

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1932.

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## MEN OF PRAYER SERVICE LEAD UNION REVIVAL

Rev. R. N. Huckabee, Well Known Evangelist, Preaching Some Powerful Sermons; Services Twice Daily.

Inspired by the soul-stirring sermons of Rev. R. N. Huckabee, Methodist minister of Shamrock, who is leading the evangelistic services of the Union Revival sponsored by the Men's Prayer service, large congregations have gathered at the night services during the week and forces already at work point to a most successful series of gospel meetings.

Services are held at the Presbyterian church twice daily, at 7:45 in the evening and at 10 o'clock each morning. A greater attendance is urged for the morning services, which have grown some from the opening service but those in charge are anxious to have greater interest evidenced in the morning work.

The evangelist, Rev. Mr. Huckabee, is an experienced religious leader, with a power and force of delivery equaled by few and a message that goes direct to the heart of his hearers.

A spirited song service under the direction of Cyrus Fee, with singers from all the churches, is a feature of each service. Mrs. C. B. Gardner is pianist. A special number was given Tuesday evening by the Boys Glee club of High School under direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, with Miss Margaret Miller as accompanist, while special music is arranged for each service.

Special preparations are being made for the church member night this Thursday and for Sunday School night on Saturday.

The Methodist congregation will move over to the Presbyterian church Sunday to join in both morning and evening services of the Union Revival, while announcement is made that there will be no services Sunday night at the Baptist church in order that the members may unite in the revival.

## Remains of Mrs. Lucy Ann Bayless Brought For Burial at Stith

The remains of Mrs. Lucy Ann Bayless, age 58, who formerly lived here, were brought by railroad from Dallas on Tuesday afternoon and were taken to Stith in Barrow's funeral carriage. Services were held at the Stith Baptist church, conducted by Rev. O. B. Tatum, with interment at the Stith cemetery.

Mrs. Bayless had been making her home for sometime with her children in Dallas. Survivors include seven children, three daughters and four sons, all of whom came to attend the funeral with the exception of two daughters who reside in Comanche county.

## GARDNER, WEST AND JACOBS ARE NAMED ALDERMEN

Trio of Prominent and Successful Men Chosen by Merkel Voters in Tuesday Election; Four School Trustees Named.

Three new aldermen, Dr. C. B. Gardner, John West and C. E. Jacobs, one a professional man, one a business man and the third, a farmer and cattleman, were named at Tuesday's city election, assuring a continuance of the same capable and business-like administration of city affairs as in past year. They will succeed T. G. Bragg, Booth Warren and Herbert Patterson, all of whom declined to stand for re-election. Holdover aldermen, who together with Mayor W. M. Elliott, constitute the governing body, are A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett.

FOUR TRUSTEES ELECTED.  
In Saturday's election, the voters named O. J. Adcock, A. J. Canon, J. M. Collins and J. E. Richardson as members of the school board for the Merkel Independent district. Messrs. Adcock and Canon were re-elected, Eli Case did not stand for re-election and the fourth member was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rufe Tittle to Trent. Holdover trustees are W. O. Boney, S. D. Gamble and Herbert Patterson.

## April 30 Last Date Federal Crop Loans

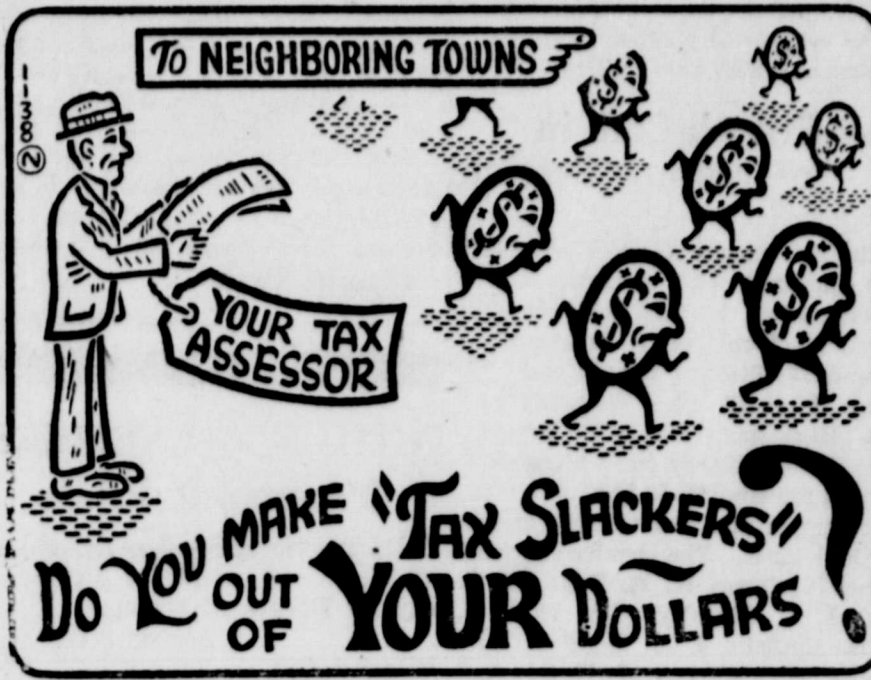
Farmers who plan to seek government credit for production of 1932 crops are reminded by H. L. Johnston, loan representative of this territory, who was here Monday with County Agent C. M. Heald, that all applications for loans must be filed by April 30. "We have received no word that the time limit will be extended," Johnston said, "and those who need federal aid must complete their applications this month."

The Taylor county loan committee met with Johnston Saturday to consider 17 new applications filed during the past week. Those certified will be forwarded to the regional loan office at Dallas.

Thirty loan applications have originated in the county during the past three weeks. Payment has been made on five, according to reports from the office of County Clerk W. P. Bounds, who distributes the checks.

**Candidate for Governor Here.**  
Hon. John F. Grant, prominent Houston capitalist and republican candidate for governor, dropped into The Mail office Thursday afternoon as he was making a tour of West Texas with Amarillo his destination.

**To Preach at Noodle.**  
W. G. Cybert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Come and hear him.



## "THE WILD OATS BOY" TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL TALENT APR. 21

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Eighty-eight homicides, just three short of averaging one a day, were committed in Texas during the first quarter of 1932, a list compiled from news dispatches showed.

Replacing two institutions which closed Feb. 19, the new Fredericksburg National bank opened Wednesday, with a capitalization of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$10,000.

After having been separated more than half a century and having long believed each other dead, two brothers, Powell and Joe Surles, were united in Dallas last week.

Jake White, 44-year-old Dallas county negro, was executed early Friday morning, April 1, in the electric chair at Huntsville for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Gray, 66, of Garland, last February.

San Angelo has been selected for the site of the West Texas federal fish hatchery for which congress has appropriated \$50,000, the Tom Green city winning in competition with Abilene and Graham.

Tray Windham, 74, pioneer cattleman, who rode the ranges of the Pecos more than half a century and had the reputation of having branded more calves than any cattleman in the region, died Friday at Pecos.

Charged with conspiring to violate the federal lottery law through operations over radio station XED at Reynosa, Mex., Will Horwitz, Houston moving picture theatre operator, his wife and three others were arrested at Brownsville Tuesday.

The Southern Oil Company's No. 1 W. M. Flanagan, four miles west of Hamlin, struck a strong oil showing at 3,190 feet and storage facilities are being erected preparatory to drilling it in.

Dispelling any uncertainty as to his aspirations to enter the governor's race this year, Attorney General James C. Allred in a statement Wednesday announced that he would stand for re-election to the attorney generalship.

Found guilty on a charge of murder in connection with the dance hall shooting of Ollie Parks, deputy constable at Breckenridge the night of March 16, William H. Bybee was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary.

After nearly a year during which Odessa and the surrounding territory were without the facilities of a bank, the First National bank of Odessa opened its doors Saturday morning of last week, occupying the building of the former Citizens National bank.

Black Jack forest, 18 miles west of Crockett in the Trinity river bottoms was the scene of the first lynching within more than a year in Texas when Dave Tullis, 52, negro, was hanged with a doubled plow line Friday night of last week, it being alleged that four men were instrumental in the lynching.

An order was issued Monday by a Travis county district court agreeing with a three-judge federal court decision directing that some 250 injunctions pending against the railroad commission restraining it from enforcing the 7,000 pound limit against trucks be dissolved automatically on June 6.

