

AFFILIATION IS AT STAKE, SAYS SUPT. BURGESS

Cut in Salaries Made Necessary By Short Tax Payments; 100 Per Cent Co-operation of Patrons Asked.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel Public schools has prepared the following statement of facts as to possible loss of affiliation:

"The patrons of the Merkel schools should know that school tax collections have fallen off to such an extent as to make necessary further reduction in the running expenses of the Merkel schools. This year just closing has had the running expenses of the school reduced by about \$4,000. Further reductions are necessary for this next year in order to balance the budget. For the year now closing, the tax collections have amounted to about \$12,000, as compared to \$17,000 for last year. Assessed taxes this year amounted to around \$19,000, thus there are about \$7,000 of uncollected school taxes for this year alone. Had it not been for the cash balance carried over from previous years, the Merkel schools would now be out of money, for income has not amounted to as much as expense for this year, even though expenses were cut \$4,000 under those of last year.

"In the face of this reduction of income, the school board could do but one thing: cut expenses still further. This they are trying to do without affecting the efficiency of the system. There are only three ways open to the board by which they may cut expenses. (1) Shorten the school term to less than nine months and thereby be certain to lose all the affiliation which has been attained during the last fifteen years. (2) Another way to cut expenses is to reduce the number of teachers and load up teachers with more work. This would undoubtedly weaken the work to some extent. Your superintendent did work out a plan which would reduce the number of teachers, submitted it to the state department and had it approved by them. This plan would not endanger our affiliation, though it might be the cause of our losing three of our twenty-one units of affiliation. It would cause us to lose these three unless by another year Merkel should be able to offer again these three courses this next year omitted. (3) The third way open, and the one chosen by the board, is to cut salaries of the teachers in the system from top to bottom. They have in this way saved about \$2,500 in running expenses. There is, however, a minimum salary set by the state department of education below which a school cannot go and still retain its affiliation. This minimum is \$720 per year for teachers in the grammar grades and \$900 per year for teachers in the high school. These limits make one of the

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FINISH PROGRAM OF IMMUNIZATION IN MERKEL SCHOLS

The Merkel Public schools have just completed a program of immunization sponsored by the U. S. Public Health service. For the last several weeks the local physicians have been giving of their time and labor freely to come to the schools and do this immunizing of the school children without any cost to the child except a small charge of 25 cents to cover cost of materials used. The vaccines and serums were obtained through the efforts of the local health officer, Dr. W. T. Sadler, from the state health department at no cost to the school.

As a result of this program and work 353 Merkel children are now made immune from diphtheria (having taken the toxoid treatment), 239 made immune from typhoid and 259 vaccinated for small pox. Some of these children were children under school age.

The above program was made possible through the co-operation and free work of the following Merkel physicians: Dr. M. Armstrong, Dr. C. E. Gardner, Dr. R. I. Grimes and Dr. W. T. Sadler, health officer for the City of Merkel.

On behalf of these three hundred fifty-three children and their parents, Supr. Roger A. Burgess wishes to thank publicly these physicians whose donation of time and much labor has made the above program possible.

J. Olin Lusby Made WTU Local Manager

From the office of Al W. Breihan, superintendent of the West Texas Utilities company, it was announced Thursday morning that J. Olin Lusby had been made local manager for the company, succeeding W. S. Dickerson, resigned. The latter came here from Monday several months ago to replace Mat Dillingham.

Olin Lusby, new local manager, has been with the company for about five years, having served part of the time at Tuscola and Abilene. He was brought back here on February 15th as cashier and is being congratulated on his deserved promotion to the manager's desk.

Dallas School Boy, Missing, Found Here

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson was instrumental in locating a missing Dallas school boy on the highway here Saturday afternoon and, after reporting the matter to the Dallas police, the boy's parents came out Sunday and took him home.

Dickinson read in a Dallas paper of the disappearance of Pat Echols, 12 or 13 years old, after school on Monday of last week and noticing this youngster still with his school books proceeded to make inquiry and proved up his suspicion that he was the missing boy.



CALIFORNIA GOES FOR JOHN GARNER

Fight for Presidential Nomination Thrown into Convention, as Texan Becomes Factor.

Washington, May 5.—Speaker John N. Garner of Texas has overwhelmed Franklin D. Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith in the vital California primary and precipitated the contest for the democratic presidential nomination into the national convention at Chicago.

Garner gets 44 pledged convention votes as a result of his victory and he will have 90 when Texas instructs its 46 for him May 24. The only other organized opposition Roosevelt thus far has met is behind Smith, who has 46 pledged votes and an unknown number from New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but in all likelihood not more than 150 or 160.

A lead of 45,428 over Roosevelt, with but 375 scattered outlying precincts unheard from, gave Garner an undisputed victory. The vote was: Garner, 214,647; Roosevelt, 169,219; Smith, 137,420.

Ballots from the most thickly populated centers of the state have been counted and those untabulated, it was conceded, would little change the relative standings of the three candidates.

Postoffice Lobby is To be Closed Nights

As soon as the post-office department can supply a street letter box and after the public has had sufficient notice, Postmaster O. J. Adcock has been notified to close the lobby of the post-office building at 8 p. m.

This custom is generally followed at night at offices where no employee is on duty, it has been learned.

Definite notice will be given as to the exact time of the beginning of the 8 o'clock closing hour.

East Texas Chamber Buys Home Envelopes

Longview, May 5.—No more government stamped envelopes will be used by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, according to announcement of Hubert M. Harrison, general manager. In the future envelopes used by the organization in its work are to be purchased from East Texas printers.

"Many business concerns, including our own, have fallen into the habit of purchasing stamped envelopes from the postoffice because it is a little easier and in some cases probably a little cheaper than buying from printers," said Mr. Harrison. "However, when we consider that we are all compelled to help pay the enormous deficit in the postoffice department the small saving which we may think we are getting by using the government as a printing office disappears. Our organization is opposed to the government invading the fields of private business and it would be inconsistent with this policy to buy government envelopes and deprive our printers of this business."

Oil Operations. Within the next day or two, it is expected that the Eastland Oil Co. Dunagin Tool and Supply Co. well on the M. G. King place, southeast of town, will be drilled in. At Thursday noon they had passed 2300 feet and indications are that oil will be found around 2500 feet.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A Texas man and former mayor of Waco, T. F. Bush, was elected president of the American Cotton Shippers' association at its meeting at Memphis, Tenn., last week.

Richard Lee Watson, age 21 months, was drowned when he fell in a watering trough at the home of his parents in Ralls. The water was only about eight inches deep.

Pedro Salinas, 25, of San Antonio, reported to have been kidnaped in that city and robbed of nearly \$6,000, was found nude, walking along the lake shore highway south of Buffalo, N. Y., Monday.

Assistant Attorney General T. S. Christopher, whose home is in Lamesa, has been appointed as a member of the legal affairs committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

County Tax Collector R. G. Leclere of Jefferson county has voluntarily admitted that he had embezzled nearly \$30,000 in county funds during the past 15 months in an effort to recoup stock market losses.

Salary reductions ranging from \$5 to \$10 for teachers in rural and other small schools of Texas, affecting approximately 11,300 teachers in 3191 schools, have been approved by the state board of education.

By a one vote margin the supreme court of the United States Monday threw out as invalid the Texas law under which the democratic state executive committee barred negroes from democratic primaries.

An oil scandal involving the suspected theft of millions of barrels of crude oil from the gigantic East Texas field resulted in charges being filed against 18 men, including two employees of the railroad commission.

Six persons were burned, two seriously, when a sulphur "bomb" exploded on the lower floor of the Aztec theatre at San Antonio Wednesday night, but under the direction of firemen the house was emptied without disorder.

O. C. Funderburk, associate judge of the court of civil appeals of the eleventh judicial district at Eastland, has announced his candidacy for reelection. He is now serving an unexpired term to which he was first appointed and afterward elected.

Mayor Elliott Issues Call Special Election

A special election has been called by the board of aldermen for Saturday, May 14, to fill two vacant places on the board, since Dr. C. B. Gardner and John West declined to qualify after having been elected. J. P. Sharp, Sr., is to be election judge.

At the regular meeting of the city dads last Monday night, they also went on record as favoring the organization of a citizens advisory committee to work with the aldermen in matters affecting taxes and the budget.

Precinct Primary Set For 3 p. m. Saturday

The presidential precinct primary for naming delegates to the county convention will be held at the Lions Club hall in the Mellinger building here at 3 p. m. Saturday, May 7. All those participating will be required to sign the pledge adopted by the state executive committee.

W. O. Boney is precinct chairman here and Merkel will be entitled to 11 delegates in the county convention, which is to be held in Abilene on Tuesday, May 10, at 2 p. m.

FAMILIES TO BE SEATED TOGETHER ON MOTHER'S DAY

Fathers' and Mothers' Day features will characterize the services at the First Baptist church, Pastor J. T. King announces. The conventional flowers, red and white, will be worn by many signifying whether or not their parents are living or dead.

The audience will be seated by families, where practicable, and Evangelist Ross A. Smith will preach on "God's Guardians of the Home" at the eleven o'clock hour.

