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On the "Broadway of America"

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147 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

With Average of 98, Juanita Huskey Leading Student in High School, Where Nearly 30 Per Cent Make Roll.

One hundred forty-seven pupils, or about 20 per cent of all pupils in school, made the honor roll for the third grade period. Of these, 76 were in High school and 71 in Grammar school. In High school about one-fourth, or nearly 30 per cent of all pupils, made the roll.

To make the roll a student must be neither tardy nor absent, must make at least 90 in deportment, must not make below 75 on any one subject and must have an average of 90 or better.

Juanita Huskey, a Senior, led the High school with an average of 98. The highest ranking student in each of the other classes in High school, and their respective grades follow: Mary Jo Russell, eighth grade, 96; Jannell Black, ninth grade, 97; Roy Hagler, tenth grade, 97.

The complete list of students on the honor roll for the third six-weeks period follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.

La Fern Stanford, 95; Geraldine Jenkins, 95; Nellie Faye Sandusky, 95; Jackie Boaz Smith, 95; Hubert Peterson, 94; Glenn Toombs, 93; Betty Jo Perry, 93; Ima Ruth Shouse, 93; Orvil Kemper, 92; G. H. Suber, 90.

First Grade, Miss Smith.

Betty Jean Gilbert, 97; George Anne Groene, 96; William Heldt, 95; Barbara Ann Brown, 95; Mary Ruth Hutcheson, 95; Frankie Henry, 94; Wanda Barbee, 94.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.

Billy Pangle, 95; Richard Sneed, 95; Rachel Miller, 95; Abie Turner, 95.

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Thirty-Seven Listed on Semester Honor Roll

Thirty-seven High school students have made the honor roll in the Merkel Public schools for all three grade periods of this semester, which is a decided distinction.

Their names, as listed by classes in which they are enrolled, follow:

Eighth grade—Archie Farr, Wilford Paine, Billie Wood, Mildred Bird, Bonnie Lois Campbell, Mary Jo Garland, Mairine Huddleston, Pearl Mathews, Mary Nell Morgan, Wilma McAninch, Frances Owen.

Ninth grade—Wade Ensminger, T. Reid Dick West, Dorothy Sue Bird, Jannell Black, Fredia Farmer, Milton Humphrey, Marvin Hunter, Paul Snyder.

Tenth grade—Murphy Dye, Doyle Gray, Roy Hagler, Marvin Perkins, Dutton Williamson, Janet Berry, Nadine Clack, Jane Ferguson, Betty Grimes.

Eleventh grade—Clifton Bellamy, Odell Latimer, Hugh Leonard, Eva Faye Bush, Ruby Carey, Ora Derrick, Juanita Huskey, Mabel Maddox.

FINE SERIAL FICTION

Readers will remember the thrill of "Powder" and "The Michigan Kid," short stories by Rex Beach that have recently run in installments in The Mail. Now comes a third—by the same master story-teller—

"COOL WATERS"

Starting in The Mail Next Week

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The state democratic executive committee has been called to meet in Austin Saturday morning, Feb. 1.

The \$5,000,000 paper mill to be built on the Houston channel will have a daily capacity of paper pulp of around 165 tons.

Automobile sales in fifteen representative Texas counties for the year of 1935 totaled 61,250, an increase of 26.1 per cent over 1934.

Mrs. Nannie Lee Box, 79, Dallas, died Sunday of burns received the day before when her clothing caught fire from an open gas heater.

Fort Worth's \$250,000 supplemental Centennial bond issue was approved Tuesday, 1,752 to 1,527, with complete tabulation from 64 precincts.

W. R. Tood, former ranger, died at his home in Waco Wednesday of a pistol wound inflicted accidentally while he was cleaning his .45 caliber pistol.

Explosion of a gasoline engine powering the Mason gin at Ballinger at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday claimed the life of O. O. Foreman, 34, gin engineer.

Gov. Alford Wednesday restored citizenship to Hugh Jarrott, 58, of Bowie, who 25 years ago aided the governor, then a boy of 12, after a mishap.

A fugitive for 16 years, Earnest J. Fryer surrendered to Sheriff Jess Slaughter at Big Spring to face an old murder charge against him at Ardmore, Okla.

The special 3-cent Texas Centennial stamp will be placed on first-day sale at the Gonzales postoffice on March 2. It will be available at other offices a day or two later.

J. C. Frye, 30, Galveston marine engineer, lost both legs Monday night in a traffic accident on the ice-laden highway near Pearland, in South Texas, when he was struck, while changing a tire, by another automobile.

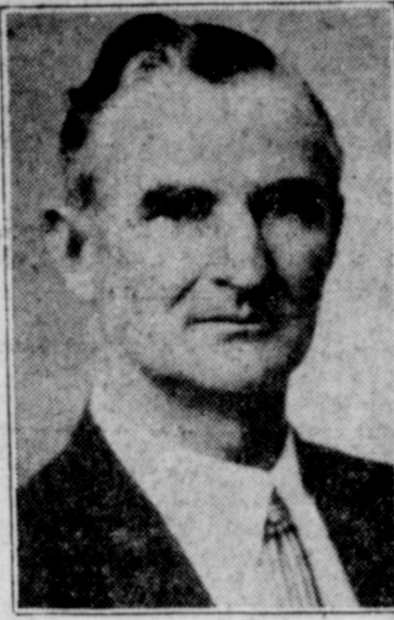
Former Governor Pat M. Neff, during whose term the state parks board was created, has been formally elected chairman of the board, having served as acting chairman since the death of the late Chairman D. E. Colp.

Three men, Ralph C. Kirk, Grand Prairie, pilot, Albert H. Boren, Dallas, architect, and George W. Carter, Dallas, salesman, were killed instantly when an airplane, its motors sputtering, fell in a dense fog on a farm six miles southeast of Itasca.

Descendants Total 224.

GUYRA, N. S. W., Jan. 30.—A woman who died in her 90th year left enough descendants to form a village. She is survived by eight sons and four daughters, 101 grandchildren, 110 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

RETIRING AND INCOMING POSTMASTERS



O. J. ADCOCK.



WRENN DURHAM.

FARMERS FAVOR CONTROL PROGRAM

Endorse Agriculture Bill Now Before Congress, Asking Same Protection as for Industries.

Two hundred and fifty farmers of Taylor county, in a mass meeting at Abilene Saturday, expressed themselves almost unanimously for immediate action on agriculture control, and climaxed their session by telegraphing their desires to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, Senators Tom Connally and Morris Sheppard and Congressman Thos L. Blanton.

With only three dissenting votes, the gathering favored the agriculture control program now proposed before congress to replace the AAA, invalidated by the supreme court on Jan. 6.

Declaring that "agriculture should be given the same protection as other industries," the vote was just as strong for restriction of powers of the supreme court and for amendment of the constitution to give congress greater power to legislate for farm control or conservation.

Taylor county farmers, who still are due \$14,000 on AAA agreements, were enthusiastic over the house action for an appropriation to pay off contracts. They voted 196 to 3 in favor of the appropriation.

One speaker brought up the issue of retiring supreme justices at the age of 70, declaring that the replacement of present members might mean the appointment of judges more favorable to agricultural interests. Walter Hammond, of Tye, who was chairman, also placed that issue before the gathering, and it was endorsed, 167 to 70.

In addition, sixteen individuals sent wires to Washington urging leaders to push an agricultural program through immediately.

Judge Garrett Enters Race for Congress

Clyde L. Garrett, county judge of Eastland county, will soon make formal announcement of his candidacy for congress from the 17th district, he has advised The Mail. He will oppose Thos L. Blanton, of Abilene, now representing the district.

Judge Garrett was born in Eastland county 50 years ago in a log cabin that is still standing. He was county clerk for six years; has been a banker and city manager of Eastland; in 1934 was elected president of the West Texas County Judges association, and is now president of the state association. He is serving his fourth term as county judge.

