

TEXAS DELEGATES TOLD TO STICK TO GARNER TO THE FINAL DITCH

Convention Favors Submission of Referendum to States on Eighteenth Amendment; Vets Bonus Recommended.

Houston, May 26.—Amid the most uproarious scenes enacted at a democratic gathering in recent years, Texas democrats at their state convention Tuesday night urged congress to submit to the states a referendum on the eighteenth amendment, instructed its delegation to Chicago to vote for John N. Garner until released by him, indorsed full payment of the soldiers' bonus and moved to keep negroes out of the primaries.

Jed C. Adams, Dallas, was re-elected as national committeeman over Senator A. J. Wirtz, Seguin, and Mrs. Clara Driscoll Sevier, national committeewoman from Austin, was unopposed for re-election.

The referendum resolution was adopted by 853 to 564. The militant dries, headed by W. A. Tarver of Corsicana, state insurance commission chairman and Dan Moody's intimate friend, were dissatisfied with a viva voce vote adopting the referendum, and demanded a roll call.

The convention placed Tom Connally, junior United States senator on the delegation to Chicago, but left off Senator Morris Sheppard, father of the eighteenth amendment. Congressman Sam Rayburn was named as chairman of the delegation. Rayburn, who also was temporary chairman of the convention, is national manager of the Garner-for-President organization. Moody, dry, also was left off the delegation.

TEXAS DELEGATION.

Delegates at large to the democratic convention include Gov. Ross S. Sterling and United States Senator Tom Connally, but did not include his colleague, Morris Sheppard.

The convention will send a total of 184 delegates and 184 alternates to Chicago, forty of them being delegates at large. The delegates at large are Senator Connally, Amos G. Carter, Leroy Smith, Fred Minor, R. E. Huff, A. J. Wirtz, R. G. McDaniel, Archie Parr, G. B. Fentry, R. F. Burges, Cope Stevenson, Walter Woodard, C. L. Combes, Jesse H. Jones, John E. Robinson, Governor Sterling, Carl Estes, Lorraine Boone Spontz, T. W. Davidson, E. L. Ashcraft, J. T. Dixon, Margie Neal, Stuart R. Smith, R. T. Craig, Galloway Calhoun, Sam Rayburn, Rice Maxey, Maury Hughes, Alvin Owsley, Charles E. Gainer, Walter Collins, Fannie Campbell Womack, J. C. Canty, Lewis Fisher, J. T. Scott, Gus Russek, Captain Ingram, Paul D. Page and E. F. Smith.

The following delegates were named from the 17th congressional district: Sam McCallum, Joe Clark, Paul Trim. (Continued on Page Six.)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Nat Jordan, 23, was electrocuted when he came in contact with a charged wire around the vegetable garden at his home at Lubbock at 9:45 Monday night.

Jeff Barr, 35, was killed when she fell approximately 50 feet to the derrick below from the sixth girder on a derrick on the Nicholson lease, north of Longview.

Newt Nichols, 20, of Kerrville, was instantly killed on the highway near Menard when, while he was working on the engine of his car, it was side-swiped by a second car.

Edward Kenley, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kenley of Coleman, was drowned in Hord creek near that place while in swimming Monday afternoon with his 12-year-old brother.

A soda water bottle hurled into the crowd by a spectator at the baseball game between Dallas and Fort Worth Monday night struck Mrs. Ray Warnick, 43, fracturing a bone in her left ankle.

Joseph W. Bailey, Jr., Dallas attorney and son of the famous late Senator Bailey, has told friends that he would be a candidate for congressman-at-large, expecting to file for place No. 2.

A dividend of 20 per cent to depositors of the First National bank, which closed at Sweetwater early last December, has been authorized by the controller of the currency, to be distributed to 1,340 depositors.

Succeeding George E. Shelley of Austin, Harry P. Lawther of Dallas was elected president of the Texas Bar association in the closing session Saturday of the organization's three day convention at Mineral Wells.

After Ellsworth Holden, 3, was drowned while wading in a tank near his home at Bedford, his parents were led by the continued whining and tugging of the little fellow's puppy to the place where his body was found.

A temporary injunction has been granted by a district judge at Stephenville enjoining the highway commission from letting contracts for the proposed cutoff to shorten the distance between Weatherford and Ranger.

Pat M. Neff Wednesday submitted his resignation as railroad commissioner, effective at noon on June 4, and Governor Sterling at once announced the appointment of Ernest O. Thompson of Amarillo to succeed him.

After an absence of 20 years James F. Cox returned to the presidency of Abilene Christian college in a simple inauguration ceremony Monday night, succeeding Batsell Baxter, under whom he had served as dean for eight years.

Miss Norma Ramsey, 25, was killed and her elder sister, Miss Nena Kate Ramsey was seriously injured when their automobile was demolished by an eastbound Texas and Pacific passenger train at the Victoria street crossing in Abilene.

The law enacted by the Texas legislature in May, 1931, prescribing the size of commercial motor vehicles which might operate over its highways and limiting the load transportation on trucks to 7,000 pounds, was sustained by the supreme court of the United States Monday.

The Winona State bank in East Texas was robbed of \$873 Wednesday by two unmasked men who forced President J. F. McClung, alone in the bank when the holdup took place, to unlock the vault and, after obtaining the money, locked McClung in the vault.

In the case of Mrs. Ida M. Darden of Fort Worth, who sought to run for one of the congressional-at-large positions without filing for one of the three places, the supreme court Wednesday sustained the right of the state democratic executive committee to require candidates to run for place.

Tuesday's Rainfall One Inch. Scattered showers during Tuesday afternoon turned into a steady down-pour after dark that lasted several hours, the precipitation totaling an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. This brings the 1932 rainfall to 14.04 inches.

CERTIFICATES ARE AWARDED 34 GRAMMAR PUPILS

Commencement Exercises for Seventh Grade Held Saturday Night; Address to Graduates By Rev. Marvin Williams.

At the Grammar school graduation exercises held at the Methodist church Saturday night, thirty-four pupils from the seventh grade were presented certificates by Mrs. Len Sublett, principal, with an average of the year of 97.2. Salutatory honors went to Francis Tarleton, with an average of 96.2.

The list of graduates reads: R. F. Blair, Horace Boney, Edgar H. Boyd, Jr., Louis Carson, Hollis Floyd, Robert Higgins, John A. Jones, L. V. Moore, Leo Mashburn, Harold Morgan, Winston Polley, Emmett Price, Billie Robins, Willie B. Toombs, Murry Toombs, Holt Vaughn, Billie Woodrum, Overton Patterson, Millet Patton, Opal Buzbee, Ora Derrick, Janet Hayes, Juanita Huskey, Mabel Maddox, Coehne Morrison, Elna Tucker, Ruth Kyle, Aliene Parks, Thelma Patterson, Ella Mae Rice, Francis Tarleton, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Melba Lee Watts.

Rev. Marvin Williams delivered the address to the seventh grade graduates.

Of the thirty-four in the class, three were on the year's honor roll; that is, during every grade period the past year, they had been neither tardy nor absent, had an average of 90 or more, with no grade less than 75, and grading 90 or more on department. These pupils were Harold Morgan, Francis Tarleton and Ora Derrick. Besides these three, three other pupils, Edgar Bradley, Horace Boney and Elna Tucker, had been neither absent nor tardy during the entire year.

WIN FIVE YEARS IN ARITHMETIC. Teams from the Grammar school have won first place in the county meet of the Interscholastic league every time they have entered, beginning with 1928, which is a record of which all Merkel as well as the school authorities can be proud. Arithmetic is taught by the principal, Mrs. Len Sublett.

By special request of Roy Bedichek, head of the Interscholastic league, the names and picture of this year's team will appear in the "Interscholastic League," official publication of the league, published at Austin.

The following students were on the teams each year, two from the 1928 team being graduates from the High school this year:

1928—Ross Ferrier, Jr., Isadore Mellinger, Meyer Mellinger, Alton Davis.

1929—Meyer Mellinger, Jim Patterson, Roy Robins, Nell Barnett.

1930—Caribel Mansfield, Valeria Parks, J. R. Graham, Floyd Clark.

1932—Aliene McAninch, Truett Patterson.

1932—Juanita Huskey, Francis Tarleton.

Second Called City Election Saturday

The second called election to name two members of the board of aldermen will be held Saturday of this week. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and remain open until 6 p. m. J. P. Sharp, Sr., is to be election judge.

So far only one name, J. A. Buford, has been entered on the ticket.

Scout Honor Court Troop 20 Tonight

A court of honor is to be held for scouts of troop 20 this Thursday night at the Presbyterian church. Four scouts will receive second-class recognition at the court, and three boys will appear for merit badges.

Ed Shumway, area executive, will assist in holding the honor court, and Herbert Patterson, scoutmaster of troop 20, T. D. Riddle, assistant, and S. D. Gamble, chairman of the Merkel council will appear on the examining board also.

ROSS FERRIER, JR., IS VALEDICTORIAN OF CLASS OF 1932 M. H. S.

HONOR ROLL FOR YEAR INCLUDES 25

Nineteen from Grammar and Six from High School Earn Coveted Honor Every Period.