An evening of rare pleasure is promised Merkel patrons when "The Wild Oats Boy," a comedy drama in three acts, is presented Thursday, April 21, by a home talent cast for the benefit of the Firemen's Fund. The place will probably be the Cozy theatre, announcement to be made definitely at a later date as to this.

Rehearsals began Tuesday night under the joint direction of Mrs. J. Olan Lusby and Miss Christine Collins.

The complete cast follows:  
Aunt Ann, house-keeper in Uncle George's home, Miss Estelle Terry.  
Della, the maid, Thelma Leach.  
Judy, Uncle George's adopted daughter, Missie Dye.  
Danny Murphy, the cook (maybe), Herbert Dennis.

Patricia Gilden, (Pat), Judy's friend, Lola Shelton.  
Eve Martin, another friend, more or less, Vera Ritchie.  
Eddie, "The Wild Oats Boy," Raymond Neal.

Jake Peters, the cousin from New York, Warren Smith.  
Prue, the country cousin, Mary Collins.

Charles Burton, known as "Chuc," ex-prize fighter, J. T. Darsey.

Trout, Prue's pestiferous son, Alvin Bird.  
Seth, the uncle from Maine, Parker Sharp.

Mose, Uncle George's darky servant, Charlie Jones.

## Contact Man is Told Lindbergh Baby Safe

Hopewell, N. J., April 7.—A description of a fresh "contact" with kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby reached here Wednesday as an unexplained wave of optimism for the child's safe return enveloped the Sourland countryside.

Back home from a mysterious four-day airplane trip, John Hughes Curtis, one of three Norfolk, Va., intermediaries, told briefly of establishing the new contact and said he had been informed the baby was well.

Significance was added to his announcement by a statement he also had seen Col. Charles A. Lindbergh while away.

This for the first time connected the activities of the Virginia trio with the two unexplained trips made early this week by the famous flier.

On both occasions—Sunday and Monday—Lindbergh was reported seen in a plane near Martha's Vineyard, Mass., the former day in company with three unidentified men.

## Aged Father of Frank McFarland Dies Friday

J. G. McFarland, age 81 years, father of Frank McFarland, died at his home in Medina, Tenn., Friday afternoon of last week. Word of his death was received here shortly after the son left by automobile for Tennessee. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon.

Mr. McFarland is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters. Frank will return home probably the latter part of the week.

**Returns Home Wednesday.**  
After undergoing an appendix operation on Thursday of last week at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Wren Durham was so improved that he was able to be removed to his home here Wednesday.

## MERKEL SCHOOLS WIN IN COUNTY MEET; HIGH LEADS WITH 210 POINTS

Simmons Choral Club In Chapel Here Apr. 20



W. JAMES WORK  
Voice Department, Simmons University

The Simmons University Choral club under the direction of Wm. James Work is to appear in an hour's program in Grammar School auditorium on April 20. The hour will be 10:30 in the morning. This club of thirty will have travelling expenses to defray. To cover this expense, a very small admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. The program will last one hour, 10:30 to 11:30, on Wednesday, April 20.

The Simmons University Choral club is composed of a group of trained singers from the voice department of Simmons. The young men and young women making the tour are selected from a larger group, and are those possessing the best voices, and those who are the best musicians. The party will consist of twenty-eight young college students and Mr. and Mrs. Work, who will have charge of the group.

The program which is being presented by the club is one of varied interest, and will consist of ensemble singing from the full chorus, quartets both men and women, male chorus, ladies chorus, solos, etc.

As specials on the program they are featuring a reader and a violinist—these young people are also members of the club.

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Grammar School Amasses 200 Points to Win Ward Championship; Points Accounted for and Winners Given.

Both High School and Grammar School led the scoring at the Taylor County meet of the University Interscholastic league held in Abilene during the week-end. Twenty-eight schools of Taylor county competed in the events. Merkel High School was the only class A high school competing in the meet, and was in a class to itself so far as winning a county "all-round" championship is concerned, but of the 210 points won at the meet all of these save 35 points were won in actual competition with other high schools of the county. Merkel High won 20 points in class A track by default, and the 15 points in essay writing were also won this way.

Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of the Merkel Public schools, was director general of the Taylor County Interscholastic meet.

The points won by Merkel High School are accounted for as follows:

Girls' tennis singles, 2nd, 5; boys' debate, 2nd, 15; boys' extempore speech, 1st, 15; girls' extempore speech, 1st, 15; class A essay, 1st, by default, 15; seniors girls' declamation, 1st, 10; senior spelling, 1st, 15; high school junior spelling, 2nd, 10; boys' playground ball, 2nd, 10; girls' playground ball, 3rd, 5; girls' tennis doubles, 1st, 10; class A track, 1st, by default, 20; bonus of 5 points for each event entered, 65; total points won, 210.

AMASSES TWO HUNDRED POINTS.  
Grammar School won the ward school championship with a lead of 85 points over its nearest competitor. Twenty schools competed in this division. Ranking of the ward schools by points follows:

Merkel Grammar School, 200; North Park ward, 115; Wylie ward, 87; Blair ward, 55; Tuscola ward, 55; Bradshaw ward, 55; Trent ward, 54.5; Ovalo ward, 50; Potosi ward, 47.5; Shep ward, 35.

All 260 of the points won by Grammar School were won in actual competition with the grammar grades of other schools of Taylor county. Its 200 points are accounted for as follows:

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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 5, 1912.)

Miss Ina Jobe entertained at her home in South Merkel Tuesday evening with games of "42." Those present were Misses Myrtle Conner, Josephine Saunders, Inice Moon, Lizzie Calvert and Messrs. Ollie Sharp, Robt. Hicks, Ottis Barnett and Homer Jobe.

Mrs. George Easterwood came in from Midland Tuesday night in answer to a message telling her that her mother, Grandma Coggin, is very sick.

Last week J. A. Woodard sold his livery business and the property on which the business is located to John R. Daniel but from being so accustomed to the line of work it was the first of this week before Mr. Woodard could find out he was not a member of the firm so turned the management of the firm over to the new buyer the first of April. It is Mr. Woodard's request that his friends continue their business with Mr. Daniel and thanks them for past favors and patronage.

### GRIMES-TERRELL.

On last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Dr. Robert I. Grimes, formerly of this city but now of Dallas, was

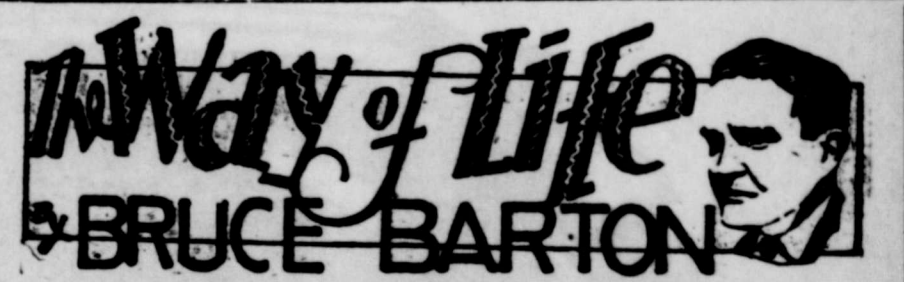
married to Miss Harriet Terrell of that city. The marriage was pronounced at the above mentioned hour at a Methodist church in Dallas.

E. H. Cordell, J. A. Collins and H. R. Hicks were business callers in Abilene this week.

A. C. Rose returned from Dallas Friday morning where he has been attending the state meeting of hardware dealers.

Dr. L. W. Hollis reported two cases of meningitis to County Health Officer Cash Saturday, in the family of Dabney Harvey who resides in the Circle Cross pasture 1 1/2 miles southwest of this city. The first case developed was that of the 8-year-old son who became ill Tuesday night and the other case was that of Miss Ferguson, teacher of the Circle Cross school, who is boarding with the Harvey family. She has been critically ill since Thursday.

Over 100 of the ablest preachers of the state were in session at the district conference which came to an end Monday night, with Dr. H. A. Boaz' sermon, which was a feature of the conference.



## A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND.

When I was fifteen years old my father took me into his study and gave me a talk about life insurance. He was a preacher, with a large family and a small salary.

