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ALL SET FOR THIRD RODEO 1936 SEASON

Full Program of Spectacular Events Scheduled for Coming Saturday; Starts Promptly at 1:30 P. M.

Third of the series of free summer rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, is scheduled for Saturday of this week, starting promptly at 1:30 p. m. A full program of calf roping, cow milking, steer riding and horse riding will be offered under the direction of Bob and Mark Malone.

As previously announced, contestants must register and pay their entry fee to Tom Jinks before noon on show day, which rule will hold in effect throughout the season.

BLEACHER SEATS.

All sections will be covered before the Saturday show and those who patronize the bleachers will have all the advantages of a full-fledged grandstand.

Tickets will go on sale at 12:30, one hour before the show starts. The price is: 25c for adults, 10c for children under 12.

Oldest Registered So Far Dates Coming to Area 68 Years Ago

Having settled in Mulberry canyon in 1878, where he bought a ranch and where at that time the only settler was the Vickers house, later the Sam Butman place, H. D. Clark ante-dates any of the 21 old-timers that have enrolled so far with the registration committee from the Merchants Trade Extension association.

Closely following him, however, are two others, Jim Tucker and D. R. Thompson, both of whom date their migration to West Texas in the year 1881.

Mrs. D. A. Hill, nonagenarian and a native Texan, who makes her home with her son, W. C. Hill, at Golan, is the first of the early settlers to register for "Pioneer Day." She was born in Hopkins county Dec. 30, 1845.

Saturday, June 20, has been set aside by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel as "Pioneer Day" and on this occasion all those who register with the committee, (headquarters at the office of The Merkel Mail), will be guests at a chuck wagon dinner at the city tabernacle. Other features of the day will include a street parade centering on the Centennial theme.

Those who are 65 years old and have lived in the Merkel trade territory 40 years are asked to register at once; the list will be open until Wednesday, June 17, three days before "Pioneer Day," but the committee would like to have every one who desires to participate to register as early as possible.

The list so far, with year in which each person came to this area, reads: Mrs. D. A. Hill (1891); T. H. Spears (1894); Mrs. T. H. Spears (1894); A. W. Cook (1892); Mrs. A. W. Cook (1892); G. W. Boyce (1886); J. H. Grayson (1887); Mrs. J. H. Grayson (1887); D. O. Huddleston (1882); J. L. Tucker (1881); Mrs. Sallie C. Boyce (1883); R. A. Martin (1886); S. L. Ensminger (1887); S. A. Coats (1892); Mrs. S. A. Coats (1892); H. D. Clark (1878); Mrs. H. D. Clark (1896); D. R. Thompson (1881); Sam Butman, Sr. (1882); J. T. Dennis (1890); Miss Dota Garoutte (1887.)

Child, Normal Baby, Born After Mother Undergoes Operation

Following an operation Saturday night at the West Texas Baptist hospital for a gangrenous appendix, a baby daughter was born at 7:45 Monday morning to Mrs. T. B. Hobbs of the 5th community. The little girl is a normal baby, Dr. W. T. Sadler, the attending physician reports, a rare occurrence in medical experience. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Cleo Melton's condition is still very grave. She was taken to the hospital with splenic anaemia and has had four blood transfusions since Sunday.

Mrs. O. W. Miller, another hospital patient, who underwent a thyroidectomy, is improving satisfactorily.

TRUBY AT TOP OF CIRCUIT, ONLY UNDEFEATED CLUB

By taking the opening game, 4-2, from Trent in Saturday's twin bill in the Merkel Inter-Community league, Truby remains the only undefeated club in the circuit. Noodle, previously undefeated, lost, 8-4, in the night-cap to Union.

Garner, pitching for Truby, won his own game with a single in the ninth that proved the decisive run.

Noodle's errors in the first inning of the second game were costly, enabling Union to score four times, and hard hitting by the Union glabmen in the second netted three more runs to clinch the game.

Box scores of both contests appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Attention is called by Chairman Warren Smith of the baseball committee to a most reprehensible practice by some automobile driver, or drivers, who use the infield of the baseball diamond for a race track, especially following rains, and have so cut up the surface that much work is required to smooth it out again.

LEAGUE STANDING.

TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Truby	2	0	1.000
Noodle	1	1	.500
Trent	1	1	.500
Tye	1	1	.500
Divide	1	1	.500
Union	1	1	.500

Select Miss Leta Faye Barbee Sponsor To Cowboy Reunion

Miss Leta Faye Barbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barbee, has been selected as "Miss Merkel" to the annual Cowboy Reunion at Stamford, July 2, 3 and 4.

Designation of Miss Barbee as Merkel's sponsor was made by the directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association at a meeting of the board of directors held Wednesday afternoon at the Farmers State bank.

Miss Barbee, it will be recalled, won second place as "Miss Noodle" in the 1934 sponsors contest at Stamford, and last year, going as Merkel's sponsor, was given third place by the judges.

Former Merkel Boy To Represent Garner At San Diego Fete

Dispatches in the daily papers a few days ago reported that Marshall R. Diggs of Dallas, executive assistant to Comptroller of Currency J. F. T. O'Connor, on the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, would leave Washington Tuesday of this week for San Diego, Calif., to represent Vice-President Garner at the Texas Day celebration May 24 at the Pacific International exposition.

Marshall Diggs will be recalled by many here, as he is a Merkel product, having been reared here, but leaving with his family while still a schoolboy.

Keys Presented to Two Club Members

As a reward for securing two new members each, R. T. Gray and Allen McGehee became key members of the Lions club and were awarded emblems at Tuesday's luncheon of the club at Ed's cafe.

R. A. Hoover, new local manager of the Jones Dry Goods company, was the only guest.

Supt. R. A. Burgess was named by President Roy Reid as chairman of a committee to nominate officers for the new year beginning July 1. Others on the committee are Fred Hughes, Allen McGehee, Milton Case and Byers Petty.

To promote a softball team among the club membership Wrenn Durham was named chairman of a committee, including Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, R. T. Gray and Stanley King.

Two delegates will be sent by the club to the coming district and state conventions, that is, two to each convention. Selections by lot resulted as follows, the first two as delegates, the others as alternates in order named:

To Cisco: A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, C. J. Glover, Wrenn Durham, P. H. Douglass, W. T. Sadler.

To Brownwood: Booth Warren, Milton Case, Henry West, Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Joe P. Self.

After the selection, Booth Warren stated that he would not take in both conventions and would indicate at a later date which he chose.

BANKERS TOLD THAT RECOVERY ALREADY HERE

President of State Association Urges Halt in Wasteful Expenditures but Says Experiments Have Been Helpful.

Houston, May 21.—The nation may expect continued business improvement despite the precedent of election-year slumps, Fred F. Florence, Dallas, president of the Texas Bankers association, said here Tuesday in his annual convention address.

"With excess reserves at their highest figure," he said, "our bankers are eager to make sound loans to reputable individuals and concerns for all meritorious purposes."

Florence spoke before the opening session of the 52nd annual meeting of the association, which will continue through Thursday.

Emergency aid rendered by the federal government during the depression was commendable, he told more than 500 bankers attending the convention, but now should withdraw and allow business to resume its "normal" functions.

"Although criticism might well be directed to many of the governmental experiments of recent years—and well directed efforts should be constantly pursued to check any repetition of same—yet there is a growing recognition that some of these measures have been contributory to the revival in business that the country generally is now experiencing," he said.

