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"CHURCH NIGHT" IS OBSERVED BY PRESBYTERIANS

Pastor and Family Hosts on Fourth Anniversary of Coming to Merkel; Congregation Pounds Pastor at Same Time.

As guests of the pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, and his family, members of the Grace Presbyterian church and congregation observed Tuesday evening as "church night," which proved to be a most enjoyable as well as beneficial occasion.

The event celebrated the fourth anniversary of Rev. Mr. Walker's pastorate, he having come here on May 5, 1927. It was intended to have held "church night" on Tuesday of last week, the exact date of the anniversary, but it was postponed one week because of the necessity of the pastor's absence from the city.

It was disclosed to the guests after their arrival that it was also the thirtieth wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife, making the affair a double celebration.

A unique feature of the church party was that, while the host and hostess had arranged refreshments, the congregation brought gifts in bounteous store and the pastor and family were given an old-fashioned "pounding."

With W. M. Elliott as master of ceremonies, the program included varied features, beginning with the singing of gospel songs, led by Miss Christine Collins, with Mrs. C. W. Delmer as pianist. Vocal and instrumental numbers included a solo by A. J. Tucker, duets by Miss Maimie and Vera Walker, L. B. Scott and his son, Burneal, and a piano selection by Miss Holley Perry.

After the invocation, a general welcome was extended by the pastor-host. Next Rev. E. L. Yeats of the Methodist church in happy vein discoursed on the relations of pastor and church member and from the depth of his heart paid deserved tribute to the shepherd of the local Presbyterian church, classifying him as a city-wide pastor, not just a denominational one.

Short talks by Jas. H. West, representing the elders, Charles Jones, the deacons, and Mr. Elliott as superintendent of the Sunday School, were followed by a carefully prepared history of the church by W. A. Campbell. While not a charter member, (his connection with the church covering 44 years residence here,) the speaker recited the growth of the Merkel church from its organization on Jan. 3, 1886, with the beloved Rev. A. A. Baker as its first pastor, without a

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 11, 1911.)

Wednesday night the graduating class occupied the stage. Miss Winnie Warren, salutatorian; Miss Fannie Burroughs, valedictorian. A program of essays and music was given by the following class members: Pet Sears, Winnie Warren, Frank and Annie Smith, Ola Pope, Ina Wheeler, Inice Moon and Fannie Burroughs.

The pupils of the Grammar school gave their friends a treat Tuesday evening at the opera house. The class prophecy "Who's who in 1930" was read from an illustrated book by Wilbur Whitaker. Instrumental trio, Misses Johnson, Medien and Swafford; instrumental solo, Miss Carol Rister; duet, Misses Burroughs and Johnson; instrumental solo, Miss Inice Moon; voice solo, Leno Largent; Miss Mackey, pianist. Judge Potter presented diplomas to 59 boys and girls who will go into high school next year.

Sunday, devoted to the exercises of children's Day at the Methodist church, was a religious and social treat for the good people of Noodle. The exercises were opened with a march and flag drill in which a half hundred participated followed by the address of the day by Rev. R. O. Bailey. Dinner was served on the ground. The address of welcome in the morning was delivered by Master Delbert Polley, and the following took part on the program: Modell Bicknell, May Sosebee, Novella Ely, Zel-

Entry Blank LIONS YARD AND GARDEN CONTEST

Merkel, Texas

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Class 1—Those who own their homes.

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Name _____

Address _____

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Yard and Garden Contest,

Merkel, Texas

(All entries must be received before June 1st.)

List Open Until June 1 for Yard-Garden Contest

Still another entrant is reported this week in Merkel's second Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club with the assistance of a ladies committee. The new contestant is Mrs. John Shannon and it is predicted that Shannon's Pool, one of Merkel's show places, will be made still more beautiful and inviting this summer.

It is not too late for any resident of Merkel, either home owner or tenant, to enter the Yard and Garden contest in which some twenty prizes are offered. Entry blank appears elsewhere in this issue of the paper and anyone desiring to enter may notify Mrs. Len Sublett, chairman of the ladies committee, or Mesdames Booth Warren or Dee Grimes.

Lions Club Luncheon Comes Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday is the date of the regular twice-a-month luncheon of the Lions club and a good attendance is expected. At the last meeting, President Dillingham appointed members of the club to see that each absentee was present at the next luncheon.

Dr. G. B. Fain is to be toastmaster, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawkins, Sunday, May 10, 1931.

SENIORS PRESENT "WHIMSY" CLASS PLAY ON FRIDAY

One of the Highlights of Commencement Comes When Clever Four Act Comedy is Staged By Merkel Graduating Class.

On Friday evening, beginning at 8:15, at the Grammar School auditorium the Senior class of the Merkel High school will present their annual play, "Whimsy," a four act comedy by Owen Lee. The admission charges are 25 cents and 35 cents.

The cast of characters and program follow:
Jack ("Frexy") Marshall, leader of the W. V. W's—Elvis Richardson
Other Members of the Club—
Bob ("Zip") Bryan—Benny Sheppard
Willard ("Falstaff") Martin—Ford Smith

Donald ("Brick") Owens—Fred Baker
Chauncey ("De Luxe") Abbott—Ross Ferrier
Raymond ("Derby") Toler—Leo Tucker
Orville ("Dusty") Rhodes—Paul Collins
Gilbert ("Speed") McDermott—Gerald Derrick
Gene ("Whimsy") Chester—Marshall Stalls
Judith Denning, Jack's Sweetheart—Mattiou Largent
Dale Denning, Her Brother—B. F. Middleton
Howard ("Bunk") Peters—Cephas Wozencraft
Mantrell Co-Eds—
Barbara Chatterton—Beth Hamm
Estelle Johnson—Thelma McAninch
Marjorie McHugh—Inez Robbins
Helen Mitchell—Velma Lee Holden
Ruth Morris—Audrey Farris
Rebecca Thompson—Elsie Lasater
Thelma Wright—Ola Smith
Julia Brown—Jess Higgins
Anne Baker—Holley Perry
Mrs. Ollie Sanders, House Mother—Norma Patton
Rosalind, Her Daughter—Lona Bryan
Hermione Medill Du Pont, Chaperone—Margaret Turner
Dean Russell Coulter, of the Faculty—E. L. Turner

SCENES
Act I. Jack Marshall's Room.
Act II. Parlor of Hepburn Hall. A Week Later.
Act III. Dean Coulter's Office. The Next Day.
Act IV. Jack Marshall's Room. A Week Later.
Music: Ida Mae Derstine, Thelma McAninch.
Ushers: Lois Clark, Vera Richie.

Speech Arts Pupils Recital Announced

The Speech Arts department of the Merkel Public schools will present the expression pupils in recital at the Grammar School auditorium on Thursday night of next week, May 21. The public is invited. The program follows:

"Children of Spain"
Operetta by O. M. Carrington
Don Warren, Mary Jo Russell,
Dora Marie Gaither, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Janet Neff, Doris Clyde Miller, Doris Gay West, Homer Tye, Carl Jackson, Jr., Annie Lee Blake, Helen Heeter, L. D. Barnes, Betty Jane Diltz, and Carl Bonnaugh, Jr.

Soloist—Margaret Miller
Dancers—Madra Elayne
Nixon and Betty Lou Grimes.
A Story—Margaret Miller
Duet—Gail Peterson and Madra E. Nixon.
Poems—Doris Jean Martin
"An American Garden"—by Class
Story—Gail Peterson
"The Party"—Short Play
Marilyn Sue Grimes, Doris Clyde Miller, Janet Neff and Dora Marie Gaither.
Scene from "Seventeen"—Tarkington
Madra E. Nixon
"Nevertheless"—One-Act Play
Madra E. Nixon, Betty Lou Grimes and Margaret Miller.
A Bisque Play—Kreymborg
High School Dramatic Club
(a) "Mighty Lak A Rose," (b) "The Dream Boat"
Girls Choral Club
Benediction

WILL EQUALIZE ASSESSMENTS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

Commission Takes Steps to Equalize Taylor County Tax; New Basis of Assessments Decided on After Investigations.

Taylor county commissioners moved Tuesday to adopt a program for equalization of assessments against property in the county for the purpose of equalizing tax payments. The action followed a report given by H. F. Long, who for several weeks has been conducting a trial inspection of certain city and county property in connection with the installation of a new block system of abstract records. "The court went into the matter of inspection fully with Mr. Long, ascertaining the probable length of time necessary to accomplish a complete county inspection and decided upon a definite course in regard to an equalization program," Judge Tom K. Eplen said. He said the court expects to announce complete plans for the survey soon. At present no extra help in the way of inspectors will be employed by the county, he said.

The court two years ago contracted for the preparation of new abstract records for the assessor's office—known as the block system. The new books show the correct number of all lots, number of acres in all rural property and location within the original block or survey from which it was carved. Installation of these records is nearing completion and they will go into use next year. The system will prove a great advance over the old method in correctly accounting for all lands and carefully checking ownership, Judge Eplen has pointed out.

Equalization of assessments, which can be accomplished only by a careful inspection of the property, is necessary to make the new system complete, Judge Eplen said, and it is to this end that Mr. Long's services will be engaged. Mr. Long's trial report submitted to the court was based on inspections of 52 city blocks in Abilene, including 432 pieces of property and a total of 33,668 acres in rural districts of the county. He spent 46 days on the city job and seven in the rural inspections.

In the city inspection, Mr. Long recommended that valuations be lowered on 136 pieces of property, or 40 per cent of those inspected, and that valuations be raised on 162, this figure including those that had made improvements and yet were assessed as of old. Property found estimated to be worth \$38,600 was found not to be on the present rolls at all.

The inspector recommended a decrease on 68 pieces of rural property and an increase on 49 pieces.

A. D. Fulton Awarded \$700 For Damages
A. D. Fulton, a Merkel farmer, was Monday awarded judgment of \$700 against the Gulf Pipeline company for overflow damages to land, asserted to have been caused by a dump left by the pipeline company. Fulton, whose land is south of Merkel, asked \$1,600, claiming that damages averaging \$10 per acre resulted to 160 acres. The case was tried in 42nd district court before Judge M. S. Long.