Twenty-five pupils, 19 from Grammar school and 6 from High school, were on the year's honor roll of the Merkel Public schools for the year 1931-32. These students had the distinction of earning place on the honor roll for each of the six periods of the school year. The list reads:

Grammar school: Frances Tarleton, Harold Morgan, Ora Derrick, Morris Wozencraft, Robert Grimes, Jr., Mary Jo Russell, Billie Wood, Dora Marie Gaither, Westley Owen, Minnie Alice Mayfield, Clarene Perry, Frances Owen, Jannell Black, Guy Manscill, Roy Owen, J. C. Thomas, Billie Clyde Haynes, Billie Tom Hutcheson, Bob Jinkins.

High school: Jesse Margaret Berry, Lena Faye Harrell, Lucille Campbell, Mildred Richardson, Florene Rider, Lela Patterson.

HONOR CERTIFICATES. The following pupils of the Merkel Public schools entered school the opening day last September 7th and have for the entire year been neither tardy nor absent. These were awarded honor certificates at the close of school.

This list totaling 92 and including 55 from Grammar school and 37 from High school reads:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. First grade—Minnie Alice Mayfield, Wesley Owen, Clarene Perry, Nuander Wozencraft.

Second grade—Forrest G. Barnett, Dora Marie Gaither, David Gibson.

Third grade—Earl Mashburn, Roy Owen, Winona Fay Thomas, Charlie Young.

Fourth grade—Howard Delmar Cribley, Marvin DuBose, Ralph Eoff, Donald Lasater, Guy Manscill.

Fifth grade—Charles Escue, Hazle Dubose.

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Lela Patterson Wins Second Honors; Twenty-Nine Seniors Receive Diplomas in Impressive Exercises Monday Night.

Highest honors in the Senior class of 1932 of the Merkel Public schools were awarded to Ross Ferrier, Jr., as valedictorian, with an average of 94.908, and to Lela Patterson, as salutatorian, with an average of 94.698. Less than one-half point separated the two honor pupils.

Commencement exercises were held at the Methodist church Monday evening when 29 proud Seniors in caps and gowns received their diplomas.

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, delivered the address to the graduates. The class sermon on Sunday night was preached by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, Abilene, who spoke on "Planning a Life."

The class roll of 1932 reads: Elmer Adeock, Zada Bell, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Ruth Calloway, Margaret Canon, Paul Collins, Avis Deavers, Ida Mae Derstine, Nelle Durham, R. D. Ely, Ross Ferrier, Jr., Elleta Foster, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Selma Jones, Robert Manscill, Isadore Mellinger, B. P. Middleton, Monta J. Moore, Madeline Murray, Lela Patterson, Marshall Stalls, Marie Stanford, W. M. Taylor, H. C. Toombs, Leo Tucker, Davis Williams, Woodrow Wilson, Cephas Wozencraft, Helen Yeats.

Honor certificates were presented to those students who had been neither tardy nor absent during the nine months. These names are included in the list printed elsewhere in this issue recording the honors and awards in the entire school.

Honor Roll

The following pupils, 126 in Grammar school and 62 in High school, of the Merkel schools have for the last six weeks period of the year been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 per cent or more in department and have made a general average of 90 or more for the period:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. First Grade, Mrs. Nosh. Walter Hickman, 96; Minnie Alice (Continued on Page Two)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 24, 1912.)

Mrs. E. M. Rust left Saturday for Chicago where she will enter the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. She will spend several weeks in the noted school going over the work of the post graduate. Miss Genevieve and Q. Rust left for Cottonwood Saturday to visit Mrs. Rust's father, S. S. Ramsey.

A fishing party started out Monday morning to spend several days on the river. Those going were Henry King, Alva McClain, Shirley and Stanley King.

Holland Teaff came in from Waco Friday where he has been attending Baylor college during the past season.

Miss Leno Largent returned home Friday afternoon from Bristol, Va., where she has been attending the Intermount College. At the closing of the school she won the Boice medal in a vocal contest over some thirty voices.

Mrs. J. B. Boden and Miss Josie King left for Melissa Sunday in answer to a letter telling them of their aunt, Mrs. R. B. King, being in a critical condition.

EDWARDS-JENNINGS.

One of the nicest affairs of the season was the Edwards-Jennings marriage on Wednesday at ten o'clock preceding high noon, at the Jennings residence, 710 Oak street. Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings held the attention of all by the words of "All that I Ask of You is Love" with wedding march by Miss Ruth Mimms. Little Misses Mary Louise Scott and Lucile Guitar scattered flowers down the stairs. Jno. D. Gaither, Jr., acted as ring bearer. Rev. A. M. Martin performed the ceremony.

Miss Laura Jennings entered on the arm of Mr. Westley Edwards. Guests registering were Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Misses Allie, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Mesdames Irving Jennings, Baker, G. M. Sharp, Guitar, Browning, Chas. Edwards, Boyce, Mims, SoRelle, Coggin, Arthur Sears, J. D. Gaither, T. A. Johnson, A. M. Martin, Misses Coleman, Henderson, Mims, Sutphen, Burroughs, Hoya, Lula Roxie, Nellie and Ola Sharp, Johnson, Sears, Martin, Elizabeth Gaither, Boyce, Lucile Guitar, Mary Louise Scott, Messrs. J. L. Baker, A. M. Martin, Thos. Johnson, Taylor Jennings, G. M. Sharp, Claud Sears, George Ferrier, Homer Easterwood, Lee and Andrew Baker.



UNKNOWN. Buried in the middle of the second volume of Lincoln Steffens' autobiography are some paragraphs on education for which I extend my thanks. "Thinking back over my school and college courses," he says, "I could see that one trouble with our education was that it did not teach us what was not known, not enough of the unsolved problems of the sciences, of the arts, and of life. "It gave us positive knowledge where there was no certain knowledge, and worst of all, when we did not particularly want it. We were not curious as students, and we are not curious enough now as men and women. "It seemed to me . . . that curiosity was the beginning and end of education." If a copy of this paper happens to fall into the hands of a college president, I should like to suggest to him the establishment in his college of a lecture course on The Unknown. The first lecture might be by a professor of physics. He would doubtless start by dropping a paper weight on the desk, saying, "That is something which no human being understands. We call it 'gravitation,' but no man in the world knows what gravitation is." The second lecturer might well be a professor of economics. He would have to say something like this: "We do not know why good times come or why they leave. We have many impressive phrases in our business. We speak of 'gold supply' and 'commodity prices' and 'speculation,' and so forth. We make many charts. These charts only tend to show that what goes up must come down and that history has a way of repeating itself. But why it repeats itself, we really do not know." The third lecturer, of course, should be a philosopher or a theologian. He would say: "No one knows how the universe started or what is its object. Some men call themselves philosophical pessimists and pretend to know that it has no meaning. Some of us prefer to believe that it has a Maker and a meaning. We feel that this positive faith gives life more significance, more cheer." Such a lecture course would cure the colleges of afflicting the world with wise young men. The graduates would be humble, curious, thrilled by the challenge of so much to learn, so many things to try. Also, they would understand why no man needs to be ashamed to say: "I do not know, but I believe."

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Letters From the People

**CAN STATE COLLEGES
RETRENCH?**

Dear Editor:
I notice in papers the various state
and county taxpayers' organizations,
for the purpose of securing retrenchment
in affairs of government. While this
is wise, and surely will be fruit-
ful of desired results, I wish to inquire
if state-supported colleges should be
considered? Or to submit the question,
can the state continue to spend over
\$7,000,000 a year for the maintenance
of her 15 state colleges, while our pub-
lic schools are alarmingly handicapped
financially? Or should we continue
to spend over \$2,500,000 yearly to
train new teachers when it is conceded
there are at least 7,500 capable teach-
ers, many with both degrees and ex-
perience, idle? Or, as Dr. Oscar A.
Ullrich of Southwestern university in-
quires, should taxpayers be forced to
continue to spend that amount when
we have a 5-year supply on hand, or
to train 10 teachers where only one
is needed?

Two solutions have been suggested.
Dr. J. D. Leonard, of Bronte, Texas,
a practicing physician and influential
citizen, secretary of his school board
for perhaps 15 years, maintains that
factories close down when they have
an oversupply of their products, till
some of the surplusage has been ab-
sorbed, and mentions that four teach-
ers colleges would be all Texas needs.
Others feel that the solution is to
have the legislature require the state
colleges to charge a fee sufficient to
enable them to become practically self-
sustaining. Perhaps that is the most
plausible or feasible solution.

Should the state colleges be re-
quired to charge the fee, it ought to re-
lease something like \$5,000,000 for
public schools? Is it fair to taxpayers,
teachers, parents or children for the
state to continue to spend such huge
amounts, when perhaps 75 per cent of
our public schools are threatened with
ruin? Local taxpayers are at their
rope's end. It is not a question of what
they would do gladly, but of what they
can do for the next several years.

The situation should arouse teachers
to a protest. At the rate state colleges
are incubating teachers, their profes-
sion is threatened. Every article
cheapens in price and lessens in pub-
lic appreciation with enormous sur-
plusage of that article. Diamonds de-
rive their value not so much on ac-
count of any intrinsic value as their
scarcity. Were they to become as com-
mon as gravel, would they command
any price? Teaching service is no ex-
ception. With thousands of teachers
frantic for positions, it is natural that
underbidding will begin. And a young
man or young woman, after spending
an average of \$1,500 of dad's hard-
earned money, can't be censured for
feeling sore, to find the doors closed
to him. And it is not so soothing to
dad. It is no favor to train other
young people to teach, when it is not
likely over 25 per cent for the next
few years will be able to find posi-
tions.

