, the posse continued to fire until the car was almost shot to pieces.

The body of the gunman, who four years ago was a minor hoodlum scarcely known outside of Dallas, was found slumped behind the steering wheel, a revolver in one hand.

Bonnie Parker died with her head between her knees. She still was clutching a machine gun.

In the wrecked car were three army rifles, two sawed-off shotguns, a dozen pistols and large quantities of ammunition, besides Bonnie Parker's machine gun. The bodies were left temporarily in the automobile awaiting the coroner's arrival.

Final Warning as to Stock Running Loose

A warning to owners of stock who let them run loose or tie them in violation of the city ordinance is sounded in the following statement from Mayor W. M. Elliott:

"The city of Merkel has an ordinance against letting stock run at large, also prohibiting tying them where they can get across streets and sidewalks. We called your attention to this about two weeks ago and we are giving you that have stock this second warning, also the final one, that hereafter stock that is found loose or tied where they can cross streets and sidewalks, or where they can damage any one else's property, will be placed in the city pound.

"We are asking you to co-operate with us in this, for it is not our desire to put up any one's stock; but there has been considerable complaint made to your officials about stock causing damage, and we feel sure you do not want your stock to damage any one. "Keep your stock up."

Dates Annual Picnic At Butman July 11-12

Dates of the annual picnic at Butman have been set for July 11 and 12. Following a meeting of the ways and means committee of the promoters, held at Bob Malone's, it was decided to make the entrance free, and J. L. Cargill was named as solicitor for funds by popular subscription.

Officers at Wedding Rites of Wife's Sister

Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church and Mrs. Gates and children spent the night of May 18 in Fort Worth with Mrs. C. V. Gates, mother of P. H. Gates, and Saturday afternoon they drove over to Gorman and spent the night with Mrs. W. R. Eppler, mother of Mrs. Gates.

At 10:45 Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Gates officiated in the marriage of Miss Dorothy Jean Eppler, a sister of Mrs. Gates and Mr. Delmer Ashworth.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

By a vote of 647 to 348 the town of Fredericksburg decided to retain incorporation of the town, voted in August, 1933. It previously had been abolished in April, 1933.

Sam R. Green, Tyler, was elected president of the Texas Bankers' association and Galveston selected as the 1935 meeting place at the concluding session of the convention in Dallas last week.

The Southern Baptist convention, which met in Fort Worth last week, Saturday selected Memphis as the next convention city, and Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., was again named as president.

Five persons, two whites and three negroes, were killed and a sixth, a negro, was critically injured when a truck crashed into a narrow bridge and rolled down a 30-foot embankment near Carroll in East Texas.

Passenger car registrations during the first four months of the year in sixteen Texas counties were 15,839, compared with 9,343 during the corresponding period last year, an increase of nearly 70 per cent.

The pilot and four passengers of an airplane crashed to their deaths late Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of ceremonies dedicating a new airport at Wink when the plane nose-dived 200 feet to the ground in view of 1,500 spectators.

Elmer L. Green, convicted of robbing a transcontinental bus near Weatherford the night of April 13, was given ten years in each of three cases, two of the sentences to run concurrent. His companion, identified as Cal Spencer, Oklahoma outlaw, was slain in Oklahoma City at the time Green was arrested.

When a Southwestern Greyhound bus crashed through the concrete guard rail of the highway overpass west of Cisco Saturday and plunged to earth 40 feet below, it took a total of four lives: Mrs. J. D. Hilton, 67, Abilene; her two-months-old baby girl; Mrs. Ethel Boney, 19, Ranger, and Ernest Golden, 27-year-old sailor, bound for his home in Mena, Ark.

Interest Rate Credit Association Reduced

As one of the Taylor County inspectors for the Coleman Production Credit association, P. A. Diltz, has been advised that the interest rate of this association has been reduced to 5 per cent. W. E. Melton is secretary-treasurer of the Coleman unit.

The interest cut is the second in two months. On March 15 the rate was reduced from six to five and one-half per cent. The new five per cent rate became effective May 15, but the reduction, of course, does not apply to loans previously completed.

Prize Money for Calf Roping and Wild Cow Milking to be Divided Five Ways; Street Parade Leads Off At 1 P. M.

1 p. m.—Big street parade, starting at the rodeo grounds.

2 p. m.—Free rodeo.

4 p. m.—Free baseball game, Tye vs Merkel W. O. W.

There are the features of Saturday's program for Merkel's second free rodeo, sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association. The opening rodeo on May 12 attracted fully 3,000 spectators and as many or more attractive features are promised for the show this week.

Ollie Dye heads the parade committee, assisted by O. D. Pruitt, Rev. R. A. Walker and Stanley King.

Rodeo riders and ropers, also boys and girls on horseback, decorated floats and automobiles and new model cars will start from the rodeo grounds at 1 p. m. and pass through the downtown streets.

RODEO EVENTS. Rodeo events include calf roping and wild cow milking contests with the entrance money divided five ways: 30 per cent for first, 25 per cent for second, 20 per cent, third, 15 per cent, fourth, and 10 per cent, fifth.

Brahma and wild steer riding, bronc busting and other standard rodeo events will lead color to the afternoon's entertainment.

Tom Jinkens, in charge of entries, requests that all those intending to enter see him before noon Saturday, if possible, and sign up.

Prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 will be given for the best bucking horse or mule.

TYE VS W. O. W. Tye and Merkel W. O. W. will meet at 4 p. m. in their first league contest.

Cables have been stretched along the first and third base lines, this week, thereby preventing spectators from over-running the field, and every possible accommodation has been provided for the convenience of the rooters.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECOND BIG RODEO READY; AND FREE BALL GAME; TOO

BASEBALL

LEAGUE STANDING

Team.	W	L	Pct
Trent	1	0	1.000
Nubia	1	0	1.000
Stith	1	0	1.000
Dora	0	1	.000
Noodle	0	1	.000
Merkel	0	1	.000
Tye	0	0	.000
W. O. W.	0	0	.000

RESULTS

Stith 5, Merkel 4.

A large crowd witnessed the defeat of the Merkel nine by the Stith boys Saturday by score of 5-4 in the inter-community league schedule, sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel and in which prizes for the three winners at the end of the season are offered in the aggregate of \$175.

Each team, Merkel and Stith, registered nine hits, with 16 errors split between them. In an eighth inning rally, Merkel batsmen pounded out six hits for three runs, but not enough to overcome the Stith lead.

The complete box score of the game appears elsewhere in this issue.

TYE VS W. O. W. Saturday, beginning at 4 p. m., Tye meets Merkel W. O. W., completing the first round wherein each team has played one game. Trent, Nubia and Stith are tying for top position with a perfect average.

THE BOOK

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

64 BRUCE BARTON

AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR.

When we say that Isaiah's own book ends with the magnificent poem, which concludes chapter 35, somebody raises an objection. "The book of Isaiah has sixty-six chapters," he says, "and how can it end at 35?" The answer is that beginning with chapter 40, this book has another author. We do not know his name, nor why he took such great pains to conceal it. Following the exile one hundred years or more after the work and writing of Isaiah himself, there were some useful but rather commonplace prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, whose messages helped on the work of rebuilding the temple, but who can not be called great men. But one truly great voice did speak out, the voice of this splendid Unknown, the author of the last chapters of the book which is all labeled with Isaiah's name.

