

## RODEO ON APR. 25; BASEBALL STARTS 18TH

### AGAIN WINNER AS CHAMPION WARD SCHOOL

**Unofficial Figures Give Merkel Grammar School Total of 105 Points; First Place in Arithmetic Ninth Year.**

At the county meet at Abilene last week Merkel Grammar school won first place in arithmetic for the ninth consecutive year. The team composed of Helen Heeter and Doris Gay West was coached by Mrs. Len Sublett. In spelling Miss Hayes' team, Wanda McCoy and Willie Sue Morgan, tied with Elmdale for first place, while Mrs. Collins' team, Mildred McLean and Doris Gay West, won second place. The music memory team, coached by Miss Curb and Miss Joyner and composed of Don Wood and Doris Clyde Miller, tied with Tuscola for first place.

The story telling event was sponsored here by Miss Heizer and Mrs. Bird, their contestant, Joy Sue Self, winning first at Abilene. First place in choral singing had already been won the week before.

The junior girls' playground ball team which was coached by Mrs. Nash won second place. The team was made up of the following members: Bonnie Church, Stacy Huddleston, Mildred McLean, Syble Harris, Bernice Thorn, Theda Perry, Lena Faye Orsborn, Veneta McDonald, Louise Patterson; substitutes were: Anne Lee Blake, Billie McGehee, Helen Heeter, Miriam Diltz. The junior boys' team, coached by Mr. Wood, won first place. The boys making up the team were: Clois Fowler, Byron Bryant, Harvey Davis, W. D. Bland, Walter Hickam, Deaurd Gibbreath, Guy Manscill, Raymond Smith, Delmer Hallmark, O. C. Shouse.

In the 440 yard relay race Merkel won third place. Entering the race were Harvey Davis, Walter Hickam, Delmer Hallmark, Clois Fowler. Third place in running broad jump was won by Walter Hickam.

Figured on points, Merkel Grammar school scored a total of 105, with the nearest runner-up only 54 1-2, and while the award has not been officially announced, Merkel is assured of again winning all round county championship for ward schools this year.

### Present One-Act Play In Morning Program

Students and patrons have expressed great interest in "Judgment Comes to Dan'l," the winning one-act play in the county tournament held in Abilene last Saturday night. An opportunity to see the play will be given on Tuesday of next week, Apr. 7, at the chapel hour, 10:45, gymnasium-auditorium. Admission will be 10 cents.

An excellent cast has been chosen to portray this cast of the highest type. Juanita Huskey and Betty Grimes very ably live the roles of two grandmothers who are "sick-a-bed." Opal Buzbee very well suits the type of girl found in the "nineties." No character wins favor with the audience more than Dan'l, the only man in the cast. Harold Morgan deserves much credit for his good presentation of this awkward, lovable hired hand. Much of the success of the scene depends upon the handling of the situation by the negro maid, so capably done by "Sis" Gamble.

The district tournament will be held in Sweetwater, Apr. 9 and 10. Merkel will be well represented by this play and the enthusiastic players that have been helped in many ways by other speech students.

### Group from Merkel Attend Presbyterial

On Thursday of last week a group of eight ladies from Grace Presbyterian church attended the presbyterial meeting at Eastland, those included in the group being Mesdames John West, R. P. Lindsay, Marvin Smith, R. A. Walker, J. R. Walling, L. L. Murray, Emory Jones and Miss Vera Walker.

Mrs. Jones remained over also for the Friday meeting. Stamford was selected as the next presbyterial meeting place.

### BEGIN WORK ON DERSTINE PARK PROJECT

Work began Saturday morning on improvement of Derstine park, a national youth administration project entailing the expenditure of more than \$3,000.

The three-acre site, three miles west of Merkel on the Bankhead highway, was donated by Mrs. Derstine and her two children as a memorial to her late husband.

Federal funds appropriated for the project total \$2,526, with the state highway department adding \$852. Employment will be provided for 80 boys, working in four shifts.

When a group of local highway beautification committee members visited the park site Thursday morning, Foreman Bill Drummond and some 18 or 20 youths were busily engaged in the preliminary work, which includes laying out a circular driveway around the tract, with two main entrances, one at each end, trimming the trees and cutting out the underbrush.

Those paying a visit to the grounds on the above occasion included Mrs. Asa Sheppard, committee chairman, Mrs. Frank McFarland and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Messrs. T. G. Bragg, C. H. Jones, Booth Warren and Fred Hughes.

Three of the group, Messrs. Bragg, Warren and Jones, followed their inspection of the local parks with a visit to similar parks already completed at Blackwell, Lake Abilene and on highway 30, south of Abilene, taking pictures along the way and gaining suggestions to be utilized in the improvement of Derstine park under the state highway sponsorship.

### Earl Teague Succumbs Unexpectedly Sunday

Earl Teague, well known as one of Merkel's young business men, died at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home. While illness had kept him away from his work much of the time the past two or three months, his death came unexpectedly, being attributed by the attending physician to influenza-meningitis.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 Monday morning from the family residence, conducted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, Baptist pastor, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. H. B. Coggin, of Abilene, Methodist minister of the Clyde circuit. The body was carried overland in the Barrow funeral coach to Caps for interment in Drummond cemetery.

Four of Mrs. Teague's brothers, Palen, Ben and John Keith of Caps and Bill Keith, of Crosbyton, and J. A. Reed and Austin Bouchette of Clyde, served as pallbearers. Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Zola Keith, to whom he was married Nov. 17, 1927, at Caps; two daughters, De La Vergne and Geraldine Teague; three sisters, Miss Estella Teague and Mrs. F. L. Blackburn of Clyde, and Miss Eva Teague of Dallas. His father, the late D. L. Teague, was buried at Clyde on New Year's day.

Earl Teague had operated a plumbing and tin shop here for the past 8 years, having come here from Clyde. He had been a member of the Baptist church for 23 years. He served in the World War.

A large number of relatives from out-of-town came for the funeral, among them being his two sisters, Miss Teague and Mrs. Blackburn, of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Keith of Caps, parents of Mrs. Teague; Palen Keith and family, Ben Keith and family, John Keith and family, W. R. Darby and family, of Caps, Bill Keith and family, Crosbyton, W. R. Darby and family and Rev. H. B. Coggin and family, Abilene, brothers and sisters of Mrs. Teague.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds, residing in the Canyon, Thursday, Mar. 19, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Cox, Monday, Mar. 30, 1936.

### Pension Office Seen.

Austin, Apr. 2.—Orville S. Carpenter, Texas pension director, received official information Tuesday indicating the federal social security board would locate an office here.

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Sterling P. Strong, 73, militant dry and former United States congressman, died Saturday morning at a Dallas hospital.

Harry Poche, 29, of Houston, was instantly killed when he fell from a telephone pole near Grayburg, breaking his neck.

Albert Flagg, 30, living a mile north of Malakoff, was killed at his home late Saturday when he fell from his bed, breaking his neck.

A check for \$24,501.62 has been received by the state department of health from federal sources for health and child welfare work.

Bell county, which has prohibited the legal sale of whiskey for the past 21 years, voted by a majority of only 23 in Saturday's election to continue dry.

Bob Whitman, 21, was killed instantly when the generator tank of welding equipment with which he was working exploded at an oil rig near Hawley.

C. Aubrey Sampsell, 45, M-K-T. brakeman at Denison, was injured fatally while preparing to go on his run when he fell under the wheels of a caboose and was crushed.

