

INTERMEDIARY IN LINDBERGH CASE IS SENT TO JAIL

Peacock Also Under Investigation, Following Report that \$25,000 "Earnest Money" Was Asked of Colonel.

Hopewell, N. J., May 19.—The startling confession Tuesday by John Hughes Curtis, the Norfolk, Va., "intermediary," that he had perpetrated an "enormous deception" in the search for the slain son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, was closely followed by the disclosure late Wednesday night of other details leading to a most thorough investigation of the "Jafsie" phase of the fantastic drama.

Curtis, 44-year-old shipbuilder, just before dawn Tuesday, following long grilling from police authorities, sat down to a typewriter and tapped out his own story of faking mysterious contacts with the supposed kidnapers of the child.

The boats and all of the persons to whom Curtis has been referring were creations of his own mind, police were told by the manufacturer, who so captured the confidence of Colonel Lindbergh, himself, that the latter was with him the night the child's body was found.

"I honestly believe that for the last seven or eight months I have not been myself due to financial troubles," Curtis said in his signed confession.

In an improvised court-room at the Lindbergh estate, Curtis waived a hearing on a charge of giving false information and was ordered committed to jail in default of \$10,000 bail.

The statute under which he was arraigned provides a penalty of three years imprisonment or \$1,000 fine or both.

Primarily the directing heads of the relentless pursuit wanted to know whether Curtis had told "the whole truth."

They made public the hitherto unconfirmed information that Curtis' associate in his "fake" negotiations, Dean H. Dodson-Peacock of Norfolk, Va., once expressed his confidence in the "contacts" of Curtis and made a futile request that Colonel Charles Lindbergh supply \$25,000 for ransom purposes.

LINDBERGH BABY FOUND DEAD.

Hopewell, N. J., May 19.—The baby son of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was found dead on Thursday, May 12. The child had been murdered.

The body, lying face down in a depression and partly covered with dead leaves, was discovered by a negro truck driver in a patch of woods in the Sourland mountains, less than five miles from the Lindbergh home near Hopewell, N. J.

The discovery was made by accident when the driver, walking into (Continued on Page Eight)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Henry Cagle was sentenced to two years' imprisonment Tuesday at Archer City after he pleaded guilty to cattle-stealing charges.

The Texas postmasters in annual session at San Angelo last week selected Dallas as the 1933 convention city and named H. H. Duncan of Kaufman their new president.

Melvin Rouff of Houston was chosen president of the Texas Bankers association and Mineral Wells was selected the 1933 convention city at the annual meeting of the association in Austin last week.

Five persons, two of whom were mothers, were killed and four others were critically injured when their automobile was struck by a passenger train on a grade crossing near Beaumont Tuesday.

Mary Ann Terry, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Terry, died at Greenville nine hours after she was believed to have swallowed some rat poison that had been put out to kill rats near the Terry home.

L. W. Horn, 29, school superintendent at DeKalb, and Miss Anna Ruth Joyner, 24, teacher, were drowned in Crystal lake near Annona Saturday when a boat from which Horn was attempting to bail water capsized.

Three Brownsville men, N. R. Quinn, plumber, G. W. Johnston, Jr., singer and entertainer, and Rosendo de Los Santos, plumber's assistant, were killed when they came into contact with an 11,000 volt electric wire.

Mrs. F. N. (Florence A.) Drane of Corsicana has been appointed acting president of Texas Technological college, Lubbock, it has been announced by Clifford B. Jones of Spur, chairman of the college's board of directors.

On a platform consisting of two words, "Do right," M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, prominent cotton factor and general manager of the Farmers Marketing Association of America, Inc., has announced as a candidate for governor.

Approximately 3,000,000 pounds of wool were sold last week by the Schreiner Wool and Mohair Commission company to Massachusetts buyers at an average of 9.5 cents, the lowest price this company has received for its wool in 38 years.

V. Earl Earp of Sweetwater, commander of the Texas department of the American Legion, has been named as assistant attorney general by Attorney General James V. Allred to succeed George T. Wilson, who resigned recently to open a law office in San Angelo.

Carrying the endorsement of the San Antonio clearing house association, a San Antonio group is appearing this week before the Reconstruction Finance corporation to renew a request for a \$2,000,000 loan to assist in re-opening the City-Central Bank & Trust company, closed last September.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 17, 1912.)

To honor Miss Ollie Kate Harris, whose marriage to Mr. Henry Harris will occur early in June, a shower was given Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Courtney Hunt. Twelve tables were arranged for games of "42." Honk! Honk! two beautiful red automobiles were advancing up the hall in charge of Masters Deyo Hunt and Dick Trent Anderson who stopped before the honoree showering her with cut glass. Mrs. W. H. Dickson was mistress of ceremonies and toasted the bride-to-be, Miss Mabel Collins, the groom, Mrs. J. W. Daniels, the boys left behind. Miss Jessie O'Brian sang "Harbor of Love" and instrumental music was given by Misses Inice Moon and Mabel Collins. Wedding bells and angel food cake were then passed to the guests, mints in dainty cut glass trays having been served throughout the games. Those present were: Misses Bean, Browning, Bigham, Collins, Coleman, Coggin, Daniel, Howard, Allie and Laura Jennings, Keeton, Martin, Mims, Moon, O'Brian, Penn, Rister, Sutphen, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Ova and Dollie Teaff, Lulu Thornton, Mesdames Anderson, Boden, Burroughs, Brown, Claude and Fred Bigham, Collins, Sutphen, G. E. and Claude Coggins, Daniel, Dickson, John D. and Davenport Gaither, Hamilton, Hamm, Harris, Coggin, Jackson, Johnson, T.

H. and C. M. Largent, Mims, Pettit, Rose, Scott, Walker and the hostess.

Mrs. Bishop Hunter favored a few of her girl friends with an apron party Saturday evening. Mr. Charley Russell came by there and took all for a lovely moonlight ride on his float. They returned from serenading to be served delicious sherbert and cake. Those present were Misses Allday, Lizzie and Eva Calvert, Harris, Roxie Moon, Inice Moon, Russell, Jobe, Stallings, Hutson, Ona and Pauline Johnson, Swann, Jones, Mesdames Calvert, Sublett and Balch chaperones.

Misses Lillian Dean and Minnie Coats went down to Abilene Wednesday.

Misses Pet Sears and Irene Swann started Wednesday for Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pike had as their guests Mrs. O. M. Pike of Bradshaw.

Austin Boyd and J. L. Banner were Abilene visitors Monday.

Mrs. I. S. Allen, Miss Faye and Junior Dick were Sweetwater visitors this week.

WILL SECURE CAPS AND GOWNS WITH PROCEEDS SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The Senior play of 1932 is to be presented on Friday evening, May 20. "Kid Kolby," the play that has been chosen, is one of the best. This is to be one of the best performances that Merkel High school has offered this year, for the Seniors like their play and have it up to perfection. For the first time in the history of the school the proceeds of the play will go to the fund to secure caps and gowns for the Seniors.

The play is a three-act comedy drama that will furnish entertainment for the evening. The story, a very clever one, has much humor furnished by dashing young stenographers in Mr. Theodore Bancroft's office. He is the head of a large consolidated manufacturing concern and is in love with his secretary, Eileen McPherson. Things become very complicated when his son, Teddy, just out of college, comes home and falls in love with Eileen too. Teddy has been fighting under an assumed name, that of "Kid Kolby," and becomes entangled in some affairs of which his father does not approve at all. Billy, Eileen's small brother and office boy to Bancroft, finally has a hand in bringing things out right.

The players are: Mr. Bancroft, Elmer Adcock; Eileen McPherson, his secretary, Margaret Canon; Billy, Eileen's small brother, W. M. Taylor; Teddy Bancroft, "Kid Kolby," Woodrow Wilson; Jerry, the Kid's trainer, Cephas Wozencraft; a radio announcer, Monta J. Moore; three business men, R. D. Ely, Ross Ferrier, Jr., and Marshall Stalls; a radio man, H. C. Toombs; a messenger boy, Robert Manscill; a boy from the drug store, Selma Jones. The hospital staff consists of Dr. Dalton, Isadore Mellinger; Miss Kelly, the nurse, Avis Deavers. The stenographers are Ida Mae Derstine, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Nelle Durham, Helen Yeats, Zada Bell, Marie Stanford, Elleta Foster and Madeline Murray. The chorus girl is played by Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Lela Patterson portrays the part of the maid.

The play is to be presented at the Grammar School auditorium at 8:15, Friday, May 20. The admission is twenty and twenty-five cents. Come and enjoy an evening of fun. Help the Seniors pay for their caps and gowns. Everybody be there. We are counting on you!

BIG SPRING GETS NEXT WTCC MEET

Sweetwater Convention Termed Most Fruitful in History of Regional Body.

Sweetwater, May 19.—The most fruitful West Texas chamber of commerce convention since the organization's formative days adjourned here Saturday with selection of Big Spring as the 1933 host city and election of Wilbur C. Hawk, Amarillo newspaperman, to the presidency.

Hawk succeeds Houston Harte, San Angelo, a fellow publisher, whose administration has been outstanding.

The convention itself was outstanding because its whole theme is the outstanding question in American life today. That is, taxation and public expenditures: a curb on the extravagant and senseless spending spree in which—it was shown by figures—city, state and federal governments have been wallowing for twenty years, abetted and prodded on by taxpayers suffering from an overdose of false pride and patriotism.

In the main forenoon sessions and afternoon group conferences the one subject was foremost. The American crazy-quilt system of taxing and spending was turned wrongside out for examination by well-informed speakers. The talks and conference crystallized in passage of three resolutions designed to save millions annually in revision of state and local government.