Grandmother Martin Passes 80th Milestone

In recognition of the 80th birthday of Mrs. S. P. (Grandmother) Martin, which occurred on Wednesday of last week, Jan. 22, the occasion was marked by a birthday party at her home, with three of her daughters and four grandchildren present.

The daughters present were Mesdames Cora Curb, Charles Orr and Nora Pruitt; the grandchildren, Burnett Orr, Perry Curb, Opal Lowery and Ruth Lowery.

Others extending felicitations were: Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Blair, Tom King, Orb Reagan, Miss Minnie Ferguson, Messrs. Charles Orr, Pruitt and T. G. Ferguson.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW BILL TO PAY SOLDIERS' BONUS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Highlights of the new bonus payment act, which was passed by both branches of congress over President Roosevelt's veto: Bonds would be issued in \$50 denominations to pay in full next June the 1945 maturity value of the 20-year bonus certificates issued in 1925. Cash would be paid for odd amounts not covered by bonds.

Bonds would be for full value, minus loans against certificates and unpaid interest accrued before Oct. 1, 1931. Interest after that is cancelled.

Veterans may cash at any local post office all or part of their bonds, but if they do so the first year, they receive no interest.

They may hold the bonds for as many as nine years and receive 3 per cent simple interest annually.

Veterans who haven't applied for the bonus may continue to do so. Ultimate cost: \$2,491,000.00 including an appropriation authorization of \$2,237,000.00 and \$254,000.00 in convertible bonds in he adjusted service certificates fund.

88 Per Cent of All Grades Are "Passing"

The first half of the school year has just closed, and parents of pupils in the Merkel Public schools will be interested in a report on "passing grades." On the report card all failing grades appear in red ink. To pass, a student must average 75 for the semester. Grades below this 75 appear also in red ink.

Supt. Burgess has just made a compilation of all grades given during this first semester just ended. Semester averages only are considered. The check shows that 1,048 semester averages were given students, and that 913, or 88 per cent of them, were passing grades. That is, if the High school is taken as a whole, only one grade in every eight grades was a "red" grade.

The various classes show the following results: eighth grade, 81 per cent passing grades; ninth grade, 83 per cent passing grades; tenth grade, 95 per cent passing grades; eleventh grade, 92 per cent passing grades; entire High school, 88 per cent passing grades.

New work for the second semester started Monday, Jan. 20. These 12 per cent that are failing grades could be brought to a passing grade by proper interest, effort and co-operation of all concerned, states Supt. Burgess. Pupils fail in their school work for about the same reasons that adults fail to make good. Attention to these causes now before the year is too far advanced may yet mean that the pupil will not have to repeat a year's work. Now is the time, Supt. Burgess urges.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 28, 1916.)

J. N. Routh announces in this week's Mail as candidate for the office of District Clerk of Taylor county, subject to the action of the coming July primaries.

Henry W. Lester, a citizen of the Trent community since 1892, died at the family home Saturday evening from a stroke of paralysis.

Austin Fitts was in Abilene the first of the week making new acquaintances and shaking hands with the voters of that place.

Claud Comegys left Monday for El Paso where he will visit his wife, who is in a sanitarium at that place.

Prof. Garrett of the Roscoe schools was here Saturday and Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Miss Madge Hale of Trent has been visiting here this week with Mrs. W. R. Bigham and other friends.

D. G. Ash, Transfer. Will meet all trains.

George Smith, who is attending school in Georgetown, came over with the basketball team of that place to

MERKEL'S NEW POSTMASTER AT POST SATURDAY

Wrenn Durham, Who Began as Clerk in Local Office Sept. 27, 1928, to Take Place as Successor to O. J. Adcock.

With the close of business at 6 p. m. Friday, Jan. 31, custody of the affairs of the Merkel post office will pass into the hands of Wrenn Durham, who has been appointed acting postmaster on recommendation of Congressman Thos. L. Blanton as the result of popular vote in an election held here in November.

The retiring postmaster, O. J. Adcock, has been in the postal service continuously since Dec. 16, 1907, when he began as rural carrier. On May 31, 1926, he became a clerk in the office and on April 1, 1927, was appointed acting postmaster. On Dec. 16 of that year, he was commissioned as postmaster by President Coolidge and he was re-appointed by President Hoover for the four-year term expiring on Jan. 8, past.

According to precedent in the department, although his commission expired on Jan. 8, he continued to serve through January, making the transfer effective as of the close of business on the last day of the month.

THE NEW POSTMASTER.

Wrenn Durham, who has been living in Merkel since 1920, graduated from the High school in 1922. He was associated, after graduation, with his father, Tom Durham, in the publication of The Mail, and alternately working in the newspaper office and attending the University of Texas he had the advantage of two years at college. On Sept. 27, 1928, he entered postal work as clerk in the office here under civil service and has served continuously since. That he is thoroughly familiar with the work and equipped by experience to perform all the duties of postmaster is conceded without dispute.

Saturday morning it will be Postmaster Wrenn Durham who will greet patrons of the Merkel post office. One of his assistants will be Clark Mundy, who has already seen several years of service as clerk. The other assistant will be Weston H. West, who has resigned his place at the Farmers & Merchants National bank to assume his new duties, effective Feb. 1.

RESTORED TO SECOND CLASS.

As already published shortly after the first of the year, the Merkel post office, with a gain of nearly \$1,000 in receipts in 1935, will be restored to second class rating, to become effective July 1 of this year.

While he has several propositions under consideration, Mr. Adcock, retiring postmaster, said he was not ready to make definite announcement as to his future plans.

play Abilene last Wednesday. He also spent the night with his father, F. J. Smith.

The Nally band of Trent is scheduled to be in Merkel Saturday afternoon, to give a free concert. Every member of this band is of one family and every member of the family except the mother plays some instrument. Person who have heard the Nally band in concerts at Trent compliment their playing very much.

Let Howard and Grimes look after your laundry every week.

Carrol Johnston of Cisco was a visitor in the home of Gise Hargrove Friday evening.

Messrs. Fred Pribble and Carl Mangum were among the visitors here from Trent Saturday.

Workmen are busy now wiring in lights at the depot and Agent Pitzer says the station will be kept aglow in comparison with other lighted places about the city.

Misses Lottie and Mary Butman have returned from St. Louis where they have been for the past several months.

RURAL SOCIETY

TWO RECENT BRIDES ARE COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. Robert J. Harris and Miss Fern Evans honored two recent brides with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Harris in the White Church community Wednesday afternoon.

The two recent brides honored were Mrs. Maurice Pressly and Mrs. Howard Shugart. Mrs. Pressly, before her marriage, was Miss Florene Evans of Sweetwater. Mrs. Shugart, before her marriage, was Miss Odessa Stout.

Everybody registered and wrote a few words of congratulation in the bride's books. Many games and contests were played.

The refreshment plate consisted of sandwiches, cakes, mints, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Out of the community guests were: Mrs. Willis Evans, mother of Mrs. Maurice Pressly, Mrs. Mondel Rogers and small daughter, Gerry Ann, Miss Gwendolyn Sublett and Mrs. J. W. Lynch of Sweetwater, Miss Willie Driggers and Mrs. Sherman Driggers of White Flat, and Miss Pauline Sublett of Brownwood.

Other guests were: Mesdames M. E. Harris, Beryl Brown, Johnnie Frazier, Lester Shugart, Nell Pressly, Ed Blackburn, Earnest Meeks, Sickle Phillips, Frase Demere, Paul Reed, Raymond Demere, Willie Thomas, J. W. Thomas, Millie Thomas, Ruth Brown, Buddy Windham, James Mainord, Buck Weston, P. A. Riggins, J. C. Riggins, Raymond Riggins and Raymond Thomas.

Misses Margaret Thomas, Aileen Frazier, Leona Harris, Monie Fay Thomas, Erma Delle Berry and Elsie Riggins, two honorees and the two hostesses.

DEMONSTRATION GIVEN FOR BLAIR CLUB.