John F. Wallace of the board of control said Tuesday that aid would be continued to July 1 to some 40,000 destitute unemployed instead of terminating Apr. 1, as originally planned.

Indicating strongly that he would make another race for governor, Tom F. Hunter of Wichita Falls stated in Dallas Wednesday that he would reach a final decision in ten days or two weeks.

Associate Justice P. A. Martin of the second court of civil appeals, who studied law while he herded sheep in Young county, died Tuesday at his home in Fort Worth after an illness of six weeks.

W. H. Bledsoe, who as a member of the Texas senate in 1917 introduced an impeachment resolution against Gov. James E. Ferguson and then prosecuted the case, died at his home in Lubbock of pneumonia.

Leading his nearest opponent by 3,636 votes, R. W. Weinert, Seguin district attorney, was elected to succeed W. K. Hopkins, resigned, as senator from the 19th district, in a special election held Saturday.

In a signed statement to District Attorney Otis Miller at Anson, C. C. Humphrey, 45-year-old Corpus Christi stevedore, admitted the slaying of his former Avoca farm neighbor, Bill Jackson, whose weighted body was found floating in the Clear Fork near Luders, Mar. 25.

### Joint Meeting at Moro Of Association-W.M.U.

A joint meeting of the workers' conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association and the quarterly associational woman's missionary union will be held with Moro Baptist church on Thursday of next week, Apr. 9. The theme will be "Conquering for Christ."

Rev. W. H. Howell of Abilene will preach the sermon on "Conquering for Christ Through Individuals." Board meetings of the associational and W. M. U. will be held at 1:15 p. m.

### Houston Business Men Expected on April 8th

Arriving at 7:55 a. m. Wednesday of next week, a special train carrying about 100 Houston business men will stop here for 25 minutes. The South Texas trade evangelists are making a five day tour of Central, West and Southwestern Texas.

W. N. Blanton, vice-president and general manager of the Houston chamber of commerce, who started in chamber of commerce work here 19 years ago, later going to Waco as secretary of the Young Men's Business league of that city, is arranging the details of the trade trip.

### EXPLAINS WORK OF AGENTS IN PENSION PLAN

**"We Have Humane Purpose; We Have Good Workers," Says Director Carpenter; Appreciates Help of Applicants.**

Austin, Apr. 2.—"Knowing their business yet being courteous, our field workers must understand the viewpoint of the many aged citizens whose homes they enter," said Orville S. Carpenter, executive director of the Old Age Assistance commission, this week in explaining the setup.

Investigators have been calling at the homes of applicants for three weeks now. Some 140,000 aged have applied, and as there were 300,000 blanks distributed, many more applications are expected to be filed.

"We are sending men from the state office to the twenty district offices and are holding schools for investigators. Our field workers must have a thorough understanding of their work."

"All investigators in a district meet with the men from the central office at the headquarters city of that district. Policies of the commission, the law itself, and technical questions are explained to the assembled field workers."

"We have a humane purpose; we have good workers. The commission is anxious for the aged of Texas to receive the most good possible from the old age assistance law," Mr. Carpenter declared.

"Applicants are cooperating with us and they realize that we are doing everything we can to facilitate these investigations which the law requires," he added.

Employees of the state office and those of the twenty districts have been working fourteen and fifteen hours a day. As some 140,000 separate investigations must be made (and many more are expected to make application), an enormous task faces the Old Age Assistance commission.

"Payments will start just as soon as investigators complete their work as required by law. We hope to complete all investigations and approve applications before July 1," the executive director said.

"Records of birth dates, property owned, cash in bank, residence, and citizenship (if the applicant is a naturalized citizen) should be ready to show the investigators when they call during the next few weeks," Mr. Carpenter advised.

### List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

R. J. Miller, C. C. Norvell, T. R. Lassiter, Tom Douglass, L. A. Freeman, G. P. Squires, I. V. Garrett, Merkel, J. M. Loven, W. W. Middleton, Henry Fluegge, Herman J. Adams, F. L. Duty, Harry Tom King, D. S. Livingston, J. W. Newton, Geo. W. Yantis, T. W. Clark, Walter Mitchell, W. B. Long, T. O. Pearson, E. E. Brown, M. J. Pounds, H. H. Mansell, Jesse Coffman, J. D. Green, F. D. Herndon, T. F. Lockett, W. A. Jeffcoat, J. M. Wagstaff, E. H. Wheeler, J. W. Gaines, Wm. Ingle, Jr., T. H. Guffey, R. D. Green, P. H. Sewall, O. H. Curry, Abilene; J. A. Vickrey, Horace Embree, Ed Blackley, D. H. Swindle, Jim Roberson, Tuscola; C. C. Stringer, Guion; J. L. Kincaid, Buffalo Gap; Leon Copeland, T. H. McCarty, Lawn; V. M. Kendrick, Wingate; J. E. Faircloth, W. L. Rensau, Trent; E. B. Russell, Tye; Cliff McDonald, Bradshaw.

### Bruno's Execution Re-Set.

Trenton, N. J., Apr. 2.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, whose death in the electric chair was held up by grand jury recommendation Tuesday night, faces a new death date, Friday, 8 p. m., eastern standard time.

### Shirley Now a Captain.

Hollywood, Calif., Apr. 2.—Shirley Temple has been commissioned honorary captain of the Texas Rangerettes of the Texas Centennial exposition by Gov. James V. Allred.

### DOZEN ENTERED IN COMMUNITY AMATEUR NIGHT

More than a dozen school districts adjacent to Merkel have already indicated their intention to enter the Community Amateur contest to be held at the Merkel gym on Friday night of this week, beginning at 8:15. Several others may also enter before closing time for contestants.

In addition, a number of special features are announced by the talent committee, of which Dee Grimes is chairman. These numbers will not be competitive, but will serve to complete a full evening's entertainment for patrons who by their purchase of tickets are doing their bit to help pay for the football sweaters for the Badger lettermen.

Special numbers, as announced, include: The Stith orchestra, with Charlie Sherrill, director; the Noodle String Band; Pete Morgan, dance specialty; Miss Hollis Perry, tap dancing; the Union Ridge choral club, winner in rural school class of county meet; solos by Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene and Delma Compton, and concluding number on the entire program to be a presentation by the High School Choral club.

Applause by the audience will determine the winners in the amateur contest for the first prize of \$5.00 cash; second, \$3.00 cash; a two weeks' pass to the Queen theatre, third place; honorable mention, fourth and fifth place.

The price of admission is 25c for adults and 10c for children (under twelve.)

### Name 3 Aldermen, 2 Trustees, Here

Saturday, Apr. 3, is the date for the annual school trustee election here, the terms of two members expiring this year: Herbert Patterson and C. P. Church. Other members of the board are S. D. Gamble, Fred Hughes and W. O. Boney, who hold over until 1937, and Roy Reid and O. J. Adcock, whose terms do not expire until 1938.

J. P. Sharp is to be judge for the school district election which is to be held at the city hall. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

Three aldermen are to be named in the annual city election Tuesday, Apr. 7. The time limit for entering names on the ticket expired at 5 p. m. Saturday of last week, at which time the names of Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes and Dee Grimes were listed as candidates. The first two are now serving on the city council board.

D. H. Vaughn has asked that his name be not considered for re-election. George Boyce will hold the election at the city hall. Polls open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

### Drains Cup of Lethal Drink.

Onawa, Iowa, Apr. 2.—Ruth Hathaway, 18, Onawa high school senior class president, drank a glass of poison in the high school locker room after telling several classmates "Watch me commit suicide." Her friends thought she was joking. She died within a few minutes.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 14, 1916.)