Guest of Honor at Friend's Inaugural

Having been one of the guests of honor at the inauguration last Monday at Baton Rouge of his boyhood friend, Oscar K. Allen, as governor of Louisiana, Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned to the city Wednesday.

The ceremony was one of especial significance to the Merkel pastor, marking as it did the conferring of the greatest honor in the gift of the Louisiana voters on his personal friend whose career he had followed so closely and with whom he had been associated so intimately throughout his life.

Featured as part of the inaugural program was the dedication of the new state capitol, which is 33 stories high, and which was an achievement credited to the administration of the former governor, Huey P. Long, now United States senator, also a personal friend of Rev. Mr. King. The dedicatory ceremonies included the unveiling of a bust tablet of the former governor.

STERLING AGAIN SAYS HE'LL RUN

Definite Announcement Made; Preparing Statement Setting Forth Platform.

Austin, Texas, May 19.—Gov. Ross S. Sterling Saturday definitely announced his candidacy for re-election. His statement was made after Senator Clint C. Small of Amarillo had said that if a definite statement from the governor were not forthcoming by May 15, the governor's statement follows:

"I appreciate the consideration of the prominent and able men of Texas who have awaited the announcement of my decision regarding the governorship campaign. So that there may be no possible doubt on my position, I announce definitely that I am a candidate for re-election.

"I am now preparing a statement to the voters of Texas setting forth the platform on which I shall stand."

SMALL TO SUPPORT STERLING. Sweetwater, Texas, May 19.—Senator Clint C. Small said Saturday he planned to support Gov. Ross S. Sterling in the coming gubernatorial campaign, if the governor concluded to run.

His statement was made before the governor definitely announced his candidacy from Amarillo.

Election is Voided; Call Another May 28

In the special election held last Saturday to name two aldermen, J. A. Buford was high man with 71 votes. G. W. Boyce, W. W. Haynes and S. D. Gamble each received 65 votes for the other place. The names of Haynes and Gamble were written on the ballot by friends. The printed ballot included the name of C. P. Stevens besides Boyce and Buford. 142 votes were cast.

Due to a technical irregularity, however, the result of the election was declared void by members of the city council in a special session held Monday night to canvass the votes and another election ordered for Saturday, May 28.

J. P. Sharp, Sr., will be election judge, the usual hours for city election to obtain, from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. The fire station will be the voting place.

Elm Grove School Program.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock the Elm Grove school will have its closing program. In addition to several good plays put on by Elm Grove, White Church will put on its outside play, "Fingerprints" again. Those that did not see the play the first time will have another opportunity to see it. Everyone is invited.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Williams, Friday, May 13, 1932.

COURT OF HONOR FOR BOY SCOUTS HERE ON MAY 26

Tenderfoot and First and Second Class Badges to be Awarded; Local Troop Won 55 Points at Jamboree.

Tenderfoot, first class and second class badges will be awarded at a special Boy Scout court of honor which is announced to be held at the Methodist church here next Thursday night, May 26. Scout Executive Ed Shumway will be present and officiate.

At the annual Boy Scout jamboree at Camp Tonkawa over the week-end Merkel troop No. 20 won 55 points, placing third in firemen's drag, third in pony express and second in tenderfoot knot tying. They were allowed five points for having their assistant scoutmaster present.

Besides Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson and Assistant Scoutmaster T. D. Riddle, the following Merkel scouts attended the jamboree: A. C. Sears, Truett Patterson, Junior Grimes, Mordell Shouse, Clarence Andy Shouse, Bud Gambill, Elton Harrell, Vincent Barnett, Griffin Barnett, Vergil Perkins, Don Swafford, George Hicks, Buford, Billie Rose, Herman Carson, Sylvan Mellinger, William Hawkins, P. A. Diltz, Jr., Murphy Dye, Morris Wozencraft, J. C. Foster, Arthur Wiman.

Camp visitors were: John D. Coats, Miss Orpah Patterson, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Tracy Campbell, Rev. R. A. Walker, Charles Jones, Miss Carrie Coffey.

More Red Cross Flour Is Expected Thursday

Taylor county's second allotment of Red Cross flour arrived in Abilene Wednesday and J. T. Warren, Merkel representative, advised The Mail that Merkel's quota was expected by truck sometime Thursday.

Out of the 60,000 pounds allotted to the county, Merkel will receive ten per cent, about 6,000 pounds.

Capt. Robt. Dollar Dies.

San Faeal, Calif., May 19.—Captain Robert S. Dollar, who rose from cook's boy in a Canadian logging camp to become dean of American shipping men, died at his home here Monday.

DRS. HUNT AND JENKINS WILL ADDRESS CLASS

Commencement Address by Former on Monday, Baccalaureate on Sunday Night; Grammar Graduation Saturday Night.

Commencement time is here again, bringing the thrill of the Senior Class play, the inspiring solemnity of the baccalaureate sermon, and culminating in the momentous occasion when clad in cap and gown the proud Seniors of '32 will receive their diplomas.

The Grammar School auditorium is the setting for the Senior class play, time Friday evening at 8:15. The other two graduating exercises for the Seniors take place at the Methodist church, the commencement sermon on Sunday night, and the graduation ceremonies proper on Monday night, time 8:15 for each occasion.


Graduation exercises for the Merkel Grammar school are announced for Saturday night at the Methodist church at 8:15.

Other features of commencement time, two of which have already taken place and the other is set for this Thursday night, are: the operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl," presented by the High School chorus under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy on Friday night of last week; "An Evening of Praise," rendered by members of the High School chorus at the Baptist church Sunday night, and the Junior expression class in recital this Thursday night.

Complete programs for Grammar School graduation, the commencement sermon and the commencement exercises proper follow:

- GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION. Processional, Miss Orpah Patterson.
- Invocation, Rev. E. L. Yeats.
- Chorus, "Our Yesterdays," seventh grade.
- Salutatory, Frances Tarleton.
- Address to class, Rev. Marvin Williams.
- Presentation of certificates, Mrs. Len Sublett, principal.
- Valedictory, Juanita Huskey.
- Chorus, "Water Lilies," the class.
- Benediction, Rev. R. A. Walker.
- GRADUATION SERMON. Processional, Miss Tracy.
- Hymn.
- Invocation, Rev. J. T. King.

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Way of Life

BRUCE BARTON

THE OBITUARY PAGE

Once I was talking with Kent Cooper about what interests people in the newspapers.

He said: "When a man gets to be about forty-five years old he discovers the obituary page."

I certainly am not a gloomy minded person, but I have always thought more or less about death. The attitude of a large portion of the human race toward it seems to me infantile and silly.

It isn't a pleasant subject but certainly it is an inevitable one. Why dodge and pretend and act like children? Said Caesar:

"Of all the wonders that I yet have heard, It seems to me most strange that men should fear; Seeing that death, a necessary end, Will come when it will come."

All of which leads me to remark that there is a certain advantage in discovering the obituary page comparatively early in life. The tragedy is that some men never discover it.

I have seen a doddering old millionaire, with one foot in the grave, fighting with a taxi-man over a nickel, or trying to beat down the price of a neck-tie.

I once sought a contribution to charity from a millionaire who was well over sixty and notoriously tight. He told all the reasons why he couldn't give up a cent, and as he warmed up to the subject he began to act as if my call were an insult.

Finally I said: "Why are you so mean? Why do you deny yourself pleasures and squeeze every nickel? It isn't your money; it's your children's money or will be in a few years. Why let them have all the pleasures? Why not have the fun of giving some of it away?"

This rude remark shocked him. I think it started a line of thought that made quite a change in his life.

Moses prayed: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

I assume that to mean that, when we get along toward middle life and note by the papers that men of our own age, or a few years older, are dropping off, we ought to stop and take stock.

We ought to say: "As life goes I have maybe ten, fifteen or, at the most, thirty years. Therefore, I ought to quit thinking—How much money can I pile up? and begin thinking—How

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Chevrolet Sales in April Reported 85 Per Cent Over March

Detroit, May 19.—One of the most encouraging reflections on current business to come out of this automotive center in recent months was the announcement here that Chevrolet dealers reported 85 per cent more cars sold at retail in April than in March, that April sales were 6,000 units greater than production, and that sales in the last ten-day period of the month exceeded either of the other two periods by 5,000 new cars and trucks.

In the last ten days, dealers reported purchases by the public of 24,176 new units, according to W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager as compared with 19,672 in the second ten-day period, and 17,461 in the first period.

The total of 61,309 compares with 33,125 sold in March, a gain of 85 per cent, and with 55,432 built in April, which was 5,000 more than the production schedule called for at the beginning of that month, Mr. Knudsen reported.

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Exams to be Held for Position Farm Agent

The United States civil service commission has announced that until June 7 it will accept applications for the position of farm agent to fill vacancies as they occur in the Indian service. The last register of eligibles for this position was established March 9, 1931. Forty appointments have been made from that register.

The entrance salary is \$1,860 a year. If quarters, fuel and lights are furnished, a deduction therefor will be made from this salary. For these positions the department of the interior wishes men.

Applicants must show that they have completed at least one year of study in the regular four-year course in agriculture at a college or university of recognized standing, or that they have been graduated from a four-year agricultural course at a standard high school. Additional credit will be given for college training in agriculture additional to the foregoing or to that offered in lieu of experience, as prescribed below. There is a further requirement of practical farming experience in states west of and including the following: Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The register of eligibles will be divided as follows: (a) general farming including dairying; (b) stock raising under range conditions; (c) irrigation farming; (d) dry farming.