State To End Year In Black by Three Million, Allred Says

Houston, May 21.—Texas will end the fiscal year next August 31 with a cash balance of \$3,000,000, Gov. James V. Allred said Tuesday at the annual convention of the Texas Bankers association.

Allred said that amount would be in addition to expenditures for a committee from the local Lions club in charge of arrangements for the affair, with S. D. Gamble and Fred Hughes as co-members of his committee.

Local merchants will sponsor contestants in the competitive bathing girl revue held here, with out-of-town judges invited to make the award.

Names of merchants and their sponsors will be announced in next week's issue of The Mail, Dr. Thomason states.

If plans are carried out, a special archway and promenade at the pool will be erected, and various forms of entertainment, including a band or string music, arranged to make the occasion a gala affair.

May, the Month of Rains, Favors Area With More Moisture

On the basis of statistics, May is the proverbial month for plentiful rains in this section and Monday afternoon brought another fine rain, 2 1-2 inches falling in the brief space of a few hours, as measured by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

This brings the total for 1936 to 9 inches, of which 3 7-8 inches was during the month of May.

Rainfall during the first 24 days of May last year measured 13 1-8 inches.

Sketches Shown at Sartar Galleries

Showing with the Klepper club, Mrs. DeVerle Johnson, (nee Miss Mary Eula Sears), was invited to exhibit two of her sketches at the Sartar galleries on Knox street, Dallas. One was a charcoal, "The East Entrance to C. I. A.," the other a bitten line etching, "Highway Home, Mexico, N. L."

At another showing at Technical High school, Fort Worth, she exhibited two etches, both aqua tints, "Along Satillo Road" and "Monterrey Cypress."

Mrs. Johnson has also been asked to give a lecture on "Art" at the Woman's club, Fort Worth.

Merkel friends will learn with much pleasure of her progress and success in the field of art, her chosen study and endeavor.

INDICATE FIRST PAYOFF TO BE MADE IN JULY

With Grant of Federal Government, Amount Available in Excess of Two Million; Probably 60,000 Pensioners.

Austin, May 21.—Orville S. Carpenter, executive director of the Texas old age assistance association, informed Governor James V. Allred Wednesday that the national social security board had granted a Texas request for allotment of \$1,181,250 of federal funds to match the state's old age assistance funds for the months of July and August.

The announcement was taken to mean that the first distribution of pension funds will be \$2,362,500, as federal funds are to be matched dollar for dollar with the state funds. Carpenter, before leaving for Washington, estimated that there will be 60,000 initial pensioners. The average monthly payment to that number possible out of the \$2,362,500 for two months would be \$20.

Under the law the payments are to be made to individuals only in accordance with their needs for a standard of living to which they have been accustomed. A limit of \$15 a month is placed on the state payment, which, matched by federal funds, makes a maximum of \$30 for any one pensioner.

Announcement of formal approval followed an airplane trip by Governor Allred and Carpenter to Washington hurriedly last Saturday when it was learned that Federal Director Winant was to leave at once for Europe.

Bathing Girl Revue Sponsored by Lions At Shannon's June 5

Selection of a young lady or girl to represent Merkel in a similar feature at the Lions district meeting in Cisco on June 16-17 will be made at a bathing girls' revue at Shannon's pool on Friday night, June 5.

Dr. Earl Thomason is chairman of a committee from the local Lions club in charge of arrangements for the affair, with S. D. Gamble and Fred Hughes as co-members of his committee.

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Mrs. Lucy Haynes Presents Graduate Lecture-Recital

Many interested friends were privileged to enjoy a graduate-lecture-recital by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, pupil of Miss Nena Kate Ramsey, in the fine arts auditorium at Hardin-Simmons university on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Haynes gave "House Beautiful," a play in three acts by Channing Pollock.

Holder of a B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons, Mrs. Haynes has done special work in Texas Christian university and the state universities of Colorado and Texas.

She is now teacher of English and speech arts and director of dramatic activities at the Merkel High school.

Announces 5th Sunday Singing at Hawley

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention, of which Tom Spears is president, meets at Hawley May 31.

There will be lots of singing and dinner on the ground for the all-day program, which starts at 10:30 a. m.

All singers and friends are invited to attend.

Wealthy Flier Dead in Crash.

Baton Rouge, La., May 21.—A crash of a speedy plane into a wooded swamp, brought death to Harry P. Williams, millionaire aviator and husband of Marguerite Clark, star of the silent screen.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Rafael Medina, Laredo candy maker, burned in the explosion of a gasoline lamp at his home Sunday night, died Tuesday.

J. H. Polk, 44, Lufkin carpenter, died from a fractured skull incurred in a fall while working at the United States forestry building three miles north of Lufkin.

The traffic toll claimed its twenty-eighth victim in Dallas county Monday when Danella Webster, 5, died at Methodist hospital after having been struck by an automobile almost in front of her home.

William J. Gill, engine watchman for the Panhandle & Santa Fe railway, was injured fatally when the boiler of a switch engine exploded in the yards at Pampa.

Sheriff A. F. McCamant of Carrizozo, N. M., captured two fugitives, who he said admitted they were C. W. French and Sam Lee Frazier, escaped from the Levelland jail.

John Freeland, 91, who was present in the Ford's theatre, Washington, D. C., at the time of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, died suddenly at his home near Rising Star.

Four persons, Ascertained Varcas, Louis Garza and Fendecio Urben of Edcouch and C. Martinez of Corpus Christi, were killed in an automobile-truck collision on the highway south of Beville.

The state board of education voted Saturday to increase the state school aid apportionment from \$17.50 per capita to \$18.50, an additional \$1 for each of the 1,575,000 school children in the state.

Nine-year-old John Lonzo O'Keefe was drowned in a shallow pool near Hutchins, Dallas county, where he and a companion had gone wading to cool off after playing baseball. The boy could not swim.

Alfred O'Brien, who Dallas officers said was formerly in charge of the Waco police finger print department, was transferred to the state prison at Huntsville to serve a two-year sentence for swindling.

J. O. Fry of DeLeon may be a candidate for congress from the 17th district on a Townsend plan platform. County Judge Clyde I. Garrett of Eastland is also opposing Thomas L. Blanton, the present representative.

Carl Moore, 39, was fatally injured last Friday at the Col-Tex refinery in west Colorado, when a pipe from an oil tank he was moving caused a stack to fall, crushing his chest and the back of his skull, and breaking his right leg.

William Emmett Roberts, 85, said to have been the first white man to establish a home in the vast territory between old Fort Griffin in Shackelford county and the colonies of New Mexico, died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. P. R. Wright, of the Nugent community, near the spot where he settled 63 years ago.

48 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION CLASS OF 1936

Dr. F. M. Warren of Abilene to Preach Sermon; Commencement Exercises Monday Evening at Gymnasium.

Dr. F. M. Warren, pastor of the First Christian church, Abilene, will preach the graduation sermon for the Senior class of the Merkel High School Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the High School gymnasium.

Processional music will be given by Jannell Black and Louise Richie, followed by selections by the girls' choral club.

Graduation exercises are slated for Monday night at 8:15, with a pageant, "Things That Make Texas Greater," presented by the Senior class and directed by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

Grammar school graduation exercises will be held Friday night at the High School gymnasium, with Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church, making the address to the class.

