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## FREE RODEO, TWO BALL GAMES ARE CARDDED

### 151 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

Seniors Lead High School Classes, With 30 Per Cent of Their Number Listed; Aline McAninch Leads High School.

One hundred and fifty-one pupils of the Merkel Public schools made the honor roll in the six weeks period just closed.

The High school was led by Aline McAninch with an average of 96 per cent. The Senior class, with eighteen of their number making the roll, led with 30 per cent of their number listed.

Forty-five from the High school and one hundred and six from the Grammar school met the requirements. About one in each five from both Grammar and High schools found their names on the roll. To be on this roll, the pupil must be neither absent nor tardy, make a 90 per cent in deportment, not fall below 75 on any one subject, and make a general average.

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### A. C. C. in Senior Benefit Program

On Tuesday evening, April 30, at 8 o'clock the students of Abilene Christian college will give a one and one-half hour program in the Merkel High School gymnasium. The admission to this program will be 10 cents for school children and 20 cents for others. The proceeds will go to the Senior class of Merkel High school, the college not taking any of the admission. The Seniors are to use this in printing their Memory Book.

The program will be varied, several devotions of the college co-operating to give the program. The A. C. C. program has been produced at several schools in this region and has some unusual numbers. A tumbling team from the department of physical education will close the entertainment with an exhibition of gymnastics and tumbling directed by W. M. Dowell, head of the department of physical education in A. C. C.

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### MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 30, 1915.)

Hunters of the Salt Branch community led by J. W. Childress of Route 4 made a grand catch of wolves Wednesday night and captured 15 of the sly varmints within 3 miles of Merkel. Mr. Childress is the owner of four Birdsong wolf hounds, and the following hunters joined him at the back of what was the Coggins pasture: Joe Higgins, Jess Hardy, Tom and Roy Harrell, J. D. Hogg, Dee and Bowie Floyd, H. P. Wilkins, Rush and Walter Buford, Henry Petty and J. W. Childress.

R. J. and Davis Beasley, two prominent young farmers of the Nodale community, have purchased a Case 30-60 gas tractor and separator. The machinery was received the first of the week but owing to the failure of a representative to arrive from Dallas to superintend the unloading of the big engine it remained on the cars in the local yards.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble are the recipients of the editor's best bow for a beautiful bouquet of roses, pinks and other flowers that have graced our desk since the first of the week.

An unannounced meeting of fifteen young men of Merkel at the Grimes

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

President Roosevelt Monday nominated Brig. Gen. Carl Nesbitt of Texas to be a brigadier-general adjutant general's department, National Guard.

Houston Harte, publisher of the San Angelo Standard-Times, was elected vice-president of the Associated Press at its annual meeting in New York City.

The drouth area west of Del Rio, extending from 20 miles of Sanger to Comstock, was drenched with a two-inch rain Monday night, the first rain in two years.

President Roosevelt has appointed John N. Eddy of Texas, city manager of Dallas until the recent change in city administration, to be assistant director of the budget.

Charles S. Richardson, former mayor of Olney, was convicted by a district court jury at Vernon of slaying his son, Elga, and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

Accidental discharge of a pistol, which officers were told was in the hands of his wife, cost the life of Mack Oldham, 27, night desk man of the Sweetwater police department.

O. M. Roberts, 74, son of former Governor O. M. Roberts, died at Austin Tuesday night. He was a farmer and night watchman at the University of Texas at the time of his death.

A. G. (Pat) Mayes, publisher of the Paris Morning News, was named president of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce at Henderson Tuesday, and Houston is to be the 1936 convention city.

By act of Ken Regan, president pro tem of the senate and acting governor one day last week, Harley Sadler, popular West Texas showman, was designated a lieutenant-colonel on the governor's staff.

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### INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27	Trent vs Union
Two Games	Tye vs Divide
Saturday, May 4	Stith vs Noodle
Saturday, May 11	Truby vs Hodges
Saturday, May 18	Trent vs Divide
Saturday, May 25	Tye vs Union
Saturday, June 1	Stith vs Hodges
Saturday, June 8	Truby vs Noodle
Two Games	Tye vs Hodges
Saturday, June 15	Stith vs Divide
Saturday, June 22	Trent vs Noodle
Two Games	Truby vs Union
Saturday, June 29	Tye vs Noodle
Saturday, July 6	Trent vs Hodges
Two Games	Stith vs Union
Saturday, July 13	Truby vs Divide
Wednesday, July 17	Tye vs Trent
Saturday, July 20	Noddle vs Hodges
Two Games	Stith vs Truby
Wednesday, July 24	Union vs Divide
Two Games	Tye vs Truby
Saturday, July 27	Trent vs Stith
Wednesday, July 31	Noddle vs Divide
Two Games	Union vs Hodges
Saturday, August 3	Tye vs Stith
Two Games	Trent vs Truby
Wednesday, August 7	Noddle vs Union
Two Games	Hodges vs Divide

### RELIEF SETUP IS ADVANCED

President Selects Agencies to Handle Work Projects; Yet To Name Allotment Board.

Washington, April 25.—President Roosevelt Wednesday charted 45 governmental channels through which four billion dollars will move to men who now have no jobs but left until Thursday the naming of the men to have charge of the sluice gates.

The designating of this vast machine, definitely breaking the ice on the job-giving program, in itself caused some stir in the capital. Its administration alone will require the employment of several thousand white collar workers in Washington.

Funeral services were held at noon Tuesday at the First Baptist church, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor, conducting the service. It was from the same pulpit that the same pastor had preached the funeral sermon for a grandson on the day before. After the service here, the body was carried overland in the Barrow funeral car

### DEATH CLAIMS JOHN H. STONE

Retired Baptist Minister Passes Away Peacefully Monday With the End of Day.