He described himself as "the voice of a herald" crying, "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." He called men to grade the roads, cutting down the hills and filling the valleys and preparing to go back to Zion. He does not name Isaiah nor refer to any king or event contemporary with him. On the contrary, these chapters were clearly written a hundred and fifty years later in the time of Cyrus.

Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; . . . I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Even though Cyrus was a heathen, he was God's Messiah for that event. Talk if you like about being broad-minded! Then think of the prejudices that prophet had to overcome to make such a declaration. And think what came of it: a new nation, a new and purer worship, a new epoch in the spiritual history of mankind.

Here is his vision for the rebuilding of Jerusalem: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

And this is his dream of a regenerate society and a peaceful world; a new heaven and earth, that is, a new theology and a new political economy.

Next Week:—Jeremiah Buys Land.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Through the hospitality of Mrs. M. G. Scott and Mrs. W. B. Reeves, the Seniors enjoyed a most pleasant hour from 6:30 till 7:30 Friday afternoon on the beautiful lawn of Mrs. Scott's home.

The ladies of the Baptist church met last Monday at the regular hour, when Mrs. Currie taught the lesson. The next meeting will be next Monday at the regular time and will be Bible study taught by Pastor Howell.

Frank Allyn, who is employed at Cisco, is spending his vacation with his family south of town.

Miss Jewel Gabbert, who has been a house guest of Miss Fanny Bell Vesel for the past two weeks, returned last week to her home at Union Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hutcheson visited with the former's parents here a few days last week.

Miss Mae Favne visited friends at Oplin last week-end.

Mrs. Carlos Robinson and two children of Post were passing guests of friends and relatives Saturday. They were en route to Clyde to accompany Miss Gene Terry to her home after being in their home attending high school there where she finished.

A surprise shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, recently married, when their many friends stowed them at their home Tuesday evening. Moonlight made a pretty setting for the attractive table from which punch and angel food cake were served.

Mrs. John Crain, who entered the hospital at Abilene the first of the week, underwent a serious operation, but her condition is reported favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skillern and son Jim, of Sweetwater visited here all day with Mrs. Skillern's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchenson, and family.

Mrs. Rudd of Sweetwater returned home Monday after spending the past week in the home of her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Howell.

The Home Economics girls of Trent High school sponsored a picnic for all the girls of the high school. A shower for Miss Anna Belle Bailey, soon to become Mrs. Andy Shouse, was a feature of the picnic. One of the most interesting stunts was a mock wedding, which was staged before an improvised altar of vines and flowers.

TERPV-SMITH.

At five o'clock Saturday afternoon Maurine Smith and Allen Terry were married at the home of Rev. E. T. Johnson of Goree. After the impressive ring ceremony, the couple drove to Wichita Falls for the week-end.

On their return to Trent a wedding supper awaited them at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley and Patricia and Virgie Strawn.

SHOUSE-BAILEY.

Miss Anna Belle Bailey and Andy Shouse of Trent recited their nuptial vows at twilight Saturday in the home of the bride's parents Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey, 1725 Sayles boulevard, Abilene. The Rev. Walter O'Kelly of Ovalo read the ring ceremony.

Nuptial music was furnished by Miss Cleo Blinn Clark, violinist, and Mrs. Lucy Caton, pianist, who gave the Lohengrin "Wedding March," and Miss Josephine Nevins who sang "I Love You Truly."

Miss Helen Rawlinton, cousin of the bride, and Mardell Shouse, nephew of the bridegroom, served as attendants for the couple. The bride was wearing an ashe of roses gown, with blue and white accessories. She carried a handkerchief thirty years old, the property of her mother, and wore diamond ear-screws, for "something borrowed."

Following the wedding a reception was held. Miss Velma McCollum presided for the cutting of the cake. Roses and candlelight added to the attractiveness of the setting.

Out-of-town guests were Virgie Strawn of Greenville, Louise and Lillian McRee of Trent and Lella Mae King, Neinda.

Other guests were Mrs. Rawlinton, Frances O'Kelly, Lois Powell and Bill Corder.

(Omitted Last Week.)

An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the sixth and seventh grades Tuesday at the mountains. Games were played, pictures made and mountain climbing and other sports were enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The climax came in a delicious supper spread in picnic style, which consisted of

sandwiches, soda pop, cakes, etc., with approximately 36 students partaking.

Miss Powell was hostess to the baseball girls last Thursday afternoon, celebrating with a picnic after school hours. The girls played baseball for some two hours, then were escorted to the home of Miss Powell where lemonade and cake were served to some twenty girls.

Pastor Howell and wife, accompanied by Mrs. O. L. Robinson, attended the workers conference Thursday of last week, which convened at Elmdale church. They also attended the Southern Baptist convention at Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray attended the golden wedding anniversary of the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huie, of Anson Sunday.

H. W. Beckham made a visit to Vernon last week-end.

Paul Jacobs of Los Angeles, Calif., is here on a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Pastor Reaves had as a guest in his home and church Sunday Doc Trice of McMurry college.

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, motored to Sweetwater lake Sunday afternoon for an outing. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. L. Reaves and her mother, Mrs. T. F. Stevens.

Clyde Roberts of Jefferson returned home last Thursday after a week's visit in the home of his brother, J. P. Roberts.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, accompanied by Mrs. Williamson's mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, left last Friday for an extended visit with friends in Memphis, Tenn., and other points in the east.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene visited her sons the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and two children, Hazel Wanda and Dow, spent a most enjoyable day last Sunday in the home of an uncle, Mrs. Williamson's, Frank Smith, near San Angelo, whom she had not seen for 28 years.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Murry of Lubbock spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry.

Through the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep a bountiful dinner was served in their home Sunday to all of their children and grandchildren, a sister and friends. Those partaking of the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and two children.

Clifton and Billie Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Luther O'Neal and daughter, Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal, all of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and daughter, Cliffla Jean, Mrs. J. C. Churchill, Miss Ida V. Estep and the hosts.

Mrs. W. F. Steadman and son, Kirby, made a short visit last week-end to Vernon, visiting in the home of her sisters, Mesdames Hardenson and Keltz.

Mrs. M. G. Scott in company with her father, Mr. Adams, and daughter, Jean, spent last Wednesday in Abilene shopping. They were dinner guests of Mrs. Martin's and on their return were accompanied by Mrs. Billings, who had made a visit with Mrs. Rutherford in Abilene.

Mrs. Lee Rutherford and two sons of Brawley, Calif., are here for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Forrester were hosts to all of their children except one. Noble and his family could not be here.

Hub Kegan, John Terry and Artemus Howell made a business trip to Hamlin the early part of the week.

After spending some few weeks in Lubbock as a guest of relatives there, Mrs. Laura Williamson of Waco stopped over with her daughter, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., Monday and Tuesday. She was en route home in company with a friend, Mrs. Coombs, who was also a guest in the McRee home.

