

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Fay Burks, who underwent surgery recently at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, returned here Saturday, where she will continue her visit with her parents. Messrs. Earl Strawn, John Crain and Fred Hale made a business trip the last of the week to Fort Worth and attended the Stock show. They returned via Greenville where they visited with relatives, returning to their homes on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyd of Sweetwater lake spent a few hours Sunday afternoon visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ellen Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. James Bright had as their week-end guests Mrs. Hale and daughter, Miss Edith, of Eskota, also Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Moore and children of Ropes. Mrs. C. R. Tittle visited several days last week with her son, Weldon, who is attending school at Austin. Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Head of Eskota were shopping in town Saturday. Mesdames J. B. Winn and C. C. Stribling were shopping in Abilene Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Steen of Denver, Colo., are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. John Strawn, also visiting his father, W. Y. Steen, of Clyde. Bob Howell left last week for New Mexico where he has employment. Buddie Burks, who was called to Abilene on account of the illness of his wife, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks, Friday night, before returning to his home in Vivian, La., Saturday. Jay Causseaux, who has for some time been an employee of the Star Hardware company, has purchased a home in Merkel and plans to move there at an early date. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and children of Hermleigh were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and other relatives. Among those from here attending preaching at the First Baptist church in Merkel Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman, John Halbrook, Mrs. A. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers. Jimmie Scott of Breckenridge visited several days last week with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Abbott. R. Shannon left Monday for Fort Burne, where he has employment. Mesdames Tom Harrison and Tude Keltz of Vernon spent Saturday night as guests of their sister, Mrs. W. F.

Steadman, and Sunday as guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford. C. C. McRee has purchased a modern five room house and moved it to his lot just north of the J. B. Winn home. Garnet Wilks also purchased one of the five-room modern oil field houses and has moved it to the south side, just opposite Mrs. J. C. Churchwell's home. We are glad to see these new homes, as we have long been in need of more houses here. We wish others would follow their example. E. C. Smith purchased the old J. K. P. Winn home and will soon move to it. Brother Bailey has recently purchased the Blue Front Filling station and invites the public to come and see him. Burkhardt and Smith grocery report a very satisfactory business Saturday and take it from one who knows, the sandwiches and coffee were fine. Mrs. R. B. Johnson left Monday for a visit with Mrs. J. H. Harrison and W. W. Eason of Rivera. Little Miss Nina Pearl Poor of San Angelo is guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Poor. Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado was a guest Monday and Tuesday in the home of Mrs. R. L. Reaves. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ivy of Sweetwater. Among those from here attending the Stock show at Fort Worth last week were Earl Stevens, Orion and Cullen Tittle, Wayne Boyd, Jack Bowers and Dave Boyd. Mrs. Mary Archer, who has been visiting in Dallas for the past several weeks, returned home Monday to be at the bedside of her little granddaughter, Ruth Merle Murdock, who is very ill with pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Huie of Anson were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray. J. P. Abernathy of Merkel attended to business here Monday. O. L. Bishop is remodeling his home. CARD OF THANKS. To our many friends, Dr. Sadler and his assistants, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful flowers and the tender kindness shown our family during the illness and death of our son and brother. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley and Family. Advertise in The Merkel Mail. Office supplies—Mail office. Use The Mail Want Ads.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mrs. Mary Bell Douglas is visiting relative in Stanton, Odessa and Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pender and two sons were week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Rising Star. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and family attended the fair at the Divide Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Henson of Stanton. Mrs. J. W. Taylor is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Jordan, of Abilene. We are glad to report that Arthur Rogers is recovering nicely from burns he received several weeks ago. M. L. and O. R. Douglas, on their return from Longview, attended the Fat Stock show. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Meeks of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and son, Louis, of Anson were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and family. Carl Rogers of Clyde spent Friday night in the home of his brother, Arthur Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams and family of Big Spring were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and family. On March 5 the children of Mrs. W. M. Carey surprised her with a birthday supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey. All of the children were present. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey and Clements Carey from Lamesa, who came for the occasion, remained over for the week-end.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Billie Harrison Malone and Mrs. Will Campbell have been on the sick list since our last letter. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davis and little daughter of Merkel spent the past week with their sister, Mrs. Alonzo Peterson, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and little son of Clyde spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. Mr. and Mrs. James Farr and attractive little son of Abilene were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors recently. Mrs. Hap Henly and daughter of Castle Peak attended services at the Baptist church Sunday. Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of Butman spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and other relatives. Sam Province spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Boss Williams of Merkel. Herring and Touchstone have opened a nice stock of merchandise in our little village, and the patronage of the public is solicited. Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, Methodist pastor, delivered interesting discourses at the Sunday morning and evening hours. Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. ASSETS: Loans and discounts \$173,782.88; Overdrafts 281.68; United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed 22,950.00; Other bonds, stocks, and securities 26,886.50; Furniture and fixtures 6,000.00; Real estate owned other than banking house 7,000.00; Reserve with Federal Reserve bank 28,390.84; Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection 283,483.44; Other assets—Int. in F. D. I. Corporation 935.96. TOTAL ASSETS \$549,711.50. LIABILITIES: Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations \$884,263.90; Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 68,531.50; State, county, and municipal deposits 20,696.65; Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding 9,486.08. Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive: (a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments \$20,696.65; (b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments 462,281.48; (c) TOTAL DEPOSITS \$482,978.13. Capital account: Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share \$50,000.00; Surplus 10,000.00; Undivided profits—net 6,733.17. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT 66,733.17. TOTAL LIABILITIES \$549,711.30. MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities. 31. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed \$15,000.00. 34. TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts) \$15,000.00. 35. Pledged: (b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits 15,000.00; (h) TOTAL PLEDGED \$15,000.00. STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. BOOTH WARREN, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March, 1936. (SEAL) CORRECT—Attest: J. T. WARREN, H. C. WEST, W. S. J. BROWN, Directors.

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CLIFTON BELLAMY AND WILLIE MAE NELSON AGAIN WIN HONORS.