But some will say: "Oh, well,
what's the use to kick?" Let me as-
sure him it will do a lot of good. If
you feel an injustice is being done,
write a letter of protest to Hon. Nat.
M. Washer, San Antonio, Texas. He
is president of Texas state board of
education. And let your representative
and state senator know of your views.
Any communication sent me will be
turned over to the proper authorities.
Very truly yours,
Abilene, Texas. W. A. Bynum.

THREE DAY MEETING.
Elder J. S. Newman, Primitive Bap-
tist, will begin a three day meeting at
the community tabernacle here on Fri-
day of this week, the first service to
be held at 11 a. m. Services will con-
tinue twice daily. Everyone is cordial-
ly invited to attend.

FOR SALE
Just received shipment of Peerless
binder twine. See us for prices. J. M.
Garrett.

NOTICE.
For the summer months I have se-
cured the services of J. M. Garrett
and also the use of his scales. Those
who desire public weighing are asked
to call at the scales at the J. M. Gar-
rett feed store.

Houston Robertson.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

J. B. Cadenhead

In his 83rd year death claimed J.
B. Cadenhead, father of Mrs. J. E.
Tucker, with whom he had made his
home for many years, on Tuesday, May
24.

Funeral services were held at 11:30
Wednesday morning from the Tucker
home conducted by Rev. R. A. Walk-
er, pastor of the Presbyterian church,
and Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pas-
tor, with interment at Rose Hill cem-
tery. Six grandsons were pall bear-
ers.

Mr. Cadenhead was born in Ala-
bama on Oct. 19, 1849, and came to
Texas in 1875, settling near Fort
Worth. He was married in that year
but did not come to Taylor county
until 1894. He was converted in 1895,
uniting with the Cumberland Presby-
terian church, and has remained in
that church. He was a good, kind fath-
er, that type of American citizen
known for his quietness, humility and
stability of character.

He is survived by only one child,
Mrs. Tucker, eight grandchildren and
two great-grandchildren. The grand-
children are: Lester Tucker, Throck-
morton; Carvel Tucker, Santa Maria;
Mrs. Ansel Coats, Leo, Burnis, Jack
and Ethelda, of Merkel, and Bedell
Chambers, all of whom except the lat-
ter were present for the funeral.

G. W. Wiggins.

G. W. Wiggins, 62, prominent far-
mer of the Iberis community and re-
sident of Taylor county for forty years,
died at 3:30 a. m. Monday at his home
after an illness of several months.

The funeral service, conducted by
Rev. R. A. Walker, Merkel pastor,
was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morn-
ing at the Iberis Baptist church, with
interment in Cedar Hill cemetery,
Abilene.

Besides Mrs. Wiggins, seven child-
ren by his first wife survive. They
are L. L., W. K., Auda V., Don and
Grady Wiggins, and Lula May Wig-
gins, all of Iberis, and Mrs. Milton
Cox of Sweetwater.

Honor Certificate

(Continued from Page One.)
Fourth grade—Billie Wood, W. I.
Wozencraft, Frances Owen, Mary Jo
Russell.
Fifth grade—Jannell Black, Clyde
Cribley.
Fifth grade—Goldie Hawkins,
Charles Iddings, Clayton Leach.
Sixth grade—Raymond Lasater,
Jack Sublett, Morris Wozencraft, Joe
Young, De La Vergne Teague.
Sixth grade—Vincent Barnett, J. C.
Berryman, J. C. Foster, Billie Dunn-
ing, L. B. Gibson, Robert Grimes, Jr.,
Betty Lou Grimes, Rosemary Lasater.
Seventh grade—Harold Morgan,
Winton Polley, Frances Tarleton.
Seventh grade—Horace Boney, Ed-
gar J. Bradley, Elna Tucker.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Oscar Adcock, Neal Durham, J. V.
Patterson, Dallas Sharp, Felix Stalls,
Jack Stanford, Jessie Margaret Ber-
ry, Ima Ruth Brown, Genevieve Bry-
an, Annie Lee DuBose, Lena Faye
Harrell, Lois Perkins, Ethelda Tuck-
er, Marize West, Kenneth Cribley,
J. B. Moore, Harold Reese, Lloyd
Robertson, Duncan Briggs, Caribell
Mansfield, Terrell Mashburn, Mardell
Shouse, James West, Jr., Lucille Camp-
bell, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Opal Huskey,
Margaret Miller, Mildred Richardson,
Florene Rider, Joyce Wheeler, Elmer
Adcock, Ross Ferrier, Marshall
Stalls, Madeline Murray, Lela Patter-
son, Marie Stanford.

**Sponsors Will Ride
In Opening Parade**

Stamford, May 26.—Elaborate
plans are being made for the enter-
tainment of the sponsors who will re-
present the various cities and towns
in the Texas Cowboy Reunion to be
held here July 4, 5 and 6.

Each city is being invited to make
its own selection of a sponsor. The
girls will ride in the big opening pa-
rade to be held on the first day of the
reunion, July 4. Sponsors will be
required to furnish their own mounts.

Prizes will be given to the two
sponsors having the most attractive
riding outfits, the best mounts and
showing the best horsemanship. First
prize will be a handsome pair of hand-
made riding boots and the second
prize a pair of the famous McChesney
silver-mounted spurs. Both prizes
were donated by the Nocona Boot
company of Nocona, Texas, and are
now on exhibit here.

Wichita Falls and Haskell have al-
ready announced that they will send
sponsors.

"The Red-Headed Step-Child."
Members of the Butman school
community will present a three act
play entitled "The Red-Headed Step-
Child," Friday night, May 27, at 8
o'clock at the Butman tabernacle. The
public is invited. Bring your nickels;
candy and popcorn will be sold to
help meet the production expenses.

Personal Mention

Mrs. H. C. Williams spent Friday
of last week with friends in Abilene.
Mrs. Jennie Noles of Dallas was a
week-end visitor with Miss Mary Par-
rish last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crosley of Plain-
view were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S.
Young last week-end.

"Dub" Harkrider, after several
months on the Largent ranch near
Brownwood, is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols were over
from Albany Monday night for the
High school graduation exercises.

Miss Athelda Yeats, who gradu-
ated from Weatherford college at
Weatherford, returned home last
week.

Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess left
Tuesday for a few days visit in Lub-
bock, expecting to return by the end
of the week.

Following the close of school, Miss
Hazel Lee Rainbolt arrived Saturday
from San Jon, N. M., for summer va-
cation.

Ivy Daniel of Pampa, Texas, spent
the week-end with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. D. Daniel, of the 5th
community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson left
Saturday for a visit with Mr.
Grayson's sister, Mrs. Alice Caswell,
at Chillicothe.

Miss Helen Massengale of Houston,
who has been a visitor before in Mer-
kel, is a guest this week of the Tom
Largent home.

Friends and former neighbors are
extending a cordial welcome to Mr.
and Mrs. Dewey Phillips on their re-
turn to Merkel.

Miss Eda Kyle, who has been stay-
ing with her sister, Mrs. C. F. Mc-
Griff, going to Goodman High school,
has returned home.

Miss Martha Bird, who has been
teaching in the Graham Public schools,
is among the first of the teachers to
return home for summer vacation.

The latest news from Doyle Garrett
tells of his arrival at Atlanta, Ga., in
which territory he and his sales force
will operate during the summer mon-
ths.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell had
as their guests Wednesday Mrs.
Campbell's nieces, Misses Willie Mae
and Wilma Adkins, of Ivanhoe, Fan-
nin county.

Miss Iris Garrett left Friday for
Stanton to join the family of G. H.
Bullock, her brother-in-law, who left
Sunday morning for a visit with Mr.
Bullock's parents at Portales, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor left Mon-
day morning for Quitman, Texas, to
visit relatives and friends before they
depart for Austin to attend the Uni-
versity of Texas for the summer ses-
sion.

Floyd Davis, working for Jake
Croft on the Texas Company Gean
No. 2 well at Hamlin, was a visitor
here Wednesday. They had to shut
down drilling on account of the heavy
rain there Tuesday night. He return-
ed Wednesday night.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton and Mrs. J.
E. Richardson drove over to Stephen-
ville Tuesday to bring Miss Eleanor
Mae Hamilton home from John Tar-
leton. Misses Ethel Hamilton and
Thelma McAninch, also students at
Tarleton, will return Friday.

Arriving Monday, Mrs. Guy Darsey
and little daughter of Austin are
guests in the home of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm. Miss
Mildred Hamm also returned home,
having been a visitor in her sister's
home at Austin for the past several
weeks.

Judge W. W. Wheeler, together
with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr.
and Mrs. Ross Wheeler, who accom-
panied him to Savannah, Ga., and
remained with him several weeks while
he was being treated at the sanitarium
there, have returned home. The
judge is looking unusually well and
feels very hopeful as to the expected
relief afforded by the medical treat-
ment he received.

**Merkel Bests Jones
Drug of Abilene Again**

The Merkel ball players won one
game and lost another the past week,
making it two straight wins over the
Jones Drug company of Abilene and
two losses to Trent.

In Sunday's game, played here,
Merkel defeated the Abilene boys, 8
to 7, and in Wednesday's game, also
played here, Trent nosed out Merkel,
9 to 8.