Rev. John H. Stone, a retired Baptist minister and who would have been 84 years old on August 10, this year, passed away peacefully late Monday afternoon. His wife, returning from the funeral of a grandson, Jack Hays, found him quietly reposing in death, lying on the bed in his home. He had eaten a hearty lunch and had been sitting up during the day. Death was due to a heart involvement.

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Mrs. Alice Touchstone Passes Away at Dallas

Mrs. Alice Touchstone, 75, a former resident of Merkel, died Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Harris, in Dallas. She had been ill since the first of January. The body was brought here for burial and funeral services were held at 10:30 Monday morning from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. P. H. Gates, the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. C. Childress, pastor of the First Methodist church, Abilene, and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ennis Grimes, Wiley Pippen, Chillicothe; Z. Oswald, Owen Ellis, Abilene; Lester Ellis, San Antonio, and Dee Grimes and John West, Merkel.

Mrs. Touchstone lived here for a number of years before removing to Dallas. She was an active member of the Methodist church and prominent in social and civic life of the city. She was a sister of Mrs. R. A. Ellis of this city. Another sister, Miss Laura Carey, makes her home in Dallas.

Besides Mrs. Harris, four other children survive: Miss Boss Touchstone, New Orleans, La.; E. C. Touchstone, Dallas; Raymond Touchstone, Chillicothe, and Carey Touchstone, Fredericksburg, Pa. She is also survived by five grandchildren.

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### RULES STATED FOR AWARD OF RODEO PRIZES

A \$110 cowboy saddle has been hung up as first prize for the 1935 rodeo season sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel. Second prize will be a \$15.00 pair of "chaps" and third prize, a \$10.00 Navajo blanket.

Prize winners will be determined on the best averages during the rodeo season based on the following method of scoring:

#### SCORING RULES.

In calf roping and cow milking, basis of 100 points is given for 16 seconds time, with a charge of 2 points for each second above 16 seconds.

In riding events, the steer or horse will be given 50 points and the rider, 50 points; contestant's score to be determined by judges in these particular events.

It is not necessary for contestants to compete in more than one event to be eligible for prizes, but a bonus of 10 points will be given for each additional event entered by contestant; bonus to be added to aggregate score for day before average is figured.

MUST ENTER FIVE SHOWS.

Contestants must compete in at least five shows to be eligible for prizes.

Standing of the ten ranking contestants will be published in The Merkel Mail following each show.

It has been decided to limit the show to the following number of entries, respectively: roping, 20; milking, 10; steer riding, 10; horse riding, 5.

Entries will not be accepted until Saturday morning and the first to register with Tom Jinkens, arena manager, until the above quotas are filled, will compete in that show. Any over the stated numbers, if they choose, will be given preference in next show.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Olan Williams, Saturday, April 20, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Lepard, Monday, April 22, 1935.

"Here Comes Charlie."

The I. X. L. players will present

the highly amusing comedy, "Here Comes Charlie," at Butman tabernacle on Friday night of next week, May 3. The price of admission will be 5 and 10 cents.

As a measure of safety as well as to prevent interference with the rodeo performance, City Marshal Chester Hutchison and Constable C. K. Russell wish to warn everybody that their instructions to keep the corral clear of all persons except contestants will be strictly enforced. Those intruding will be considered as trespassers and dealt with accordingly.

BLEACHER SEATS.

While all features, both baseball and rodeo, will be free to the public, as was the case last year, a charge of 25 cents for all persons will be made for admission to the bleacher stands.

Tickets will be on sale at the grounds beginning at 12:30 Saturday afternoon.

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It is a terrible handicap to the memory of a man when a descriptive phrase or adjective attaches to his name, for people feel that they are thereby relieved from learning anything more about him. Thus "the patience of Job" has effectively cloaked the real significance of that heroic figure; "as meek as Moses" has distorted the grandeur of one of the really great leaders of history, and the adjective "doubting Thomas" has libeled the brave soul who cried, "Let us also go up with Him that we may die with Him." Similarly, Jeremiah has been labeled the "weeping prophet" and, though there is hardly any Old Testament character about whom we have more biographical material, this totally unworthy phrase constitutes his entire biography for a majority of people.

He did weep, and good cause he had to do it. God laid on him a tremendous burden, and once when he cried out because he was carrying every bit that he possibly could God's answer to him was, "Cheer up, Jeremiah, the worst is yet to come," or, in the fine phraseology:

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Only a courageous spirit could stand a message like that, and Jeremiah was, on the whole, the bravest figure in the Old Testament. He was the kind of man who would have enjoyed a home, but it was denied him.

The word of the Lord came also unto me, saying,

Thou shall not take thee a wife, neither shall thou have

sons or daughters in this place.

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### McMURRY BAND WILL HEAD BIG STREET PARADE

Baseball Season Opens With Two Games, Union vs Trent, Tye vs Divide; Keen Competition for \$175 in Prize Money.

Postponed from last Saturday because of rain, the first of the 1935 series of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel will be staged Saturday of this week, beginning at 1:30.

The street parade, also postponed, will take place at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and a third feature of Saturday's program will be the opening of the 1935 season of the Inter-Community Baseball league, embracing eight teams.

Two games are carded Saturday, the schedule having been arranged before the postponement of the rodeo.

The first game, to be called at 1 p.m., will be between Union and Trent. Immediately following this game, Tye and Divide will meet.

Frank Ferrier of Abilene has been selected as official umpire for the baseball games.

Complete schedule for the season, comprising 28 games, is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Prizes of \$175 in cash will be awarded to the three winning clubs as determined by the Shaughnessy plan:

\$100 first prize; \$50 second prize, and \$25 third prize.