L. E. Adrian and daughter, Margery, accompanied by Miss Meta Garrison of Childress and Carlton McLeod and family, attended the home coming

of Mrs. Adrian's family, which met at the home place of Grandmother Copeland at Loraine last Sunday.

Miss Helen Bright, who is attending Draughton's Business college at Abilene, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and son, Jack, Mrs. John B. Winn and son, J. B., Jr., and daughter, Elizabeth, spent the day last Sunday in the home of Mesdames Boone and Winn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, at Hermleigh. They were accompanied by Earl Duncan.

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MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30th ON THIS DAY WE HONOR-- the men who laid down their lives in their country's cause—who made the supreme sacrifice for the principles and ideals of liberty and freedom. It is only fitting that we all keep faith and strive to uphold these principles and ideals for which our national heroes fought and died. In commemoration of Memorial Day, this bank will observe May 30 as a holiday. The Old Reliable Farmers & Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas YOU WILL ENJOY BANKING HERE— WE WILL ENJOY SERVING YOU!!

YOUR STOMACH It's time to do something when: You can't look a meal in the face; Eating always means stomach pain, distress; Gas, belching, bloating give you daily discomfort; You're nervous; you lose sleep; you're dragging around "half alive." If that describes you, then you already know baking soda and things like that don't do any lasting good. If you're going to get that stomach back on the job—to where you can eat what you like and enjoy it, sleep like a log, feel "like a million dollars"—isn't it common sense to get after the cause? Every day your body must purify itself of certain poisons and purities that otherwise result in sickness and pain. When it cannot do this vital work properly it must have help. Many already have found this help in Crazy Water Crystals. Thousands of them have written us: "I can eat what I like once more. I am sleeping soundly. I feel ten years younger." Crazy Water Crystals are taken from a great cleansing, purifying mineral water—they were prepared by old Mother Nature herself. They are not some human being's idea of how this cleansing ought to be done. Nothing is added to them. Anyone who tells you a different story does not tell the truth. This cleansing means a great deal more than just moving the bowels. This mineral water—made at home with Crazy Water Crystals—cleanses the system—not just the digestive tract. The part played by the kidneys in this purifying work is as great as, or greater than that of the bowels. And drinking this mineral water increases elimination through the kidneys as well as through the digestive tract. This explains why so many thousands of victims of other troubles besides stomach disorders—many of the aches in muscles and joints which they call "Rheumatism," "Arthritis," or "Neuritis," terrible backaches; headaches; loss of size and extreme nervousness; and some things less serious, like ugly skin, foul breath, etc.—bless the very name "CRAZY." The way to up-root a trouble like this is to get right at its cause. We do not believe Crazy Water Crystals are magic. They are not a cure all. But if your life is being made miserable by one of these troubles give them a thorough, honest trial. Get a package to day. Stay with them a month at least. It will cost you only a few pennies a day, at the most. And then let your own common sense tell you how much better you feel. BUY THEM FROM Merkel Drug Co. Merkel, Texas FURNISHED APARTMENTS If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion. PHONE 61

THE BADGER WEEKLY

ANNUALS CAUSE MUCH EXCITEMENT AMONG STUDENTS

Friday was a big day for the Seniors. No, it wasn't because examinations started. It was because we got something which we had been watching and waiting for for weeks and weeks.

The Annuals were delivered to their owners Friday at noon. Most of the pupils seemed well pleased. Those who said they were disappointed, we noticed, hung on to their copies pretty tightly.

FAREWELL

As we come to the end of this year's work, we can look back over many happy and fruitful hours and, yet, over many errors and disappointments. We feel that this has been one of the best parts of our high school life, and we wish to thank every one who has helped us in this work during the year.

"If we have made mistakes, they have been of the head and not of the heart." That is the reason we feel a real pang of regret at the thought of saying farewell. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that we can so sincerely hope for you who remain a better "Badger Weekly" next year.

—The Staff.

CHAPEL

On Friday, May 18, the Noodle Choral club entertained the student body during the chapel hour with songs and readings. Among the songs were "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf," "Stormy Weather," "The Big Brown Bear," "Throw Another Log Long On the Fire," "The Old Spinning Wheel" and "Goofer."

The Badger Weekly

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Things to Remember Them By

Mr. Burgess—"If you're going to dance, you must help pay the fiddler."
The Badgers—"We're going to play ball till the whistle blows."

The Pen Squad—"Fight 'em—fight 'em—fight 'em, Badgers, fight!"
Coach Irvin—"Don't wait until your Senior year to come out."

The Dramatic club—"Friday night at 7:30 in Mrs. Haynes' studio."
Mrs. Irvin—"Always is a dangerous word."

Mrs. Haynes—"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."
The Choral and Glee clubs—"Paper Prayers," "Kentucky Babe" and "The Clock."

Miss Patterson—"Now, let's put everything we have into this."
Blue Badgerettes—"Blue checked dresses and laughing dispositions."

Miss Martin—"You do your part, instead of watching to see what the other fellow is doing."
Mr. Riddle—"Don't just work for a grade. Study to learn, and the grade will take care of itself."

M. H. S.—
"Pep, pep, pep.
Three cheers for our old High!
Voices ring
Pep, pep, pep.
Just see our colors fly,
While we sing (we're full of pep in everything).
So forward march,
Let this our motto be—
Victory!

Through all kinds of weather
We will jog along together,
True and loyal we shall ever be!"

WHO WAS FOOLED?
Mr. Burgess, while on a visit to Grammar school, was complaining to the teacher that the children were not observing. Stepping to the board, he said he would show what he meant.

Mr. Burgess: "Johnny, give me a number."
Johnny: "58."
Mr. Burgess wrote 85 on the board without any comment from the pupils. "You see," he remarked to the teacher, "they don't observe."

Mr. Burgess: "James, you give a number."
James: "57," and 75 appeared on the board.

Then, spying Tim O'Brien, who lisped, he said: "You give me a number."
Tim: "Theventy-seven, and twit that around if you can."

DRAMATIC CLUB HAS FAREWELL MEETING FRIDAY

On Friday night, May 18, at eight o'clock, the Dramatic club held its last meeting of the year in Mrs. Haynes' studio. The program was started by each introducing the person to his right to the audience.

Pauline Lassater, Joe Earl Lassater and Horiette Rogers were called to act as chairmen for impromptu stunts—"The Magic Pill," and "A Negro Minstrel," "Freak of Nature." Then Gertrude and Clovis Stanley gave us a couple of musical numbers, followed by a reading, "Kentucky Philosophy," by Bessie Lou Russell.

"The Valiant," a one-act play, was given by the boys of the Dramatic club. Jack Patterson, Kenneth Cribley, Vernon Davis, Clovis Stanley, Howard Carson and the girl of the play, Mary Helen Lancaster.

Refreshments were served then to the club members and to several visitors. In our last business meeting, Helen Joyner gave a summary of all the motifs and the hosts of club meetings. Waldeline Huskey gave a summary of the play work done in the Dramatic club this year. Vivian Davis was elected president of the Dramatic club for next year.