Members and guests spent an enjoyable afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jim Campbell on Thursday, Jan. 23. A report of the last council meeting was given by Mrs. Hugh Campbell, who appointed a committee to help arrange ways to raise funds for the club treasury.

Mrs. Pruitt was elected recreational chairman after Mrs. D. C. Doan's resignation was approved and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield was appointed market chairman.

Miss Lottie Beitman gave a demonstration of mattress making and Mrs. C. P. Church gave a demonstration of the kinds of soil to be used for pot plants and trees.

After the business hour, the hostess served refreshments to the following: Misses Butman and Lowerie, and Mesdames Church, Pruitt, Clack, Patterson, Freeman, Brooks, E. W. King, Luther Orsborn, E. J. Orsborn, Jim Hugh and Will Campbell, Spears, Whatley, Doan, Moore and H. C. King.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. H. C. King on Feb. 6, when Miss Crippen will give a talk on "Planning the Food Budget."

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the W. C. Lee home, with the president in charge. Mrs. O. R. Douglas gave a report of the recent council meeting held in Abilene.

Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, was the main speaker for the meeting, her talk centering on "Planning the Food Budget." Each member filled out their club books and made a menu for one day with Miss Crippen's assistance.

Club work for this year will center

around the bedroom demonstrator and food supply demonstrator.

Mrs. Dale Bureson received a birthday present from Mrs. S. C. Vick, who was her "pal" for last year.

After the business hour sugared popcorn was served to the following: Mesdames M. F. Carey, Kenneth Pee, C. R. Douglas, W. A. Harris, M. L. Douglas, W. C. Lee, O. E. Harwell, J. L. McRee, Misses Crippen, Mabel McRee, Mary Bell Douglas, and two visitors, Mrs. Joe Higgins and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

There was an all-day meeting Tuesday in Mrs. M. F. Carey's home to quilt a quilt presented her by the club for her work as past president of the club.

The next meeting is to be held Feb. 7 in the O. R. Douglas home, when there is to be a mattress making demonstration by the bedroom demonstrator.

SHOWERS COMPLIMENT RECENT BRIDE

Mrs. Ishmael Walling of Merkel, the former Billie Marie Green of Tye and daughter of Mrs. W. E. Green, was honored Friday afternoon with a shower of lovely gifts at the Compere school where Mrs. Walling is employed as intermediate teacher.

The ladies of the community joined the faculty and pupils in entertaining. The teachers and pupils presented the honoree with a beautiful dinner set. The ladies' gifts were miscellaneous.

A pink and blue color scheme was carried out. Games were played and refreshments of cake and hot chocolate were served to the following:

Billy Bonds, Bill D. Ray, Lee Roy Horton, Riley Foster, Billy Vinson, R. G. Palmer, Bill Thomas, Dick Thomas, Edna Jo Horton, Mary Jean Horton, Betty Ray, Vernon Horton, Mary June Palmer, Lois Marie Clemmer, Travis Townsend, Troy Vinson, Paul, Oma and Jewel Chancey, Mac and W. C. Vincent, Wayne and Jacquetta Palmer, Geneva and Burton Foster, L. D. and R. G. Bond, Deane Bradshaw, Raymond and Leon Adkin, Betty Lou and Lee Roy Ramsey, Mozell Foster, Mattie Horton, Joan Vincent, Inez Tarvin, Billy Hodges, Robert E. Foster, Margaret Faye Breeden, R. J. and John Horton, Beatrice Townsend,

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Again on Saturday evening Mrs. Walling was honoree for a gift party in which Mrs. Roy Millard and Mrs. Walter McCartney of Tye were joint hostesses. Games were played and a musical program was given before the presentation of gifts. Attired as a bridal couple, Dorothy Russell and DeWitt Isom directed Mr. and Mrs. Walling to the dining room where gifts were found.

Orange blossoms were favors on refreshment plates which were served to Aleta Askins, Ruby Perry, Lorcna McCartney, Floyd Isom, Frances Mauldin, Jack Stegner, Jeff Lee Stegner, Winifred Isom, Billy Isom, Julia Ella Holder, Gerald Street, Melvin Millard, Margaret Street, DeWitt Isom, Dorothy Russell; Mesdames W. E. Green, Roy Isom, Leola Mauldin, H. E. Stegner, J. J. McCarty,

J. Walter Hammons, R. W. Holder, Ed Russell; Messrs. and Mesdames Eustace Hinds, Theo Kincaid, Jarrett Finckley, Nim Teaff; Mr. and Mrs. Walling, Mr. Millard and Mr. McCartney.



Gertrude Atherton's new novel, "Golden Peacock," announced for spring publication by Houghton Mifflin, is based upon the life and times of Horace.

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CLYDE SHOUSE

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Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '36—Miss Alycen Ater, sponsor.

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SENIOR GIRLS' CLUB.

Pretty soon you can tell who's who around the campus. Why?? Because the Senior girls are all going to have a dress alike. Won't the campus be pretty with 21 pretty girls having dresses alike? We met Thursday to organize our club. The following officers were elected: Janet Hayes, president; Opal Buzbee, vice-president; Mildred Sosebee, secretary-treasurer, and Ora Derrick, reporter. Committees were appointed to decide on the dresses. With our new sponsor, Miss Stuart, we are planning to have a big time and to have a successful Senior club. The name hasn't been definitely decided yet, but it will be a clever one and will every one envy us? Well, you just wait until we get a name and our dresses!

SENIOR BOYS ORGANIZE.

The Senior boys met and organized the Senior Boys' club. Willie B. Toombs was dishonored by being elected president. Murry Toombs was elected vice-president; Billie Woodrum was elected secretary. (Time out for Boo! Boo!) The office of reporter went to Horace Boney. Mr. Hutto was imposed upon us as sponsor, but we think he will be all right because he has his B. A. degree from dear old Siwash university. His motto is "as ye sew so shall ye rip." Well that's all for this week, tune in next week at this time for the next episode.

NOTICE.

Eva Faye Bush is the Senior candidate for High School beauty—and is she a beauty!! Look at that soft, naturally wavy hair and clear peaches and cream complexion. And she is as sweet as she looks. She loves everybody and everybody loves her. Her friendly smile and lovely disposition are irresistible. Come on! Let's make her our High School Beauty!

SOPH NEWS.

Frances Higgins is representing the Sophomores in the beauty contest. We Sophs mean to put her over—and we don't mean maybe!

"SPORT NEWS."

Merkel Basketeers take thriller from Anson.

Last Friday night at Anson the High School lads of Merkel nosed out the Anson Tigers to the tune of 18 to 15. Both teams displayed plenty of hustle and true marksmanship in overcoming each other's lead during the first half. The outcome wasn't sure until the final whistle. The outstanding players for Merkel were Bryan Higgins and Frank Murray at forwards. The other players, D. Pangle, M. Berry and C. Satterwhite, played good games.

The Anson boys, led by Coach Rolland, are coming to the Merkel gym at 7:30 p. m. Friday night, Jan. 31, to engage for such a close defeat. The game at Anson was characterized by liberate passing and watching Henings on the part of Merkel, but by fast breaks and bullet passes by Anson.

This week's game on the Merkel gym floor promises to be plenty exciting. Tickets are to be sold early in the week and a fine turn-out is expected.

GLEE CLUB NEWS.

The Glee club of M. H. S. this year is rather small although we are all working very hard in order to make this year's club the best. We have learned many pretty songs, and, of course, are planning to learn some new popular numbers. We have our new song books ordered and we are expecting them soon. As soon as we learn some new songs, we are going to give another program in chapel.

CHORAL CLUB.

Perhaps you have been hearing, "I want the pattern next." "Have you made yours?" or "When did the material come?" Have you been wondering what it's all about? Here it is! The Choral girls are making their dresses.

Can you imagine a beautiful white cloud with tiny golden stars peeping through, and just a touch of royal purple here and there? This is the sure the Choral girls will paint with white dresses with purple and orange.

The boys are complimenting beautiful frocks, which remind of just around the corner. says the Choral club isn't

Our Seniors

Jack Stanford.