**To Open New Beauty
Shop Here In Fall**

To begin a training course in the
Marinello Beauty school, Mrs. Jack
Anderson left Monday for Dallas.
This school is considered one of the
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of the special summer course,
Mrs. Anderson will return to Merkel
and open a modern beauty shop with
all new equipment in the rear of the
Merkel Drug company store.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Honor Roll

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Mayfield, 95; Vera Louise Miller, 95;
Clarene Perry, 95; Wesley Owen, 94;
Jim Sublett, 94; Elbert Hickam, 93;
Alvarie Smith, 92; Othell Camp, 92;
J. R. Hudson, 92; Otis Brewer, 92;
Jerry Warren, 92; La Vaughn Vick-
ers, 92; Pearl Weaver, 92; Charles
Edward Williams, 91; Bonnie T. Mc-
Aninch, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Billy Clyde Haynes, 96; Billy Tom
Hutcheson, 96; Robert Gilmore, 93;
Bob Jenkins, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Becky Gardner, 95; Dora Marie
Gaither, 93; Betty Lu Higgins, 92;
Mary Lou Higgins, 92; David Gibson,
90; Olene Cox, 90; Virgie Mae Henry,
90; Lady Jane Anderson, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Swann.
Roy Owen, 94; O. C. Shouse, 94;
Doris Clyde Miller, 93; Louise Pat-
terson, 93; Douglas McCoy, 90; Tel-
man Rutledge, 90; Morris Richie, 90;
Clarence Milton, 90; Earl Mashburn,
90; Mildred Tarleton, 90; Winona Fay
Thomas, 90; Ulysses Smith, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.
Doris Gay West, 96; Don Wood,
95; Olla Mae Cypert, 92; Geraldine
Teague, 92; Joe Glyn Wells, 92; Joyce
Renfro, 91; J. C. Thomas, 91; Audrey
Gay, 90; Imogene Parks, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
Betty Jane Diltz, 94; Ralph Eoff,
92; Billy Largent, 92; Guy Manscill,
92; Helen Heeter, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.
Pearl Mathews, 96; Richmond Bu-
ford, 95; Comora Hughes, 95; Mabel
Murray, 95; Joyce Hayes, 94; Verne
Moore, 94.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.
Billie Wood, 97; Mary Jo Russell,
96; Mary Nell Morgan, 95; Frances
Owen, 91; D. S. Price, 91; Robert
Radden, 91; Euveta Smith, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.
Clyde Cribley, 91; Frank Dye, 92;
Billie George Gant, 91; Ben Robert
Hicks, 90; Marvin Hunter, 92; Jannell
Black, 95; Marie Davis, 93; Dana
Derstine, 91; Dorris Diltz, 90; Lola
Foster, 90; Frances Higgins, 92; Eli-
zabeth Cypert, 94; Ruth Hickman, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.
Hollis Perry, 93; W. J. Maller, 91;
Jessie La Verne Simpson, 90; Goldie
Hawkins, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.
Junior Grimes, 95; Billie Dunning,
94; Murphy Dye, 94; Laverne Hughes,
94; Betty Grimes, 93; Maggie Melton,
92; Bud Gambill, 92; R. S. Davis,
92; Alta Grayson, 92; L. D. Gibson,
91; William Hawkins, 91; Weldon
Davis, 90; Sie Gamble, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.
Sylvan Mellinger, 96; Morris Woz-
encraft, 96; Pauline McAninch, 94;
Lurline Tarleton, 94; Jack Sublett,
93; D. La Vergne Teague, 93; Susie
Mary Hickam, 90; Hollis Richer, 90;
Joe Young, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
Frances Tarleton, 97; Harold Mor-
gan, 96; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 96;
Theima Patterson, 93; Billie Wood-
rum, 93; Winton Polley, 93; Murry
Tombs, 92; Emmitt Price, 91; Melba
Lee Watts, 90; Billie Robins, 91.

Seventh Grade, Ralph Duke.
Juanita Huskey, 97; Ora Derrick,
95; Ruth Kyle, 93; Mabel Maddox,
93; R. T. Blair, 91; Horace Boney, 91;
Opal Buzbee, 91; Hollis Floyd, 91;
Janet Hayes, 91; Coehne Morrison,
91.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Eighth Grade.
Clara Frances Largent, 95; Ethelda
Tucker, 95; Robbie Walker, 95; Viv-
ian Davis, 94; Neil Durham, 94; Joy-
ce Jones, 94; Aline McAninch, 94;
Billie Bernice Gambill, 93; Burnell
Scott, 93; Louise Tombs, 93; Jesse
Margaret Berry, 92; Lena Faye Har-
rell, 92; Marize West, 92; Loreta
Cox, 91; Mary Helen Lancaster, 91;
Mabel Butman, 90; Pauline Lasater,
90.

Sophomore Class.
Howard Carson, 90; Kenneth Crib-
ley, 90; J. B. Moore, 90; Bessylea
Church, 92; Pauline Wiman, 91;
Duncan Briggs, 90; Ruth Davis, 92;
Mary Bell Douglas, 93; Rogene Dye,
90; Billy Gardner, 94; Walderrine
Huskey, 96; Ruby Jenkins, 92; Viv-
ian Lasater, 92; Annie Lee Owen, 93;
Faye Pinckley, 94; Julia Proctor, 90;
Clara B. White, 90; Lois Whiteley, 92.

Junior Class.
Lucille Campbell, 96; Florene Rider,
94; Opal Huskey, 94; Van Roberts,
93; Frances Marie Church, 92; Etta
Pruitt, 92; Mildred Richardson, 91;
Imogene Middleton, 91; Melba Taylor,
91; Joyce Wheeler, 91; Meyer Mellin-
ger, 90; Margaret Miller, 90; Ouida
Mae Hulsey, 90; Faye Vantrees, 90.

Senior Class.
Ida Mae Derstine, 95; Elleta Fos-
ter, 95; Lela Patterson, 95; Avis Dea-
vers, 95; Margaret Canon, 94; Willie
Evelyn Boaz, 94; Woodrow Wilson,
93; Lee Tucker, 93; Mary Elizabeth
Grimes, 93; Ruth Calloway, 92; Elmer
Adcock, 92; R. D. Ely, 91; Monta J.
Moore, 90.

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girl this week. It is against the city
ordinances to shoot any kind of fire-
arms in the city limits.

Office supplies—Mail office.

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MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES



TENTH 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.

Rathbone saves her from the beast, dresses her wounds and takes her to her own cottage. Both realize now that this is love, but Dr. Rathbone tells Diana that he can be no more than a friend, because of things in his life which he refuses to explain. He urges her to go back to London.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

And then, as there was no answering smile on his face, she sighed and went on.

"I wish I understood about myself. Sometimes I think that you understand, that you know all about me, only you won't explain to me. Why won't you?"

"Perhaps because I'm not clever enough. Perhaps because I know I should only hurt you."

Diana was looking down at the little three-cornered scar on her slender arm.

"Well, I've got this to remember you, by, anyway," she said ruefully.

He made a swift movement, as if of protest, then stood still again.

"Nothing more than that?" he asked.

She raised her eyes.

"Yes, much more," she said. "I shall always remember you as the dearest, best—"

"Don't make me conceited."

She sat down in the chair in which he had sat to dress her arm, leaning her chin on its high back and looking up at him.

"Well, that's that," she said in a puzzled sort of way. "When do you want me to go?"

He smiled at the question.

"Well, not today or tomorrow," he said whimsically. "I only thought that before Mrs. Gladwyn comes back—"

"Supposing she never comes back?"

"We won't suppose anything so unlikely, and besides, I must see that left arm a great deal better before I let you out of my sight."

"Then I hope it never gets better," Diana said.

Dennis had come down for one last visit before Diana returned to London.

He was full of plans for their future but Diana found herself cold to all of them. His caresses failed to thrill her as they had before her illness.

Finally, Dennis had flung away from her and gone back to London. His angry departure had failed to stir her, although it left her with the feeling her world was falling away from her.

She wondered if her love for him had died. And the thought, strangely, carried with it no regret.

And then suddenly came the revelation that it was Donald she loved, maddeningly, distractingly. She knew then she could never be happy with any other man.

"Tomorrow," Diana said to herself, "tomorrow I am going to London."

She was glad because it was Rathbone whom she loved; a man surely worthy of the best life could give him, and in some strange way that gladness overweighed the knowledge that, even supposing he

cared for her in return, he would never tell her so. But she could not believe that he cared—why should he? There were so many women in the world more deserving of happiness than she—noble, unselfish women—not just selfish, spoiled—useless. Then she was conscious of a great fear; fear because all her life she would have to do without him; that would be hardest of all to bear.

When morning came she found that out of the mass of confused thought only one fact had struggled; she must keep her pride whatever happened. Nobody must ever know, nobody must ever dream that she had loved him and her love had not been returned.

"I may as well go away with Dennis, or anybody else who wants me," she told herself recklessly, as she watched the creeping daylight. "I can't ever have the man I want, so nothing matters."

CHAPTER XV.

Diana made a quick trip up to London to do some shopping. She had lunch with Dennis, who told her Linda was going to Paris and begged her to run away with him.

She kept putting him off with indecisive replies to his urgent begging and he finally drove her back to the country. She promised him, as she was kissing him good-bye, that she would give him an answer in a few days.