"Paying my premiums has kept me poor, and often in debt," he said, "but I am well rewarded. I can lie down and sleep soundly at night."

In order to bring the lesson home, he applied for \$3,000 of life insurance on the twenty payment plan for me, saying that he would carry it until I had graduated from college and I could go on with it from there.

Twenty years seemed longer at that time than a hundred years seem now. I wondered if I would ever live to the ripe old age of thirty-five, when the policies would be paid in full.

Well, I have lived that long, and these policies, and some others, are paid up. Father himself lived long and, having educated his children and seen them all started, he cashed in his insurance and was comfortable in his old age.

Remembering this lesson, I have signed my check for premiums very cheerfully, but never with so much satisfaction as during the past two years.

In a period when almost everything one owns is tumbling it is great to know that one investment, at least, is just as good as it promised to be. Nothing has happened to any of the big insurance companies, and nothing will.

I was reminded of this the other day when I attended a convention of insurance salesmen. They were full of human interest stories.

Said one: "A business man walked into my office and asked for an application blank. He said that two years ago he was worth \$200,000, and thought that he and his family were safe from financial worries forever. Now the \$200,000 is less than \$50,000. His only hope of independence is through systematic savings as represented by payments of life insurance premiums."

Another told of a man who asked: "I am thirty-five and have to start all over again. What kind of a policy can you offer me that will insure me a competence at sixty?"

We were all carried off our feet by the new theory of investments in 1929. Bonds and insurance were out of date. Common stocks were the one sure way to fortune.

Now the pendulum has swung back. The old-fashioned ideas (Continued on Page Two.)

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**Former Merkel Girl Wins First Prize in Lubbock Exhibit**

Miss Alice Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, former residents of Merkel, won first place in the meat canning demonstrations held in Lubbock last week. She and Miss Margie Higginbotham represented Lynn county. Eleven teams from as many counties participated in the contest. First prize was \$10.

The judges were: Miss Mildred Horton, state home demonstration agent; Miss Sybil Thomas, home economics supervisor of West Texas; and Miss Johnny McCrery, home economics instructor in Texas Tech College, Lubbock.

In the Lynn County News, published at Tahoka, one of the visitors at the demonstrations is quoted as saying:

"Miss Margie and Alice demonstrated the making of mince meat and the audience of about 250 people marveled at their making a hog's head into delicious pie in about twelve minutes time. But that is what they did—and actually served the pie. If one wants to know how this is done, just ask the two girls."

**Dix in Thrilling Air Picture Opens Week at Paramount**

The most thrilling, if not the greatest, air picture yet made: a modern dramatic romance; and a thrilling melodrama of thoroughbred and the turf are listed in the screen fare offered by the Paramount Theatre at Abilene next week.

Heading the list on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is "The Lost Squadron" with Richard Dix, the story of an air picture in the making, and said to be even more thrilling than the famous "Hell Divers" which was shown at the Paramount recently. The story is an expose of the dangers experienced by stunt airmen in making a thrilling sky drama. The thrills are breath-taking and really genuine. The author of the story, which ran in Liberty, Dick Grace, the screen's king of stunt aviators, makes three miraculous crack-ups—one into the ocean and the other two are perpendicular power dives to the earth. In addition to the thrill angles there's plenty of romance in "The Lost Squadron" and Mary Astor and Dorothy Jordan furnish the feminine appeal. Others in the cast in addition to Dix, Astor, and Jordan are Joel McCrae, Eric Von Stroheim and Robert Armstrong.

On Thursday and Friday, "Two Kinds of Women," the romantic drama of modern New York life which features Miriam Hopkins, the fascinating little blonde who scored such a success in "Dancers in the Dark" last week at the Paramount, will be the feature attraction. "Two Kinds of Women" is a story of the fight of two women—one a sophisticated New Yorker and the other a little demure girl from the provinces—for the love of a man. In addition to Miss Hopkins, the cast includes Phillips

Holmes, Wynne Gibson and Irving Pichel.

Saturday brings "Men of Chance," a thrilling melodrama of horse-racing and the men of chance who follow it for their existence. Ricardo Cortez, Mary Astor and John Halliday are the featured members of the cast. The fast tempo of the story carries you from Paris to New York with a never ceasing display of picturesque locales and elaborate settings.

**Salt Branch Club in Interesting Session**

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. M. H. Ely Friday, April 1. Roll call was answered by "Problems I Have Had in Canning," "Storage Space" and "A Home Market" were discussed by Mrs. Hays and Mrs. J. E. Higgins. Miss Chambers then cut a foundation pattern for Mrs. W. C. Lee.

Ice cream and wafers were served by the hostess. The members present were: Mesdames W. M. Hays, W. C. Lee, J. S. Pinckley, Gay McClain, L. B. McClain, J. E. Higgins, Ellis Harris, E. Jeff and M. H. Ely and Misses Gladys Petty, Selina Teaff, Ruth and Marie Pinckley. The visitors were Mesdames W. J. Higgins, H. B. Robertson, Jewell Thomas, E. H. Thompson, and Misses Norah Foster, Hazel Thomas, Etha, Ideen and Vera Ely, Janet Neff, Erna Joe Ely and Vannie Sue Pinckley.

The next meeting will be on April 15, with Mrs. J. E. Higgins.

**NOTICE.**

Dr. William M. Gambill, local Dentist, will give his full time to the practice of Dentistry, starting Monday, April 11, 1932.

He invites all his old patients to call on him and renew their acquaintance and friendship. He promises the best that's in him.

**THE WAY OF LIFE**

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are in style again. It is a time when insurance companies ought to double their advertising, and insurance salesmen their efforts.

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Loans, Time and Demand	\$203,393.09
Overdrafts	110.23
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$20,700.00
Bills of Exchange	2,277.50
Cash & Due from Banks	89,970.60
<b>TOTAL CASH RESOURCES</b>	<b>412,948.10</b>
Total	\$345,100.26

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	17,342.01
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>271,508.25</b>
Total	\$345,100.26

The above statement is correct.  
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

**THE OLD RELIABLE**

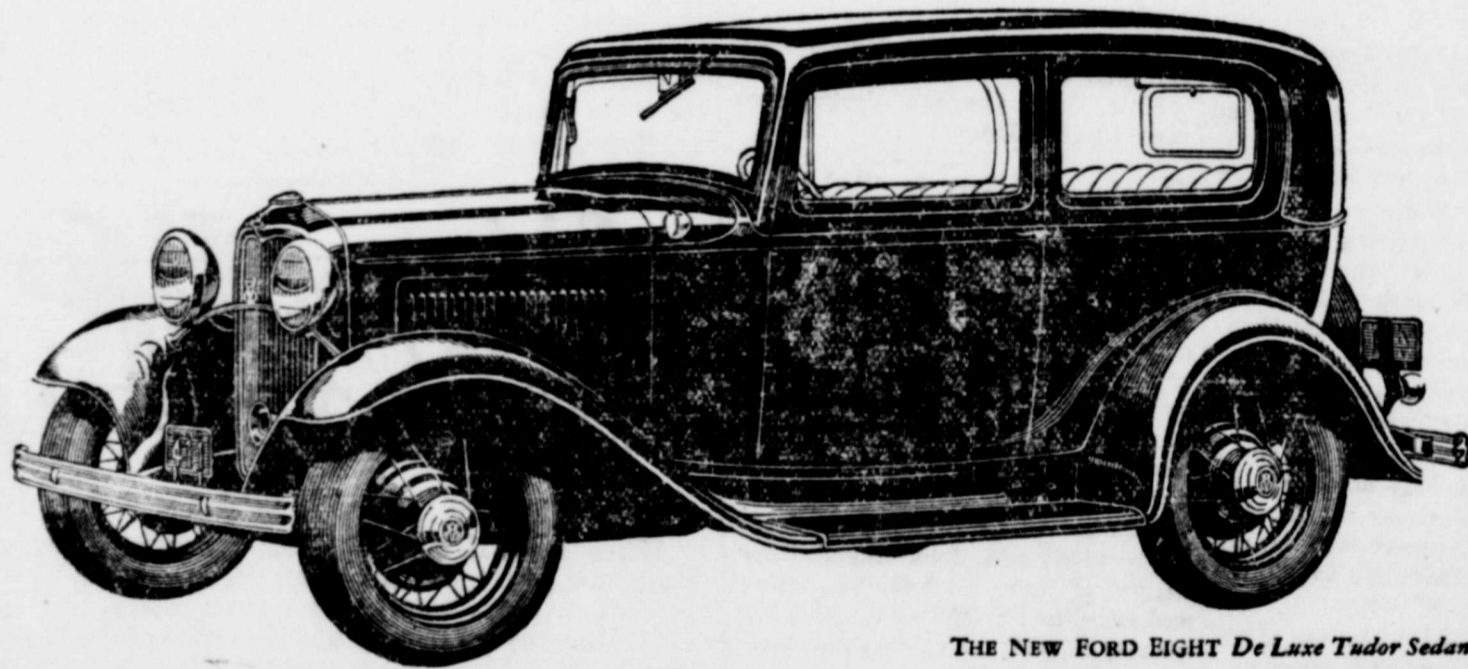
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Tudor Sedan . 500	Fordor Sedan . 590		Cabriolet . . . 610	Convertible Sedan 650