Mrs. Haynes suggested that we consider our meeting closed after the audience stood and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Schoolhouse Gossip

The Seniors have been handing out their cards in large numbers. The Juniors are going to decorate the church for the commencement exercises.

Merkel's going to have a new gym—auditorium, and some of the Seniors wish they were coming back next year.

The Spanish III class have been giving three short plays for under classes.

Ask Ruth Davis if she thinks she's smart.
Vivian Lassater is the biggest baby in the world.
Ask Sarah if she likes dinner parties.

Some of the trig students brushed some of the dust off their brains Monday, so we heard.
We wonder if Sis likes to walk on

hot days like Monday while her car is gently moving along beside her.

Ask Clara Frances and Helen where they attained the art of putting a worm on the fishing hook.

Some of the Seniors have been looking as if they're been weeping—we wonder if it's because this is their last year in High school.

AT THE CROSSROADS.

—Richard Harvey.

You to the left and I to the right,
For the ways of men must sever—
And it will may be for a day and a night,
And it will may be forever.

But whether we meet or whether we part
(For our ways are past our knowing),
A pledge from the heart to its fellow heart
On the ways we all are going!

Here's luck!
For we know not where we are going.

Whether we win or whether we lose
With the hands that life is dealing
It is not we nor the way we choose
But the fall of the cards that's sealing.

There's a fate in love and a fate in fight,
And the best of us all go under—
And whether we're wrong or whether we're right,
We win, sometimes, to our wonder.

Here's luck!
That we may not yet go under!

You to the left and I to the right,
For the ways of men must sever—
And it will may be for a day or a night
And it will may be forever!

But whether we live or whether we die
(For the end is past our knowing),
Here's two frank hearts and the open sky,
Be a fair or an ill wind blowing!

Here's luck!
In the teeth of all winds blowing.

ASK:

Mildred W. and Mary Helen M. why they cut up so much Sunday afternoon.

Bessie if he isn't a bit hasty in his love affairs.
Kennedy what qualifications his wife is going to have.

Joe if he isn't too "infant-like" to play golf.
Sarah S. if she is really a man-hater or would just like to be.

Sis Gamble if she really went with Murray Toombs Sunday night.
Faye why she doesn't like bananas.

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GOLAN NEWS

All farmers are wishing for rain. Crops are doing fairly well.

We welcome Mr. Hale's family to our community.

There were 79 in Sunday School Sunday.

Brother Biggs will preach Sunday and Sunday night. Come and bring some one with you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lawlis, near McCauley.

Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey and children are home since the closing of the Anson school. Miss Flora Mae was a graduate from Anson High Friday night. David Lawlis was a graduate of McCauley school Friday night. We extend congratulations to these two young people.

A great number enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Boyd of Newman visited with E. S. Williams Sunday.

C. E. Davis and Bill Morrow were in Roby attending business Saturday.

Several from here went to Merkel Saturday afternoon for the baseball game, and to Noodle for their game with Wise chapel.

(Omitted Last Week.)

A number from here attended the rodeo and ball games in Merkel last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Presidio were visitors last week with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill. Also Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winters of Noodle and Orvel Hill of Truby were visitors at the same time.

Mrs. J. R. Dean spent a few days in Anson last week with a daughter who has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod were Truby visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Med Herron of near Selvester and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis spent Mother's Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Herron.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway Stockton returned to South Texas with a visiting brother of Mr. Stockton's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Farmer and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams went to Newman Sunday for the Mother's Day service.

Mrs. Homer Finch and children visited in Rotan Sunday.

Brother Williams was here for his regular Sunday appointment.

Mrs. Thompson and children of Union were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Byrom.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill went to Noodle to church Sunday morning.

Those attending second quarterly conference of the Methodist church at Newman Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lawlis, T. J. Kern, V. P. Byrom, G. M. and J. H. Lawlis, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams. Third quarterly conference meets at Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis attended church in Roby Sunday.

John Bernard, Jr., Arrives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnett of Ranger are announcing the birth of a son, John Bernard, Jr., on May 16. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett are the paternal grandparents of the youngster. Mr. and Mrs. Fate Baughman of Channing being the maternal grandparents.

Will Preach at Mt. Pleasant.
Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at the Baptist church at Mt. Pleasant at both the 11 o'clock hour and 8 p. m. Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

PERSONALS

Miss Peggy Barnett has as her guest for two weeks Miss Ann Bade of Sterling City.

Miss Mainie Ellis returned the first of the week from Fort Stockton where she has been teaching school.

Floyd Hutcheson, who has been at Salinas, Calif., for sometime, is being cordially welcomed on a two weeks' visit home.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hassey and little daughter, Betty Jo, returned Monday night from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. O. V. Penney of Milburn, Okla., was the guest last week-end of Mrs. H. L. Duffer.

Miss Avis Weir of Georgetown, who has been teaching in the Wink high school, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Haynes, and Mr. Haynes.

Emmett L. Hunter captain of the border patrol, stationed at Presidio, and his family are visiting his father, J. H. Hunter and family, at Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Church and two daughters, Misses Bonnie and Bessylea, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, were recent visitors in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and children were here from Borger for a brief visit with Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, Sunday and Monday.

Rev. Ray Garrett who is pastor of the Baptist church at Inverness, Fla., and Mrs. Garrett are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott and children of Lubbock were week-end visitors with Mr. brother, Mavor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Harry Elliott is Santa Fe agent at Lubbock.

Mrs. Carl Lannon and small son, Jerry Carl, accompanied by Mrs. Travis A. Henderson, all of San Angelo, were visitors Wednesday and Thursday on the Willeke ranch.

Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo, joined by her daughter, Mrs. R. A. May and son, Bobby, of Colorado, were guests Monday of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Calkins returned Tuesday from Seminole where they were called Monday night to the bedside of a sick daughter, Mrs. H. J. Kirk, and they report her much better.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh and their son, John Reagh, accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ketcham to East Texas, leaving Thursday morning. They will visit other children there.

Robert Manscill, who is stationed with a reforestation camp near the Texas-Louisiana line, arrived the latter part of last week, called home on account of the critical illness of his sister, Miss Eloise Manscill.

Mrs. Bill Fugat and Misses Fannye Bell Boaz and Mary Collins have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas, having also attended the Southern Baptist convention at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farley of Capleville, Tenn., and daughter, Miss Ruby Urness, of Los Angeles, Calif., also W. L. (Buddie) Farley of Pleasant Hill Miss., arrived Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. Ruby Henslee and little daughter, Ruby Nell, have returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, in Fort Worth. Mrs. Henslee accompanied her husband that far on his trip to the veterans hospital at Muskogee, Okla.

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OBITUARY

MRS. DOVIE SMITH HOWARD.

Mrs. Dovie Smith Howard, "Aunt Dovey" as she was known by her many friends, passed away Sunday, May 20, at 9 a. m., after an illness of nine months with tumor. She was born July 20, 1871, and hence was 62 years and 10 months old. She was converted at the age of 18 years, united with the Missionary Baptist church and has been faithful to the cause, having her membership at the time of her death at Amity.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Monday morning from the Noodle Baptist church, with Rev. Bill Murdock, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: A. M. Daniels, John Carr, Will Welty, George Cooper, Robert Shanks and Grady Bishop.