Miss Starling told her, when Dennis had left:

"Dr. Rathbone came just after lunch."

"Oh," Diana's voice was studiously indifferent.

"He left a message for you."

"Oh," Diana said again. "What was it?" she asked as Miss Starling kept silence.

"He asked me to tell you that he did not consider there was any real need for him to call any more—that he had arranged with Dr. Finlay to look after you regularly, and that he hoped you would approve. He asked me to say that, of course, if you wished to see him again particularly, he would be pleased to arrange to call or for you to go to his consulting room in London."

The Creature was knitting so rapidly now that the needles flashed dazlingly in the afternoon sunlight.

Diana closed her eyes.

"Thank you. That will do nicely," she said, uncertainly.

When, a little later, Miss Starling had gone for her usual constitutional, Diana sent a telegram.

It was addressed to Dennis Waterman at some West End Club, and consisted of only two words:

"Yes, Diana."

Diana left the cottage very quickly on the Friday afternoon. She told the Creature she was going to dinner and a theatre with Dennis Waterman and would not be home until late.

Diana drove straight to Mrs. Gladwyn's house when she got to London. She was not expected, and the maids seemed rather flustered by her sudden arrival.

She intended to pack a small suitcase for which Dennis would presently send his chauffeur, and after

that—well, after that her mind was a blank—after that nothing would matter very much. Nothing mattered very much now, if it came to that. Diana was amazed because she felt so cold and unconcerned.

Even the thought of Rathbone hardly distressed her. The episode, precious as it had been, was definitely ended.

She did not know what plans Dennis had made, and she hardly cared. Since the afternoon she sent that wire she had often wondered why she had done it. It was not because she wanted to go with Dennis except that deep down in her heart was a foolish, feverish hope that perhaps he could help her to forget—could drug her senses and take away the endless pain of loneliness and longing.

Dennis was the one creature in the world of whose love she was confident, and so she had turned to him as a half-frozen outcast would turn to the first fire that gleams through the night.

She had no regrets—nothing mattered.

At seven o'clock she sent the maid for a taxi and put on her cloak. She would be a little early for Dennis, perhaps, but the silence and memories of this room worried her—it would be better to get out and mingle with the noise and bustle again.

She went down to the waiting taxi, leaving orders about the suitcase. She did not care if her aunt's maids suspected anything; she knew it would not be the first time she had set them all talking. It was only really genuine people like Miss Starling and Jonas who made one feel alarmed.

The cab stopped, and a commissionaire hurried to open the door. Dennis had chosen to meet her at this small, rather unpretentious restaurant because he said they would be unlikely to meet anyone they knew, and it was Diana herself who had suggested the theatre. "It's so long since I saw a play," was the excuse she made, but that was not the real reason. It was because she felt that desperate need of excitement to help her—of stimulant to give her courage; if Dennis offered her champagne tonight she would certainly not refuse. She walked into the little lounge and sat down by the fire. It was very quiet—just the kind of place runaway people would choose, Diana thought cynically.

The swing door moved noiselessly, and Diana turned. If it was Dennis—Diana stared blankly for a moment at the woman who came in—stared, and thought herself mad or dreaming, for the woman was Linda Waterman.

She was alone, and their recognition was mutual before Linda came across the lounge with easy confidence, beautifully gowned and looking young and untroubled.

"How strange—that you should be here," she said. "Dennis tells me you have been very ill. I hope you are better."

"Yes—yes, thank you."

Linda held her hands to the warmth. There was a large diamond on one finger that caught the light

and sparkled into cold white flashes of fire.

Diana was very pale, and the vivid blue of her gown intensified her pallor. She was wondering vaguely what would happen when Dennis arrived. Something seemed to tell her that of them all he would be the only one seriously disturbed. With an effort she forced herself to speak, "Did you have a good holiday in America?"

"It was hardly a holiday. I had so much business to attend to. Dennis hated it—he was longing to get back all the time."

Her eyes dwelt on Diana's face with half-amused interest.

"Are you waiting for him now?" she asked abruptly.

Diana's lips moved, and she flushed crimson, but no words would come, and Linda said with an unconcerned laugh:

"You need not mind telling me if you are. I have not come here to spy on you—it's just bad luck that we should both have chosen the same rendezvous. I am waiting for a friend myself."

Diana rose to her feet.

"I thought you were in Paris," she stammered, and then wondered why, of all the things she might have said, she should have chosen words that were surely an admission.

Linda shrugged her shoulders.

"I suppose Dennis told you so? Well, I wanted him to believe I was going to Paris," she said quietly.

"It suited me for him to think so," she laughed again. "It's very odd, but it never seems to occur to my noble husband that perhaps I too have my secret orchard."

She held out the hand that wore the big diamond and stared at it meditatively.

"I'm rather glad you and I have met again," she said. "I intended to write to you soon, anyway."

"To write to me?"

The burning colour rose again to Diana's face—she felt utterly at a disadvantage. Linda was so assured, so cool—she was sure at last that Linda no longer cared for Dennis.

"You need not look so angry," Dennis's wife said calmly. "I know you hate me, but you need not. I quite like you, Diana; if it were not for Dennis, I believe we could be good friends."

She moved suddenly, coming a little closer to the girl.

"I suppose Dennis never told you

that I offered to divorce him, did he?" she asked interestedly. "I assure you I did—before we went to America, the night you dined at the flat."

(Continued Next Week.)

CLOSING NOTICE.

On account of Decoration Day, Monday, May 30, and Jefferson Davis' birthday, Friday, June 3, both being

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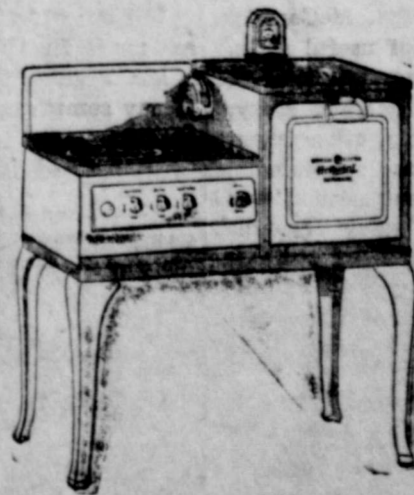
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Lela Churchwell celebrated her birthday Sunday at her home. Her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep and their daughter, Ida, were guests.

Sam McLeod has recently taken over the management of the Sinclair filling station.

Mrs. Leon Gregory and two children of Dallas and Mrs. Leona Dowdy and two children of Eldorado, Ark., returned Monday to their home after a visit of several days with their sister, Mrs. Clifford Estep, and their aunt, Mrs. Ed Burks.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene was a guest Monday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

The members of the missionary society and quite a few other ladies were entertained in the beautiful home of Mrs. M. G. Scott last Thursday from 2:30 to 5. A parcel post sale was the main feature, with games, contests and music. Refreshments of cake and ice tea were served.

Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Nalley, John Strawa, Cecil Steen, R. E. Dowdy, Nathan Wood of Merkel and W. Y. Steen of Clyde have enjoyed a fishing party the last of last week and the first of this.

Mrs. Bruce Cole of Hobbs, N. M., was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. A. J. Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards were Hamlin visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Banner and daughter, Miss Maxie, of Merkel spent a few hours here Friday greeting old friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Christian were guests a few days last week of Mr. and Mrs. Armour.

Mrs. E. J. Williamson of Nocona visited her sister, Mrs. Lee Keys, last week.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Alex Williamson went with her Sunday School class of Junior girls on an outing to the creek. Bacon was broiled over the coals and iced lemonade, cakes and fruit were served to Misses Winnie and Venita McDonald, Elizabeth Winn, Vada Gabbard, Velma and Dorothy Newton, Vera Bright and Gladys Roberts.

Announcements of the approaching marriage of Mr. Ewell Bone, who is teaching school at Hamlin, and Miss Juanita Castle of Rule have been received here by friends. They will spend their honeymoon in the Ozarks.

"The man in the moon" looked down upon an interesting sight at the home of the Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson last Thursday evening where a gay crowd was gathered around a pit of coals, chickens were barbecued by the dozens, a boiler of coffee was brewing and a delightful evening was spent, which will be long remembered by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Earnest and Claud, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Misses Virgie, Dorothy and Willadean Strawn, Maurine Smith, Luther McBurnett, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark.

Mr. C. T. Beckham and Ewell Bone attended the baccalaureate at Roscoe Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham had the misfortune to get two of her fingers crushed in a car door Thursday. She suffered severe pain for several days.

Mrs. Stanley Armour and children of Rankin are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Armour and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse and son, Andy, and Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and children, joined by relatives from Merkel spent a most enjoyable day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Choc McCormick at Stith in a joint celebration of the birthday of Mrs. W. E. Shouse, Mrs. McCormick and a small daughter of Mrs. McCormick. Each received a lot of useful gifts.

Following the presentation of the Senior class play, "Go Slow, Mary," on Wednesday evening, other events of graduation time are scheduled as follows: commencement sermon Sunday evening; on Monday evening, "Two Days to Marry," a play directed by Garland Franks; Wednesday evening, Grammar school graduation, and Thursday evening, High School graduation.

TRENT BEATS MERKEL.

The Trent baseball team defeated Merkel Monday afternoon 3 to 1. Behind the beautiful pitching of Harvey Jones, Willie Weaver and Delton Jones led the team at the bat with 2 hits apiece. Orion Tittle, as usual, led the team in fielding; he handed seven chances without an error.