Meeting of Rural Carriers in Abilene

When members of the Taylor County Rural Mail Carriers association met in monthly session Wednesday afternoon at the postoffice in Abilene, a round table discussion was held, without any set program.

There are 17 members of the county association. A. C. Terry of Trent is county president and R. L. Adeock of this city is district president. Besides Mr. Adeock, J. Ben Campbell also attended the Abilene meeting from here.

Four Burn to Death

Saint Etienne, France, May 14.—Four persons were burned to death Monday when they were trapped in a motor bus which broke through a parapet and fell 30 feet into a ravine at Saint Paul en Jarez.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The 42nd Texas legislature will adjourn May 22, the senate Tuesday having adopted a house resolution for sine die adjournment on that date.

A constitutional amendment which would exempt \$3,000 of the value of homesteads from state property taxes will be submitted in the general election of 1932.

The last spike was driven Friday in rails over the Santa Fe's million dollar bridge across the Canadian river, on the new line between Amarillo and Las Animas, Colo.

San Angelo won next year's convention of the Texas Postmaster's association and W. A. Farek of Schulenburg was elected president at the closing session of the meeting at Laredo Wednesday.

Judge A. T. McKinney, said to have been the oldest living graduate of Princeton and a member of the Texas constitutional convention in 1875, died at his home in Huntsville after three weeks' illness.

When L. B. Lake of Greenville, father of Mrs. S. H. Shook, dropped in for a surprise visit at the Shook home in Sweetwater about ten days ago, it marked the first time in 46 years that father and daughter had seen each other.

Jouett Shouse, chairman of the executive committee of the democratic national committee, delivered an address Tuesday night in the hall of the house of representatives to the democrats of Texas before a joint session of the legislature.

Paul Woodall, 24, Dallas flying instructor, and Joe Garrett, 21, of Corpus Christi, senior student at Southern Methodist university, were killed Saturday when the plane piloted by Woodall went into a spin and crashed at the Dallas municipal airport.

Because of the distinction with which she served as a Red Cross nurse in France throughout the World War, full military honors were accorded at the funeral services in San Antonio Monday for Mrs. Mary Vaneman Ford, 37, wife of Captain C. W. Ford, Brooks field officer.

Six persons, all members of one family, were killed at a grade crossing at Alvord late Sunday night when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train. The dead were Charles Collins, his wife, their daughter, his mother, his sister, and a brother of his wife.

JUDGE HICKMAN COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER HERE

Prominent Jurist From Eastland Will Address Graduates; Dr. E. B. Surface Will Deliver Commencement Sermon.

Nineteen proud Seniors will receive their diplomas from Merkel High school on the evening of Monday, May 25. Hon. J. E. Hickman, chief justice of the court of civil appeals at Eastland, will deliver the commencement address. The class feels especially honored to have such a prominent speaker deliver their commencement address.

The commencement sermon will be preached by a Merkel High School favorite, the Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, on the evening of Sunday, May 24, at the Methodist church.

The public generally is invited to attend both of these exercises. Seats will be reserved for the parents of the Seniors. The remainder of the house will be open to the public, first comers getting the seats. There is no admission charge of any kind at either of these exercises, it is announced.

No Bad Effects From Rattlesnake Bite

No bad effects are felt by Eris Ash after his unfortunate experience of being snake-bitten Monday. He was sitting on the bank of Mulberry creek fishing, when a rattler struck him. No assistance being close, he ran across the stream and tied up his leg, tourniquet fashion.

He was found a short while later by a Mr. Bryan, who was fishing nearby and who cut his leg in several places with a knife to force the blood. With the assistance of a Mr. Mathews, he brought Eris to a physician's office in town where he was given antivenom serum within an hour from the time of the bite.

Date of Play Changed.

The date for the presentation of the play, "A Worthy Vagabond," by the children of the White Church school, which was originally announced for Thursday, May 20, has been changed to Wednesday, May 19. The announcement, as first sent in, appears elsewhere in this issue and those interested are asked to take note of the change of date.



WHETHER WE FEEL THAT WAY OR NOT.

A friend of mine tells me that he has recently added to his income by working in the evenings as a press agent for an amusement park.

It was his first contact with the great industry which has grown up out of the rather pathetic eagerness of folks to be happy—to have their minds diverted from their work and worries.

He said: "My job has been hard work, but it taught me one thing that is priceless—how to look pleasant whether I feel that way or not."

It reminded me of a conversation I once had with the press agent of a circus. In describing the freaks in the side-show, he remarked: "Every so often we have to send them away. They get sucker sore."

"Sucker sore!" I exclaimed. "That's a new one on me. What's the meaning of sucker sore?"

He explained that, in the parlance of the circus, a customer is a sucker. It is not a derogatory term, merely the conventional phrase.

"The freaks sit there on their raised platforms, listening to the comments of the suckers who press around them all day long," he said. "The living skeleton hears the same rude jokes a hundred thousand times. The fat lady is poked at with umbrellas, and kidded by smart young fellows who imagine that their wise cracks are something absolutely fresh and new."

"Day after day the freaks put up with it, smiling patiently. But every day the strain of their suppressed emotions grows greater, until finally they want to jump down off their platforms and bite the customers. Then we have to send them away for a rest. They are 'sucker sore.'"

Most of us can sympathize with the freaks; we, too, have been sucker sore. There have come days when our tired nerves rebelled against the demands of the customers who give us a living; when we grumbled at the job for which we should have been grateful; when it seemed that all interest had gone from our work, leaving only dull routine.

It is wise on such days to pull down the desk and walk out of the office, and say: "I will not be back until tomorrow."

But even this cure does not always work, or can not always be applied. Soon or later we have to face the fact that life is a fight, not a picnic. And one of the elements of victory, in the words of my friend, is the capacity to "look pleasant, whether we feel that way or not."

Last Surviving Charter Member of N. Y. Cotton Exchange Dies Monday

San Angelo, May 14.—William L. Black, 88 years old, the last surviving charter member of the New York Cotton Exchange, died on his ranch southwest of here Monday morning. Mr. Black had waged a fight for years to establish trading in futures in wool and died just one week in advance of the date set for the opening of a future market on wool tops by the New York Cotton Exchange.

Mr. Black was a member of the San Salvador pirates of the Confederacy and was tried and convicted of piracy on the high seas at San Francisco navy yard. With a group of other southern soldiers, he boarded a ship at Panama, secreted a considerable number of guns aboard, and planned to overthrow the officers and crew and take the ship for the Confederacy.

Before they could carry out the plan, 150 marines from an adjoining sloop came aboard, took the Confederates prisoners and sent them to San Francisco. Mr. Black was then 19 years old.

After the trial and conviction he was assigned to the office of the prison warden, who interceded for him and secured his pardon. Mr. Black went to Washington and secured the pardons of his companions.

Mr. Black came to Texas in the early days and took up land about Fort McKavett, which was at that time being abandoned as a federal army post.

Hale and hearty to the last, he spent much of his time writing on better marketing conditions for wool and mohair.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

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The "Trader Horn" expedition, which penetrated Africa to film and record Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's mighty adventure drama based on the famous book, was the longest and most elaborate motion picture in history. W. S. Van Dyke, director, headed the safari, and Harry Carey, Edwin Booth, Duncan Renaldo and Olive Golden were the principal players.

The entire trip covered more than 25,000 miles, much of it by motor or on foot in the dense African jungles. From the studio to the first location meant 52 days of travel. The motorized safari was accompanied by a small army of hunters, guards, road-makers, native guards and servants. The safari was insured for \$2,500,000.

The route was as follows: Culver City to New York by rail, to Genoa, thence Port Said and Mombasa, British East Africa, by ship, thence by motor caravan to Nairobi, Masindi, Butabia, Panyamur, Uganda and Murchison Falls, Lake Albert, thence into the Belgian Congo. Side trips took them into the Upper White Nile and Victoria Nile country for special scenes.

The caravan was composed of a hundred trucks and autos. A portable generator plant producing 1,400 amperes supplied the lights, electric motors for sound recording, electric refrigerator in food truck, and lit the camp. There were thirty-five white people in the safari, and about a hundred native guards, laborers and hunters. For extras natives were hired in different villages. At Panyamur they "rented" an entire village from the sultan.

They carried 30,000 pounds of can-

ned food, or two carloads, and picked up fresh food wherever possible to augment this. Autos playing back and forth from locations to the nearest villages relayed as much fresh food as could be obtained.

"Trader Horn," most spectacular of modern motion pictures, plays Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the R. & R. Palace, Sweetwater.

CARD OF THANKS.

During the time when I was confined to bed, my friends were very kind in coming to visit and sit up with me and I want to thank them all for their thoughtfulness and assistance; especially do I wish to thank the men from the Men's Prayer service and the many from the Church of Christ, who have thus made things easier and more pleasant for me.

A. R. Johnston.

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 offerings of their goods.

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Pay Dirt Is Found On Chicago Beach

Chicago, May 14.—Chicago has never been noted for its mining activities but pay dirt was found here Saturday.

Two huge tractors which were run over the sand of a beach along Lake Michigan in preparation for the summer swimming season brought about the discovery.

A group of unemployed who happened to be present found that by screening the sand loosened by the tractors around \$3 can be found in four hours, mostly in nickels and dimes.

"And that's not counting such things as vanity cases and rings," one prospector said.

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A Rolling Kitchen

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TIGER EYE

By B. M. Bower



SEVENTH INSTALLMENT
Bob Reeves, the Kid, was nicknamed Tiger Eye by his friends down in the Brazos country because his "gun-eye" was yellow. When his father, "Killer Reeves," died the Kid left Texas to avoid continuing his father's feuds. Reaching Montana he is forced to draw on Nate Wheeler, an irate nester. In the exchange of shots Wheeler drops dead, the Kid later learning that Bob Garner who had also shot at the same time, really killed Wheeler.