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# MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES



## THIRD INSTALLMENT.

At twenty-two the only thing Diana really desired was another woman's husband. A nervous wreck from the excitement and strain of London's gay life, she is taken by her aunt, Mrs. Gladwyn, to a famous specialist's office. The physician orders her to the country for a long rest. She rebels, but the doctor is handsome and sympathetic. She learns that he is not the great man himself but an assistant, Dr. Rathbone. "God made the country and man made the town," he tells her, and she agrees to go to a rural retreat.

Before she leaves she goes to Dennis Waterman's flat, where they are surprised by Linda, Dennis's wife, who takes the situation quite calmly. "I suppose she wants you to marry her?" she asks Dennis.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—  
"Upon my word, Linda—"

She laughed in cool unconcern. "My dear boy, please don't pretend. You forget that this isn't the first time I've had to stand by and watch you muddle your way out of an affair like this. I don't really care, except for Diana's sake—she looks ill, terribly ill."

"Are you going to blame me for that? Really, this is beyond a joke. I suppose you're annoyed because I brought her here to dinner. Perhaps that was stupid of me, but—"

She came a step forward, her bright eyes meeting his very directly.

"If you want me to divorce you, Dennis—I will," she said.

There was a moment of absolute silence; then she went on, still in the same unemotional way:

"I think I've grown a little tired of this sort of life. We've neither married nor unmarried, and after all, I'm still young, and there are other men in the world."

"Other men—you mean . . ."

"Never mind what I mean. I'm making you a fair offer. If you want to marry Diana I'm willing to divorce you. You'd better think it well over before you refuse," she added with a little ironical smile, "because I may never be so generous again."

Dennis stifled an oath. He looked hot and angry as he went out of the room.

Linda sighed and turned with a smile as Diana returned. She had colored her lips and her cheeks, and she looked less worn, but there was a little defiant light in her eyes as she came towards Linda.

"I really feel terribly apologetic," she said rather unsteadily.

Linda went with them to the door.

"Don't keep her out too late, Dennis," she said lightly. "And I hope you'll have a good time," she added, a hint of laughter in her voice. Behind Diana's back Dennis gave his wife a furious look; he felt that he was being made a fool of, and the sensation was not pleasant.

They rode in silence till the cab stopped at the Savoy.

They went to the ballroom, which was not at all crowded, and Dennis ordered champagne.

He almost wished he had insisted upon staying at the flat with Linda. He roused himself with an effort and touched Diana's hand.

"Do you care to dance?"

"As you like."

She rose apathetically, and they joined the dancers.

The brilliant lights of the ballroom blinded her, and the noise of the band suddenly became deafening, driving her half mad.

She gave a little foolish laugh.

"Man made the town" she said—"the horrible, horrible town . . ."

Then, with a little moaning cry, she slipped to the floor at Dennis Waterman's feet.

CHAPTER IV.

Everything was so very quiet, as if one had slipped out of life into the infinite space where only the stars hung against their dark background and the cool winds blew.

She opened her eyes and looked round the room. Drawn blinds veiled most of it from her, but she could faintly pick out a flowered wall paper and the shadowy shape of a dressing table—an old-fashioned, looking dressing table in a chintz-and-muslin petticoat.

That was queer, for she had never seen a dressing table like that since she was quite a little girl, poking about in a wooden workbox on her grandmother's dressing table.

She was dreaming, of course—dreaming backwards into a past which she had almost forgotten.

Such a queer world—different, somehow . . .

Diana tried to raise her head from the pillow, but the effort was too great, and she lay still for a little, eyes closed again, breathing heavily.

A hand on her wrist now—not Aunt Gladwyn's hand—but one that was firm and strong; a hand that seemed to put new life and strength into one . . . not like Dennis Waterman's hand, that only made one's pulses jerk suffocatingly and filled one's heart with unrest.

Diana gave a little stifled cry. She remembered now; he was the doctor from Harley Street whose eyes had seemed to pierce through all the bravery of her carefully reddened lips and make-up, right down through her artificiality, to the trembling weakness of her.

He heard the little cry and came back.

"Well," he said very gently as if he were speaking to a child. Diana smiled too, confidently.

"You've got your own way," she whispered.

He laughed at that.

"I generally do in the long run," he said.

It was wearisome work trying to get well; more wearisome when at last Diana felt the first tug of returning health and the consequent revolt against enforced inaction.

Everyone was so tryingly optimistic. No matter how much Diana sulked or how rude she tried to be, she was met with the same determined kindness and good temper from the woman who, as she soon discovered, was a trained nurse and in charge of her.

This "Creature," as Diana soon called her to herself, was fortyish, with gray hair and the peaceful expression of one who has gone through so many turbulent waves that life no longer frightened her.

Her proper name was Miss Starling; a name which Diana thought most suitable, seeing that she was eternally chirping tidings of good hope and wonderful days to come. Diana also discovered that once upon a time she had been a nurse in a big London hospital, but that she had given it up in order to retire into the country and take in difficult cases for specialists.

"Dr. Rathbone isn't a specialist," was Diana's first remark that showed any return to her old spirit.

"Dr. Rathbone," Miss Starling retorted calmly, "is a very wonderful man; he has saved your life, whatever you may think of him."

"I don't think of him at all," Diana retorted peevishly, and turned her face against the pillow, closing her eyes.

Miss Starling sat at the window, knitting by the light which shone through the half-closed curtains; she did not really need any light at all, seeing that she always knitted mechanically, with hardly a downward glance.

The needles made an irritating little clicking sound.

Diana flung the clothes back restlessly.

"Can't I get up?"

"Not till Dr. Rathbone says you may."

"He won't say it for ages."

"Then I'm afraid you'll have to stay in bed."

Petulant tears filled Diana's eyes. The clicking of knitting needles stopped, and Miss Starling rose.

"I think we might have the blind up a little," the Creature said. "It's such a wonderful evening."

The blind was raised a little higher, and Diana caught a glimpse of leafy trees and a patch of blue sky through lacy boughs.

"Where is this place?" she asked suddenly.

"Surrey—about a mile outside a little village called Cheam."

Diana made a little grimace.

"Dr. Rathbone has a house not far away," Miss Starling said presently.

"Oh!" Diana was wearily twisting the soft strands of her hair once more. "Is that why I'm here?" she asked. "So that it will be easy for him to come and see me?"

"It makes it more convenient for him of course; he is a very busy man, and if you had been a great way off he would probably have put you in the care of another doctor."

"Why should he? I suppose he'd be paid, no matter how far away I was."

"Money is not everything. Dr. Rathbone does a great deal without any fee at all."

"He'll be paid for me."

"Yes, but then you've plenty of money. There are many poor people far more ill than you are who cannot afford to pay anything."

"Another lecture!" Diana told herself.

There was an unbroken-silence for some moments, then Diana asked: "Is he married?"

"Dr. Rathbone? No."

"He ought to be," Diana said per-versely. "He's quite old."

"What do you call 'quite old'?"

Diana considered. "Oh—forty, I suppose."

"Dr. Rathbone is only about thirty-eight."

"He looks fifty," Diana declared unkindly.

"How did I come here?" Diana asked.