The revival meeting is gaining in power and appeal, with interest deepening and people being saved and added to the church. The church and Christian people of the community have been greatly revived.

Evangelist Smith is preaching with increasing power; if you have not heard him, you have missed a blessing. He is one of the truly great preachers of the West.

The pastor will baptize a large number at the close of the service Sunday night.

Delinquent Taxpayers Asked by Attorneys To Conference May 9

The Mail has been furnished the following statement for publication by York and Camp, attorneys, who are handling tax collections for the City of Merkel:

"For the convenience of those taxpayers who owe the City of Merkel delinquent taxes a member of the firm of attorneys representing the city in the collection of such taxes will be at the city tax collector's office Monday, May 9th. The entire day will be spent and all delinquent taxpayers are asked to kindly call by and go over with the attorneys personally the matter of their delinquent taxes. It is very important that all such taxpayers call by and make arrangements relative to their taxes. This applies to those who cannot at this time pay such taxes as well as those who can.

"The future actions of such attorneys will depend on the circumstances of each individual case and they wish to know from the taxpayers themselves the facts concerning each individual case. All delinquent taxpayers are urged to call by."

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woods, Trent, Tuesday, May 3, 1932.

MERKEL WOMAN IS HONORED IN TOUCHING SCENE

Conference Arises as Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson, Member of Local Methodist Church, is Presented; McCauley in 1933.

Paying tender tribute to one of Merkel's most beloved women, Rev. W. M. Murrell in the Wednesday afternoon session of the Methodist district conference here presented in a touching address. Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson as one of the greatest workers in the Merkel Methodist church. Mrs. Hutcherson has recently passed through a severe siege of illness. "The prayers of this church have snatched her from death," stated the speaker, as the conference arose and stood at devotion.

Rev. Mr. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district, was in charge of all sessions of the two-day meeting of the district conference here. Many prominent churchmen were numbered among the 250 delegates whom Merkel has entertained this week. Sessions were held at the Methodist church. Among the notables present were: President T. W. Brabham of Texas Woman's college, Fort Worth; Rev. W. H. Coleman, pastor of Polytechnic church, Fort Worth; Rev. L. N. Lipscomb, presiding elder of the Amarillo district; Rev. O. F. Clark, presiding elder of the Sweetwater district; Rev. J. O. Vincent of Dallas, and President J. W. Hunt of McMurry. Dr. C. C. Sealeman, president of Southern Methodist university, was unable to attend the conference proper but spoke at a preliminary meeting on Tuesday night.

The address of welcome at the opening session Wednesday morning was given by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Rev. U. S. Sherrill of Trent was named secretary. The sermon Wednesday morning was preached by Dr. W. H. Coleman. Rev. Mr. Vincent presented a report on the Methodist Orphans home at Waco, while Dr. Hunt spoke on the Wesley Foundation.

At the Wednesday afternoon session Dr. G. S. Hardy, chairman of the board of missions, addressed the conference on missions and superannuate endowment and Mrs. Holland Holt of Abilene, representing children's work of the Abilene district, presented this (Continued on Page Six.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 3, 1912.)

Misses Ora Long and Susie Penn were charming honorees at a pretty social function Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 when Mesdames B. H. Wheeler and J. P. Sutphen entertained with progressive "42" at the home of the latter. Beautiful hand-painted score pads were passed in which appeared the spring flowers. The hand-painted booklets were done in sweet peas and were given to the honorees at the conclusion of the games. "84" on a losing game was very popular and created lots of fun. The players and guests were Mesdames Collins, Martin, Penn, Garrett, Conner, Paylor, Long, Burroughs, Sandlin, Mims, Williams, Williams of Abilene, Jennings, Sutphen, Adkisson, Lucile Sutphen, Mesdames Claude and Fred Bigham, Rister, Scott, Russell, Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Largent, Master Joe Largent and Charles Sutphen and the hostesses. Miss Alice Williams won high progression while Miss Long, contrary to rule, proved to be the loser. Music was furnished by Misses Mims, Burroughs, Adkisson and Sutphen. The games were punched by Mrs. T. H. Largent. A delicious fruit salad and home made cake was served at the refreshment hour.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and two child-

ren left for Wildersville, Tenn., Thursday morning to visit relatives for about two months. Miss Madeline remained here to look after the wants of her father in their home.

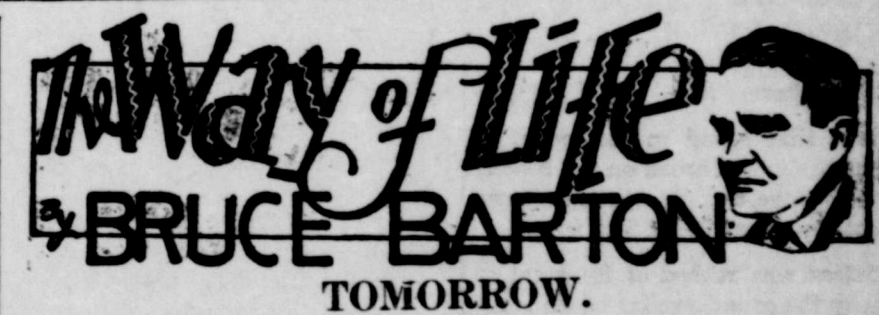
The cigars are moist at Armstrong's Drug Store.

Monday afternoon many of the Merkel ladies met at the Baptist church and organized a local Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Henderson and Mrs. Green organized the work. Officers elected were: Mrs. Marvin Armstrong, president; Miss Mae Valentine, recording secretary, and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker, treasurer. It is the request of the organization that all women who feel concerned file application and pay their dues at once.

Mrs. Eva Perkins and little daughter Faye were visiting home folks this week.

Paul Leeper has gone to Childress to accept a position. His mother, Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, accompanied him as far as Fort Worth.

L. E. Adrian of Trent went to Abilene on the noon train to hear Judge Ramsey speak.



TOMORROW.

It is sometimes my sad fortune to have to deliver an after-dinner speech.

Few experiences are more depressing. One sits up at a high table like a specimen at the zoo. One waits with increasing discomfort while the toastmaster works slowly down the line, and tries to look appreciative as the other speakers unfold their solutions of world problems with a sprinkling of stale jests.

Only now and then there is a bit of compensation. The other night, for instance, I found myself beside Strickland Gilliland. He ate sparingly, and when I remarked on it, he said: "I always have to feel well tomorrow. If you live today so that you will feel all right tomorrow you don't get into much trouble."

That made me think that you can estimate men according to their attitude toward tomorrow.

How many tomorrows can they see? How much are they willing to sacrifice for tomorrow? How much do they dare to trust?

A day laborer can see only a half-dozen tomorrows. He must be paid every week. An entrepreneur may cheerfully invest half a life-time in a new business from which not he but his children will profit.

Artists and writers have been known to disregard entirely the near tomorrows, pinning their faith on the fairer and more enduring verdict of posterity.

The prophet, of course, looks farthest of all. Stephen, on his way to death, cried: "Behold I see the heavens opened." Jesus, about to be crucified, assured His disciples: "I have overcome the world."

It strikes me that what we need these days is the habit of taking a little longer look, envisaging a few more tomorrows. Some of us act as if this present distress were the first test of the world's endurance that has ever come. We are afraid that if it is not straightened out immediately civilization will perish.

It is not so much a test of the world, or of civilization, as it is a test of us. It is like the war. Some of us lost courage, and said: "It will never end," and took thought only of ourselves. Others can now look back with satisfaction on the record they made then.

Today we are making another record on which we must look back.

Back from some future and better tomorrow.

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"SHE WAS SPARED."

In memory's hall there's no sweeter
picture than a boy's mother. Year's
ago, after Charles K. Bell had been
defeated in his race for governor, a
reporter on the old Fort Worth Star
immortalized Bell's devotion to his
mother in what seems to us a news-
paper classic. We reprint it from our
scrapbook. This is the story:

"It was Bell the candidate; Bell the
man with the clean record. The man
whose every impulse was a good one;
Bell who had often been tried and was
never tried that he did not measure
up to the highest expectations.

"Heretofore it has been Bell the
victor.

"Today it is Bell in defeat.

"But the manliness of the man; the
sincerity of the man; the nobility of
his nature shines greater indeed in
defeat than it has ever shown in victory.

"Today it is Bell, the man.

"And beyond all this, I saw in his
countenance when I talked with him
this morning a reflection of that silver
lining that clings to every cloud.

"Closing my eyes, I could almost
hear the whistle of bullets on the red
field of Shiloh. Listening again, I
heard the death rattle that threw
great responsibilities on the shoulders
of the young boy. A soldier in gray
had given up his life for his country's
cause.

"I saw that boy take up his place
in the world of men. I saw him strugg-
ling against odds and against ob-
stacles. I saw him overcoming and
conquering them. I felt the same boy-
ancy that inspired him, as I looked
upon him. The sacredness of his devo-
tion to his mother, widowed by the
fortunes of war, stood out in bold relief.

"Judge Bell must have had similar
thoughts in his silence. In talking
of his defeat, he exhibited not one iota
of the bitterness of human nature.