Presenting "Easy" Stanford, who always wears a smile and never bears a grudge. He has been four years in Merkel High, two years in the Glee club and one year in the Senior Boys' club. He represented Merkel in the tennis tournament in Sweetwater two years. Last year he was secretary and treasurer of the Junior class. Having the intention of doing great things in the world, Jack has already hitched his wagon to a star. "Wagon wheels, keep turning, wagon wheels."

Opal Buzbee.

Presenting Opal Buzbee, the red-haired, blue-eyed, "American girl" type. She has attended Merkel High four years, has been in the M. H. S. Players' club one year, the Choral club four years, the Pep Squad three years, and the Senior Girls' G and G club one year. She also played baseball and volley ball two years each. This year she is assistant Pep leader, vice-president of the Choral club and vice-president of the G and G club. Having played the piano three years, she would like to make music her major in college and become a public school music teacher.

composed of the pick of Merkel High school?

All of the class beauties are Choral club girls. Verne Moore, Leta Faye Barbee and Frances Higgins are sopranos, and Eva Faye Bush is an alto. Uphold your class! You should, but, girls, the Choral girls are behind you all.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshman class met Monday to select their candidate for the beauty contest. Three very pretty girls were nominated—Ann Lepard, Marjie Hogan and Verne Moore. From these Verne Moore was chosen. We think our candidate is very attractive. Verne is a brunette, has large brown eyes and a fair complexion.

We also elected officers for the class. For president Leona Bell was chosen and Hollis Perry for reporter. Our secretary-treasurer will be chosen later.

The Freshmen think they have a big chance in this beauty contest. So let's support our candidate and, who knows, we may come out ahead. It has been done, you know. Remember each penny counts a vote for your candidate.

JUNIOR NEWS.

The Junior class held a meeting Monday, Jan. 27, 1936. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a Junior girl to enter the beauty contest of Merkel High school. We elected Leta Faye Barbee as our beauty. Leta Faye Barbee, Betty Grimes, Janet Berry, Edith Akins and De La Vergne Teague were nominated. When the votes were counted it showed that Leta Faye won by a large margin.

After electing the Junior beauty it was decided to get a program committee to plan a program to present the Junior beauty in chapel Thursday. When each class has presented its beauty the school will then take a vote to see who gets to be the most beautiful girl in High school. The girl that wins gets her picture in the Badger.

IN ANSWER TO KIPLING'S DESCRIPTION OF A WOMAN.

A smart man,
With some precision,
Of a woman
Gave this definition:
"A nag, a bone, and a hank of hair."
But a smart woman,
Not to be outdone,
Defined man
With the following pun,
"A nag, a drone, and a tank of air."

FACULTY GOSSIP.

Flash—During a recent convention in Dallas Mr. Coffman had an experience he will long remember. He, as you all know, is a portly man, weighing over two hundred pounds. One afternoon while walking through Dallas Common he sat down on one of the low benches to rest. When he attempted to get up, he failed in the effort. He tried again and failed. About this time a little girl, poorly dressed, came along and was attracted by the

struggles of Mr. Coffman. Stepping up to him, she asked:
"Don't you want me to give you a lift?"
Mr. Coffman gazed at her in amazement and said:
"Why, you can't help me. You are too little."
"Oh, no, I'm not," she replied confidently. "I have helped my pa get up many times when he was drunker than you are."

Flash—I hate to tell this on Mr. Hutto but here it is. Mr. Hutto was invited into the home of a very prominent family. When the dinner was over, the family and guests adjourned to the big sitting-room, where they were joined by several of the neighbors. Consequently there was a scarcity of chairs, and Mr. Hutto took Mr. Petty's daughter in his arm and held her in his lap. This would have worked all right if the grown folks had kept talking, but during a lull in the conversation she looked up into the face of Mr. Hutto and innocently asked, in a loud voice:
"Am I nearly as heavy as my aunt Beth?"

Flash—I found this advertisement in Miss Stuart's desk and at first she would not talk but finally she confessed she was interested. Here is the advertisement:
"Wanted—Wife to clean and scrub, mend my socks and cook the grub. Must be handsome, bright and gay, twenty-two, if she's a day. Widow woman not deterred—one kid, maybe none preferred. She must have some cash to spend; and intellect with learned trend. She must be a music lover; fond of me, and nary other. That is what my wife must be—Humte dum-te-deedle-dee."
We are going to have to watch our Snick's sponsor.
See you next week folks.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

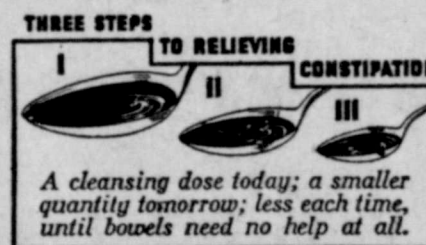
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List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:
J. M. Cook, W. A. Moore, L. B. McClain, O. N. Buford, N. A. Dowell, L. E. Riney, Merkel; E. M. Little, A. L. Short, Sam Byrd, P. A. Conoway, J. R. Younge, C. R. Pennington, B. C. Leach, Hugh W. Kennedy, A. R. Loden, John W. Thomas, E. T. Hall, J. B. Sartain, J. W. Lofland, J. Robert Wilson, M. M. Jones, Gray Smith, T. W. Clark, W. B. Bowers, John E. Walker, C. B. Hicks, William Bond, Boyd King, R. W. Finley, Jr., J. P. Wagstaff, Dan Killough, Ernest W. Wilson, W. A. Bynum, W. R. Cranston, W. I. Fain, J. C. High, A. J. Wood, Ablene; O. C. Childers, M. Brown, Alfred Allen, Wingate; R. E. Butcher, Buffalo Gap; W. D. Anderson, Sammie Rister, Tye; J. G. Rutherford, C. W. Edwards, Trent; W. N. Davis, Ovalo; Jeff E. Graham, W. H. Anders, Tuscola; S. B. Carter, W. L. V. Montgomery, Lawn.

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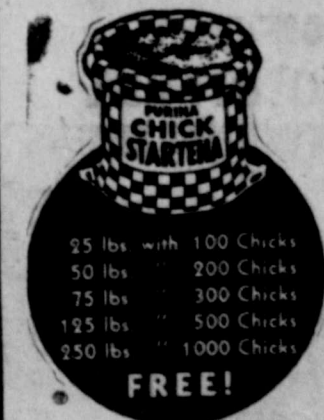
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PERSONALS

Mrs. Cora Curb has returned from a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Lois Curb, at Odessa.

Mrs. J. H. Hamblen of Vernon visited Tuesday and Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Cole.

A. T. Sheppard was able to be up-town Thursday morning after an illness which had kept him home some ten days.

Mrs. J. M. Dry returned Sunday night from an extended visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. June Brewer, at Clarksville.

David Gamble, who is attending the University of Texas, arrived home Sunday to spend several days recuperating from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Beasley of Abilene were over Monday night as guests of Mrs. S. P. Nesmith, while Mr. Nesmith was in Dallas on theatre business.

Kirby Beckett returned Wednesday morning to El Paso after spending several days here on business and visiting in the J. T. and Booth Warren homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, accompanied by their son, Lee Mack, left Monday for Comanche county to attend the bedside of another son, O. J., who is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Eula Mabel Stapleton left Tuesday afternoon for Ada, Okla., where she will spend an indefinite time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Payne, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morton of Sweetwater, formerly of Merkel, were visitors Tuesday, having come over to inspect the damage done to their residence here by fire last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby of Ozona came for a week-end visit to Mrs. Lusby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis. Olin returned Sunday, Mrs. Lusby remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and two children visited Sunday with Mrs. Hamm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, Mrs. Hamm and the children remaining over for two or three days longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe were week-end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, and other relatives. Mrs. Emmett Grimes of Austin was also a week-end visitor here.