MCMURRY BAND COMING

The McMurry band of 50 under direction of Prof. J. K. Gwynn Silvey, will head the parade. Chairman Ollie Dye of the parade committee is active in pushing plans for a big turn out of merchants as well as representatives from surrounding schools.

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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The Senior class cordially invites every one to attend. Tickets at ten cents and twenty cents will be sold by all Seniors. The school will receive the profit. The Senior class will receive the money from the adult tickets. Buy an adult ticket and help the Senior class! Everybody come!

### PECULIAR EXPRESSIONS.

Famous authors in their writings used such expressions as these:

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### Our Seniors

*Ben Sublett.*

Among our large class of Seniors we find Ben, a tall, quiet, industrious and intelligent boy. Although he has quite refined ways, everybody likes to be in his classes.

*Charles Tipton.*

Charles is neat, intelligent and broadly informed. He won first place in the extempore speech contest at the county meet. Charles might be compared with Webster or Woodrow Wilson as a speaker. We are proud of his speaking ability, Charles.

*Ethelda Tucker.*

Ethelda is intelligent, industrious and friendly. Everybody likes to be with Ethelda because of her wise cracks and her "happy-go-lucky" disposition.

**WE WONDER WHY—**

Willie B. doesn't get married.

Jr. thinks Kennedy looks like Kit Carson.

Oscar didn't like to sit down Monday.

Joe has gone back to his second childhood so soon or maybe he's still in his first one.

Mary Helen has more effect on Bud than she does on certain other people. Zerk broke his date.

Some of the boys are going to the show Friday night.

Vivian gets badly foolei sometimes. Verner has his head bandaged up.

Polly Joyner is so popular Lawrence is so stuck up.

Dickie is worrying so much about a date to the banquet.

Victor is such a woman hater. Jack Lowe had all of his pretty curls cut off.

Harold's nose is broken.

Mildred is so blank-minded at times.

Gladys M. wasn't at the last Dramatic club meeting.

**HARDIN-SIMMONS PICNIC.**

A majority of the Senior class is looking forward to Saturday—the "Senior day" at Hardin-Simmons university. The ways and other provisions for a grand day have already been planned. We are going for a big time! May we thank the Baptist women beforehand for their kindness and willingness in planning this for us.

### IT'S JUST LIKE CIRCUS DAY TO THE FRESHMEN

Maybe some of the "slimes" wonder why all the Junior and Senior girls have their hair set and all the Junior and Senior boys look so "slick" today? Surely nobody but a Freshman would fail to know that the banquet will be tonight.

It's just as well that those poor "fish" remain ignorant of the great event, however, for circuses, with their clowns, monkeys and red candy, always attract little children you know; and they really couldn't come to this circus because the color scheme is already planned in blue and silver, and a little green might spoil the whole effect.

The gymnasium is decorated as it has never been decorated before; the food is writing out its will; the tables are waiting; Oscar is rehearsing his address; Miss Patterson is attending to last-minute arrangements; all is set for the banquet of '35. May it be a memorable one!

And this to those upperclassmen who read this article Friday morning, April 26: "Play ball till the whistle blows."

**THE "TO BE" CONTEST.**

The members of the staff have a new idea up their sleeves. They have selected a member from each class to act as editor of half of each issue of the "Badger Weekly" for the next two. Dick West is the "fish"; Sylvan Mellinger, the Sophomore; Juanita Huskey, the Junior; and Alice McAninch, the Senior reporter. Isn't that a line-up? The "fish" and Juniors are going to publish an issue together. Each will have two columns.

Theirs will be the next issue. The "Sophs" and Seniors are working together. It seems that they have always got along rather well together.

Just abide with us, dear reader, and maybe you'll live over it.

**CHAPEL.**

The students assembled last Monday for a short chapel program—the chief speaker being Rev. J. B. Baker.

Mr. Baker, who was holding the Methodist meeting, gave a very brief

but forceful talk—a talk that appealed very much to the students as they evidenced by giving their undivided attention to his thoughts.

### Jokes

*Wrong Number!*

Pinky C.: "They tell me you are an Ozarkian."

Cal M.: "Then they tell you wrong, I'm a hard-shelled Baptist."

*Second Growth!*

Billie George Gant: "Mr. Burgess, are you growing again?"

Mr. Burgess: "Why, no, why?"

B. G. G.: "You're head is sticking out on top of your hair."

*Nertz!*

Roger D.: "Don't you think anybody is crazy that will get up at 12 o'clock and go horseback riding?"

Alvin W.: "I think so! Who did that?"

Roger D.: "Paul Revere!"

*Keep As Quiet As Possible!*

"Ah," said a visitor, "this school boasts a choral club, they say."

"No," said Elean Harrold, "we never boast of it!"

*For a Rainy Day.*

"Your life or your money!" growled a highwayman.

"Take my life," quickly said Cal M., "I'm saving my money for my old age!"

Sylvan M.: "That little shrimp, Jr. Grimes, doesn't look like a hero, does he?"

R. T. Blair: "Great Scott! No! Why what has he done?"

Sylvan: "Been married three times and is engaged again."

**HE FINDS IT.**

When a man accepts all disagreeable changes and takes the chances as they come, and all with a smile—When a fellow faces the rough and smooth alike with that smile—When he is cheerful in disappointment and hopeful in distress—When such a man starts out for success—he finds it.

**CHORAL CLUB NEWS.**

The Choral club has been working very hard during the last month. We have our club dresses made and we shall make our first appearance in our new dresses Tuesday in chapel.

We have also chosen our operetta, "Margie." Several beautiful melodies are being learned for commencement program.