### STORMY SESSION GREETES ORGANIZATION OF COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Banquet was Complete Success and Permanent Organization is Now Assured.

R. L. Bland is President and W. D. Woodroof, Vice-President. Thos. A. Johnson, J. S. Swann, J. T. Warren and Dr. M. Armstrong appointed on Executive Committee to Formulate Full Plans.

From 8:30 until 12 o'clock Monday evening over eighty business men met at the W. O. W. hall and braved the complete organization of a live Commercial Club.

Seated at the banquet tables for the evening were: Dr. O. F. McMaster, T. A. Johnson, W. D. Woodroof, Jess Ferguson, Emzi Burroughs, Ben Little, Ollie Dye, W. D. Hutchison, J. Massey, John West, Luther Grimes, Ellis Warren, Mr. Latham, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Dee Grimes, Ennis and Emmett

### SERIES OF SIX RODEOS FOR 1936 PROGRAM

**Seven Clubs Already Entered in Diamond Circuit, with Possible Eighth Team; Active Committees Announced.**

Important dates to remember: Saturday, April 18—Opening game of the Inter-Community Baseball League.

Saturday, April 25—First Free Rodeo of the 1936 summer season.

Both of the above series of entertainments are again sponsored for the third year by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, of which Dee Grimes is president.

Seven clubs are already registered in the Inter-Community League and another may enter to complete an eight-club circuit, according to Warren Smith, chairman of the baseball committee, whose assistants are Joe Self, Stanley King, L. J. Renfro and R. T. Gray.

Following the opening rodeo on Apr. 25, other rodeo dates, as determined by the rodeo committee, Booth Warren, chairman, are:

Saturday, May 9.  
Saturday, May 23.  
Saturday, June 6.  
Saturday, June 20.  
Saturday, July 18.

When rain causes postponement of a rodeo session, that show will be added on two weeks after the last one on the schedule.

Actively associated with Booth Warren on the rodeo committee are: L. C. Zehnfenning, John West, Collins, Bob Malone, Jake Massey, Tom Jinkens.

Bob and Mark Malone have entered into contract with the association to manage this season's rodeos, and instead of buying its own cattle the association has contracted with John West to furnish 8 head of Brahma steers and 15 cows and calves for the various events during the season.

The steers were purchased at Fort Worth Wednesday when John West, accompanied by Tom Jinkens and Jake Massey, visited Cowtown. The wild cows will be selected from herds in this section.

With the completion of the baseball roster, details as to the playing schedule, etc., are to be announced.

### Methodists Called For Public Working

Work on the new Methodist parsonage is moving along nicely, according to reports, and it is now planned to have a public working on Friday of this week.

"Come, bring your hammer and do some real knocking, the kind that will help, the other kind doesn't help any one, not even yourself," is the invitation extended by church leaders.

"We will have dinner together at the noon hour and we will enjoy the day together. So come be with us."

met Grimes, B. C. Gaitner, Raymond Touchstone, the Fourth Estate representative, Clayton Brown, Eugene Hargrove, R. L. Bland, Freeman Rogers, Ernest Rogers, W. F. Hamble, E. L. Rogers, Thos. Largent, Nat Anderson, J. S. Swann, J. B. Bell, Tally Holloway, Claud Sears, W. Parten, H. M. Warren, Ben T. Merritt, H. C. Williams, Luther Woodroof, John W. Wheeler, F. Y. Gaitner, H. Bullock, Asa Sheppard, Chas. Russell, J. T. Warren, J. C. Mason, Chief Ferrier, Sam Swann, Lytton Howard, E. P. McMillen, Dr. Armstrong, H. M. Rose, W. M. Elliott, Oscar Walker, G. M. Sharp, Ernest Duckett, J. A. Duckett, A. C. Boney, DeVerle Johnson, H. Turner, J. T. Dennis, Bud Smith, Jas. West, W. H. Morris, W. E. Britain, F. A. Mathews, W. A. McSpadden, Dr. Foster, W. H. Laney, V. B. Walters, Austin Boyd, J. D. Gaitner, J. J. Stallings, Robert Hicks, T. L. Grimes, Rev. J. E. Bullock, W. L. Diltz, Sr., and J. G. Sadler.



TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Clarence Duncan has returned from a stay of several weeks in California. Little Ruth Marie Murdock is very much improved from a recent illness. Mrs. W. A. Abbott left Tuesday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bob McLeod, of Mineral Wells. Mrs. A. Williamson and son, H. McLeod, returned Monday from a two days visit to Mr. Williamson, who is in Mineral Wells for his health. Miss Dorene Scott of McMurry was at home for the week-end. Miss Mildred Steadman has returned to her school duties in Denton after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Steadman. D. O. Blackmon and family of Lamesa were guests in the N. L. McLeod home Sunday. They also had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Joe English of Lamesa, Mrs. English remaining over for the week. Miss Johnnie Watson of Sweetwater was a guest the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Terry. Mrs. W. R. Darby and children of Borger are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Bright. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue have as their guests their daughter, Mrs. Wallace Kelly, and little daughter of Farwell. Lester Tittle was the week-end guest of his parents. Mrs. Joe Nalley visited Sunday with relatives at Putnam, Cottonwood and Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ivy and sons and Mrs. Cletus Feazel and infant son of Sweetwater were guests on last Thursday of relatives here. Mrs. F. M. Woodward, who has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock for the past ten days, has returned to her home in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers spent Sunday afternoon in Buffalo Gap. Bart Bishop of Lamesa was a week-end guest in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and family. Prof. Roy Elliott and wife of Sylvester attended to business here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Avoca were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

MRS. CARL EDWARDS HONOR GUEST

J. B. Winn, assisted by Mesdames C. C. Stribling and Allen Terry, was hostess on Mar. 24 in a party at her home naming Mrs. Carl Edwards as honor guest. A color scheme of pink and white was utilized and in the dining room the Easter thought was carried out with a large Easter nest in the center of the table which concealed the many dainty and useful gifts that at the end of the program were presented, with a beautiful bouquet of pink rosebuds, to the honoree. Mrs. John Payne read "My Little Girl" while Mrs. Virgil Babston of Abilene gave a reading of her own composition. The Misses Nichols sang in their most charming manner. A plate of pink and white chicken salad sandwiches, mints and ice tea was passed to Mesdames E. Duncan, C. C. Stribling, J. B. Winn, A. Terry, Oletha Dooley, Ezra Allen, V. Babston, Abilene, H. L. Wilson, R. Edwards, E. Strawn, Ellen Duncan, C. Howell, L. C. Murry, J. M. Strawn, John Payne, A. Williamson, R. Stewart, E. Rogers, Bill Springer, L. Beasley, J. R. Gafford, P. C. Forrester, H. Winn, A. Boone, R. Reeves, H. Allen, J. P. Stevens, J. S. Armour, J. M. Smith, L. Z. Titsworth, G. L. Quattlebaum, C. Hamner, J. M. Beasley, E. E. Cribbley, J. Wheeler, J. Freeman, H. McRee, A. C. Wash, E. Burks, J. Cal Hamner, W. R. McLeod, R. B.

McRee, R. B. McRee, Jr., J. Boone, Ozro Steen, P. Burks, B. Billington, J. E. Halbrook, L. Halbrook, J. Bright, A. J. English, A. W. Woods, E. Bowers, H. Wheatley, J. I. Leamon, T. G. Hamner, C. C. McRee, Bob Dennis, Merkel, C. Estep, Sweetwater, C. Edwards, J. P. Roberts, C. T. Beckham, T. H. Williamson, A. Shouse, Foy Steadman, A. V. Boone, Miss Moreen Banner.

