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## CITY MOURNS PASSING OF J. M. COLLINS

**Victim of Pneumonia, After a Week's Illness; Survived by Wife, Four Sons and One Daughter and One Niece.**

Ill only a week, J. M. Collins, 60, died of pneumonia at 6 o'clock Saturday evening at his home here. It was not until Thursday that pneumonia developed, and on Saturday an oxygen tent was brought into use, his condition, however, being too weakened, because of heart trouble, to respond.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. John H. Crow, the family pastor, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker and Rev. C. R. Joyner. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: active, S. M. Hunter, Herbert Patterson, A. J. Canon, W. J. Sheppard, Dave Shelton, W. L. Fugate, honorary, Booth Warren, F. Y. Gaither, Vernon Hudson, Merkel; Owen Taylor, W. V. P. Baker, J. M. Wood, Ernest Wood, Arlie Harris, J. R. Planken, Ralph Stuart, Lamesa. Assisting with the flowers were: Misses "Sis" Boaz, Lois Whiteley, Fanny Belle Boaz, Florene Rider, Leila Patterson, Frances Marie Church, Mercedes W. L. Fugate, William Sheppard, Vernon Hudson, Merkel; Misses Elizabeth Barron and Thira Barron, Lamesa.

Mr. Collins was born at Montgomery Aug. 31, 1875, and was married to Miss Minnie Lou Barron at Strawn on July 14, 1901. Prior to coming to Merkel about seven years ago he had engaged in farming near Lamesa. He first entered the grocery business here, and of late years had been associated with his son, Elmo, in operating a filling station.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five children, four sons and one daughter. The sons are: Quinton A. Lamesa; James M., Pampa; Elmo, Merkel, and Rev. Paul Collins, Cloud Chief, Okla., the daughter, Miss Mary Collins, Merkel. One granddaughter and a niece, Mrs. A. L. Wright, of Houston, also survive.

A man of quiet ways, one who went about his business with true Christian fortitude and courage, one who never shirked a duty to his fellowman, his community or his church, he leaves a record of a life well spent. In the church at Lamesa he was a teacher in Sunday School, and chairman of the board of stewards and, after removing to Merkel, his alertness and interest in the Master's cause never lagged. His chief interest, however, centered in the home, the welfare of his family, and the history of his life is inseparably entwined in the happy association over thirty-five years with his beloved wife and helpmate and their joint concern and love for their children.

## Death Claims Little Patsy Nell Thomas

Patsy Nell Thomas, little six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Thelma Thomas, died at 7 o'clock Saturday morning of pneumonia at the home of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham. Her father, Dewey Thomas, died Feb. 9, 1931.

Funeral services, held at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, were conducted by Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, Methodist pastor at Blair, and Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Hollis Shook, H. E. Addison, Cecil Melton, Pierce Horton, Odell Latimer and Claud Derrington.

Flower girls were: Misses Nina Bell Russell, Vera Walker, Eunice Richards, Dora May Meeks, Zuma Fulton, Frances Scoggin, Ruth Lowery, Jimmie Nell Horton, Delwee Melton, Miss Foster, Mesdames Cecil Melton and Irene Derrington.

Patsy Nell was enrolled in the Blair school, but had been out for about a month because of illness. In a beauty contest conducted by a national concern in 1934 she won honorable mention.

Only survivors are her mother, her maternal grandparents named above and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. C. E. T. mas.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. B. Sawtell, 75, past grand commander of the Knights Tempdar of Texas, died Sunday morning at his home in Waco.

The Texas racing commission reported that 46 days of horse racing at Alamog Downs this year netted the state \$102,112 in taxes.

Zapata county completed a year Monday without a bill of indictment returned when District Judge J. F. Mullally discharged the current grand jury.

Forrest Worrell, 30, of Paris, who was struck by a car Monday when he jumped from a companion's automobile to retrieve the drivers' hat, died Tuesday.

Parley N. Shell, 54, fatally burned two weeks ago at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Winkle, two miles north of Nugent, died Monday evening at the Winkle home.

Injuries received when he was struck by an automobile Saturday as he repaired a flat tire at the edge of Hamilton proved fatal Sunday to James J. Lambert, 42, mail carrier.

Maxine Laverne Gibbey, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibbey, of Sherman, was struck by a truck and instantly killed when she followed some other children into a street.

Carrying five of the seven precincts in the city, Mayor P. D. Renfro of Beaumont was re-elected over Dr. E. J. Diefenbacher, a former mayor. Renfro's ticket of ten councilmen was also victorious.

Miss Gail McDavitt of Brownville, elected "sweetheart of Texas" at the University of Texas where she is a senior, was chosen as her school's "duchess" for the Galveston Mardi Gras celebration.

Governor James V. Allred, who was grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif., New Year's Day, will lead the parade opening the fifth annual San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo March 7.

David Allen Davis, 30, Ranger truck driver, was crushed when his machine and trailer, heavily laden with oil pipe, crashed in the center pier of an underpass near White Rock lake on the northwest highway out of Dallas.

The arrival of George Washington, a negro under a six year sentence from Crosby county for burglary, boosted the population of the Texas prison system to 6,001, the first time in history that it has gone above the 6,000 mark. He reached Huntsville the day after the birthday of the illustrious George Washington.

## District Bankers Next Year at Wichita Falls

Fort Worth, Feb. 27.—Wichita Falls was selected Saturday as next year's meeting place for the annual convention of the Seventh District of Texas Bankers association.

The convention city was chosen by a vote of 98 to 89 over Fort Worth after the association had completed the election of officers.

The meeting goes to the home city of the new district chairman, Oral Jones, vice-president of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls. J. R. Martin, cashier of the Midland National Bank of Midland, was named secretary of the association.

## Current Months WPA Pay Roll Over \$5,300

A pay roll of \$5,379.12 for the third month in the WPA project of graveling and improving mail and school bus routes in precinct No. 2 was reported by County Commissioner Jack Canon. Pay checks are issued every two weeks, the above figure including two pay periods.

For the two previous months the combined pay roll figures were approximately \$7,000, bringing the total paid out in this work to date to over \$12,000.

The local sewing room, also a WPA project, employs 25 women and girls, including the supervisor and assistant, with a total monthly pay roll of \$656.

## TEXAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS GET READY WEEK

### Governor Allred's Proclamation!

To early Americans, the word "Texas" meant friendship. Today the word "Texas" still means friendship, and more. It means opportunity, a land of fabulous natural resources, of rolling ranges, of loamy black farmlands, of unsurpassed climate, and—BEAUTY.

This year, Centennial Year, Texas is entertaining millions of visitors from every part of America. They're coming to see the Texas they've heard and read about. They will travel every part of our state. The favorable impression Texas and Texans make will result in a priceless asset for the Lone Star State.

Let each of us do everything possible to see that our visitors not only remember Texas as an empire of friendly people but as a land of BEAUTY, as well. This can best be accomplished by each citizen seeing that his or her premises is free from unsightly rubbish, made attractive with flowers or green lawns. In brief, let us all cooperate to the end that visitors will be impressed with the cleanliness and beauty of Texas as well as with our far-famed reputation for friendship.



James Allred  
Governor of Texas

## TEXAS HOST TO GOVERNORS

**Executives of Wisconsin and Tennessee to Take Part in Coming Events.**

Austin, Feb. 27.—Arrangements were announced Tuesday for participation by Govs. Tuesday LaFollette of Wisconsin, Hill McAlister of Tennessee, and James V. Allred of Texas in Centennial observances of Texas independence and the fall of the Alamo.

LaFollette will arrive in Austin Friday. He will speak at the University of Texas Friday night and to a student assembly Saturday morning. He and Allred will be guests at a luncheon given by Pres. H. Y. Benedict of the University of Texas.

Sunday the two governors will go to Washington-on-the-Brazos. They will spend Sunday night at Brenham and return to Washington-on-the-Brazos for morning exercises commemorating the signing of the Texas declaration of independence.

Monday afternoon they will go to Huntsville for the presentation of "Steamboat House," former dwelling of Gen. Sam Houston, first Texas president, to be given the state by J. E. Josey, Houston.