There are 48 candidates for graduation. They are:

Oscar Adcock, Clifton Bellamy, Marvin Berry, R. T. Blair, Horace Boney, Bryan Higgins, Robert Higgins, F. T. Hogan, Victor Joyner, Odell Latimer, Hugh Leonard, John Leonard, Laverne Moore, Harold Morgan, Frank Mundy, Winston Polley, Halbert Rister, Zerk Robertson, Dallas Sharp, Felix Stalls, Jack Stanford, Murry Tombs, Willie B. Tombs, Holt Vaughn, James West, Jr., Billy Woodrum, Alvin Wozencraft.

Eva Faye Bush, Opal Buzbee, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Ora Derrick, Hattie Mae Dwiggin, Mary Frances Harris, Janet Hayes, Louella Hughes, Juanita Huskey, Ruth Kyle, Mabel Maddox, Corene Morrison, Thelma Patterson, Willie Mae Nelson, Loretta Randal, Alice Russell, Lucy Faye Russom, Mildred Soesbee, Missie Spurgin.

The programs for the three occasions follow:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Processional, Miss Emma Joyner.
Invocation, Rev. R. A. Walker.
"Bluebonnet Time," (March), Seventh grade.
Salutatory, Doris Gay West.
Address to the Class, Rev. John H. Crow.
Presentation of Certificates, Mrs. Len Sublett, principal.
Acceptance of Certificates, Billie Largent.
Presentation of the Class Key to the Sixth Grade, Betty Jo Reid.
"A Parting Tribute from the Sixth Grade," Dora Marie Gaither.
Valedictory, Mildred McLean.
"A Parting Prayer," (Irish), Seventh Grade.
Benediction, Rev. C. R. Joyner.
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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 26, 1916.)

NEW APPLIANCES IN TOWN STORES.
Nearly every place in the city is making some spring improvement or doing something to lend a new phase to their business houses.

Not very long ago three of the grocery stores of Merkel installed new and improved sales counters with sealed bins for all sorts of bulk groceries. The various compartments keep the edibles perfectly clean and later one other house has installed a mammoth refrigerator for vegetables, one large enough to hold a wagon load of truck while another place has a cooling system for vegetables that keeps them in fresh condition for a longer length of time. Not contented with this, a confectioner has installed an automatic graphophone, an outfit that does everything but put nickles in its own pocket. All the outsider has to do is to walk up, tell the machine what record is wanted, drop a nickel in the slot and the music is forthcoming.

Shortly after noon Wednesday a telephone message from Trent brought news of the death of Ted Cozart, by drowning, near the home of T. L. Stevens.

To the readers of The Mail who vote in this justice precinct we are authorized to announce the candidacy of I. S. Allen for the office of justice of the peace, subject to the coming democratic primaries of July.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams, among Merkel's foremost citizens, are preparing to move to Denton where Mr. Adams has purchased property.

Capt. and Mrs. E. Hall left Monday for different eastern towns with the expectation of remaining away most of the summer months.

W. S. Telford of near Anson was here the first of the week visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and family. Mr. Telford, although an aged gentleman, is driving his Overland touring car over much of the country with the ease and grace of a younger person.

Miss Gladys Evans returned Tuesday afternoon from Abilene, having visited with the family of T. W. Cotton for several days.

Miss Mary Gunn left Saturday night for San Antonio to visit her sister, Floy, who since her marriage resides there.

Mrs. Parker Hendrix of Abilene is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

The Box Scores

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Payne, 1b	4	2	2	8	0	1
Cooley, lf, 2b	3	0	2	2	3	0
H. Tittle, 2b, rf	4	0	0	0	1	2
Weaver, c	4	0	2	9	0	1
C. Tittle, ss	4	0	0	3	0	0
H. Jones, rf, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Hammer, cf	4	0	0	1	1	0
Duncan, 3b	4	0	1	1	1	1
O. Jones, p	3	0	0	1	0	0

TRUBY	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hampton, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Scott, c	5	0	2	5	2	1
Justice, ss	5	1	1	3	3	0
Hollis, 1b	2	0	0	12	0	0
Hall, rf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Grogan, 2b	4	1	0	2	0	0
Strawn, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Payne, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Garner, p	4	1	1	1	3	1

Totals 34 2 8 27 6 5
 Score by innings:
 Trent 001 000 010-2
 Truby 200 000 002-4
 Summary—Runs batted in, Hall 2, Scott, Garner, Cooley, Weaver. Two-base hits, Payne, Cooley, H. Jones. Sacrifice hits, Strawn, Cooley. Double plays, Grogan to Scott, Left on base, Truby 9, Trent 6 Base on balls, off Jones 4. Strike-outs, O. Jones 6, Garner 5. Stolen bases, Hampton, Weaver. Umpires, Hollis and Ferrier.

NOODLE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bailey, 3b, lf	5	0	0	0	3	2
Derrick, 1b	4	0	0	11	0	0
Palmer, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Walker, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Sharp, 2b, ss	4	0	1	1	3	1
Williams, ss, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1
C. Vick, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Carter, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Eason, cf	1	1	0	0	0	0
D. Williams, lf, 3b	4	1	3	2	0	0
H. Vick, c	4	1	2	8	0	0
Goode, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0

UNION	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Goza, ss	5	0	2	2	3	0
Bartlett, 2b	4	2	1	3	3	0
C. Propst, cf	5	2	2	1	0	1
Day, 3b	3	2	2	1	3	0
Parham, c	3	1	1	9	0	0
V. Mayfield, 1b	5	0	0	8	0	1
A. Propst, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Stevens, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
C. Mayfield, rf	0	0	0	1	0	0
Millnix, p	3	1	1	0	1	0
Stevens, p	2	0	1	1	1	0

Totals 38 8 10 27 11 2
 Score by innings:
 Noodle 000 030 001-4
 Union 430 100 00x-8

ham 3, A. Propst, V. Mayfield, Day 2, Stevens, H. Vick 2, Goode, Bailey. Three-base hits, Day, D. Williams, Goode. Two-base hits, Parham, Storey. Stolen bases, Parham, Eason. Left on base, Union 13, Noodle 6. Bases on balls, off Palmer 1, off Walker, 3. Struck out, Palmer 2, Walker 6, Millnix 4, Storey 5. Hits and runs, off Palmer, 5 and 7 in two innings; off Walker, 5 and 1 in 6 innings; off Millnix, 4 and 3 in 4 1-3 innings, off Storey, 4 and 1 in 4 2-3 innings. Hit batsmen, Palmer (Day), Walker (Propst, Stevens.) Winning pitcher, Millnix. Losing pitcher, Palmer. Umpires, Hollis and Ferrier.

White Church News

The farmers in this community are busy in the field. The weeds are coming along since the rains.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A large crowd attended both services.

Miss Fredia Farmer has gone to Abilene to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Felix Posey of Throckmorton is here visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Thelma Thomas visited several days with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Windham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan spent Friday in Abilene on business.

Miss Ruth Chapman, teacher in the school, took the fourth grade girls to her home near View for a week-end visit. The girls were: Maxine Phillips, Melba Shugart and Lois Harris. Miss Daldon took the fifth grade boys to her home at Sagerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris spent Wednesday afternoon visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vessel, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and family of Butman attended church services here Sunday.

Mrs. Willis Evans and Miss Fern Evans of Sweetwater visited here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Connell entertained a

group of relatives and friends from Stamford and Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bel Boden of Anaheim, Calif., visited the past week in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr.