On Saturday, Mar. 21, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, head of Merkel High School's speech department, sponsored a group of speech contestants in Abilene Christian College's second annual speech tournament. Mr. Mathews and Mrs. Paul Douglas aided greatly by taking several of the contestants and equally by being a favorable audience for Merkel speakers.

By 2 o'clock practically everyone was seated in Sewell auditorium listening to the opening remarks of Mr. Don Morris, vice-president of A. C. C. By 2:30 p. m. he had assigned the more than one hundred-sixty contestants to their various rooms.

In the preliminary round four Merkel contestants placed among the highest three in their respective divisions. Juanita Huskey, story-telling; Pearl Mathews, poetry reading; Willie Mae Nelson, girls' extempore speech; Clifton Bellamy, boys' extempore speech.

Saturday evening, 7:30 o'clock, the survivors of the afternoon rounds assembled again in Sewell auditorium to be given final instructions. Three speakers were left in each division, assuring these speakers of at least a third place honor. Two of our speakers, Clifton Bellamy and Willie Mae Nelson, extempore speakers, survived to these finals.

Willie Mae Nelson won second girls' extempore speech, rating a silver medal and a fifty dollar scholarship. Clifton won first boys' extempore speech, receiving a gold medal and a one hundred dollar scholarship to A. C. C.

All of our entries made excellent showings, and we are very proud of them, even though some were not fortunate enough to place. Vernell Bland, Weldon Davis, Sylvan Mellinger and Billie Wood were the other Merkel entries.

Work hard for the approaching county meet, students, we are watching you.

DECLAIMERS.

On Wednesday of last week the student body assembled in the High School gym. Teachers from Grammar school were selected to judge the declamations. The following students declaimed: Billy Wood, Ben Ferguson and James Hagler, junior boys' division; Margie Melton, Wilma McAninch, Mary Jo Russell, Mabel Murray, Pauline Brown, Maurine Huddleston, Mary Jo Garland, Dorma Lee Shelton and Pearl Mathews, junior girls' division; Weldon Davis, Sylvan Mellinger and Cline Satterwhite, senior boys' division.

Those winning first place were: Billie Wood, Pearl Mathews and Weldon Davis. These declaimers will represent Merkel High school at county meet in Abilene Mar. 27. We are backing you declaimers. Come on and win!

The essay writing contest was also held last week. Alice Carey won first place and is busy now writing each conceivable kind of essay.

The High school spelling team is showing up well. It is composed of Ora Derrick, T. L. Reid and Lola Higgins.

CHAPEL.

On Thursday of last week the student body assembled in the gym. It was an outstanding event of the year for the "Badgers." Every one was enthusiastic along with the "Badgers." The Lions club men were there also. Well, the "Badgers" received their football sweaters and were they proud? They were so proud of them they put them on right then and there. And did they look swell? We, the student body, are proud of these boys and sweaters. We appreciate what the Lions club men have done. We realize they made possible the sweaters.

Hardin-Simmons presented a one-act play, and the male quartette sang several numbers. We surely did appreciate their excellent program and we want them to visit us again.

SPORT NEWS.

Tennis: Merkel was well represented at county meet with her tennis squad. There was an entry in almost every event. The singles for the boys was played off first, then the doubles. Some of the contests were held on the clay court that Vines, Bell and Soffen played on the night before.

Robert Higgins and Sylvan Mellinger played doubles in the senior boys' division, and Bobby Woodrum and Clyde Sears played doubles in the junior. Jack Sublett was the singles

Our Seniors

Garth Odum.

Garth hails from Stanton High school and has attended Merkel High for one year. He has been a good worker in the M. H. S. Players' club this year and played basketball two years. Garth has been a worker and M. H. S. will certainly miss him next year. We've been told that he wishes to be a farmer. Good luck on your journey through life, Garth.

Lou Ella Hughes.

Lou Ella, from Castle Peak, has been in Merkel High three years. This year she is in the M. H. S. Players' club and the Pep Squad. Lou Ella wants to go to college next year. "Snooks" is a very friendly, cheerful person and though she may be little she is still loud enough to have plenty of friends. Come on, Lou Ella, and do your best.

player of the junior division. Janet Hayes, the single player, had the hardest competition at the first and lost to Tuscola. She had been sick for the last week and had been unable to practice. Bryan Higgins played singles in the senior boys' and won first place. The hardest competition was from Tuscola and very little was offered from the rest. Bryan will represent Merkel in the district. Lola Higgins and Lorene Whisenhunt played and won second in the girls' doubles. The junior boys lost to opposing teams.

Playground ball: The boys' team, sponsored by Mr. Meyers came away from the meet with second place. The girls were not so lucky since they lost their first game.

Volley ball: County meet in volley ball was held Saturday, Mar. 21, at the Abilene Hi gym. In the first match the Merkel girls defeated Potosi. The second match, which was the semi-finals, was lost to Elmdale. The girls then defeated Buffalo Gap to win third place. Merkel is looking forward for better luck next year. Those taking part in these games were: Janet Hayes, Nell Pruitt, Thelma Patterson, Lorene Whisenhunt, Pauline McAninch, Nell Arnwine, Mattie Lou Ford, Coehre Morrison, Opal Buzbee, Jannell Black, Mildred Humphrey and Earline Kelso.

ONE-ACT PLAY TO SALT BRANCH.

Friday evening Mrs. Haynes took her cast for the one-act play, to be given in the county tournament, to Salt Branch to present before the P. T. A. meeting.

The cast presented their roles excellently. Harold Morgan, Opal Buzbee, Juanita Huskey, Betty Lou Grimes and Elma Mae (Sis) Gamble are the cast.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

On Thursday afternoon twenty-three students from the High school were given permits to go to the Paramount to see the drama—"Midsummer Night's Dream." Approximately the same number saw the evening performance.

A NEW DISCOVERY.