Monday's win makes Trent eleven (11) wins against one defeat. Stith happened to be the lucky team. But

Trent came back and defeated them twice.

Trent's line-up was as follows: Willie Weaver, c; Delton Jones, 3b; Orion Tittle, ss; Henry Tittle, 2b; Harvey Jones, p; Web Weaver, lf; Johnnie Terry, cf; Jones, rf; Earl Stevens, lb.

Trent School News

SEVENTH GRADE.

Hello, folks; how's everybody? Now, we've come back to tell you some more news about us. We are still working hard as ever.

It rained last week. (Of course, we all like rain.) We didn't get to have our party; so we had it this Saturday night. Will tell you all about it. There were fourteen boys and girls, seven boys and seven girls. The girls were Gladys Hamner, Ida V. Estep, Louise Allyn, Vera Bright, Dorothy Fowler, Vada Gabbard, Odessa McDonald. The boys were Wilson Bright, Luther McBurnett, John Howell, James Cooper, W. P. Scott, Edgar Lee Mangum and George Duncan.

We served ice cream, cake and candy. Gladys wrote the "History of Our Class" and Mr. Franks wrote the "Class Prophecy." Vera Bright read the "What If's" and Dorothy Fowler the "Jokes." These were read to the class.

We are doing wonderfully on our play, will have it ready to put on Monday night, May 30, as we don't have so much more to learn. The characters are very good looking. We know they will pass for looks. They are: Gladys Hamner, Luther McBurnett, Louise Allyn, James Cooper, Ida V. Estep, Edgar Lee Mangum and John Howell. The name of our play is "Two Days to Marry." It's a dandy, don't forget it. It's free and you all know it.

WHAT IF'S.

What if Wilson was "Rusty" instead of Bright?
 What if John was a "Bark" instead of a Howell?
 What if James was a boiler-maker instead of a Cooper?
 What if Edith was "Rain" instead of Hale?
 What if Marvin was a cow-puncher instead of a Shepherd?
 What if Gladys was a "Hammer" instead of a Hamner?
 What if Hazel was a "Road" instead of a Lane?

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

We were bright students:
 Vera said, "Mr. Franks does Spain own Italian Somaliland?"
 Louise was talking to Gladys and Edgar Lee; she asked: "Is the United States a country or Nation, and do they still have slaves? I always thought that diamonds grew about 'thirty, six' inches around."
 John said he was going to learn his part in the play. Oh ho!
 James said Mr. Franks was made out of stories, he read and told them so much,—and that Luther, Wilson and John were giggling sissies. Who knows? How about it folks?

JOKES ON US.

Edgar Lee: "Hello, central. I want to talk to my girl."
 Central: "Number, please?"
 Edgar Lee: "Say, do you think I am a bigamist?"
 Odessa: "What's an operetta?"
 W. P.: "Don't be dumb—it's a girl who works for the telephone company."
 Gladys: "So there was some hot necking at your house, eh?"
 Louise: "Yeah, Uncle George got too near the gas jet with his celluloid collar."
 Wilson: "Mr. Franks, why was Adam made first?"
 Mr. Franks: "To give him a chance to say something I suppose."
 James had just been bitten by a

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mad dog and was receiving first-aid treatment.

"Hand me a pencil and paper," he shouted.
 "Oh, you need not worry about making out your will so soon," said the doctor.
 "I don't want to make a will," was the reply. "I want to make out a list of people I'm going to bite."

BLAIR ITEMS

Cotton planting has been going forward without interruption and a nice per cent is already coming up; a few more gentle showers would help. The feed crop, on the whole, is in a satisfactory condition.
 Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison, whose illness has confined them to their bed for several weeks, are doing fairly well at present.
 George Clinton has returned home from a two weeks visit in New Mexico. His daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pribble, accompanied him home for several days stay. Vernal Clinton also returned home after several months stay in that part of the country.

Mrs. Soules and daughter of Arizona are spending several weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, and family and other friends of this place.
 Miss Sofa Howard of Abilene and Mrs. Claud Derrick and daughter of Merkel visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell the past week-end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanford of Merkel visited in the homes of Messrs. Malone and Patterson over the week-end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips and children of Itaan came over by auto Sunday and brought her father, Sam Phillips, home after a week's visit in their home there.
 Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle and family of Trent visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield recently.
 W. C. Neill and his charming little daughter of Nubia attended the Baptist Sunday School Sunday morning.
 Mrs. Susie Doan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan and family and Mrs. Maggie Hunter and children visited the former's sister, Mrs. M. E. Myers, of Anson, the past week. Mrs. Myers celebrated her 79th birthday, with some 50 people present and participating.
 Sam and Marshall Provine attended the Primitive Baptist church at Lawn Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Huse Price and family have moved to Commerce where they will reside for another year.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey of Merkel, Dewell McLean, Hoyt Horton, Barney Reynolds, Clyde Latimer and Ray Reynolds of Nubia attended the M. E. Sunday School Sunday and also the evening service. Mr. Ray and Clyde made interesting talks, and we invite these good people back into our midst often.
 Several from here attended the play at Castle Peak Saturday evening.
 The Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene will preach at the M. E. church Sunday.
 Mrs. Luther Orsburn entertained her Sunday School class with a picnic party Saturday afternoon.
 Mrs. A. M. Brown is staying with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, for several days.

DORA DOINGS

Everybody is fishing, some for perch, some for that row of cotton to be planted before the rain.
 Among the teachers at home this week from their schools are Misses Modenic and Novis Whiteaker, Laura Wallis, Jewell Burlow and O. Z. Porter.
 J. V. Bloxom (Uncle Johnny) of Lockney for the past six years, was laid to rest here at Slaters chapel last Wednesday. He had been sick or bedfast for about four months. He was eighty-three years old and a pioneer settler of this community. He leaves to mourn his going a son, Tom, a daughter, Sue, of Lockney and a nephew that he and his wife raised from babyhood, John Bloxom, of Sweetwater.
 Mrs. B. M. McCoy received a message Friday morning saying her mother, Grandma Watson, had died at 7 p. m. Friday and left immediately for Lovington, accompanied by three of her children, J. B., Daisy and Mrs. Savannah Hanks.
 Mrs. Prude Artman and children of Estancia, N. M., were here a few days last week looking after business interests.
 Among those on the sick list are Clara Butlen, Judson Modrell, Chester Hamans and Harold Ensminger.

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WHITE FLAT

Several people from here attended the play, "Beads on a String," presented at Eskota Friday evening by Newman school talent.
 Mr. Kit Casey and daughter, Thelma, of Santa Anna, visited in this community Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westrook visited in Abilene Sunday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McElmurry were Sunday guests in the Statser home.
 Stella Mae Bishop visited Lillie Pearl Sparks Saturday.
 Christine Richardson was a visitor in the Bishop home Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson of

Trent enjoyed Sunday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling.
 Mrs. Melvin Westrook gave her pupils a picnic last Friday afternoon. Mr. Westrook accompanied her and the children to the McElmurry pasture where delicious ice cream was served. Several visitors enjoyed the occasion.
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(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. F. 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.)

CANYON NEWS

(Omitted From Last Week.)
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer of Blair.
 Miss Evelyn Perry spent last weekend in the home of Mrs. Julia Griggs.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cargill are the proud parents of a baby boy, Horace Burl, born May 9.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Henley and daughter, Cleo, of Castle Peak attended the Epworth League of Nubia Sunday night.
 Quite a number from here attended the singing at Divide Sunday.
 The outsiders of Butman school will present a play, "The Redheaded Stepchild," on Friday night, May 27.
 Mrs. Lige Pruitt entertained her friends with a quilting party last Tuesday afternoon. Quilting, talking and laughing were the order of the afternoon until a late hour when cake and lemonade were served. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mesdames Arthur Louis, Tom Reynolds, Lela Blackburn, Zona Blackburn, George Anderson, Frank Reynolds, E. L. Frazier, T. H. Russom, Sam Butman, Jr., W. C. Matthews, "Granny" Elmoore, Will Butman, E. H. Cordill, Z. L. Cargill, D. M. Matthews, J. L. Perry, Eli Pruitt, Tommie Russom and Misses Mary Ellen Frazier and Inez Ceby, all from here, and Mesdames Tom McCoy, Clyde McGee, Cliff Perry, Will Jones, John Perry, John Dudley, Ernie Perry of Divide, Mrs. Dora Reynolds of Abilene, and the hostess.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

(Omitted From Last Week.)
 Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his regular appointment last Sunday afternoon. A very large crowd attended.
 Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs of Merkel Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed and two daughters of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters of this community.
 Mrs. R. B. McRee and son of Trent, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.
 Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Irving and daughter, Joyce La Verne, were Sunday afternoon visitors in the Trent community.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clark and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones and son, Charles Freddie, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. West of Merkel.
 Those from here, who have attended Merkel High school throughout the year are: Misses Margaret Dean, Marybel Douglas and Leo Harris, while going last month were Misses Anna Mae Harris and Mildred Dean and Mr. Miller Patton. We're glad the children of our community may receive a good education.