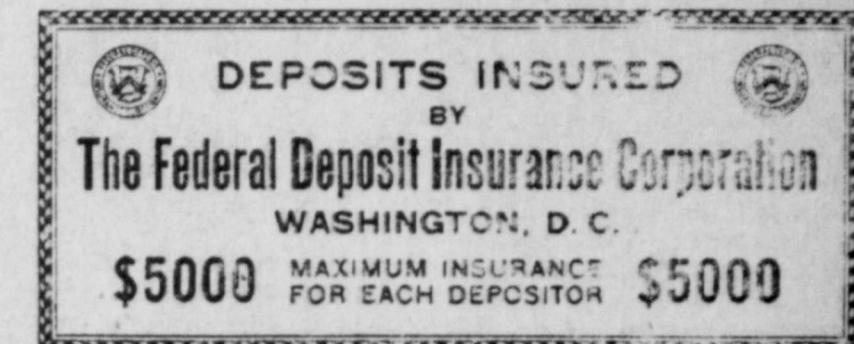
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#### The Staff:

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Society Editor—Vivian Davis.  
Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.  
Joke Editor—Tracy Wood.

### White Church News

We have had a wonderful rain! We say it rained three inches and are indeed thankful for it.

Rev. Arthur Kendall of Abilene preached here Sunday afternoon and the children gave an Easter program Sunday night. Both were greatly enjoyed by a well filled house.

Miss Pearl Dedmon, our school teacher, enjoyed a visit from her parents and two sisters of Stonewall county last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and children, accompanied by Miss Veona Patterson and a Farmer, visited relatives at Stanton and Patricia recently.

The W. O. W. camp of Blair with several visiting members met on the creek for a picnic last Wednesday ev-

ening. A large crowd was present and a real good supper was served.

Maurice Pressly and Arlton Farmer are visiting relatives in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds were visiting in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Saturday.

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**PERSONALS**

Miss Dots Garoutte was week-end  
guest in Abilene of Mrs. Earl Brown  
and Miss Minnie Wilson and attended  
the meeting of the City Federated  
clubs of Abilene Saturday afternoon  
and the Easter services at Hausey's  
only Rest Episcopal church Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Knox and Little have  
returned to their home at Fort  
Worth after a weekend visit here with  
her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Coats, and family.  
Accompanied by Mrs. Coats, Mr. and  
Mrs. Ben Clark and son and Mr. and  
Mrs. Henry Logan, Mrs. Knox drove  
over to San Angelo Sunday to visit her husband, who is at Sanatorium.

Little Miss Jannell Woodrum of  
Abilene was the week-end guest of her  
cousin, Helen Heeter.

Paul Collins, who is now assistant  
pastor to Rev. T. C. Willett at Hereford,  
is spending the week with his parents here.

C. J. Glover returned Monday night  
from a visit to Waco to see his sister,  
Mrs. W. A. Little, who had undergone  
major surgery a few days before.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfield of  
Anson were guests for Easter Sunday  
of Mrs. Mayfield's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. T. M. Smith.

Miss Peggy Barnett returned Tuesday  
from Dallas where she spent the  
past two weeks. She was accompanied  
home by Mrs. Harold Barnett and  
small daughter, Betty, of Dallas, who  
will spend a week in the W. L. Bar-  
nett home here.

Upon receipt of news that her hus-  
band was critically ill with pneumonia,  
Mrs. L. L. Wills, accompanied by  
her four children, left Wednesday  
morning for Lyons, Colo., where Mr.  
Wills has been for some time in a  
veterans hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker were  
away on a trip for the 60th  
wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs.  
W. H. Crawford at Haskell on April  
18. Mr. Crawford is a distant relative  
of Mrs. Baker's.

Returning from their honeymoon  
trip to Monterrey and points in Old  
Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. De Verle Johnson  
spent the week-end with Mrs.  
Johnson's mother, Mrs. Amy Stars,  
going from here to their home in Fort  
Worth.

J. F. Banner of Dallas is spending  
the week with his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Messrs. John Ligon and Herbert  
Island of New York City were guests  
this week in the J. L. Banner home.

Misses Mildred Richardson and  
Margaret Miller were home from  
John Tarleton college for an Easter  
visit with their parents.

Ed Breeze of Compere left Sunday  
for Muskogee, Okla., to enter the veterans  
hospital there for minor surgery.

Mrs. E. B. Emerson of Evansville,  
Ind., is here for a visit with her brother,  
F. A. Sanders, and her son, Mr.  
and Mrs. Bert Freeman.

Miss Billy Gardner and David Gamble,  
students at the University of Texas,  
and Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes,  
who is attending business college  
at Austin, were home for the  
Easter holidays.

W. J. Shannon left Friday for  
Crawford upon receipt of news that  
his brother, Jack Shannon, was seriously ill.

**Good Rain Comes to  
Bless This Section**

Rainfall for Friday and Saturday  
of last week totaled 1 3-8 inches, according  
to the gauge of Volunteer Weather  
Observer Grover Hale, bringing  
the year's figure to 4 5-8 inches.

The week-end rainfall was highly  
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**Honor Roll**

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verage of 96 or more for the six weeks  
period.

The complete list on the honor roll  
follows:

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.****First Grade, Mrs. Nash.**

Lora Pearl Haynes, 96; James Roy  
Baccus, 95; Lucile English, 94; Estell  
Goins, 94; J. W. Camp, 94; J. C.  
Goains, 92; Zedie Glynn Johnson, 91.

**First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.**

Christine Rhynes, 97; Loree  
Smith, 97; Gwendolyn Vaughn, 97;  
Rachel Miller, 96; Lennard James,  
95; Dorothy Lee, 95; Geraldine  
Williams, 95; Bobbie Nell Reagan,  
94; Virgil Sears, 94; Alvin Smith,  
94; Billy Joe Jaynes, 92; Loyd Rut-  
ledge, 91.