Charlie Webb, who has been employed at the Hays dairy at Clyde, was brought home Saturday afternoon after receiving injuries in the chest and head inflicted by a bull while he was attempting to drive him out of a lot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins spent the week-end in Lamesa visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins. They made the trip with Mrs. Leu Sublett and her father, T. H. Christopher, who visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart in Lamesa.

Favorable reports were received this week from Joe Holmes, who is in the Brinkley sanitarium at Del Rio. He was accompanied to Del Rio by his daughter, Mrs. Florence Berry, and a son, Joe Holmes, and his wife, of Wickenburg, Ariz. Mrs. Berry returned Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes departed Monday for Arizona.

A recent study of mental diseases among Jews in the United States indicates that there are fewer cases of the serious mental diseases among Jews than among non-Jews in this country.

The last battle of the Civil war was fought on Texas soil. It was at Palmetto Hill near Brownsville at the mouth of the Rio Grande.

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This first Ford Almanac is published for 1936 and is now being distributed. It carries a readily available calendar on the back cover and contains tables showing the time of rise and set of sun and moon in all parts of the country every day of the year. Other helpful and interesting astrological and astronomical information is included.

Among the other prominent sections of the book are: a list of memorable historic events for each day of the year, facts about the universe, explanations of physical phenomena, a list of important festivals and anniversaries for the year, rules for forecasting weather conditions, population statistics, facts and records on farming as an industry, discussion of the farm of the future, information on citizenship and naturalization, a brief review of the history and development of the United States, "do's and don'ts" for use in emergencies, poisons and their antidotes, instructions for flower and vegetable gardening, crop seed sowing instructions, a list of places of interest to the tourist, parcel post rules and regulations, temperature and rainfall chart, dates of killing frosts in all parts of the country and a table of distances between the principal cities of the country.

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FOUND—Pair of spectacles. Owner can get same by paying for this advertisement. W. J. Sheppard.

STRAYED, Jan. 24, two bay mules, 900 to 1,000 pounds. Notify A. C. Bond, Jr., care Buck Moore, Merkel, Texas, Route 4.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Francisco Surriga by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1936, the same being the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of January, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 2511-B, wherein Andrea Surriga is Plaintiff, and Francisco Surriga is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and Defendant were married May 4, 1929, and separated about Dec. 1st, 1932, there is no community property, that two children were born to plaintiff and defendant, namely Lupa, a boy age 6 years, Irene, a girl age 3 years, both living and supported and cared for by plaintiff. Plaintiff prays for a divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, also, for the complete care, custody and control of said children, and for costs, as is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition to which reference is here made.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with you return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at its office in Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of January, A. D. 1936.

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

Wants Sales Books 5c, six for 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR. HOUSTON ROBERTSON. A. J. CANON (Re-election). P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4. Jones county:

E. F. VANTRESE. L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR. CLARENCE L. DARDEN. E. D. (Dean) DAVIS. W. B. HALE.

For Sheriff:

S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election).

For District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election).

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.

Report Shows County On Cash Basis, Taxes Lowest in 20 Years

To the Citizens of Precinct No. 2: In submitting my yearly report for this precinct, I wish to state that the county is operating on a cash basis. There is no past due paper. Furthermore, the county taxes are lower at this time than they have been for more than 20 years.

I am asking the people of this precinct for their support after they consider this report along with the other two annual reports since I have been commissioner.

Report of receipts and disbursements for the year 1935 in Precinct No. 2, Taylor county, follows:

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS, listing items like Fines, Taxes, and Machinery with corresponding amounts.

Total Receipts: \$26,000.05. Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1935: 5,440.87. Total: \$31,440.92.

DISBURSEMENTS: Regular hands \$7,708.00, Road work 1,236.10, Lumber, etc. 1,925.51, Harware 434.81, Parts and upkeep 1,890.85, Parts and repairs 343.88, Blacksmithing 488.55, Refund, telephone tolls 12.35, Gas and Oil 5,281.52, Lights 19.50, Culverts 858.77, Commissions, Roy C. Fuller 14.82, Posts 229.73, Gravel 126.00, Chain gang truck 231.25, Expense and permit to move tractor 45.08, Right-of-way .98, Miscellaneous expense 20.98, New car and truck 980.00, Miscellaneous car equipment (trailer and covers) 25.90, Engineering expense under P. W. A. projects 242.76, New machinery 5,429.77.

Total Disbursements: \$27,444.13. Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1936: 3,996.79. Total: \$31,440.92.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. CANON.

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Esco Walter Asks Second Term As County Attorney



To the Voters of Taylor County, Texas:

In announcing my candidacy for county attorney of Taylor county, Texas, I desire to give you an account of my stewardship for the year 1935, during which time I have served as your county attorney, and give you some of the facts and figures about the "state of the county attorney's office."

During the year 1935 I represented the state in 190 misdemeanor cases, 28 juvenile cases and 16 insanity cases in the county court. I represented the state in 135 examining trials in felony cases and in 339 misdemeanor cases in the justice court.

I also assisted the district attorneys with six grand juries in the investigation of felony matters, and after indictments in felony cases, assisted the district attorney of the 104th judicial district court, Otis Miller, and the district attorney of the 42nd judicial district court, Bob Black, in the trial of all contested jury cases in the district court.

I am indeed grateful to the citizens of Taylor county for my job. I have always tried to be fair and courteous with those having business in my office, and I have always tried to be fair but firm with those defendants I have prosecuted.

I am now serving my first term in the county attorney's office and with the experience I have had and the knowledge I have acquired during my first year I feel that I can serve you better and make you a better county attorney in the future. I humbly ask the citizens of Taylor county for their support in the 1936 democratic primary election.

Respectfully submitted, ESCO WALTER.

Death Claims Young Medical Student

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Laughter chapel in Abilene for Leland C. Cox, 25, former Abilene resident, who died Tuesday in Dallas. He was a brother of Johnny Cox, until recently of Cisco, but who with his wife are now returning to Merkel, to make their home on the west side of the Dr. M. Armstrong farm.

The young man, who was a medical student in Dallas, succumbed at 2:55 p. m. Tuesday in the Baylor hospital. He had been ill of double pneumonia since Saturday. His father, L. C. Cox, and three brothers, Johnny, Thurmond and W. S. Cox, were at the bedside when he died.

Leland Cox was born in Abilene Feb. 26, 1910, and attended school there. After graduation from the high school in Abilene in 1927, he entered Hardin-Simmons university, where he was a pre-medical student for two years. Going then to El Paso, he spent three years in William Beaumont hospital. Last June he went to Dallas, where he became associated with Dr. A. R. Super in a clinic. When he became ill he was preparing to enter the Baylor Medical school at opening of the second semester.

He is survived by his father, five brothers and two half-brothers. His mother died in 1928.

Governor Allen Dies.

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 30.—Gov. Oscar Kelly Allen, 55, who rose to power with Huey P. Long and inherited the political leadership left by the late senator, died Tuesday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Borah for President.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Carl G. Bachmann of Wheeling, W. Va., for years republican whip in the house, has opened a Borah-for-President national headquarters here, with expectations that the Idaho senator's formal candidacy would be announced in the next few days.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One)

94; Gerald Renfro, 93; Bobby Glenn Moore, 93; Gerald McCoy, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.

Lora Pearl Haynes, 95; James Roy Baccus, 93; Becky Jewel Gaither, 93; Robbie Barbee, 92; J. W. Camp, 90; Ace Powers, 90; Estell Brown, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Bird.

Frances Melton, 94; Mary Evelyn Perry, 92; Ikey Turner, 92; John Andrew Stapleton, 91.

Third Grade, Miss Heiser.

Bonnie Jaynes, 96; Dorothy Jean Jinkens, 95; Ralph Dye, 94; Benny Kemper, 93; Ralph Hardy, 92.

Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.

Dorothy Nell Haynes, 96; Marjorie Joe Fulton, 95; Dorothy Nell Greene, 94; R. V. Clark, 93; W. E. Burns, 92.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Wanda McCoy, 97; Willie Sue Morgan, 97; Mary Jo Hutchins, 96; Doris Mae Leopard, 96; Matilene London, 95; George Mack Owens, 95; Irlene Walker, 95; Don Hutcheson, 94; Johnie McDonald, 94; L. L. Wills, 93; Gwendolyn Renfro, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss McQuary.