The history teacher of Merkel High school is not Mr. Coffman. No, it is just his spirit. (No, your reporter is not out of her head). The truth is, J. Lee Coffman was killed by a train between Abilene and Elmdale when he was fourteen.

When Mr. Coffman was a youth he was very ambitious and enthusiastic. Naturally, he felt he had not lived his life at the age of fourteen. So he pleaded with St. Peter to let him return to earth. At first St. Peter refused to do so. Then he remembered some onion seeds, which he had planted beneath the ground in one big hole. He knew when his father saw them, he would be very, very angry. So he pleaded and finally got permission to return and thin out his onion sets. No wonder he is able to eat five bushels of corn.

In fact, he was really beautiful when he was really he. Now that he must use another corpus or body, he must be satisfied with what he isn't.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRIES.

Grammar School entries for literary events at county meet are as follows:
1. Arithmetic: Helen Heeter, Francis Hester, Doris Gay West.
2. Junior girls' declamation: Dora

Marie Gaither.
3. Junior boys' declamation: Billie Clyde Haynes.
4. Picture memory: Chestam McFarland, Jim Sublett, Margaret Sharp, Billie Wood, George Mack Owens, Marjorie Joe Fulton, Doris Mae Lepard, Matilene London.
5. Music memory: Doris Clyde Miller, Don Wood.
6. Story telling: Joy Sue Self.
7. Spelling for grades IV and V: Wanda McCoy, Willie Sue Morgan.
8. Spelling for grades VI and VII: Mildred McLean, Doris Gay West.
9. Essay writing: Betty Jo Reid.


PLAYGROUND BALL.

Saturday Merkel junior girls won second place in playground ball. The junior boys will play Potosi, Wyl or Trent, to decide first place. The junior boys are entering all track events which will be played next Saturday.

CHORAL CLUB.

The following Choral club members will sing Wednesday night at Abilene High school building: Anne Blake, Mary Margaret Boden, Bonnie Church, Lavorne Douglass, Euvalda Fox, Frances Marie Foster, Dora Marie Gaither, Loudell Gray, Tommie

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At Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1936, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 27th day of March, 1936.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 72,811.62
Loans secured by real estate	8,215.95
Overdrafts	463.04
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	30,215.42
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	1,300.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,975.25
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	10,106.18
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	77,699.40
Stock and/or assessment Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	733.70
Bill of Exchange (cotton)	4,319.79
Commodity Credit Corporation 3 Per Cent Notes	10,684.70
Other Resources—1935 Chevrolet Coach, 5 Trucks and Trailers	1,906.59
GRAND TOTAL	\$240,431.64
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Income Debentures sold	25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	408.96
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	141,705.78
State Funds on Deposit	21,250.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,000.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	266.50
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	1,300.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$240,431.64

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, M. Armstrong, as President, and Joe P. Self, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

M. ARMSTRONG, President.
JOE P. SELF, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, A. D. 1936.
Virgie Mae Campbell,
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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rankin and baby, Janice Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Clawson and Mr. Cooper McCrahey, of Big Spring, spent the week-end with Mrs. I. C. Holden, erecting a 100-barrel tank for irrigation purposes.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George White were Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Wesley Edwards, of Maryneal, and an aunt, Mrs. Charles Edwards, and daughter, Miss Jerra, of Midland.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. A. Q. Cooper of Odessa has come to make her home with her daughter and son-in-law here, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Melton and daughter, of Point, Texas, have returned home after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Melton.

Bussie Boaz and Cal McAninch, students at John Tarleton college, were home for the week-end holiday.

W. A. Little, employed in the state headquarters office of the pension bureau at Austin, was a passing visitor Tuesday with his brother-in-law, C. J. Glover, and George Caple, of The Mail force.

Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre, and Mrs. Nesmith spent Sunday and Monday as guests of her brother, J. Howard Hodge, at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, of Dallas, paid a week-end visit to his mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard, also of Dallas, who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sheppard.

On the occasion of the birthday of her son, Homer Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Nesmith joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge and grandson, J. C. Foster, of Abilene, in spending the day at Winters Sunday, Mar. 15.

Lee Pal and Bud Brown arrived Saturday from Duncan, Ariz., where they had been in the CCC camp for the past six months.

Mrs. Frank Demore and Mrs. H. Weston spent the week-end at Sterling City visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and babies. They were happy to be guests in the home of Mrs. Jim Henshaw in Sterling when she celebrated her daughter, Peggy Jean's birthday and also Stanley Joe Weston's birthday.

Mrs. Robert Terrell has returned to her home in Xenia, Ohio, after an extended visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Hunter, Miss Lois Whiteley and Marvin Hunter, spent Sunday in Lubbock with their two other daughters.

Mrs. P. T. Allday left at noon Wednesday for Wichita Falls to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, G. H. Bradley.

Mayor W. M. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott visited Sunday with his brother, G. W. Elliott and family, Mulberry street, Abilene.

Mrs. W. F. Patterson had as her guests Monday night her son, Rev. E. K. Dougherty, and grandson, Ernest Dougherty, of Dallas.

Guest last week of Mrs. George F. West, Jr., was her sister, Miss Alva Ruth Kinsey, of Sweetwater.

County Commissioner A. J. Canon, in company with other members of the commissioners' court, Judge John Camp and Commissioners Luther Webb, Rex Dillard and H. H. Webb, attended the meeting of West Texas county judges and commissioners at Wichita Falls last week.

Mrs. Homer Patterson, her mother, Mrs. Dora Harris, and brother, Ellis Harris, have returned from Jacksonville where they had been with her sister, Mrs. E. D. Rouse, during her serious illness. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hattie Harlow, another sister, of Brownwood.

After taking in the Stock Show, Fire Chief N. A. Dowell and Mrs. Dowell and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn went on to Royce City to visit relatives. All except Mrs. Dunn returned the last of the week, but she remained there because of illness, Mr. Dunn returning to be with her.