Full information may be obtained from Castle B. Ellis, secretary of the United States civil service board

of examiners, at the postoffice in this city.

THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One) can I be sure to do all the things I want to do, see all the places I want to see, and leave behind me a reputation for having been a reasonably good and generous individual?"

It would help if the papers would print at the top of the obituary page every day this quotation from Rousseau:

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To Receive Diploma From John Tarleton

Stephenville, May 19.—Eleanor Hamilton of Merkel is one of the eighty-two students of John Tarleton Agricultural college expected to receive her diploma at commencement exercises Monday morning, May 23.

Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston will give the commencement address and President T. O. Walton of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college will make his annual address and present diplomas. Dr. Jasper Manton of Trinity Presbyterian church, Dallas, will give the commencement sermon on Sunday morning, May 22.

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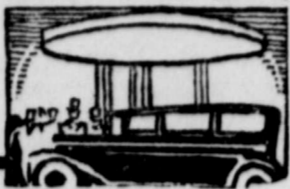
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NINTH INSTALLMENT.

Diana, in love with a married man, Dennis Waterman, has a nervous collapse as a result of the gay life of London society. Her aunt, Mrs. Gladwyn, takes her to a doctor, who orders her to the country for a rest. Dr. Rathbone has a country home nearby. Dennis calls at the cottage, then goes away for a long trip. He writes from America that he is there with Linda, his wife. Diana finds herself becoming more and more interested in Dr. Rathbone, and questions her nurse, Miss Starling, about him. She also questions Jonas, a farm boy of the neighborhood, about a woman who lives in Dr. Rathbone's house. Her name is Rosalie. Then Diana meets Rosalie in the woods; she acts strangely and leaves Diana puzzled.

Soon after the meeting in the woods with Rosalie, Dr. Rathbone calls again at Diana's cottage.

A cablegram from Dennis arrives. He is returning from America. That interrupts what might have been a tender episode between Diana and the Doctor. He leaves; later Dennis cables that his return will be delayed. Diana, thirsting for love, turns her thoughts again to Dr. Rathbone. She is thinking of him now as "Donald." Regardless of the mysterious Rosalie, Diana resolves to see Dr. Rathbone. She goes to his house, but as she stands at the front door the doctor's big police dog leaps at her and she feels his teeth tearing at her throat. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Donald Rathbone had dined alone that night.

He had heard Diana's car drive up, but had merely thought it was one of his own returning from the village to which he had sent his chauffeur with a message.

The dining room was on the far side of the house, and the heavy oak door was shut, so he heard nothing more till Diana's terrified scream rent the silence, followed by that pious cry upon his name.

"Donald . . . !"

Rathbone was out in the hall almost before it had died away, but even then, for an instant, in the dim light he could hardly understand what was happening.

Servants were rushing from other parts of the house, but it was Rathbone who dragged Nero away, almost throttling him in his iron grip, Rathbone who, throwing the dog aside into someone else's outsidy, lifted Diana in his arms.

"Oh, my—God!"

She looked up at him, her eyes half mad with terror, then with a little convulsive gesture she put her lacerated arms round his neck, clinging to him desperately for one heartbreaking moment before she fainted.

He carried her into the study and laid her on the couch; his face was gray, and his breath came tearing from him as if it were he who was suffering, and not she.

The chauffeur was in the room now, and the housekeeper, a middle-aged woman with a quiet, capable face; and seeing that for a moment at least Rathbone was utterly unnerved, she fetched water and brandy and gently bathed Diana's face and bleeding arms.

It seemed an eternity to those around before she stirred a little and then opened her eyes: eyes still so terrified and wild that it was almost unbearable when she started up, crying and moaning afresh:

"Donald . . . Donald . . . Save me!"

He went on his knees beside her.

"It's all right . . . I'm here . . . don't be frightened . . . you're quite safe . . . It's all right . . . it's all right . . . I'm here . . . you're quite safe with me."

He put his hand over her eyes for an instant as if to wipe the last terrible moments from her memory, but she pushed him away, crying out like a frightened child—

"He tried to kill me . . . he tried to kill me . . . oh, why didn't you come? . . . He tried to kill me . . ." And then with a shuddering sob:

"Oh, my arms . . . look at my arms!"

It was a relief to them all when she slipped back into unconsciousness, but when Mrs. Farmer tried to force brandy between her lips Rathbone prevented her.

"No, leave her alone."

He dressed and bandaged her arms while she lay unconscious; he was as gentle as a woman, thorough and capable, but the sweat was standing in great beads on his forehead, and his curious hard breathing alone broke the silence.

When at last he had finished, Mrs. Farmer gave a little sob.

"Thank God her face isn't touched, sir."

Rathbone said nothing. He stood looking down at Diana with a queer blank look in his eyes.

Mrs. Farmer spoke again, hesitatingly:

"Shall we put her to bed, sir?"

He turned then.

"Here—in this house? . . . No, I'll take her home."

When they brought the rug he wrapped Diana in it and lifted her in his arms, carrying her out to the car himself.

He laid her on the seat with a cushion beneath her head and let down the windows to the cool night air.

"Drive carefully," he said.

The car moved slowly away.

Rathbone sat opposite Diana, leaning a little forward, his hands gripped between his knees, staring at her.

It was like some monstrous nightmare from which he could not free himself.

How had it happened? Why had she come? Why, in God's name, had she come, alone and at this time of night? The car stopped at Miss Starling's cottage, and the chauffeur came to the door.

Rathbone got out. "Don't touch her," he said briefly.

Rathbone went back into the passage and called the Creature's name, but there was no reply, and with a muttered imprecation he returned to the car.

"The place seems deserted. I'll carry her in. Go in the kitchen and get some hot water—and bring it upstairs to me."

He laid Diana on her bed, clumsily pulling the quilt aside and then gently covering her with it, before he pulled the curtains back and opened the window wide.

She stared up at him piteously for a moment before she whispered:

"Am I going to die?"

"No, my dear—no!"

He went on carefully, as if realizing the importance of every word.

"You've got to be brave and try never to think about it again. You've got to be very brave and trust me to look after you. Can you do that?"

She nodded, slow tears falling down her face.

"It—hurts so," she said.

"Yes." She made a little movement to wipe the tears from her face, but the pain in her arm was too great, and Rathbone took his own handkerchief and gently wiped them for her before he drew his arm from beneath her head and laid her back on the pillows.

Her eyes sought his with fear.

"I suppose, when I'm well—you'll go again?"

"Go?—Where?"

"Not see me any more, I mean."

He put his hand on hers for a moment: it was like her to touch his tenderness when he had been trying harshly to condemn her.

"No, not if you still want me," he said.

She said suddenly, with a ghost of her old childish impertinence, "Poor Dr. Rathbone—you can't quite escape me can you?"

"Have you thought I wished to?"

She sighed. "I have thought so—yes."

Away in the distance the church clock struck eleven.

He asked, "Does that mean that I am still—a wall for you to lean against? Wasn't that what you called me?—a safe harbour, Diana?"

She pressed his hand in assent, the old sweet smile crossing her face as she looked up at him.

The garden gate creaked, and Rathbone went over to the window.

"That is Miss Starling," he said.

"I'll just go down and see her; you don't mind being left now for a moment?"

Downstairs she could hear him talking to Miss Starling, and presently they came up together. Diana wondered if the Creature could possibly have been crying, or if it was just the night air had reddened her lids.

She bent over Diana and rearranged her pillows and the bedclothes with capable hands.

"I'll make you nice and comfy presently," she promised.

She asked no questions, and Diana liked her better at that moment than ever before.

"I'll just run away and take off my cloak and bonnet," she said practically, and went away.

Rathbone stood at the foot of the bed.

"Do you mind if I go now?" Rath-

bone asked. "I'll come in the morning—quite early."

"You've been very kind."

"And you won't worry?"

"No."

She looked up at him with such trustful eyes that, moved by a sudden impulse which he could not control, Rathbone bent down and kissed her.

A very gentle kiss on the forehead, just between her brows, and he turned away at once, but not before he had seen the look of happiness that flashed into her eyes.

"Good-night," he said again, but when he reached the door she called him back to say:

"I'm glad it wasn't 'good-bye' this time."

He looked at her gravely.

"I hope you'll always be glad," he said.

CHAPTER XIV

The day Dennis Waterman was due to arrive at Southampton Rathbone took the bandages from Diana's right arm.

"And now there's something I want to say to you," Rathbone said briskly. Diana turned round, the old scared look creeping into her eyes.

"Something nasty?"

"Nothing in the least nasty," he assured her. "Quite the contrary, in fact. It's just this—I want you to start going about again, to take an interest in your old life."

She said slowly, her eyes on his face:

"When I went to see you the first day in Harley Street, you told me that if I went on as I was going then, I should kill myself, and now you are telling me to go back to it all."

"But not at the same breakneck pace. Besides, you are so much better in every way than you were then, in spite of this last."

"You cannot go on living here indefinitely, you know that, Diana, so the sooner you make a start the better."

She took a little step towards him.

"Do you want to get rid of me?" she asked very directly.

"Is that a fair question, do you think?" he asked. "Besides, it won't be 'getting rid of you,' as you put it. I shall see you in London sometimes."

"Only—sometimes?"

He smiled rather constrainedly.

"I know what is best for me," she said wiffully.

He checked a smile.

"And what is best for you?" he asked.

"To be where I am happiest," Diana said with troubled eyes. "And I am happiest where I know I shall see you most often."