Mrs. Frank Demere spent Thursday in Sweetwater and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Coomer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., spent Sunday in Buffalo Gap attending the Boden reunion.

Miss Fern Evans of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly, over the week-end.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, At Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Rodeo Winner at Merkel. (Albany News.)

An Albany boy was named one of the rodeo winners in events held in Merkel last week. Weldon Young took second place in a cow milking contest and came up first in steer riding. This was a free rodeo and they had a number of entrants from various counties and Albany is proud of this Albany boy who made good. Another free rodeo will be held there May 23.

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DORA DOINGS

Our community is grieved over the death of our little friend and schoolmate, Erwin Drury, who drowned in Sweetwater lake Saturday while on a picnic with his class. He was buried at Slater's chapel Sunday afternoon. Rev. I. E. Biggs of Clovis, N. M., preached the funeral service. His classmates acted as pallbearers and flower girls. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drury, one sister, Esta Mae, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Akins, of Stephenville.

The baccalaureate sermon to the senior class of the Divide school was delivered Sunday at 11 a. m. by Rev. I. E. Biggs, former pastor of Slater's chapel Methodist church.

We have four nights of school programs this week. The senior play, "A Daughter of the Desert," on Tuesday night was followed by a program by the little folks on Wednesday night. Thursday night was seventh grade graduation, and Friday night senior graduation. Our school closes Friday.

Mrs. S. E. Porter of Grogan Well sanitarium visited at home this week-end.

Several from here attended the closing picnic at Elm Grove school Saturday. Those going were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Perry, Mrs. Lola Dudley and children, Mrs. Hattie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Perry and Mrs. Fannie Perry.

On last Thursday afternoon the friends of Mrs. Effie Dunlap surprised her with a nice shower, and the fifth grade showered her little boy, Cleo, who is not able to attend school.

Mrs. Louise Tyrone was shopping in Abilene last Friday. Mr. Tyrone, father of Pete Tyrone, has returned to his home at Eastland after a visit of several weeks here. Miss Wilma Allen, former teacher

in our school, visited friends here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Frances Swansy, of Temple this week, and while there, Mr. Oliver will go through the clinic.

Political Rally on Calendar at Butman

Butman residents have scheduled a political rally on Saturday night of this week at the picnic grounds at Butman. All candidates for county and state offices are invited. to be present and to outline their platforms.

Preceding the rally, sale of concessions for the Butman fifth annual rodeo and picnic, booked July 8 and 9, will take place.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown during the death of our dear husband, father and son; also for the beautiful flowers. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

- Mrs. Roy Beard and Children.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beard and Children.
- Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isenburgh and Children.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Children.

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.

Attend Meeting of Extension Committee

J. Walter Hammond of Tye left Tuesday for College station to attend a meeting of the state extension service executive committee.

The meeting was called by H. H. Williamson, state director of extension service. Mr. Hammond is representative from district 7.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

CEMETERY WORKING.

There will be a cemetery working at White Church on Friday, May 29. Dinner will be served on the grounds and every one is urged to come and help in the work. Eli Cordell and D. D. Coates are trustees of the cemetery.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Changes Announced In Train Schedules

Effective Sunday, May 17, the following changes became effective in the schedules of the day passenger trains of the Texas and Pacific railway:

Train No. 3, which now leaves here at 2:12 p. m., westbound for Big Spring and intermediate points, will leave an hour earlier, at 1:12 p. m.

Train No. 4, which now leaves at 2:54 p. m. for the east, will leave an hour and 20 minutes later, at 3:54 p. m.

The night trains, departing for the east at 2:10 a. m. and for the west at 3:57 a. m., are not affected by the changes in schedule.

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List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

- R. H. Mathews, Sr., Sid Criswell, Earl Palmer, Merkel; J. M. Shackelford, J. E. Jackson, Z. J. Carter, C. E. Botkins, M. A. Clemens, Perry Harper, Louis A. Groene, Dr. H. C. Wright, H. B. Horn, Leonard Camp, L. D. Donald, Byron Murfee, C. A. Anderson, M. R. Roberts, G. B. Tittle, J. S. Crawford, Clyde Hay, T. M. Skipper, Dan Beverly, J. P. Herley, Lloyd Havins, R. H. Evans, R. D. Harber, H. T. Strickland, L. C. Johns, H. C. Cogdell, H. W. Claxton, A. C. Weaver, C. J. Thomason, Abilene; T. L. Hilborn, Tye; J. B. Stevenson, A. M. Sanders, Ovalo; C. A. Saverance, Goldsboro; C. R. Tittle, J. R. Billington, T. D. Scott, Trent; R. C. Shelton, Stamford; I. L. Toney, B. O. Gibbs, W. C. Smith, Winters; Earl Adams, J. B. Franklin, Tuscola; T. B. Chambers, R. M. Watson, Lawn; C. M. Reid, Guion; H. L. Doggett, Wingate; C. B. Bradshaw, Bradshaw.

OES Elect Officers For Ensuing Year

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at the stated meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, on Tuesday night, May 19, with all chairs filled.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Bessie Merritt, worthy matron; Houston G. Smith, worthy patron; Mrs. Georgia Allday, associate matron; Eugene B. Reese, associate patron; Mrs. Lila R. Rea, conductress; Mrs. Nannie Causeaux, associate conductress; Mrs. Aurra Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Alpha Miller, treasurer; Mrs. Mae Seay, organist; Mrs. Priscilla Williamson, chaplain; Mrs. Cummins, marshal; Mrs. Bessie Cummins, warder; Mrs. Willie Neill, Ada; Mrs. Jenia Graham, Ruth; Mrs. Lenalee Smith, Esther; Mrs. Viola Ensminger, Martha; Mrs. Opal Reese, Electra; John Halbrook, sentinel.

These officers will be installed on the night of June 2, Miss Minnie Higginbotham of Abilene Chapter No. 30 will be installing officer. She will bring with her an installing manual and installing chaplain.

All members are urged to attend this installation and visitors are cordially invited. A refreshment committee has been appointed and the chapter room will be decorated for the occasion.

Students from Eight Schools Given Awards

In an impressive service at the Grammar School auditorium on last Thursday evening students from eight schools received the American Legion honor awards.

The students were: Mildred McLean, Merkel; Maudie Turner, White Church; Francois Harris, Salt Branch; Evelyn Latimer, Blair; Burnie Opal Dean, Union Ridge; Lester Rister, Hillside; Garth Dale McLean, I. X. L.; Winnie Merle Click, Mt. Pleasant.

The awards were given on the basis of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. The award is a beautiful bronze medal designed by the eminent sculptor, R. Tait MacKenzie. On one side appears the American Eagle and the emblem of the American Legion with the words: "American Legion School Award for Courage, Honor, Service, Leadership, and Scholarship." On the reverse side are symbolic figures representing the land and sea forces as protectors of the commerce and home life of the nation, with a border inscription "Semper Fidelis," ("Faithful Always.")

The address to the students was given by Thomas E. Hayden of Abilene. The awards were presented to the boys by Larry Daniels, and to the girls, by W. A. Stephenson. Members of the Abilene American Legion who were here for the service were: Roy Johnson, post commander; Thomas E. Hayden, Clyde Fulwiler, Luther Kroth, Earl Calhoun, W. A. Stephenson, Larry Daniels. Color bearers were: R. W. Norwood and Theo Wilson; color guards were: Roy W. Belcher and Curry Allen; bugler, Don Terry.