SURPRISE SHOWER

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. T. H. Williamson, assisted by Mrs. J. P. Stevens and Mrs. Jack Freeman, gave a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Halley Allen, who, until her recent marriage, was Miss Lillian Grace Reeves. The shower was given in the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. T. L. Stevens, which was decorated with beautiful cut flowers and pot plants. The bride's chair had a large yellow ribbon butterfly bow.

Contests were enjoyed in which the winners in turn presented their prizes to the bride. She was also presented with a lovely cedar chest and steel cabinet full of nice and useful gifts.

Angel food cake and fruit punch was served on plates laid with yellow lace doilies and Easter napkins, with yellow napkins and chickens and rabbits as plate favors. Guests registering in the bride's book were: Mesdames F. C. Hale, T. H. Williamson, E. Nemir, Hosea Winn, E. E. Cribbley, P. C. Forrester, C. C. Wash, A. W. Woods, J. M. Smith, W. W. Riley, G. L. Quattlebaum, J. Cal Hamner, J. I. Leamon, J. H. O'Kelley, Allen R. Terry, Foy Steadman, Ozro Steen, Jack Halbrook, B. Billington, J. Crain, Rex McLain, B. Springer, A. Williamson, C. T. Beckham, L. Dowdy, Ben Howell, Clell Dowdy, Carl Edwards, W. R. McLeod, H. J. Kegans, Robert Dennis, Merkel, R. B. McRee, Sr., R. B. McRee, Jr., O. Bright, J. P. Roberts, O. L. Reaves, J. P. Stevens, J. Freeman, R. L. Reeves; Misses Opal Freeman, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Gladys Hamner, Mildred Steadman, Murle Jones, Gladys Alice Roberts, Elsie Bishop, Betty Lou Howell, Lady Fred Crain, Tharp Nichols, Mary Eva Nichols.

Those sending gifts were: Mesdames Delton Jones, J. Strawn, Bert McRee, Janie B. Garner, E. Bowers, Jackson Bright, O. L. Bishop, Joe Boone, Pink Vessels, T. G. Hamner, C. C. McRee, Louie McRee, Hale McRee, Buddie Burks, Pauline Freeman, Herbert Poor, Ellen Duncan, Guss Brewer, E. Strawn, Ed Burks, Miss Maggie Payne.

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DORA DOINGS

If we had had a pig to butcher, Tuesday morning would have been a good cold time, but maybe it will rain instead of freeze.

Our school went to Blackwell Friday and Saturday for the Interscholastic events, but didn't bring enough points to be high man. But we enjoyed the days and the fine association with our neighbors both days.

Miss Laura Wallis and Burnett Orr surprised their friends by driving off to Abilene and getting married Saturday afternoon. Miss Wallis is teacher of Elm Grove school and will continue her school duties there.

The first fishermen of the season left Wednesday morning for Pecos, including in the party E. P. Perry, Cliff Perry, H. D. Norris, Douglass Jones, John Holt, Earl Wallis, Otto Steward and C. O. Holt. They will be gone until Sunday.

H. A. Tyrone made a business trip to Caps and Abilene Monday.

Mrs. J. T. Perry returned home Sunday after a visit of several days with friends in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Morrow is in the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene for medical attention and is reported resting nicely.

Jess Brown is sporting a new Chevrolet and Sam Hanks is driving a new V-8.

Mrs. Doris Magee was shopping in Sweetwater Friday.

Mrs. H. Phillips and son, Bill, made a business trip to Abilene last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whiteaker were visitors in Blackwell Sunday afternoon.

A few farmers have planted small



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The P. T. A. will present a play entitled "Let Toby Do It" on Friday, Apr. 3, at the Divide gym.

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Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office.

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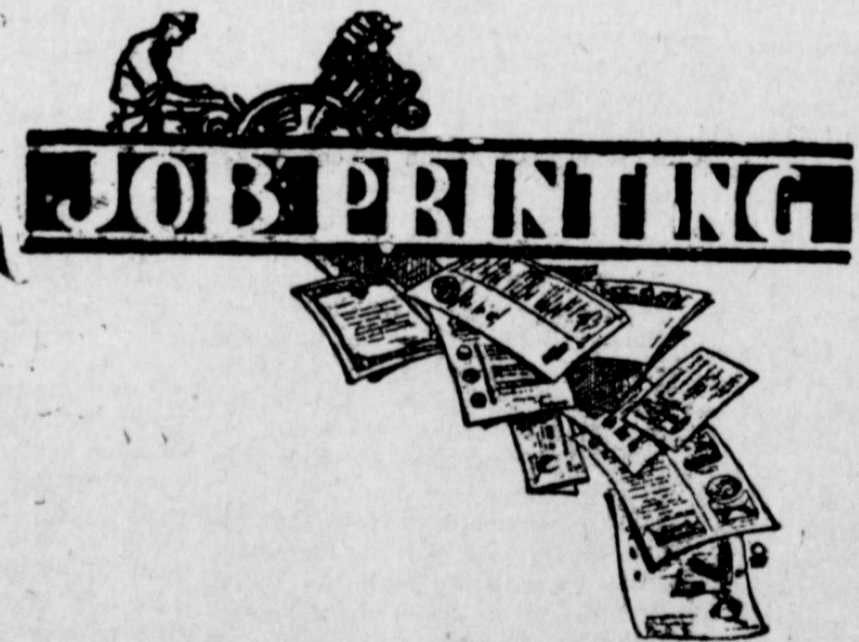
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### SPEECH DEPARTMENT.

Each entry of the speech department placed in the county league meet held in Abilene Friday and Saturday.

Perhaps the most interesting event in which our speech students won a first place is one-act play. "Judgment Comes to Dan'l," Merkel's presentation, was unanimously conceded first place by the judges. Betty Lou Grimes and Juanita Huskey, characterizing two bed-ridden grandmothers, Opal Buzbee, their old maid granddaughter, who is in love with the man hired to farm their land, Harold Morgan, and Sis Gambill, a negro house servant, gave an excellent presentation of this modern comedy.

Incidentally Betty Lou was named the best girl actor playing in the plays presented.

The extemporaneous speakers, Willie Mae Nelson and Clifton Bellamy, brought home two more gold medals, continuing the unbroken line of Merkel High's supremacy in extempore speech. These two speakers and the one-act play cast will go to the district meet in Sweetwater in the near future.

Vernell Bland, Billie Wood and Pearl Mathews returned with silver medals—Vernell in senior girls' declamation, Billie in junior boys' declamation and Pearl in junior girls' declamation. Weldon Davis won a third place in senior boys' declamation.

From Grammar school we had three excellent entries in the speech division of the tournament. Joy Sue Self won first place in story-telling; Dora Marie Gaither and Billy Haynes did splendidly in declamation. Joy Sue is sponsored by the second and third grades; Miss Ledger sponsored Dora Marie and Billy.

These places are the results of many long hours of hard work by the students and their sponsors. We of the High school are deeply indebted to our sponsor, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, for her long hours of work with us. Without proper coaching a contestant has practically no chance to win.