Nina Orsborn, 92; Bonnie McAninch, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan.

Marilyn Sue Grimes, 95; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 94; Billy Clyde Haynes, 92; Floyd Hutcheson, 92; Lavern Douglas, 92; Dorothy Barbee, 92; Marie Bland, 91; Hazel Burns, 91; Mickey Diltz, 90; Glenn Barnes, 90.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.

Roy Owen, 94; Bob Williamson, 93; Theda Perry, 91.

Sixth Grade, Miss Ledger.

Becky Gardner, 95; Dora Marie Gaither, 94; Tommy E. Grimes, 93; Alyne Cox, 91; Mary Lu Higgins, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Wood.

Euvalda Fox, 92; Billy Largent, 90; Frances Hester, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.

Mildred McLean, 94; Don Wood, 93; Homer Tye, 92.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

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Ninth Grade.

Jannell Black, 97; Frances Higgins, 96; Fredia Farmer, 96; Mildred Humphrey, 96; Dorothea Sue Bird, 95; Pauline Joyner, 95; Dick West, 95; Jack Russell, 94; Louise Richie, 93; Clyde Cribley, 93; Wade Ensminger, 92; Morris Clack, 92; Marvin Hunter, 92; T. L. Reid, 92; Koona Hudson, 91; Fannell Gray, 91; L. B. Gibson, 91; Linsey Rister, 91; Ben Robert Hicks, 91; Ruth Smith, 91; Pauline Blackaby, 90.

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Cook, 93; Marvin Perkins, 92; Dutton Williamson, 92; Genevieve Cox, 92; M. C. Church, 91; Edith Akin, 91; Ina Mae Berryman, 91; Elwenna Doan, 91; Pauline McAninch, 91; Margie Melton, 91; Willie Mae Hudson, 90; Bobbie Woodrum, 90.

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Juanita Huskey, 98; Clifton Bellamy, 97; Mabel Maddox, 95; Ora Derrick, 94; Hugh Leonard, 93; Lauretta Randall, 93; Eva Faye Bush, 92; Victor Joyner, 92; Odell Latimer, 92; Alice Carey, 91; Ruby Carey, 91; Janet Hayes, 91; Horace Boney, 90; Laverne Moore, 90.

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FINAL INSTALLMENT.

Hiram Morris was too sick to be moved. The doctor pronounced it pneumonia and for Rose and Jim there commenced a period of sleepless anxiety. He moved her into his cabin and tried to force her to take some rest, but as for him he did not remove his clothes and scarcely closed his eyes for nearly a week.

Then Mr. Morris died. He had muttered almost constantly; the last words they heard him whisper were those of his favorite prophecy, "Some day I'll land in the pay."

There followed the customary melancholy preparation and formalities. There were still a few women left on the creeks near by and these did what they could for Rose.

It was Rose who selected a burial place, upon the north "rim" of the creek—a high beach that paralleled the bottom and that looked out across the tundra towards the open sea. It was a spot that in winter was sheltered from the icy blasts; in summer it was brilliant with wild-flowers, lush with tender grasses, and fragrant with blooms—a pleasant place for a gentle, broken old man to sleep. Other hands were ready to dig the grave, but this was a labor that Jim Rowan reserved for his own.

In due time he began it. Fortunately the rim was well drained and, once he had picked through the thin crust of autumn frost, the gravel was dry and he made good progress. He had finished his melancholy task and was about to climb out of the pit, when he noticed a peculiar reddish tinge to the gravel beneath his feet. He took a heaping shovelful of it and, descending to the creek, he stamped a hole through the ice and idly "panned" it on the shovel blade.

He was engaged thus when young Hayward and two of his men approached. Jim rose and leaned upon his shovel handle. He supposed these were the first arrivals for the funeral, but Hayward explained:

"I came up early to have a word with you, Rowan."

"I thought you said about everything the other night," Jim told him. "I'm not in any humor to—"

"Oh, I was drunk! I made a fool of myself. Now that I know who you are, I've come prepared."

Jim stared incredulously at the speaker; harshly he inquired: "You don't mean to say you intend to start something today?"

"Certainly not. I came up to serve notice on you. I've learned how you met Mr. Morris and came out here, and I understand why you came. But Rose doesn't understand. She doesn't know you're The Michigan Kid; she thinks you're just the old friend of the family, her little playmate from the home town. She doesn't know it was you that offered forty thousand dollars for this claim."

"Right. She doesn't know any of those things. I suppose you intend to tell her."

"I do. Unless you have enough decency left to behave like a man."

"How do you figure a man would behave?" Jim asked. "Of course it's all hearsay with you, but I'm curious to know."

Hayward flushed. "Never mind that line of talk. I came to give you a quiet word of warning, but if you want to get nasty, why, just write your own ticket. I'm ready to take you on now, or later."

"I see. That's why you brought help."

The speaker's color deepened. "Listen, Rowan! I know what happened to that Englishman, Thompson. He didn't have any friends with him; the witnesses were all your friends. I've heard about a lot of your other fights, too—if you can call 'em that—and I've had a dozen warnings to lay off of you, so I provided my own witnesses. Now here's what I've got to say—after the ceremony, you duck!"

"And what will happen to Rose?"

"I'll attend to that. She has friends enough to see her through."

"If I don't duck, I suppose you'll tell her I'm a gambler and that I offered to buy her father's claim for ten times what it's worth. That'll certain-

ly shock her."

"Oh, you had a reason for that offer—more of your 'Michigan's' luck, probably! I understand you did most of the panning. Funny about that luck of yours, isn't it? Funny how everybody loses when they play you. You were crooked in Dawson and you couldn't even play straight with Rose and her father. It's perfectly obvious why you came out here in the first place. Hell! Men like you ought to be shot for looking at a girl like her!"

"Well, Hayward, I'm not going until I get ready."

It was a dismal travesty of a funeral that occurred late that afternoon. A clergyman and a half dozen of Mr. Morris's acquaintances had driven out from town, but even including them, there were not twenty people who followed the pine box as it was carried across the thin autumn snow and up to its resting place.

Rose was a brave but a pitiful figure. During the final depressing rites Jim Rowan's heart bled for her. He it was who let fall the first shovelful of earth. When the grave had been filled in he saw that Hayward and the clergyman had taken her back down to the cabin.

Jim had secured a team with which to drive the girl in to town, and while the visitors were bidding her goodbye he went to his own shack and began putting his few belongings together.

He was mystified when he could not lay his hand upon the little leather case with the old newspaper portrait of Rose, for that was about all that he really cared to take with him. He looked everywhere for it before he finally gave up the search.

Rowan had refused Hayward's warning to leave, not because he expected Rose to reconcile herself to his past, not because he now retained the faintest hope of ever realizing his dream, but because there was something yet to be done, and, moreover, because it was not his nature to come or to go at any man's bidding.

He was interrupted in his task by the girl herself. She came to his door and with her she brought Hayward. "Jim," she began, "Mr. Hayward has been trying to tell me something—"

"What? Already?" A flame leaped into Rowan's eyes as he turned them upon the Bonanza foreman.

"Yes, already! It's best to have it out and over with," the latter declared, doggedly.

"I asked him to say it before you, Jim—if he insists upon saying it at all."

"I merely started to tell her why she couldn't afford to have anything further to do with you," the visitor announced. "I tried to tell her that I love her and want to marry her; that I'll give her a home and end all of her troubles—"

"What was it you said about Jim?" the girl insisted quietly.

Hayward told her; frankly, brutally he repeated what he had previously said. Jim listened in silence.

"Is it true?" Rose turned a strained, white face upon The Michigan Kid.

"Most of it is. Not that about the killing of Thompson, of course. He shot himself because he had lost company money."

"Rose, will you let me take you to town?" Hayward asked, earnestly.