And then there followed a profound silence which seemed as though it could never be broken, till Rathbone said with an effort:

"We must be very frank with each other this once, Diana, and then we'll never talk about it again. I know you won't misunderstand me when I say

that my life was settled for me—or perhaps I settled it myself, whichever way you prefer—many years ago, when you must still have been only a schoolgirl. I can't go back on it, even if I wanted to. I've always felt that when a man takes certain responsibilities upon himself he should stand by them, whatever his inclinations, whatever comes between. I can't explain more definitely, I haven't the right to. I can only hope you will understand."

He broke off, as if for a moment he had lost himself in the wistful beauty of her face.

She stood helplessly silent for a moment before she broke out with something of her old impetuosity.

"I wish I knew what it really is I feel about you; I wish I could explain, but I can't, and if I did, you wouldn't understand. Nobody would. But if I go back to London, as you say you want me to, there'll be other men again, I know that. You see—" she submitted rather pathetically—"I must do something—go about with someone. Aunt Gladwyn is kind, but we're not really friends. I know lots of girls like myself, but we don't any of us really care about each other. Then there's Dennis . . . he arrives in England today you know. I didn't tell you before, but he does."

There was sharp silence which Rathbone broke.

"Are you glad, Diana?"

"I don't know," she said almost in a whisper, and then, as he said nothing, she went on: "Everything is so different since I came here, I don't understand why. I've never had one single cocktail since I came here—no wonder my skin looks so nice."

(Continued Next Week.)

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

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SHANNON PLACES EIGHTH AT STATE MEET.

For the first time in about ten years Merkel High school had a representative at the state meet. Shannon was eighth in a field of about seventy contestants in the mile run. His time in the preliminaries was 4:47 and in the finals he made the distance in 4:46. Both of these times were better than the district record of 4:49. Although Shannon did not win this year he showed that he has ability and he will probably win the state meet one or both of his remaining two years of competition. The entire school extends congratulations to Shannon and wishes him better luck for the next two years.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

Milton is back from Austin! Although he did not place, we are very proud of him. There were seven ahead of him in the finals but that means he is eighth best in the state. Milton will have two more years to try for the mile run and will win one of the two years, we are sure. He said he had a grand time and no doubt he did. He went through the capitol and also went to shows. We, the Freshmen, want to say again: we are very, very proud of our "Fish", Milton Shannon.

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

"Traveled all over the world, eh? West up the Rhine, I suppose?"
 "Climbed it to the top."
 "Saw the Lion of St. Mark?"
 "Fed it."
 "And visited the Black Sea?"
 "Filled my fountain pen there."
 "G'wan, you'll be telling me you died at the Dead Sea next."

The worst second-story men are those who insist upon telling a story the second time.

Mrs. Irvin: "How do you like the potato salad?"
 Mr. Irvin: "It's delicious. Did you buy it yourself?"

A state highway is a magnificent stretch of road lying between two detour signs.

J. B. Moore: "What is the most deadly poison known?"
 Ross: "Aviation poison."
 J. B.: "How much does it take to kill a person?"
 Ross: "One drop."

Few, if any, world war veterans are so enfeebled, it appears, as to be able to stand a loan.

An elderly lady was visiting the university hospital in Oklahoma City. "Poor boy," she said to an ex-soldier who had been wounded, "you must have been through some pretty tight squeezes."

At this he turned violent scarlet and stammered: "Uh-Well-Uh-the nurses here have been pretty good to me for a fact, madam."

A naval holiday for five years is suggested by Senator Borah. It is felt that the country will be safe as long as we have millions of movie ushers ready to glare at an incoming enemy.

Breathes there a student with soul so dead
 Who never to himself hath said,
 When faintly hearing the tardy bell,
 Words that rhymed with ham and dell?

SPORT NEWS.

The last whistle has blown for the "Badger News" of the year '31-'32. Old Merkel High has had some wonderful sportmanship during this year. Every game we have had in football, basketball and track was well done. It was fought in the right way and in the right spirit.

There are some members of the Badgers and also members of the Pep Squad that will have to say good-bye to the dear old Badgers of Merkel High. When we think of the Badgers, we think of the Pep Squad, do we not? It is hard for us to say good-bye, but our time has come to leave dear Merkel High.

Badgers and Pep Squad of M. H. S., stay in there and fight through thick and thin and don't forget the members of the Badger team and the Pep Squad of '31-'32, because we will always be with you in spirit.

"KID KOLBY" TO BE PRESENTED MAY TWENTIETH.
 The Seniors have worked very hard this year and they have reached the

highest peak of their dreams: they are to present their play Friday, May 20.

This play is going to be a very good one and they are expecting the entire high school to be present.

It is going to be presented at the Grammar School auditorium. Admission is twenty and twenty-five cents. Be there!!!

THE SUNBONNET GIRL.

Last Friday evening the M. H. S. chorus very splendidly presented the two-act operetta entitled "The Sunbonnet Girl." It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present and the chorus is to be congratulated upon its fine work.

Miss Tracy, director of the chorus, is to be especially praised for her splendid work.

We are expecting great things of the M. H. S. chorus next year.

On Sunday evening the chorus also presented "An Evening of Praise," which was equally as good as the operetta. The various churches of the town dismissed their services for the occasion.

THE SENIOR PICNIC.

On last Thursday thirty happy Seniors, along with their sponsor, boarded a truck and left the old high school behind. They went to Buffalo Gap where everyone had the best time of his life. Games of baseball and football were enjoyed and later a picnic feast at the lunch hour. The menu consisted of olives, sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, punch, cakes and fruit.

In the afternoon some of the group enjoyed a swim in the swimming pool while others enjoyed themselves by making pictures. The class then went to Lake Abilene and later returned home very happy, tired and sunburned.

Guests for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess and Miss Fannie Belle Boaz.

SENIOR NEWS.

The end of our high school career is almost here. Exams! Play! Songs! And what have you! We are very busy, but we will take a little time to write something for our last issue of the Badger Weekly. As this is our last issue, we wish to say that we have enjoyed publishing it very much.

We had a great time on Senior Day; however we are sorry that Helen hurt her knee so badly. We hope that she will be able to walk as well as ever soon.

Come to see "Kid Kolby" to night at the Grammar School auditorium.

THE TRANQUIL SEA.

The river of life goes gently flowing,
 flowing
 Into that boundless sea
 Where the rich and poor together shall
 in
 Spirit united be.

Days, months and years are all mere milestones,
 Milestones of old father time,
 Set to mark the dreary passage, set to sound
 The death bell's chime.

And the day is truly coming, it makes no difference
 What our class may be,
 When we shall hoist our sails together, and sail
 Into that silent sea.
 —Monta J. Moore.

At 2:30 Saturday—Misses' non-run bloomers 15 cents per pair, limit two pairs. Brown's Bargain Store.

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 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 PARMELEY,
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:
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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White faced yearling, branded "CC" on left hip. Notify Sam Swann.

IF PARTY WHO WAS SEEN to pick up purse of Grandma Baker Sunday will return same, liberal reward will be paid and no questions asked.

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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 fourth Saturday in May, same being the twenty-eighth 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 o'clock p. m. J. P. Sharp, Sr., is hereby appointed election judge.

Given under my hand and seal this the 17th day of May, A. D. 1932.
 W. M. Elliott,
 Mayor.

BIG DAY AT HODGES.

Sunday week being regular Fifth Sunday convention time, will ask that same be announced at all the churches next Sunday and all singers are invited and requested to be at the Baptist church at Hodges Sunday week, May 29, at 10 a. m., ready to begin singing and have a big song day, singing good old gospel songs. Bring your books and dinner and, if you have a singing friend living somewhere off at a distant town and you would like to have him attend, drop him a postal and tell him to come, as we want as many singers present as we can get and dedicate the day singing songs to the blessed Master.

So come, bring your song books, your friends and dinner. Hope someone will arrange for some coffee for the president at least.

Respectfully,
 Tom Spears.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. J. B. FERRIER

Heart Attack Fatal for Beloved Womar. Resident Here for Thirty-Two Years.

The entire community was shocked and saddened when word spread Saturday afternoon that Mrs. Christine Ferrier, 73, wife of the late J. B. Ferrier, had died of a heart attack. When shortly after lunch her son, Ross, and his wife called at his mother's home for a visit, she was found dead in the back yard, apparently stricken as she went about some light duties.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the family residence, Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of her husband, who passed away three years ago.

Pall bearers were: N. A. Dowell, Frank Golladay, Dr. R. I. Grimes, W. J. Sheppard, Sam Swann, Bud Sears of Abilene, Claud Comegys and Roger A. Burgess.

Mrs. Ferrier was born in Ohio and came to Texas 52 years ago, settling near Anson. Thirty-two years ago the family moved to Merkel where they have resided since.

Three sons survive: Ross, who lives here, and George and Frank Ferrier, who are on a ranch near Clovis, N. M., and who came just as quickly as the sad news reached them of their mother's death.

A long time resident of Merkel, a consistent member of the Methodist church, she leaves a blessed memory as a mother, church worker, unselfish neighbor and exemplary character, one whose place in the glory world has long been assured.

Plan Night Closing Postoffice Lobby To Begin June 1st

The Mail has been furnished the following statement as to night closing of the postoffice lobby by Postmaster O. J. Adecock:

"We have received the street letter box furnished by the department for the reception of mail that may be mailed at night between the hours 8 p. m. and 6 a. m. As soon as we get the concrete post shipped from Cincinnati, Ohio, we will erect the box at front of postoffice. We will then be ready to begin closing the lobby of the postoffice.

"This action was recommended by the lease inspector who recently inspected the new quarters.

"Patrons of the office will take notice of this and be governed accordingly. If we get the post referred to above in time to install by the first of June, the lobby closing will begin at that time."