"She was spared; she was spared;"
even the mute walls seemed to say.

"That mother who was the guiding
inspiration in his early life, and who
was the recipient of tender and
sweet affection in manhood's years,
laid down her burden and went into
that sweet sleep before her boy had
ever tasted of the dregs of political
waters.

"Truly there are

"Billows that bound on the ocean,
That never will break on the beach;
And so I have thoughts in my silence
That never can float into speech.

"Defeat was robbed of its greatest
sting by the great leveller of all man-
kind."

AT THE STARTING LINE.

Dismissing the inquiry with the
words, "I have not said that I would
not run," Governor Ross Sterling
may or may not be a candidate for re-
election in the coming primaries. In
the meantime Senator Clint Small of
Wellington, who was a good third in
the gubernatorial sweepstakes two
years ago, has announced that he will
oppose "Ma" Ferguson, if Sterling
does not enter the race. The same is
true of Senator Walter C. Woodward
of Coleman and a likely third entry,
should Sterling not run, is Lieutenant-
Governor Edgar Witt of Waco. The
campaign will necessarily be short,
but considerable heat could develop,
particularly in the elimination as to
who would be left to oppose the Fer-
gusons in the run-off.

Not only the governor's race and,
in consequence, the lieutenant gov-
ernor's competition are thereby left
in a state of indecision, but so far For-
mer Governor Pat Neff has not re-
signed from his post as railroad com-
missioner, although he has accepted
to assume the presidency of Baylor
university in June. Sterling's choice for
the appointment to fill Neff's unex-
pired term seems to be Mayor E. O.
Thompson of Amarillo.

"One of the first real signs of the
business recovery which all of us so
anxiously desire will come when there
is an abatement in the mad scramble
to cut retail prices below production
costs," thus writes the editor of one
of the country's most influential week-
lies.

13-Plate batteries \$4.50 on ex-
change. Dr. Curley's Repair
Shop.

School Problem

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requirements which a school
must meet in order to retain affilia-
tion. Schools are not required by law
to pay at least this much but, if af-
filiation is retained, the school must
pay no teacher less than the above
amounts. The minimum salaries fixed
for the Merkel schools for next year
are \$630 for grade teachers and \$810
for high school teachers.

"These various requirements are
fixed by the classification committee
of the state department of education.
This committee meets in June at Aus-
tin. It is the business of this commit-
tee to make or change the require-
ments for affiliation. Whether or not
Merkel High school loses its twenty-
one units of affiliation depends upon
whether or not this committee will,
on account of the financial condition
of the schools over the state, lower
the salary requirements for this year
and permit us to retain our affiliation
anyway. The board believes that this
committee will at least lower the sal-
ary requirements for this year and
that our affiliation will thus be saved.
If, however, the committee should not

lower this salary schedule as now set
by them, Merkel would be just as cer-
tain to lose its affiliation as it would
if it ran only an eight months school.
The long process of applying for cred-
it and securing affiliation would have
to be done over.

"I, as your superintendent, believe
that you, the patrons of the Merkel
schools, should know the situation that
the board is facing on account of the
earnings falling off in tax collections.
The board and the superintendent
need your 100 per cent co-operation
in this financial crisis.

"Respectfully,
"Roger A. Burgess, Supt."

Personal Mention

Mrs. Ernest Higgins has returned
from a week-end visit with relatives
in Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday and lit-
tle son are being cordially greeted on
their return to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood visit-
ed in Sudan and other points on the
Plains, returning Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Boswell of Corsicanan
was a guest Thursday in the homes

of Mrs. J. N. Shelton and Mrs. W. M.
Elliott.

Messrs. G. A. Roberts and Tom
Gambill left Monday morning for
Colorado points in the interest of
Ogrene sales.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Wade Hedrick and
daughters, Misses Janett and Mary,
of Abilene were guests Sunday of
Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hester and
daughter, Virginia Katharine, of
Sweetwater were week-end guests of
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen arrived
from Tyler Saturday afternoon to
visit Mrs. Eysen's mother and sis-
ter Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary
Eula.

Kingsley Williams of Waco was
here from Saturday until Monday to
visit his father, W. D. Williams, who
has been seriously ill for several
weeks.

Week-end guests of Mayor and Mrs.
W. M. Elliott were Mr. and Mrs.
Reuben Burroughs of Floydada, Mrs.
Burroughs and Mrs. Elliott being
cousins.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little, who have
just re-located at Tuscola after resi-
dence in Decatur for sometime, were

guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Geo.
Caple.

Mr. and Mr. Marvin Alston of
Hereford were week-end guests of
Mr. Alston's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Alton remain-
ing for a visit of several days.

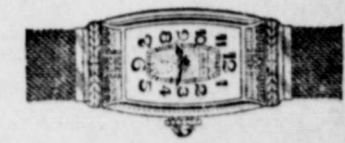
G. M. Sharp returned Friday of
last week from Savannah, Mo., hav-
ing gone with the Wheeler party.
Elsewhere in this issue of The Mail
will be found an interesting letter
telling of Judge Wheeler's improve-
ment.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carpenter of
Dayton, Ohio, on their way to Long
Beach, Cal., spent a few hours in Mer-
kel Monday with their uncle and aunt,
Mr. and Mrs. H. Latrobe Vaughan.
They spent the night with another
uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam
Butman, Sr.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our apprecia-
tion to the many friends and neigh-
bors, who so tenderly ministered to
our beloved daughter, mother and sis-
ter, Mrs. Lou Looney, during her ill-
ness. For all assistance rendered and
for the kind words and acts of sym-
pathy extended we are indeed grate-

ful and especially do we thank Miss
Sally Orr, who was so kind and lov-
ing to our dear one throughout her
last days.
Her Mother, Sons and Daughters,
Brothers and Sisters.

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MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES



SEVENTH 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.

At the night club where she goes with Dennis, Diana collapses. She regains consciousness in a little country cottage, with a nurse, Miss Starling, bending over her. Dr. Rathbone's home was close by, Miss Starling told her.

After three weeks Dennis Waterman calls. He tells her he will have to go away, and his manner, as he leaves her, suggests that his love is waning. But Dennis has not been gone many days before Diana finds herself asking Miss Starling all sorts of questions about Dr. Rathbone.

Not long afterwards she learns that there is a woman living in Dr. Rathbone's house, a woman named Rosalie.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"You asked me to come," he said.

"You said it was something urgent."

"Yes . . . yes, it is." But for the life of her she could think of nothing to say, no excuse wherewith to justify her hurried letter.

He glanced towards the window as if impatient to be gone, even while he drew out a chair for her.

"When are you going away?"

"Early to-morrow morning?"

Her eyes grew unconsciously pathetic.

"For long?"

"I shall not be away for very long. I am going to Paris. It's not a holiday, if you think that." There was a note of wonderment in his voice as if he was asking himself why it was necessary to make this explanation at all. "It's an urgent case—one of my patients who is over there has been taken seriously ill."

He broke off, and Diana said in a queer voice:

"Then you're going alone?"

"Alone? . . . Why, certainly I am going alone." He stopped, then asked slowly, "What do you mean?"

Why do you ask such a question?"

"Nothing . . . only . . ."

He asked rather abruptly:

"What was the very urgent thing you wish to see me about?"

Diana, flushed a little, but the flush quickly died away, leaving her

paler than before.

"I've told you."

"You've told me?"

"Yes . . . that I didn't want you to go away."

"You brought me ten miles to tell me that?"

"Yes—at least, it's only five, isn't it? Ten, if you count going back, I suppose . . . Oh, are you angry?"

"Are you ever going to learn self-reliance?" he asked whimsically.

"Self-reliance?"

"I mean," he explained, "that it doesn't do to lean too hard on other people; there's such a danger of being let down."

Diana shook her head, a little wavering smile on her lips.

"You'd never let anybody down," she said confidently.

"You say that," he answered, "and yet you took the trouble to drive five miles through a scorching sun to find out for yourself something about me which you could not find out from other people."

She stared at him, fascinated.

"I . . . how do you know?" she whispered.

"Because all women are the same," he answered ruthlessly. "You tell a man you believe in him, and directly his back is turned—"

He broke off, pulling his shoulders together as if in anger at his unwonted display of emotion.

"Well, I must be off," he said once again.

Diana barred his way to the door.

"It wasn't that I—didn't believe in you," she said rather breathlessly.

"It was just—oh, I can't explain, but I think perhaps it was a queer sort of jealousy."

"Jealousy?"

"Yes." Her heart was beating fast, but she kept her eyes on his face. "I expect you'll laugh at me, or perhaps you'll be angry, but though I don't know why it is, I think I somehow love you. Not the sort of love I . . . like I love Dennis . . . you're so much older than I am, and than he is, too, but you make me feel so—safe! You make me feel that no matter what went wrong, if the door opened and you came in, everything would be all right."

She put her hand over her eyes for a moment as if trying to make sure of her own thoughts. "Yes," she said after a moment, "that's how I feel about you. I love you because you're so safe. You're like a strong harbour to which—anything weak—like me—can go and be safe."

She smiled at him with a very sweet smile.