Sara Lowery, president Texas Speech association, has advanced the modern conception of the object of the Interscholastic league events that today is becoming more and more accepted. She says that it is not the winning of a contest but the training that counts more in the contests. In speech contests that use the very best judges possible; these judges very seldom agree as to the merits of a speaker. For instance two judges may give a speaker first place, while the third judge who has different tastes may give a ninth place. In many cases winning the decision has been given precedence over more valuable qualities such as thoroughness, high standards of excellence, sportmanship and even honor itself.

### CHAPEL.

L. E. Dudley, principal of Abilene High school, gave an interesting talk about "Better Mousetraps." His talk was a lesson on working until the best possible work is reached, and not stop at the first rung of the ladder. We were proud of the privilege of having Mr. Dudley with us.

A very interesting program was given at the Gym Thursday. Mr. Sloan entertained the student body with several tricks with liquid air. Some of the tricks were: driving a nail with a frozen banana, freezing mercury and frying an egg on a cake of ice.

### DEBATE.

There has been practically no publicity about the debating team up to this time. Since midterm the surviving team, John Leonard and Roy Hagler, have been working up speeches to defeat their only rival—Wylb—in the coming county meet which will be held on Friday of this week.

### WRITING EVENTS.

On last Friday the spelling team and essay writer went over to Abilene for the big event of the year—the Interscholastic League events. The spellers representing Merkel High school were Ora Derrick and T. L. Reid, the essay writer, Alice Carey. Although there were about ten spelling teams competing, our team won first place, also our essay writer.

All the events of the day were very interesting, and we are now looking forward to the district meet at Sweetwater.

### SENIOR NEWS.

At last the Seniors have been advised that we are to give a senior play. A three-act comedy, "Cynthia's Candle-

### Our Seniors

Frank Mundy.

From Stith comes another one of our "dignified" Seniors—Frank Mundy. He has been in Merkel High school only one year, but during that time, he has made a number of friends. Frank is a member of the M. H. S. Players' club, and has played basketball four years—three years at Stith and one year at Merkel. Although Frank is very quiet, he is also studious, and we hope to see him among the graduates this spring.

Mildred Sosebee.

"Vi" has been in Merkel High school one year, having come from Noodle where she participated in essay writing two years, and one year at Merkel. She won third place the first year, but the next year she won first place, thereby being sent to Anson for the Interscholastic League events. While in Merkel High school, Mildred has been an active member of the Choral club, the G an G club, the Pep Squad, and the M. H. S. Players' club. She is also secretary of the G an G club.

sticks," is the presentation. More news will come later.

Monday morning Miss Aliene McAninch appeared before the Senior class to give a very interesting talk about the activities of C. I. A.

### G. A. N. G.

The other day an underclassman was heard to say, "I wish I could wear a bonnet to school without being made fun of." Well, we Senior girls don't care if our bonnets are laughed at, we are going to wear them any way. Even persons not going to school are noticing who's who in M. H. S. One outsider said, "Eva Faye had some material left from her dress, just made a bonnet, and is even wearing it to school!"

Envy is written all over the faces of the Fish when we wear our spotted dresses and bonnets. Be patient, Underclassmen, you'll be Seniors some day and know how important we feel!

### WE WONDER—

If anyone wants to read this. Who Margie Melton's rival is. Whom Winston calls "Fud." Whose yellow model A Sadie Parks and Ruth Kyle ride in on Sunday night. Who is playing opposite Bryan in "Safety First."

Why Laverne Hughes and Vernelle Bland were so angry Sunday afternoon.

Whom, out of the six in the car, Woodrow Barnes was really with Sunday.

If Ora will ever visit Jal, New Mexico.

If Cohrene can interpret everything she hears.

If Nell likes to go to Anson, and why.

If Thelma likes "pink" candy.

Why Aline P. has the mumps at day and not at night.

Why Lauretta R. doesn't wear her bonnet.

If Robert H. likes Canyon.

If T. L. Reid has recovered from his nervousness over county meet and has learned to spell "indispensable."

### FACULTY GOSSIP.

Well, folks, here I am back but still am afraid to talk. If I tell the truth on the faculty I will get in trouble, and if I don't I will get in trouble, but trouble is what I am looking for. The other day Mr. Burgess was talking to another member of the faculty and he said that every time he went home his wife wanted ten or fifteen dollars. The one he was speaking with looked at him in astonishment and said, "Mr. Burgess, what does your wife do with so much money?" Mr. Burgess gave that little knowing smile that we all know him by, and said, "I don't know. I haven't given her any yet."

Mr. Myers, our great and incomparable science teacher at Merkel High, has another scientific undertaking by which he is planning to make his fortune and retire from work. He is going to invent a machine that will pull up holes. The way in which he is going to use this is to go around to old oil wells that are dry and pull them up and saw them into certain lengths and sell them for post holes.

We assure Mr. Myers that he has our best wishes and hopes for his success.

### BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield left last weekend for Aspermont in response to a message that her granddaughter was gravely ill at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Terrell and mother of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son of Snyder visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and relatives last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Reeves of Martens, visited the past week with their friend, Mrs. Susie Doan, and family. Several from here attended the all-day services at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan of Brownwood visited relatives here last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell graciously entertained with a social in their home Saturday night. Some seventy-five of the younger set enjoyed this hospitality.

Mrs. Ernie Miller and son of Pampa visited in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKay, Monday.

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Of particular interest to the editor and friends of Supt. Roger A. Burgess everywhere is the fact that for much of the historical portion of the edition credit is given the Merkel school man, who compiled a history of Crosby county as a thesis for his master's degree from the University of Texas.

Bases for several feature stories were afforded in the Burgess' thesis, one of the most colorful being printed under the caption "Buffalo Hunter Was Milestone in History of Plains."

Honor Senator Collie for Distinguished Service

Senator Wilbourne B. Collie, of Eastland, has been signally honored by the American Legion of Texas, he was advised last week by receipt of a certificate of distinguished service, and a letter accompanying same.

The award and recognition were made some months ago but the certificate has been in transit to the various officials of the organization for signatures. It is signed by H. Miller Ainsworth, commander of Texas, by authority of the executive committee; Fred Young, adjutant, and A. Carland Adair, chairman, by authority of the board of directors of the American Legion Centennial committee.

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One of the Merkel representatives, Comer Haynes, was honored by election to the board of directors of the association. Another man from this district, J. M. Arnett, of Anson, was also elected a director.

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Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Grace Presbyterian church, with Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: active, Price Melton, Emmett Morris, Clarence Melton, D. C. Doan, Carl Hughes, Will Whately; honorary, Jim Moore, Tom Spears, R. E. Windham, Zeb Moore, John Hughes, H. E. Campbell.

Assisting with the flowers were: Mesdames Elsworth Bell, Price Melton, Herman Doan and Miss Margie Melton.

Born Feb. 18, 1866, Mrs. McKay was married to N. E. McKay on Dec. 5, 1883, in Hopkins county, where she made her home until 1924. She then came to Merkel and had lived here since that time.

She united with the Presbyterian church when she was 21 years old.

She was the mother of four children, three of whom are living. They are: J. N. McKay, Blair; Mrs. J. W. Love, Noodle, and Mrs. J. M. Miller, Pampa. 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren also survive.