**Second Grade, Miss Curb.**

Frances Walker, 95; Mary Smith,  
94; Mary Evelyn Perry, 94; Ikey  
Turner, 93; Billy Joe Toombs, 92;  
Jerry Rhynes, 92; John Andrew Stap-  
leton, 91; Jerry McGehan, 91; Jimmy  
Speck, 90; Billy Ramsey, 90; Wayne  
Tipton, 90.

**Second Grade, Miss Pogue.**

Ralph Dye, 96; Billy Tom Diltz, 96;  
Bonnie Jaynes, 96; Dorothy Jean  
Jenkins, 96; Ralph Hardy, 96; Glenda  
Lang, 95; Benny Kemper, 95; Laverne  
Jenkins, 95; Donald Cox, 92; Euell  
Hickman, 92.

**Third Grade, Miss Heizer.**

Wanda McCoy, 98; Willa Sue Morgan,  
97; George Mack Owens, 97;  
A. M. Hinds, 93; Frances Williams, 93; Ruby  
Toles, 92; Freda Nell Huddleston,  
91; Irene Walker, 90.

**Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.**

Nina Osburn, 97; Walter Hickam,  
96; Elbert Hickam, 94; Aubrey  
Shouse, 92; Billie Wood, 91; Bonnie  
McAninch, 91.

**Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.**

Sue Grimes, 98; Jack Hester, 97;  
Billy Clyde Haynes, 96; Floyd Hutch-  
eson, Jr., 95; Joe Gates, 94; Hazel  
Burns, 93; Mickey Diltz, 91; Dorothy  
Jean Hagler, 91.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan.**

Dora Marie Gaither, 95; Tommy  
Evelyn Grimes, 94; Aler Cox, 92;  
Finis Escue, 90; David Gibson, 90;  
Mary Lu Higgins, 90; Betty Lu Higgins,  
90.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Agerton.**

Ray Owen, 96; Billy Jack Lancaster,  
95; Bob Williamson, 95; Doris  
Clyde Miller, 93; O. C. Shouse, Jr.,  
92; Theda Perry, 92; Tillman Rut-  
ledge, 92; Louise Patterson, 92.

**Sixth Grade, Miss Ledger.**

Gay West, 93; Don Wood, 93; Betty  
Jo Reid, 92; Faby Mashburn, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.**

Aelo Mae Cyvert, 93; Helen Heeter,  
93; Eula James, 93; Frances  
Hester, 91.

**Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.**

Billie Wood, 96; Mary Jo Russell,  
95; Mabel Murray, 94; Faye Walker,  
92; W. I. Wozencraft, 92; Mary Neil  
Morgan, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Mrs. Sublett.**

Evelyn Ensminger, 96; Mildred  
Bird, 91; Laverne Harwell, 91; Com-  
ora Hughes, 91; Pauline Brown, 91;

Joyce Hayes, 90; Maurine Huddleston,  
90.

**HIGH SCHOOL.****Eighth Grade.**

Fredia Farmer, 95; Dorothy Sue  
Bird, 93; Ainsworth Gates, 93; Mildred  
Humphrey, 93; Dick West, 92; Ina  
Mae Burns, 91; Pauline Joyner, 91;

Louise Richie, 91; Margaret Butman,  
90; Wade Ensminger, 90; Eva Mae  
Williams, 90; L. S. Tipton, 90.

**Sophomore Class.**

Juanita Bishop, 94; Pauline Mc-  
Aninch, 93; Marvin Perkins, 92; Cliff-  
ord Williams, 92; Willie Mae Hud-  
son, 91; La Verne Hughes, 91; Wil-  
liam Hawkins, 91; Dutton William-  
son, 90.

**Junior Class.**

Clifton Bellamy, 95; John Leonard,  
94; Mabel Maddox, 94; Eva Faye  
Bush, 92; Billy Woodrum, 92; Hugh  
Leonard, 91; Janet Hayes, 90.

**Senior Class.**

Alma McAninch, 96; Clara F. Lar-  
gen, 95; Billie B. Gambill, 95; Ana  
Lou Church, 95; Randall McNiece,  
95; Trussell Patterson, 94; Neil Dur-  
ham, 93; J. V. Patterson, 93; Mary  
H. Mashburn, 93; Edith Neil, 93;  
Loretta Cox, 92; Doris M. Barron, 92;  
Jesse M. Berry, 92; Mabel Butman,  
92; Kathryn Russell, 91; Pauline  
Lassater, 91; Verner Hester, 90;  
Moreen Bannister, 91.

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**Mrs. J. K. Fuller  
Claimed by Death**

Mrs. J. K. Fuller, 67, pioneer Taylor  
county resident and mother of  
Mrs. L. A. Dudley of Merkel, died  
Wednesday at the home of her son,  
Roy Fuller, county treasurer, in Abilene.  
She had contracted influenza in  
February and had never recovered.

Funeral services were held from  
the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene,  
at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, with Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Fuller was the wife of the  
late J. K. Fuller, district clerk of  
Taylor county for six years, who died  
February 17, 1934.

Survivors are five children: Mrs.  
J. H. Rucker, Abilene; Mrs. L. A.  
Dudley, Merkel; Roy, Ralph and  
Drew Fuller, Abilene; two brothers,  
A. B. Cox of Tuscola and C. A. Cox  
of Lamesa, and twenty grandchildren.

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**Judge Long Brief  
In Charge to Jury**

J. L. McDonald of Abilene was named  
foreman of the grand jury impaneled  
by Judge M. S. Long Monday morning  
in 42nd district court. The charge delivered by the judge was ex-  
pressed in a few brief words empow-  
ering members of the body to proceed  
with their investigations.

Three Merkel men, W. R. Wheeler,  
W. W. Haynes and R. E. Windham,  
are on the inquisitorial body, other  
members of which are: Homer H.  
Scott, Tom E. Roberts, Abilene; Tom  
E. Hammond, Abilene, route 3; A. M.  
Hinds, Tye; W. M. Triplett, Buffalo  
Gap; R. H. Ross, Lawn; Elmo S. Jones,  
Tuscola, and Lloyd Bynum, Abilene, route 2.