Miss Iris Garrett left Wednesday for an extended visit with her two

"Black Derby" to be Presented at Union

The Union Dramatic club will present a three-act mystery comedy, "The Black Derby," Friday evening, Mar. 27, at the Noodle high school auditorium. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

The play is centered around an old country estate that had been bought by the Bronsens. Ted and Jane Bronser began to think life decidedly dull when "The Cobra," an unidentified murderer, begins to make life very interesting. Micky, a country boy, and Wimple, a hair-brained detective, provide plenty of comedy.

The leading roles are playing by Ruby Gulledge, Herman Mayfield, Loyd Presley and Clyde Mayfield.

brothers, Barney and Doyle Garrett, and other relatives in Waco, and returning she will visit Miss Katherine Cousins in Fort Worth.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Operating as the Economy Grocery, Tom Allday and Thaxton Neill announce the purchase of the Melton Grocery on Kent street and will open for business in the same stand on Saturday of this week. Both of these young men have been actively engaged in business here and are well equipped for the new line which they are entering. Tom Allday has just recently retired from the City Dry Cleaners, while Thaxton has been proprietor of Neill's cafe. His brother, William Neill, succeeds him in the management of the cafe.

The Buick funeral coach, just purchased by the Barrow Furniture company, has been the cause of much favorable comment from the citizenship generally, the new motor vehicle representing the last word in beauty, style and modern improvements and equipment in the field.

A large crowd gathered on Edwards street at the intersection of Elm on Monday evening for the talking picture released by the Chevrolet Motor company and sponsored locally by the Hughes Motor company, Chevrolet dealers. A large truck with sound equipment and its own cinema screen, in charge of G. L. Glenn, was used for the exhibition, which pictured the construction of Chevrolet cars and at the same time presented a running story of much interest. The series included special points on safety in operation and driving.

Of great convenience as well as a time-saver in making deliveries, L. D. Irvin of the Abilene Hatchery makes his trips to Merkel and other points in the territory with a cabinet trailer attached to his car, capacity of 3,600 eggs. The cabinet has its own ventilating system.

CCC Camps Remain.
 Washington, Mar. 26.—Representative Nichols, (D-Okla.), informed the house Monday that the present number of civilian conservation camps would be maintained until Mar. 31, 1937.

EXPRESSES THANKS.
 In retiring from the cafe business in Merkel to enter the grocery business as a partner-owner of the Economy Grocery, I want to thank my past patrons for their loyal support and friendship. It was a pleasure to serve you at all times and I want you to know that I gave you my very best.

Bespeaking your continued patronage for the new operators of Neill's cafe and extending you one and all a cordial invitation to visit the Economy Grocery, (formerly Melton's grocery.)

T. O. Neill.

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 The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county); both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

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

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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

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 At My Barn, 1-2 Mile North of Merkel

HOMER PATTERSON
 Registered Horse and Jack
 Terms: \$2.00 when served, \$8.00 when foaled

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 \$1.00 when served

Good As Money Will Buy

Merkel Group Attend G. A. P. Banquet

At the annual March banquet of the G. A. P. and the Junior Business Girl's clubs of the Abilene Young Women's Christian association, held at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, on Tuesday evening, Merkel was represented by Mesdames W. W. Campbell and Florence Berry, Misses Imogene Hays, Ruby Jinkens, Lois Whiteley, Maxie Banner and Mary Collins.

The event was part of a nation-wide program of business girls' clubs, all programs being devoted to the theme, "Peace Around the World."

Guest speaker for the occasion was Miss Nena Kate Ramsey, head of the speech department of Hardin-Simmons university, whose topic was "The Will to Peace."

OBITUARY

TRUETT D. WHATLEY.
 Truett Dexter Whatley was born Mar. 10, 1915, became ill Feb. 21 and died Mar. 22 at 10:30 p. m. He was converted and affiliated with the Hebron Baptist church in the year of 1925.

The deceased leaves, besides his father and mother, three brothers and one sister, Oolon, Reed, John Henry and Gladys Whatley. Out-of-town relatives, who attended the funeral, were a brother, C. D. Whatley, Waco, Mrs. E. M. Cox and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Yoakum, Buffalo Gap.

Truett was a devoted son and brother; fortunate in his disposition, he was always cheerful and loved every one who had occasion to be with him. His never failing courtesy and encouragement made him many friends, and it is very sad for him to be taken in the bloom of young manhood. His sudden demise is the occasion of universal sorrow and regret, and the grief-stricken family have the tenderest sympathy of the community.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church in Merkel, conducted by Rev. O. B. Tatum and Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: active, Tommie Patterson, J. D. Sandusky, R. B. Horton, Carl Hughes, D. C. Doan, Buster Eason; honorary, John Hughes, Hugh Campbell, Bob Malone, R. N. Campbell, Guss Ward, A. B. Harris, R. E. Windham, Jim Campbell, Mark Malone, John Latimer, Price Melton, H. H. Windham, Box Murphy, C. L. Tucker, H. B. Chambliss.

Flower girls were: Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Carl Hughes, Louise McQuary, Fay Doan, Adele Eason, R. B. Horton.

(Written by Mrs. Hugh Campbell.)

REMOVAL SALE.
 Dr. Wm. M. Gambill, Abilene, Texas, announces the removal of his office from 418 Citizens National Bank Bldg. to 309 Alexander Bldg.



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Pinto Beans, splits, 8 lbs.	25c	Meal, cream, 20 lb. sack	44c
Flour, 48 lbs. guaranteed	\$1.60	Salt, table, 4 lb. bag	7c
24 pounds	85c	Brooms, good grade, limit	
Peanut Butter, 24 oz. size	20c	one to a customer, each	15c
Spices, all flavors, 10c size		Coffee, Star State, 1 lb. bag	19c
2 for	15c	Soap, P and G, 7 bars	25c
Peaches, gallon size	29c	Apples, choice dried, 2 lbs.	24c
Corn, No. 2 sugar	8c		

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T. O. NEILL

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THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

PHONE 61

THE 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. VAN TRESE.
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.
MERYN 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.
For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:
S. C. VICK.
N. D. COBB.
For County Judge:
A. A. HEATHINGTON.