Governor McAlister and Adj. Gen. J. H. Ballew of Tennessee will join LaFollette and Allred at Huntsville. All will return to Houston to attend the banquet of University of Texas ex-students Monday night. Part of a national broadcast of all-Texas stars will be given to the Houston banquet. The Houston group's time on the air will start at 9:45 p. m. New York and California banquets will share in the broadcast.

## Mrs. Mary Blackburn, Past 91 Years, Dies

Mrs. Mary Blackburn, 91, wife of the late J. M. Blackburn, passed away Thursday morning, Feb. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. She had been confined to her bed for the past two and one-half months; but up until then she had been able to do her work as usual.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery, conducted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, who died Dec. 22, last.

Pallbearers were: Ike Garrett, Joe Hampton, Grady Neill, W. C. Mathews, Roland Toombs and Jim Perry.

Mrs. Blackburn was born Jan. 23, 1845, in Blount county, Ala., and was married to James M. Blackburn on Feb. 14, 1882. Her husband, who was 92 years old when he died, was a Confederate soldier and one of the oldest residents of this section, the couple having come to the Canyon in 1897.

She was the mother of three children, of whom two daughters survive, residing in Alabama. She is also survived by three stepsons, John Blackburn, Hastings, Okla., and U. L. and Ed Blackburn of Merkel, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Blackburn was converted and united with the Missionary Baptist church early in life. She was a true Christian—a woman who was universally loved and esteemed.

## TEXAS CITIES JOIN PARADE

**Celebrations of Varied Nature Planned in More Than Hundred Cities.**

Austin, Feb. 27.—The Texas Centennial, with celebrations of varied nature planned in more than 100 cities, has developed into the greatest state-wide observance in the nation's history.

The celebrations not only reflect the glorious history of the state but they also serve to focus world-wide attention on the agricultural, mineral, industrial and recreational resources of the Lone Star State.

Texas is on parade in 1936 with scores of historical celebrations, Centennial pageants, harvest festivals, fairs and stock shows, jubilees and fiestas. Dallas with its great Central exposition will entertain millions of visitors and other expositions will be staged in Fort Worth and Austin.

Historical observances center in San Antonio and Houston with interesting events also planned at Washington-on-the-Brazos, Sinton and Taft, El Paso, Kingsville, Del Rio, Marshall, Beeville, Groesbeck and Mexia, D'Hanis, San Augustine, Jasper, Kerrville, Cotulla, Coleman, West Columbia and Graham. Historical episodes will be commemorated also in Huntsville, Crockett, Goliad, Victoria, Belton and Freeport.

Gay and colorful harvest festivals will be held at Crystal City, Plainview, Raymondville, Jacksonville, Yoakum, Mt. Pleasant, Weatherford, Tyler, Gilmer, Cuero, Mission, Weslaco and Center. Fairs and stock shows planned with Centennial spirit will be held (Continued on Page Two.)

## School Census Taker Begins Duties Mar. 2

Beginning Mar. 2, Carl Black will again take the school census for the Merkel Independent School district. All children who live in the bounds of this district who will be six years or older and under eighteen on next Sept. 1 should be on the census roll regardless of whether or not the child will be in school here or elsewhere next year. All children born on or before Sept. 1, 1918, or after Sept. 1, 1930, should not be enumerated. Children who live in the Merkel district and whose parents or legal guardian live in this district should be enumerated here. Children who are attending the Merkel schools or plan to attend Merkel next year and whose parents live outside the Merkel Independent School district should be enumerated in their home district, and then during next summer transfer to Merkel.

Children under eighteen, married or single, whether in school or not, whether planning to be in school anywhere next year or not, should be enumerated on the school census if they live in the Merkel district during the month of March. Patrons of the school can help much by notifying Supt. Burgess of any children they think have been missed. Children likely to be missed are children who are not in school but who will be six on or before next Sept. 1. Helping the census-taker get all the children on the census roll will mean more money to the Merkel school from the state. Every child missed means \$17.50 missed.

## DRIVERS MAY GET LICENSES HERE IN MARCH

For the convenience of auto and truck owners and drivers, County Tax Collector Grady Parmely will station one of his deputies, Comer Patterson, here four days in March, viz. Mar. 18, 19, 20 and 21, so that the tax for auto licenses may be paid and drivers may secure their licenses here. The deputy will be at the city hall these four days.

Application blanks are available now at the city hall, both banks and Jimmy Toombs Filling station, which may be filled out and held for issuance until the deputy collector comes.

## Sister of Mrs. Eli Case Dies at Winters

Miss Rachel Barrett, sister of Mrs. Eli Case and a first cousin of Messrs. W. C. C. P. and Etely Church, died at 8:30 Saturday night at her home at Winters. She had been an invalid for the past two years, following injuries in an automobile accident five years ago.

Funeral services at the graveside in Winters Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock were conducted by Rev. W. T. Hamner, Baptist pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case and daughter, Creta Key, and Messrs. W. C., C. P. and Etely Church and their families attended the funeral rites.

Besides Mrs. Case, she is survived by another sister, Miss Betty Barrett, of Winters, and four brothers: Dee Barrett, Ada, Okla.; W. B. Barrett, Bland; J. H. Barrett, Abilene, and Clint Barrett, Winters.

## Changes Announced in County League Dates

Change in dates of the playground ball and debate events of the Taylor County Interscholastic League tournament has been announced by Wendell Foreman of Elmdale, director-general.

Playground ball contests will be started Mar. 21, instead of Apr. 4. The debate tourney has been booked for Apr. 4 instead of Apr. 3. Dates of other events are: tennis and volleyball, Mar. 21; choral singing, Mar. 25; literary events, Mar. 27; track and field meet, Mar. 28, and one-act play, Mar. 28. The basketball tournament has already been staged on Feb. 6, 7 and 8.

Mrs. Ruby Lee Person of Hillside has been named director of the music memory event.

## Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, Trent, Monday, Feb. 24, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, Monday, Feb. 24, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin, Monday, Feb. 24, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crawford, Monday, Feb. 24, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1936.

## GIVE PARKSITE AS MEMORIAL TO HUSBAND

**Ground for Three-Acre Roadside Park West of Town Donated By Mrs. S. A. Derstine and Two Children.**

As a memorial to her husband, the late Sam A. Derstine, gift of approximately three acres of land out of the original Derstine tract west of town has been made to the state highway department for a roadside park by Mrs. S. A. Derstine and her two children, Miss Mary Derstine, and W. J. Derstine.

Announcement of the patriotic donation was made at the general meeting at the Methodist church Tuesday evening sponsored by the local highway beautification committee, marking a big step forward in the program of this group for beautifying the highway.

The highway department will furnish materials and labor for improving and beautifying the park, it was explained by Mrs. John Dessen of Abilene, who spoke on the general subject of "Beautification" to the gathering. Mrs. Dessen, who is chairman of beautification of division 8, Texas highway department, urged beautification of highways, and of cities as well, for the hundreds of thousands of Centennial visitors that Texas will entertain during the current year, and discussed in detail the methods that may be employed, urging the use of native shrubs and telling in graphic way of the uses to (Continued on Page 2.)

## Federation in Tribute Memory of Mrs. Jones

Of particular significance to Merkel was the February meeting of the Abilene City Federation of Women's clubs, held at Hotel Wooten Saturday, which was observed as Bible day and at which plans were completed for a morning coffee Friday to honor Mrs. Volney W. Taylor, Brownsville, president of the Texas Federated clubs.

Following roll call, members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mrs. Charles H. Jones of Merkel, who had died since the January meeting. Mrs. Jones was a charter member of the Fortnightly Study club here, which is affiliated with the Abilene Federation.

Attending Saturday's meeting from Merkel were Mesdames Henry West, R. O. Pearson, Frank McFarland, Misses Christine Collins and Evelyn Curg.

## Acting Secretary of Navy Dies.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Col. Henry Lathrobe Roosevelt 56, a relative of President Roosevelt and acting secretary of the navy during the illness of Secretary Swanson, died suddenly late Saturday of an acute heart attack.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 25, 1916.)

Miss Dota Garoutte was in Abilene this week for the pleasure of hearing Helen Keller's lecture; while there she was the guest of Miss Bobby Slack.