"That's a very . . . dangerous thing to say to me, Diana."

"Dangerous?"

"Hasn't it ever occurred to you that I am only just a very ordinary man?"

"No, because you're not; not like

the men I've met, anyway."

"In spite of . . . the thing you were so anxious to find out about me?"

"You won't forgive me for that? I never really believed it, even though—"

"And if it's true?"

She came a step nearer to him.

"Is it true?"

He moved back a little way from her and laughed.

"Your faith is not so very strong after all, you see. Well, I must go."

So he would not tell her; she knew that he would never tell her.

She put out her hand, and after the barest hesitation he took it.

And then he was gone.

CHAPTER XI.

Rathbone was away four days. It seemed a long four days, and then, on the fifth morning, a letter came from Dennis Waterman.

She took Dennis' letter with her out into the woods.

It was with a little sigh of reluctance that at last she opened it.

"My darling:

"You have not written to me, though every mail I look for a letter. I am always thinking of you and wondering how and where you are. New York is like a fiery furnace; the pavements seem to burn your feet. These lawyer fellows are keeping us hanging about, and Linda will not leave until everything is settled up, though I rather fancy I shall come home before she does, perhaps soon. Wasn't it some poet fellow who said that absence makes the heart grow fonder? Well, that's how I feel about you. There are times when the longing to see you again is almost unbearable."

Diana closed her eyes and tried to visualize how Dennis must have looked when he wrote those words. She knew every line of his face so well, and yet somehow she could not recapture them.

She went on reading:

"Life is a queer thing, isn't it? It seems absurd that you and I are forced to be separated like this, when if we were together we should find perfect happiness. Do you still love me? But I know you do, and when I come home—"

Diana stopped reading, and hurriedly folded the letter.

Somehow she felt she could not bear any more; it was the voice of the past coming back to claim her, when for a little while she had

thought to have escaped from it.

A wood pigeon flew suddenly overhead with a great flutter of wings, as if somebody had startled it, and looking up, Diana saw a girl standing on the narrow path before her.

She was standing very still, almost as if she were a figure in a picture and not a real person at all, and standing beside her was a big dog, a rough-looking Alsatian with a red collar round his shabby neck.

They were both looking at Diana, and she looked back at them with an odd sense of unreality, as if this was something she was seeing in a dream, till the girl moved and spoke.

"What were you thinking about?" she asked.

"Thinking about?" Diana felt a little bewildered. "I don't know; just—things."

The two girls looked at one another, and it was Diana who spoke next.

"I know who you are," she said. "Your name is Rosalie." Then she flushed and wished she had not spoken.

But the other girl only smiled.

"Yes, my name is Rosalie," she said.

There was a little silence, then she asked, "Do you mind if I sit down?"

Diana moved a little to make room for her.

"Are you fond of music?" Rosalie asked suddenly.

"Yes—yes, I think I am," Diana said, feeling rather bewildered.

"Do you sing?"

"No."

"I do. Listen." And suddenly she began to sing, quite naturally and as if it were nothing out of the ordinary suddenly to start singing to a perfect stranger.

She had a charming voice, rather small, but wonderfully true and clear, and she sang a little song which Diana had never heard before.

"How we met, what need to say? When or where, Years ago or yesterday, Here or there?"

All the song is—once we met, She and I:

Once, but never to forget Till we die

All the song is that we meet Never now,

"Hast thou yet forgotten, sweet?"

"Love, hast thou?"

The sweet voice stopped, and Diana was surprised to feel tears on her cheeks.

"That is very pretty," she said, hastily brushing them away.

"Yes, isn't it? Donald likes it too."

There was a little silence.

"When is he coming back?" Diana asked.

"I don't know; he never tells me. He just comes."

"I see."

The dog suddenly pricked up his ears and slowly started to wag his feathery tail as a man in chauffeur's uniform came along the winding path.

"It's time to go home, Miss Rosalie."

"Very well." She rose obediently, smiled at Diana, and was gone.

During the next few days Diana saw Rosalie twice. Once she met her being driven up the village street in Rathbone's limousine, looking out of the window with rather weary eyes, with the big shabby dog sitting beside her. Moved by a sudden impulse, Diana waved a hand to her, but she received no recognition in reply. Rosalie's mournful eyes met hers without interest, as if they had never seen her before.

One morning she had a bright idea.

"I'm going to send to London for my car," she informed Miss Starling.

The Creature looked up.

"To drive yourself?" she asked.

"To drive myself," Diana mocked her. "Why not? I've driven myself for years. I'm a good driver. Would you be afraid to trust yourself to me?"

"I should enjoy it very much indeed, but we must ask Dr. Rathbone first if it will be wise."

Diana frowned.

"I'm tired of being dictated to by him; besides—well, he hasn't been near me for ages."

She wrote to London that morning and then went off to the farm

to see Mr. Shurey and ask about garage accommodation.

CHAPTER XII.

That evening Dr. Rathbone called. He told her how well she looked.

"Do you realize," he asked her, "that you will soon be back in your beloved London?"

She looked at him quickly.

"Why do you call it that?"

"Well, isn't it?"

"It used to be."

"And will be again. You'll see. Once you have said goodbye to the country—" He stopped, and she asked:

"What then? I suppose you think I shall forget all about the weeks I've been here and never want to come back again?"

(Continued Next Week.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and two children, Junior and Tyajuana, and little granddaughter, Gloria Ella Wells, of Lamesa were guests of Mrs. H. N. Smith, O. L. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson for Sunday till Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian were week-end guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Norton, of Sterling City.

Miss Maurine Smith is spending the week as guest of her grandparents at Stanton.

John Crain returned Saturday from a business trip to Dallas.

Messrs. and Mesdames John Payne, Roger Williams, Sam McLeod and Yokum attended the singing at Colorado City Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Burleson has returned to her home in San Antonio after a visit of several weeks here with relatives and friends.

Mesdames Murry Rogers, N. H. Rogers and Pete Hendrix of Colorado were recent guests in the M. L. Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steadman and their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Warren of McAlester, Okla., were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steadman a few days last week. They were accompanied home by Grandma Steadman who plans to visit them for sometime.

BALL GAME.

Trent met the Merkel team on their ground Friday for a game, the score being 4 to 1 in favor of Trent. Players were: Harvey Jones, Henry Lee Tittle, Wilbur and William Weaver, Orion Tittle, Delton Jones, Charlie Reed, L. D. Jones, pitcher. Scores were made by Henry Lee Tittle, 3, and William Weaver, 1.

FORTY-TWO AND BRIDGE PARTY.

On last Friday evening Misses Bessie, Mary and Murle Jones entertained a number of friends in their home when games of "42" and bridge were enjoyed. Bessie Jones and William Weaver winning high score in bridge, while Ina Mae Tittle and Lona Bright were winners in "42". The guest list included: Lona and Henry Bright, Katherine and Henry Lee Tittle, Frances Jones, Cullen Tittle, William and Wilbur Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tittle, Mrs. Jack Tinkle of Merkel and Nolan Palmer of Stith.

WHITE FLAT

County Superintendent Stewart came to our school Wednesday morning; he was accompanied by Mr. Hamilton of Sweetwater, who presented our school with a beautiful framed copy of "The Moral Code of the Lions Club" and also gave several musical numbers on the harp.

Leonard Stribling called on Miss Victorine Bishop of Trent Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hand were guests in the W. H. Beane home in Sweetwater Sunday.

Among those from here to attend the play "Fingerprints" at Butman Saturday evening were Florence Keagans and also Edd Freeman.

Singing here Sunday afternoon was not so well attended as the convention met in Colorado at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wolfe of Newby spent the week-end in the Keagan home.

Mr. Melvin Westbrook was attending to business in Sweetwater Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lynch of Eastland and Miss Jennie Godfrey of Sweetwater visited in the A. H. Purser home Sunday.

Miss Thelma Casey, who taught the Bitter Creek school the past term, has returned to her home at Santa Anna. She has been re-elected to teach at Bitter Creek next year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sheffield and daughter, Joy, were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

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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.

COMPERE NEWS

The fine season has caused the farmers to put away their frowns and don smiles. Everyone is busy gardening, and patiently waiting until the ground is suitable for planting.

The community met last Wednesday for its yearly cemetery working. Quite a few attended and a great deal of work was accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor and Mrs. M. K. Milner and daughter, Kathleen, were Anson visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall and families, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas of noodle.

The young folks of this community enjoyed a party at Raymond Stout's Saturday night.

School visitors for the past week were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr., Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, Mrs. Emory Wilburn, Mrs. Lon Loven and daughter, Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, Mrs. W. T. McAninch, Mrs. Ray Lucas, Mrs. Manuel Lucas and Misses Ina May Childers, Foy Wilburn, Flora Adkin, Melba Tarvin and Bessie Stout.

N. R. Palmer and Edd Breeze made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Will Spurgin and sons spent the past week-end with her sister, Mrs. Armstrong of Goodman.