She was married to Felix Howard on March 20, 1908, and to this union were born two children, Fate Aubrey and Louvenia, who are now 24 and 21 years old, respectively. She also leaves a mother, Mrs. A. T. Smith, age 81 years; two brothers, W. H. and C. C. Smith, all of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Gay, Maryneal, Mrs. Annie Inman, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Essie Lazenby, Big Spring, all of whom were present during the last days of her illness. Her father preceded her in death in 1924 and also a brother, Jeff Smith, in 1931. Her husband passed away in 1926.

She was a loving wife and mother and had lots of friends, for "to know her was to love her." We shall miss her, we know, yet we would not call her back here to suffer so. The Golden Gates were open wide, a gentle voice said "come," and angels from the other side welcomed our loved one home. There she sleeps in peaceful slumber. The voice we loved is still. Oh, we miss her, yes we miss her, but must bow to His will, knowing
We can live to meet her
If we're faithful, pure and true,
And be gathered home to glory
In the land beyond the blue.

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Robert Dunn Wins
Trip to Convention

Robert S. Dunn, local agent for the Southland Life Insurance company, accompanied by Mrs. Dunn, is in Dallas this week in attendance at the silver anniversary convention of the company, held in the Baker hotel May 21, 22 and 23.

Qualification for attendance depended on production of life insurance in 1934.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Roquemore, Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, May 17, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Warren, residing 13 miles north of town, Wednesday, May 23, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymour, Nubia, Wednesday, May 23, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott, Wednesday, May 23, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Black, residing south of town, Wednesday, May 23, 1934.

To Present Play Here.

The Outsiders from Comere will present the three-act play, "Silas Smidge from Turnip Ridge," at the Cozy theatre Tuesday night, May 29, at 8:15. Admission charges will be 10c and 15c.

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 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
ORIE HIGGINS
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CLYDE SHOUSE
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
L. L. MURRAY
ANDY SHOUSE
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GRADY PARMELLY
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 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.)
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NENA KATE RAMSEY
TOM McGEHEE
LEROY STONE
 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.)
GRAY BROWNE
 For County Judge:
JOHN L. CAMP (Re-election.)

RURAL SOCIETY

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY.
 The odd numbers of the Mt. Pleasant Sunday School class entertained the even numbers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Odom Thursday night, May 17. Games were played and delicious ice cream and cake was served. Those present were: Mary and Billie Joyce Click, Marie and Connie Rogers, Eleanor Mae and Tom Hogan, Doris Whisenant, Lee Darden, Loyce and Royce Curb, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., Alton, Garth, Otis, Dena Kate and Paul Odom.
 During the vacation months the class will have a chapter contest between the odd and even numbers. Last Sunday, May 13, closed the first contest with the evens ahead of the odd numbers two chapters. All read 5 or 6 chapters. Loyce Curb was honor roll pupil, having been present every Sunday during the six weeks.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met in the home of Mrs. H. B. Robertson Thursday, May 17, for an all-day quilting. The quilt that is soon to be given away was quilted. Plans for Rally Day were discussed. The club voted to use the colors, orchid, gold and green, to decorate the booth.
 At noon a delicious covered dish luncheon was served. Mrs. Joe C. Higgins was enrolled as a new member. Other members present were: Mesdames W. J. Higgins, Guy McClain, Roy Harrell, Luther Land, Ollie Higgins, Angus Garvin, W. U. Beene, F. L. Castleberry, J. S. Pinckley, Clint Allen and Miss Ruth Pinckley.
 There will be no meeting next Thursday.
 There will be a called meeting Tuesday, May 29, at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. Miss Caroline Chambers will judge the dresses at this time.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

On Friday afternoon, May 18, a bridal shower was given at the Comere Baptist church for Mrs. Weldon Lucas, who was the former Miss Ruby Jo Tarpley. She received many useful gifts of which she was very proud.
 At the conclusion of a pleasant social hour, cake and punch was served to Mesdames Vincent, T. K. Marshall, Breeden, Clyde Alred, Boyd Tarpley, Ernest Tarpley, G. Y. Hudson, Manuel Lucas, Ben Adkins, Chester Lucas, Ray Lucas, Oscar Johnson, Frank Merritt, M. D. Lucas Otis Hudson, Roman Palmer, Vaughn and Jones and Misses Tressie Marshall, Leta Tarpley, Mattie Horton, Wance Hudson.

Burniss Merritt, Annis Hudson, Miss Adkins from Lamesa and the bride.

NOODLE H. D. C.

(Omitted Last Week.)
 The Noodle Home Demonstration club met in regular session May 9 at the home of Mrs. Waldo Cox.
 In commemoration of "Mother's Day" the following program was used instead of the regular opening exercise: duet, "Precious Book," Mesdames Charles Bristow and I. M. Spurgin; poem, "My Mother," (dedicated to Mrs. John Reece,) Miss Cleo Reece; poem, "Nobody Knows but Mother," Mrs. V. L. Merritt.
 Mrs. Carl Jackson gave a report of the "District Quality Meat Show" at Lubbock and Mrs. J. M. Williamson gave a report of the Tri-County Fair at Hamlin. Her report was on food exhibits, while Mr. Carl Bonneaux gave a detailed report of wardrobe exhibits.
 So many other things claimed our attention that the program, "Desserts for All Occasions," was postponed indefinitely.
 The quilt, which was made by our club, was given away at the regular community singing on Friday evening, L. T. Goode winning the award. Adequate funds were raised from the quilt to defray expenses of two delegates to the annual Short Course at College Station in July.
 Our next regular meeting will be at Mrs. T. E. Goode's home on May 23 when a demonstration on bread making will be given by Miss Sue Bonner, C. H. D. A.
 Members attending the meeting at Mrs. Cox's were: Mesdames J. W. Williamson, E. B. Reece, J. M. Spurgin, Carl Jackson, Carl Bonneaux, C. W. Seaco, V. L. Merritt, W. Roundtree, L. R. Coe, Charles Bristow, H. K. Farr, F. J. Howard, T. E. Goode, Kirby Goode, Frank Carter, E. M. Tarpley, Vernon Horton, A. C. and Joe Sosebee, C. B. Jinkens, and Miss Cleo Reece and several visitors.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the doctors, our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our darling baby, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.
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Salt Branch Honor Roll is Announced

The following students of the Salt Branch school, of which Miss Norah Foster is principal and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, primary teacher, are on the honor roll for the seventh month:
 Third grade: Delma Harris 90, Deverle Higgins 90, Coy Baccus 90, Jean Payne 91, Vannie Sue Pinckley 92, Jeanette Neff 91, Pearl McMillen 90.
 Fourth grade: Linnie Pay Armstrong 90.
 Fifth grade: Lorena Higgins 91, Francois Harris 90.
 Sixth grade: Evelyn Garvin 90.
 Seventh grade: Hortense Armstrong 91, Annie D. Garvin 91.
 Eighth grade: Pauline Higgins 93.