Messrs. Jeff Henry and Ira Shaffer left Tuesday night for Fort Worth with two cars of cattle. Delayed trains kept the shipments from leaving here on time and both shippers likely missed Wednesday's market.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

At her home Saturday afternoon, Feb. 19th, Miss Geneva May Tipton celebrated her thirteenth birthday. At the close of the afternoon's fun refreshments of lemonade, popcorn, balls, pineapple with whip cream and cake was served to Lilly Pratt and Mary Eula Sears, Maurine Duckett, Myrtle McDonald, Nellie Swann and Lucile Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pitzer, Jr., entertained a few friends Tuesday evening, naming Miss Cora Cooper of Colorado honoree. Those present were Misses Ruth Mims, Ruby Jones, Mamie and Fannie Moore, Mesdames Goode, Largent, and the hostess.

Messrs. Dee, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Nat Anderson, T. H. Largent, Minor Goode, Archie Anderson, Sam D. Swann and the host. Delicious refreshments were served.

A diversion in social pleasures was afforded those who enjoy dancing on last Friday evening when the parlors of the Elite were closed for private dancing. It will no doubt be a repeated pleasure.

## HURLS TURTLE INTO TRAIN.

Without thought that his act might injure some person, Bill Bond, age 16, hurled a turtle he had caught from the Derstine tank and the tortoise passed through a window of the T. & P. passenger train No. 4, as it was passing that point west of Merkel last Saturday morning.

Fortunately no one was injured and, though some would say the offense was malicious, we are sure "Bill" handled the turtle in a good humored way and should only be admonished to not repeat such an act.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross left Merkel last week for Menard, Texas, where they will reside in the future.



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Centennial

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at San Angelo, Fort Worth, Rock Springs, Boerne, Tyler, Ennis, Mt. Pleasant, Marfa, Wharton, Yorktown, Pearsall and Beaumont.

Celebrations centering around aquatic events will be staged at Brownsville, Port Lavaca, Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Fort Stockton, Brownwood and Sweetwater. Events of varied nature are slated for Gonzales, Austin, Seguin, Georgetown, Belton, Edna, Paris, Kilgore, Bowie, Big Spring, Crockett, Vernon, San Marcos, Fredericksburg, Slaton, Brady, Bastrop, Eagle Pass, Colorado, Perryton, Henderson and Anson.

Of interest far beyond the borders of Texas will be the western celebration—pioneer days, roundups and rodeos—planned at Plainview, Floydada, Midland, Canadian, Stamford, Pecos, Falfurrias, Borger, Bowie, Clarendon, Belton, Comfort, Tulla, Big Spring and San Angelo.

The Centennial observance was opened last November with a celebration at Gonzales which has been followed by celebrations at San Antonio, El Paso, Livingston, Brownwood, Dallas, Putnam and Galveston.

Website Donated

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which the picturesque mesquite, the lowly cactus, the lovely redbud, may be put to preserve the natural beauty of the highways.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, chairman of the local highway beautification committee, with some seventy-five or more interested home owners and lovers of the present.

How the committee and Merkel may make use of the labor afforded by NYA was explained by another speaker, Raymond Kincaid, connected with the office of District Supervisor A. V. Bullock of the National Youth Administration, Abilene.

ELIGIBLE YOUTHS

To this end the committee is endeavoring to ascertain the number of available youths under the provisions of NYA: youths, between 16 and 25 years of age, of certified families on relief rolls or NRS records. Youths who are eligible, if not already certified, are asked to give this information to either T. G. Bragg or C. H. Jones, so that accurate information may be gathered as to the number of youths available before application for work projects is made. Under NYA a month's work is limited to 46 hours, with pay of \$12.00 in two pay periods.

SALE OF ROSES.

By arrangement with a Tyler nursery, the local highway beautification committee can secure wholesale rates on two-year-old roses, at the cost price of \$1.25 per dozen. There is a wide assortment of colors and varieties and those wishing to place order for these roses, in addition to purchases already made, may secure this special rate but placing their order with Mrs. A. T. Sheppard before Saturday of this week when the shipment for Merkel will be ordered.

DONORS OF ROSES WANTED.

The committee set a goal of using at least 100 of these roses in the beauty plots along the highway, but is still short sufficient funds to cover the full quantity. Any one interested in this worthy objective is asked to add their donation toward the purchase of 100 or more roses for planting in these beds along the highway through town.

Louise Toombs on

H-SU Honor Roll

Honor roll of Hardin-Simmons university at the end of the fall semester has been announced by the registrar's office with seventeen students making an average of A or above for 15 hours work.

Listed in the select group of seventeen is Miss Louise Toombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toombs, former Merkel residents, residing at 540 Merchant, Abilene.

Wanted to buy 150 mares. See Dave Shelton or John Dunn at Independent Ice station Saturday, Feb. 29.

Movie Star, Injured In Highway Accident, Given First Aid Here

Following an automobile accident on the highway west of town shortly after 2 p. m. Tuesday, Gloria Shea, motion picture player, and her mother, Mrs. O. L. Shea, were given first aid at the office of a local physician, afterwards being taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium for treatment. They were en route from Los Angeles, Calif., to Brooklyn, N. Y.

The accident occurred as the machine in which Miss Shea and her mother were riding met an automobile driven by R. L. Berry of Fort Worth on a bridge. Both the actress and her mother received minor cuts and bruises.

Miss Shea was seen in "Laddie," which played recently at the Queen theatre here, enacting the role of the eldest sister of Laddie. Her latest picture released in January, is "Dangerous Intrigue," in which she has the leading role opposite Ralph Bellamy.

Remains of Former Resident Brought Here for Burial

Funeral services for Mrs. J. A. Stanford were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the First Baptist church with Rev. C. R. Joyner, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Ted McGehee, Rev. John H. Crow and Rev. R. A. Walker. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: S. A. Bankston, Tyne Sublett, Bert Chambliss, W. A. McCandless, Mack Buzbee and Vernon Sublett.

Mrs. Stanford, who until recently lived here, died at an Abilene hospital at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, having been moved Friday from her home to the sanitarium, where she underwent surgery.

She was born in Georgia, Jan. 29, 1894, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones. Her maiden name was Ethel Sinah. With her parents she moved to Texas in 1906 and was married to Mr. Stanford at Merkel, Jan. 2, 1916. The family moved to Abilene last March.

Surviving besides her husband, are two children, Ada and Robert Stanford; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Merkel, and two brothers, Emory and Everett Jones, also of Merkel.

Stated Meeting OES Tuesday, Night, Mar. 3

At a stated meeting to be held on Tuesday night, Mar. 3, the officers of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, will exemplify the degrees to two candidates, which will be followed by a covered-dish luncheon. Every member of the chapter is requested to come and take a part in the work and fill the chairs.

Visitors from Albany and Sweetwater are expected.

All members living in Merkel who belong to other chapters are especially invited.

Attends Funeral of Twin Sister at Cisco

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams and children were called to Cisco on Monday of last week by the death of Mrs. C. A. Davis, twin sister of Mrs. Williams, who died of pneumonia. The funeral services were held on Wednesday following.

Besides her mother, Mrs. W. C. Sapp, of Sweetwater, and the sister here, Mrs. Davis is survived by three other sisters, Mrs. Isla May Bailey and Mrs. Ethel Dewitt, San Angelo, and Miss Nellie Fay Sapp of Sweetwater.

Made Caverns Famous; Now Seeking for Work

Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 27.—Jim White, the cowboy who spent 21 years of his life and all his money trying to attract the public to the Carlsbad caverns he discovered, now is looking for "an opportunity to earn an honest living."

His dream of national recognition for the caverns he found in 1901 has come true but Jim White has gained only passing attention.

His livelihood practically disappeared in 1930 when the Carlsbad caverns became a national park and government guides were employed.

See John Dunn for higher prices before you sell your chickens.

Theatre Robbed of \$12,800.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Three robbers held up the Keith Boston Theatre in the heart of this city's theatrical district Sunday night and fled with \$12,800.

Wood Conservatory of Music Presents Pupils

The Wood Conservatory of Music, with Mrs. Ralph Howington and Miss Ora Mae Hughes, associate teachers, of Abilene and Merkel, will present pupils of the studios in recital Friday evening at the Methodist church.