Income Taxes Over Billion.
Washington, Mar. 26.—Passing the billion dollar mark for the first time in the current fiscal year, income tax collections through Mar. 21 totaled \$1,002,301,437, as compared with \$760,826,771 for the same period last year.
Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at Merkel Mail office.
Handling a complete line of Cackelo Chicken Feed and Starter. John Dunn Hatchery, Phone 152, Merkel, Texas.



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FOR SALE—Three-room residence, with or without lots. John R. West.

FOR SALE—Late '29 Chevrolet, good condition, going for \$75. C. H. Price Garage at Tye, Texas.

FOR SALE—Teams, cows, feed, farming equipment, land put up; will give possession at once. M. F. Carey, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Plenty of nice, fresh honey, 10c per lb. J. Ben Campbell. Phone 9047.

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FOR SALE—A-1 milk cow. Joe Barron.

FOR SALE—Windmill and tower and tank and tower, also some piping, at Presbyterian manse, or see John West.

FOR SALE—Span of work mares. W. Glyde Reid, Merkel, Texas, Route 3, one mile north Cross Roads school.

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms; all conveniences. Mrs. B. M. Black.

FOR RENT—My home in South Merkel. See me at Mrs. Causeaux's. Mrs. J. C. Walton.

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DORA DOINGS

Windy!! is the kind of weather we are having now, warm and mild.

The Stock show put on at the Divide was the center of attraction both Friday and Saturday. The boys had a nice showing of calves, goats, sheep and pigs, and some of the older farmers showed some fine milk stock.

Mrs. Marvin Rutherford of Spur is here visiting her mother, Mrs. E. G. Oliver, who has been quite sick, but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Rose Perry and daughter, Jewel, visited her mother, Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt, at Butman Sunday.

Mrs. L. V. Magee came home Monday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clayton, near Lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson of Mt. Pleasant were visitors with Dave Anderson and family over the week-end.

Doyle Clayton shipped a load of fat calves Monday.

Among those attending the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hamilton, Robert Jones and wife and Dave Virden.

Mrs. Raymond Cross has recovered enough to be brought home from the Sweetwater sanitarium, where she had been for nine days. The baby daughter has been named Wanda Ruth.

Mrs. H. Phillips returned home Sunday after an extended visit with relatives in Eastland and Oklahoma.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

STITH NEWS

Hello, Everybody, how do you like these sandstorms? The grain is looking fine. It may not look so fine after these sandstorms though.

Paris White of Anson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw and family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard and daughter, Wanda Joyce, and Miss Johnnie Burns left for Waco Monday to visit their brother, Henry Burns, who got his foot mashed working in the Cameron mills at Waco.

Daisy L. Shaw, Annie Mae Burns, Johnnie Burns, Roxie Shaw, Barney Berry, all motored over to Comper Friday night to the farmers meeting and enjoyed some good music.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Decker and family and Mrs. Carl Mashburn and children went to Bomarton Saturday, returning Sunday.

Stith Wildcats and Truby Tigers played ball here Saturday. The Stith Wildcats are Annie Burns, Daisy Shaw and John Shaw. The Truby Tigers are Warren Shaw, J. T. Burns and Wade Shaw. Stith Wildcats beat the score being 28 to 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill entertained the people of Stith with a musical Monday night. Jack Frost and son of Abilene were among the guests. Everybody reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church and son, Mc, motored down to Fort Worth to the Fat Stock show.

Goodbye, we'll see you next week.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Eastern Star Members Visit in Sweetwater

Eighteen members of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, attended the Sweetwater chapter meeting Tuesday evening, Mar. 17, the occasion being the official visit of Mrs. Nina Headrick, deputy grand matron of section 6, to her home chapter.

Members of Abilene, Rotan, Hamlin, Blackwell, Rosecc and Merkel chapters were represented at the meeting.

On Apr. 1 a school of instruction will be held in Sweetwater. Every member of Merkel chapter is urged to study the work and attend the school.

Fifth Sunday Meeting To be Held at Stamford

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the young people of the eastern part of Abilene presbytery will be held at Stamford next Sunday, starting in the afternoon and continuing that night.

An interesting program has been arranged.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ashford, residing north of town, Tuesday, Mar. 24, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Camp, Thursday, Mar. 26, 1936.

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Apples, Winesap, doz.	19c	Red and White	
Oranges, large, doz.	25c	Tomato Juice, 2 cans	15c
Lettuce, head	5c	Bird Brand	
Stawberries, pint	15c	Shortening, 4 lb. carton	48c
Bananas, dozen	15c	Gallon	
Beets		Blackberries, per can	38c
Carrots 3 bunches	10c	Red and White	
Onions		Apricots, No. 2 1-2 can	22c
Spuds, 10 pounds	23c	Red and White	
Pure Cane		Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can	15c
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs.	49c	Grapefruit	
Gallon		Juice, per can	10c
Prunes, per can	25c	All Flavors	
Calumet		Flav-R-Jell, pkg.	5c
Baking Powder, 1 lb. can	19c	Red and White	
Standard		Meal, 5 pounds	17c
Hominy, No. 2 1-2, 3 for	25c		
Standard			
Kraut, No. 300 can, 2 for	13c		
Fresh			
Blackeyed Peas, 2 cans	19c		
Standard			
Tomatoes, No. 1 can	5c		
Blue and White			
Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can	5c		
Red and White			
Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c		
Crystal			
Spinach, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c		

COFFEE

Red and White, pound	29c
Mart, pound	25c
Early Riser, pound	15c

COFFEE

Red and White	
Soap, 5 giant bars	19c
Jello, 2 pkgs.	13c
Cheese, pound	19c
Cured Ham, end cuts, lb.	25c
Cured Ham, center cuts, pound	39c
Sliced Bacon, pound	27c