Queen Re-Opens for Saturday Showings

With showings every Saturday only and bargain prices, the Queen theatre will re-open Saturday, May 21, under the direction of Ray Pennington with Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush" as the film attraction.

It is announced that the matinee will start promptly at 2 o'clock, the admission being 10c to all to the matinee. At night the prices will be: adults 20c, children 10c

Until further notice, the Queen will show a good picture every Saturday at prices within the reach of all, it is stated by the management.

Smoked figs and raisins are now imported from Italy.

Best Opponents in Fifteen Inning Go

The Merkel nine won a 15 inning battle with Jones Drug company boys at Abilene last Sunday by the score of 7 to 4.

Six straight scoreless innings preceded the 15th, when a fluke homer by E. Palmer settled the issue. The ball was lost in the heavy vegetation near third base while Palmer circled the paths. Pitcher Tannie Jones then doubled, Woods walked for the third time, and a single by Bryant drove over two extra scores.

Tannie Jones, although yielding 13 hits, struck out 13 and failed to walk a man.

Merkel's line-up was: N. Palmer 3b, McLean 2b, McGaughey rf, E. Palmer cf, Ashford c, Woods 1b, Derrick ss, T. Jones p. D. Bryant lf.

The Jones Drug boys will oppose Merkel here next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the West Merkel grounds.

In an exciting game at Trent Monday, the Trent team defeated Merkel 3 to 1. The Merkel players, it is reported, are out for revenge at an early date on the neighbors to the west.

Delegates Selected by County Rural Carriers

At a meeting at Cobb park, Abilene, at 3:30 Saturday afternoon of Taylor County Rural Carriers and their wives, A. C. Terry of Trent, Owen Holley of Abilene and Mr. McCormick of Tuscola were named delegates to the state convention at Galveston.

Those from Merkel attending the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and R. L. Adecock.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29

Dallas Visitors are Cordially Welcomed

Merkel business men, augmented by the school children almost en masse, greeted the Dallas trade trip party with typical West Texas cordiality when they arrived by special train at 8:10 last Saturday morning. The Dallas party had spent the previous night at Sweetwater where the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was holding its annual session.

Headed by the Dallas band, the visitors formed in parade style and marched up two blocks of Edwards street, rendering an enjoyable concert during their stay, and visiting speakers from automobile fenders as stands extended Dallas' invitation to their Merkel friends to visit them at any time.

As one of the greetings to the visitors, the Farmers State bank displayed a banner across the front of the building, "Dallas, we welcome you," and inside beautiful flowers arranged on desks and in windows added their friendly fragrance.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Will Deposit Money In Bank in Future

In reporting to The Mail the loss of her purse, containing a considerable sum of currency, Grandma Baker gave notice that from now on she expected to keep her money in the bank.

She missed the purse last Sunday, being uncertain whether or not she carried it to church with her. It contained eight \$20 bills and five \$10 bills.

A liberal reward is offered in the advertisement appearing in the "Lost and Found" column elsewhere in the issue of The Mail.

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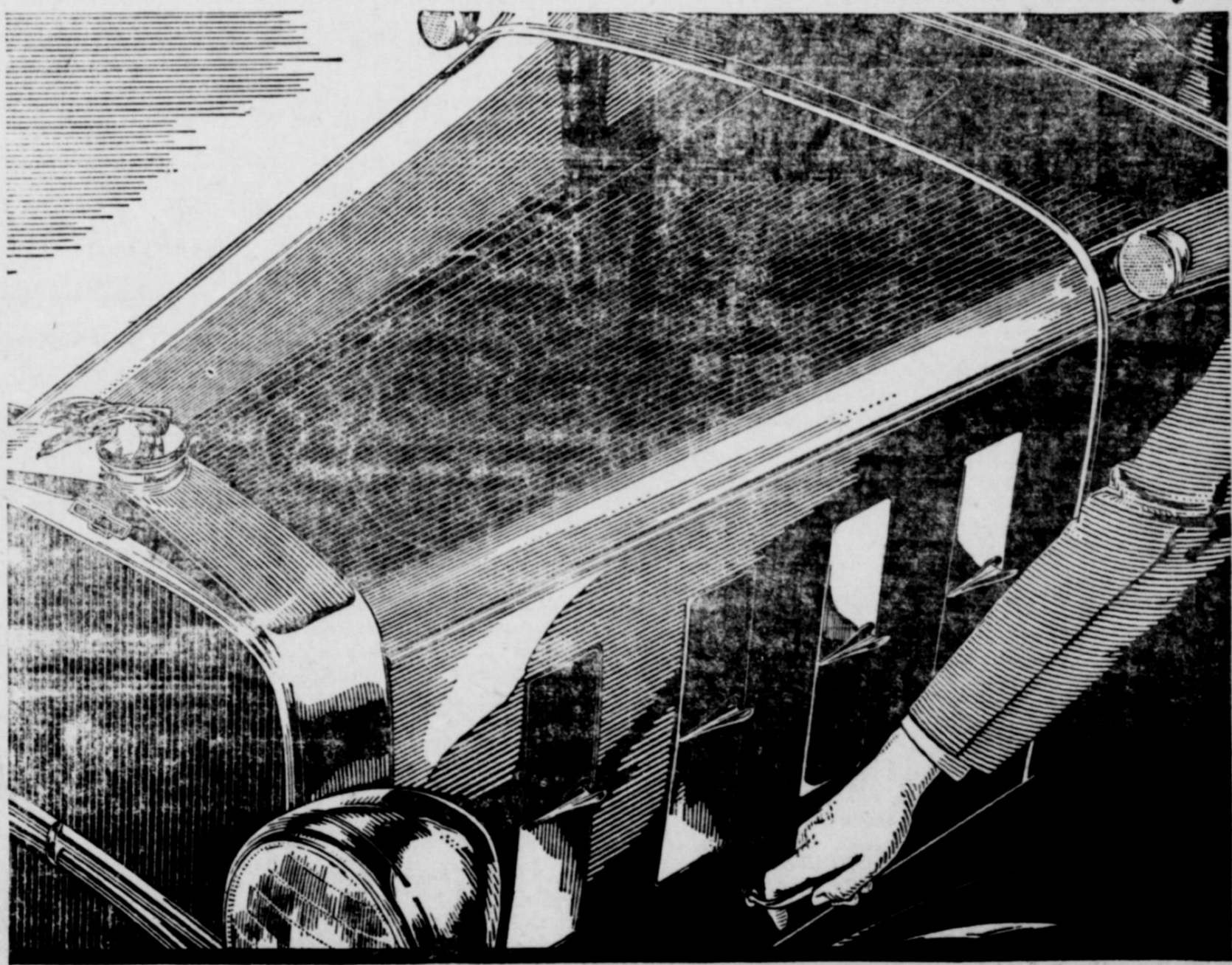
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Rainfall for 1932 Exceeds 13 Inches

Following a quarter inch rain near midnight Sunday, the Merkel section has enjoyed four days of generally fair weather. Farmers have taken full advantage of this condition, as for several weeks past the ground had scarcely dried sufficiently for work in the fields before another rain came, and cotton planting is now in full swing.

According to reports from farmers generally, prospects are fine for a splendid yield of wheat and oats, barring setbacks, in this section, with indications of yield exceeding last year's harvest.

Rainfall last week, reported by The Mail, was 3 inches, total for the year 12.79. With the above quarter inch added, the year's figure is now 13.04 inches.

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Judge W. Erskine Williams of Fort Worth, candidate for congressman-at-large, place No. 1, visited Trent one day last week in the interest of his candidacy. He met our citizens, men and women, and friends of the judge formed an "Erskine Williams for Congress Club," with M. G. Scott as chairman. Judge Williams is a personal friend of Rev. U. S. Sherrill, pastor of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Seth Nugent was a Merkel visitor Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. B. Goode, Mrs. Jack Walker and little son and John Goode were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. McCombs of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley were weekend guests of Mrs. Nalley's father, Mr. Rutherford, of Cottonwood, who has been confined to his bed for the past several weeks. She reports his condition as not very much improved.

Postmaster Dowdy and wife attended the Postmasters convention at San Angelo last week. The Trent postmaster was elected second vice-president of the National League of District Postmasters.

W. H. Riley and family of Coleman were weekend guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbert West.

Bob Kent of Sweetwater was on our streets Monday for a short visit greeting old friends.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock and little daughter, Ruth Marie, were guests last week of her mother, Mrs. Mary Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Mrs. Bee Billings spent Sunday afternoon in Abilene.

Mrs. Perle Hamner and children, J. C. and Ouida, and Mrs. J. P. Price of Sweetwater were guests Thursday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith. Miss Pete Smith returned home with them and attended the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention.

Mrs. Sidney Pass and daughter, Peggie Jo, of Abilene were weekend guests of her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B., Jr., attended the all-day singing at Dort Sunday and visited with old friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Cap McLeod and family and Mrs. Maggie Walker also attended the singing at Dort.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews and daughter were pleasant guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent on Monday.

The last test in numbers that our county supervisor gave, the Trent grammar school made the highest in the county. We are proud of our teachers who taught these grades so successfully.