The program, opening at 7:30 o'clock, will be as follows:

"Hearts Amulet" (H. Engelman), Opal Buzbee.

"Mazurka In B Flat" (Chopin), Wilma Martin.

"The Pearly Dew-Drop" (Birkbeck), Bonnie Lois Campbell.

"Chop-Sticks" (De Lulli), Maxie and Raymond Plozman.

"Triumphal March" (Theo Oest-en), Billie McGehee.

"Swing Song" (Hopkins), James David Reece.

"Oberon" (Weber), Virginia Chloe McRee.

"The Travelers Song" (Theo Oest-en), Sample McGehee.

"The Song of The Lark" (Tschalkowsky), Lola Fern Martin.

"Heliotrope" (Heinrich Lichner), Gladys Whitley.

"The Fairy Wedding" (Turner), Evelyn Bigler.

"Cedar Brook Waltz" (Perry), Rodger Plozman.

"Golden Star Waltz" (Streabog), Marcia Lee and Donna Dean McGehee.

"The Humming Bird" (Kroeger), Joyce Rutledge.

"Woodbine Schottische" (Streabog), Irene Moore.

"The Fairy Barque" (Smallwood), Cleo Henley.

"Flower Bells" (Heins), Mattie Horton.

"Then You'll Remember Me" (Michael W. Balfe), Lena Faye Harrell.

Farmer of Hillside Community Succumbs

R. C. Whetsel, 44, farmer of the Hillside community, died at 3 o'clock Friday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. J. Whisenhunt, here in town, where he had been brought Wednesday night for closer medical attention. Pneumonia was the cause of his death, his illness having extended over eight days.

The body was carried to Midway cemetery at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, services at the graveside being conducted by Rev. Thomas Young, Baptist pastor, of Abilene.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by ten children: six sons, Roy, Martin, Richard, R. C., Jr., Robert Grimes and Billie Joe Whetsel, and four daughters, Mrs. Johnnie May Holley, Monnie Mae, Mattie and Janet Whetsel. Two sisters, Mrs. F. A. London and Mrs. John Walls, the latter of Brownfield, two brothers, Rome Whetsel of Abilene and Argel Whetsel, of Big Spring, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Mack Fowler, and Miss Audy Whisenhunt, and two half-brothers, Bill and Berkley Whisenhunt, also survive.

Ship Remains of Stith Woman to Arkansas

Mrs. Grady Bond, 33, died at 3:30 Tuesday morning at her home north of Stith, and her remains were shipped via the eastbound T. & P. passenger train Tuesday afternoon for interment in Horatio, Ark.

Mrs. Bond, whose maiden name was Rena Williams, was married 16 years ago to Mr. Bond, who survives. She leaves four children; three boys, R. G., L. D. and Billy Clate Bond, and one daughter, Lorece Bond.

Her mother, Mrs. W. F. Williams, of Horatio, Ark., and eleven brothers and sisters also survive.

Mrs. Bond was a member of the Presbyterian church at Zion Chapel.

Keen Competition in FFA District Show

Competition is keen throughout this section in the district show of the Future Farmers of America to be held in Abilene on Saturday of this week.

W. S. J. Brown reports the sale of some 20 calves—Hereford steers and heifers—to prospective exhibitors, with numbers of other breeders also listing sales to the youthful stock-raisers of the next decade.

Quarter Century Club Keeps After Offenders

When the Quarter Century club met in regular session, the house was called to order by the vice-president, John Robert Dye. Report of those who spoke bad English was given by the watch committee, and the minutes were read and approved.

The program committee then took charge, those on program being Becky Gardner, who told a story, and Miss McQuary, who gave a description of George Washington's home.

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Stephen A. Douglass, Early Day Abilenian, Dies of Pneumonia

Stephen A. Douglass, 78, Taylor county landowner and resident of Abilene for 54 years, the father of Paul Douglass of this city, died at his home in Abilene Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock. He had been ill of pneumonia since Saturday.

The body was conveyed to Merkel Wednesday morning in a coach from the Barrow funeral home and funeral services were held at the Methodist church here at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. W. Hanks, of Paducah, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow.

Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery where a son, Ray Douglass, who died three years ago in Arkansas, and a daughter, Ida, who died many years ago, are also buried.

Mr. Douglass was born in Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1857. From his native state he moved to Abilene in 1882. Three years later he was married there to Miss Stella Murry, daughter of F. I. Murry, an early county commissioner. Mrs. Douglass and six of eight children born to the union survive. Sons are M. D. of Sylvester, Grover of Abilene, Paul of Merkel and Carl of Abilene. Daughters are Mrs. Nellie Ward of Munday and Miss May Douglass of Abilene. Seventeen grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two brothers, Ed and Tom Douglass of Charlotte, Texas, also survive.

Mr. Douglass, before his retirement, engaged in farming and building construction. At his death he owned farming interests near Merkel and also in the Rio Grande valley.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Len Sublett had as her guests last week-end her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart, of Lamona.

Miss Marie Ward of Meadows spent the week-end with Miss Margaret Calloway.

Mrs. A. W. Bankhead of Gatesville, and her son, Ernest Bankhead, of Oglesby, arrived Thursday afternoon for a visit with her sister-in-law, Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock. Ernest Bankhead went on to Rotan on business Friday, and on his return they left Saturday for their homes.

Mrs. G. R. Holloway, Mrs. N. D. Cobb and Mrs. J. F. Holloway have returned from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Booth Warren was among the large number of West Texas bankers who attended the meeting of the seventh district at Fort Worth Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Warren.

Among the West Texas bankers attending the annual convention of the seventh district at Fort Worth Saturday was Joe P. Self. He was accompanied by Mrs. Self.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake had as their week-end guests the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Blake, and son, Jimmy, of Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker and son, Billy, returned Sunday to their home at Altus, Okla., after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Week-end visitors in the J. P. Sharp home were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn of Winters.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, and his brother, Neill Durham, spent the George Washington holiday in Albany visiting with Mrs. Bob Echols. Wrenn also made a fraternal call on Hilton Williams, Albany postmaster.

Accompanying her daughter, Lois Rosson, to Sanatorium Saturday, Mrs. J. B. Rosson and her two children, Sherman and Imogene, were driven over by Marion Stanfield.

W. D. Haynes was carried back to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Wednesday for treatment and was reported to doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pearson, Jr., went to San Angelo Tuesday for the funeral of Dick's aunt, Mrs. R. G. Smith.

Little Pauline Burlison, who attends the Union Ridge school, is reported ill with influenza this week.

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### M. H. S. PLAYERS MEET.

With the official Texas Centennial map used as a colorful background, one of the most impressive social-business meetings ever given by our speech students was held Friday night, Feb. 21. Those members who provided this pleasant evening for the club members and faculty are: Catherine Orsborn, Edith Akins, Mabel Maddox, Willie Mae Nelson, Nell Pruitt, Vernell Bland, Willie Mae Hudson, Nadine Clack, Billie Woodrum, Etsel Hunter, Lloyd Vick, Weldon Davis, Etyl Church, P. A. Diltz and Hugh Leonard.

The social hour was opened with old-fashioned games. An interesting program of platform numbers was heard. Robbie Walker and Weldon Davis chose poems as their readings. Missie Spurgin gave the delightful Montgomery short story, "White Shoes." Sylvan Mellinger effectively interpreted the oration, "Signing of the Declaration of Independence." Willie Mae Nelson and Clifton Bellamy, who are two of our most promising extempore speakers, made splendid five-minute talks.

Three plays were presented for study: "The Prince of Court Painters," a production concerning the eighteenth century; "Saint Denis," and the "Death of Austin," two historical plays. Those who deserve good credit for acting are: Janet Berry, Harold Morgan and Janet Hayes, cast for the first play; Juanita Huskey, Sylvan Mellinger, Murphy Dye, Zerk Robertson, Roy Hagler, Winston Polley and Clifton Bellamy, cast for the second play; Roy Hagler, Sylvan Mellinger, Murphy Dye and Weldon Davis, cast for the last play.

Entertaining music was given by Harold Morgan, Winston Polley, and Clifton Bellamy, who are always among the favorites on any High school program. Alice Russell furnished appropriate piano selections.