Garner gets the Kid to join the Poole outfit as a rim rider. The Kid succeeds Wheeler's widow and is interrupted by Pete Gorham and some other nesters. He shoots Gorham through both ears for coupling his name with Wheeler's widow. Later he rescues a girl, Nellie, and her dad from Gorham, wounding Pete again. The girl, in spite of her belief the Kid is an imported Texas killer, warns him the nesters will kill him. The kid warns Garner the nesters are planning an attack on the Poole outfit. He meets Jess Markel, a Texan who is boss of the Poole wagon crew.

That night the Kid shoots Markel through both hands when the latter attempts to kill him for being the son of Killer Reeves. The rest of the gang approves of the Kid's action. While near Nellie's home he hears the crack of a rifle and finds her dad has been shot from ambush and helps carry the dead man into his house.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

The kid's face was bleak and old when he turned from the bed and Nellie's mother kneeling beside it, her arms thrown out and clutching her dead with the tenseness of despair. Nellie was holding herself calm in spite of her horror. The kid saw her in the kitchen, dipping water into the wash-basin on the bench beside the back door. But as he went out to wash her father's life blood from his hands, he remembered her words and halted, looking at her strangely.

"What call have you got to think I done it?" he demanded. "He was shot in the back, from some where up awn the hill. I was awn the road coming along the old stack. You'll can go look at the hawse tracks and see foh wose't."

"I don't have to. I know what made me say that. Mr.—I know you didn't do it."

"Reeves," said the kid, flushing a little. "Bob Reeves is my name, Miss—"

"Murray," said the girl, and put up a hand to smooth her hair. "What shall we do?" She bit her lips, fighting back tears, and the color crept into her cheeks as she met the kid's grave look.

"I'll stay, heah, Miss Murray, while you'll go foh help. I'd go myse'f, but I couldn't do no good. Some nestah would try and shoot me foh a Poole ridah, I reckon. If theah's a hawse you'll can ride—"

"I could ride Prince, but he's up in the pasture, and he's awful mean to catch."

"I reckon I can get 'im. My hawse is plumb foolish ovah any ridah but me, or I'd let you'll take him."

"No, you'll have to be ready to go before any one gets here. Prince is the sorrel with one white eye. Oh, hurry!"

He rode into the pasture and roped the sorrel with the white eye, found a sidesaddle and put it on with meticulous care.

The girl looked at him, toward the cabin where her mother was weeping in great, heavy, heartbreaking sobs.

"I'm—we're much obliged Mr. Reeves. You—you always come when I—when we need help. Promise you won't stay till they come back with me."

"I promise to go—but I kain't promise I won't come back."

He watched her ride off at a gallop, her gingham shirt whipping out beside the sorrel's flanks, her yellow braid swinging in the breeze.

His glance fell then to the trampled dirt under his feet, and the bleak look returned to his face. He turned and scanned the ridge. Its side was mostly brushy and with a stunted tree growing here and there, but at the top there was a rough outcropping of brown sandstone with rock slabs tilted this way and that.

The kid was sure the killer had waited behind those rocks; just as sure as if he had seen him there. But he didn't go up right then to prove it. He went into the house instead and stood with his hat in his hand, look-

ing down at the dead man and at the woman huddled on the floor beside the bed.

The kid stood looking down at her for a minute.

He took the two tin water buckets and followed a path from the back door to a spring, and brought back fresh water. She looked at him then; looked at him long before she took the glass and drank.

"You're a good boy," she said. "Where's Nellie?" She stared around her.

The kid told her. She did not seem to listen, but returned to her weeping. The kid wished she wouldn't cry like that; she sounded so much like his mother when Pap lay on the bed under a sheet. Killers oughta be made to sit and listen to the widows of the men they shoot in the back.

The kid turned on the doorstep and leaned his head in at the doorway.

"Goodby, Ma'am," he called softly. "Reckon I'll have to be goin' now."

"Goodby," she answered brokenly. "Look out them Poole killers don't get you!"

"Shoah will," said the kid. Promised Nellie he'd go. Somehow it made a bond between them which the kid would never break. He was going because Nellie made him promise. And he was going to hunt down the killer, because it was Nellie's old pappy he had shot.

Insolence leered up at the kid from every boot mark behind the tilted slabs of rock. The killer had not even tried to scuff out his tracks with a side-wise drag of the foot.

The kid's eyes went seeking here and there. Killer as careless as this—and as sure of Poole protection—'pears like he might leave some sign more than boot tracks.

Been smoking up here too.

The kid's thoughts halted as abruptly as his body. Even his heart stopped dead still in his chest; or at least it felt as if it had. The blood froze in his veins so that his face had a pinched, old look. He bent stiffly with a slow reluctance, utterly unlike himself, and picked up something here, over here another something, and he stood up, looking at them in the palm of his hand.

Two pieces of broken match! Two pieces fitting together—match snapped in the finger and dropped. Babe! Babe, a Poole killer!

Bushwhacking nesters from behind rocks; that's what he was doing. Playing the kid for a sucker. Lay on the bunk, pretending he was reading storybooks all evening—hell! Lay there planning how he'd go out next morning and dry-gulch some poah devil of a nester, that's what! Babe!

Pecos had to use his horse sense and take the full responsibility of getting back up on Big Bench, for the kid just climbed into the saddle—his foot fumbling like a drunken man's for the stirrup—and rode unseeingly away from that hellish spot, where he had seen the fair face of friendship blacken and shrink to a grinning death's-head before him.

He ought to have known, that first day. He ought to have seen that Babe Garner had fired that rifle shot not to save the kid's life, but because he wanted to make certain Nate Wheeler was dead.

Up on the Bench there the other day, riding over to talk to Jess Markel. Babe lied and the kid knew he lied—and then had to go and swallow what Babe told him about that talk. Babe more'n likely told Jess all about Tiger Eye Reeves, and helped Jess plan how he could get him. Damn' fool—let Babe lie him blind. A cold-blooded killer like that!

Kill the kid some of these days, more'n likely.

He remembered the look on Babe's face as he stood outside the Poole mess house, watching Jess Markel go by with his bandaged hands.

Babe had lighted a cigarette. He snapped the match in two—like these pieces, here in the kid's palm—and looked at the kid and said he'd rather be dead than crippled like that.

The kid's clenched hand rested on the saddle horn and his head was bowed, his cleft chin resting on the soft folds of his silk neckerchief. His eyes were staring. He saw Babe, in a new and terrible guise.

He was seeing Babe standing by the kitchen table looking down at his shattered knuckles, and he was hearing Babe say, "Put a bullet through my damn' brain, Tiger Eye! I'd rather

be dead than like this." He was seeing a bullet hole turn bluish in Babe's forehead!

The kid started and looked around like one suddenly awakened from a nightmare. He was on the last slope of the ridge running up to the tiny walled-in basin where Babe's cabin stood snugly sheltered against a split peak.

He gave himself a little shake, snapped back to clear and pitiless thinking. He lifted his head, pursed his stiffened lips and whistled the signal of all Poole riders. Babe pulled open the door and stood there grinning as the kid rode up. The kid grinned back at Babe, but his eyes gave their warning. His blue left eye was squinting and the amber right eye was open full and had the baleful stare of a tiger stalking his kill.

"Well, yuh made it ahead of the storm," Babe called cheerfully, as the kid swung down at the door. " 'Fraid yuh might get caught out, Tiger Eye. Goin' to be a rip-snorter, when it gets here."

The kid turned and looked where a greenish-black cloud mass came coiling up from the southwest.

He burned past him and went inside, turning to face Babe.

"What's the matter, Tiger Eye? Anything happen?"

"Yes, suh. Right smaht happened, Babe. A nestah got killed."

Babe's cold gray eyes scrutinized the kid. He closed the door against a puff of wind, leaned his back against it, his thumbs hooked inside his cart-ridge belt. The kid's vivid picture of him revised itself in certain details with pitiless accuracy. Babe would not fall between the stove and table. He would topple over toward the bunk, more'n likely.

"Who was it, d'yuh know? Or maybe yuh ain't tellin'."

"Old Pappy Murray, shot in the back."

"Hunh. Well—" Babe hesitated—"he's a nester and a cow thief. He had it comin', Tiger Eye."

"He nevah had it comin' in front of his own doah. The killah cached himse'f behind a ledge up awn the hill. Left his boot tracks theah—and a rifle shell."

"Yeah? Well—" "Left anotha sign, Babe."

"Yeah? What sign's that?" "Left this, Babe," He opened his palm.

Babe looked, lifted his glance to the bleak face of the kid, and to that tiger stare of the yellow right eye. Babe's teeth caught his underlip. His fingers quivered—but they did not go for his gun. They did not dare.

Interruption came. The shrill, whistled signal all Poole riders knew. Babe's eyes searched the kid's face.

He turned his back, pulled open the door, answered the call.

"Supper ready, Babe?" The Poole foreman owned that voice.

Nothing would happen while he was there. Flag of truce.

Cards lay as they fell till the foreman left again. Meant to go, all right. Didn't unsaddle his horse—meant to ride on to the Poole soon as he had his supper and the storm was over. Straight, honest man, name of Joe Hale.

The foreman talked while he ate largely of the supper Babe had cooked. Babe talked too, but not very much. Knew he'd have to face it, soon as Joe Hale was gone. Shoah storming. So dark inside the kid got up and lighted the lamp.

The foreman emptied his third cup of coffee, wiped his mustache with his handkerchief, hitched the box seat two inches back, and drew his tobacco and papers from his pocket. Soon as he had his smoke going, he would get up and leave.

The foreman reached thumb and finger into the watch pocket of his vest, groped there, taking his time.

He finally drew a match from his pocket, looked at it, used it with little stabbing motions in the air to point his meaning while he talked to Babe. Gosh, did he always talk that-a-way? It seemed to the kid that half an hour passed before the cigarette was finally lighted. The foreman absently blew out the match, snapped it in two, dropped the pieces on the floor and got up, reaching for his hat.

Babe lifted his head and looked full at the kid. He saw the kid's lips loosen, saw them quiver as the kid's eyes met his with shamed understanding.

The kid sat down on the bunk, his arms resting on his knees and his face bent to the floor. Babe! He would have shot Babe just on the strength of a broken match! If the foreman hadn't come right when he did, he'd have killed Babe Garner—the best friend he ever had in his life.