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The DIVORCE COURT MURDER

BY MILTON PROPPER



HARPER & BROTHERS 1936

FIFTH INSTALLMENT.
 SYNOPSIS . . . Six persons are in an inner office of the law firm of Dawson, McQuire and Locke at Philadelphia. A master hearing in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland is under way. Mrs. Rowland, represented by her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard; Mr. Rowland, the defendant, and his attorney, Mr. Trumbull; the court clerk and Mr. Dawson, the master, are the six persons. There is a new development in the case. After failing to defend himself against the charge of adultery in earlier hearings, Mr. Rowland digs up evidence and asks the court's permission to produce witnesses and resist the suit. Judge Dawson overrules the heated objections of Mr. Willard, and orders the witness brought in. Rowland's lawyer goes to get the witness but finds her dead—chloroformed. She is Mrs. Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man. Judge Dawson phoned for the police. Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case. He is now questioning all of the parties involved in the case. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"If you don't mind, Mr. Trumbull," said the detective, "I'd first like to straighten out what occurred this afternoon. I understand you also summoned Mrs. Rowland's . . . companion—the man with whom you claim she is involved."
 "Chiefly because the law requires he receive due notice of the libel, so he may be represented if he desires to defend himself. I don't need his evidence and hardly intended to call on him. Naturally, he'd be a hostile, difficult witness; he'd never willingly confirm Mrs. Keith's story and admit an illicit affair with my client's wife."
 "Is he here? Did he answer the summons or disregard it?" Rankin asked.
 "I noticed him in the outside of after Allen and I both arrived," Trumbull stated. "But I've had to listen to speak to him. If he didn't leave before I . . . before the tragedy was discovered, he should still be there."
 The detective absent-mindedly drew lines on a sheet of paper. "And who is he, Mr. Trumbull?"
 "I know little more about him than that his name is Hugh Campbell. He isn't a Philadelphian; he comes from New York and has some sort of connection with night clubs. I believe he supplies talent and produces entertainment for them."
 Had he been watching Rankin carefully, he might have observed that he gave an abrupt start.
 "Hugh Campbell?" Abruptly he changed the subject. "With regard to Mr. Willard and his sister," he

queried; "as far as you're aware, did either of them enter fifteen-o-five before the meeting, if only for a minute?"
 Mr. Trumbull pondered. "Not while Mr. Rowland and I remained with Mrs. Keith, I'm certain. Of course, I can't say what happened after we left the library and Allen went below. As I recall, Mrs. Rowland preceded us into the main office and talked briefly to Mr. Campbell. Then she returned to this room for about two minutes, I suppose to rejoin her brother. And while I was phoning my own office out there, she came out again and rather hurriedly left the suite altogether, by the center door."
 "She went into the corridor? Have you any idea how long she stayed away?"
 "More than five minutes, certainly—closer, perhaps, to eight," the lawyer replied slowly. "Mr. Rowland had rejoined me over three minutes before she came back. Then she spoke to Mr. Campbell again and re-entered the library. Mr. Willard stayed in here throughout and did not come out."

Attractive though his virility was, thick hands and a heavy neck betrayed a natural crudeness and uncouthness. He was fully cognizant of his pleasant appearance.
 He carried himself with perfect ease, yet Rankin sensed that his poise was acquired. He was not "to the manner born." Mr. Dawson introduced them; and appreciating the gravity of the situation, he acknowledged the detective's greeting somberly. Then, his face pale and anxious, he lighted a cigarette, and waited for the first question.
 Rankin opened sympathetically. "I realize this is a most regrettable affair to you, Mr. Rowland. But I must ask you to bear with a few inquiries, mainly about Mrs. Keith's movements this afternoon. You accompanied her to the meeting, didn't you?"
 "Yes, I called for her at the Aldwick Apartments at two o'clock," Allen Rowland answered. "We

drove to town in her car, with Mr. Keith's chauffeur; the trip took us about half an hour."
 "Did Mrs. Keith ever say anything, either then or before, to suggest she anticipated any danger to herself? Or that she had reason to fear some one?"
 "No, I had no warning anything so terrible might happen. Naturally, she was a bit anxious about the hearing; but otherwise she seemed perfectly normal."
 "And after you arrived," Rankin queried casually, "did you remain with her the entire time until the hearing started at three o'clock?"
 Mr. Rowland's answer accorded with that of the lawyer. "Oh, no. Mr. Trumbull and I both left her in that empty office next door, after about ten minutes. She wanted to be alone and preferred not to wait outside. Then I went below to dismiss her chauffeur, since Mr. Trumbull had consented to escort her home in his car; I didn't return to her again."
 Rankin was satisfied at this check, through Rowland, of Mr. Trumbull's account and movements.
 "I think that covers the points I'm interested in at present," he said. He turned to Mr. Simpkins: "Be good enough to request Mrs. Rowland to come in."
 With a nod, the court clerk rose to do his bidding. Adele Rowland followed him from Mr. Dawson's

chamber. She was a large woman, in both body and features, yet perfectly proportioned; and, without being beautiful, was extremely handsome and striking. Wilful and dominating, Rankin clearly perceived she was accustomed to command.
 "I only wished to ask, Mrs. Rowland, if you entered the office where Mrs. Keith met her death, after Mr. Trumbull and your husband left her there?" asked Rankin.
 Taken unawares, at the abrupt query, as though to gain time to recover her poise, she repeated it slowly.
 "Did I enter that room? No, I never went near Mrs. Keith; they had closed this door between, and I

stayed in here with my brother, waiting for Mr. Dawson."
 "How about the outside door in the corridor, when you quit the suite altogether? That was un-"
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 At Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1936, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 27th day of March, 1936.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 55,573.10
Overdrafts	164.98
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	24,572.53
Banking House	2,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	540.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	184,158.20
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,438.17
TOTAL	\$271,876.98

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	10,538.12
Reserve for Interest	103.40
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	200,002.59
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,232.87
TOTAL	\$271,876.98

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:
 We, H. W. Beckham, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. W. BECKHAM, President.
 L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, A. D. 1936.
 J. G. WILKS
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Divorce Court Murder

(Continued From Page 6.)

locked; why did you go out?" Mrs. Rowland caught her breath nervously. "I went below to the stand in the lobby to purchase . . . a newspaper," she answered.