A large crowd enjoyed the singing at Zion Chapel Sunday night. Several Noodle visitors attended, and we cordially invite them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Milner and daughter, Kathleen, visited relatives and friends at Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. McAninch was the Sunday night and Monday guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

A. W. Clemmer and family visited relatives in Sylvester Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sherrell had quite a few dinner guests Sunday. A fine time and "lots" of eats were reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Eteyl Spurgin spent Saturday night with Raymond Stout and family.

"Fish" has been the main menu in the homes of this community since the rains.

Wednesday, May the eleventh, will mark the closing of one of Compere's most successful school terms. The closing school program will be given on the night of May the eleventh. This program will consist of short plays, drills and songs. The school children are planning on enjoying a picnic on Tuesday before school closes Wednesday.

Thursday night, May twelfth, the Compere community will present, "The Wild Oats Boy." From all reports this is to be the "hit of the season." This play is to be given free and the public is invited. The cast is as follows:

- Aunt Anne, Fannie Ramsey.
- Della, Foy Wilburn.
- Judy, Ina Mae Childers.
- Danny Murphy, Jeff Chaney.
- Patricia Gilden, Flora Adkin.
- Eve Martin, Bessie Stout.
- Eddie, Charles Childers.
- Jake Peters, Clyde Chaney.
- Prue, Mrs. Ben Adkin.
- Charlie Benton, Frank Merritt.
- Trout, Albert Chaney.
- Seth, Ross Merritt.
- Mose, Jordan Clemmer.

Shiloh Happenings

The farmers of this community are busy planting since the fine rains.

Mrs. George T. Greene is visiting his niece, Mrs. M. L. James.

Mrs. Lottie Greene of Abilene spent the last week in the C. W. Seago home.

Mrs. Waters and Miss Elliott motored over to Winters Sunday afternoon to visit Miss Cook, whose mother is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and Mrs. Lottie Greene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cummins Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ab Vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Rutledge were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge Sunday evening.

Mrs. Manson James is on the sick list this week.

We had a large crowd out Sunday morning for Sunday School and we hope to see more next Sunday. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

There will be a cemetery working of Shiloh church Thursday, May 12. Come and bring your hoe, rake and a full basket. There will be plenty of coffee for everyone.

Watch for the negro minstrel to be played soon at the school house.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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RURAL SOCIETY

QUILTING PARTY.

The ladies of Stith community met at Mrs. J. D. Daniels on Wednesday, April 27, in the afternoon and quilted for her. There were two quilts, her friendship quilt and Zenna quilt; most of the two quilts were quilted.

We wish to thank each lady for their help. Several were here from Merkel and Abilene.

Those present were: Mesdames Jake Zablouid, Clyde Daniel, both from Abilene, Bill Dunagin, Walter Vantreesse, Fred Kelso, Virgil Mashburn, Ollie West, W. E. Dillon, Denison, Texas, W. I. Burton, Merkel, P. B. Bradley, Bryan Dunagin, W. A. Ford, Grandma Burton, S. R. Dwigins, Ada Culp, Maggie Wilson, Frank Monday, Fletcher Jones, T. E. Woolsey, J. M. Varner, Grandma Massey, W. C. Church, Bob Mashburn, Algine Daniel, Callie D. Reeves, Misses Myrtle Massey, Louise Hudson, Irmaree Dwigins, Nina Vantreesse, Erma J. Wilson, Helen Kelso, Mr. W. C. Church and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel.

GOLAN CLUB NEWS.

Our club is doing good work and making much progress in our business transactions.

The girls' club enjoyed a picnic on the river Wednesday morning and met with the woman's club in the afternoon.

Miss Bonner gave a very interesting talk on "Lines for Types," and "Colors Suitable to Certain Types."

The club women are sponsoring the Mothers' Day program. We invite all visitors.

Our president, Mrs. C. S. Duncan, gave a report of the last council meeting and found out also that since the cheese demonstration last fall 437 1-2 gallons of milk had been made by the club women, making over 400 pounds of cheese.

Mrs. L. C. Williams, our wardrobe demonstrator, will help all co-operators plan adequate storage space at our next meeting May 11.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey gave some very interesting information in their talks last Wednesday evening. We had one visitor. All visitors are invited and club members are urged to come.

MT. PLEASANT DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, May 3, at Mrs. J. S. Humphreys' home. Mrs. Craig Humphreys and Mrs. J. S. Humphreys demonstrated "How to Prepare a Meal with Food in Tin Cans." Also we all got our blocks for our friendship quilt. We hope to have our cooker and sealer by the time our gardens are ready for the cans. We also elected some ladies to help the president to make rules for the use of the canner.

Our club is still growing and we invite people to come and see what we are doing.

Ice cream and cake were served to: Mesdames C. R. Roland, Elsie Roland, John Curb, L. R. Click, Mae Reidenbach, F. S. Smith, O. D. Pruitt, J. A. Russell, R. S. Darden, Jr., G. B. Vanlandingham, H. M. Vanlandingham, J. S. Anderson, J. A. Anderson, Jake Grenfield, K. Garrett,

Craig Humphreys, Wat Blair, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Misses Dolly Hay, Mae Pruitt, Emma Bell Boyett and Anna Bell Bailey.

Tye Senior Class Presents Comedy

Graduating class of the Tye high school presented a comedy, "Safety First," at the school auditorium Friday night.

Students taking part were Jack Montgomery, Jerry Arnold, Benson Jowers, Windell Faulks, Woodrow Hinds, Eileen Smith, Estelle Ayers, Floyd Isom, Maurine Hinds, Margaret Street.

County Crop Loans Total Under \$8,000

No more than 91 Taylor county farmers sought federal aid in producing their 1932 crops, it was revealed in a report of H. L. Johnston, loan agent for a five-county area, issued late Saturday, shortly before the period for filing loan applications closed.

Until Saturday 83 applicants had filed for an aggregate of \$7,394, an average of \$79. Mr. Johnston said he had on hand eight additional applications for the county committee's consideration, but the figures were not available for the final total.

Capone Starts Trip To Atlanta Prison

Washington, May 5.—Al Capone Monday was denied a review by the supreme court of his conviction for evading income taxes.

The ruling meant that America's most notorious gangster had lost his last legal chance of escaping his 11-year sentence.

As is customary, the court did not give its reason for refusing to open the case. It previously had refused to interfere with sentences imposed on Ralph Capone, Al's brother, and other members of the Capone gang convicted for failure to pay income taxes.

Capone was indicted June 5, 1931, on charges of evading his 1925, 1926 and 1927 federal income taxes.

In addition to his 11-year sentence, he was fined \$50,000. The penalties were confirmed by the seventh circuit court of appeals Feb. 27, 1932, and on March 23, 1932, he was denied a rehearing.

Closely flanked by half a dozen federal agents, Capone was hurried from his county jail cell late Tuesday night and started on his way to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

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WARREN NEWS

The farmers are very busy since the big rain last week.

School will close the fourth of May. All the pupils have been taking their exams this week.

Mr. R. O. Ely from Tye has been visiting his brother, Mat Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden of Merkel spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson.

Mrs. Wilson from Winters is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ben Stello.

Mrs. Doyal Gilmore from Big Spring spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Newman.

Buster McCoy and Gaston Hobbs attended the party at Raymond Stout's Saturday night.

Miss Ruth Thornton from Swinson spent the week-end with Lottie McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday afternoon with her mother.

Mrs. Finch of Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones were dinner guests of Mrs. B. E. McCoy Sunday.

TRUBY NEWS

Everyone is wearing a broad smile since the fine rains.

Farmers have already begun planting feed and cotton and if the weeds do not grow too fast there will be some time left to go fishing.

Reverend Mr. Coggin preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night. There was a good crowd out at both services.

The negro minstrel, which was rendered Friday night, was well attended and highly enjoyed.

Mr. John Henry Palmer has returned from Big Spring where he attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Alice Yurcell, who died April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell and J. R. Mathis were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

L. O. Bowen and son, Newell, made a business trip to Abilene recently.

Miss Pha Samson was a recent visitor in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell were

Sunday afternoon guests in the Wilson home at Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Grogan visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris of the Zion Chapel community last Sunday afternoon.

J. T. Grogan is ill with pneumonia at this writing.

GOLAN NEWS

Last week's fine rains are rushing farm work now. Grain is fast improving and many gardens are being planted.

There is quite a bit of sickness in our community. Little John Robert Hill has been sick since Wednesday but is greatly improved now.

Mr. Frank Lawlis visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Frank Turner and family are moving to the Rio Grande valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner had visitors from Sweetwater Sunday.

The mothers and children met at the church house Sunday evening to practice the Mothers Day program for May 8.

Our program will be rendered in the afternoon. Visitors are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Heron enjoyed a "picnic supper" cooked on the river Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. S. Williams visited her parents of the Newman community last Friday.

Miss Tinsy Boy of Newman visited with her cousin, Evagene Williams, a few days last week.