Babe! Clearing the table, scraping the plates just as if nothing had happened. Stopping now to make himself a cigarette while the kid watched him from under his long eyelashes.

(Continued Next Week.)

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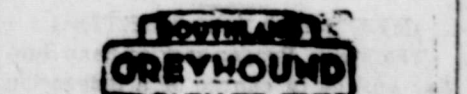
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SUNDAY IS MURRELL DAY



REV. W. M. MURRELL

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.
 While the leaders of finance, including Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, give interviews and make speeches outlining the bright spots on the business horizon, it requires concrete examples for the average layman to pin his faith to.

News dispatches the first of the week carried reports by State Labor Commissioner R. B. Gragg of the rapid return of normal employment conditions in North Texas. The Katy railroad shops, closed for many weeks, have reopened on full time; an overall factory that has been on half time has resumed full operation with 280 employees, a cheese factory employing 175 has opened and a Sherman garment manufacturing concern with 400 employees has resumed full time operation.

With such revival of activity in the manufacturing centers and such glowing prospects for crops throughout the whole state of Texas, one can discount some of the entries on the reverse side, tending to reduction in wages, etc.

Without quoting the basis of his statement, a prominent oil operator at Wichita Falls was optimistic enough the other day to tell newspapermen that he could even see a silver lining in the clouds that have darkened the oil game for so long.

A PROPER QUALIFICATION.

One of the amendments which the legislature has voted to submit to the electorate in November, 1932, has been received by the press of the state with unanimous approval, as far as the writer has been able to ascertain. This concerns a provision requiring taxpayers to render their property for taxation before becoming eligible to vote in bond elections.

Several years ago the then-attorney general ruled that a property owner was qualified to vote in a bond election by the mere fact of owning property subject to taxation, whether on the rendered rolls or not.

The amendment to be submitted remedies this defect in the present law.

It is conceded by everyone that, if a voter is required to pay his poll tax in order to qualify himself to go to the polls, a property owner should at least have to take the first step toward qualification by rendering his property for taxation, whether such tax be paid or not.

Lot Owners Urged To Pay Upkeep Dues

To Lot Owners and All Interested in Upkeep of Same:

It has been talked that there is no sexton at the cemetery this year. That is a mistake, as the same sexton is there all the time, but he does not get a salary this year and works by the paid lot. So, if your lot is not kept clean, it is because you have not shown interest enough to see the sexton and make some arrangements with him. Some think because the cemetery is in the weeds, like it is, it is because he cannot keep it worked. But, if you will do your part, see how nice it will be kept.

You all know what shape the cemetery was in five years ago and what a name we all worked it up to. Now, I am sorry for the public to see what we all have let it fall to in 1931—all because of lost interest and hard times. Now, let us get a move on us and see if we can't get back to a cemetery that is not an eyesore. Price is \$3.00 a year per lot; \$1.50 for six months, and \$1.00 for four months.

You can pay your dues and give your name to any member of the committee and they will give names to sexton.

The committee is Mrs. R. O. Anderson, J. T. Warren, A. T. Sheppard, J. H. Witcher, Sexton.

"Church Night"

(Continued from Case One)
 Church home for many years, through the succession of 17 pastors, down to the present substantial church home and its very able and much loved present pastor.

Upon adjournment to the church basement, cake and cream were served and "church night" was thus brought to a close in a friendly social hour.

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Next Sunday will be Murrell Day. Brother Murrell is loved by the citizenship of Merkel. His visit with us next Sunday will be appreciated by all. He will preach at both the morning and evening service. His years of service in our city were community wide. He will delight to welcome his visit.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

We are happy to have Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamblet to join our church and assist us in the spreading of His kingdom.

Bishop Edwin D. Meuzon is to conduct a one week meeting at St. Paul church, Abilene, beginning next Sunday. Doubtless many of the people will hear him.

The number attending Sunday School in Merkel last Sunday speaks well for a town of this size. Who would not be proud to live in a town with such a record? If you are among the few that do not attend Sunday School, let us suggest that you get the habit.

CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

"A Message on the New Birth" has been prepared by Rev. W. P. Sibley, pastor of the Nazarene church, for readers of The Mail this week. The relations of the intellect, conscience, will and feeling are each given its place in the process of regeneration.

"The New Birth."
 Jesus answered and said unto him, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter in to the kingdom of God." St. John 3:5.

Nicodemus was a member of the Jewish council. No doubt they had talked the matter over many times and had come to the conclusion that Jesus was divine. As Jesus and Nicodemus were both very busy the latter came at night in order that he might not be interrupted by the crowds that gathered around during the day.

He came with this confession: "We know that thou art a teacher come from God." And gave this evidence of that knowledge: "for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him."

The new birth is an actual necessity. According to my opinion there are four faculties of the soul engaged in the work. First: intellect; second: conscience; third: will, and fourth: feeling.

Under the preaching of the gospel men become awakened and realize the fact that they are lost. Not going to be, but are now lost. If we could only get people to wake up to these conditions and see themselves as God sees them, it would not be so hard to get them to meet conditions that would bring salvation to their souls.

When you reach them through the intellect the conscience begins to function. Telling them that it is right and they should accept the Lord. Here the battle begins between the conscience and the will. The human will revolts and doesn't want to be submissive to the will of God.

As the will is the deciding factor in the case the individual comes to this decision: "I know it is right. I ought to become a Christian, but I am not ready, there is time enough yet. Then when he makes up his mind to wait until some future time, the feeling begins to function in condemnation and if the minister presses the claims of salvation you will see the sigh, shake head and say not now.

But, on the other hand, after hear-

ing the gospel and realizing their condition, the conscience says it is dangerous to put off salvation and the will takes up the matter and says I will do it. I will not suffer the enemy of my soul to lead me any farther toward eternal night, I will meet every condition. Then the Lord will come to your rescue and the feeling functions again by making you happy, and joyous, and you can say with the Apostle Peter, "Whom we have not seen we love and in whom though now we see him not yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." 1 Peter 1:8.

Marvel not that I said unto thee ye must be born again.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Sunday Schools of Merkel paid a splendid tribute to Mother's Day, reporting an attendance of 1,184 at four Sunday Schools last Sunday. On account of a young peoples convention in Abilene, the Nazarene Sunday School here was not held. The attendance last Sunday exceeded that of Mother's Day last year by 264, there having been 920 reported for the same day last year.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Prayer service next Sunday will be in charge of a delegation from the similar men's prayer service at Blair and Nubia. The meeting is to be held at the Baptist church. For sometime after the Men's Prayer service was organized in Merkel, the men from these neighboring communities attended the service here each Sunday afternoon and they later formed an organization of their own.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Who is not proud of Merkel's Sunday School attendance? Ours is a part of it. Let us keep the reputation for the good we get out of it.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Always glad to have visitors worship with us.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.
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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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MISS LARGENT HONOREE.

One of the loveliest affairs of the year was given Saturday evening when Mrs. C. H. Jones entertained in honor of Miss Mattilou Largent, who graduates from High school this spring. Delicate pastel shades were employed in all party appointments and in floral decorations forming a colorful background for tables laid in varihued tarleton covers and baskets corresponding in color filled with colored candies.

Games of progressive bridge and 42 were followed by dancing and clever contests culminated the evening's entertainment.

Prizes were awarded in the Shakespearean contests and a beautiful picture of Mattilou was awarded the winner of the picture contest.

Place cards from which clever toasts were read found places at the refreshment hour. A delicious green vegetable salad, pink diploma sandwiches, rainbow puffles, green candied pickles and golden fruit punch was served to Misses Mattilou Largent, Hollis Hammond, Abilene, Sis Boaz, Thelma Leach, Zada Bell, Nell Durham, Oneda Bell, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mary Collins, Artilee Simmons, Lois Clark, Vera Richie, Missie Dye, Messrs. D. O. Huddleston and G. P. Holland, Abilene, Orion Tittle and Howard King of Simmons, Clyde Mayfield, Kenneth Mayfield, Dub Bourn, Fred Baker, Cecil Clark, J. D. Ashby, Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Old, Abilene, Bill Brown, Anson, Tom Largent and C. H. Jones.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The home of Mrs. J. M. Dry was the scene of a gay party on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames Carl Baccus, Frank Iddings, Duncan Briggs and S. A. Wells were joint hostesses to members of the Gleaner Sunday School class. The home was beautifully decorated with snapdragons, iarkspur and verbenas.

A picture of the class was taken at the close of a delightful social hour and at the tea hour a lovely salad plate was served to Mesdames John Morgan, W. B. Stevens, and J. M. Dry, visitors; Rush Buford, Oscar Buford, Hunter, Rodden, W. M. Gambill, Yeats, Case, Underwood, Delmer, Hail, Latham, Vaughn, Guitar, Dunn, Hays Will Toombs, Roy Baccus, Man-

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Bring your visitors and friends to Sunday School at 9:45 and to our B. T. S. at 7 p. m.

J. T. King, Pastor.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

"The Mistake of Doctrinal Compromise," Miss Tracy.
 "Union of Church and State," Mr. W. J. Largent.
 "Intolerance of Other Religious Faiths," Mrs. Booth.
 "The Use of Armed Force," Captain Nixon.
 "Failure to Educate," Mrs. Largent.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The Nazarene Young Peoples zone rally convened at Abilene last Sunday and we dismissed our Sunday School to attend the convention.

Preaching the second and fourth Sundays. Prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A welcome awaits you.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
 Prayer.
 Song.
 Scripture, by Clyde Sears.
 Poem by all the Juniors.
 Story, "The Friendship Chest," Stanley Toombs.
 Story, "Her Flop Cakes," by Mary Jo Russell.
 Sentence prayer.
 Benediction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Program for Sunday, May 17.
 Subject, Songs and Proverbs, Poetry and Philosophy.
 Leader, Elvis Richardson.
 Responsive feeding.
 Prayer.
 Hebrew Songs or Old Testament Poetry, Vernon Hudson.
 Psalm 95, Roy Patterson.
 Hebrew Proverbs or Old Testament Philosophy, Gwendolyn Vickers.
 Proverbs 1:7-23, Bernice Tucker.
 League benediction.

scill, Len Sublett, Blake, Dee Grimes, Tom Largent, Ross Ferrier, Richardson, Vickers, Herbert Patterson, Denzel Cox, Gaither, Taylor and Burgess, class members.