Services Commemorate Origin of Methodism

Services commemorating the 196th year of Methodism will be held at the Methodist church at Blair Saturday evening, May 26, at 7:30, with Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church as the speaker, assisted by Rev. A. A. Kendall, pastor at Blair.
 Music will be furnished by the McMurry quartette and everyone is invited to attend the services.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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Candidate for Attorney General Visitor Here

On his first extended trip into West Texas during the political campaign, William McCraw, former district attorney of Dallas county and a native of Tarrant county, now a candidate for attorney general, visited in Merkel Wednesday afternoon.
 McCraw, who has been campaigning for more than three months, has made scheduled visits at some 12 or 15 other West Texas points.
 He served Dallas county three terms as district attorney and was president three times of the district and county attorney's association.

Telegram Advises of Death of Son-in-Law

Ernest Tarpley received a telegram Sunday from his daughter, Mrs. G. G. Ingram, of East End, Sask., Canada, informing him of her husband's death. Mr. Ingram died at 8 o'clock Saturday evening of apoplexy. His wife alone survives him, as there are no children.
 He and his wife homesteaded in Canada in 1914, just a short while after they were married. They have made two trips to the states to see Mrs. Ingram's father since that time, once in 1924 and again in 1929.
 Mr. Ingram's death came as a shock to his father-in-law, as on Wednesday of last week he had received a letter from his daughter stating they were both well and Mr. Ingram was busy seeding his grain.
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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 ~~hates~~ ~~Page~~ ~~but~~ refuses to go back on her bargain with Richard by divorcing him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"Don't touch me, Helena," Richard said, not ungently, looking down at her kindly. "It's diphtheria."

"I don't care!" she cried. "you're worn out—where's the nurse? Who's that? Why—Nancy Gordon!"

Nancy, facing them sullenly, felt that she looked a fright.

"I came in because of the storm," she said sharply. "I'm going now!"

"My car's up the road, Page, help Nancy over the hill; she's exhausted, too," said Helena sweetly, "been sick nursing all night, I suppose?"

"No, she hasn't; she can't stay, and you can't either, Helena," said Richard sharply. "Roemer, can you take a message for me? Send my man down here?"

"Of course. I'll phone—I reckon some wires are up. Mrs. Haddon, you're coming with Nancy and me?"

Nancy, at the door, looked back full in their faces. She was outlined against the sunshine, small and slight and mightily defiant.

"I'm not going in the car, I'm going on foot," she said flatly. "Richard, I'll send the nurse, if she can leave her case."

"Nancy—" Richard took a step forward, but she never turned her head. They could see her walking straight and steadily across the wet path to the road.

Page uttered an exclamation and ran after her. Nancy was at the top of the hill when he overtook her.

Unconsciously, the other two stood at the door and watched. They saw Page reach her and Nancy turned, said something, and walked on. But the young man, nothing daunted, pressed close behind her.

Helena, watching and listening keenly, heard the fierce catch in Richard's breath. Then she looked up at him and stood still, her heart beating heavily against her breast. All the life and the light had run out of his look. "A lover's quarrel," she said lightly, "they were together yesterday at the inn. It was a quarrel that made her run out—he's been mad looking for her."

Richard stood rigid. Helena's hand tightened on his arm. She dared it all in one toss of the dice!

"Page is a good fellow," she said dreamily, "and—it's a pity—I don't think she's worth it, is she?"

He turned and looked straight into her face. "I love her!" he said with magnificent simplicity. Then he shook her hand off. "You'd better go home at once, Helena. You'll get diphtheria here!"

She broke down wildly, clenching her hands against her breast, her long eyes blazing the anger at him.

"I wish I could," she panted. "I wish I could."

But even her fury did not move him now; he sent her home.

Helena was late coming home that day. Haddon had returned from the bank, and was sitting in his study when he heard his wife enter the house.

"How's Polestar?" she asked lazily. Haddon stopped smoking for a moment. "He's going to get over it. I sent for Arlou—first rate man, you know. That confounded boy!"

Helena laughed hysterically. "It wasn't the boy's fault," she said. "I've been out with Page Roemer searching for that girl—you know she ran out of the inn in the rain? Page is in love with her, and I had to help him find

her. Where do you suppose she was?"

Haddon shrugged. "How the devil do I know? With Morgan I suppose."

His wife started. A new and rending suspicion laid hold of her.

"You look fagged out. Better get Johnson to make you a stiff cup of coffee," he advised coolly. "You look all in."

"She was with Morgan. She'd gone into that wretched Kinney woman's shack. The child's down with diphtheria. She and Morgan were there all night, if you please, taking care of that child!"

Haddon threw his head back and laughed heartily.

"Mighty convenient to have diphtheria sometimes, isn't it?"

His cool enjoyment of a thing that was biting into her very soul infuriated Helena.

"You met Nancy Gordon in Washington—I mean, you saw her there once, King," she said slowly, with studied coolness. "I remember your saying something—what was she doing there anyway?"

He laughed shortly, a malicious light showing in the back of his eyes.

"She was with Dick Morgan, that's all," he answered her dryly. "They left there together—the day I went to the golf tournament. Afterwards, I went to register at the hotel. I've never said a word about it—and, look here, Helena, you can't either. Mind that, I won't be party to a scandal!"

"Why?" she asked in a smothered voice.

"They'd registered as man and wife—that's all!"

Helena drew a long breath. Before his eyes she grew as white as a dying woman. He half rose from his chair with an inarticulate exclamation, but she rallied, straightened herself and stood erect. He sank back in his chair with a foolish laugh, like a man in sudden relief from pain.

His wife was summoning all her strength to walk slowly to the door. She must be alone! Something in the suppressed fury of her look warned him; he knew he had been rash.

"Helena!" he said sharply.

"What is it?"

He leaned forward earnestly, cautioning her with a raised hand of warning.

"Mind not a word of this!" he said sharply. "no scandal involving me—even in hearsay."

She looked over her shoulder at him with an odd twisted smile.

"Do you really think I care—one way or the other—about that girl?" she asked scornfully.

"No," he said dryly. "but I'm pretty damned sure now—that you do—for the man."

She had her hand on the door and she met his eyes with fire in her look, and hatred. But she said nothing.

Up in her own room, Helena was sitting on the edge of her bed, white teeth set hard. She was going over and over those crazy moments when she had made a fool of herself, and lately—yes, lately she had been no better than a mendicant begging the alms of love!

And all the while it was Nancy Gordon! He loved the girl! Yet the tide of her hatred was turning—not on him—but on Nancy. Nancy was a woman, and Helena knew where to strike a woman. Fury rose in her like a tide.

She was ripe for any madness.

Before she knew it, before she had time to think of the incredible wickedness of what she did, she went to the telephone—

Old Major Lomax, just recovered from his prolonged attack of gout, got to his desk and began to figure on William Gordon's indebtedness to him. Not even the house had quite wiped out Gordon's initial plunge. It wasn't like Gordon. Of course there was a reason.

Lomax had his own suspicions, fed up by letters from his cousin in the trust company. Old man Beaver had conceived a chronic distrust for young Gordon. "Going on another bat, I think," he wrote Lomax, "something eating the boy—women or wine or something, can't make it out. Don't lend the old man too much."