"Springtime Recital" Presented by Pupils Of Christine Collins

Voice and piano pupils of Miss Christine Collins were presented in a "Springtime Recital" at Grace Presbyterian church Friday evening of last week.

- The program numbers follow: LEAD TO UM CMFWYP CMFWYP "Our Little Girl," (Yellen), Sybil Harris, Gertie Lou Pee, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Helen Heeter, Anne Lee Blake, Jessie Lee Mayhall. "Out Where the West Begins," (Guest), Jessie Lee Mayhall. "Is Yo," (Bond), Sybil Harris. "Twilight Reverie," (Guy), Helen Heeter. "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," (Ball), Gertie Lou Pee. "Japanese Love Song," (Brahe), Dorothy Lee Shannon. "Minuet," (Mozart), Pearl Mathews. "The Little Damsel," (Novello), Anne Lee Blake. "The Old Road," (Scott), Helen Heeter. "Shepherd Boy," (Wilson), Jessie Lee Mayhall. "Chinese Lullaby," (Bowers), Ethelda Tucker. "Love Sends a Gift of Roses," (Openshaw), Rachael Patterson. "Simple Aven," (Thome), Thelma Mathews. "Indian Love Call," (Friml), Frances Higgins, Alton Bicknell. "Forgotten," (Cowles), Pearl Mathews. "In Dreamy Dreamland," (Long), Ora Derrick. "The Old Refrain," (Kreisler), Elna Tucker. "Out of the Dusk to You," (Lohr), Oscar Adcock. "March from Aida," (Verdi), "Lohengrin Bridal Chorus," (Wagner), Walderine Huskey. "The Rosary," (Nevin), Thelma Mathews. "Sylvia," (Speaks), Alton Bicknell. "Serenade," (Shubert), Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. "L'Amour-Toujours-L'Amour," (Friml), Mildred Sosebee. "Trees," (Rasbach), Lucile Justice. "Grand Marche de Concert," (Wolffhaupt), Vernie Derrick. "Lovely Springtime," (Moskowsky), Hollis Perry, Sybil Smith, Thelma Patterson, Rachael Patterson, Thelma Mathews, Ethelda Tucker, Frances Higgins, Pearl Mathews, Ora Derrick, Elna Tucker, Walderine Huskey, Mildred Sosebee, Lucile Justice, Vernie Derrick, Jessie Lee Mayhall, Dorothy Shannon, Helen Heeter, Anne Lee Blake, Gertie Lou Pee, Sybil Harris, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Oscar Adcock, Alton Bicknell.

Hunters Have Group Of Nurses as Guests

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter had as their recent guests their two daughters, Mrs. Don Reeder, registered nurse, and Mrs. G. W. Woody, instructor of nurses, both from the West Texas hospital, Lubbock, and Miss Lily Stein, superintendent of Littlefield hospital, and Miss Jewel Barton, registered nurse from Drs. Stewart and Benson's clinic, Lubbock.

The party were en route to the state convention for graduate nurses at Dallas, where Mrs. Woody was one of the speakers on Friday night, May 15.

Killed in Circus Panic

Washington, May 21.—Betty Lee Randebusch, 13, Shenandoah, Va., was injured fatally when a pole in the big tent of a circus toppled on her during a wind and electric storm.

523 Oil Pools in Texas

Austin, May 21.—A cast-up made of Texas oil production shows that there are 61,073 producing wells in 128 counties out of 254, with gas produced in 134 counties. There are 523 different oil pools in Texas.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey and family and Clements Carey of Lameca spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey. Other guests in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey and family and Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter and Mrs. Emory Hatfield and son of Lameca.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boden of Anaheim, Calif., are visiting relatives and friends in Merkel and Abilene.

Mrs. Dora Stallings of Atlanta, Ga., is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones. Mrs. Stallings and Mrs. Jones, are sisters and it had been 40 years since they had seen each other until Mrs. Stallings arrived here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and three children of Comanche were up to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Autrey of Dallas spent the week-end with their parents, the Jack Pannells.

Miss Marie Pinckley, who teaches at Irene, is spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Mrs. Earl Stanford, accompanied by her son, Jack Stanford, spent last week-end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich, in Odessa.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes had as her guests Sunday her brother, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn will leave Sunday for Waco to take a two-weeks course in Dr. Salisbury's school for cases of chickens.

Miss Mildred Hamm has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey, in Austin. For about three months of the time she was in a hospital there for treatment of an infected knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and children were up from Baird to spend the week-end with their parents. She is now employed as substitute during the illness of J. A. McKinney, of Abilene, salesman in this territory for McKesson-Crowder Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald are spending the week in camp on the Llano near Junction.

Miss Billye Derr returned Tuesday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Guy, Sr., at Aquilla. She was accompanied by her brother, A. D. Guy, Jr., who is attending Gail's Business college, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and two daughters spent the week-end in Pampa, visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray, and little granddaughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Walter McConnell, the latter a sister of Mrs. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray have as guests their sister, Mrs. W. H. Jackson, of Clarksville, also a cousin, Horace Kelly, of Minneapolis, Minn. They had not seen the latter for 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith returned Monday night from a business trip to Dallas.

Merkel friends regret to note the removal of Mr. and Mrs. George White to Odessa.

Rev. C. R. Joyner returned Wednesday afternoon from the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Donald of LaHarbra, Calif., were passing guests this week of Mrs. Amy Sears and other friends. Mrs. Donald will be remembered as the former Miss Mary Rodgers of this city. They were returning home after a visit to Dallas, Fort Worth and other Texas points.

L. L. Estes of Plainview is here for a visit with his father, M. L. Estes, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis downtown last week. His condition is generally favorable.

Arrival of Year Book Brings Joy to Seniors

(Contributed.)

Monday morning was a time of great suspense to purchasers of the 1936 Annual, Senior year book, when Supt. Burgess was notified that the Annuals were at the depot. Distribution was rapidly begun at 10:30.

To have arrived on schedule, the Annuals should have been ready for delivery Monday, May 10, but word was not received until Thursday from the printers, who stated that they were working night and day to get many, many high school annuals off, but that the Badger Annuals would be shipped that night.

The last Annual, with the exception of those to be sent out of town, was distributed Tuesday afternoon. The latter group will be mailed as soon as addresses are verified.

The entire cost of printing the 125 Annuals was \$281, a single copy costing the early buyer only \$1.30.

The question of whether or not the Annual was liked was answered in a letter from the printer requesting that twelve selected pages of copy be given to them for use in their sales demonstration kit for next season.

To Miss Patterson, the one to whom the Annual was dedicated, we, the Seniors, owe much for an early and good start. As Miss Patterson had to leave us at mid-term, Miss Martin was requested to sponsor it to the finish.

Compliments on the Annual should be paid Miss Martin, for she is certainly deserving of them. It was her untiring effort in keeping work going that has made the Annual a success.

The staff is to be complimented for its part in making "The Badger" a success. Winston Polley has received many compliments on his art work.

Commencement

(Continued from Page One) GRADUATION SERMON.

Processional, "Onward March," (Corey), Jannell Black and Louise Richie.

Worship in Song, Girls' Choral Club: "Day is Dying," (Lathbury-Sherwin); "Sunset," (Wilson); "Garden Lullaby," (Tillotson-Offenback); "The Name of Jesus," (Martin-Lorenz).