From trays decorated in patriotic colors, the committee served delicious refreshments to Mrs. Haynes, club sponsor, and to a well-represented membership.

### "WE HAD ROAST!"

Says Ora Derrick, and she wants everybody to know it. Several days she has walked down the street screaming out loudly, "We had roast!" But just to make sure that everyone was informed of her menu, she has asked us to print it in the paper.

### BASEBALL.

We have organized our baseball team for this year, and are very well pleased with Hollis Perry, as our captain.

Miss Stuart, our coach, is working on a team that can win the county.

Friday afternoon Trent High school girls came here. We had a good game. The score was 21-12 in our favor.

We are working very hard to get us a good team that will win the county.

### "LAS CUCARACHAS."

We wonder who said that "Las Cucarachas" were hibernating! The meeting next Friday night, Feb. 28, will prove that the club is anything but hibernating. A one-act Spanish play will be the main feature on the program. All the conversation will be, as far as possible, carried on in Spanish. With members of the faculty present we want to show them that we are having fun and really learning how to "jatter away" in Spanish. Maybe Juanita will be ready with another interesting story of Spanish dialect.

Some things the Spanish club meetings hope to accomplish are:

To teach "Sadie" P. that "La Cucaracha," means "cockroach," and not "bedbug."

To show everyone what good looking seniors Zerk and Winston make, with their mustaches.

To find out how much fun can be crammed into the remaining weeks of school, in these meetings.

To learn as much about the Spanish customs and people as possible.

Don't forget, Friday night, High school gym, 7:30 p. m.

### CHORAL CLUB.

Since part of the excitement of the school has died down, we are again having our regular meetings.

Purple and gold—won't we shine? And almost everyone has her dress finished, too. And another thing, there are some pretty girls wearing them. For example, we will take all the

### Our Seniors

#### Odell Latimer.

Odell hails from Blair, where he played basketball two years and represented his school in Interscholastic League declamation one year. He has been in Merkel High school and the M. H. S. Players' club two years. His friendly disposition and clean character have won him many friends. To be a mechanical engineer is his ambition and we are wishing him lots of success.

#### Horace Boney.

During Horace's four years in M.H.S. he has been a member of the Glee club three years, Las Cucarachas one year, and the M. H. S. Players' club one year. He has played football one year, baseball three years, and tennis two years. This year he is reporter for the Senior Boys' club. In his leisure time, Horace makes the music go round and round in his clarinet. He has not decided upon a career.

High school beauties—they're working with their "might."

We're learning a lot of new songs, too. Some of them are new ones and some are songs that our great grandmothers sang when they were girls, but we enjoy them just so long as we are singing.

Watch this column closely for the next two or three weeks for there is going to be a great surprise for you; at least it was for us when we first heard it.

### CIVICS CLASS HEAR A TRIAL.

On Thursday morning of last week members of the civics class climbed in the new bus and went to Abilene to the court house. We left Merkel about 8:25 o'clock and arrived at the court house at 9 o'clock. After hearing a criminal trial we went through the jail house. When we had been shown through the jail house we came back to school, discussing the trial and the jail house.

### JUNIOR NEWS.

Mary Frances Cook, one of our outstanding members, moved to Iraan. Mary Frances has done all of her High school work in Merkel. She has a good record in school and she was popular with her school mates.

This week starts our new continued piece. The title is "Romantic Fabulous Fictitious Imaginary Serial." Chapter I.

### Hello Precious:

A good game ————  
Was that touchdown for me or someone else? Anyway we were thrilled.

Did you get to go to a game yesterday or did you have to work? I hope you didn't have to work.

Well, be careful and don't do anything I wouldn't. I'll do almost anything. Maybe so "yes" and maybe so "no". You guess.

Were your pictures good? Mine were awful but you can't expect anything else. I want one of yours if you keep them. Please.

As ever,

### AUNT TILDA'S ADVICE.

Dear Aunt Tilda:

Here it is almost spring and no one has come out in the canyon looking for spring leaves. I want to tell you about what happened one day last autumn, a day I shall always treasure. A model-A coupe came riding up to my home and out came four very cute girls. Among this group was a very cute Freshman, Dorma Lee Shelton, I believe. She blew away just like a birdie and that was the last of her. Will she come back for spring leaves or will I have to wait until autumn?

Sincerely,

John Malone.

Dear John:

Did she get the autumn leaves? It is a very strange case and she will probably never return. You should go and take her some spring leaves.

Yours truly,

Aunt Tilda.

Dear Aunt Tilda:

I certainly am in trouble and I would certainly appreciate some advice. Mother has scolded me, my brothers and sister have scolded me, Mr. Hutto has scolded me, and Mr. Burgess has given me permits for sleeping too late in the morning. Even my

friends talk about me. I have tried everything. What must I do?

Love,

Missie Spurgin.

Dear Sleepy Head:

You poor child, I'll bet you are the baby in your family. The only way that I am able to help you is just to give you advice since I can't be with you early in the morning. Honey, you will just have to outgrow your sleepy head. If you are grown now, probably you had better have John to take you home earlier at night.

Yours truly,

Aunt Tilda.

### DORA DOINGS

The weather has moderated and it is damp every morning like maybe so it is going to rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moore, old settlers of this community, now of Abilene, were visiting relatives and friends here Monday.

Those on the sick list this week are: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver, H. Phillips, Mrs. J. T. Perry and Granddad Crain. All are doing very well with their bad colds and pleurisy, and we hope for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson and son, Odell, were visiting in Noodle Sunday.

The play put on by Maryneal P. T. A. Friday night at our gym was well rendered and was enjoyed by a large

crowd. The title of the play was "Here Comes Charley."

Miss Laura Wallis, teacher of Elm Grove school, visited her parents here over the week-end.

Our aggie boys class is making plans and getting ready for their stock show here, March 20-22. So come over if you are interested in fine stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of Merkel were here visiting their children and looking after business matters Saturday. Sy Dennis is very sick at this writing; we hope a change for the better right away.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright made a business trip to San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dennis visited the Malones on Elm Creek Sunday. Pete Tyrone made a business trip to Brownwood Saturday.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking our friends who so kindly assisted us in the illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother; also for the flowers.

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**MARCH 6-10—HOUSTON**—Independence Day celebration at site of old capital of Texas Republic.

**HUNTSVILLE**—Ceremonies honoring Independence Day and Sam Houston's birthday.

**BREITENBURG**—Historical celebration at Washington-on-Brazos.

**GONZALES**—Texas Centennial Stamp Celebration.

**MARCH 7-11—SAN ANGELO**—Stock Show and Rodeo.

**MARCH 12-22—FORT WORTH**—Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show.

**MARCH 17—CRYSTAL CITY**—Spinach Festival.

**MARCH 27—GOLIAD**—Pentecostal Field Day.

**APRIL 2-4—SEGUIN**—Historical Pageant and Music Festival.

**APRIL 4-6—BELTON**—Texas Literary Parade. At which 100 Texas writers representing 100 years of Texas will review literary achievements at Mary Hardin Baylor College.

**APRIL 8-9—PLAINVIEW**—Panhandle Farm Dairy Show.

**APRIL 10-12—EDINBURG**—Centennial Fair.

**APRIL 10-11—GEORGETOWN**—Agricultural and Cultural Fair.

**APRIL 15-21—EL PASO**—Schools' Centennial—Celebrating the History of Texas.

**APRIL 17—RAYMONDVILLE**—Texas Centennial Fiesta.

**APRIL 18-21—HOUSTON**—San Jacinto Association Celebrations. (Ten-day festival, parades, banquets, concerts, and patriotic events, including Catholic field mass of great national importance.)

**APRIL 14-15—SANTON-TAFT**—San Patricio County Celebration.

**APRIL 15—VICTORIA**—Field Mass and Pageant. (Commencing a mass held on the banks of the Colorado in 1893 by Alvarado de Leon.)