"Dr. Rathbone brought you. You were taken ill—perhaps you remember—and Mrs. Gladwyn rang Dr. Rathbone because she was frightened and did not know what to do."

"I only fainted. It wasn't anything."

No answer again.

"Has Aunt Gladwyn been to see me?"

"No. Dr. Rathbone would not allow her to come."

"Dr. Rathbone seems to think he can rule my life. I suppose I shall soon have to ask his permission when I want new clothes."

"I don't think they would interest him."

"I don't suppose I interest him either, really—do I?"

"Very much—as a patient."

"I suppose he makes a great deal of money."

Miss Starling said quietly: "Dr. Rathbone runs a small home for children at his own expense—that cannot be done for a small sum."

"He seems to be a kind of hero," Diana sneered.

"Can I get you anything? If not, I shall leave you for a little while."

"I don't want anything," was the not very gracious reply.

The door closed softly.

Why had the Creature left her alone? She did not want to be left alone to her thoughts. When Rathbone came again she would tell him that she would not be left to her thoughts, not for a single moment. If he was such an autocrat, of course he would see that her wishes were obeyed.

CHAPTER V.

It would be fun to get out of bed and creep over to the window, fun to see what lay outside, under the shelter of those leafy trees.

She listened, but there was no sound in the house, and with a little selfish smile she put the bed clothes gently aside and swung her feet down to the floor.

Her legs felt as if they did not be-

long to her, and if there had not been a table and a chair to cling to she would never have reached the window at all. But she was there at last, breathless and faint, with beads of exhaustion on her face.

The fresh air revived her a little, and she knelt down by the open window, both hands clinging to the narrow sill.

It was very beautiful; Diana knelt there by the window looking out with eyes that were somehow tragic in her white face.

She felt weak and helpless; she wished it was not so far back to bed. Not that she wanted to go back—she felt that she could have stayed here forever looking out on the fields and trees and hedges. She hated the country, and yet it gave her such a feeling of peace: like someone laying a cool hand on your forehead when it ached very badly after a succession of late nights.

She turned round and looked at the bed—it seemed miles away. She made an effort to rise but checked herself quickly. She was sure she would fall. The bell was so far away too—on the other side of the bed, and she was too weak to cry out. She might try, but they would not hear her if she did.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Music and baby and Mrs. Joe Cornett and baby of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Jimmie Abbott and baby son returned to their home in Breckenridge Sunday after a visit of several days with friends.

Miss Mary Jo Bowers of Abilene was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers from Sunday to Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. Shelton of Abilene was attending to business matters here Monday and visited with friends.

Mrs. Reaves is suffering with a case of flu this week, and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford is taking her place in the school room.

Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter Peggy were guests last Thursday of her grandmother, Mr. T. J. Williamson.

Mrs. L. Abernathy is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Parker, of Stanton.

Our agent, J. P. Roberts and daughter, Miss Gladys Alice, were week-end guests of relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Jessie May Robertson and Steve Allen of Abilene were guests the early part of the week in the home of her brother, Earl Stevens.

Miss Medeah Rawlings has returned to her school duties at McMurry after an absence on account of illness.

Floyd Martin, who is at the Grimes hospital, suffering with blood poison in his foot, is reported to be somewhat improved at this writing.

Alton Martin, who had been in Abilene under treatment of physicians, was brought to Merkel and is now in the Grimes hospital. He is reported as resting some better, but little hope is entertained for saving his eye, which he had the misfortune of injuring some three weeks past.

## THINGS TO NOTICE

Miss Burgess is called on to play the piano.

Miss Shepherd has a fine name.

That Trent is the winning kind.

That the volley ball girls haven't been beaten yet.

That Navala gives forty-two parties.

That we are practicing on the Senior play.

That several of the high school pupils have been seen out at church.

## GOODMAN NEWS

The rabbit drive held in the Goodman community was thoroughly enjoyed by many of the Goodman, Golan and Noodle communities, also several from Trent and Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Kirk and the latter's brother, Travis Callahan, were called to the bedside of Mrs. Kirk's younger brother in the Lubbock sanitarium Saturday evening.

Misses Ethel Cooke and Aleta Elliott motored to Anson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Phillips and Mrs. R. N. Campbell were shopping in Sweetwater Wednesday.

Mrs. Bruna Ueckert of Breckenridge is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell.

Mrs. A. J. Jones visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones of Union Ridge Saturday.

Walter Phillips is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. H. L. Barnes is visiting her sister this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hail have returned to their home near Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams entertained the young folks with a party Friday evening.

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## RURAL SOCIETY

**ALL DAY SOCIAL.**

On April 5, 1932, in the home of Mrs. Raymond Demere the old friends of Mrs. P. R. Demere gathered for an all day social.

The guests that enjoyed the lovely spread at lunch were: Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., Mrs. P. A. Riggan, Mrs. E. L. Frazier, Mrs. Elmore, who was honored by being the oldest guest there being nearly ninety years old, Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mrs. W. C. Berry, Mrs. Square, Miss Pauline Demere, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Demere's, Mrs. Leon Tombs and son, Leon, Jr., who is the only great-grandson, Mrs. A. D. King, Miss Melia Riggan, Miss Mary Ellen Frazier, Mrs. Tom Ransom and Miss Lottie Butman.

Mrs. Raymond Demere was assisted by Mrs. Frazier Demere and Miss Lena Lee Demere in serving lunch.

## NOODLE NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

The farmers are up with their work and waiting for a rain to plant feed.

Our little school was never better. Neva Ely has a perfect attendance in high school and Jonnie Chadwick in grammar school. Neither has been absent nor tardy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee entertained the young folks with an Easter egg hunt Sunday evening.

We are sorry to report Mrs. A. L. Cade ill with the flu.

Misses Leta Fay and Mozell Payne and Neva and Juana Ely spent the week-end at Union.

Ted Bicknell and family of San Angelo visited relatives here Sunday.

Morris Goode and family and Mrs. Jack Goode of Capitan, N. M., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Dubose and family are moving to Big Lake.

Mrs. Jim Spurgin entertained the young people with a party Saturday evening in honor of Missie's birthday.

J. E. and Ruby Touchstone attended the play at Union Friday night.

The Baptist church ordained Brother Murdock to preach Sunday.

Willis Herring was called to Dallas the first of the week to be at the bedside of his little boy who has pneumonia.

Little Bobby Nell Bicknell is very sick.

We still have singing every Friday night and always enjoy visitors from other communities.

## COMPERE NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

Whoopie! We still live in "West Texas." The sand and wind have been blowing the past week. Most of the farmers are through plowing and ready to start planting.

Miss Ruthy Milton of Butman had as her guests Saturday and Sunday Misses Ina Lane, Geraldine Maxwell and Lorene Williams, all of Abilene. In the afternoon they went horseback riding and reported a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Latimer and family of Blair and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Odie Latimer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blackburn of Butman and Mr. John Blackburn of Nubia, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Denton and children of Big Spring, left for Dallas Tuesday to be at the bedside of the latter's husband, Joe Denton, who is seriously ill in a Dallas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Henslee of the I. X. L. community entertained with a party Saturday night. A large crowd attended and all report a very nice time.

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## Hodges Happenings.

Farming is progressing nicely and the men that haven't already finished putting up their land will get through soon.

Health is very poor in our community, as most every family has either got the flu, had it, or are just getting over it. Some have had only one or two cases while the entire family in other homes have had it.

Jack Parr has been very sick with pneumonia but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kello's baby, which has been very sick for several days, isn't reported to be any better.

Others on the sick list are (families): Dave, Ernest, Clay and Jack Vaughan's, Stokes, four Akenses, Sam Walker and little Jimmie Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bruton and son of Roscoe visited relatives here a few days ago.

Litt Winter and Mrs. Arthur Sears of Abilene visited their sister, Mrs. Walker one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones and sons of Abilene were also visitors at the Walker home recently.

Mrs. Collins from Hawley spent the day with Mrs. Coda Stephenson Sunday.

Mrs. Cada Thomas, Mrs. Jewell Thomas and Miss Hazel Thomas were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Woodard and Mrs. Clay Vaughn were seriously ill last week; the writer hasn't heard how they were this week.

Mrs. Armwine has as her guest her daughter and granddaughter from San Angelo.