Invocation, Rev. C. R. Joyner. Sermon, Dr. F. C. Warren, pastor of the First Christian church, Abilene. "Life Has Nothing Sweeter," (Black-Edwards), Girls' Chorus. Benediction, Rev. John H. Crow.

GRADUATION EXERCISES. "Things that Make Texas Greater," a pageant arranged from Texas authors, presented by members of the Senior class, directed by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

Presentation of diplomas. Benediction, Rev. R. A. Walker.

CASTLE PEAK PLAY. "The Alley Daffodil" will be staged at Castle Peak school Friday, May 29. Everyone is invited.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

W. B. Hale of Abilene Dies Unexpectedly

W. B. Hale, 74, member of the board of city commissioners of Abilene, died unexpectedly early Monday morning at his home in Abilene.

Mr. Hale came to Taylor county in 1901 as a rancher from Avalon, Ellis county, and entered the general mercantile business.

He was serving his second term as commissioner and was a candidate for county clerk.

His wife and four children survive him.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs, Stith, Monday, May 18, 1936. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hodges, residing northwest of Stith, Tuesday, May 19, 1936.

Save Farm of Poet's Widow

Heafford Junction, Wis., May 21.—Fraternity brothers of the late Eugene Field came to the rescue of the famous poet's widow, offering the funds necessary to save her north woods home from sale under the mortgage foreclosure.

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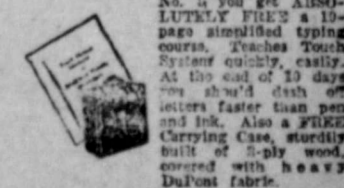


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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(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. VANTREESE.
L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

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

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.)

MRS. IMOGENE HAMPTON.

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.

W. P. BOUNDS.

For Justices of the Peace Precinct No. 5:

S. C. VICK.

N. D. COBB.

For County Judge:

A. A. HEATHINGTON.

JOHN CAMP (Re-election.)

LINDSAY P. WALDEN.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5:

W. H. LANEY.

J. T. KING.

some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in June, A. D. 1936, the same being the eighth day of June, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2582-B, wherein Jim Stevenson is Plaintiff, and Esther Stevenson is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

That plaintiff and defendant were married on February 19th, 1919, and separated about the 25th day of April 1919. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on grounds of three years abandonment by defendant, and for more than ten years continuous separation, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 5th day of May, A. D. 1936.
Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
(Seal)

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Saturday night of May 9 Miss Pauline Dean entertained the young folks with a birthday party in celebration of her sixth birthday. Games were played in the early hours, then cake and punch were served to the following:

Jackie, Guyn and Moody Pannell, Billy and James Williams, Cullen and Doris Price, Junior Clark, C. T. Meeks, Dwight Curb, George and Leola Reidenbach, Chester McWilliams, LaRoy and Verner Hester, Pete Shouse, Sybil Harris, Lela and Pauline Higgins, Joyce, Patsy and Davey Lee Cox, Nollie Jaynes, Annie D. Garvin, Bertie Lou Pee, Bernie Boots, Rena Mae and Junior Dean, Mr. and Mrs. John Rister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, Jack Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean and the hostess.

Many beautiful gifts were presented to the hostess.

WHITE CHURCH CLUB.

The White Church H. D. C. met Friday, May 15, in the home of Mrs. Dewey Rodgers, with Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, as principal speaker for the meeting. Topics for discussion were: spring covers, mattress covers and bed making.

Miss Crippen showed a tufted bedspread as an example for club members to make.

The following members were present: Mesdames J. C. Frazier, Nell Pressly, J. H. Sweeney, Clinton Hanly, E. E. Conley, Grace Riggs, R. J. Harris and Miss Mabel Walden, and the hostess.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, June 1, in the home of Mrs.

J. C. Frazier with Mrs. Luther Orsborn of the Blair club as speaker on "Planning the Food Budget."

BLAIR CLUB.

The Blair Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Elbert Clark, the vice-president, on Thursday, May 14. Two programs were carried out: "Safety in the Home" and "Bedroom Improvements."

A delegate was elected to the association, Mrs. Whatley, the president, and also an alternate, Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. H. C. King were elected to attend the Short Course at A. & M. this summer.

Those who attended the meeting were: Mesdames Whatley, Will Campbell, Eason, V. L. Doan, Spears, L. Orsborn, E. W. King, Derrington, H. E. Campbell, Brooks, Vergil Patterson, Carl Doan, Herman Doan; Misses Spears, Lowerie, Derrington and Moore, Mrs. H. C. King and hostess.

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OBITUARY

ROY BEAIRD.

Funeral for Roy Beaird, 32, who was killed in an accident near Hico May 13, was held Thursday from the Stith M. E. church. Rev. J. B. Baker of Goree and Rev. Mr. Hines officiated for his rites. Burial was made in the Stith cemetery.

Roy Beaird was born in Morris county, Ala., Apr. 28, 1904. At an early age he moved with his parents to Merkel and on Nov. 8, 1924, was married to Miss Maymie Burns. To this union two children were born: J. C., age 5, and Wanda Joyce, age 2.

He was converted and joined the M. E. church two years ago; during these two years he had lived a true and faithful life. He was loved by all who knew him. Whenever he met friends, he made friends. At the time he was called to meet his Master, he was not afraid, for he knew he had a place in heaven prepared for him.

He is survived by his wife and two children; his parents, two brothers, one sister, three half-brothers and one half-sister.

Pallbearers were: Edgar Bradley, Herbert Kelson, F. J. McDonald, Albert Evans, Lloyd Regeon and Dewey Reddin.

Flower girls were: Earline Kelson, Faye Varner, Doris and Dorothy Mashburn, Aleen Mashburn, Mrs. Clyde Mashburn and Mrs. Walter Kelson.

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THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT.
 SYNOPSIS . . . Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, is murdered as she waits alone in a side room to testify in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland . . . She was to have testified for the husband, a friend, who was defendant in the action . . . Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case from police headquarters . . . His preliminary investigation disclosed that both Mr. and Mrs. Rowland had gathered evidence against the other of infidelity . . . The will of Mrs. Rowland's first husband directed her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard, to handle the estate until she remarried when the new husband was to come into control. Detective Rankin finds motives and the evidence of guilt for the murder of Mrs. Keith, leading to the doors of virtually all of the principals involved. These principals are, the two Rowlands, Mr. Willard, Mr. Keith, husband of the murdered woman, Hugh Campbell, paramour of Mrs. Rowland, and his underworld confederates . . . NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

When Rankin reached the Central Detective Bureau, a special delivery letter had come from the State Hospital for Women. In the press of complications, he had almost forgotten his inquiry to Allerton, Indiana, about the empty medicine bottle he had found in Mrs. Keith's medicine chest, that had once contained pyramidon. Whatever her connection with the hospital, it predated her marriage; and the slender link had appeared relatively insignificant.

Tearing open the envelope, Rankin perused the message. And as he read, his brows slowly wrinkled in astonishment.

Friday, June 9
 Mr. Thomas Rankin
 Central Detective Bureau
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 My Dear Sir:
 In reply to your inquiries about a Barbara Keith or Webb who was

a patient in this hospital between 1924 and 1928, I would advise you we can locate no record of treatment her. Appreciating the importance of your search I have thoroughly questioned our staff of doctors, nurses and matrons without result. Since we serve only inmates, I would suggest Mrs. Keith might have served a term under another name, in which case we would have her records. If you could send us a more complete description, including her photograph and fingerprints, I will examine our files personally and try to identify her for you.