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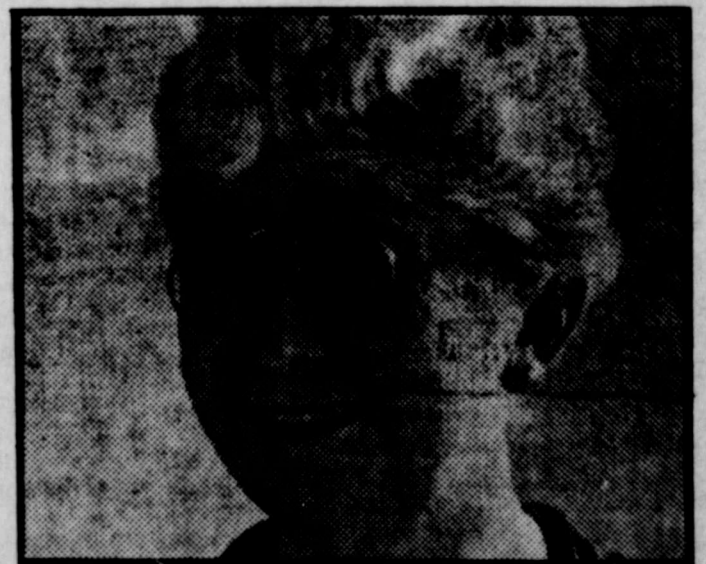
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THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET.

The main event of every school year is when the Juniors are hosts to the Seniors at a banquet.

The Junior-Senior banquet of 1932 was held in the Lions' club hall on Friday night, April 29. "The Blazed Trail," the motif of the banquet, was carried out throughout the evening. A unique tent or wigwam placed in the back of the hall and several cacti placed on the tables were two of the things that helped to make the banquet more attractive. Small campfires placed on each table gave the mystic effect that made everyone feel glad to be alive. A large yellow light shining from above completed the decorations.

The program for the evening, which was a very clever one, was called the "Last Rehearsal." The director of the play was Imogene Middleton, who acted as toastmistress. Some advice to the players was given by Mr. Riddle. The theme song of the play was a song, "There's a Long, Long Trail," sung by the Sophomore girls. Lucille Campbell gave the place of the play, which was followed by the time, a song by Mildred Richardson and Margaret Miller. Frances Marie Church gave the prologue. The characters in the play were the American pioneers.

The scenes of this play were very interesting. The first scene was called "Hardships," a reading by Nell Hughes. The second scene was called "Steadfastness," given by Howard Stanley. The third scene was called "The Outcome," a reading by Jim Patterson.

After the scenes had been witnessed Paul Collins gave a critic's view. After the critic's view, Dr. E. D. Salkeld gave a very interesting talk on "Following the Trail." Dr. Salkeld, who was the main speaker of the evening, gave some very interesting instructions as to how to follow the trail of life. He said that every student in high school had a soul garden, and he advised everyone not to trample on the garden, but to follow the trail.

The menu for this banquet, which was served by the Methodist women, consisted of: vegetable salad, pressed chicken, rolls, string beans, deviled eggs, potatoes, stuffed apples, ice cream, angel food cake and iced tea. The Juniors had as their guests for this affair the Senior class of '32, the Merkel High School faculty, members of the school board and Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Salkeld.

W. W. W. W. W. W. CLUB.

We betcha miss the Senior girls next year. Somebody has already told us he would, Mr. Riddle, to be exact. Just think Sis won't be in his history class to eat peanuts, and Marie won't be there to giggle and to keep the class informed about what Ross is doing.

Another thing, we betcha miss us at the banquet next year 'cause whom will you get to flip spoons and break glasses? We are sure none of the present Junior girls would be so immodest. Since our days are now numbered we intend to "make waste while the fun lasts." We have already given the T. A. C. members fair warning. Just look out Senior Day!

CHAPEL NEWS.

The student body of Merkel High school was honored last Tuesday afternoon when Dr. C. C. Selecman, president of Southern Methodist university, spoke to us for a few minutes. Dr. Selecman was here to attend the district conference. He also spoke at the Methodist church Tuesday night.

THE JUNIORS.

The banquet is over now. That is almost the way we feel. But school is almost out—only two more weeks. It is hard for us to realize the end is so near. Can you imagine the noisy Juniors being Seniors in two more weeks?

We're sorry to think of this, too, because, you see, we are certainly missing an important thing and that is the Seniors. We're going to miss them much more than they think. They have certainly meant much to us. Here's luck to them!

SPORT NEWS.

Shannon, who won the mile at district meet, left Thursday for Austin, where he will compete in the state meet. He was taken to Austin by Coach R. B. Irvin. Cephas Wozencraft, captain of the track team, and J. T. Darsey, Jr., accompanied Coach and Shannon on the trip. Almost 70 contestants will enter in the mile run at the same time; therefore, if Shannon is unlucky and draws a place toward

the rear, his or anybody else's chances of winning will be small. We are hoping that Shannon will win, but, win or lose, we appreciate the hard work that he has done to get in condition.

Spring training is still in progress. The squad was divided into two teams last week, and an overtime game was played. The final score was 36-0.

CHAPEL.

Rev. Ross A. Smith, who is holding the Baptist meeting, spoke to the student body Friday morning, April the twenty-ninth.

His subject was "The Possible Powers of the Students." To do the will of God should be the aim of everyone, no matter what profession he might be in. God's will is that the lost must be saved and the saved must serve God. To help others on and to serve God is life's highest privilege. This brings joy to the soul, cheerfulness to the heart and a crown for your head. Brother Smith defined service as the rent we pay for the space we occupy. God is life and to surrender our lives to God we must at all times do His will.

Brother King made the announcement that Saturday night was to be High School night at the meeting and it was his wish that all the high school students be present.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors certainly did have a great deal of fun at the Junior-Senior banquet. If it is possible, we appreciate the Juniors more after this wonderful banquet. After we leave school, we shall look back at our school days in M. H. S. and remember our dear "ole" friends in the Junior class who made our last year in high school so pleasant.

There is another reason why we are happy. Today, May 6, is Senior Day! Just wait until we get back and we shall tell you more!

Mr. Riddle told this for the truth: "On Rosy's first trip to town, he bought about a dozen bananas. After he had eaten them, someone asked him how he liked bananas and he replied, 'They were all right, but the cobs were kinda large!'"

HIGH POINTS IN THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET.

Johnnie was discovered to be a very charming young lady.

It was discovered that Cephas liked to sit by "red-heads."

B. P. learned how to make lemonade.

Ida is not taller than Toombs.

Margaret was not dressed as if she were going to a ball, but to a ball game (so she says.)

The Sophomore girls proved themselves to be real singers and waitresses.

The president of the Senior and the president of the Junior class were found to be a very good looking couple.

THAT SENIOR MISTAKE.

We Freshmen wish to correct the mistake made by the Seniors in the "Badger Weekly." If some of the Seniors would remember their Freshman science or physical geography they would know that the so called "cyclone" was not a "cyclone," but a tornado.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Ten of the Sophomore girls were greatly honored when they were asked to be waitresses at the Junior-Senior banquet. Those girls were: Sarah Sheppard, Caribel Mansfield, Frances Adcock, Billy Gardner, Opal Vick, Bessylea Church, Pauline Wiman, Wanda Hunter, Julia Proctor and Lois Whiteley. The waitresses think that the banquet went over with a bang!!

Each of the Sophomores are striving harder to become Juniors because it won't be long now till we'll have to tell all we know on examinations.

Merkel Girl Wins Music Scholarship

Miss Thelma McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, a student of John Tarleton college, has won for the second time a music scholarship from John Tarleton Conservatory of Music. This scholarship is given on high merit of musical attainment. Miss McAninch is secretary of the Fine Arts club of the college and student assistant pianist for the voice students and some other student musical organizations of the college. She frequently appears in the college musical programs.

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:

P. 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 District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, May 5.—Slaughter steers and yearlings formed bulk of cattle run at Fort Worth Wednesday and the offerings of slaughter steers consisted mostly of plain grassers. Slaughter calves held to a steady basis, a few heavy fat calves moving around \$4.00.

Cattle: 2,400; 400 calves; about steady; slaughter steers slow; grass slaughter steers 4.50; bulk of steers of value to sell from 3.75-4.50; good fed yearlings 5.00-5.50; well-finished butcher sorts 2.50; sausage bulls 1.75; stocker steers 4.50; heavy fat calves 4.50; plainer grades 3.50 down; package lots vealers to 6.50.

Cattle Shipments.

On Monday Collins Brothers shipped a car of calves to the Fort Worth market.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

GINNED 2 TO 8 BALES at a time, selling 300 pounds seed, then saving balance, pure Mebane, 3 bushels to \$1.00. M. Armstrong.

FOR SALE—Well matured acclimated sudan seed at \$1.00 per hundred. Sam Butman, Jr., at Butman ranch.

FOR SALE—A few bushels of Quality planting seed, 30c per bushel. See A. J. Canon or Bryan Dunagin.

FOR SALE—Model T Ford truck; good metal body and extra low gear, \$16.00; cash. See Mrs. A. C. Boney.

WANTED

GOOD GRASS and water for pasturage—50 cents per month for cattle and \$1.00 for horses. A. J. Barbee, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED—Washing at 12 1-2 cents per dozen; satisfaction guaranteed. Rickie Rister.