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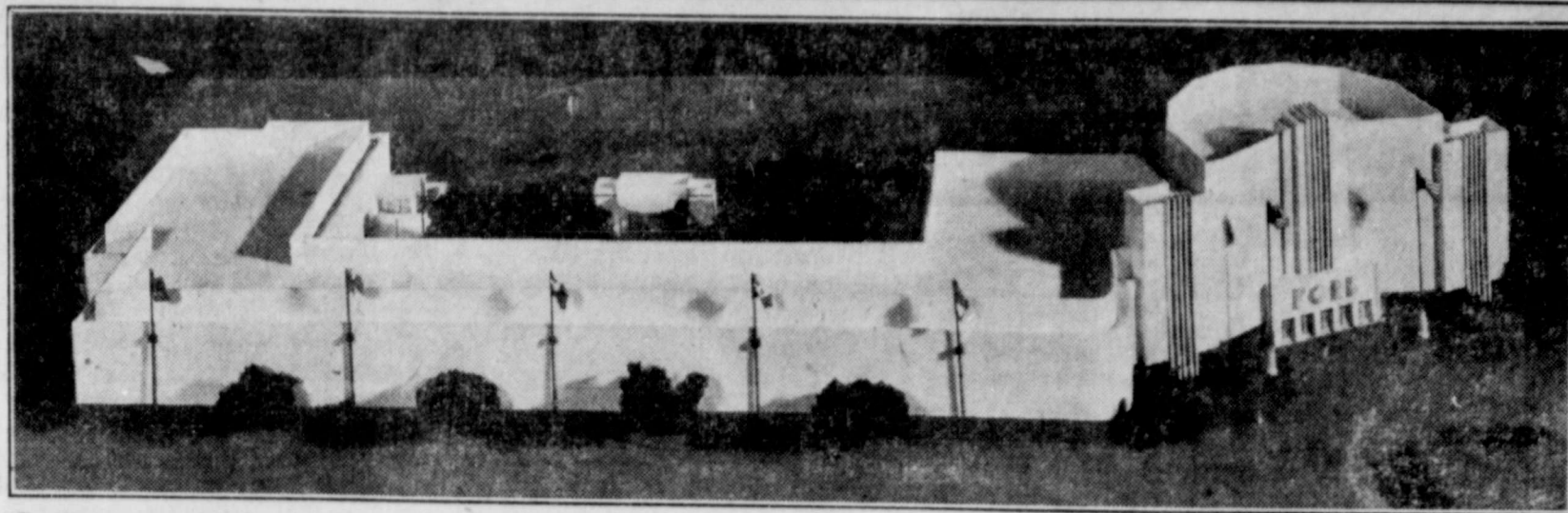
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 HOUSTON ROBERTSON.  
 A. J. CANON (Re-election.)  
 P. A. DILTZ.  
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:  
 E. F. VANTRESE.  
 L. R. CADE.  
 For County Clerk:  
 (MISS) YIVIAN FRYAR.  
 CLARENCE L. DARDEN.  
 E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.  
 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.  
 For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:  
 S. C. VICK.  
 N. D. COBB.  
 For County Judge:  
 A. A. HEATHINGTON.

## Ford Building to House Pageant of Transportation



Building operations are under way on the Ford Exposition Building, model of which is shown above, for the Texas Centennial at Dallas, according to officials of the Ford Motor Company.

The Central Contracting Company of Dallas, Texas, has been awarded the general contract for the Ford Exposition Building, it was announced today. The same firm was previously given the foundation contract. The plumbing and ventilating contract will be let later this week.

Excavation for one hundred twenty-one column footings and the pouring of approximately eight hundred cubic yards of concrete for

the foundation will be completed this week. Erection of three hundred sixty-three tons of steel will be started immediately, according to officials of the Mosher Steel Company of Dallas, who were given the steel contract. It is estimated the steel frame work will be completed April 12th. The building will be of steel, concrete and sheetrock. It will be completed for the opening of the Exposition June 6th.

The structure which will have a complete air cooling and humidifying system, will contain 55,000 square feet, of which forty-three thousand square feet will contain an interesting group of exhibits showing manufacturing and testing

processes used by the Ford Motor Company at its River Rouge plant at Dearborn, Michigan. There will also be a pageant of transportation, dioramas showing the progress of raw materials from the soil of the Southwest to the finished parts of Ford cars and an exhibit from the Henry Ford Trade School.

An outdoor court adds thirty-six thousand square feet to the exhibit's total space. The court will be attractively landscaped with trees, shrubs and flower beds. There will be comfortable chairs and benches distributed in the court where visitors may relax in the shade under colorful umbrellas. There will also be a display of passenger and com-

mercial cars and trucks in the court.

On one side of the Ford Building will be a group of nine reconstructed historic roads and trails known as the "Roads of the Southwest." Each unit of the series will be surfaced with an exact duplicate of the original paving material used on the roads which played important roles in the development of the Southwest. Included in the roads will be San Antonio Road, Fort Worth Pike, "Chisholm Trail," Butterfield Stage Road, Santa Fe Trail, Pan American Highway, Yuma Road, Magazine Street in New Orleans, and Main Street in Dallas.

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#### 1,000 Taylor County Pupils Sing in Chorus

One thousand students from 32 Taylor county schools participated in the chorus singing, held Wednesday afternoon at the Fair Park auditorium. Wendell Foreman of Elmdale directed the event.

The Taylor county chorus was one of a series of county programs, being held throughout the state in preparation for the state-wide chorus, to be held at the Texas Centennial in June. The singers were divided into lower and upper grades,

and combined for an hour of special songs on Texas.

Schools represented were Cedar Creek, Pleasant Hill, White Church, Rogers, Butman, Mulberry, Mt.

Pleasant, Potosi, Bradshaw, Moro, Wylie, New Hope, Cedar Gap, Butterfield, Hamby, Cross Roads, North

Park, Salt Branch and Buffalo Gap.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

#### Sister of the Graysons Dies at Chillicothe

Mrs. M. A. Caswell, 75, of Chillicothe, who was a frequent visitor with her brothers here, Messrs. J. H., S. L. and Hugh Grayson, died on Friday last week at her home there. Funeral services were held Saturday, with burial in the Big Valley cemetery near Medicine Mound.

One of the brothers, S. L. Grayson, had been with her most of the week before her death. The other two brothers, with their wives and accompanied by Mrs. S. L. Grayson, went to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Caswell is survived by four sons and one daughter and four other brothers: C. W. Grayson, Waco; M. B. Grayson, California; T. E. Grayson, Harlingen, and E. F. Grayson, Bovina.

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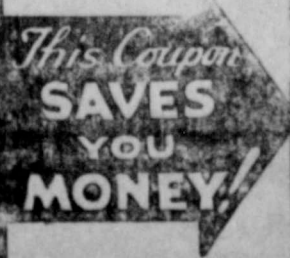
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# THE DIVORCE COURT MURDER

by MILTON PROPPER



**SIXTH 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 Hugh Campbell is involved in this at all, he'll be too clever to do anything so conspicuous or suspicious. In fact, he'll probably come forward as soon as he learns Headquarters wants him." He paused. "Phone the Bureau, Jenks, and tell Gordon to inquire for him at all the best hotels in town. If he's staying in Philly and isn't with friends, he'll check in only at the finest."  
 He deliberated a moment and then finished his instructions.  
 "Besides, he has connections here, through which he might be traced. Let's see . . . there's Gussie Morton at the Morton Club and Nick Alberti, manager of the Orquandy Club on South Broad Street. Tell Gordon to visit them for a chat."