**APRIL 17—KINGSVILLE**—Historical Celebration. In honor of world's greatest cattle domain, the King Ranch.

**APRIL 20-25—SAN ANTONIO**—Fiesta de San Jacinto. (Gay festival of San Jacinto. Battle of Flowers parade, April 24.)

**APRIL 21—PARE**—Texas in the Making. Pageant. (Cost of 500.)

**KILGORE**—Centennial Pageant and Celebration.

**BOWIE**—Centennial Folk Festival.

**APRIL 21—BIG SPRING**—"Rose Window" Concert.

**APRIL 22—CROCKETT**—"Texas Under Six Flags" Pageant.

**APRIL 27-MAY 3—VERNON**—Historical and Industrial Revue.

**MAY 1-5—SAN MARCOS**—Centennial Pageant.

**MAY 1-2—DEL RIO**—Historical Celebration.



# THE DIVORCE COURT MURDER

by MILTON PROPPER



## FIRST INSTALLMENT.

At 3:15 on the Wednesday afternoon of June 7th, on which the law offices of the firm of Dawson, MacQuire & Locke became the scene of a crime that was to startle Philadelphia, and indeed the entire nation, by its sensationalism and mystery, six people were gathered in Mr. Dawson's private office. Of these, one pair sat together in deep chairs upholstered in brown leather, off to the right and before a long black mahogany table. One was a man approaching middle age, and the other, a younger, handsome woman. A second couple, both youngish men, sat to the left of the table, directly opposite the first two, and facing them. The fifth individual was Mr. Dawson himself; he lounged in a swivel chair back of the table. He thus directly confronted the sixth person, a man seated on the other side of the table.

Outwardly, the gathering appeared peaceful and quiet enough. Yet an alert witness could have sensed, beneath the surface, a pregnant air of tension, an almost explosive clash of human emotions, the chief of which were a mutual distrust and hostility.

The woman on the right was clearly angry, though she subdued and suppressed her resentment. Her eyes glistened metallically, in distinct menace; she compressed her lips vindictively, and clenched her hands in her lap until her knuckles whitened with the pressure. Her older companion's excitement was apparent in his determined, flushed face and vicious scowl. Beads of sweat glistened on his wrinkled brow, and from time to time he wiped it nervously with a kerchief.

Of the other pair, the apparent calm of the younger man was also deceptive. Actually, he bent forward, his chair taut and alert to that transpired. The man sitting beside him wore an expression of anxiety and indignation.

Only Mr. Dawson and the sixth person in front of him, at the table, gave no intimation of being troubled by the provocations swaying the others. Judicially aloof and composed, the lawyer was well preserved for his fifty-five years. He had a commanding personality; his wide forehead and clean, penetrating eyes betokened a shrewd intellect and a keen faculty for decision.

The man opposite him was also middle-aged, rotund and somewhat nearsighted and wore glasses; he had a totally bald head, a round, owlish face, and vague, amiable features. A notebook on the table directly before him proclaimed him a clerk of some sort.

His attention centered on a blue typewritten pamphlet open on the table. Mr. Dawson was speaking slowly and deliberately.

"... about these new developments in the case of Rowland vs. Rowland," he stated "as I understand them, the defense has uncovered new evidence, since our last meeting, two weeks ago, so that Mr. Rowland can now produce positive grounds for resisting his wife's libel for a divorce. And the court has granted him leave to amend his answer to introduce these facts."

He looked up from his pamphlet toward the man he addressed, the older and less agitated of the two men on his left, the lawyer for the defense.

Mr. Trumbull nodded. "It is, Mr. Master," he replied, casually.

"Then we must now consider the significance and bearing on the case of your claims," Mr. Dawson said. "You are..."

The woman's companion leaned forward suddenly and raised his hand.

"Just a moment, Mr. Master," he interrupted Mr. Dawson swiftly, "I object to the introduction, by the respondent, of any evidence impugning Mrs. Rowland's chastity or the conduct of her private life."

Mr. Trumbull turned sharply and inimically toward the speaker, as Mr. Dawson lounged still farther back in his swivel chair and folded his hands.

"On what grounds, Mr. Willard?" he inquired calmly.

"Because, Mr. Master," Mr. Willard replied eagerly, "when Mr. Rowland originally answered these divorce proceedings by his wife, he made no suggestion of any such

evidence. Indeed, he put in no defense whatever. He had the opportunity at the beginning of the action to indicate how he would contest it, in his formal reply. Having failed to do so, it is now too late, after I have presented all the testimony in Mrs. Rowland's behalf, for him or lawyer to produce any fresh affirmative facts."

Mr. Trumbull half rose in his excited appeal to the arbiter behind the desk.

"These new facts, Mr. Master," he declared, "occurred only since our last meeting or they would have been offered long ago. All this was argued before the court last week and decided in my favor. My client, Allen Rowland..."

Mr. Dawson interrupted him with a gesture. "That is correct," he faced Mr. Willard solemnly. "Judge Finley heard Mr. Trumbull's motion to change his original answer, to enable him to present this new evidence before me in the respondent's favor. You had notice of that hearing and were there; despite your arguments against it at the time, the motion was granted. I have no power or intention, now, of reconsidering that finding," he pronounced.

"But the answer comes as a surprise against which my client has had inadequate warning," Mr. Willard protested. "It is insufficient; it fails to specify the nature of the grounds on which Mr. Rowland bases his defense. And it gives me no fair chance to prepare to refute them."

Before the master could reply, Mr. Trumbull met the objection crisply and scornfully.

"It complies with all the formal requirements, Mr. Willard. It states that his wife was also guilty of adultery, the charge she brought against him. The rest is a matter of proof for these hearings, at which the details will be fully established by the testimony of witnesses."

Said the woman's attorney. "Just the same, Mr. Master, it isn't enough. The answer fails to identify the man with whom Mrs. Rowland is alleged to have had... immoral relations. He should have received notice of the charge, so he could appear and refute it, if he chose, just as any co-respondent might. He is as much a party to this action as Mr. Rowland or his young lady, Miss Edmond."

"He has been fully informed of it, Mr. Willard," Mr. Trumbull returned quickly; "in fact, he is present in the outer office. I have subpoenaed him as a possible witness."

Instantly, Mr. Willard leapt to his feet, and extended both arms; his flushed features ruddy with anger, he trembled in agitation.

"Mr. Master, I insist this entire proceeding is irrelevant and inadmissible!" he cried hoarsely. "It's a put-up job to attack my client and sully her reputation, because she has exposed her husband's infidelity with Miss Edmond and established her right to a divorce. There isn't a word of truth in it!"

His opponent rose just as quickly. "Mr. Willard is evidently permitting himself to be carried away by his personal prejudice in the case. Because he happens to be Mrs. Rowland's brother as well as her representative is no excuse for his claiming dishonesty on the part of the..."

The crash of Mr. Willard's fist on the tabletop punctuated his reply.

"My relationship to my sister is a private matter, which has no connection with the merits of my claim," he declared vehemently. "I protest the introduction of personalities and demand an apology for Mr. Trumbull's insult!"

"And I demand, Mr. Dawson," Mr. Trumbull retorted hotly, "that Mr. Willard's accusation, imputing chicanery to the defense be stricken from the record. It is his offense; he owes me an apology for his attack on my integrity."

"I didn't say, Mr. Master, that Mr. Trumbull's participation in this fraud is deliberate. But I claim this evidence has no place at this hearing."

Mr. Trumbull interrupted sarcastically. "It is clear that Mr. Willard is not yet well acquainted with divorce law. Then I must enlighten him. Why one party sues for separation on the ground of adul-

tery, his or her adultery is a good defense. This is known as recrimination; the complaining spouse will not be granted a decree where it can be shown that he or she was also guilty of the same immorality."

Thus appealed to, Mr. Dawson looked soberly from one antagonist to the other.

When, at length, he spoke, his voice rang with his curt reprimand.

"Both of you gentlemen, be seated," he ordered brusquely. "This meeting will be conducted in a respectable courteous manner or not at all... Mr. Simpkins, you will please disregard these last remarks in your notes."

The clerk nodded. When the two attorneys had reseated themselves Mr. Dawson addressed Mr. Trumbull.

"I think we may proceed with the business. No doubt, you are fully prepared to sustain your contention that Mrs. Rowland was unfaithful to her husband?"

"Yes, Mr. Master," Mr. Trumbull nodded; then hesitated, somewhat uncertainly. "By an unusual set of circumstances, my client can produce a young lady, who was almost an eye-witness to her affair. ... She is in this suite now, waiting to be summoned to make her disposition."