Slowly the girl shook her head.

"Jim has arranged to drive me in. I'm sorry you didn't wait a while before—I've had a good deal to bear."

When the young man scowled at Rowan and opened his lips to protest, she smiled faintly. "I'll be perfectly safe with him. The Michigan Kid hasn't been accused of killing women, has he?"

"Very well. I'm sorry, too, that it had to come at a time like this. But I thought it best. I'll see you tomorrow, Rose. Forgive me if I've been rough. It's only because—"

The speaker stammered, choked, then he turned and went out into the chill twilight.

When the crunch of his footsteps had died out Rose inquired, simply:

"Why did you do it, Jim?"

Rowan answered carelessly: "Oh, I'm just naturally a bad sort, I guess! No great amount of character. I wanted money and gambling was the easiest way to get it."

"I don't mean that. Why did you come out here with father, the way you did?"

"Well now, I'm not sure that I can explain unless it was because of that hunch I told you about," Jim managed a splendid assumption of sincerity. "We gamblers play hunches, you know. And say, it just proves there's something in them."

"A mighty queer thing happened today, Rose. I didn't mean to tell you yet, but your father was right. There's pay on this claim!" said Rowan.

"Please don't let's talk about that."

"But, Rose listen! While I was digging up there on the rim the gravel looked good. I took some of it down to the creek and tested it. I can't begin to guess what was in it, but it was rich. You're a rich woman. There's no mistake. It wasn't a 'prospect,' it was big pay, coarse gold!"

For a while the girl sat silent, then abruptly she hid her face in her hands.

"Oh! The pity of it!" she cried. "After he had worked so long and endured so much! Poor father! So patient, so gentle, so old—!" Tears stole through her fingers.

"He told us he would land in the pay and we wouldn't believe him. But I know he's glad, for it was you he wanted it for, not himself, and everything has come out just the way he would have had it. I—I'll bet he's happy at last."

"Michigan's luck" still holds good, doesn't it? Half the claim is yours, Jim."

"Pshaw! That 'partnership' arrangement was a joke. I've got money, lots of it. I could have made things a good deal easier for him and for you, but I didn't dare. No, Rose, it's all yours and you have nothing to worry about any more. You needn't pay any attention to what Hayward said, unless you want to. I know you like him and—he's a mighty nice boy. He has courage and he loves you."

"But, Jim, I don't love him. I don't even like him, any more."

"Then that's that!" Rowan declared heartily.

"I love somebody else." The girl lifted her tear-stained face. "I'm in love with a boy from our old town. I think I must have cared for him ever since I was a little girl. And I've been in his thoughts, too. He has carried my picture constantly—"

"Well, well! That's certainly nice." Jim could think of nothing else to say.

"He's an unselfish boy. He did a great deal for father. I think he'd give his life for me. And yet he has never said that he loves me. I had to find it out by chance."

"Rose!" All the reserve, all the counterfeit cheerfulness of The Michigan Kid, fell away. It was Jim Rowan, the Dover boy, who stared at her with working face, and exclaimed in a voice suddenly grown hoarse, "You—found that picture!"

"Yes; that night when I was looking for medicine. How long have you had it, Jim?"

"Ever since the day you graduated. I've always loved you, ever since I was a ragged kid and you drove by in

your wicker pony cart. Rose dear, it was because of you that I gambled. I wanted money. I think I'd have killed to get it—almost. I went through hell. Then when I had my money and had found you I went through hell again because—well, because of the hell I'd been through. I—I'm not much of a man. I'm afraid you've made a mistake—"

Jim did not finish, for the girl held up her arms to him and said, quaveringly, like a weary child:

"Take me, Jim. Please! I'm—so tired!"

So it was that The Michigan Kid's luck held through to the finish.

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Miss Ina Mae Berryman of Merkel spent Saturday with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Miss Lottie Butman and Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Merkel were honored guests of Mrs. Hugh Campbell one day the past week.

Mrs. Church, Sr., of Merkel was the interesting guest of Mrs. Jim Campbell Thursday.

Jim Moore and son-in-law, R. B. Horton, made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

Miss Christine Brown was the honoree of a prettily planned party in the home of her friend, Miss Margie Melton, Thursday night. Many nice gifts were received by the honoree, and some sixty or more guests enjoyed the hospitality of this joyful event.

Rev. Ted McGehee will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 2, and every one

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RENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Emery Hughes of Fort Worth was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips.

Mrs. Gus Brewer was a week-end guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. J. Kelly of Putnam.

Mrs. T. D. Scott spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. White, of Tuscola.

Fred Rogge of Tahoka was a recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Avoca were recent guests in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Halbrook of Maple are announcing the birth of a son, named Jonathan Oáver, on Jan. 22. He weighs 10 pounds.

Bivins Dowdy, who underwent surgery at the T. & P. hospital at Marshall ten days ago, is reported improving.

We wish to correct an error in last week's news budget, stating E. C. Smith had been in the peanut business for years. It should have read in the gin business for years as manager of the Planters gin, has also managed the Guitar gin, and this year has been mechanic, also operating the peanut business recently.

Mrs. A. C. Wash was called to Merkel to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. G. M. Sharp, who is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Woodrow Peterson of Hermleigh was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers. Her husband came over for the week-end also and they returned Sunday.

Miss Fannie Aldredge of Abilene was guest Friday of Mrs. J. B. Winn, also visiting other friends Saturday.

Mrs. Buford Bryant and little daughter, Patsy, of Merkel visited friends here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray returned the first of the week from a trip of a few days visiting relatives at Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and son, James, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Halbrook at Maple Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Mesdames Alex Williamson, C. T. Beckham and C. M. Stribling made a trip to Corpus Christi last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stribling returned the first of the week, while the three ladies remained for a period of several weeks.

Mrs. Boyce Jones of Hermleigh was week-end guest of her parents.

I. M. Reneau, who has been in California for the past several months, is home for a visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John West and daughter, Miss Dorris Gay, of Merkel were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Miss Dorene Scott of McMurry was home for a few days between semesters.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson O'Neal of Brownfield are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers.

Mesdames John Payne, H. H. Jones and C. H. Howell attended the recreational session of the Taylor County Demonstration clubs held in Hardin-Simmons gym Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Jones is chairman of recreation of the local organization. Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, attended the meeting.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Demonstration club met for the first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, was a special guest and spoke on "Planning the Family Menu" and also gave interesting points on proper dieting.

Mrs. Roger Williams, new chairman, presided for a short business session. Mrs. Hosea Winn read the minutes. There were twelve members in attendance to receive year books.

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GIFT TEA.

Mrs. Lewis Shafer of Fort Worth, nee Miss Ethel Hamilton, was a most charming honoree last Thursday afternoon when Miss Margarette Turner complimented her at the Merkel hotel with a gift party of lovely appointments. The house was profusely decorated with ferns and gladiolas. A Valentine motif was employed in all party arrangements for a "Come-and-go" affair, guests calling during the hours from one to five.

A delightful program was given by Mrs. Anne Brown at the piano, a paper on "Marriage Happiness" was read by Mrs. Etsel Church, Miss Margarette Turner gave an original poem and Mrs. T. T. Earthman gave piano selections.

Guests registered in an attractive bride's book with rhymes or toasts to the "Bride." Mrs. Shafer was beautifully gowned in an ankle-length trossau frock of black and white satin.