Major Lomax rubbed the end of his nose with his pen. He was thinking of Nancy when he heard the front door shut violently and the rush of feet in the hall. Angie came in, dropped into a chair by his desk and be-

gan to cry. The major eyed her for a moment, then laid down his pen.

"What's the matter? Shut off the water-works! What's wrong now, child? Who's hurt your feelings?"

Angie dashed away her tears, choking and gasping.

"I'm not hurt, I'm mad!" she said fiercely. "Uncle Robert, they're saying things—perfectly awful things about Nancy Virginia."

The old man picked up his pen mechanically and added up two sets of figures. His niece strangled another sob.

"It's about Richard Morgan—it's—it's perfectly awful, Uncle Robert."

One thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine plus—The major suspended his pen.

"Tell me the whole business, Angie."

The girl's eyes fell before his.

"It's a horrid thing, uncle!"

"Humph! Where did you get it?"

Angie told him. The woman had a good name, not much of a gossip either, she had it on good authority. "Everybody knows!" Angie sobbed. "I—I'd like to kill Dr. Morgan!"

"You haven't told me what it is yet," said her uncle dryly.

"I hate to soil my mouth with such talk!" his niece cried, her face aflame. Little by little the old man drew the story out of her. It had grown since Helena started it, and it was very reasonable.

The major drummed on his desk with his fingers, his eyes fixed on the distant view from his window. He had known Richard from boyhood. Not a usual boy, a good deal of a man always, the major thought.

"It's a darned lie, Angie," he said finally.

"Of course it is!" she agreed, "and you've got to stop it, Uncle Robert."

The major patted her hand. "That's right! I like to hear you, but you can't stop women's tongues, child. You'd better get Nancy to come out with the truth. That's the way to meet it."

"As if she had anything to tell—she can't have!" Angie turned indignant eyes upon him.

He shook his head. "No! But there's something at the bottom of it; too much smoke, Angie."

It was ten days before Haddon heard the story, a gabled story, but he came home white with rage.

"By God, Helena, if I thought you'd started this!" he stormed fiercely, finding her alone in her room.

She looked him over from head to foot, beautiful and insolent.

"Do you imagine you were the only one to read that register?" she asked cuttingly.

He recoiled in spite of himself. Of course he had been a fool and flown off the handle about nothing.

"No," he answered coldly.

"Lord!" he said, "women are the devil!" and he heard his wife's laugh, as he shut the door.

At first, Nancy suspected nothing, but she felt a change, subtle, complete, chilling. The old friendly atmosphere seemed to recede and leave her marooned. She fancied that it had something to do with Polestar. Haddon had made a great deal of that incident, he had discharged Henry and told the whole story. Major Lomax overtook her one day on her way home.

"Going down to Warrenton tomorrow to spend the day with Angie and her cousin?" he asked pleasantly.

Nancy smiled. "Why, yes, Angie asked me—she says her cousin told her she might bring a friend. There's a cross country race, isn't there?"

The old man nodded. "Angie won't ride, I've forbidden her. She can't keep her seat on one of Jack Fuller's horses. I believe you're a reckless young devil, Nancy. I suppose you'll go it strong?"

The girl's face brightened perceptibly. "I love to ride, major, and—I love horses."

"Hum, didn't think about sparing race horses though?" he observed dryly.

Nancy's cheeks blazed red. "Major,

they've made such a fuss about that—I can see it, the very way people stare at me!"

The old man stopped short, leaning on his cane, and peered at her.

"That isn't the reason people stare at you, my child," he said gravely.

Nancy lifted startled eyes to his face; what she saw there frightened her.

The major drew a pattern on the ground with his cane.

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Dwiggins, lf	5	6	1	1	0	0
C. Mashburn, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Byrd, c, 3b	4	0	1	7	6	2
H. Burns, ss, p	4	2	1	2	3	1
S. Burns, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
McDonald, lb	4	1	1	6	0	0
D. Mashburn, 2b	4	0	2	3	0	4
Decker, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Reddin, 3b, rf	2	0	0	0	2	0
R. Mashburn, c	2	0	0	5	0	0
Arnwine, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Dunagin, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	37	5	9	27	14	10

MERKEL—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Jones, rf	5	1	1	2	0	2
King, lf	4	0	1	1	0	1
Childress, cf	5	1	1	3	1	0
Burleson, 3b	4	1	5	2	3	1
Sledge, ss	3	0	0	1	1	1
McGaughy, 2b	4	0	1	0	3	0
Adcock, lb	4	0	1	12	0	1
Essom, c	4	1	0	6	3	1
Wilson, p	4	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	37	4	9	27	14	7

Scores by innings—
 Stith 111 101 000—5
 Merkel 000 010 030—4
 Summary—Runs batted in, C. Mashburn, Byrd, Arnwine, D. Mashburn, Childress, Burleson, McGaughy. Two base hit Palmer. Three base hit, Palmer. Sacrifices, C. Mashburn, Sledge. Innings pitched, Decker 8, 4 runs, (3 earned,) 8 hits; by H. Burns, 1, no runs 1 hit. Earned runs, Stith 4, Merkel 3. Bases on balls, Decker 1. Hit by pitcher, Wilson (Decker.) Struck out, Decker 7, Burns 1, Wilson 4. Wild pitch, Wilson. Passed ball, Essom. Stolen bases, H. Burns 3, S. Burns, McDonald, Essom. Left on base, Stith 7, Merkel 4. Time of game, 2 hours. Umpires, Young and Renfro.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of expressing our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all those friends who go kindly and faithfully assisted us during the illness and death of our dear daughter, mother and sister, Mrs. Dovie Smith Howard.
 May God's richest blessings be with you all.

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BRIDGE GAMES.

Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfennig and George West, Jr., were hostesses to contract devotees Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Zehnpfennig at a party of charming appointments. The apartment was delightfully decorated with sweet peas, mock orange blossoms and red carnations, forming a pretty setting for the game hour. Dainty candies were served during the games and at the refreshment hour a refreshing limo-fizz with ice box cookies was served at tables which stressed the pink and green color scheme, centered with sweet peas. Guests of Mrs. West and Mrs. Zehnpfennig were Mesdames Sidney Foy, F. C. McFarland, Lige Gamble, Jack Anderson, J. E. Boaz, Jr., George White, R. O. Pearson, Bob Mayfield, H. L. Duffer, Charles Largent, W. T. Sadler, Milton Case, Misses Cecilia Zehnpfennig, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Christine Collins and Nell Durham.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mr. M. L. Estes was a most surprised and happy host last Sunday when returning from church he found several members of his family and close friends already assembled in celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday. A covered dish luncheon, replete with birthday cake, was served at noon and the afternoon hours were whiled away in reminiscent conversation. Sincerest best wishes for his continued good health and happiness were extended Mr. Estes by Mrs. Goodyear of Anson, Mrs. L. M. Touchstone and Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone of Abilene, Mrs. Amy Sears, Miss Mary Eula Sears, Miss Mossie Sears, Miss Eula Sears, Evelyn Sears and Mrs. Estes.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Merkel Woodmen Circle Grove No. 563 was held Friday, May 18. Fifteen members attended this meeting; among them was Janie B. Garner, district manager, who presided as Guardian.