Miss Marie Walsh got her arm broken a few days ago. We are glad to say she is able to attend school again but the steel cast hasn't been removed yet.

Mrs. Lois Walker entertained a few friends at bridge Friday night. Those present were: Misses Eva Lena and Peggy Bruton, Alma Hughes, Mr. Harold Hughes and Alphas Bruton, all of New Hope, the host and hostess.

The "April Fool" party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson Friday night was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Meredith Gentry entertained some friends at "42" Saturday night. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Akens, Coda Stephenson, Tommie Woods, Abilene, Mrs. Roy Daniels, the Cooley boys and John Stephenson.

Celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young and Mrs. Etta Chausseaux of White Flat, Mr. Jewell Thomas of Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker.

## ONE FOR THE "LITTLE VESSEL"

Odelia (Ted) was washing dishes in the Home Ec. room and found a very dirty vessel to wash. She says that she only found one, but there must have been another one very closely related to the one she found as she noticed that one had run her ad in The Mail. It seems the little Vessel thought a certain young gentleman had charge of the Vessel and it set her heart to thumping rather wildly.

## LEONARD, WHAT IS YOUR FATHER'S NAME?

Leonard: "McCoy."

Cunny: "Yes, but what is his given name?"

Leonard: "You mean his first name?"

Cunny: "Yes."

Leonard: "Mr."

## WOULD YOU HAVE THOUGHT—

—That one of the Senior girls has a crush on a Simmons boy and is actually wearing his ring?

—That Frank and Coop are learning to "Indian Rattle" and are starting by going "bare-footed"?

—A certain fat man in our community has learned his "Sunday School lesson"?

—James "likes fish"?

—Cooke laughs when she approaches her car?

—Elliott says "It's airn" instead of "its ours"?

—The lady teachers are planning a "kid party"?

Some people says "Oh yea!" instead of "Oh yeah!"

—Bessie and Smackie like to walk?

## I. X. L. Program.

The P. T. A. of I. X. L. school will render a program Friday evening, April 8, at the school house, beginning at 8 o'clock. The I. X. L. debate program has been invited to Butman where there will be more seating capacity. The invitation has been accepted for April 15: Elm Grove Outsiders vs I. X. L. Outsiders. If you can't come, send two or three to represent you.

The subject for the debate and the speakers follow: "Resolved, That a farmer should not have as good an education as a commercial business man." Affirmative: Dewell McLean, J. L. Cargill; negative, Lem Dudley and John Atkins.

## STITH NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

Although we have had a number of cases of flu in our midst, none of them has proved very serious, and, in general, the health of our community is good.

Miss Mattie Church, who has been attending McMurry, is spending a few days with home folks.

The Christian Endeavor of the Hope Church of Christ had a "weenie" roast and Easter egg hunt Friday evening. A large number was present and all reported a good time.

Norman Sloan, from Noodle, was a visitor in the Walter Vantrees home Monday.

The Stith Home Demonstration club will meet with Miss Louise Hudson Friday afternoon, April 1, at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is always extended to visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunigan and daughters, Jo Alice and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and daughter, Mary Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn and daughter, Mildred, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley and son, Edgar, Jr., spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelso. The affair was in honor of the Bradleys' and the Kelsos' wedding anniversary.

The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon and croquet was played by the men and women.

A large number of our ladies motored to the home of Mrs. Earl Mashburn in Merkel last Thursday afternoon to surprise Grandmother Hendricks on her 80th birthday. Each guest gave her a block for a friendship quilt.

Brother Busby, who has just returned from California, is a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. C. Berry.

Miss Alma Morgan, one of our teachers, spent the week-end with home folks in Abilene.

We were sorry to have lost one of our most prominent families last week. The A. J. Holloway family moved to East Texas last Thursday.

Mrs. Edgar Bradley accompanied Mrs. Walter Kelso and Mrs. Guy Glenn to Anson last Saturday afternoon. They attended the council meeting of the county Home Demonstration clubs.

The ladies missionary society of the Methodist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon. There was a larger crowd present than usual, and a very interesting meeting was reported.

Most of the farmers around Stith have their land ready for a good warm rain. Then we will all be busy planting crops and gardens, and "tending" little chickens.

## COMPERE NEWS

The farmers of this community have finished with the breaking of land and are patiently waiting for the spring rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey were recent Rule visitors.

Quite a few from this community enjoyed the play at Noodle Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers and children of Big Spring are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

The young folk of our community and several adjoining communities enjoyed a "weenie roast" at Warren's lake Monday night.

Mrs. Ben Adkin and her mother, Mrs. Lucas, of Noodle, have returned home from Midland, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith.

Charles Childers spent last week in Abilene as the guest of his brother.

A large crowd enjoyed the singing at Zion Chapel Sunday night.

The health of this community has greatly improved since last writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calfrey spent the week-end with relatives at Union.

John Henry Palmer of Tropy visited relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. R. S. Palmer motored to Merkel Monday afternoon.

The P. T. A. will meet Friday night, April 8. The Noodle Choral club will be the special feature on program.

Mrs. Walter Clemmer and Mrs. E. B. Wilburn were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. M. K. Milner.

## UNION RIDGE NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

The pupils of the intermediate and primary rooms were feted with an Easter egg hunt last Friday afternoon. Visitors present were: Mesdames Huston Clark, Lee Lipton, Melvin Carey, J. L. Douglas, Denzel Cox and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Everyone remember there will be church at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30. We urge everyone to be present and bring some one with you.

Misses Beryl Brown and Ruby Jo Skidmore of Golan visited friends and relatives in our community last week.

Those attending church last Sunday morning were Mrs. J. L. McRee and daughter, Mabel, and Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irwin.

Misses Alice and Hazel Reeves entertained the young folks with a party last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dean gave a community Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon at their home. The families represented by parents were: Messrs. and Mesdames Jack Pannell, Melvin Carey, O. R. Douglas, M. L. Douglas, J. L. Douglas, Lige Harris, Ross Baker and Jack Sharp. The children all enjoyed the egg hunt and everyone reported a nice time.

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## HEBRON NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson dined with Mr. and Mrs. Lawlis of Golan Sunday.

Robert Louis Skidmore has been visiting friends and relatives of the community.

Those present in Mr. Lige Harris' home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp and family, Grandma Sharp, Hazel and Alice Reeves, Lillie Claude and Norris Barnett, W. J. and Hale Derstine and Clements Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and family dined with Mr. Charley West of Merkel Sunday.

Everyone remember next Saturday night and Sunday is church day. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

The young folks of this community were entertained with a "bon-fire" party Friday evening given by Alice and Hazel Reeves and Lillie Claude Barnett. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey. Games were played, then sandwiches were served to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey, Doswell, Blanton, Clements, Alice and Ruby Carey, Bernard Clark, Hail and W. J. Derstine, Leo and Anna Mae Harris, Robert Louis Skidmore, Norris, Lillie Claude and Vincent Barnett, Eldon, Othell, Alice and Hazel Reeves, Bernard, Robert and Lyla Jones of Blair, and Leon Dickerson of Sylvestre. Everyone reported a nice time and reached home at a late hour.

Miss Blanche Carey is visiting her brother, Carl Carey, of Trent.

Mrs. William Burleson is reported ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children were in Abilene Saturday afternoon.

## CASTLE PEAK NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

Those on the sick list this week are Miss Lou Ella Hughes and Mabel Cox. They are both showing improvement.

The Easter egg hunt was greatly enjoyed at the schoolhouse Friday evening, when the parents all met with a nice dinner. An Easter egg hunt followed the dinner.

Misses Novis J. and Modenia Whiteaker accompanied their father from Dora to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton visited home folks at Trent Monday.

Charles Ware from Dora visited Modenia Whiteaker Saturday night.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes has had as her guest Mr. Ross Ritchie from the plains.

Misses Inez Seby and Clark Perkins from Butman and Miss Elna Hale from Abilene visited Novis Whiteaker recently.

G. W. Hughes was a visitor in Abilene Saturday night.

## DORA DOINGS

(Omitted from last week.)

Yep! We knew this is West Texas in the same longitude and latitude by the way the sand storms come so regularly.

Mrs. H. S. Wright is slowly improving after a severe attack of flu.