Jenks made a note of the address mentioned, and his superior continued:  
 "Now, what else have you learned from the office force? Who visited the firm during the afternoon?"  
 He nodded toward the chairs lined against the wall beyond the rail, where a man and woman waited whom Rankin had barely noticed on his arrival. They sat apart, the woman demure and chic in a grey dress that revealed an attractive figure; about twenty-three years old, she was physically small, with petite features, pretty in an unobtrusive manner.  
 The man was as large as she was small. Close upon fifty years, he was tall and broad-shouldered. His eyes were dull and unimaginative and altogether he radiated ponderous energy, without alertness or sagacity.  
 Studying them each in turn, Rankin asked his colleague: "For whom were they witnesses, Jenks? Who are they and what do they know about the case?"  
 "The girl's name is Jill Edmond—Miss Jill Edmond," Jenks replied. "Earlier, I understand, she worked as Mrs. Rowland's secretary last December and January."  
 "Worked is right, but not any longer," Rankin commented with a smile. "Because she happens to be his correspondent—the woman with whom he had the affair that caused his wife to sue for a divorce."  
 It was the other's turn to smile—knowingly, with a slightly lascivious smirk.  
 With regard to the order of entrances and exits that afternoon, Jenks fully corroborated Rankin's own inquiries. His time-table, together with some notes and observations, read as follows:  
 2:20—Mrs. Rowland and Mr. Willard arrive and enter library.  
 2:25—Mr. Trumbull arrives, waits in outer office.  
 2:30—Allen Rowland and Mrs.

Keith arrive, and with Mr. Trumbull, pass into library.  
 2:55—Jill Edmond arrives and waits in outer office.  
 2:58—Hugh Campbell arrives and waits in outer office.  
 2:58 (about)—Allen Rowland leaves Mrs. Keith in 1505, and rejoins Mr. Trumbull.  
 2:59—Mrs. Rowland joins Campbell, has brief conversation. (Find out what about.)  
 2:40—Allen Rowland and Mr. Trumbull leave suite through main office, Rowland to dismiss chauffeur. Mrs. Rowland returns to library.  
 2:41 (about)—Mrs. Rowland leaves suite through main office, and Mr. Trumbull returns to phone his office.  
 2:45 (about)—Allen Rowland returns to 1507, and retires with Mr. Trumbull to Mr. Dawson's office. (Check the time with Mrs. Keith's chauffeur, Alvin.)  
 2:49 (about)—Mrs. Rowland returns, speaks to Campbell and rejoins brother in library.  
 2:51 (about)—Hugh Campbell

leaves suite by central door for a minute and returns.  
 2:56—Hugh Campbell receives phone call and hurries off without explanation.  
 2:57—Mr. Henry Dawson arrives, and enters his office.  
 3:00—Mr. Simpkins, court clerk, arrives, also enters Mr. Dawson's office. The hearing begins.  
 "And that about covers the ground, Tommy," Jenks concluded his summary of this data.  
 He turned away from Jenks and rejoined the group waiting in the library.  
 "Mr. Simpkins," he addressed the clerk, "I'd like to see your notes of the evidence presented at the hearings. Your typed record. Have you got it with you?"  
 The clerk produced a large loose-leaf notebook from a voluminous pocket.  
 "With pleasure, Mr. Rankin," he responded. "Here you have it complete."  
 Rankin took the book from him, and excusing himself, retired into Mr. Dawson's office. There he closed the door and spread the notes on the lawyer's table for study. Although on the surface the details of Allen Rowland's dalliance with Jill Edmond appeared to have no direct bearing on the tragedy he would not neglect the circumstances which it helped to bring about.  
 The preliminary testimony established Mrs. Rowland's right to sue for separation in Pennsylvania. She

had resided at her estate in Parkway Road, Germantown, continuously except for her vacations. Allen Rowland had also lived there until she discovered his infidelity. Then he went into bachelor apartments he had already evidently been occupying, in West Philadelphia.  
 The marriage certificate was offered in evidence. She had met him four and a half years before, while wintering in Miami. As a life-guard at the beach, he had performed for her some service, not clearly detailed, which first brought them together. Before that he had led a wandering, adventurous life—a cowhand in Texas, a movie extra in Hollywood, a riding master in Chicago. They were married by an Episcopal clergyman at Fort Lauderdale, on December 28, 1928. Jill Edmond, of course, was the

bone of the fatal contention between Adele and Allen Rowland. A month before the past New Year, Mrs. Rowland had advertised for a secretary in the columns of several newspapers. The "ad" required a young and personable girl of more than average intelligence and ability. It would be her duty to attend to her employer's correspondence, manage her social engagements and in general serve as a companion. Of all the applicants, (Continued on Page 7.)

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**Divorce Court Murder**

(Continued From Page 6.)

Miss Edmond, petite and neatly dressed, alert, clever and willing, had appeared most suitable for the post.

Mrs. Rowland first had reason to suspect the girl's relations with her husband less than three weeks after. She had remained at home from a bridge party on the 23rd of the same month, because of a headache; but she retired without informing Miss Edmond of her indisposition. Descending unexpectedly from her room at four o'clock, she found her in the library, ostensibly writing letters at her desk, while Allen Rowland bent over her, his arm around her shoulder. Their nonchalant air in attempting to carry off the embarrassing situation did not deceive her.

Confronted by this discovery Adele Rowland consulted her brother, who arranged to hire detectives to watch the couple. Both parties were to be trailed every moment wherever they went, whether separately or not.

There followed in the notes, a resume by the detectives of their movements in watching the subjects of their vigilance. On the Thursday afternoon after they began work, young Rowland kept a rendezvous with the secretary at a park in Germantown and took her to supper in town. Two days later they trailed Rowland alone to the Westview Apartments in West Philadelphia. Investigation revealed that for eight months he had had an establishment there under the name of Seymour King.

The crisis occurred on a Wednesday, February 1st, the girl's next holiday. At four o'clock that afternoon, so Mrs. Rowland related in her testimony, she accidentally noticed a scrap of paper in her husband's writing in the secretary's library wastebasket. Evidently he realized at last that they were suspected and employed this indirect method of communicating with her. In the note, he made an appointment to meet her that very evening at nine o'clock. Therefore, when the girl, during supper, specially requested to be excused from duty that night, her employer granted the favor. Rowland was not at the table nor had he been at home that afternoon.

In the meantime, Mrs. Rowland telephoned the detective and apprised him of her knowledge. Then they called Mr. Willard and pre-

pared plans for trapping the faithless couple.

So it was that when Allen Rowland reached the rendezvous that Wednesday night, his wife, Mr. Willard and the detective were already hidden there; they watched unseen from the lawyer's car. Rowland drove up alone in a coupe on the hour, and his paramour joined him. They followed him beyond the city limits along the Bethlehem Pike as far as Quakertown. Forty-five miles from Philadelphia, Rowland turned off the main highway to reach the fashionable and expensive Sunset Inn, which, however, like many such roadhouses, possessed a questionable reputation. It was 10:30 when he arrived with his companion. As they went inside, the pursuers, careful lest their quarry observe them, halted a hundred yards from the building.

For some time they waited patiently. In ten minutes, a new light illuminated one of the second floor rooms and Allen Rowland appeared at the window and lowered the shade. At 11:15 the three trailers entered.

The chamber the husband and his companion occupied was number 212 on the second floor. (Here, the hotel book was placed on the record to prove Allen Rowland's registration for both of them as husband and wife. In his handwriting was the entry of Mr. and Mrs. King of Allentown, Pennsylvania.) Without warning, Mr. Willard knocked on the door; and when it opened, it revealed a scene that could hardly be more compromising. The guilty man stood in the doorway, chagrined and astonished, in colored pajamas, a robe and slippers, while Jil Edmond, pale and breathless, sat on the bed in negligee.