YOUNG BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS ENJOY EVENING.

The Young Business Men's Sunday School class of the Methodist church held their regular monthly business and social meeting Tuesday night, meeting in Laney's pasture east of town about eight o'clock. After all had registered a delicious lunch of slum gullion, pickles, coffee and pie was served to fifty members and visitors.

Following the lunch all enjoyed an hour's recreation of various games, stunts and birthday celebrations.

The meeting was concluded with a short business session and the appointment of committees for next month's meeting.

Everyone present greatly enjoyed the evening and already plans are being made for even a better meeting next month.

The class extends an invitation to all who are interested in Sunday School to come and meet with them every Sunday. Let every member be present next Sunday and bring some one with them.

WILLING WORKERS.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott entertained the Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon with a Mother's Day program. The scripture was read by Mrs. J. E. Tucker, followed with prayer by Mrs. A. A. Baker. At the social hour Mrs. Elliott was assisted in serving refreshments by her nieces, Misses Lola and Donna Lee Shelton, to the following members: Mesdames A. A. Baker, J. L. Baker, J. J. Russell, S. G. Russell, J. A. Patterson, Jr., W. D. Butler, L. L. Murray, S. A. Derstine, J. L. Tucker, J. E. Tucker, R. T. Walker, Misses Mary Kenny and Mollie McCully. Visitors were Mrs. Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton, Donna Lee and Lola Shelton.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The regular meeting of the Blanch Rose Walker circle was held in the home of Mrs. T. E. Collins Tuesday, May 12. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Mrs. Collins directed an interesting Bible lesson. Then followed a short business session.

Coyote and Six Wolflets Dug Up

A mother coyote and six little ones, not over four or five days old, were found in a hole on the Floyd farm Friday of last week by the Floyd boys, Bowie, Price and Paul. They noticed a hole in the field, while they were plowing and after exploring it discovered the mother and her family of wolflets.

They killed the many wolf for safety and, retaining one of the little ones for a pet, gave the others away.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

Miss Holley Perry, the only Merkel entrant in the John Thompson Piano tournament held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene, placed on every event she entered, winning two first places, three second and three thirds, her average was 94 7-8.

(From the Files, May 12, 1911.)

Oklahoma is not content to lead the world of industry but it leads in musical prodigies as well. The town of Duncan claims the distinction of having a little musician who will excel even Mozart who began his music at the age of four. He is George Berry Leeman, aged three and a half years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Leeman who came here from Merkel, Texas. The little fellow is scarcely large enough to sit on the piano stool. He plays over a hundred of the most difficult pieces with the greatest of ease. The parents of the little boy will take him to Oklahoma City to play for the wonderful Victor Herbert who will be in that city soon.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, on the 27th day of April 1931, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 104th District Court, for the sum of Five Hundred Seventy One and 12/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Don Davis in a certain cause in said Court, No. 905-B and styled Don Davis vs. Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a minor, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 30th day of April 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. three (3) and the west 10 feet of lot No. two (2) of the Don Davis Subdivision of a part of lots Five (5) and Six (6) in block Seven (7) of Fair Park Acres, an addition to the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as it existed on January 17th, 1929; it is further ordered that the deed of trust lien on the above described property, dated January 28th, 1929, in favor of C. W. Gill, to secure the payment of a certain \$1250.00 note, is second and inferior to the lien held by Don Davis; it is further ordered that the judgment lien for \$51.87, held by Brooks Dry Goods Company, a corporation, (abstract of judgment of record in Vol. 9, on Page 13, of the abstract of Judgment records of Taylor County,

Texas) is second and inferior to the indebtedness and lien in favor of Don Davis, and the indebtedness and lien above mentioned in favor of C. W. Gill; and levied upon as the property of Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a minor, and that on the first Tuesday in June 1931, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a minor.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 30th day of April 1931.

Burl Wheeler.

Sheriff Taylor County, Texas

By E. D. Davis Deputy.

State Ranger Force Increased, Due Fear Of Racketeer Invasion

Austin, May 14.—An increase in the state ranger force was voted Monday by the Texas house of representatives under fears of a racketeer invasion.

"A racketeer will not face a Texas ranger," said Rep. Harry Graves. "Chicago and other places are organizing to drive out the racketeers. They are hunting a place to light. Increase our ranger force so they will not come here!"

Other arguments that helped win an appropriation for 14 more of the lone-wolf fighters of the ranger force were that they are the only means to preserve order in new oil fields; that kidnapping rings are being formed in Texas, bank robberies increasing and a crime wave in the making.

Adjutant General W. W. Sterling, former ranger captain, gave these reasons in a letter.

The house authorized \$90,000 a year to pay for 46 rangers. Thirty-six have been authorized heretofore but only 32 have been employed. With the increase goes the promise that "indiscriminate" issuance of ranger commissions to unpaid rangers will end.

The Sherman riot and former Gov. Moody's announcement that if he were governor of Illinois, the rangers would run racketeers out of Chicago, both figured in the house debate.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, May 14.—Although Wednesday's market was quiet, most classes of cattle changed hands at steady rates, the only notable weakness being in beef steers. Receipts amounted to 4,000 head of cattle and 500 calves.

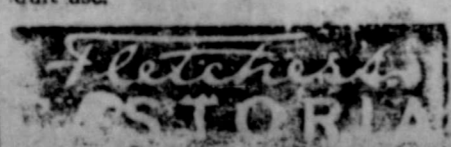
A car of fed steers of light weight notched \$7.50. Some sales were down to \$4.35. Fat cows cleared in package lots up to \$4.50. Yearlings of good to choice quality moved at \$7.50 to \$8.25.



If baby has COLIC

CRY in the night. Colic! No cause for alarm if Castoria is handy. This pure vegetable preparation brings quick comfort, and can never harm. It is the sensible thing when children are ill. Whether it's the stomach, or the little bowels; colic or constipation; or diarrhea. When tiny tongues are coated, or the breath is bad. Whenever here's need of gentle regulation. Children love the taste of Castoria, and its mildness makes it safe for frequent use.

And a more liberal dose of Castoria is always better for growing children than strong medicine meant only for dull use.



Kirkland Home Economics Class Holds Open House

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, teacher of Home Economics in the Kirkland High school, will return home Saturday to spend the summer here with her parents. At the close of the school year, this department of the Kirkland school staged an exhibit, the write-up of which clipped from the Childress Index, follows:

"The home economics department of Kirkland High School held open house from 4:30 to 5:30 Thursday afternoon. All articles made in the sewing classes during the year were on display.

"On entering the room, which was decorated with cut flowers and plants, visitors registered in a unique dress-shaped booklet designed by the teacher, Miss Hazel Rainbolt. Souvenirs with the name and date of the exhibit were given each visitor, who was shown over the exhibit.

"All the articles, from the cap-towels which showed the first efforts of each student to the school dresses which were the last problem, proved interesting to the visitors. Underclothing, pajamas and children's garments were other articles on display, with samples of bound pockets and buttonholes, showing each step of construction.

"Guests were served punch and cakes by the home economics girls. About 75 visitors registered for this second annual display of the department. Girls of the class, responsible for the exhibit were Pauline Bass, Lois Brooks, Ruth Mohon, Actie Pryor and Rose Mary Sullivan."

Calves good enough to bring \$6 were scarce and limited to odd drafts.

Hogs closed at a decline of 35c to 50c, although some early sales in the truck division to small killers were only 15c to 25c down. The early top was \$7 on truck consignments. Rail hogs stopped at \$6.75. Receipts amounted to 600 head.

Spring lambs ruled 50c lower, sales being around \$7 to \$7.75. Shorn lambs and wethers held steady. The best shorn lambs went at \$6.50, 2-year-old wethers moved at \$4 to \$4.50 and grown sheep sold within a general range of \$2.25 to \$2.75. Receipts were estimated at 11,000 head.

Cattle Movement.

On Tuesday Baker and Collins shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth.

C. W. Denson, 59, city marshal of Spur, dropped dead while on duty on a downtown street, death being attributed to heart failure.

Will Butman Badly Hurt Last Monday

Will Butman was badly hurt Monday while doing cattle work in Butman lease, White Church community. No details of the accident are available because he was alone at the time and, judging from few accounts, lay unconscious for five or six hours in the pasture. He received a deep cut above the right eye, many bruises about the head and rope burns on legs and arms.

Will left home early in the morning with intention of going to the sheep camp to work and spend the night, but decided to do cattle work. His horse was seen standing in the pasture about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and it was some time between 8 and 9 o'clock when he was heard calling for help. Will is unable to remember how the accident happened but he said, "Seems like I can remember a pitching horse and me reaching between his front legs for the reins." Signs show that the horse dragged him 176 steps. His hat, one spur and the loop from his lariat were found near two trees. The lariat had been either cut or broken, releasing him from the horse.

Ray Brown and Sickle Phillips, White Church community, heard the calling. They found him about 8:30 in Mr. Phillips' field—unable to stand and awfully cold. Will said "Night came too quick—I was trying to go to Sickle's." At this writing he is doing nicely.

Will was carried to Mr. Phillips' home where he was shown the very best of hospitality, which is a characteristic of the pioneer families to which they belong.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Miss Alice Russell entertained twenty-two little friends last Tuesday night with a school party. Sandwiches and popcorn were served.

Mrs. E. B. Barnes, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Sunday night, May 3, was sufficient-

ANNOUNCING

W. W. Bell has purchased the interest of I. F. Gilbert in the Palace Barber Shop and the firm name is now

JOHNSON AND BELL

Will be glad to continue to serve all former customers and we most cordially welcome new ones

ly recuperated to be removed to her home here Wednesday and is reported "doing fine."

Mrs. Etta Tucker was very much pleased the early part of the week to receive a letter from a missionary in India, whom she had met at the Buffalo Gap encampment last summer. The letter was dated April 15 and enclosed two pictures of mission work.