H. A. Tyrone is trucking sheep to Fort Worth this week for Dudley and Mungler.

Rev. Wyatt Hanks of Post was here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McCoy were visiting in Noodle Sunday.

The Easter program rendered by the Methodist Sunday School Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mrs. J. T. Slater of Sweetwater visited her son, F. B. and wife, several days this week.

D. W. Jones made a business trip to Fort Worth over the week-end.

G. W. Whiteaker made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Grandmother Moore of Hython spent the week here visiting her son, O. S. Moore, and family and Mrs. Olan Holland, her daughter and family.

Mrs. J. D. Ware entertained the "42" players with a party Friday night.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

## High School News.

**SPORTS.**

Well, we've done it! We always make our word good! We won the class B championship and that hard-hitting, fast running bunch of boys just about did the work. That's just about the boast of last week. We intended to do that.

Let's you forget I'll tell you that Trent won first place in girls' volleyball, second place in girls' tennis and second place in essay.

The boys won both singles and doubles tennis and seven first places in senior track.

John Terry is the singles champ—John Hamner and Cullen Tittle are double champs and John Hamner is still the high point man of Taylor county. He was first in 100 yard, first in discus throw, first in shot put, first in javelin, first in a pair for doubles tennis. That's enough for one boy.

John Terry was also a high scoring individual, massing 11 points for fourth place in the track meet. He won first in tennis, first in high hurdles and second in pole vault and 220 low hurdles. Eugene Murdock won first in low hurdles and fourth in 220 yard dash.

Henry Bright brought home the bacon in the 440 yard dash. By many coaches, this is considered the hardest of all runs.

Bob Howell won a second place tie in pole vault.

Edith Hale played a fine tennis game, especially when one considers she practiced one day this spring. In addition she won second in essay writing.

Helen Hogue and Sallie Freeman won second in doubles tennis.

That's enough with so few doing the work. We thought we could: we did.

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '32—Mrs. L. B. Irvin, sponsor.

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.  
Assistant Editor—Lela Patterson. Assistant Sports Editor—Ross Ferrier.  
Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

### TRACK NEWS.

Last Saturday Coach Irvin took the track boys down to Abilene for a little workout at the county meet. Merkel is not eligible to compete in the county meet; they go directly to district.

Merkel won several events including the following ones: "Little Cade" won his heat of 100 yard dash in 11.2 seconds; "Bud" Toombs won his heat of 220 yard low hurdles in 28.8 seconds. Patterson won the 880 yard run in 5 minutes and 4 tenths seconds; the mile relay was an exhibition race in 3 minutes and 54 seconds. Cade, Stalls, Durham and Toombs ran this race. We are sure they will improve even this record at the district meet.

Rotan is bringing her team to Merkel Thursday afternoon for a try-out. Come out to see us meet a track team that is going to the Tech relays! No admission. Come!

### "HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN."

Basketball sweaters have arrived! If you see a bright purple and gold sweater flying in the air, you will know a basketball player is around.

Although spring is here, the basketball boys think that a fresh norther is here also. They must use some alibi.

They have worked hard for them; therefore, let them wear their "new sweaters" hot or cold, rain or shine.

### IN THE RIGHT CHURCH BUT IN THE WRONG PEW.

Every school is divided into the class that fits its number of scholars in contests at county meet.

There were three rural schools that had declaimers trying for places. One of the higher classed schools also had a declaimer trying to place in its class. The person who was to represent the latter school got out of his "pew" and declaimed with the wrong class; in fact he declaimed with the rural schools.

Someone asks: "How did he do it?"

Why, that is very simple for a youth like this young gentleman to figure out. It was something on this order: When it came time for one of the declaimers from one of the rural schools to give his declamation, the young man from the larger school rose up and took this person's name and read his declamation. When the decisions of the judges were counted, the young man got third place.

As usually is the case, when the boy got what he wanted, some one came along took his honor away from him. One of the teachers suddenly discovered that the person who won third place was not the right one, and after careful investigation found that this boy had declaimed under the wrong name and for the wrong school.

The poor boy was in the right church but in the wrong pew.

Moral: Do not speak until you are sure you are in the right "pew."

Do not get the wrong impression, this boy was not from Merkel High school.

### T. A. C. CLUB.

R. D. Ely. Although R. D. has been with us only a short period, he has made us feel sorry that he has not been with us longer. R. D. is like a current—he comes and goes. This is the second time M. H. S. has had the honor of having R. D. as a student. Besides being an honor student, R. D. is a squadman in basketball. What a loss M. H. S. will suffer when R. D. is given his diploma?

Ross Ferrier, Jr.

I know no better way to sign off than by letting Ross be known, for I am sure no one knows him. He seldom talks, but he studies all the time. Ross was a squadman in football for three seasons and a letterman the fourth year. I am sure he will be remembered by his schoolmates and debate opponents.

### TENNIS CLUB.

Although M. H. S. did not win all the prizes, the competing teams knew she was there. Out of four entries, our contestants took a first and second prize. Even though we failed in some contests, we do not feel as though our time spent in practice has been wasted. All we can say now is just wait until another year.

### THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

Two men joined the army. After they had filled in the usual form, the sergeant said to them, "You're twins, I suppose?" To this the men replied in the nega-

tive. "Then how do you account for the fact you are the same age, have the same name, and the same parents?" asked the sergeant. "Well," said one of the men, "We're the remains of triplets."

Whiteley: "I once loved a girl who made a fool of me."  
Mildred: "What a lasting impression some girls make!"

Mrs. Bell: "Oneda, did you wash this fish carefully before you baked it?"  
"Nets": "Gee whiz! mother, what's the use washing a fish? The thing's spent all its life in the water."

The patter of tiny feet was heard from the head of the stairs. Mrs. Kinderby raised her hand, warning the members of her bridge club to be silent.

Mrs. Kinderby (softly): "Hush! The children are going to deliver their goodnight message. It always gives me a feeling of reverence to hear them. Listen!"

There was a moment of tense silence, then:  
"Mama, Willie found a bedbug!"

Drunk (bumping into lamp post): "Excuse me, sir;" (bumping into fire hydrant) "Excuse me, little boy;" (bumping into second lamp post and falling down) "Well, I'll just sit here until the crowd pas-h-es."

### SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors are back with the spring fever after our holiday, but we are still determined to keep up our record.

We shall get our Memory books this week, as there is only a little more work to be done on them.

We are looking forward to the plans of the Juniors for this month.

Another six weeks period will soon be gone and we are thinking of our leaving old M. H. S. Won't you miss us?

### W. W. W. W. W. W. CLUB.

The 7 W club met Monday for the purpose of determining on what day the members should wear their uniforms. Lovely blue and white print dresses have been chosen. The girls will wear them on Wednesday of each week throughout the remainder of school.

### Nelle Durham.

In Nelle one finds a person who embodies the typical school spirit of M. H. S. She is one of our most loyal members.

Nelle was chosen "Best All-Round Girl" of high school this year. She is a good student and an excellent sport. After playing all day last Friday at the county meet, Nelle came out second place in tennis singles. She played an important part in the Pep Squad as one of the leaders. She is business manager of the Memory Book staff.

### Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

"Happy-go-lucky" exactly describes her. One might say that "Doe" is the lime light of the Senior class. She is always gay and smiling. But Grimes never lets her many outside activities interfere with her school work. All her school life she has ranked near the top of her class.

Mary Elizabeth is Society Editor of the Badger Weekly, reporter of the Choral club and Players' club, and vice-president of the Choral club.

### THE FRIENDLESS.

In all the world of nice things A true friend is to me The nicest of them all. What can more wonderful be For paupers, princesses, or kings Than a person, whom a friend you may call.

### There are people and people

On this old earth of ours Who never the pleasure know Of having friends, however feeble, Who on them love showers. People who never think of friend or foe.

I wonder, too, are they happy so? From living do they get a joy? Why are they here, I wonder? They are a type that makes me ponder—

A puzzle for me to solve some day. —Lona.

### WE JUNIORS.

Everyone enjoyed the big day over at Abilene last Friday. It was a big

day because you see there were about six first places won in literary events. Now don't you agree with us that it was a big day?