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RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.
 The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. W. C. Lee, Friday, May 20.
 Roll call was answered by "My favorite piece of music." Mrs. Neff and Miss Ruth Pinckley talked on "Music in a Rural Community" and "Music in the Home." The subject for round table discussion was, "How to Better Social Conditions in our Community."
 Mrs. J. E. Higgins demonstrated a balanced meal which was served by the hostess, with iced tea, to twenty-one members and two visitors.
 The next meeting will be Friday, June 3, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Petty.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST.
 On Thursday morning of last week the Salt Branch Girls 4-H club went on a sunrise breakfast.

Miss Norah Foster, sponsor, demonstrated baking biscuits on sticks over an open fire. The breakfast consisted of eggs, bacon, steak, jelly and biscuits.

Those present were: Misses Wilma Lee Payne, Annie D. Garvin, Lola Higgins, Fay Pinckley, Evelyn Robertson, Pauline and Lela Higgins, Marie and Marcella Pinckley, Lorena Higgins and Miss Norah Foster.

STITH CLUB.
 The Stith Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the club house. There were thirty-six members present and four visitors.

The subject for the afternoon was "How to Know Materials." Miss Bonner gave an interesting demonstration discussion of fibers.

During the business session it was decided to have a play sponsored by the club at an early date. The proceeds of this play will be used to buy a pressure cooker. Also plans were made for the "Health Program" to be given Saturday night, May 28, at the tabernacle. Everybody is cordially invited. There will be no admission charge.

The club adjourned to meet again Friday, June 3. At this meeting demonstrations of pie crust and molasses filling will be given by Mrs. Ernest Hardy and Mrs. Barney Berry.

There was a called meeting of the club in the home of the president, Mrs. Walter Kelso, on Friday, May 13. The purpose of this meeting was to cut foundation patterns. Thirty-four members were present and twelve patterns were cut. A nice lunch was enjoyed at the noon hour.

—Reporter.

ORGANIZE CLUB AT HEBRON.

On the afternoon of May 4, nine ladies of the Hebron-Kale community met at the Hebron church for the purpose of organizing a home demonstration club. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Jim Williamson, president; Mrs. Vernie Merritt, vice-president; Mrs. Ocie Douglas, secretary; Miss Mabel McRee, council member; Mrs. Melvin Jones, reporter; Mrs. Gene Reece, garden demonstrator; Mrs. Houston Clark, pantry demonstrator; Miss Mabel McRee, wardrobe demonstrator.

The name chosen for the club was "The Sunshine Club."

Our next meeting was held on May 20 at the Hebron church. There were some two or three new members and six visitors including Mrs. A. F. Creswell and Mrs. John Burfeind from the Noodle community. And we were very glad to have them with us. The roll call was answered by naming some products raised in Jones county.

Our next meeting will be held on June 10 at the home of Mrs. Houston Clark. Visitors are always invited.

—Reporter.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Complimentary to Mrs. Bob Riney, who until her marriage on May 5 was Miss Lena Jo Garrett, Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of Comperre gave a surprise miscellaneous shower Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I. Garrett in the Mt. Pleasant community.

Mrs. Riney thanked her friends for the many beautiful and useful gifts. The hostess, assisted by Mesdames Garrett and Roy Riney, served ice cream and cake to Mesdames O. B. Boden, Jr., G. B. Tate, O. T. Tate, G. B. Ward, R. S. Darden, Jr., Jno. D. Jones, Roy Riney, I. Garrett, E. J. Haynie, E. J. Haynie, Jr., and Mrs. Jno. A. Russell, Misses Lois Bush, Frances Russell, Dollie Hay, Adelle Ward, Emma Campbell, Ruth Jones, Ida Mae Isom, Mary Click, Eleanor Mae Hogan, Ovada Hay, Hazel Blair, Nola Mae Anderson, Una Muri and Novie Garrett.

NOTICE O. E. S.

Merkel chapter will hold public installation on Tuesday night, May 31, at 8 o'clock at the Masonic hall. All members and their families are urged to attend. In connection with installation a special program is being arranged.

Miss Iris Garrett, secretary.

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White Church School Play.

The best players of the White Church school will present "The Arizona Cowboy" at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the Butman tabernacle. There will be no admission charge and everyone is invited. This is the final school program of the White Church school.

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Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, May 26.—Supplies of slaughter cattle were scarce on the Fort Worth market Wednesday, but there was a noticeable lack of demand and trading was on a peddling basis and bids were weak to lower on some classes. Stocker cattle and mixed loads of plain and common butcher classes made up the bulk of the supply.

Receipts, 2,100; 600 calves. Slaughter steers practically lacking; good fed yearlings 5.00-25, about steady; plain slaughter yearlings tending unevenly lower; peddling trade in butcher cows and bulls about steady; butcher cows 2.25-50; stock yearlings weak to lower, few 3.75-4.25; slaughter calves mostly 75-1.00 lower for week; good heavies 4.00-25 but bulk of business in 3.00 range, cull sorts 1.50-75, good vealers 4.25.

Comedy Team Splits Up.

Hollywood, May 26.—The famous film comedy team of Wheeler and Woolsey has split up and, according to friends of the pair, harsh words marked the sudden parting following completion of a picture. Wheeler left for New York for a six weeks' vaudeville tour with Dorothy Lee after which he hopes to play in a New York musical comedy.

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Closing Exercises of White Church School

Thursday afternoon the White Church school, of which Miss Mary Baucum is principal, closed. There was a short program. Lena V. Harrison, Fredia Farmer and Clayton Coats made the three highest grades, respectively.

Etsel Farmer was awarded a prize for making the most improvement in all of his work during the year.

Vergil Turner, J. B. Boden and Fredia Farmer won spelling prizes in grades 5, 6 and 7. In grades 2, 3 and 4 spelling prizes were won by Edward Farmer, Homer Tye and Odessa Stout.

Health prizes were won by Woodrow and Doyal Barnes.

Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to Odessa Stout, Etsel Farmer, Doyal Barnes and Woodrow Barnes.

Reading prizes went to W. L. Brown, Mary Squires, Irene Snow and Vivian Turner in the lower grades.

Belgium supports a population of more than 8,100,000 in an area of about 11,745 square miles.

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SENIORS AND FACULTY HONORED.

On Monday night Paul Collins, president of the Senior class of Merkel High school, was host to members of the graduating class and the faculty at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins.

First, a brief class meeting was held when committees were appointed for a class reunion during the Christmas holidays. Class members and faculty made farewell talks.

Radio music, games and songs afforded amusement for the evening until refreshment time when ice cream and cake with miniature diplomas for plate favors were served to 28 Seniors and the following faculty members: Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Misses Lucy Tracy, Julia Martin and Mr. Tom Biddle.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. M. L. Estes extended invitation to a number of friends Sunday to help her husband celebrate his seventy-third birthday. A sumptuous chicken dinner was served at noon and the rest of the day spent in pleasant reminiscence. Many happy returns of the day were expressed to the host at the cutting of the huge cake which centered the dining table, topped with its seventy-three candles. The house was decorated with an abundance of lovely spring flowers. Guests were Grandma Young, Mrs. J. B. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, Miss May Lassiter and James Richard Lassiter, Mrs. Amy Sears, and Miss Mary Eula Sears, the host and hostess.

LUNCHEON.

Mrs. A. R. Booth complimented Mrs. L. B. Scott, who is removing to Colorado next week, with a luncheon Wednesday. The house was decorated with a profusion of summer blossoms and at noon a delectable summer menu was served to Messdames L. B. Scott, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, Ann Brown, Booth Warren, Sam Swann, Twyman Collins and the hostess.

MERKEL LADY WINS PRIZE.

In the contest sponsored by Grissom's Dry Goods company, in connection with the Jean Crawford picture, "Letty Lynton," Mrs. Amy Sears of Merkel won first prize: theatre tickets for a month.

The contest was to select a costume for Miss Crawford from articles displayed in the Ernest Grissom show window. Mrs. Sears' good taste in matters of dress is once again complimented.

Woodmen Circle Join In District Meeting

A joint Woodmen Circle district meeting will be held in Mineral Wells Thursday morning and afternoon, June 2.

Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Omaha, Neb., national secretary, will be honor guest. Other distinguished visitors will be Mrs. Jeanie Willard, Denison, national vice president, and Mrs. Etta Davidson, Houston, national director and state manager. Nine district managers have combined their territories together for this event. Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, Stamford, who is manager of this district, will take prominent part in the meeting.

The session will begin at 10 o'clock and will include exemplification of the ritualistic work, demonstration of the floor work, junior graduation, class initiation and talks by national and state officers. A prize will be given to the grove that has a complete set of officers present, who give the best demonstration of the work.

Among the topics for discussion will be the recent three-months membership campaign, honoring Mrs. Talley for her more than twenty years as national secretary. Texas more than completed its required quota. Texas members have launched another campaign, a "Friendship Campaign," honoring Mrs. Mary E. LaRocca, Omaha, Neb., national president. This began May 1 and will close July 31.

A large attendance is expected, as members have been invited from fifty surrounding counties.

STATEMENT TO VOTERS.

To the Citizens of Merkel: While appreciating the good intentions of our friends and thanking them for the honor conferred on us by writing our names on the ballot at the last city election, we wish to say that we are not candidates for aldermen and wish to give notice that we will not serve, should you insist again on writing our names on the ballot.