We were glad to have Mrs. S. E. Pike with us. She had been a member of the Circle over forty years. There were four present, who had been members over twenty-five years: Mesdames Rea, Hollingworth, McCandless and Polley. Mrs. Bertie Barnett and Mrs. Katie Church received 25-year pins. They were presented by Mrs. Garner. Mrs. Mary Vanlandingham was not present to receive her pin. Applications of Mrs. Nellie Matthews and Lillian Matthews were passed on.

The charter was draped at a previous meeting in memory of Mrs. Mary E. LaRocca, our national president. Mrs. LaRocca was a woman of high ideals and to know her was to love her.

A short program was rendered by members, including greetings by Mrs. Elizabeth Allday, piano selections by Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and a poem, "Smiles," read by Mrs. Nancy Polley.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served to Mesdames Garner, Middleton, Hollingworth, Allday, Pike, Bertie Barnett, Lillian Barnett, Russell, Polley, McCandless, Provine, Wheeler, Rea, Church and Richardson.

FIDELIS PARTY.

The Fidelis class of the Presbyterian church met for the regular bi-monthly class party Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Derstine.

Miss Dota Garoutte conducted the program for the evening in which she took the party on an airplane trip to various noted cities of the world, which were presented by some interesting game or fortune telling. She further entertained the class with readings.

The class then held kangaroo court and tried a few members who had failed to appear at Sunday School the previous Sunday.

Ice cream and cake were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Emory Jones, Bob Dunn, B. Bond, Dee Bland, Mack Tucker, W. A. Thompson, Ollie Fox, W. J. Derstine, Misses Alleen Davis, Vera Walker, Dota Garoutte, Mary Derstine, Messrs. Grisham Dowell, Gordon Murray, Ralph Walker, George Curtis, Mrs. S. C. Vick, Mrs.

CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Revival Starts Sunday, June 3

Our revival begins Sunday, June 3, with Rev. G. H. Markley, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Breckenridge doing the preaching.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. No service Sunday night, as members of the congregation will attend the baccalaureate sermon of the High school at the Methodist church.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

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MARY MARTHA AUXILIARY.

Meeting with Mrs. S. A. Wells on Monday afternoon, members of the Mary Martha Auxiliary enjoyed a program centering on "Foreign Missionaries." The devotional was led by Mrs. Denzel Cox. Others on program were Mesdames C. V. Shelton, C. W. Guthrie and Milton Case.

During the social hour following, fruit was passed to Mesdames Ernest Higgins, A. A. McGehee, C. V. Shelton, Denzel Cox, B. M. Williams, C. W. Guthrie, Fred Jinkens, Milton Case, John Dunn, T. M. Allday, B. M. Tipton, Bickley, Cutler, and Miss Mabel McCree.

GRADUATE COMPLIMENTED.

The home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble was the scene of a prettily appointed graduation dinner Friday evening when Mesdames Henry West, Frank McFarland and Gamble entertained in honor of Miss Sarah Shepard who is this year graduating from High school. The entertaining rooms were profusely decorated with summer blossoms where Miss Elma Mae Gamble presented each guest with a Senior cap upon arrival.

A delicious buffet supper was served by three courses with miniature suit cases as favors for the boys and hat boxes for the girls. Delightful informality marked the evening's entertainment for Misses Sarah Shepard, Billie Gardner, Billie Bernice Gamble, Helen Jovner, Lois Whiteley, Carol Mansfield, Clara Frances Lovvett, Wanda Hunter, Messrs. David Gamble, Jack Dawson West, Jack Lowe, Jack Patterson, L. V. Moore, Milton Shannon, Joe Cook and Kennedy Whiteley.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. George White on Friday, May 11, with Mrs. J. J. White and Miss Luna White co-hostesses. Everyone brought cakes, which were judged by Mesdames Richards, Sublett and Renfro. Mrs. F. A. Polley's white layer cake was declared the best. Mrs. C. P. Church demonstrated angel food cake. Recipes were exchanged and Mrs. Jack Anderson gave an interesting lecture on the care of the skin and hair.

Punch and cake plate was served to the following members: Mesdames C. P. Church, W. A. McCandless, L. J. Renfro, W. L. Blair, R. J. Mathews, Sr., R. J. Mathews, Jr., F. A. Polley, J. B. Campbell, C. H. Jones, B. T. Sublett, Mack Buzbee, and Misses Mary Keny, Maurine White and Nola Provine, and one visitor, Mrs. Richards.

reported a total attendance of 801 last Sunday, as compared with 838 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, 776 were present.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. There is a class for all ages and a teacher for all classes. We will be looking for you at 9:45.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. At 8:15 p. m. Dr. O. P. Clark, pastor of St. Paul's church, Abilene, will preach the commencement sermon for the graduating class of the public schools. We want you to come and hear him.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had a good crowd out Sunday morning to hear our pastor preach from the first ten verses of the first chapter of Colossians. He had just returned from the convention at Fort Worth and was quite enthusiastic about the year's work.

Monday afternoon the W. M. U. had an instructive Bible study conducted by Brother Jovner. We have been studying the book of Revelations for several months.

Wednesday evening all who went to the convention gave reports at prayer meeting, which were greatly enjoyed by all who heard them.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 6 p. m. and preaching 8:30 p. m.

Preaching each Wednesday evening with good singing by a good sized audience, the best attendance the Merkel church has had in many years.

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The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The Apostle Paul in addressing Timothy penned the following words: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

There are more people in the world today that would enjoy "pulpit fables" than there are that would be pleased with "thus sayeth the Lord." There is a great demand for teachers that will justify the people in their lust, but the man that will preach the word in all its purity is looked upon as a model-T and is rather out of date. But

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NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Devil dressed in the garb of Christianity," or "Wolves in Sheep Clothing," will be the subject for next Saturday night. We shall turn on the light of the word of God and expose the rotten, undermining schemes of the powers of darkness that are parading in the name of Christianity.

"Spiritual wickedness" in "high places" is one power the Bible admonishes us to wrestle against. I hate the devil and shall do my best to make him mad.

Bill Dowell will preach Sunday morning and Sunday night. If you want to hear a real sermon on "hell, hell fire and damnation," extreme misery and eternal punishment, then hear Bill Sunday night.

We hope that every member of our Bible School will be present with a new member Sunday morning. We welcome you to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Three-eighths of an inch rainfall Thursday morning, added to the early Tuesday morning visitation, brought this week's rainfall to five-eighths of an inch. Total for the year so far is 6 and 7-8 inches.

Shannon's swimming pool, opened for the season two weeks ago, has proved a most popular resort during the recent hot days. As an innovation this year, John Shannon is using the reserve pool to catch up enough water so that when the big pool is drained it can be re-filled without the loss of any time to patrons.

Among the earliest to start combining this year, J. T. Warren harvested about 1,500 bushels of oats last Saturday on his 23 acre farm on Mulberry creek.

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Prunes	No. 10 can So Called, Gallons	37c
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	25 lb. sack	\$1.27
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