Very truly yours,
 Martha Anderson,
 (Superintendent of Wards and Matrons.)

But it was not these contents, startling as they were, that so amazed the detective. For on the letterhead, in large black type, he read, with a tremor of excitement, "State Penitentiary for Women, Allerton, Indiana"; and only underneath in smaller print the words, "Women's Hospital Department."

He gave vent to a low whistle of surprise and satisfaction. If, as the message suggested, the hospital was not public and treated only patients incarcerated in the prison, there was just one conclusion.

"But a jailbird!" Rankin marveled under his breath. "Barbara Keith sentenced to a term in the pen! If she was really at Allerton under another name, how long did she serve? And what, in Heaven's name, for?"

Late the next day the Superintendent of Wards and Matrons at the State Penitentiary for Women at Allerton, Ind., produced a sheaf of papers from her desk and passed them to Rankin.

"I've collected all the information I could about . . . Ellen Trent," she stated, "in anticipation of your arrival. Here is all the data we have about her offense and confinement

here."
 "Thank you, Mrs. Anderson," Rankin returned, "I appreciate your cooperation greatly; it will spare me a good deal of trouble."

Mrs. Anderson indicated the records. "There, you can see for yourself how her prints coincide with those of Mrs. Keith." She placed the prints Rankin brought beside a sheet from the files. "The descriptions tally too; and these pictures settle it that Ellen Trent and Mrs. Keith were the same woman."

Worried, Rankin studied the prison photograph of the woman he had seen only after she died. She did not look a hardened criminal and it bothered Rankin that she should be involved in that sordid existence.

"No, there's no mistake about her identity, Mrs. Anderson," he agreed. "It tells you here that she was really slated for concealing as well as disposing of stolen goods," the woman read on. "They were found in her rooms, in Fort Wayne. And the fact that she lived there with a man not her husband increased the penalty for a first offense as a moral delinquent. We have no further ac-

count of her crimes in this state." The detective shook his head perplexed. "That isn't a bit like my impression of Mrs. Keith. She began her term, according to this, on March twentieth, nineteen-twenty-seven?"

It was in the summer of '28, in Detroit, he recalled from Mortimer Keith's account, that she met her future husband.

"That's right, over six years ago," Mrs. Anderson pointed out the dates. "She was sentenced only a few days after she was caught—about March tenth or so; and by pleading guilty, saved the expense and time of a trial. She finished her imprisonment one year later, in March, 'twenty-eight."

"You say the girl dealt in stolen goods in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Anderson?" he now inquired of the matron. "What made the authorities suspicious of her?"

Mrs. Anderson shrugged. "She didn't do it herself, I suppose," she

admitted grudgingly, "and it wasn't her fault they traced her. The man she shared the apartment with was the thief—or rather, one of a pair—and her sweetheart. When they caught him, they got his address and found her there with some of the loot."

The detective hitched forward. "Then the police know all about her companion?" he asked, eagerly. "Who and where he is—whether he's serving a term now?"

"Yes, his name, in the accounts, was Dave Garrett; they had no previous record of him either." The

matron spoke bluntly. "And it's pretty certain what's become of him, Mr. Rankin, you see, he's been six feet under for over six years."

Rankin's features dropped in disappointment. "Dead?" he repeated blankly. "How did that happen? Are you positive of your information?"

"It was in all the papers at the time of his last robbery. It's a long story and I can give you only the main details; the rest you'll have to get from them or the police records in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. (Continued on Page 7.)

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- MAY 30—GOOSE CREEK—Centennial Memorial Celebration.
- MAY 30-31—EL PASO—Bishops Reception and Military Mass.
- MAY 31—PARADISE—Centennial Singing Convention.
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- JUNE 1-2—PORT LAVACA—Centennial Regatta.
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- JUNE 3—LEONARD—Centennial Pageant.
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- JUNE 6-NOV. 29—DALLAS—Central Exposition.
- JUNE 7—CAT SPRING—Agricultural and Historical Centennial Celebration.
- JUNE 7-14—CORPUS CHRISTI—Exposition and Water Carnival.
- JUNE 11-19—FORT STOCKTON—Water Carnival.
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Divorce Court Murder

(Continued From Page 6.)

For about a year around nineteen twenty-six, both towns suffered from an epidemic of robberies, to which there were no clues. In this last business the robbers were masked and used a stolen car, which they later abandoned in the country. After the Munson robbery, it was known that two youngish men were the thieves.

Mrs. Anderson paused to clear her throat.

"Finally, they made an attempt on a shipment of negotiable bonds lodged in the American Express office in Indianapolis," she related.

"That was a different matter altogether; they were worth several thousand dollars, and were guarded by a burglar alarm and by armed men who could shoot straight. It isn't known how the burglars learned of the shipment. Because of the guards, it wasn't even put in the company safe, but kept in a suitcase behind the counter . . .

Anyhow, they pried open a window leading into a back alley at the rear of the building and set off the alarm. The guards, warned of their approach, waited for them to reach the main storeroom before they opened fire. Both men were fairly trapped, but only one returned the fire; no gun was found on Garrett—he was little more than twenty-one—when they searched his body afterward."

"That's pretty tough," Rankin commented glumly. "What about the other chap?"

"He made a getaway, though of course without the bonds," the matron replied. "Garrett had a pawn ticket in his pocket that gave away his own name and address. The police went there the same night and found the Trent girl in bed and held her. Only a little of the loot from the Chanley and Ordway robberies was hidden there; but still, it was enough to implicate her."

"I suppose the police found a way to make her talk about Garrett's confederate?" asked Rankin.

"She did it without force, almost eagerly, she was so bitter: as if she hated him for leading her man astray. She told his name, where he lived, where he kept the rest of the booty."

"What happened when they went after the other thief?" Rankin asked eagerly.

Mrs. Anderson hesitated and shook her head. "I'm not certain whether he was captured or not. I was only concerned with Miss Trent's story and didn't follow up after developments. You can learn about him from the Fort Wayne police."

"I'll see them shortly," the detective promised. "And Miss Trent, as she was then, served her sentence?"

"Naturally," the woman returned uncompromisingly. "After all she must have helped the robbers in

some way; and it was shown she sold a few articles for household expenses. Besides, she had lived with Garrett for over a year, but could produce no marriage license. And she was pregnant. The court had no choice in sentencing her since she admitted her guilt and offered no defense."

Rankin nodded. "Now with regard to her baby? What can you tell me about that?"

"There isn't much to tell, Mr. Rankin. It was a girl. And it died, as it states here, within three days."

"Young Garrett was the father, I suppose? There's not much doubt about that?"

"Yes, his name went on the birth certificate."

"And what caused the baby's death?" Rankin inquired.

"Convulsions. It was after her delivery that Ellen Trent began to suffer from headaches and needed regular treatment in the hospital. Miss Stafford could say more about that than I; she was the matron who attended her. Later she was transferred to take charge of the corridor in this building where Eliza was a prisoner."

"Then I had better speak to her," the detective said. "If they had much contact, she should know more intimate details about her than those formal records give. Especially, if she won her confidence."

"I'll get hold of her at once; she has charge of the cells again."