Saturday, May 14, was rally day for co-operative extension work in Taylor county. There were 15 representatives from Trent and they placed four times in quilts. The winners were: Mrs. T. L. Stevens, first on painted quilts; Mrs. R. L. Reeves, second on painted quilts; Mrs. J. P. Stevens, first on applique, and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, third on piece quilts. There were 80 quilts entered. A delightful day was spent, dinner being spread picnic-style in one of the exhibit buildings at the Fair Park. Those going besides the winners, were: Mesdames Ben Howell, Ed Burks, Annie Boone, R. L. Reeves, Lillian Grace Reeves, Betty Lou Howell, Roy Stewart, Charlie Wash, J. I. Leamon, Wallace Kelley, Mark Williamson, Claude Stewart, T. H. Williamson, Hazel, Wanda and Dow Williamson and Mrs. Alex Williamson.

C. T. Beckham was called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Arene Trevathan, at Wichita Falls. She is recovering from pneumonia, but suffered a relapse.

On May 30, Decoration day, we are asking the Trent community to assemble at the cemetery for an all-day working. Each family, or group, is asked to bring a well filled basket and lunch will be spread at the noon hour. Don't forget the date. If you do not have a relative buried there, remember your friends that are there. Everybody invited. Let's don't forget the resting place of our dead.

Trent School News

HOME EC. CLUB.

Our club met again Wednesday, May 11. We had an interesting program. Our charming hostess, Edith Hale, had the program and refreshments well arranged. Red and white was carried out in favors, table appointments and refreshments which consisted of potato salad, polar iccads and cheese snappers.

The program preceding the refreshment course was: "Mothers' Day," Fanny Vessels; "Watch the Corners," Nona Burgess; "Choice," Bob

Howell; "Vitamin C in Diets," Mildred Steadman; "An Incident that happened on Your Last Date," Helen Hogue; "Eating Ways Through the Teens," Joella McLeod; "Surprise," Sally Freeman; "Foods," Sara J. Johnson; "Jokes," Johnny Terry; "Meals for a Day," Helen Hogue; "Diets," Helen Bright; "Mother's Poem," Victorine Bishop.

The members of the club are Sarah J. Johnson, Helen Bright, Gladys Rogers, Victorine Bishop, Helen Hogue, Nona Burgess, Edith Hale, Fanny Vessels, Mildred Steadman, Joella McLeod.

The visitors were Mary Shepherd, Johnny Terry, Bob Howell, Sally Freeman and Charley Howell.

SENIOR PLAY, "GO SLOW, MARY."

The Senior play, a three-act comedy, will be presented Wednesday evening, May 25, 1932, at the High School auditorium, entitled "Go Slow, Mary."

Mary Abbey, a discontented housewife, exchanges places with her husband, who is out of work.

Their difficulties are finally settled and they are brought together, over the stealing of a diamond ring, of Mrs. Berdon's, Mary's mother, who makes her home with the Abbeyes.

The cast is as follows: Billy Abbey, Freddie Allyn, Mary Abbey, Helen Hogue, Mrs. Berdon, Gladys Rogers, Sallie Carter, Fanny Vessels, Harry Stevens, Ross Jenkins, Burt Childs, Eugene Murdock, Bobby Berdon, Clarence Martin, Dolly Berdon, Mildred Steadman, Katie, Edith Hale.

Danny Grubb, Charlie Howell, Murphy, Jack Perkins.

This play is full of life and laughter; a good clean comedy from start to finish. Don't miss it.

HONOR ROLL.

First grade—Othel O'Kelley, Wayland Norwood, Norvel Shannon, Sammie Rosson, Ernestine Massey, Claude Stewart, Billie Jones, H. H. Jones, Ruth Howard, Willie Jo Hamner, Mary Alice Sherrill, Norma Mae and Jessie Brown, Jimmie Hallmark, Marshall Thixton; highest average, Billy Jones and Willie Jo Hamner.

Second grade—Rado Archer, Nelson Sherrill, Coyee Shannon, Joe Rosson, Glen Stayton, Billy Titt, Lacie Fred Crain, Virginia Cloe McRee, Ilna Perkins, Harwoda Wortham, Eddie Eryant; highest average, Eddie Bryant.

Third grade—Devearl Bishop, Lee Roy Martin, Virgil Carrington, Vertis Ross, Cullen Price, Ruth Hallmark, Elsie Bishop, Faye Hampton, Pauline Stayton, Stella May Duncan, Betty Lou Howell; highest average, Ruth Hallmark.

Fourth grade—Kirby Steadman, Jake Roberts, Mark Williamson, Kenneth Burkhart, Kathlyn Shannon, Dorothy May Howard, Bobbie Glen Rosson, Cecil Ross; highest average, Kirby Steadman.

Fifth grade—Ellery Smith, Jean Scott, Lucille Hampton, Billie Joe Bowers, Ella Lane; highest average, Ellery Smith.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

(By Glynn Reaves, Fifth Grade.) First on the line comes Mr. Franks, He is always pulling some of his pranks.

And using his paddle day by day, We are always glad when he rings the bell to play.

Then comes Mrs. Reynolds, my teacher, We all think that she is a fine preacher.

Next on the line comes Miss Strawn When she uses her paddle You would think that she is very strong.

She has a friend, her name is Mrs. Reaves. She usually has something up her sleeve.

For she is my mother don't you see, And she is pretty strict, if you ask me.

THE SWING.

(By J. E. Perkins, Fourth Grade.) Oh swing over the land, Up to sky and back again,

Over the great shadows of the hills, Over the house, meadow and hills.

Oh swing so swift in the tree top high, Across the land I go so high;

When the sun is setting low in the west, I get out of my swing and go to rest.

SEE

V. H. Patterson and Novis Whiteaker in "Headstrong Joan" Saturday night, May 21, at the Castle Peak school house, starting promptly at 8 o'clock. No admission charge.

COMPERE NEWS

Since the rains of the past week the farmers have been patiently waiting until the soil dries before they finish planting their 1932 crops.

The gardens of this community are real pretty and the "fryers are getting ripe", so it won't be long now!

Compere school closed Wednesday, May 11, as one of the community's most successful school terms. Four factors made this possible: a community that was interested and willing to co-operate in having a good school, faithful parents and pupils, loyal trustees and teachers who were willing to give and do their best. The present faculty have been unanimously re-elected for the 1932-33 term. They are as follows: J. M. Taylor, principal; Mrs. J. M. Taylor, intermediate; Mrs. M. K. Milner, primary.

The closing school program given by the school children on the night of May 11th was attended and enjoyed by a large crowd of patrons and friends. The following pupils received "perfect attendance certificates": Emily Olive Newman, George Newman, Maurine Sherrill, Kathleen Milner, J. T. Smith and Robert E. Spurgin. The following pupils also received "honor certificates" for high grades: Oma Chancy, Julia Gita Bompas, Robert E. Spurgin, Lee Roy Ramsey, Burton Foster, Winifred Loven, Kathleen Milner, George Newman, Maurice Sherrill and Emily Newman.

Mr. Earl Foster and daughter, Lola, of Merkel visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

We are sorry to report Mrs. S. S. Sherrill on our sick list.

Quite a few from this community have been attending the closing school programs at Noodle.

John Henry Palmer of Truby visited his father, Henry Palmer, several times the past week.

Brother Robertson filled his regular appointment at Zion Chapel Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. C. S. Childers' sister, all of Tuxedo, were guests in the Childers' home and attended the presentation of the "Wild Oats Boy" Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Henry Palmer of Truby, a former teacher of this place, is attending the bedside of her father, Mr. Harris, who is reported quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster were Sunday afternoon guests at the teaching.

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

The school children, teachers and patrons enjoyed a school picnic Tuesday of last week. Ball games and various outdoor games were enjoyed until the noon hour; then, oh, my! the feast that was spread! Evidence indicated it was enjoyed to the fullest extent. All departed wishing another good time like that next year.

"The Wild Oats Boy" was presented Thursday night to one of the largest audiences that ever attended a gathering of its kind at Compere. From all reports it was a record-breaking crowd.

"The Wild Oats Boy" is an unusually good play and the characters put it over in a big way. Since the play was such a success, we feel that Compere has as good a talent as you would find in any rural place of its size. The community wishes to express its appreciation to the director and cast of characters for working so faithfully and earnestly to make the play a success.

Hodges Happenings.

Well, here we are again after quite an absence. Glad to report all the folks that were sick with the "flu" are o. k. again.

Grandma Patterson died at her home here Saturday, May 7, and was laid to rest in the Midway cemetery. The entire family have our sympathy.

The rains surely were fine but the farmers are hoping they will stop for a while as very few have any cotton planted.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Driden of Abilene were guests of Mrs. Walker Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hopkins and children of Abilene visited his sister, Mrs. E. H. Bruton, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arwin Ross and baby of Clark county, Arkansas, were recent visitors at the L. M. Walsh home.

Miss Jane Ackens of the Midway community spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker.

Several from here attended the play, "Wild Oats Boy," at Compere and all reported it as one of the best they ever saw.

Mars is putting on their play at the Baptist church here Saturday night, May 21. Everyone invited.

White Church News

The sunshine looks very welcome to everyone after so much rain and cloudy weather.

Mrs. A. M. Brown has returned home after a visit with her daughters at Throckmorton.

Mrs. Ray Brown and little son, Dean, are at home after several months visit in California.

Mrs. O. W. Reed, A. D. King, E. J. Patterson, Raymond Demere, Frank Demere, A. D. Barnes and Miss Lena Lee Demere all attended the rally day in Abilene Saturday.

Rv. Marvin Williams filled the regular day here Sunday to a well filled house both morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathews and children of Nubia, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer and children of Blair and Rev. John E. Walker of Abilene were dinner guests in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday.

Mrs. Leon Toombs and little son of Merkel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere last week.

Lynward Harrison spent several days with his brother, Elmer, of Tuscola last week.

Quite a few from here attended the play at Butman last Friday night.