Following a major operation at the Alexander sanitarium, Abilene, some ten days ago, Mrs. Earl Henry was able to be removed to her home here Wednesday.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus, residing 7 miles south of town on Route 3, has received news of the arrival of a granddaughter in Buckeye, Ariz. The parents are

Mr. and Mrs. Art L. Pannell and the name of the baby girl is Mary Ellen. Mr. Pannell, a former Merkel boy, is foreman of the Hollywood Corporation ranches in the Roosevelt Irrigation district.

Judging by the number of fishing parties and the frequency with which several of the local sportsmen are visiting the nearby streams and lakes, the past few days have been ideal for the disciples of Izaak Walton to ply their art. It's fine enough these days to be out on the river bank, whether the fish bite or not.

Reports Tuesday from Mrs. Slick Liles at the Alexander sanitarium, Abilene, were that she is not doing very well following an operation Sunday.

SPECIALS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY



"The SAFETY-SEALED COFFEE"
MJB'S PAT'D SEAL CANNOT CLOSE UNLESS AIR IS OUT

2 lbs. 85c
1/2 pound FREE

- BEANS, snappy and fresh, 3 lbs. 25c
- SPUDS, new crop, No. 1, lb. 4 1-2c
- SPUDS, old, No. 1, Russets, lb. 2 1-2c
- LETTUCE, California, 75's, head 8c
- COMPOUND, Swift's Acorn, 8 lbs. 90c
- CHEESE, Longhorn, Wisconsin, lb. 20c
- PEAS, No. 2, table, 2 cans 25c
- SOAP, P & G., C. W., 5 bars 19c

WE BUY CREAM

J. M. Collins Cash Grocery
Phone 69 Prompt Delivery

Notice to the Public

The Ice Season is now Here and we are here, anxious to serve you, from the largest customer to the smallest one; we appreciate them all. We do not have a refrigerated vault, but we have as good a pair of scales as money can buy and we don't guess at the weight but weigh it and you know—and so do we—that you get what you pay for at all times.

A word to those that have chickens and turkeys to sell. It will pay you to see us before you sell—we are in the market with as good price as any one at all times. Come to see us, Phone No. 98. We are here soon and late.

On Sundays we will be open from 5:30 a. m. to 9:45, will be closed then until 11 a. m. Someone will be here the remainder of the day until 7:30 p. m. My policy is to go to Sunday School and church and I will make it possible for the men and boys that work with me to attend Sunday School and church. Also I make mention of this so you that want ice on Sunday please call us early, so we can get to you, before we close.

If our service pleases you, tell others; if not, tell us and we will do our best to satisfy you.

BRING US YOUR POULTRY

The Merkel Ice Station
L. L. Murray, Prop.

CUSTOM HATCHING

While last Saturday, May 9, was the last Setting Day of the season here, you may still bring us your eggs. We will receive them here to be carried to Abilene Hatchery for hatching.

MERKEL HATCHERY
Phone 42 Same Location

We have just installed a modern

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and can give your car a thorough chassis lubrication for

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We have a Well Equipped Shop with Experienced Mechanics. Our prices are in line with Ford policies.

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NO HAPHAZARD METHODS HERE

We use modern methods in our Cleaning Work, which will mean prolonged life and better appearance for your clothes.

General Alteration Work Guaranteed. We Appreciate Your Patronage.

BLAKE'S DRY CLEANERS
Opposite Postoffice Phone 68

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

School is over for the term and the teachers will go to different places. Prof. and Mrs. Jenkins and baby will go to De Leon soon; Miss Strawn will go to her home at Greenville; Misses Burgess and Sheppard to their homes in Abilene; Miss Joyce to her home at Franklin; Garland Franks to Graham. Leroy Reeves is teaching the summer school, while Mrs. Reeves has gone to her home at Mt. Vernon.

A. W. Woods entertained his Sunday School class of Junior boys with a weiner roast last Tuesday evening at Shady Rest.

Mrs. Jake Roberts honored her little daughter, Johnnie, and son, Jake, last Saturday afternoon with a joint birthday party. Many of their little friends gathered for the happy occasion and enjoyed games and refreshments.

There will be noticed quite a lot of improvements going on in our city. Ester and Woods have just finished remodeling and rearranging their store; M. G. Scott Grocery and Carl Edwards Grocery are also rearranging and painting up and when they are finished will be as up-to-date, clean and attractive looking as any stores anywhere. They invite the public to come and visit them.

J. E. Bowers, having purchased the old store building just north of his residence, is remodeling it and making a neat, modern residence. Walker Steadman and E. C. Smith are doing the work.

Grandma Knox is visiting her son, Boone Knox, at Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryan and daughter and Miss Mildred Steadman spent Sunday at View as guests of Charles Braune.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of View Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian has as her guest for the past two weeks her mother, Mrs. Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone have returned to their home in Memphis after a ten days visit here with the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Boone.

Messrs. Jack Boone, T. G. Hamner and J. E. Bowers were fishing on the Concho last week. They had good luck, bringing in one cat weighing 33 pounds.

Mrs. E. D. Massey and children of Hamlin came over to spend Mother's Day with her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon. She was accompanied home Monday by her mother and her sister, Mrs. Twyman Collins, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee, Jr., and Mrs. R. B. McRee spent the week-end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craddock of Cisco visited friends here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hudler have as their guests the Misses Hudler of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Norwood of Comanche were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood.

Mesdames Jack and Annie Boone visited in Hermleigh Friday.

Virgil Gausnell of Wellington returned home Tuesday after a visit here in the home of A. C. Terry.

W. I. Decker, an old timer, was on the streets Monday, shaking hands with friends.

Miss Estelle Terry and Mrs. H. F. Taylor spent Friday and Saturday as guests of Miss Fannie Scott of Abilene.

Misses Lucille and Marjory Adrian of A. C. C. spent the week-end with their parents.

Jack Bowers was home for the week-end.

Mrs. E. D. Sherman has returned after a few weeks stay in Oklahoma with her daughter.

Messrs. Alex Williamson and James Bright are in Mineral Wells this week.

C. T. Beckham was in Hamlin Monday.

Mrs. H. F. Taylor has returned to her home in Amherst after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. Carl Murdock spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives in Abilene.

Miss Mary Boyd and her grandmother, Mrs. Wright, returned to their home in Hamlin Monday after a visit here Sunday with friends.

Mrs. Hale McRee has as her guests this week Mrs. Rochell McGowan and little son of Fort Worth.

Misses Fannie Scott and Winona Patton of Abilene were guests of friends here Thursday afternoon.

Miss Madeline Payne is home from her school work at Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards spent

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and family of Valera, J. P. Spears and son, Slaton, Ira Stanley and family of Stith and Ollie Hodges and family of Goodman spent Mother's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walker of Buffalo Gap were week-end houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers and son left for Corpus Christi, where Mrs. Deavers will spend an indefinite time with her parents, Mr. Deavers returning to Austin where he has accepted work for the summer. He will serve as principal of the Royston school for the 1931 term.

Mesdames Cynthia Hall and Tom Melton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and family, left Wednesday for Oklahoma City, there the former has gone to live with her son, Chester Hall. The others in the party will visit relatives in Duncan for several days.

Mrs. Susie Doan has returned home after several weeks' stay with her son, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan of Clyde. She was accompanied back by Mr. and Mrs. Doan, who spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

Sam Provine made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. H. H. Little of Trent visited Tuesday and Wednesday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins and son of Cisco have moved into our midst and we are proud to have them with us. Mr. Rankins will be principal of the Blair school, assisted by Misses Vernie Derrick and Vera and Mamie Walker of Merkel for 1931.

Mesdames Minnie Reeves, A. T. Farmer and Jimmie Nell Horton are getting along nicely after several days sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathews and daughter attended the Mother's Day program at Nubia Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family attended services at White Church Sunday.

Sunday visiting relatives at Big Spring. Mrs. Beulah Forester of Ackery returned with them for a visit.

Miss Virgie Strawn returned to her home at Greenville Friday after completing her school work here. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Miss Maurine Smith.

Postmaster R. E. Dowdy and wife left Saturday morning for Laredo where they are attending the State Postmasters convention. From there they will go to Mission and other points south. They expect to return about the 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee have returned from a trip to New Mexico and Arizona. Mr. McRee has resumed his same duties at the Home State bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock and children of Big Spring were week-end guests of relatives.

Mrs. Robert Harris and sons spent last week as guests of Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vesels.

Mesdames J. Cal Hamner and R. E. Dowdy spent Friday and Saturday of last week visiting in Coleman.

Ewei Bone of Hamlin was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Alton Boone returned Saturday from a visit to Memphis.

Mrs. Roy Moore and children, accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Billings, of Abilene spent Friday visiting Mesdames Hudler and J. E. Bowers.

Mrs. Gene Chiles of Stamford was the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. McRee, from Tuesday until Thursday of last week.

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER.
Merkel, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Dearest Mother:
How I do thank you for washing my clothes, sewing for me, ironing clothes for me, making me mind, learning me how to do other things, and when I do wrong correcting me, I thank you for that, and best of all teaching me about God and Jesus, teaching me how to read the Bible, helping me with my Sunday School lessons, helping me with my school lessons, and doing things for me, caring for me when sick and when you cared for me when I was a little and couldn't take care of myself. I don't think I could ever pay you back—I do such little work for you.

With lots and lots of love, from
Your daughter
Joy Juanita Doan.
(Age 10 years.)

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Hodges Happenings.

This community was grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Bud Moore's father, Mr. Hedgecock, which occurred Monday last week at the home of Mrs. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Bruton and family of New Hope were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruton. While here Mrs. Bruton received a telegram stating that her father, Mr. Collenger, had died at Malone, Texas. We sympathize with the entire family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benton plan to leave soon for Oregon where they intend to make their future home.

Mrs. George Bruton and sons of Elbert, Texas, and Mrs. Earl Williams and Mrs. Ora Darden of Abilene visited Mrs. Stanley Walker and other relatives in our burg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Redding of Stith visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh Sunday.