INSURANCE—Elderly people to 80 years; most reasonable rate. Write S. R. Thomas, 397 Meander street, Abilene, Texas.

LOST AND FOUND

STOLEN—1926 blue Ford roadster from my home. Notify Dr. W. M. Gambill.

LOST—A \$5 bill inside of baby's white sock. Mrs. A. V. Henslee, Merkel, Texas, Route 5.

LEGAL NOTICE.

ELECTION NOTICE.

By virtue of authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, Texas, on the second Saturday in May, same being the 14th day of the month, A. D. 1932, for the purpose of electing two aldermen to serve for a period of two years.

Said election shall be held in the Fire Station and shall conform as nearly as possible with state election laws. Polls shall open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 p. m. J. P. Sharp, Sr. is hereby appointed election judge.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1932. (Seal.) W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

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AND SUNDAY, MAY 6, 7, 8

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Merkel, Texas

Good News Received From Judge Wheeler

Under date of April 26, our good friend, Judge W. W. Wheeler, in a letter to The Mail tells interestingly of his trip to Savannah, Mo., and of the favorable results of the treatment he is taking. The letter in full follows:

"In order that my friends may get a report on my trip to this little Northwestern Missouri city that lies nestled among the hills. On April 17th at 6 a. m. with my son, Ross, at the wheel and his wife, Mr. Sharp and myself as passengers, we entered the open sea by way of Wichita Falls (Texas), Chickasha (Okla.), Oklahoma City to Bristow, 407 miles, where we spent the night. On the 18th we traveled by way of Tulsa, Vinita, Joplin, Mo., Carthage, Kansas City, Mo., St. Joseph to Savannah, 410 miles a total of 817 in daylight time. On the 19th, I registered at Dr. Nichols Sanatorium for treatment. On the 20th I took two treatments, which was repeated on the 21st, both morning and evening. Then on the night of the 21st the surgical part was performed with the slightest pain imaginable. The doctors encourage me by telling me that my troubles are over. On the 22nd I was put under police treatment, which with healing salves

will keep us here about two weeks. Mr. Sharp will return home in a few days.

"In passing I want to say that no person who has not visited this institution could begin to imagine what is being done here."

To Show New Ford Here May 6, 7 and 8

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week, the Merkel Motor company will have on exhibit one of the new V-8 Fords, a Tudor sedan, and the public is cordially invited to call and inspect same.

W. W. Haynes, local Ford manager, was in Abilene Monday to attend a sales meeting for the study of the new V-8 Ford, at which about 40 salesmen were present.

H. W. Garrett, sales promotion manager, A. W. Yeager, branch technician, and L. E. Hawkins, zone manager, of Dallas, conducted the session.

Connected with Dowell's.

Clarence Perry, well known shoe repair man, is now connected with Dowell's Top and Shoe Shop, a fact his friends will be very glad to learn. The Dowell shop has just installed some new machinery and, with Clarence at the throttle, is better prepared than ever to handle the trade.

THE RED & WHITE STORE

REMEMBER

MAY 14TH IS THE LAST DAY RED & WHITE AND BLUE & WHITE LABELS MAY BE BROUGHT IN.

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

MAY 6 AND 7

Strawberries fresh Arkansas, quart 15c

ORANGES, dozen 10c

APPLES, dozen 10c

BEANS fresh green pound 15c

LETTUCE, head 5c

SPUDS 10 pounds 17c

PINEAPPLE, R & W, No. 1 can, each 10c

SUGAR pure cane, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 47c

PRESERVES, R & W, strawberry, 1 lb. jar 25c

FRUITS canned No. 10, blackberries, apricots, peaches, plums or pineapple 49c

CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

Apple Butter B & W quart 25c

PEAS, R & W, No. 2 can 19c

TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

GELATINE DESSERT, R & W, 2 for 15c

MAYONNAISE, R & W, 8 oz. 14c, 16 oz. 27c

BRAN, R & W, each 10c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 60c, 48 lbs. \$1.05

Tea R & W 1-4 pound 19c

1-2 pound 37c

BACON, sliced, pound 15c

Shortening Cream of Cotton 8 lb. pail 55c

WEINERS, 2 pounds 25c

JOWLS, dry salt, pound 5c

CHURCHES

Gordon Weir, Abilene, Re-elected President Christian Endeavor

Gordon Weir of Abilene was re-elected president of the district Christian Endeavor society at closing sessions of the annual three-day convention Sunday at Albany. The term will be Mr. Weir's second.

Installation of officers for 1932-33 took place at the afternoon conference under the direction of Rev. L. B. Gray of Ranger. Other officials are R. A. Clark, Breckenridge, vice president; Mary Irwin, San Angelo, vice president; Mary Pence, Abilene, secretary; Mrs. Frank Dearing, Abilene, treasurer; C. I. Read, Sweetwater, junior activities; Hanson Granger, Abilene, publicity; Thelma Gordon, Albany, "The World," C. E. newspaper; Juanita Durham, Albany, missionary; Huie Tucker, Abilene, stewardship; Jim Patterson, Merkel, extension work; Rev. H. G. Markley of Breckenridge and Rev. Wood of San Angelo, pastor counselors; Rev. Gabino Rendon, San Angelo, Mexican work.

Consolidation of the Abilene and Brownwood district societies was announced, with the body to be called the Mid-West Texas Christian Endeavor district. It will include 25 counties.

Counties of the old Brownwood district were Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Mills, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCullough and San Saba.

The next meeting will be held in San Angelo.

Mileage banner went to the intermediate union of the First Christian church at Sweetwater. A wall pledge was awarded the Senior society and a pin presented the society president, of the Breckenridge First Christian church. In the sharp shooting contest, Frieda Rosenthal of San Angelo won the C. E. pin.

Rev. Patrick Henry, head of the Texas Christian Missionary society, conducted a decision service at which time two members from the San Angelo society joined the life workers band. A union chorus furnished music.

Those from here who attended the convention were: Jack West, David Gamble, Emmett Thompson, Foy Woodard, Kenneth Cribley, Waymon Richards, Jack Patterson, Kennedy Whiteley, Leo Harris, Mike Vickers, Neal Durham and Jim Patterson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
The banner attendance of 1932 was reported at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel with 949 present last Sunday. The previous high mark for the year was 888 on Sunday, April 18.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
For the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service to be held at the usual place, the Grace Presbyterian church, the scripture lesson next Sunday will be the 15th chapter of Romans. There will be the usual interesting and inspiring song service and special music. The lesson will be taught by S. M. Hunter. A cordial invitation to be present and take part in the service is extended to all the men in Merkel and the surrounding communities.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance good last Sunday.

There will not be a preaching service Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

HI LEAGUE PROGRAM.
Song.
Roll call.
Song.
Sentence prayers.
Leader, Mollye F. Touchstone.
Scripture: Matthew, 3rd chapter.
"Life of Saint Matthew," Janet Hayes.
Matthews 3:1-6, Mollye F. Touchstone.
Matthew 3:6-12, J. V. Patterson.
Matthew 3:12-17, Jaunita Huskey.
Benediction.
Our attendance has been small but, we hope it will increase. Everyone come next Sunday at 6:30.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.
Revival still on, fine services. Some saved, some have joined the church. Services each evening 7:30 throughout the week.
Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. Subject for morning services in commemoration of Mothers' Day. There will be a special song. At 7:30 p. m. we will render a Mothers' Day

program. Special papers, readings and songs for Mothers' Day. Everyone welcome.
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"What is a Fundamentalist?" Answer: "Those who believe and stand on the foundation principles of the whole divinely inspired word of God, plus nothing and minus nothing," believing in the supernatural power of God, and we bring no volcanoes to our rescue to explain away the supernatural, nor monkeys to aid in the existence of man, no burdensome, unscriptural institutions to swallow up or hinder the progress of the gospel of Jesus Christ, no high-brow, stiff-necked, puffed-up society fast steps to rule or ruin, no click or clan or secret caucus to "lord it over;" no head over the church but Christ, the pastor their overseer, and the Holy Spirit their leader

Come and worship with us every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights, also Sunday 11 a. m. Bible school Sunday 9:45 a. m. Our church, only 16 weeks old, has a membership of 88 and a Bible school of 144. "Mother's Day service Sunday night. Brother Stone preaches Sunday 11 a. m., Brother Gire Sunday 8 p. m.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Time, Sunday, 7:30 p. m.
Scripture, Romans 10:11-21.
Subject, "Salvation Open to All Believers."

Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketchum.
Verses 11-12, Sallie Mae Salter; 13-14, Louis Ketchum; 15, Mrs. Lena Price; 16-17, Lizzie Webster; 18, John Reagh; 19, Rex Martin; 20, Mrs. Griffin; 21, Irene Salter.

13-Plate batteries \$4.50 on exchange. Dr. Curley's Repair Shop.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

MATTERS MUSICAL

"Pan on a Summer's Day," a cantata by Paul Bliss, will be presented by the Abilene Musical Coterie at the Abilene High School auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock. W. J. Work will direct the chorus of ladies voices while members of the dancing class of Imogene Anderson will present the cantata in pantomime on the stage. Rose Mary Caplin will appear as "Pan" and Fay Grisham as "Night." Twenty other little dancers will represent sunbeams, dewdrops, cobwebs, raindrops and bees. The public is cordially invited; there will be no admission charge.