The play was put on by the I. X. L. players and was well rendered to a large audience.

We will have only two more weeks of school. Some of our boys and girls are studying more than ever, getting ready for the finals.

Cemetery Working.

A meeting has been called for the working of White Church cemetery on Decoration day, May 30, 1932.

Mrs. Raymond Demere, Secretary.

To Present Play Saturday.

The Castle Peak play, "Headstrong Joan," will be given Saturday night, May 21, instead of Friday night, as stated in last week's issue of the Merkel Mail.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

RURAL SOCIETY

ORGANIZE CLUB AT NOODLE.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 4, 23 ladies of the Noodle community met at the beautiful country home of Mrs. A. F. Criswell for the purpose of organizing a Home Demonstration club. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Carl Jackson, president; Mrs. Allen Cade, vice-president; Mrs. A. F. Criswell, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Chas. Bristow, counsellor; Mrs. John Burfeind, reporter; Mrs. O. L. Justice, program committee; Mrs. Roundtree, Mrs. Gene Spurgin and Mrs. John Burfeind, exhibit committee; Mrs. Roundtree, wardrobe demonstrator; Mrs. Jim Spurgin, garden demonstrator.

After the business hour, delicious cake and ice cream were served.

Our next meeting was held on May 16 at the Methodist church in Noodle. Our president and vice-president were absent and Mrs. Criswell was appointed chairman. The roll call was answered by naming some products raised in Jones county.

Our next meeting will be held on May 30. Visitors are always welcome.

—Reporter.

SALT BRANCH DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Friday, May 6, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Teaff, with Mrs. E. Neff hostess. The by-laws were adopted by the club.

Miss Chambers commented on some canned peas, tomatoes and potato pumpkins. Miss Daniels judged the pillow cases. Edith Baker won first place in all white and Mrs. Fred A. Baker won first place in the miscellaneous pillow cases.

Ice cream and cakes were served to fifteen members, Miss Chambers and Miss Daniels.

The next meeting will be Friday, May 20, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee, where a pantry demonstration will be given by Mrs. J. E. Higgins.

—Reporter.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY PICNIC.

A number of Salt Branch young people went on a picnic Monday even-

ing in Laney's pasture. After games were played, a picnic lunch consisting of sandwiches, chili, stuffed eggs, coffee and lemonade was spread.

Those present were: Misses Hazel Thornton, Fay Pinckley, Norah Foster, Gladys Petty, Pauline and Ruth Pinckley, Braunell Armstrong, Marie and Marcella Pinckley, Messrs. Jack Hays, Joe Higgins, Merle and Jack Thornton, Pete Petty, Jarrett Pinckley, Bill and Paxton Hays, J. B. Foster, Horace Armstrong, Vernon Hudson and Mrs. Wilma Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee.

—Reporter.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hester entertained the young people with a chicken dinner. The occasion was the birthday of their son, Verne. In the afternoon games were played and a good time was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hester and children, La Roy, Frances, Jack, Mary Alice and Verne, Pauline and Lela Higgins, Willie Mae Hudson, Horace Armstrong, Waldeline and Juanita Huskey, Zerk and Evelyn Robertson.

At 2:30 Saturday—Misses' non-run bloomers 15 cents per pair, limit two pairs. Brown's Bargain Store.

Try Karmelcorn at Hamm Drug.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

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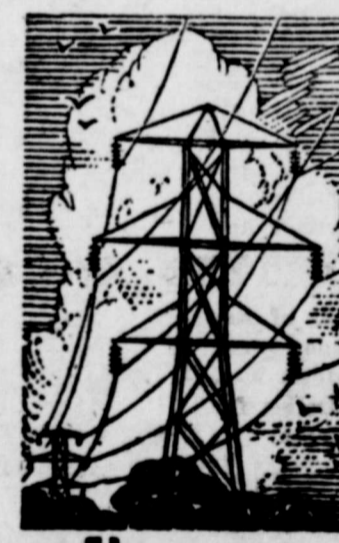
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Cooperative Use Pays Well



Here is a lesson in the value of co-operation.

Time was when every community had its own small, isolated electric power plant — if it had any electric service at all.

That was before it was technically possible to link up groups of towns and provide them with power through widespread systems of electric transmission lines.

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CONSUMERS ARE THINKING

Consumers are now doing a lot of thinking in the matter of buying the everyday necessities of life. People are beginning to realize that a great portion of the supplies of the country are drifting into the control of a few gigantic corporations. And the consumer is wondering whether this is the best thing for a country like the United States which has always held its opportunities open to the efforts, ingenuity and genius of the individual.

The Red & White organization has no fight on any system of merchandising but it knows that in order to give the consumers the best values there must be an amalgamation of the independent interests. The Red & White group of independent retailers now represents an organization with purchasing power as great as any other food organization in the world and is able to pass on to the customers, values which are unsurpassed by any other form of merchandising. People are always glad to buy their supplies from a home-owned store where the proprietor is a resident of the community and contributes to its civic and social up-keep. Red & White stores are that kind.

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HOW TO CUT THE FAMILY GROCERY BILL

Regular customers at Red & White stores realize the splendid saving made in the family grocery bill. They are not obliged to depend upon Saturday special sales for reduced prices because Red & White stores have reduced prices every day in the week and it is this splendid saving, a little bit on each item purchased, which cuts down the grocery bill. Very true Red & White stores also feature special week-end sales and consumers are offered Extra Special Values but it is the everyday saving which they make that is the thing that counts. This is all made possible by the increased purchasing power which the Red & White store has as a result of combining its purchases with thousands of other independently owned retail grocers throughout the United States and Canada.

Friday & Saturday, May 20-21

Gold Bar Sliced
PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for... 25c

Blue & White Broken Slice
PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, 2 for... 25c

Blue & White
APPLE BUTTER, 36 oz. 25c

Red & White—Any Flavor
PRESERVES, 16 oz. jar 25c

Red & White
GRAPE JUICE, pint 19c

Supreme Salad Wafers
CRACKERS, 2 lb. box 19c

Large Size
POST TOASTIES, pkg. 10c

Lady Godiva
SOAP, Toilet, 4 bars 25c

GREEN BEANS, fresh and fine, pound 3 1-2c

NEW POTATOES, fresh dug, pound 3 1-2c

LETTUCE, fresh firm, head 3 1-2c

APPLES, Winesap, dozen 19c

BANANAS, fine fruit, pound 5c

ORANGES, California, med. size, doz. 19c

STRAWBERRIES, Arkansas, quart 18c

IN APPRECIATION

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

Upon this first Anniversary of Red & White Stores in West Texas, our first thought is to extend our most sincere thanks for the patronage which you have so generously given us since we started in May of last year.

Your favors and your patronage have been greatly appreciated, we assure you.

Like many other home-owned independent stores we have had our problems, but by your kindness and patronage you have assisted us wonderfully in helping to solve them.

Co-operating with thousands of other retail merchants in the Red & White organization we will, of course, be able to serve you even more economically and more satisfactorily in the future than we have in the past.

Everything we can do will be done to supply you with the highest grade food products at the most reasonable prices, and we promise courteous treatment at all times.

We hope to make our service so valuable that we may not only merit your continued patronage but that you may also recommend us to your friends. Again, we thank you!!!

Sincerely,
THE RED & WHITE STORES.

Natalia
SPINACH, No. 2 can 10c

Red & White
CORN, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

Hand Packed
TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 23c

Medium Picnic
ASPARAGUS, per can 17c

Sweet or Sour
PICKLES, Kuner's, 6 oz. 10c

Red & White
**MILK 3 Tall 19c
6 Small 19c**

Calumet
**BAKING POWDER, 1 lb. can ... 25c
FREE With Each Can, Small Package
Swan Down Cake Flour**

Red & White
1 Can 10c Red & White Baking Powder
FREE With Each Sack
**Flour 24 lb. Sack ... 65c
48 lb. Sack \$1.05**

SUGAR
10 pounds pure cane
cloth bag

43c

WEINERS, pound 10c

FRYERS, live, pound 19c

BACON, sliced, pound 15c

JOWLS, dry salt, pound 5c

**Compound Cream of Cotton
full 8 pound pail 53c**

PINTO BEANS

4 pounds for

10c

Every item sold by Red & White Store under these labels—

RED & WHITE
BLUE & WHITE
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—is guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money cheerfully refunded!

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These prices good in Red & White Stores in:

Merkel, Trent, Blair, Stith, Noodle, Bradshaw, Goldsboro, Hawley, Abilene, Winters, Wingate, Clyde, Eula, Buffalo Gap.



GLENER CLASS PARTY.
The home of Mrs. F. E. Church was the scene of a lovely party Friday afternoon when Mesdames Hughes, Toombs, Church and Ferrier entertained members of the Gleaner Sunday School class. Mrs. Burgess was a most interesting leader for the devotional after which games of "42" proved happy diversion. A duet by Freddie Hughes and Nancy Jean Scott was most enjoyable as also readings by Dora Marie and Becky Jewel Gaither and Frances MaKe Church.

Delicious sandwiches, cake and cream were served to Mesdames L. R. Thompson, Fred Latham of Abilene, Jim Collins and W. V. Bean, visitors, and class members present were: Mesdames Boyd, Grimes, Gamble, Hale, Vaughn, Sublett, Largent, Iddings, Briggs, Richardson, Buford, Burgess, Gaither, Mashburn, Roberts and Case.

WILLING WORKERS.