Out of the six first places four of the winners were from the Junior class. Of course Annie Lee and Waldeline, who won the other first places, are Sophomores; but they are in the Junior room. That may have something to do with it. This makes all the gold medals won in literary events stationed in the Junior room.

In the second places won we had two representatives. We had other representatives who did not place at county meet.

We may be noisy, but we're smart. (No, we're not conceited either.)

### CHAPEL.

A short chapel was held last Monday morning to discuss the county meet. We won many events. Some of them were: Nelle Durham, second in girls' tennis singles; Julia Proctor and Zada Bell, first in girls' tennis doubles; Nelle Hughes and Lucille Campbell, first in Senior spelling; Imogene Middleton and James West, first in boys' and girls' extempore speaking.

Next week, we will go to the district meet, and we hope to win there.

### Chevrolet Announces Reduced Price Scale

Detroit, April 7.—Chevrolet price reductions ranging up to fifty-five dollars were announced by W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company.

At the same time Mr. Knudsen stated that the Chevrolet Six would continue to be built exclusively by the company for an indefinite period, and that at no time has there been thought of changing the present six cylinder car which has led the industry in sales during the past fifteen months and brought the company its highest percentage of total business Chevrolet has ever enjoyed.

The price reductions affect fourteen passenger car models. Base price for the passenger car line is now \$445 for the roadster, lowest priced model.

The maximum reduction is on the five-window coupe, which is cut from \$545 to \$490. The standard sedan is cut from \$635 to \$590.

The new price list, together with the former price on the various models follows (new price listed first):

Roadster, \$445, \$475; sport roadster, \$485, \$495; phaeton, \$495, \$510; 5-window coupe, \$490, \$545; 3-window, \$490, \$535; sport coupe, \$535, \$575; de luxe coupe, \$510; coach, \$495, \$545; de luxe coach, \$515; standard sedan, \$590, \$635; special sedan, \$615, \$650; 5-passenger coupe, \$575; cabriolet, \$595; landau phaeton, \$625.

### First Grade Pupils To Present Program

The pupils of the first grade, A-M, will give the following chapel program in the Grammar School auditorium at 9 o'clock Friday, April 15, 1932:

Mus. rhythm band.  
Reading, Pat Cypert.  
Musical duet, Marilyn Sue Grimes and Billy Haynes.

"Three Trained Crows."  
"Trials of a Boy," Floyd Hutcherson, Jr.  
"A Dutch Costume Song," Billy Tom Hutcherson and Wanda Dewett.

Song, Marilyn Sue Grimes.  
"The Giraffe," Billy Haynes.  
"We've Had the Flu," Marilyn Sue Grimes and chorus.

"The Bug Band," Billy Haynes and chorus.

A group of singing games and a folk dance.  
"Good-bye."

Friends of these children are invited to attend.

### Simmons Glee Club

(Continued from page one)

It is the custom of the club to make one or more trips during the school year. The trip west is the second one in the past few months. The cities in which the club will give their programs are Merkel, Roscoe, Colorado, Big Spring, Midland, Wink, Odessa, Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell, Brownfield, Tahoka, Lamesa and Snyder.

### Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, April 7.—Order buyers set the pace in the cattle yards at Fort Worth Wednesday and bought a number of loads of steers. Trading was steady to strong on all morning sales. Yearlings very slow and bidding a little lower. Other classes of cattle and calves in light supply and about steady.

Receipts 2,600; 600 calves; slaughter steers about steady, 4.25-5.75; good fed steers 5.50-5.70; plainer grades 4.25-4.75, including grassers at 4.50; slaughter yearlings weak to 25 lower; desirable grades 4.75-5.00; other cattle and calves about steady; fat cows 5.00; plainer grades 4.25 down, good vealers to 6.00.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21: W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.) JOHN PAYNE.

For County Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) GRADY PARMELLY.

R. S. (Bob) WALKER.  
For County Judge: JOHN CAMP.

JOE E. CHILDERS.  
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

F. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) A. J. CANON.

L. L. MURRAY.  
For County Tax Assessor:

C. W. BOYCE.  
H. F. (Henry) LONG.

C. A. COCKRELL.  
W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.

For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)

For Sheriff: BURL WHEELER, (Re-election.)



### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—First year Qualla seed, culled, cleaned and sacked, 35 cents per bushel. Bryan Dunagin, Route 1.

FOR SALE—Two row cultivator and planter, also some other farm tools. See Mrs. N. Causseaux.

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—A three room furnished apartment, with all conveniences, also a five room house, partly furnished, with all conveniences. S. F. Haynes.

### WANTED

WANTED—To buy second hand bath tub and commode. See Sid Criswell.

### Personal Mention

Amon Grayson is here from San Diego, Calif., to spend sometime with his father, Hugh Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton are spending the week with their son, D. I. Shelton, of Union Ridge.

B. C. Gaither is spending the week with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dillard, at Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague have had as their guest since Sunday Mr. Teague's niece, Mrs. Hoyt Andrews of Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague and children and Mrs. Juanita Dowell visited in Clyde and Cottonwood over the week-end.

Miss Mildred Hamm returned Wednesday from a visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey, at Austin.

Friends will be glad to learn that Will D. Williams, who has been confined to his room for the past twelve days, is slowly improving.

Miss Martha Bird, who was home from Graham for the week-end, brought as her guest one of the Graham school teachers, Miss Edith Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Key and daughters, Irby and Towner, of Winters visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Sunday.

Ben F. Bird of Abilene spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Bird, and his sister, Mrs. Porter Reeves of Amarillo, who is visiting her mother here.

Fire Chief N. A. Dowell, accompanied by Mrs. Dowell and Miss Alleyne Riley, returned Tuesday from a business trip of several days to Dallas, Commerce and Royce City.

Doyle and Ray Garrett, who have

been in Oklahoma City since the early part of the year, are spending a few days with the home folks. Their sales work will next take them to Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham were here from Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday greeting old friends. Mr. Latham has sold his T. P. cafe on North First street in Abilene and expects to open soon for business on Chestnut street.

Following a visit of several days with her brothers, J. H., Hugh and S. L. Grayson and their families, Mrs. M. A. Caswell and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walser, returned Monday to their home at Chillicothe.

Enjoying a family reunion Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis, were Dr. I. D. Ellis and wife of Troy, Mrs. Minta Meadgen and her daughter, Mary Alice, and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis of Abilene and a grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Ellis, of Lubbock.

After visiting with Mrs. Evans' mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and two brothers, Messrs. and Mesdames. E. Yates and W. S. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Evans and children of Chicago have gone to San Angelo to visit a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Victor

Tippett. They will return for another visit here the latter part of the week.

### Didn't Know Car Was Stolen Till It is Recovered

A Buick coupe, stolen in Sweetwater was recovered by the Abilene police and the owner, W. H. Jobe, Sweetwater real estate man, was notified through the Sweetwater officers before he, the owner, knew that his car was stolen. This is the record of happenings during the early hours of Saturday morning of last week, which include the recovery of three medical bags, taken from the automobile of Dr. R. I. Grimes here and the discovery in the stolen car of the numbers from the Studebaker sedan of Mrs. T. G. Bragg, which had been removed from the car in the Bragg garage during the night.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson was called at 4 o'clock Saturday morning by the Abilene officers and advised that the numbers, which had been checked as belonging to the Bragg car, had been found in the stolen car, but had not yet been put on it. Dickinson went to Abilene and brought back the stolen auto numbers and the medical bags.

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## SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

APRIL 8 AND 9

SPINACH, home grown, pound	5c
SPUDS 10 pounds	17c
LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head	5c
SUGAR 10 pounds granulated	45c
ORANGES, large size, dozen	35c
LEMONS, dozen	17c
APPLES, Winesap, dozen	23c
Grapejuice pint	19c
PINEAPPLE, crushed or sliced, No. 1 can	10c
CHERRIES, Kuners, sour pitted, can	15c
BEANS, Kuners, wax or green, No. 2 can	10c
ASPARAGUS, picnic size	19c
PEAS, Gold Bar, early garden No. 2 can	14c
TEA, R & W, 1-4 lb.	19c, 1-2 lb. 37c

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OATS, R & W, glassware	21c
PICKLES, quart, sour	17c
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JOWLS, dry salt, pound	5c
BACON, slice, sugar cured, pound	15c
WEINERS, pound	15c

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