"This woman is your first witness of the afternoon, Mr. Trumbull?" the master inquired.

"Yes, I shall offer her evidence now. Afterward, if there is still time today, my client himself will take the chair to support her statements."

Mr. Willard rose again, more calm and self-possessed.

"I enter an objection, Mr. Master, to hearing any testimony by Mrs. Rowland's witness. It is impossible that she has any direct knowledge of this action. She is barely acquainted with my sister and not on the best of terms. In fact there are strained relations between them, which would prejudice her against my client and render her evidence valueless."

"I deny that!" Mr. Trumbull answered excitedly. "Her information is personal, the result of her own observation. And her position is unimpeachable. She is a member of Philadelphia society and the wife of one of its most prominent citizens; she would never lend herself to anything dishonorable."

"Nevertheless, her word cannot be accepted in these circumstances," Mr. Willard maintained. "Antagonism is apt to blind her to the truth."

Unexpectedly, the woman interposed, as though compelled by her resentment she could not contain.

"Mrs. Keith isn't to be trusted," she insisted angrily. "She's utterly unmoral and holds a grudge against me."

Allen Rowland as promptly took up the cudgels. "That's a damned lie!" he flared. "She has an excel-

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lent reputation and doesn't deserve to be slandered..."

He broke off, subsiding abruptly as Mr. Trumbull laid a restraining, warning hand on his arm.

Mrs. Rowland's lawyer looked pained, his chief concern appearing to be Mr. Dawson's possibly unfavorable reaction to her unpleasant outburst. "As I started to say, I ask that the witness be excluded."

Frowning, Mr. Dawson pondered the request, then shook his head.

"I cannot allow the objection, Mr. Willard," he decreed, "as there is no concrete evidence of her bias. If she is prejudiced you will be able to discredit her, after she has been questioned... You may bring your witness in, Mr. Trumbull."

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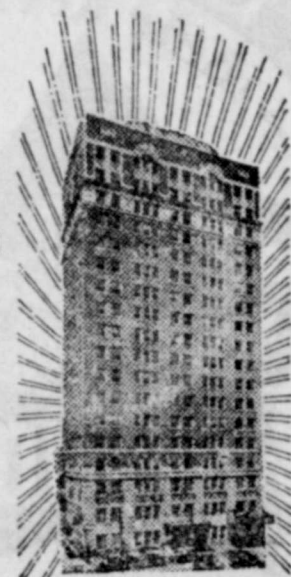
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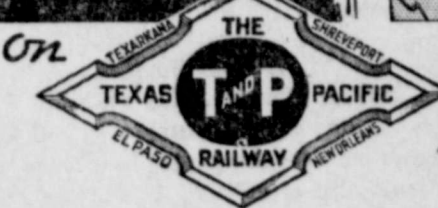


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The following pupils of the Butman school averaged 90 or above to make the honor roll for the fourth month of the school, as reported by Miss Ruth Weathered, principal and Miss Eunice Little, assistant:

Seventh grade—Geraldine Butman.  
Sixth grade—Nell Vonne Butman.  
Fifth grade—Ernest Blackburn, Martha Ruth Denton.

Fourth grade—Jack Butman, Ruth Butman, Doris Reeves.

Third grade—Delbert Garner.

Second grade—Travis Farmer, J. Weeks.

First grade—Louise Lewis.

Kindergartners—G. M. Reeves, Treva.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kind words and contributions to our fire. May God bless them all. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

## 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.  
BURL WHEELER.

MERVYN MEEKS.  
ROSS L. MILLER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)  
For District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.  
W. P. BOUNDS.

IN MEMORY OF PATSY NELL.

Our dear little Patsy, so good and so kind,

You are gone from us forever;  
Gone and left us here behind,  
Your heart, and ours, to sever.

We loved you, oh, so fondly,  
But God must have His own;  
That is why He took you so calmly,  
To that bright and shining home.

So while you remain in glory,  
We will meet you, we know not when,  
Let us ever be telling the story  
Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

By a Friend.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our most cordial and sincere thanks to our many friends, who, in our time of sorrow, with their kindness and sympathy helped to make the passing of our loved one easier.

Mrs. J. M. Collins and Children.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to those loving and sympathetic friends, who were so kind during the illness and death of our little daughter and granddaughter, Patsy Nell; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mrs. D. H. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham and Family.

Mrs. C. E. Thomas and Family.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one who so lovingly assisted us in the illness and death of our dear father; especially for the beautiful flowers and to all those neighbors who so kindly and thoughtfully provided the dinner.

May God's richest blessings rest with you all.

The Douglass Children and Their Families.

If you have any mares for sale, bring them to Independent Ice station Saturday, Feb. 29.

### Favors Continuation of WPA.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 27.—Continuation of the works progress administration as the American way of meeting relief problems was urged at the concluding session of the Southern Conference of Mayors Monday.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Tom Williamson was hostess

on the 19th in her home to members of the ladies' Bible class, honoring their Sunday School teacher, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, with a surprise birthday party.

The George Washington theme was carried out throughout the entertainment and the honoree was presented with a shower of beautiful and dainty handkerchiefs. Refreshments consisted of cherry pie, whipped cream and hot chocolate with dainty George Washington hatchets for place cards.

Those registering were Mesdames Earl Strawn, John Payne, A. Boone, Allen Terry, Elbert Rogers, Bud Cribley, John Strawn, Algie Steen, R. L. Reeves, W. W. Riley and the honoree and hostess.

Mrs. Blanche Storey was guest on Monday and Tuesday of relatives in Roscoe.

Miss Dollie Wash, who is in school in Abilene, was home Sunday afternoon.

George Helen Lee of Abilene High was the week-end guest of home folks. Those from here attending the funeral of Miss Elvora Elrod of Sweetwater Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilks, Miss Marjorie Adrian, Mrs. Ellen Duncan and Miss Ola Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens and little daughter, Frances, were guests Sunday of relatives in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Eiland and children of Midland visited in the homes of F. C. Hale and Orvin Robinson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLain and little daughter have recently removed here from San Francisco.

Mrs. Williams of Colorado has returned to her home after a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, and family.

Mrs. G. C. Johnson is home after a visit of about ten days with relatives at Midland and Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott of Sylvestor visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Beulah Spence has returned home after a visit of several weeks in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. Lester, of Tulsa. She was accompanied home by her brother-in-law, L. Lester, who visited over the week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Wash of Odessa were week-end guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter are announcing the birth of a girl on the 24th.

Mrs. Arch McWilliams has returned to her home in Graham after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright.

Mrs. Bud Burks of Vivian, La., came Friday for a visit of several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nalley and daughters, June and Joy, were Saturday visitors with relatives in Putnam and Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy of Odessa were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurte! O'Kelley and children visited last week-end in the home of his parents in Abilene.

Mrs. Bessie Billings and Cecil Ruth, of Abilene, visited with relatives and friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Billings has just returned from a three weeks visit in Birmingham, Ala.

### WOODMEN CIRCLE.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, members of Trent Grove No. 668, Woodmen Circle, met in the home of Mrs. Lee Stevens for an all-day quilting on the circle quilt. The following members, who brought covered dishes, arrived at 9:30: Mesdames Helen McRee, Nadine Tittle, H. R. Poor, J. P. Stevens, T. G. Hamner, Johnnie Wheeler, Ed Burks, Miss Gladys Hamner and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Merkel.

Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Bob Billington, Mrs. Kegans, Mrs. Lula Mae Freeman and Mrs. Bee Reeves came in the evening and all finished quilting about 9:15, after a most enjoyable day.

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## Jim Cook Family Remove to Iraan

With the removal of Jim Cook and family to Iraan, Merkel loses an estimable family. He will be employed with one of the concerns in the oil field there.

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Jim was second vice-president of the Lions club this year and served as chairman of the baseball committee of the Merchants Trade Extension association in 1934, also as a member of this committee in 1935. He was a director of the association both years.

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Crystal Spinach, No. 2 can ..... 10c

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Red and White Tomato Juice, 3 cans ..... 23c

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## EVENING OF OPERA.

Miss Christine Collins, who was responsible for Monday evening's program, Fortnightly Study club, attempted a very ambitious program on Opera.