It was at this precise juncture that Mr. Mortimer Keith stalked angrily into the Inn bedroom, took in the situation with a hurried glance and, offering no explanation, departed as abruptly as he had arrived.

When Rankin reached this amazing statement in the record, he sat back with a jerk, audibly expressing his bewilderment. It came from the private detective, volunteered casually in his complete description of what occurred in Room 212, after the invasion.

(Continued Next Week.)

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Mr. Coyle's statement was made in answer to a question as to whether the earlier announcement of 1936 models had succeeded in leveling out employment to a greater degree than in previous years.

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  - The Farm Journal 3 yrs
  - Progressive Farmer 2 yrs
  - Southern Agriculturist 1 yr

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**LUBBOCK VISITOR  
COMPLIMENTED.**

On Friday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson entertained in honor of their house guest, Miss Bertha Moreland of Lubbock, complimenting her with a dinner and theatre party.

The guests assembled at Wozy's cafe at the dinner hour and after partaking leisurely of a delectable spring menu all went to the Queen theatre for a showing of "The Trail of Terror."

The guest list includes Miss Moreland, Lubbock, Miss Eldora Hill, Colorado, Miss Mammie Walker, Miss Floy Darnell, Messrs. and Mesdames T. O. Neill, Joe Cypert, Milton Case, Max Swafford, Byron Patterson, Messrs. Jimmie Toombs, Fred Guitar, Jr., Jeff Boyd of Sweetwater, Comer Patterson and Lester Patterson.

**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.**

The Fortnightly Study club held their Monday evening meeting in the home of Miss Julia Martin, at which time Miss Christine Collins brought the history lesson. The program also included a talk on "Texas Women" by Mrs. E. Clyde Smith and Miss Julia Martin gave an interesting discussion on "Superstitions." Mrs. Johnny Cox was voted into club membership.

Mrs. Henry West was elected as club delegate to the sixth district. Federated clubs, convention to be held in Abilene April 6, 7 and 8, with Mrs. W. T. Sadler as alternate.

The following members were present: Mesdames Henry West, Sam Swann, C. B. Gardner, E. Clyde Smith, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, S. D. Gamble, Asa Sheppard, J. T. Warren, Frank McFarland, Tom Durham, A. R. Booth, Misses Evelyn Curb, Julia Martin, Christine Collins, Aileen Ayter, Dora Garoutte.

**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee were hosts to sixteen guests at a surprise birthday dinner given in honor of A. J. Rollins and P. H. Douglass on Wednesday evening. Glynaden Northcutt was co-hostess in entertaining.

Following a short program consisting of a duet by Opal Buzbee and Willy, a solo by Frank Traylor, Floyd Hamilton, and A. J. Rollins, and a reading by Willie Mae Nelson, dinner was served to: Alma Morgan, Otis Gatewood, Frank Traylor, Floyd Hamilton, Isalea Walker, A. J. Rollins, Ailene, Opal Buzbee, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Douglass and Willie Mae Nelson.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake, made of pastebord and cotton, covered with white icing and birthday decorations, which was placed in the center of the table to be cut by the honorees, furnished the "April Fool" surprise.

**PALETTE CLUB.**

Miss Vernelle Sublett was hostess to the Palette club at their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon. A program was discussed and a weiner roast planned for Friday, Apr. 3, at Sweetwater lake. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Douglass were chosen as chaperons.

Each member of the club is going to have her picture taken for the club book. Each girl's name was drawn on a piece of paper; the girls drew names and were to tell no one whom they drew. They will write a character sketch to be placed in the book beside the pictures, Willie Mae Nelson was chosen to organize the book.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank all, who in the death of our dear mother and grandmother were so kind, and also those who sent flowers and spoke words of comfort during our hours of sorrow. May God's richest blessings rest upon you.

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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**A FAMILY REUNION.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison of Blair were interesting hosts to a family reunion, held in their home on Mar. 19. Adding interest to the occasion was the surprise of the homecoming of sons and daughters with their families and the visit of the two sisters of the former, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gentler and two children, Hattie Mae and Elmer, of Huntsville, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Frazier of Scottsboro, Ala.

An elaborate dinner was spread and the guests certainly did justice to the palatable menu. The day was spent in talking about old times, and before the guests departed for their homes, Fernon Harrison, a grandson of the hosts and a talented speaker, gave a reading on "A Pioneer Speaks," and Misses Hattie Mae Gentler and Doris and Thelma Vanlandingham gave special musical numbers.

It was an occasion long to be remembered by the following who participated in the hospitality: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gentler and two children, of Huntsville, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Rob Frazier of Scottsboro, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrison and son, Fernon, of Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rogers and three children, J. D., Elvis and Imogean, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harrison and daughter, Pattie Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan and son, L. D., of Merkel, Elmer Harrison and two sons, Don and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and son, J. W., of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vanlandingham and two daughters, Doris and Thelma, Orvil Hartman and Mr. Nowell of Stanton.

The writer appreciates this estimable couple with their fine family as a new addition to the citizenship of Blair.

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon, Mar. 27, in the home of Mrs. Dale Burleson, with the president in charge of the business hour.

Menu planning was discussed and Mrs. Lige Harris gave a report of the last council meeting.

Members present were: Mesdames M. F. Carey, Lige Harris, S. G. Russell, Sr., W. A. Harris, Kenneth Pee, S. G. Russell, Jr., S. O. Patton, W. B. Burleson, M. L. Douglas, W. H. Clark; Misses Norma Patton and Mabel McRee. Visitors, Mrs. Thornton of Merkel, Misses Sybil Harris and Lavern Douglas.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. F. Carey on Apr. 10.

**BUSY BEE CLUB.**

The Busy Bee club met Thursday, Mar. 26, with Mrs. J. E. Higgins. After a short business session, an interesting program was rendered. Mrs. Johnny Cox told a story connected with Texas history, called "After the Battle." Miss Celia Hester gave a talk and Miss Ruth Pinckley gave a short talk on current events.

The hostess served delicious hot chocolate and cakes to Mesdames W. U. Boone, J. S. Pinckley, Johnny Cox, Joe C. Higgins, Bill Hays, Vernon Hudson, Barker and Misses Celia Hester and Ruth Pinckley.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bill Hays on Apr. 9.

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 636 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 698 on the previous Sunday and with 706 on the same Sunday a year ago.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching service 11 a. m. by the pastor, text John 12:12. Young people's meeting 6:45. Evening service 7:45 o'clock.

Next Sunday morning we will begin our pre-Easter revival. We will use our church people for this special effort and invite the public to come worship with us. We need your prayer and your co-operation. We will discuss subjects that are of vital interest to every person in the Merkel community. Make this meeting your meeting.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Vesper service at 5:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. NYPS at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting 7:30 each Wednesday evening. Come 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.**

Sunday was a glorious day for the Northside Baptist people, as well as for the many visitors who attended our services. You and all other visitors are cordially invited to come again.

While the world drifts on and the devil and his crowd does everything they can to tear down Christ's cause and lead many of Christ's people into a compromising life, we are just a group of common, consecrated Fundamental Baptist, New Testament Christians, with a burdened heart for the lost, seeking to win them to "the

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A. B. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hughes, Sr., of Center and graduated from the high school there in 1933, later attending the University of Texas. He made a splendid scholastic record in the Center school, ranking sixth in a class of 62 with an average of 90.5 grade points. He is also a fine athlete with a record for clean sportsmanship.

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