RECITAL.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman presents her pupils in recital at the Methodist church on Thursday, May 12, at 8 p. m., in the following program:

Invocation, Rev. E. L. Yeats.
Song, "Medley," class.
"Doll's Dream," (Oesten,) Mary Joe Garland.

"Mignonette," (Earle,) Helen Heeter.
"Adonis Galop," (Streaborg,) Richmond Buford and Lawrence Thornton.

"Dolly of Radio Land," (Risher,) Betty Jane Diltz.
"The Jolly Soldier Boys," (Risher,) Janelle Black.

"Bicycle Race," (Holt,) Mary Jo Russell and Mabel Murray.
"A Morning in the Woods," (Spencer,) Billie Bernice Gambill.

"El Capitan," (Souza,) Lois Whiteley and Julia Proctor.
"Throwing Kisses," (Heins,) Alice Russell.

"La Chatelaine," (De Luc,) Mabel Murray.
"Promenade Polka," (Ringuet,) Margaret Miller, Mary Zoe West and Billie Bernice Gambill.

"Lauterbach," (Ryder,) Mary Jo Russell.
"Military March," (Bucher,) Juanita Bishop and Frances Higgins.

"The Myrtles," (Wachs,) Lois Whiteley.
"Goblins," (Ketterer,) Billie and Don Wood.

"Warbling at Eve," (Richards,) Mary Zoe West.
"Valse Lorraine," (Mesa,) Juanita Bishop, Lena Mae Moore, Molly

Frank Touchstone and Opal Busbee. Mary (of Jonesville), Marie (of Boston), Mary Jo Russell and Mabel Murray.

"Dance of the Hay-Makers," (Wilson,) Lois Whiteley, Alice Russell and Julia Proctor.

"Cascade of Roses," (Ascher,) Margaret Miller.
"Tripping over the Lawn," (Rand,) Richmond Buford, Billie and Don Wood.

"A Japanese Love Song," (Thomas,) Molly Frank Touchstone.
"Electric Flash," (Goerdeler,) Mrs. Earthman and Margaret Miller.

Conference

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department of church work in a ten minute address. Two young men, Roy Patterson of Merkel and Ralph Moreman of Abilene, were licensed to preach. The Merkel trio, composed of Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mrs. E. L. Yeats and Miss Lola Shelton, sang to the delight of the conference. Dr. A. J. Weeks, editor of the Southwestern Advocate, spoke, followed by President Brabham of the Texas Women's college. The latter preached the sermon Wednesday night.

Reports by the pastors were presented Thursday morning, all charges showing increase and forward work. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Elmer Crabtree of Abilene.

Delegates elected to the annual conference to meet in Amarillo Nov. 10 were: W. E. Jarrett, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, J. B. Baldrige, C. A. Cockrell, Abilene; Clark Church, Stith; J. H. Burford, Ovalo; Otis Miller, Anson; R. A. Burgess, Merkel; Billy Bryan, Hamlin; E. L. Mangum, Trent; alternates, Mrs. J. M. Fryar, Albany; J. H. Carleton, McCauley; Mrs. Ed Gist, Hamby; J. A. Caton, Cross Plains; A. L. Johnson, Baird.

After C. C. Cheneweth of Abilene presented to the conference for approval the proposition offered by Abilene for a camp ground at Lake Abilene, the matter was discussed and action postponed until Thursday afternoon.

Reports of committees were the order of business for the closing session Thursday afternoon.

At the Thursday afternoon session McCauley was named as the meeting place for the 1933 conference.

RESIDENT HERE SINCE 1885 DIES

Mrs. Lou Looney, Daughter of Grandma Wiman, Passes Away After Long Illness.

Death wrote finis Monday to the long and useful life of Mrs. Lou Looney, who had been a resident of Taylor county for 47 years and who was one of Merkel's best known and most loved women. She had been in ill health for several years.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon from the Church of Christ, conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert, assisted by O. J. Adcock. Interment was in the family lot at Rose Hill beside the grave of her father.

Louisa Ann Buckingham, (her maiden name,) was born in Graves county, Ky., September 7, 1862, and moved with her parents to Texas when she was a small girl. She was married to H. R. Looney in Ellis county on June 25, 1879, and the couple moved to Taylor county in 1885. Her mother, Mrs. Emily Wiman, age 89, is one of the oldest settlers here. Her husband died in Ellis county about 18 years ago and is buried there.

A member of the Church of Christ, Mrs. Looney was ever a faithful and conscientious church worker; unselfish in her devotion to her loved ones, she leaves a memory long to be cherished as dutiful daughter, loyal wife and devoted mother.

Six children and a brother, J. T.

Buckingham of Dallas, survive. Daughters are Mrs. Frank Willis of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. R. F. Collier, Houston; Mrs. Walter Thoreen, Worcester, Mass.; and sons are W. E. Looney, Dallas; M. D. Looney, Berger, and Albert Looney, Los Angeles, Calif.

Seven half-brothers and sisters also survive. They are Mrs. W. F. Scarborough of Midland, who attended the funeral; Mrs. George F. West of Merkel; Mrs. B. A. Cox of Houston; Mrs. Ed Stephenson of Augusta, Ark.; A. E. Wiman of Merkel; Milton Wiman of Tulsa; Tom Wiman of Loraine.

Furniture Exchange.

J. F. Campbell has opened a furniture repair and exchange in the building on Elm street next to the Blake's Dry Cleaners. He will be in position to repair and renovate old and broken furniture and solicits your patronage.

Bear Kats Defeat Merkel.

The Merkel boys took the short end of 16-3 score in their game Sunday with the Abilene Bear Kats. Merkel was limited to seven hits, while the Bear Kats totalled 12. Ten errors Merkel boys tell the story.

Will Preach at Noodle.

G. W. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ at Noodle. Everyone is cordially invited.

Cemetery Working at Shiloh.

Tuesday of next week, May 12, is the date for the annual working of the cemetery at Shiloh church. Everyone is urged to be on hand and assist in the work.

SPECIALS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FREE--FREE--FREE

At our store all day Saturday, Woman's Club Tea and Iten's Cakes and Crackers will be served.

COMPOUND, full 8 pound pail	55c
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds	95c
SOAP, P & G or Crystal White, 10 bars	33c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	27c
TEA, Woman's Club, 1-2 pound can	35c
TEA, Woman's Club, 1-4 pound can	18c
COFFEE, Woman's Club, 3 lb. with Pork & Beans FREE	95c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lbs, quart jar	27c
PEANUT BUTTER, 5 pound bucket	53c
SYRUP, cane crush, gallon	59c
STRAWBERRIES, Arkansas, qt. boxes	15c
BEANS, fresh, per pound	15c
SALAD DRESSING, McCartys, 16 oz. jar with head lettuce FREE	23c
APPLE BUTTER, 100 per cent pure, qt.	22c
DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prunes and apples, 2 pounds	23c
FRUITS, blackberries, apricots, peaches, plums or pineapple, gallon	45c
CRACKER'S, Iten's Fairy's, 3 lb. box	31c
CRACKERS, Iten's Fairy's, 2 lb. box	23c
CRACKERS, Graham, Iten's 2 lb. box	25c
CAKES, Iten's Fig Squares, 2 lbs.	23c

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An Important Announcement To Our Customers

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your valued patronage and loyalty and to ask your continued co-operation in this very important change in the policy of our banks.

In the past, many of our good customers have inadvertently given checks on our banks when they did not have sufficient funds on deposit to pay them. Subsequently, the presentation of these checks has placed our active officers in a very perplexing position. If they conclude to pay these checks they have violated the banking Laws and have placed themselves and their bank subject to severe criticism. If they conclude not to pay these checks they realize that in most instances it will cause much embarrassment and that the maker of the check will probably become offended. We feel that if you will give this matter a little thought and consideration you will agree with us that when you endeavor to create an overdraft in your bank you have taken an unfair advantage of your bank's Cashier.

The Supreme Court of the United States has held that "A usage to allow customers to overdraw and have their checks charged up without present funds in the bank, stripped of all technical disguise, is a usage and practice to misapply the funds of the bank; and to connive at the withdrawal of same, without any security, in favor of certain privileged persons. Such a usage and practice is surely a manifest departure from the duty, both of the directors and cashier, and cannot receive any countenance in a court of justice. Whenever this practice is allowed by the Cashier, it is at his own peril and upon his own responsibility. It is anything but well and truly executing his duties as Cashier."

The Directors of the undersigned banks have passed resolutions to eliminate all overdrafts. Therefore, in the future, we respectfully request that you refrain from giving a check on your bank unless there is sufficient money to your credit to cover it. If you have authorized any insurance company or any one else to draw on your account please be sure to keep a balance sufficient to pay all assessments and drafts which you have authorized and do not expect us to pay your checks or drafts unless you have a credit balance sufficient to cover them.

Whenever we may be of especial service, our facilities and the time of our officers are, as always, at your disposal.

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