"That was the only place you went?" the detective asked incredulously. "That little errand took you the eight minutes or more you were gone?"

"No . . . on the way back, I stopped in the lady's retiring room on this floor."

Though the reply came too glibly to be convincing, Rankin appreciated her self-possession in producing an excuse he could neither investigate nor disprove.

"I believe you are acquainted with Mr. Hugh Campbell. Before you left these offices, you spoke to him and then returned to the library. Could you tell me what you talked about?"

Haughtily and disdainfully, the woman drew herself to her full height.

"That is none of your affair, Rankin," she replied scornfully, her mouth curled. "I don't care to discuss my connection with Mr. Campbell, which is wholly private and has nothing to do with Mrs. Keith's unhappy death."

Rankin nodded, unabashed. "As you wish, of course," he agreed, unpleasantly amiable. "Then I may as well have Mr. Campbell in next question; perhaps he will be less reticent."

He observed a sudden flash of alarm and fury illumine her eyes. They hardened and she had to bite her lip to restrain a resentful retort, as Rankin stepped to the office entrance, still smiling provocatively.

"Jenks!" he called, and when the detective approached, he said, "I think there is a Mr. Hugh Campbell waiting out there; ask him to join us, please."

For a moment, his assistant's features puckered in a puzzled reflective frown.

"Hugh Campbell?" he repeated. "There's no one . . ." Abruptly, his eyes lighted. "Oh, yes, the phone clerk did say a Mr. Campbell arrived for the hearing just around two-forty. But he isn't here any more. A few minutes before three he got a phone call; he left the joint right away and hasn't come back."

Tommy Rankin was more than

ordinarily interested in Hugh Campbell. For he was a power to be reckoned with in the bootlegging business, commanding an organization to import liquor from Canada to a chain of roadhouses and "joints" in Connecticut and Long Island. Though he had never met him, Rankin knew he was no gangster; on the contrary, urbane, shrewd and well-bred, he traveled in good society, a picturesque and somewhat mysterious individual. He had influence in political circles and never personally participated in the aggressive activities of his agents. But it was his audacity and ambitious management that developed an effective and profitable smuggling ring, controlled the racketeers in his employ, arranged for the acceptance of his wares and paid the necessary protection.

Then this was the man Adele Rowland had chosen, her husband claimed, to be her lover. If she contemplated a fresh martial venture, her new choice, the detective reflected in grim amusement, was certainly more romantic and exciting than either the late Tom Marshall or her present incubus.

He received quietly enough Jenks' announcement of Campbell's departure.

"Did he leave any message to explain the call," he inquired, "or indicate where he was going?"

"No, he didn't," Jenks replied. "All I learned is that some chap rang the office and inquired for him; and the phone clerk summoned him to her desk, where there was a connected instrument, to take the call."

Rankin's interest quickened. "At her desk? Then she might have caught some of the conversation?"

"Yes, she could hardly help hearing several things this Campbell said, he spoke so loudly and . . . well, violently. First he shouted, 'What?' and then, very much alarmed, 'Oh, my God!' Next he cried, 'You fool!' and said he'd join him; he hung up, greatly upset, and hurried out without a word."

"Perhaps Mrs. Rowland," Rankin turned inquiringly toward the woman, "can offer a reason for his disturbance or has an idea where he went?"

He could not judge, from her diffident manner, whether she was re-

lieved or troubled by Campbell's absence.

"I don't know anything about it, Mr. Rankin," she returned brusquely.

Rankin drew his assistant into the central office, but beyond the hearing of both the staff and those concerned in the divorce.

(Continued Next Week.)

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PALMER-DUBOSE.

Rev. R. A. Walker read the impressive ceremony that united Miss Annie Lee Dubose and Nolan Palmer as man and wife on Thursday evening, March 19th, at the Presbyterian manse.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dubose; she was a very popular member of the 1935 graduating class, Merkel High school. Lately she has been employed at Woody's cafe.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer of Stith and it was at Stith where he received his education. At present he is carrying a newspaper mail route out of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will be at home at 2102 Hickory, Abilene.

PUPIL COMPLIMENTED.

Miss Christine Collins complimented Miss Thelma Mathews on Saturday evening with a musical in her studio. Miss Mathews, who is a voice and piano pupil of Miss Collins, is leaving shortly for Lubbock to enter training as nurse.

Musical numbers, which included vocal, piano and tap dancing were enjoyed and as star-performer Thelma sang "Some Day I'll Find You," by Noel Coward, and played "Idillio" and "Simple Confession."

A delicious salad course was passed at the refreshment hour to Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Walderrine Huskey, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, Nadine Hollingshead, Thelma Patterson, Elna Tucker, Helen Heeter, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Gertie Lou Pee, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and Carl Mathews and the hostess, Miss Collins.

COMPLIMENT FOR RECENT BRIDE.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless entertained with a shower in her home Wednesday afternoon in honor of a late bride, Mrs. Dowling Mathison, who was, until her marriage recently, Miss Ona Fay Derrington.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent in contests and games appropriate for the occasion. Guests registered in an attractive bride's book, with toasts to the "bride."

Gifts were displayed, after which a refreshment plate of angel food cake and hot chocolate was passed to Mesdames Dowling Mathison, W. P. Derrington, H. B. Chambliss, Emerson Derrington, C. P. Church, Ettie Harris, Bill Derrington, Claude Derrington, E. C. Richards, J. L. Tucker, Len Sublett, W. A. McCandless; Misses Lillie Mae Mathison, Ruth Hickman, Susie Mary Hickman, Eunice Richards, Geneva Derrington, Betty Jean Derrington, Barbara June Derrington, Bonnie Church.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club learned with much pleasure at their meeting on Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent of the lot south of his office on Oak street as a site for a club house.

As it was the time for the regular business meeting, there was no special program for the evening.