**All-Day Meeting  
Of Health Class**

Members of the class in home hy-  
giene and care of the sick, a course  
taught by Miss Beulah White, Tay-  
lor county school nurse, enjoyed an  
all-day meeting here Tuesday, about  
twenty being present.

Study engaged the hours from 10  
to 12, and at noon a picnic lunch was  
spread at Shannon's pool. Following  
this two hour rest interval a second  
class period was held from 2 to 4 p.m.

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**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Mrs. M. D. Angus, Mrs. Eva Hays  
and Messrs. Bob McDonald and Clar-  
ence Armstrong attended the district  
meeting of beauty parlor owners and  
operators, held at the Hilton hotel,  
Abilene, on Thursday night of last  
week.

Monday marked the opening of the  
Merkel Co-Operative station, operated  
by the New Ideal Marketing company  
and located east of the telephone  
office. The station in charge of Leon  
Toombs, as manager, with Clyde  
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cleanliness and neatness, with all  
modern conveniences. It is expected  
that organization of a co-operative  
society will be completed by May 1.

Friends will be glad to learn that  
Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., who underwent  
major surgery at the West Texas  
Baptist sanitarium, was reported  
Thursday morning as getting along  
very well. Mrs. Nathan Wood, who  
went to the sanitarium Tuesday for  
minor surgery, was able to return  
home Wednesday.

Three Merkel boys, Selma Jones,  
Frank J. Sellers and Clayton L. Rey-  
nolds, the first two as "selectees" and  
the latter as an alternate, are includ-  
ed in the group assigned from Taylor  
county for enrollment in civilian  
conservation corps for the fifth six-mon-  
ths period.

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**Trent Seniors Present  
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The seniors of Trent high school  
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April 26, at Trent High school au-  
ditorium. The hour is 8:15 and the  
price of admission is 10¢ and 15¢.

There will be plenty of good music  
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STRAYED—One bay or brown roan mare horse, 1100 pounds. Please notify Henry Ellerbee, Merkel, or Jinks McGee, Abilene.

## Young Man

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Pinckley, Irvin Jowers, L. B. McClain, Buster Horton, Byers Petty and Jimmie Jowers; honorary, Nim Teaff, Austin Robertson, Houston Robertson, Ellis Harris, Vernon Hudson, J. I. Petty, Pete Petty, Ed Reese, Wesley Peters, Holland Teaff, Fred Baker, P. A. Diltz, Milburn Warner, Joe Higgins, Hob Robertson.

Jack Hays had been the local representative for an Abilene laundry for a number of years and was justly popular in business, church and social circles. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Estelle Ayres of Tye, to whom he was married Nov. 24, last; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays, Salt Branch; two brothers, Paxton Hays, who last week underwent an operation for appendicitis at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, and William Hays of Salt Branch; four sisters, Mrs. H. W. Hester, Merkel; Mrs. J. O. McMurray, Floydada; Mrs. F. H. Jaynes, Tahoka, and Mrs. Higgins.

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Announce Two Plays  
For April 26 and 27

The Butman P. T. A. will present "Laceon Dubbs," a very entertaining rural comedy, on Friday night, April 26, and it is announced that admission will be free.

The Divide P. T. A. will present "The Adventures of Grandma" on April 27. Admission prices will be: 10 cents for children, 15 cents for adults, or 50 cents for the family. As an added feature, a set of dishes will be given away.

The general public is invited to be present on both nights.

## DORA DOINGS

Well, here we are broadcasting again after a very nice rain. We received from two and one-half to about four inches across the Divide.

The Methodist ladies with a few of the Baptists for good measure gathered at the Methodist parsonage last Tuesday and papered the rooms, making the house look real nice, besides enjoying a very sociable day.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ensminger announced the arrival of a baby daughter last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Albright also are entertaining a baby son at their home. All report doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Hammet made a business trip to Clyde Monday afternoon.

Wyatt Oliver and Sy Dennis of Abilene A. C. C. spent the weekend with home folks here.

Mrs. G. W. Koerth spent the Eastside with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Morrow, in Dallas.

Albert Elliott is on the sick list this week with some kind of hurting in his back, which has been very painful.

Floyd Dennis made a business trip to Clyde Saturday.

Maryneal baseball team came over Monday and played a game with the Divide boys and got beat, 22 to 2, but we will not laugh, for next time they beat us as bad.

Called to Quitaque  
By Father's Death

Mrs. W. W. Webb returned Sunday from Quitaque where she had gone to attend the funeral of her father, A. R. Baldwin, who died of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Church of Christ at Quitaque.

Mr. Ballard, who was 80 years of age, is survived by his wife, two sons and three other daughters, besides Mrs. Webb.

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The birth rate of the United States declined from 17.4 per 1000 in 1932 to 16.4 per 1000 in 1933.

## RURAL SOCIETY

## UNION RIDGE DEMONSTRATION CLUB

"Poultry Killing and Dressing" was given at the Home Demonstration club Friday, April 12, at the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr. Quality of birds was given careful judging before each was demonstrated. Bleeding, general appearance and drawing are essential features in preparing a bird. Miss Crippen, county home agent, attended.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Lige Harris on April 26, and it will be an all-day meeting.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames L. M. Scroggins, Jr., and Truett Meeks, visitors; members, Mesdames W. A. Harris, M. F. Carey, W. C. Lee, Kenneth Pee, Selma Russell, Clarence Shouse, S. O. Patton, W. D. Burleson, W. C. Burleson, Denzel Cox, S. G. Russell, Jr., Chester Bonds, Burley Bonds, S. C. Vick and Misses Vara Crippen, Mabel McRee, Norma Patton and Alice Russell.