Mrs. W. C. Elliott extended hospitality to members of the Willing Workers class on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A Mothers' Day program that had been delayed on account of inclement weather provided inspiration for a wonderful devotional and a pleasant social hour followed for Mesdames Derstine, John Russell, Walker, Witcher, Vaughn, E. Tucker, Coats, Carb, J. Baker, Butler, Clark, Slaton Misses Mary Keny and Mary Derstine and the hostess, Mrs. Elliott.

T. E. L. LASS.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class spent a most enjoyable day in the open on Wednesday of last week at the suburban home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Dinner was prepared over an open fire at noon and in the afternoon a farewell shower for Mrs. Burl Scott was given. The honoree received many pretty and useful presents, mingled with expressions of regret that she will soon be leaving Merkel to make her home elsewhere. Visitors of the class were Mesdames Tom Largent, Iddings and Saffles. Class members were Mesdames Brown, Stevens, Conder, Derstine, Dye, Warren, Angus, Swann, Anderson, Toombs Largent, Renfro, King, Scott, Collins, Booth, Lancaster and the hostess, Mrs. Lassiter.

MEMORIAL DAY PARTY.

Mrs. Charlie Higgins and Mrs. Dent Gibson, assisted by Blanche Dennison, entertained the Fidelis Matrons, Friday at 3 o'clock in Mrs. Higgins' home. Mrs. Tom Riddle led the devotional, reading from the Bible the ten commandments. After the business session, the hostesses entertained with interesting contests and games, all in keeping with Memorial Day.

Plate favors were small flags. The napkins were also decorated in red, white and blue colors. The house was decorated with several varieties of spring flowers.

Strawberries and cake were served to Mesdames Sam Swann, Byers Petty, Warren Smith, Chas. Higgins, Clarence Perry, Tom Riddle, Geo. Caple, W. S. Slayden, E. P. Allen, Dent Gibson.

J. U. G. CLUB.

When Miss Dora Marie Gaither, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Forest Gaither, entertained her club on Saturday of last week, she invited them to drive over to Cobb Park, Abilene, and the various play devices there were enjoyed to the fullest. As the happy afternoon drew to a close, a picnic supper was served to club members and their sponsor and three guests, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Betty Lou Grimes and Becky Jewel Gaither.

Commencement

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Special music, arranged by F. C. Hughes.
Graduation sermon, Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist church, Abilene.
Hymn.
Benediction.
Recessional, Miss Tracy.
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.
Processional.
Invocation, Rev. E. L. Yeats.
Class song.
"Friendship," Margaret Canon.
Commencement address, Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, Abilene.
Girls' trio.
Honors and certificates.
Diplomas.
Closing song.
Benediction, Rev. R. A. Walker.

Will Preach at Noodle.

Elder W. G. Cybert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited to hear him.

CHURCHES

Pastor's Sermon to Help New Members

We trust that the passion for the lost and the courageous faith that was so manifest during our revival shall never fade away. It is my desire and prayer that every church member may daily continue their activities in the winning of the lost to Christ.

All members are urgently requested to be present at Sunday School and church Sunday.

Pastor's subject at 11 a. m. will be "The New Life and How to Live It." This sermon will be especially helpful to new members. B. T. S. meets at 6:45 p. m. No preaching service at night, account of school sermon at Methodist church.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Special song.
Talks by:
1. Carroll King.
2. Harry Boaz.
3. Gerald Derrick.
4. Leonard Reeves.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The lesson for the Sunday Afternoon Men's Prayer service next Sunday will be the first chapter of Corinthians, which will be read by Ted McGehee. Discussion by Herbert Patterson will follow. Those present may expect the usual inspiring song service at the opening of the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all the men in Merkel and the surrounding communities to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Reports from five Sunday Schools in the city last Sunday show the attendance to have been 874. No report was received from the Nazarene church. This compares with 389 on the previous Sunday when rain cut down the number present. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 869.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our training course is increasing in interest and attendance. Thirty-six were present Wednesday evening for the thirty minute song service and thirty minute study of "The Message of Jesus." You may take an audit course—just be present and listen in—or you may take credit with the group that will take the examination at the end of the study.

One hundred and thirty delegates attended the young peoples conference here last Sunday. The next district meeting will be at Baird.

Sunday morning, preaching by the pastor. Sunday evening, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. M. A. Jenkins.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

"Who is My Neighbor?"
Scripture: Amos 5:7-8, 21-24; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:20-37.
Leader, Mary Collins.

Talks:
"Step by Step," Lela Patterson.
"From Self to Love," Leo Tucker.
"The Greater Family," Clinton Bryant.
"The Right of Conscience," Frances Marie Church.
"For God is a Spirit," Imogene Middleton.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Last Sunday showed a good attendance and unusual interest. Be sure to keep the good work going by your presence next Sunday with a prepared lesson. There will not be preaching service, as the pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

"How to Use Music in Worship."
Scripture—Psalms 43:3-5.
Leader, Billy Gardner.
"Worshipping with the Church Chimes; Communities Worship in Song," Milton Shannon.
"Hungry for Cheering Music; Song Leads to Worship," Pauline Wiman.
"Don't Sing as a 'Vestibule' to the Meeting; Taken Into God's Presence," Van Roberts.
"Preparing Music for Christian Endeavor; When to Learn New Music," Julia Proctor.
"The Effect of Music on Character; Loads Lightened and Grievs Charmed Away," "Thirty Thousand School Boards," Jack Patterson.

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repentance; salvation without regeneration; the letter without the spirit; politics without God; heaven without hell; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof from such turn away. This alarming condition has come upon us because there are too many preachers and laymen who are cowards; afraid to preach against sin.

Next Sunday night we will preach on "The Modern Leprosy of Sin." In this sermon we will lift our voice against sin and spare not. Again we thank God that our laymen are becoming alarmed. Every Sunday night we will have a meeting for men and boys only. God has laid it on the heart of Brother Tom Huffman to begin such a work; so we want you to be there this Friday night, for startling things will be proclaimed on the housetops. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday night. Bible study Monday night. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Street service Saturday 3 p. m.

There were 6 baptized last Sunday and about 9 more waiting baptism. Come to our church and hear the "Old Time Gospel" preached.

Young Peoples' Bible study same program as for last Sunday.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Lindbergh Baby

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The woods from the road, found what he thought was a child's foot sticking out of the ground and notified the police. The identification followed quickly.

It was apparent that the child had been killed soon after he was stolen from his crib in the nursery on the night of March 1. Whether he had been killed with calculating purpose by criminals who found it advantageous to them to get rid of the child, or whether he had been thrown there by kidnapers fleeing in panic, was not determined.

The body showed the marks of two fractures of the skull, one on the left side and the other on the right. The latter was a hole a half-inch in diameter.

Positive identification of the baby's body was furnished by Betty Gow, the nursemaid, about whom so much interest in the case centered immediately after the baby's disappearance. The garments found on the body were taken to the Lindbergh home and examined by Miss Gow there. She positively identified the shirt and the waistband as those of the baby whom she had taken care of and to whom she was devoted. The sleeping suit which the baby wore when he was stolen was missing.

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VOICE AND PIANO RECITAL.

Miss Christine Collins will present Miss Mollye Frank Touchstone, voice pupil, and Miss Joyce Jones, piano student, in recital on Tuesday evening at 8:15 at the Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited to hear the following program:
"The Starling".....Lehmann
"The Wren".....Lehmann
Mollye Frank Touchstone
"Song of India".....Korsakow
"Shepherd Boy".....Wilson
"Sparklets".....Miles
Joyce Jones
"Fairie Pipers".....Curran
"Ho! Mr. Piper".....Curran
"Idillio".....Lack
"Solfeggietto".....Bach
Joyce Jones
"I Know a Lovely Garden".....H'Hardelot
"The Big Brown Bear".....Mana-Zucca
Mollye Frank Touchstone

RECITAL.

The annual spring recital by the entire class of voice and piano pupils of Christine Collins will be given on Thursday evening at 8:15 at the Presbyterian church. A complete program will be printed next week.

TOURNAMENT WINNER.

Miss Hollye Perry, who is a Sophomore in the conservatory of music, Simmons university, was first place winner for the Sophomore group in the annual All-Southwestern Intercollegiate Piano Tournament sponsored by Dr. John Thompson of Kansas City. She carried off nine blue ribbons and seven white ones with an average of 97.25, which was second to highest average of the entire tournament, the highest being 98. Over three hundred students participated in the 3 day tournament.

RECITALS AT JOHN TARLETON.

Stephenville, May 19.—Recitals by Miss Thelma McAninch and Miss Ethel Hamilton of Merkel are included in the programs offered by the conservatory of John Tarleton Agricultural college prior to and during commencement this year.

Miss McAninch was presented in piano recital on Friday evening, May 13, and Miss Hamilton gave a voice

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Allegro—Rondeau en Polonaise.
Reverling Butterflies (Norcott.)
Scarf Dance (Chaminade.)
Minuette (Schubert.)
Moment Musical No. 3 (Schubert.)
Hark, Hark, the Lark (Liszt-Schubert.)
Moment Musical No. 6 (Schubert.)
Scherzo (Schubert.)
Impromptu, Op. 142, No. 2 (Schubert.)

The program of Miss Hamilton's recital:

I. Amarilli (Caccini); Filli non T'amo Piu (Carissimi); Lasciatemi Morire (Monteverde.)
II. By the Waters of Minnetonka, (Lieurance); Wake Up (Phillips); How Long Will Thou Forget Me? (Pfleger.)
III. Number by assisting artist.
IV. Aria; Voi Che Sapeti, (Mozart.)

zant.)
V. The Hills of Home, (Fox); The Cuck-Coo Clock (Schaefer); Because (D'Hardelot); The House by the Side of the Road (Clark.)

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