Grandma Vaughn is very low at this writing.

Several from here attended the play at Midway Friday night.

Mrs. C. E. Thomas and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh Sunday.

Mrs. Region and Miss Lois Region of South Texas are visiting friends and relatives in this and surrounding communities.

Say, White Flat, what is wrong with you that we do not get a write-up from your community every week or two—come on and, tell us about those fine singings you're having over there.

COMPERE NEWS

The young folks gave a play, "The Clay Is The Thing," at the tabernacle Friday night, May 1. The play was well rendered and was attended by several hundred people.

On Thursday night, May 7, the play was carried and put on at Noodle.

The "4-Cornered" singing at Zion Chapel was well attended Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Walker of Abilene, accompanied by his family, was out for the Compere play last week.

R. S. and J. H. Palmer made a business trip to Abilene last Friday.

Carlton Davis, M. K. Milner and others from here have been fishing on the river near Truby and they have had good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Palmer attended Sunday School and preaching at Hodges last Sunday and were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cranston and family.

Foy Wilburn entertained a few friends with a party Saturday night. "Grandma" Spurgin had several of her children with her for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Chester and Mrs. Burley Bonds of Trent spent Sunday with Mrs. Wilburn.

M. K. Milner and Carlton Davis made a business trip to Dallas the past weekend.

The singing at Compere was well attended Sunday night.

White Church News

Most of our farmers are about through with their planting.

Friends of Mrs. W. H. Brown will be glad to know she is still improving.

Mr. Will Butman had the misfortune of a horse kicking him in the head last Monday, while riding over his ranch. We hope he will soon be all o. k.

Mrs. E. H. Patterson and daughters, Bell and Mrs. Tom Patterson, accompanied by Genevieve Cox, visited Mrs. A. D. Barnes one day recently.

Mrs. Lloyd Harris was in Merkel Monday to have her eye treated, having got something in it.

Mrs. W. C. Hunter visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, of Trent one day recently.

The children of the White Church school will give a play, entitled "A Worthy Vagabond," next Thursday, May 21. Everybody is invited.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eason of Truby.

Miss Mabel and Hugh McRee returned Friday from Lubbock.

Misses Bernice, Opal and Alberta Dean are spending a few days with their cousins at Salt Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family were Sunday guests of Mrs. O. E. Skidmore of Golan.

One of the largest power shovels ever built is being used in Germany to load cars. It is more than 80 feet high and can handle 850 cubic yards of coal an hour.

RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. Rex McLain was favored with a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield at Blair on May 4. The house was profusely decorated with a display of summer flowers and, following games, a shower of gifts was presented to the honoree in a little wagon, decorated in pink and white and drawn by little Reggie Marie Mayfield, a cousin of the bride.

At the refreshment hour a delectable luncheon in party colors was served to some thirty-five guests. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. O. L. Mayfield. Out of town guests were Mesdames Marvin Mayfield of Abilene and Ed McCrary and Jim Mayfield of Merkel.

BLAIR 4-H ADULT CLUB MEETS.

The Blair Adult 4-H club is doing effective work and is really getting stronger, having two meetings monthly. The demonstration Wednesday on cheese-making by Miss Chambers, county demonstration agent, was a great source of inspiration for the club, for it was well attended by the members and some fifteen or more members were added to the club. The ladies that represented other communities were: Mesdames Earl Walker, Sam Derstine, Wes Derstine, John Hughes, Claude Derrick, Will Toombs and Kenneth Pee, Merkel; Misses Mary Derstine, Viola Snow and Vernie Derrick, Merkel; Thelma Deavers, Noodle; Lottie Butman, Canyon; Mesdames Willis Malone, Sam Butman, Tommie Russom, Elmer Patterson, Shorty Barnes, Canyon; Mark Malone and Bob Malone, Castle Peak.

The climax of the club demonstration came when Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers were made surprise honorees of a going-away handkerchief shower, the honorees receiving many useful and beautiful gifts, sponsored by the 4-H Girls club. The guests departed happily after an enjoyable afternoon wishing Mr. and Mrs. Deavers much happiness in their new home.

Our next meeting will be on May 20 at the Baptist church at Blair at 2 p. m.

—Press Reporter.

MR. AND MRS. MELVIN JONES SHOWERED.

Last Saturday evening, May 8, a group of friends of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones gathered at the home of the bride's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark. They received many beautiful and useful gifts. Refreshments of cake and punch were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Ben Clark of Goodman, Eugene Reese, Jack Sharp, Marvin Douglas, Tom Coats of Merkel, Case Douglas, Lige Harris, Howard Garner, Charlie Bristow of Noodle, Hubert Harris, Houston Clark, Frank Carr, Jim Williamson; Misses Mildred Sharp, Annie Mae Harris, Margaret Dean, Mary Bell Douglas, Mildred Dean, Levera Fay Douglas, Maurine Dean and Mabel McRee; Messrs. Dale Burleson, Burtis Sharp, Bernard Clark, Leo Harris, Marvin Sharp, Lois Burleson, Bill Gosey, Clements Gary, Mesdames Will Whatley, Vernie Merritt, E. M. Dean and J. L. McRee and the host and hostess.

Butman School News

The following pupils were on the honor roll for the past term at the Butman school, of which Miss Elna Hale is principal and Miss Novis J. Whiteaker, teacher:

Fourth grade—Wade Enminger, 94; Aulton Pruitt, 94.

Third grade—Bernice Lewis, 94; J. N. Harrison, 94; Edith Butman, 93; Vivian Turner, 92; Loneta Blackburn, 90.

Second grade—Marvin Pruitt, 92; Melba Hunter, 92; Maudie Turner, 92.

First grade—Nelle Vonne Butman, 98; Opal Lillian Russom, 95; Mary Frances Lewis, 95; Noma Hicks, 94; Kenneth Turner, 92.

Seventh grade—Lillian Maynard, 91 1-3; Mabel Butman, 90.

Sixth grade—Lucy Fay Russom, 91 8-9; Beulah Harrison, 91 5-9.

Fifth grade—Gola Turner, 90 2-3.

Baby Drowns in Bay.

Corpus Christi, May 14.—The year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hawkins, Fortland, was drowned and four persons were injured late Sunday night when two automobiles collided on the causeway. One machine was hurled into the bay.

The average life of a cotton boll weevil ranges from 50 days to 11 months.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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DORA DOINGS

Brother Young of View preached at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

The Nolan Baptist people rendered a nice Mother's Day program Sunday evening.

Pete Tyrone hauled a load of fat lambs to Fort Worth Monday to Floyd Spraul.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Boyd of Abilene spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Rogers.

Grandma Hanks is visiting her son, Rev. Hanks, of Lockney for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Coward of Clyde are spending a few days here visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. A. Magee.

Farmers are planting with an uneasy feeling that the ground is too cold—and a good reason, too, as it seems the wind is from the north most of the time.

N. G. Oliver and J. D. McCoy are on the sick list this week.

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12 More like spring today	13 Almost balmy today	14 Spring fever	15 Straw hat day	16 Spring must be here	17 Baseball season in full swing	18 Fore
19 Nice warm Sunday	20 Chilly again! imagine!	21 Felt hats out again	22 Coldest day of month	23 Heat needed all day	24 Again today!	25 was a cold-hot month
26 Colder! Heaters on	27 Will Spring never come?	28 Still chilly</				

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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MISS HOLLEY PERRY WINS HONORS.

The Seniors are very proud of one of their members who entered the All-Southwestern Intercollegiate Piano tournament, held at Simmons university recently. Holley had to compete with seventeen-year-old girls from Oklahoma as well as Texas. She played three Bach inventions, two studies, one Mozart Sonata, and two pieces, "Pompador's Fan," by Charles Wakefield Cadman, and "Valcik," by J. Mokry.

So well did Holley play these numbers that she won a ribbon for each. She took two blue ribbons, three white ones and three red ones. The ribbons represent the grades 99, 95, and 91, respectively. She won first place in her division of the tournament.

AN APPRECIATION.

One of the most admirable teachers that have ever lived is Miss Lucy Tracy. Miss Tracy has been connected with the Merkel High School faculty for several years. Having made Speech Arts a special study, she has taught expression and public speaking for several years. Miss Tracy's talent for music has made Merkel High school what it is today. She made a wonderful Choral and Glee club director for this year.

Miss Tracy's path has not been a path of roses. She has had many difficulties to overcome. When a hardship arises in Miss Tracy's path, she does not quit; but she just smiles more sweetly. Smiles are wonderful, and Miss Tracy's joyous expression has made every student in school love her. If a person is truly great, he must be popular in church, social and civic activities. Miss Tracy is a leader in all of these activities. If Merkel should ever lose her, one of its most loved women would be gone. Miss Tracy's personality has drawn every person to her. Miss Tracy's character has not one blemish. She should be every girl's ideal.

Merkel High school could never express how much Miss Tracy means to her. Her lovable ways, her sunny disposition and her heavenly smile and eyes have won for her a place in the heart of every Merkel High School student. The students of Merkel High school are happy to have this opportunity to express their appreciation of Miss Tracy.

—Ida Mae Derstine.

TUESDAY CHAPEL.

Through the courtesy of Miss Tracy and several members of the Dramatic club, the High School students enjoyed two one-act plays at the Grammar School auditorium last Tuesday. The members of the cast are to be commended on their excellent work. All of them showed true dramatic ability.

The first play presented was "The Marriage Proposal." The characters were Beth Hanna, Benny Sheppard and Paul Collins. Miss Tracy certainly spent her time well when she directed this play. It was presented in an almost professional manner.

The other play was "The Trysting Place," presented by the following persons: Mary E. Grimes, Margarette Turner, Lois Clark, Cephus Wooncraft, B. P. Middleton, Ross Ferrier and Fred A. Baker. Each character deserves praise for his splendid acting. But none of the proficient characters deserves so much praise as does the director, Miss Tracy. She has been an inspiration to all of us. Dramatic arts is one of the most enjoyable things of M. H. S., all because of the wonderful way in which it has been directed. All of the members of the M. H. S. Players' club, as well as the rest of the members of high school, love Miss Tracy with a love that only a few receive. The Seniors will miss her next year.