The superintendent pressed a buzzer at the side of her desk, summoning to the office door a slatternly prisoner in gray. Through the iron bars, she ordered her to summon Miss Stafford, and the woman shuffled away.

A few minutes later the matron appeared in the corridor, and her superior pressed another button; a click unlocked the door, permitting her to enter. She was surprisingly different from Mrs. Anderson, or from what Rankin expected, though just as efficient-looking. Revealing little of the hardness that inevitably develops from dealing with incorrigibles and delinquents, her eyes were deep and understanding and her chin firm but gentle. She was about thirty-five, and she had smooth, brown hair and a resonant, soft voice.

"You really think Miss Trent was innocent and that Garrett's confederate instigated the crimes?" Rankin asked.

(Continued Next Week.)

Hereford Ass'n Prepare Maps to Guide Visitors To Ranches of Members

A Texas Hereford Association guide and road map will show visitors to the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial, how to reach the ranches of paid-up members of the Texas Hereford association. Jack Turner, secretary of the association, expects to have the map ready for the press within a short time, so it may be given to visitors and mailed to those asking for information about Texas cattle.

These maps will have the highways designated by their proper number just as they are on the ordinary road maps. The larger towns and cities will be designated and the post offices of the members will be shown. The location and the exact distance of the ranch from the post office will be given.

On the back of the map, Turner plans to give detailed directions on how to reach the different ranches, size of the herds, herd bulls in use, and other specific information. He has asked the members of the Texas Hereford association for drawings showing location of their ranches.

George D. Keith, Wichita Falls, is president of the Texas Hereford association; Van Zandt Jarvis, Fort Worth, treasurer; and the vice-presidents are Elgin O. Kothmann, Mason; F. W. Alexander, Albany; Duwain E. Hughes, San Angelo; R. A. Brown, Throckmorton, and Jack Frost, Blackwell.

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 - Junior Home (for Mothers) . . . 1 yr
 - McCall's Magazine . . . 1 yr
 - Movie Classic . . . 2 yrs
 - Open Road (Boys) . . . 6 mo
 - Parents' Magazine . . . 1 yr
 - Pathfinder (weekly) . . . 1 yr
 - Pictorial Review . . . 1 yr
 - Romantic Stories . . . 1 yr
 - Screen Book . . . 1 yr
 - True Confessions . . . 1 yr
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 - Progressive Farmer . . . 2 yrs
 - Southern Agriculturist . . . 1 yr
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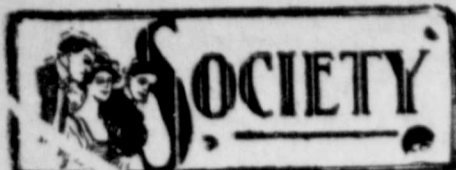
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
Friday, May 15, was a happy day in the life of Mrs. W. R. Williams when her friends gathered around her for the celebration of her 67th birthday. The unannounced arrival of her sister, Mrs. E. Smith, from Hot Springs, Ark., was a most unexpected thrill. Mrs. Smith was accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Bennison, also of Hot Springs.

A covered dish luncheon was prepared by the local neighbors and a beautiful pink and green birthday cake centered the table. Guests joining the above mentioned ladies in the birthday festivities were Mrs. Norris Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett and boys, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. L. Patterson and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald and two children, Mrs. C. B. Smith, William Smith, Mrs. H. C. Barnett, Mrs. J. R. Barnett, Miss Lillie Claude Barnett.

THREE "F" CLUB NOTES.
The home of Miss Mary Helen Mashburn at Stith was the meeting place for the "Three 'F' Club" members on Saturday afternoon.

Games of "animal," "seven-up," riddling and dancing were enjoyed until the refreshment hour when a dainty salad course was served with grape juice to Miss Earlene Allen of Abilene, house guest of Miss Frances Higgins, Fannelle Gray, Phyllis Smith, Jane Ferguson, Bettie Grimes, Sis Gamble, Hollis Perry and the hosts.

House Warming.
The new club house for the members of "Three 'F' Club" was officially opened Monday, when club members spent the day at the club. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed; other high lights were a terrific rainstorm and the autographing of each other's annuals. Miss Dorothy Fae Carroll of Mexia, who came with her hostess, Fannelle Gray, was a visitor; other members were Mary Helen Mashburn, Frances Higgins, Hollis Perry, Sis Gamble, Bettie Grimes, Jane Ferguson, Phyllis Smith.

GLENER CLASS PARTY.
Mesdames Tom Largent and E. Clyde Smith were co-hostesses in entertaining members of the Gleaner Sunday School class on Tuesday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Smith.

After a business meeting a social hour was spent in playing games of "42." A delicious chicken salad course was served with punch to Mesdames Vaughn, Brown, Church, Rea, Latham, Mashburn, Hughes, Iddings, Crow, Burgess, Buzbee, Stanford and Hunter. Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson were visitors.

SHOWER FOR MRS. H. B. CHAMBLISS.
On Monday afternoon, May 18, the Alathean class of the First Baptist church surprised one of the members, Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, who is planning to move to Abilene, the members all going in a body to her home.

After scripture reading by Mrs. C. M. Largent and prayer by Mrs. J. S. Swann, the gifts were presented by the class president, Mrs. Charles West, and passed around to be admired by the following members: Mesdames J. S. Swann, Charles West, C. M. Largent, C. P. Stevens, W. F. Patterson, W. O. Boney, R. P. Fields, F. A. Baker, F. A. Polley, H.

F. Allen, Lucy Scott, G. M. Sharp, W. A. McCandless and the honoree and the following named visitors, Mrs. G. M. Reynolds and Miss Una Garrett.

JOHNSON-BROWN.

Rev. Q. Brown announces the marriage of his daughter, Miss Marie Brown, to Allen Roy Johnson at Houston on Sunday, May 17.

The bride was reared in Merkel and graduated from the High school here. Later she was employed by the Humble Refining company at Abilene until her transfer to Houston, four years ago.

The groom is an employee of the Anderson-Clayton Cotton company, in Houston.

Following a honeymoon trip, the couple will be at home at 2106 Barbee street, Houston, after June 1.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. Noma Lee Costephens left Thursday of last week for Washington, D. C., to accept a position under civil service in one of the governmental departments, Miss Lorraine Farrell, formerly with the Collins Beauty shop in Abilene, has succeeded her as operator for Mrs. Angus' Orchid Beauty shoppe.

As guests of the Abilene Dental society, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig and Dr. Earl Thomason attended the afternoon program and dinner Saturday in our neighboring city. About fifty-five West Texas dentists were present.

Leaving Sunday, C. P. Church, local Plymouth dealer, will drive through to the factory at Detroit, Mich., carrying with him a party of four new Plymouth buyers, including E. O. Carson, Byron Curb, H. W. Beckham and Tom Williamson, the latter two of Trent. Probably two others will go later. They will bring back five cars.

Roy Franklin of Amherst, who is traveling astride a bull from his home town to the Texas Centennial, made a stop here Monday. He left Amherst 19 days ago, makes about two miles an hour, and expects to reach Dallas in time for the opening day of the celebration, June 6, Sam Nicholas and Vernon Powell, friends, are following the rider and bull in an automobile.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. BTS at 7:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's day at Baird, there will be no preaching service morning nor evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 7:15 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

We had a good day over Sunday. Come worship with us.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 7 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C.

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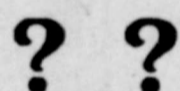
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