## TACKY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris entertained a few of their friends with a tacky party at their home in the White Church community Thursday night. Many old time games and contests were played during the evening.

Cake was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey and daughter, Mrs. Nellie Pressly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shugart and children, John B. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and family of Sweetwater and Gwendolyn Sublett of Brownwood.

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## Retired Minister

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to Fotosi to be buried beside his first wife, who died October 1, 1917.

Pallbearers were: W. J. Largent, Chester Hutcheson, L. L. Murray, Roy F. Hild, J. L. Wilson and R. H. Mathews, Sr.

Mr. Stone, who had lived here about 12 years, was born near Gainesville, Ga. On July 2, 1900, he was ordained to the ministry at Rogers creek, near Athens, Tenn., and had served as pastor for churches in Georgia and Tennessee before moving in 1904 to Callahan county, where he lived at Cottonwood and was pastor for rural churches in that section.

On Jan. 22, 1924, he was married to Mrs. E. J. Woollen, who survives.

Other survivors are seven children:

Mrs. W. M. Hays, Salt Branch; Mrs.

Fannie Chapman and Mrs. Mattie Williams, Arizona; Mrs. Ella Walker,

Abilene; Mrs. Lela Moss, Corsicana;

Charlie Stone, Clyde, and Tom Stone,

California. 24 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren also survive.

## Wife of Dr. W. M. Murrell Succumbs

[Abilene, April 25.—Mrs. W. M. Murrell, 72, wife of Dr. W. M. Murrell, retired presiding elder of the

Abilene Methodist district and well known minister of the Northwest Texas conference, died at 7:30 Wed-

nesday night at her home here.

Mrs. Murrell, in ill health for more than a year, contracted influenza three weeks ago, becoming critically ill last Friday with the development of pneumonia and other complications.

Funeral rites will be held at 2 p. m.

Friday from the First Methodist

church, Abilene, with Rev. W. C.

Childress, pastor, in charge, assisted

by Dr. O. B. Clark, pastor of the St.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B., Jr., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers, joined in Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Musie of Anson, spent a very enjoyable afternoon Sunday in Buffalo Gap visiting the state park.

Miss Mina Murdock of Dallas is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock.

The beautiful rock home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson, which has been under construction for the past several weeks, has been completed and they are now very comfortably domiciled therein.

J. P. Roberts has purchased the C. S. Robinson home and is re-building and improving same; when completed, it will be another modern and very comfortable home.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and Miss Sallie Freeman attended a meeting of beauty parlor operators Thursday evening, April 18, at the Hilton hotel, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and little daughter and Mrs. Sam Rossen of Lubbock were guests over the weekend of relatives here.

Mrs. Westbrook and her mother visited in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRae and little son returned Monday from a few days visit with Mrs. McRae's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matheny, who live in Oklahoma.

Miss Eula Derryse Sumpter of Merkel and Elmer McDonald of Trent are announcing their marriage at Baird on February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth Williams had as their guests Sunday the former's aunt, Mrs. Bob Bean, and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Holt and two children of Breckenridge.

Elbert Rogers of Hermleigh has accepted work at M. G. Scott's grocery and plans to move his family here at an early date.

Mrs. H. J. Bowles of Eastland is guest of her mother Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and little son Billie Frank, and Emory Smith of Lubbock were week-end

guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and little daughters, June and Joy, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ruthruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith of Houston spent Sunday here leaving Sunday evening. The latter's father, Jack Bright, accompanied them home for a visit of several weeks.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Jack Boone was host to several of his friends on April 17, the occasion being his fourth birthday. Each guest brought a gift and these were viewed and admired before a cleverly planned Easter egg hunt was enjoyed.

The table was beautifully dressed for Easter. The birthday cake was topped with an adorable rabbit guarding her nest of eggs. Refreshments of ice cream cups and cake, with favors of Easter nests filled with eggs, were served to the following guests: Jack Nemir, Lyndal Quattbaum, Edwin Earl Winn, Billy Wayne Shannon, H. L. McRee, Peggy Titsworth, Alma Jean Payne, Joy Lansford, Frances Stevens, Wanda Lou Kegans, Martha Ann Winn and the little host.

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## NOODLE NEWS

The fairies of our community are rejoicing over the fine rain.

Fishing seems to be the order of the day and some report good luck.

C. B. Jinkens and family spent Sunday with relatives at Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gregory of Carpenter's Gap visited her sister, Mrs. Norman Sloan, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff of Merkel spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eoff.

Mrs. Rape and children of Sweetwater are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Naylor Eoff.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herriing and J. E. Touchstone went to Paducah Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathison of Stamford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Herring.

Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell and little son, Donald Lee, accompanied by Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. Irvin, spent the weekend with relatives at DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hawk and children of Amarillo are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee.

We are glad to report Mrs. Inez Chadwick able to be out after a seige of the "flu."

Mrs. Walter Maize, who has been on the sick list for the past month, is improving.

Norman Winter was a recent guest of Roger and Cleo Sosebee.

The following visited in the home of O. W. Sosebee Sunday: Ollie Sosebee of Anson, Mrs. Marie Womble of Has-

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kell, Miss Maurice Price of A. C. C., Miss Leona Sosebee of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Roen and little daughter of Ballinger spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

The following were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell: W. J. Bicknell and son, Norman, and J. W. Cox and family.

Our school closes Friday, May 3.

The baccalaureate sermon will be held at the high school auditorium Sunday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock.

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NEILL-McELROY.