SAY, DID YOU KNOW—

- That the Choral and Glee clubs can put on operettas?
- That the Senior play is Friday night?
- That the Senior girls' baseball team beat the Junior girls?
- The second year Spanish class can make speeches?
- The Seniors have received the pictures for their Memory Books?
- That "Whimsy" is timid?

THE SENIORS MUST SAY GOOD-BY.

Just another week and our happy, carefree High School days will be over. We are prone to say, "What a grand and glorious feeling!" But deep down in our hearts we don't mean a word of it. It is with a proud yet sorrowful heart that we think of graduating.

Leaving dear old M. H. S., where many of us have spent four happy, blissful years, is indeed a sober trial. If you could see within the recesses of our hearts, you would know that we love everyone of the students and teachers of this old school. Every

"fish" has a place in each of our hearts. We wish them all the best of luck. Many of them look up to us Seniors, supposing that we are "privileged characters" and that we are "having the time of our lives." There is, probably, not one of them who would not be only too glad to change places with us; but listen, freshmen, keep your places and be glad you are "fishes." You are the ones who are having a good time, and to think you have three more years of it!

Next year some of us will be in college; others of us who are not so fortunate will be compelled to stay at home and do nothing. Those are the ones who are going to suffer. Although we have trials and hardships in school, they are petty ones—ones that can easily be forgotten. These troubles cannot be compared with those found in the school of life. You are being preached to, to bettet equip yourself for life. That is all right; in fact, it is fine; but while you are thinking of these things, think of the wonderful time you are having now and smile. Be happy that you are so fortunate. There is one heavy burden that you do not have to bear and that is, thinking of the question "What am I going to do next year?" You know, we all have to do something. Our folk cannot keep us always; they are not going to live forever. It is no use—"We gotta' do somethin'." You, fortunate freshmen, have nothing like this to worry over. You should be glad, very glad.

Sophomores and Juniors, yours is a happy lot, too. Those of you who are

thinking of what you will do when you are through High School, don't let that take all your time; but stop for a moment and realize what a wonderful time you are having right now.

Store up memories for the years to come. For, when you have finished Merkel High, Part of your youth will have passed, Going as briefly and as gently as a sigh.

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Scranton, Pa., May 14.—The sting of a bumble bee is said to have brought back the faculty of speech to Mrs. Alice Collins, 61, Olyphant Borough, who lost her voice 20 years ago through paralysis of the throat.

Mrs. Collins, who was removed to a hospital a month ago, was wheeled out to the lawn of the hospital in the warm sunshine Wednesday. Suddenly she screamed. A nurse found a bee had stung Mrs. Collins, who found her speech had returned.

Publisher Dies Suddenly.
Chicago, May 14.—Stricken with heart disease, Walter A. Strong, 47-year-old publisher of the Chicago Daily News, died suddenly Sunday, shortly after playing a round of golf with his son, John.

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Personal Mention

Miss Mary Pence is spending the week with relatives in Goldthwaite.

Miss Selma Lee Russell is at home after an extended absence in Abilene.

Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson is visiting friends here for several days.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson was home from T. C. U. for the week-end.

Mrs. Sidney Jones of Shreveport, La., is the guest of Mrs. Fred Guitar.

Miss Ona Ruth Prim of Sweetwater was a recent guest of Mrs. W. E. Lowe.

Mrs. Malcolm St. John of Abilene was the Tuesday guest of Mrs. H. H. Jenkins.

Miss Ada Owens of Abilene is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens.

Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene visited Wednesday with her parents and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney have returned from a visit with their son at Tatum, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner and Miss Maxie Banner spent the week-end last week in Rotan.

Ben F. Bird was over from Abilene to spend Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Bird.

Mrs. Victor Tippet and family of San Angelo were Mother's Day guests of Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Mabel Corinne, were Merkel visitors Tuesday evening.

A. R. Johnston and family have gone to Santo where they will remain for the next several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo were visitors for Mother's Day with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes of Westbrook are guests in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

G. F. Turner is spending several days with his son, Hayden Turner in Dallas. He will be away until about June 6.

Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock are in Laredo this week attending the meeting of the State Postmasters association.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barron and daughter of Anaheim, Calif., are visiting his brother, J. J. Barron, and family this week.

Messrs. and Mesdames R. W. Miller and R. H. Woods of Abilene were Sunday afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner.

Mrs. I. N. Anderson and children and Misses Pauline Talley and Jewel Glover of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs.

Mrs. W. E. Chumbley and Miss

Margaret Chumbley of Abilene and Mrs. Corley of Lamesa were visitors of the Misses Garoutte Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Turner who spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton, have returned to their home in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins went to Fort Worth Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jenkins' uncle, K. K. Flemister, who was buried there Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Jay, accompanied by her two daughters, Misses Hazel and Jewel, Jim Jay, Jr. and L. D. Boyd, Jr. paid a week-end visit to Mr. Jay, who is at Legion, Texas.

The school term at Ft Stockton closes this week and Miss Maimie Ellis will return home for the summer. She has been re-elected for her sixth term at an increased salary.

Messrs. R. O. Anderson and Sam Swann drove over to San Angelo Tuesday to attend the State Bankers convention. W. L. Diltz, Jr., attended the Wednesday sessions.

Ben R. Hudgins, salesman for the Keen Lime Manufacturing company of Dallas, was a caller Tuesday at "Nuah Atod." He is a former resident of Merkel and pupil of the Misses Garoutte.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyd and daughter, Miss Christine, spent the week-end in Clyde. Upon their return they were accompanied by Miss Alice Bailey, who was the guest the first part of the week of Miss Boyd.

Ray Garrett, having received his Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is here for a visit with his parents.

Later he will return to Louisville, where he is serving as pastor of one of the churches.

Upon receiving news of the illness of her step-mother, Mrs. E. T. Smith, Mrs. George Caple went to Waco last Friday. Her sister, Mrs. Elwood H. Cobb, came down from Amarillo to accompany her on the trip. George Caple returned Monday from a week-end visit with his parents in Waco, while Mrs. Caple remains there for several days.

Week-end Excursion For Night Baseball

The Texas and Pacific is announcing the first baseball excursion of the season for the week-end. For the inauguration of night baseball at Dallas Friday, May 15, the railroad is offering a rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

Ticket purchased Friday, Saturday and Sunday are good for return leaving destination before midnight of Monday following the date of sale.

This is the usual week-end rate now in effect and those desiring to go to Dallas for the inauguration of night baseball in that city will find the rate especially inviting.

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News Is Received of Death W. M. Jenkins

Mrs. Herbert Patterson was advised by telegram on Wednesday of last week of the death of W. M. Jenkins, well known in Merkel 20 years ago, at a Dallas hospital on Wednesday, May 6. The deceased's first wife was an aunt of Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. Jenkins was engaged in the city goods business here for many years with Hayden Turner and will be remembered by all the old timers.

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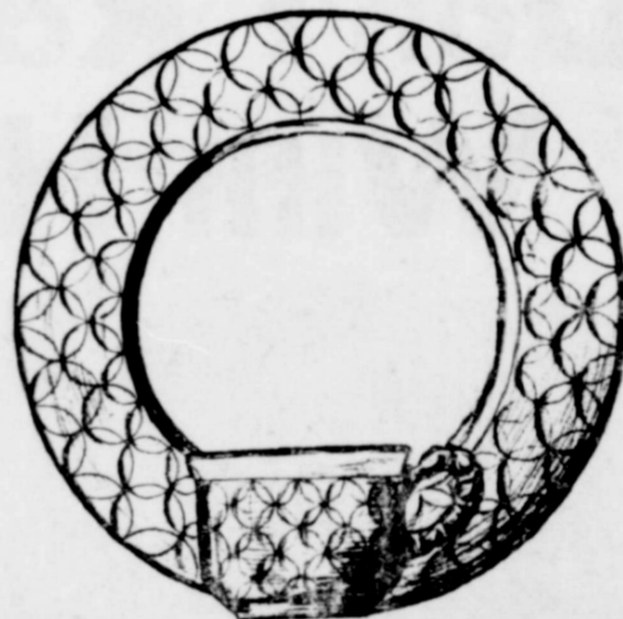
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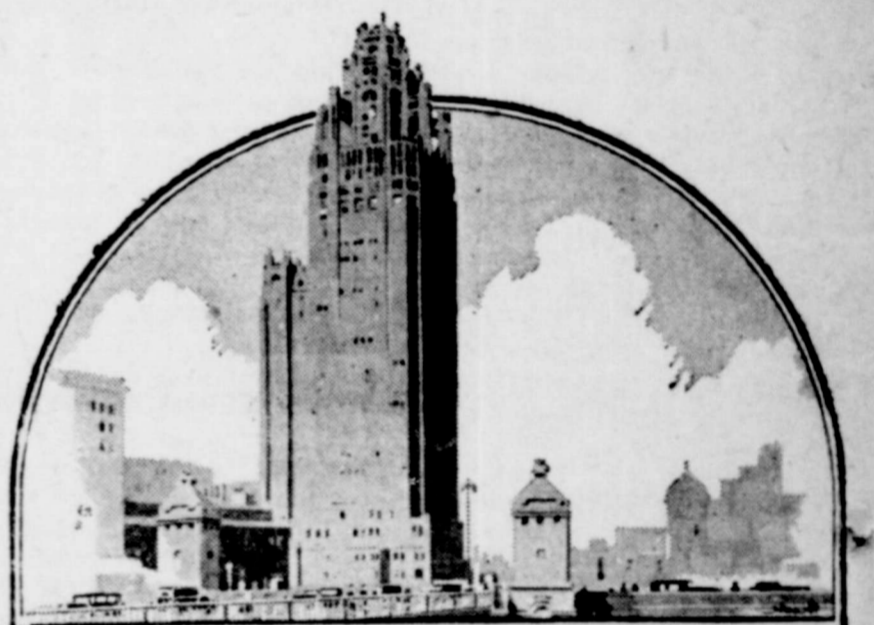
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