S. D. Gamble.
W. M. Haynes.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The six Sunday Schools in Merkel reported an attendance of 832 last Sunday, as compared with 874 on the previous Sunday and 901 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The scripture lesson for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service, the second chapter of I Corinthians, is to be read by L. L. Murray. John Toombs will lead the discussion of the subject. These weekly meetings are characterized by deep earnestness and a sincere desire to be of service to this community. A cordial invitation is extended to men of all churches and to men not in any church to come and enjoy the opportunity to serve the Lord and help their fellowman.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m.

There will not be an evening service, as the pastor will be at a Fifth Sunday meeting at 3 o'clock at Baird and will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Baird school at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening here.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Leader, Wanda Hunter.
Subject, "Why Should We Pray?" Ps. 51:10-19.

Song.
Prayer, leader.

Song.
"The Lowest Prayer Motive to Get Something," Cephas Wozencraft.

"Prayer Because We are Lost from Our Father," Duncan Briggs.

"We Pray Because We Expect Answers," Mildred Richardson.

"The Way to Reality," Billie Bernice Gambill.

"We Need to Pray for Cleansing," Mary Helen Lancaster.

Business.
Benediction.

Everyone is urged to be present as we have something interesting to discuss.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

These words are written to each and every member of our church with an earnest and burning desire that you not only read our church announcement but that you pray God may give you the power to fully comprehend the meaning of the pastor's subject for Sunday at 11 a. m., "The End of Our Faithfulness."

Here are some of the high points in the morning message:

(1) It's God's command to all Christians.

(2) Faithful in What?

(3) How to be Faithful.

(4) How long are we to be Faithful?

Sunday is no day to visit. If Aunt Jane and Uncle John should come to see you, bring them to church; they need the gospel. God will not accept such excuses for your absence from His services.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and B. T. S. at 7 p. m. A timely subject and special music at 8 p. m. A warm welcome to all.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will give a program at View at 8 o'clock Sunday night. All members will meet at the church at 6:30. The program will be: Subject, "Christ as God and Man." Introduction, by Ted McGehee.

Solo, Ida Mae Derstine.

"Christ as a Man," Fannie Belle Boaz.

Duet, Sis Boaz and Margaret Cannon.

"Christ as God," Clark Munday.

Quartette, Leonard Reeves, Harold King, Charlie Largent and Ed Lancaster.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a fine day for us. Miss Leona Forbes, pastor at Buffalo Gap, brought the evening message, which was a great message.

from the text, "Why halt ye between two opinions?"

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. Next Sunday is our great rally of the N. Y. P. S., our young people of Abilene district, at Abilene all day.

On June 5 in the afternoon we preach at Nubia. All go that can. Will be back here for the night service. A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our young people's assembly for Northwest Texas is to be held at McMurry college May 30-June 3. Courses are offered to all who desire "Standard Training Course" work.

This offers the best opportunity for a real vacation that is worth taking. Afternoons are spent in recreation and trips to various points.

Preaching by the pastor next Sunday, both morning and evening.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Lord's supper will be observed Sunday night. Come, hear a sermon on the "Lord's supper."

Five were baptized last Sunday.

Bible school lesson is John 17th chapter. We preach on Revelations every Sunday 11 a. m. Crowds are increasing and the Lord is blessing in the salvation of the lost every Sunday.

Come Friday night, men and boys only, and find out "What a tragedy sin is," which leads into outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, where the fire shall never be quenched and the worm shall never die. Brother Tom Huffman has a message along this line for you. Come, hear him and others. Preaching every Saturday night.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Subject, "Take Heed Against Offense."

Scripture, Romans 14:13-23.

Time, 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

Leader, Irene Salter.

Verse 13, May Reynolds; 14, Bessie Laird; 15, Mattie Ruth Gay; 16-17, Alene Parks; 18, Ruthy Melton; 19, Charlie Parks; 20, Lois Thorn; 21, Elton Dowell; 22, Altie Thorn; 23, Mrs. Bessie Dowell.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY.

Leader, Miss Lois Oleta Thorn.

Song, by Juniors.

Scripture reading, "The Golden Rule," Luke 6:31, Audrey Gray.

Reading, "Life's Treasures," by Bernice Thorn.

Reading, "Christ, our King," Pearl Weaver.

Song, "Oh, Mother," Bernice Thorn.

Reading, "God Made a Garden," Amy Lee Dowell.

23rd Psalm, by Roy Lee Martin.

Song, by Juniors.

Garner for Texas

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mier, C. L. McCartney, Bob Haynie, Silliman Evans, Mrs. Camp of Breckenridge and Mr. St. John of Eastland.

Breaks Arm in Two Places.

Little nine-year-old Frances Williams sustained a very painful injury Tuesday when she fell and broke her arm in two places. She was reported resting fairly well Thursday morning.

Closes Store Here.

L. F. Walter of Abilene, who purchased the bankrupt stock of the Liberty Hardware store and has been operating it for the past several months, closed the store the first part of the week and moved the remaining stock to Abilene.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

RECITAL.

The annual spring recital by the entire class of voice and piano pupils of Christine Collins will be given this Thursday night at 8:15 at the Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited to hear the following program:

"Rose in My Garden" (Williams), "Band in Dixie" (Williams), "Meal-time at the Zoo" (Williams), Ora Derrick.

"Gay Butterfly" (Hawley), Joyce Jones.

"Sing, Robin, Sing" (Spaulding), Annie Lee Blake.

"Narcissus" (Nevin), Eloise Mancil.

"In Hanging Gardens" (Davies), Mammie Walker.

"The Wren" (Lehman), "Ho! Mr. Piper" (Curran), Mollye Frank Touchstone.

"Prelude" (Wright), "Shepherd Boy" (Wilson), Norman King.

"The Lilac Tree" (Garthan), "Wooden Soldier and the Painted Doll" Annie Lee Blake.

"The Elf and Fairy" (Bentley), Eloise Mancil.

"Idillie" (Lack), "Solfeggetto" (Bach), Joyce Jones.

"A June Morning" (Roberts), Vernie Derrick.

"Glaninamia" (Friml), Edith Baker.

"Etude" (Wollenkaupf), "Rhapsody Mignonne" (Koelling) Vernie Derrick.

"One Fine Day" (Puccini), Mary Eula Sears.

Merkel Friends Form Erskine-Williams Club

Judge W. Erskine Williams of Fort Worth, candidate for congressman-at-large, place No. 1, was a visitor in Merkel recently, being introduced generally by his life-long friend, Rev. E. L. Yeats.

An "Erskine Williams for Congress Club" was organized here with Herbert Patterson as chairman. This was one of twelve clubs organized in as many towns during a week's campaign tour of Central West Texas by Judge Williams.

Chairman of other clubs chosen were: C. W. Wilson, Mineral Wells; George Metcalf, Palo Pinto; Lon E. Shaw, Strawn; Dr. A. K. Weir, Ranger; C. M. Peek, Clyde; Ace Hickman, Baird; Fred D. Farmer, Putnam; E. O. Crawford, Cisco; B. E. McGlamery, Eastland; M. G. Scott, Trent, Dr. P. T. Quast, Sweetwater.

Williams is now making a swing through North Texas, the Panhandle and extreme East Texas, during which he will organize more "Erskine Williams for Congress" clubs to add to the 53 which are already functioning.

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Summer Schools, Trips Planned by Teachers

How the teachers will spend the summer is always interesting news. So The Mail found upon inquiry that a number of the teachers will attend summer school, several have planned vacation trips, one to Canada, and others have no plans for the present.

From the High school faculty, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin and Miss Julia Martin will attend the summer session of the University of Texas; T. D. Riddle remains at home but will attend Simmons; Miss Tracy expects to spend the summer at home, while Supt. and Mrs. Burgess will also be in Merkel most of the summer. Miss Helen Patterson will join the Omnibus college for a tour of twenty-five states and two provinces in Canada.

Misses Evelyn Curb, Nell Swann and Opal Sloan and Ralph Duke from the Grammar school will take the summer course at the University of Texas, while Miss Orpah Patterson will attend Simmons. Mrs. Jack Anderson is taking a course with a Dallas beauty school with the view of opening a beauty parlor in Merkel in the fall. Miss Carrie Coffey goes to her home in Electra for the summer, while Miss Imogene Hayes expects to visit in Denton a part of the time. Mrs. Len Sublett, the principal, is planning a trip to Corpus Christi and Austin for summer recreation. Mrs. Elsie Nash, Mrs. Holland Teaff,

Miss Pauline Pinckley, Miss Vennie Heizer and Miss Virgilia Welch will remain at home during the summer months.

Hit 100 Straight Targets.

Houston, May 26.—With nine of 14 squads having completed the first half of the program, Harley Woodward and W. M. Wicks, both of Houston, were pacing the field in the 200 register target singles shoot, opening event on the fifty-fifth annual state championship trap shoot being conducted at the Houston Gun club, with the score of 100 straight targets.

Amelia Given Flying Cross.

Washington, May 26.—The senate passed without debate a resolution awarding a distinguished flying cross to Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic ocean. She accomplished the feat last Saturday, landing at Culmore, Ireland. Crossing time was 14 hours, 54 minutes.

From 2:30 till 3 o'clock Saturday we give a new style fly swatter free to every customer who buys a dollar's worth of merchandise. Brown's Bargain Store.

Dr. E. P. Kennedy, Baptist pastor and nephew of former President Woodrow Wilson, died at a sanitarium near San Antonio Sunday.

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