Gifts were displayed after which dainty refreshment plates of sweets with coffee and favors of Valentines and candy hearts were passed to Mesdames Shafer, Seth Hamilton, H. C. Williams, Ada Watkins, D. H. Vaughn, Len Sublett, Bishop Hunter, Eli Case, Etsel Church, J. M. Collins, Elmo Collins, J. P. Sutphen, L. M. Touchstone, W. A. McSpadden, Cyrus Pee, Irvin Thompson, John Childress, C. B. Gardner, Weldon McAninch, Max Mellinger, Duncan Briggs, E. L. Turner, T. G. Bragg, Comer Haynes, Fred Hughes, Fred Guitar, Marvin Armstrong, R. A. Burgess, W. W. Campbell, Tracy Campbell, Raymond Wilson, Booth Warren, Jim Toombs, Nell Lee, Billye Derr, Ed Ash, T. T. Earthman, R. L. Proctor, Mason Pee, Herbert Patterson, Tom Allday, Milton Case, Allen King, D. O. Huddleston, J. R. Pee, Palmer Frederickson, Clyde Sears, Misses Mossie Sears, Eula Sears, Maxie Banner, Johnnie Warren, Irene Warren, Mary Collins, Lois Whiteley, Christine Collins, Thelma McAninch, Margarette Turner, Lena Webb, Lottie Butman, Ceila Hester and Julia Martin.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club were entertained in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess on Monday evening. During the business meeting Mrs. A. R. Booth was elected to membership to fill the vacancy which occurred upon the removal of Miss Helen Patterson to Caldwell, Texas.

The history lesson was given by Miss Dota Garoutte and Mrs. F. C. McFarland on "War between Mexico and the United States during the years between 1846 and 1859—Era VI." An intensive parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. R. O. Pearson, Jr., and Mrs. R. A. Burgess presented the main program paper on "Philanthropies."

Three visitors were present, Miss Maggie Stuart, Mrs. J. O. Lusby of Ozona, one of the charter members of the club, and Mrs. Len Sublett, with the following club members: Mesdames Sam Swann, Henry West, W. T. Sadler, R. O. Pearson, Jr., F. C. McFarland, Tom Largent, Fred Hughes, R. A. Burgess, Misses Alyce Ater, Stell Ledger, Dota Garoutte, Evelyn Curb and Christine Collins.

"G. U. M. CLUB."

Members of the "G. U. M." club held their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Bird. Following a business hour, social games were enjoyed.

After a decision of where the next meeting would be held, a dainty salad plate and hot chocolate were served.

LINDSEY-BRYAN.

Marriage of Miss Allah Lois Bryan to Herman B. Lindsey was solemnized on Monday, January 27, at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, reading a beautiful and impressive ceremony. Ross Ferrier, Jr., was the only attendant.

Mrs. Lindsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, was, until her marriage, a Sophomore in Merkel High school, being a member of the Choral club and art editor of the Annual, Senior publication. She wore a tailored suit of brown plain and checked wool, with brown swede accessories.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lindsey of Dennis, Miss., having come here a few months ago and being now owner of the Queen confectionery.

The couple have an apartment in the Earl Teague home, where they are receiving best wishes of a host of friends.

HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER.

The friends and relatives of Granny Lou Dowdy, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Mathews, in the Canyon, surprised her Tuesday

CHURCH SERVICES

Church Leader From Baptist Seminary Coming for Meeting



DR. H. E. DANA.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 2, we will have a week's meeting at the First Baptist church. Dr. H. E. Dana, teacher in Southwestern Baptist seminary, Fort Worth, will be the speaker. Dr. Dana is recognized by the Baptist brotherhood as one of the leading preachers in the South. We are fortunate in securing his help for these few days.

We extend a cordial invitation to the citizens of Merkel and membership of the different churches to attend all these services.

C. R. Joyner, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Due to the disagreeable cold weather prevailing Sunday, only 404 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here, but the attendance on the previous Sunday fell to 298. On the same Sunday a year ago 626 were in attendance.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service at 5:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Several special numbers are being arranged for vesper service Sunday evening and it is planned to make the program largely a musical one. Special numbers will include the Sosebee Sisters quartette and a solo by Delma Compton, among others.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers always welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching service 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Special music. Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:15 p. m. Woman's missionary society meets each Monday 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Choir rehearsal, in connection with our prayer meeting. We want our choir membership present 100 per cent Wednesday; business of importance demands our attention.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

afternoon with a visit and gift shower. Granny Lou has been in ill health for some time and confined to the house more especially during the recent cold weather, so the neighbors came in on a visit of good cheer. She was the happy recipient of many pretty handkerchiefs and during the afternoon delicious pumpkin pie with whipped cream was served with coffee, also dainty Valentine candies. Guests present were Mesdames Dowdy, A. R. Toombs, Albert Deal, Tom Seymore, Clyde Latimer, George Anderson, Dewell McLean, W. D. Butler, Twyman Collins, Lloyd Mathews, Sam McLeod, Odgar Mathews, W. C. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick, Little Hollis McLean, Rose Myrtle Latimer, Carlton and Carey Eugene, Elizabeth Cathcart, Willie Pearl Mathews and Miss Nell Hughes.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6:15 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 7:15 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15.

All who are not attending Sunday School elsewhere, we will be glad to have you in our Sunday School and all of our services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching every Saturday evening at 7:15. Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Everyone welcome to our services.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Thomason Bros. Dental clinic will open on the first of February in the office suite in the Boney building, formerly occupied by Dr. Wm. M. Gambill. Dr. Earl Thomason will have associated with him, his brother, Donald G. Thomason, who is an X-ray technician.

Among the changes to be noted on Feb. 1 will be the removal of the Church Motor company and Dr. Curley's Repair shop to the location now occupied by Joe Barron, east of the West building. Cotton Owens has leased the Jones building, now used by the above two concerns, and will enlarge his sandwich shop as well as use the building for living quarters. Joe Barron has not yet secured a new location, but expects to remain here and continue in trading livestock and automobiles and doing repair work.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble was reported resting comfortably Thursday morning from injuries received Sunday when their automobile overturned at a curve near Goldthwaite as she and Mr. Gamble were going to Austin to visit their son, David. Her right shoulder was dislocated, Mr. Gamble escaping without injury. The car, however, was considerably damaged.

Clyde Shouse has bought the Bird & Swafford Filling station, known as the Hi-Way station, and will continue to handle standard Sinclair products, both gasoline and oil. He is also prepared to wash and grease cars.

Merkel has secured a new citizen and new line of business in the person of L. A. Johnson, formerly of Abilene, who has opened a second hand furniture store in the Fulwiler building on Front street. He has also bought a home here, the former Boring place, in Southwest Merkel, and moved his family here.

We carry gray edged sympathy cards in stock, also regular mourning correspondence cards. The Merkel Mail.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Miss Belle Wellborn Aspires to Re-election As District Clerk



The Mail this week carries the announcement of Miss Belle Wellborn as a candidate for re-election to the office of district clerk. Her statement to the voters follows:

To the People of Taylor County: For the many kindnesses extended to me by the people of Taylor county I am deeply grateful. It has been my purpose during my tenure in office of district clerk to carry on the work with efficiency and courtesy. I have tried at all times to give the very best service possible to the attorneys, litigants, witnesses, jurors and to all people having business in the district clerk's office. I am asking the people of this county for re-election to this office and promise them the same service as has been heretofore rendered by me and my deputies. The vote and influence of every person in Taylor county will be highly appreciated and is earnestly solicited.

Located one door south of the Merkel Motor Co. is a new born business, operators, Bird & Swafford.

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Mexico Fancy	Seedless, large size
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Nice and tender	Fancy Winesaps
Gr. Beans, lb. 15c	Apples, doz. 30c

Catsup, 14 oz. bottle, 2 for 25c
Sunbrite Cleanser, per can 5c

CRACKERS A-1 Saltines	PEANUT BUTTER A good one
2 lb. box 19c	2 lb. qt. jar 29c

Tomatoes, Gingham Girl, tall, 3 for 25c
Oats, White Swann, 3 lb. pkg. 19c
Mackerel, tall cans, 3 for 25c

GOLD DUST Washing Powder	COFFEE White Swann
Large pkg. 19c	3 lb. can 85c

Salt, Morton's plain, Ironized, 3 for 25c
Pork & Beans, 16 oz. cans, each 5c

Notice to Patrons

We will move to the Joe Barron Place, just east of the West Company, on Feb. 1. We will be better prepared to serve you in any way—if in work on your old car, or will sell you a new Plymouth or a good used car.

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