The many friends here of Thaxton O. Neill will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Mae McElroy of Sweetwater, which was solemnized on Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Baptist pastor's study, the Rev. C. R. Joyner officiating. Attendants at the wedding were Misses Ione and Jesse Boyd and Louis Jobs of Sweetwater and Carl Mathews.

Mrs. Neill is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick McElroy of Sweetwater and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neill of the Canyon. Thaxton had been employed in Sweetwater for seven years before returning this year as proprietor of Neill's cafe.

The Mail extends heartiest congratulations to them both. After a short honeymoon trip to South Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Neill are at home in the Groene apartments.

**SUPPER PARTY.**

Complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton O. Neill an informal supper party was given Monday evening by a group of friends in the home of Mrs. Ruth Foster.

A delectable steak-menu with accessories was served and the evening hour's entertainment was varied and informal. Guests on this delightful occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Neill, Misses Ione and Jesse Boyd of Sweetwater, Misses Irene Perry, Bertha Morland, Zada Bell, Messrs. Byron Patterson, Carl Mathews, Jimmy Toombs and Stacy Bird.

**MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. F. A. Polley, with Mrs. C. P. Church, president, in charge of the business meeting. After roll call the members discussed plans for serving the Junior-Senior banquet. Thelma Mathews discussed the AAA program.

Refreshments of ice tea, sandwiches, apple pie and Easter eggs were served to Mesdames R. H. Mathews,

# CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

A total of even 900 was reported in attendance at the six Sunday Schools here last Sunday, marking the record high for 1935. On the previous Sunday 863 were present and on the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 871.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday morning at 9:45 our Sunday School will meet; the door of the

Sr. C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Chester Hutcheson, Bob McDonald, George White, Frank McFarland, Tracy Campbell, Watt Blair, O. D. Pruitt, Harry Barnett, F. A. Polley, Misses Luna White and Thelma Mathews, Margaret Turner, a new member, and Mrs. Ruth Coats, a visitor.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. C. P. Church and the members will work on "hooked rugs" and discuss "Buying Problems of the Home-Maker."

**HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER.** Members of Miss Margarette Turner's study class, augmented by several friends, met in her Oak street home on Wednesday, surprising her with a lovely handkerchief shower to show their love and appreciation of her work.

The rooms were decorated with roses and other spring flowers and the evening passed happily in games and merriment. Mrs. Ed Turner, her mother, served a tea plate of ice tea and cakes to Mrs. Jannie Garner of Colorado and the following class members: Mesdames Lillian Mathews, Ruth Coats, Alice Wallace, Rinner Keifer, Nancy Polley, Misses Minnie Ferguson, Clara B. White, Maurine White, Edna Marshall, Lena Webb and the honoree and hostess.

church will open to all. We will be looking for you 300 strong; come.

The Sunday School will be just what you help to make it; you need it; your children need it, and the school needs you and your children. How aptly is this stated in the following "Pledge to the Child":

We pledge our allegiance to the child, The one for whom the school should live.

We will study his needs and seek to give

Our thought, our time that we may know

How to teach, how to train, how to help him grow

Like Jesus, in wisdom, in heart and in hand,

In favor with God and his fellow man.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Let's pray that this will be a great day in the house of God. Young people's meeting 7 p. m. Preaching again at 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:45 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. BTS at 7 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, YWA at 4:30 Monday afternoon.

Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Our pastor is teaching the book of Acts now; if you have never heard him in the prayer meeting lessons, you have missed a treat. Come and be with us.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

We will be glad to have you come to church with us at any or all of our services. We had two good services last Lord's day. The sermons were by Brother Robert De Croix from A. C. C. On Sunday, the 28th, Brother J. T. Curry from A. C. C. will do the preaching. We invite all to hear him. Bible study 10 a. m., preaching 11

a. m., young people's program 7 p. m. and preaching 8 p. m.

Wednesday evening a service of song, prayer and Bible study at 8 o'clock. The study will be the first chapter of Romans.

The Elders,

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. There will be no preaching service, as the pastor will be at Baird; hence, everyone is urged especially to be punctual in arriving, so that the service may be dismissed in time to attend some other house of worship at the morning hour.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour Brother Buzbee of Ovalo brought the message. We were all blessed and enjoyed the same very much. On Sunday night the writer preached.

We want to keep before you our revival date—May 14 to 28. Melt up your mind now to attend this revival.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Cottage prayer meetings are being held each night. There were 40 present Monday night. This faithful consecrated group of Christian workers are praying for an outpouring of the mighty power of God on the people of Merkel.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock we preach on "Behold What God Hath wrought." Be sure and be at Sunday School. "There will be glad tidings of good news" to every member of our church. "The prayers offered will have been answered" and the great obstacle that has stood defying the forces of righteousness in our humble church will vanish forever.

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The Lord is blessing these services over the radio. We call on all who wish to have a part in this work to send your offering to Ernest C. Dowell, Merkel, Texas.

Preaching every Saturday night,

Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday night, also a special Bible study from 3 to 4 p. m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. We welcome you to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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Apples, 2 doz. 25c

Green or Yellow Wax Beans, 2 lbs. 25c

Seedless, large size Grapefruit, each 10c

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Vanilla Wafers, big packages 19c

Grape Juice Punch

Pint bottle 15c  
Quart bottle 25c

Syrup Packed No. 2 1-2 can

Peaches, 2 for 35c

2 lb. Peanut Butter

Mustard, qt. jar 15c

2 qt. 35c

Campbell's 14 oz. can Tomato Juice, 3 for 25c

Hearts Delight

Prune Juice, 12 oz. 10c

Tall Cans, Del Monte

Pineapple Juice 10c

No. 2 Size can

Grapefruit Juice 15c

A-1 Graham 2 Lb. Box 21c

Pork & Beans 16 OZ. CANS 5c

Tomatoes, tall cans, 3 for 25c

19c

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Catsup

Apples

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