Mrs. Henry West, club president, presided during the business hour and Mrs. Tom Largent was leader for an interesting Texas History lesson. She chose as her assistants in giving the lesson Mesdames Lige Gamble and Asa Sheppard and Miss Julia Martin, the spacious Gardner home accommodating a seating capacity for club members to invite guests for the musical hour, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Miss Collins' program notes were brief sketches of the operas preceding the singing of arias by Abilene musicians.

As the opening number she introduced Mrs. Leslie Grimes, Mrs. Ina Wooten Jones, Mr. Grimes and Mr. A. D. Whisenant, who gave the quartette from "Rigoletto," Mrs. Whisenant giving sympathetic support at the piano.

Mrs. Leslie Grimes, coloratura soprano, next appeared singing Leonora's aria from "Il Trovatore," "The Night So Calmly Dreaming," "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," from "Samson and Delilah," was sung by Mrs. Ina Wooten Jones, Mrs. Grimes' second number was "The Shadow Song" from "Dinorah" and Mrs. Jones' second number was the contralto aria from "La Gioconda," "The Blind Girl's Song."

The Curstone quartette, Messrs. Wilky Caffey, A. D. Whisenant, Leslie Grimes and Benton Collins, closed the program with "The Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" and a travesty on the quartette from "Rigoletto." They were most generous with their endorses, singing "The Rumba," "Rosita," "I Want to be Ready" and "Keep in the Middle of the Road."

Adieu was said by Mrs. Henry West. The Abilene musicians were entertained informally at supper following the program.

An incomplete list of the guests include Mesdames Booth Warren, George West, Jr., Asa Sheppard, W. C. Spadden, R. A. Burgess, Fred Huggins, W. T. Sadler, Fred Groene, R. O. Pearson, Thos. Durham, Lige Gamble, Frank McFarland, Henry West, C. B. Gardner, W. S. J. Brown, Sam Swann, Dee Grimes, Joe P. Self, A. R. Booth, W. T. Curb, Tom Warren, Comer Haynes, R. I. Grimes, Robert Terrell, Tom Largent, Misses Stell Ledger, Julia Martin, Christine Collins, Joyce Jones, Evelyn Curb, Dota Garoutte, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpenfeng, Messrs. Wrenn Durham, C. J. Glover and Dr. C. B. Gardner.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A birthday party was given little Thelma Jean Barbee on Saturday, Feb. 22, by her mother, Mrs. J. W. Barbee. After games were played, refreshments were served to the following guests: Geraldine Williams, Nova Dean Martin, Marie and Helen Williams, Charlene Price, Billie Florence Martin, Eva and Ova Martin, Bernice Thorn and Faye Westenhover, Vergil Dewey and Sonny Martin, Don and Charles Barbee, Tommie Murrell Johnson and Francis Melton.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, Master Gerald West was a most gracious little host, entertaining with a birthday dinner, it being the occasion of his fourth birthday.

At the noon hour the little guests were invited in to the table (no grown-ups) which was centered with a huge pink and green cake and its four candles where a three-course menu appropriate for children was served.

Following a delightful game hour, after dinner, Gerald entertained showing moving pictures. The honoree was the recipient of many little gifts. Misses Bobby and Jenora Brown, Sandra Lou Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Joy Frances West, Marjorie Ann Walker, Masters Y. E. Brown and Billy George Reid wished Gerald many happy returns of the day.

## LEAP YEAR PARTY.

Misses Elna Tucker and Florene Rider were hostesses for a very cleverly planned leap year party at the J. L. Tucker home on last Friday evening, it being the occasion of Miss Elna Tucker's nineteenth birthday.

A George Washington motif was stressed in all party appointments. The invitations requested that the young ladies bring the young men and much hilarity was provoked during the evening spent in playing games when the initiative was taken by the girls in true leap year fashion. Delicious hot chocolate, sandwiches, tinted red, and wafers with plate favors of carved wooden hatchets were passed to Misses Wanda Hunter, Dahlia Watkins, Florene Rider, Elna Tucker, Messrs. Lynn Shelton, Terrell Mashburn, Benton Bond and Weldon Coates.

## A TRIBUTE TO LITTLE PATSY NELL THOMAS.

O, Patsy Nell dear,  
O, how your dear mother,  
Grandparents and loved ones  
Will miss you;  
But surely all will say  
The jewel of our community  
Was suddenly taken away.

And, O, the friends,  
Teachers and playmates,  
No more your voice will hear,  
But only sweet memories  
Of a little friend so dear.

Sweet little darling,  
Light of the home,  
Waiting for loved ones,  
Beckoning to come;  
Bright as a sunbeam,  
Fair as the day,  
Up in glory, forever to stay.

Weep not, dear loved ones,  
It's our loss, but her gain,  
We would not call her back  
But say, dear babe,  
With God remain.

—A Friend, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking each and every one who helped to strew the flowers in Lois' pathway on her going away to Sanatorium.

Such kindness will never be forgotten on earth, and will be rewarded by our Father in heaven.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness and beautiful floral offerings of our friends during the illness and death of our dear wife and daughter. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

J. A. Stanford and Family.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 524 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday as compared with 386 on the previous Sunday. A year ago the attendance was 731.

## METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Woman's missionary society Monday 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:15. Choir rehearsal, 7:45.

You will always find a hearty welcome at the Methodist church.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. BTS at 6:30 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

## ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class will meet Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Let's all be present for this, our first Sunday of March. Let's greet our teacher with a full class.

Remember our class meeting on Wednesday, Mar. 4, at the church, with Mesdames T. J. R. Swafford and H. P. Allen, hostesses. Come find out who your "Sunshine Sister" is. The meeting is at 2:30 p. m.

Class President.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home.

Vesper service at 5:30, with special musical numbers.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers always welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study, 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6:30 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 7:30 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 at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting 7:15 each Wednesday evening, and we will have prayer meeting today and tonight in behalf of "Missions."

Come worship with us.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

## NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Brother Reynolds will not be here until Monday night, but our revival will begin Sunday morning. We are expecting every one to begin the very first service, especially as we are looking for a great crowd Sunday night. Brother Bill Dowell will preach on "What is Fundamentalism and Why Do We Call Ourselves the Fundamentalists?" Some very plain things will be said. Come and see and learn the truth.

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## RURAL SOCIETY

## BLAIR CLUB.

The Blair Home Demonstration club met in the home of the president, Mrs. W. L. Whitley, on Thursday, Feb. 20, when she presided for the business hour.

Those present were Mesdames Brooks, Harris, Luther Orsborn, H. E. Campbell, Spears, Maddera, V. L. Doan and the hostess, members, and Mrs. J. A. Russell visitor.

The next meeting will be March 5 in the home of Mrs. E. J. Orsborn.

## WARREN 4-H CLUB.

The Warren 4-H club met Feb. 21, at 10:30 o'clock in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, with 12 members present.

Mary Belle McDonald was elected reporter and Muriel Kelso was elected song leader. The club learned several new songs before turning the meeting over to Miss Jewell Faulkner, county home demonstration agent.

As a club goal for 1936 in garden work, each girl is to plan the other vegetable part of the garden, provide 145 feet of row space for each member in the family and can and exhibit one quart beets, one quart of shelled peas and two yards of dried okra or one gallon of cured onions.

Miss Faulkner helped the club girls make their plans for their gardens. She also suggested the following varieties of other vegetables to plant in the gardens: turnips, purple top; beets, Detroit dark red; radish, scar-

let globe or icicle; onions, Bermuda or shallots; rutabaga, any type; okra, white velvet; eggplant, any type; cusham, any type; squash, white bush; cucumber, Kirby or Davis perfect; shelled beans, stringless green or beautiful; peas shelled may be black-eyed, garden peas or any kind of peas that will shell; garlic, any kind, you prefer it in your garden.

The next meeting will be March 6 at 10:30 at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso.

## PTA PROGRAM AT UNION RIDGE.

The Union Ridge Parent-Teachers association sponsored a program at the school Friday night.

Feature of the meeting was a fiddlers' contest, which was won by Jackie Pannell, with J. S. Anderson second.

The Taylor county teachers' women's quartette sang several numbers, and the PTA members presented a one-act play.

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