Members present were: Mesdames Fred Hughes, W. S. J. Brown, W. T. Sadler, J. T. Warren, S. D. Gamble, C. B. Gardner, Sam Swann, H. C. West, R. A. Burgess, E. Clyde Smith, Frank McFarland, A. R. Booth, Tom Largent; Misses Dota Garoutte, Christine Collins, Alyeen Ayter, Stell Ledger, Julia Martin, Evelyn Curb.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club enjoyed an all-day meeting Tuesday in the home of Miss Lottie Butman.

Following a mattress demonstration, one group completed a 50-pound mattress for Mrs. Joe Sweeney of Butman, who furnished the materials, and another group engaged during the morning in planting more roses in their plot on the highway, bringing the total number of roses in this section to 105.

Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, was present during the morning session. Other visitors were Mrs. John Russell, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Charlie Howell and Mrs. Lura Jones, Trent; Mrs. Joe Sweeney and Mrs. Tom Russom, Butman.

A covered dish lunch was served at noon.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here neared 700 last Sunday, with 698 registered present. This compares with 640 on the previous Sunday and with 807 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. BTS at 6:45 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

We had a larger attendance at Sunday School last Sunday than we have had for some time. Our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, is with us again; let us show our loyalty to God and to our superintendent by coming to Sunday School next Sunday. You are cordially invited to meet with us.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Vesper service at 5:30, with special numbers to be arranged by the music committee.

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

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Come and worship with us.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6:45 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 7:45 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.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Wednesday night the Northside Baptist church unanimously called Rev. Bill Doell as their pastor. After much praying on the part of the church and Brother Dowell, he accepted the church Sunday morning amidst shouts of joy and tears of gladness. It was a time never to be forgotten, as Brother Dowell stood and looked the great crowd square in the eyes and said, "Against all outside opposition and all the devils in hell and Merkel, I accept the call of this church and will give the last drop of my blood before I will see the devil's crowd take possession."

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Regular services the same as usual. Don't miss the message next Sunday evening on "Merkel and Sodom."

Bill Dowell, Pastor.

Amateur Night

(Continued from Page One.) used if still living in the district.

2. Time of rendering number must be limited to four minutes.

3. Number must not include more than four persons.

4. Judging will be by popular applause of audience after three secret judges have picked the five best numbers. These five will receive first, second, third, fourth and fifth places as decided by the applause.

5. Prizes will be: \$5.00 cash, first; \$3.00 cash, second; two weeks pass to Queen theatre, third; honorable mention, fourth and fifth.

6. All entrants must be at Merkel gymnasium by 7:45 p. m., Friday, Apr. 3.

(Note—On Thursday, Apr. 2, some member of the committee will call on school principal for a check-up on sale of tickets.)

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RURAL SOCIETY

WARREN 4-H CLUB.

The Warren 4-H club met Mar. 20 at 10:30 in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, with 14 members present and 3 absent, those present being as follows:

Muriel Kelso, president; Wanda Jones, vice-president; Winona Kelso, secretary-treasurer; Euveta Smith, clothing demonstrator, and Margie Isenburgh, Lyla Hobbs, Winnie B. Cross, Frances Mae Baker, Jeanette Neff, Dessie Marie Baker, Alvarie Smith, Loyce Chancey, Molee Isenburgh.

Mrs. W. H. Kelso suggested that the girls plant their radishes, beets and squash the coming week, as, because of Miss Faulkner's absence, it was not known what she had planned for the meeting. The sponsor, Mrs. Kelso, judged the captowels, after which the girls played outdoor games.

The next meeting will be at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, on Apr. 3 at 10:30 o'clock.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Will Campbell was hostess on Mar. 12 to an elaborate affair in her home honoring Mrs. Kenneth McQuerry with a bridal shower. Many pretty gifts were received by the honoree, which were generally admired.

After a social hour, Mesdames Clarence Melton, J. P. Swafford, Jessie Orsborn and Luther Orsborn assisted the hostess in passing dainty refresh-

ment plates to the following guests: Mesdames Nora Pruitt, Wilbanks, J. B. Jones, Carl Hughes, John Campbell, S. S. Scoggin, Blanche Bell, Marvin Melton, Eli Brooks, T. A. Mitchell, Virgil Patterson, Halie Melton, D. H. Jones, J. C. Horton, Charles Gates, Jessie Orsborn, J. H. Maddera, W. J. Smith, M. E. Provine, Clarence Melton, Bert Titt's, Jim Campbell, Will Campbell, Pat Addison, Luther Orsborn, J. P. Swafford, Howard Brown, Zuma Fulton; Misses Dora Mae Meeks and Ruth Lowery and nineteen children.

BLAIR HDC MEETS.

Mrs. Charles Gates was hostess to the Blair Home Demonstration club on Thursday, Mar. 19.

Miss Crippen, county agent, gave demonstrations of the spring cover, mattress cover, mattress pad and pillow protector during the business hour, and showed patterns for making candlewick bedspreads.

Members adjourned and refreshments were served to Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Brooks, Spears, Clack, L. Orsborn, E. W. King, H. C. King, Miss Crippen and the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be

in the home of Mrs. Mayfield on April 16.

GOODMAN SCHOOL NOTES.

The junior and senior classes of Goodman school, accompanied by teachers, had a chicken fry at Sweetwater lake Wednesday of last week. All reported a very enjoyable time.

The first through the seventh grades of Goodman school were entertained with a picnic Monday afternoon from 2:30 to 4 o'clock. All children took part in games and thoroughly enjoyed them.

At 3:30 they were generously served with ice cream by members of the P. T. A. Needless to say, the children enjoyed the outing very much.

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Mackerel Tall cans 3 for 25c

Pork & Beans, 16 oz. 5c

April 1st is the DEADLINE

To those remaining delinquent tax-payers who as yet have not been filed on by an attorney and as yet have not made arrangements with the City Tax Collector for payment of all delinquent taxes on the partial payment plan as recently offered by the City Council, April 1st at 5 P. M. is the DEADLINE for signing this agreement.