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FOURTH INSTALLMENT.
SYNOPSIS: Pauline, sentimental, lustful, sincere and loving love, becomes engaged and marries Dennis Hara in the belief that their boyhood happiness will continue un-defined thru all the years. On Guidance morning she a strange pre-

Having been advised by State Comptroller Geo. H. Sheppard that all homesteads valued up to \$3,000 would be exempt from state taxes this year, C. W. Boyce, new county tax assessor, has issued an appeal to property owners to use care in analyzing what kind of property of personal property. He especially request that all owners be careful to inform the person visit their rendition whether or not they are rendering a home-but she said. Mr. Boyce said, "That is important where more than one piece of property is owned by one person and to understand, just one residence separate piece of property is exempt, regardless of whether it is valued at one hundred dollars or three thousand dollars.

"It will not be exempt from county, road, school or municipal taxes, however. Here is the definition of a homestead: Farms consisting of any number of acres up to two hundred, whether it be in one tract, or several tracts; as much as 200 acres will be exempt. City property consisting of one separate lot with its improvements, or two or more lots where they are in the same block, lying adjacent to each other, are eligible for homestead designation."

Exemption of homestead from state taxes was voted by the people in the election of November 8. The state waives taxes on the first \$100 of valuation on homesteads. If the owner's homestead is valued at \$4,000 he will pay only on the additional \$1,000. My next issue at \$2,000 on less no tax will be levied.

53 Pigs Littered in 1932 by Duroc Sow
Abilene, Jan. 5.—A Duroc sow on the farm of M. A. Youngblood, whose hog-breeding farm is near the sewage disposal field northeast of town, farrowed fifty-three pigs in the year 1932, Mr. Youngblood reported yesterday.

The pigs were in three litters of 21, 17 and 15, respectively. During the three years she has been on the Youngblood place, the sow has farrowed 111 pigs. "That ought to be somewhere near a world's record," the owner commented. Most of the Youngblood Durocs are registered.

1908 BUSINESS DIRECTORY SHOWS 108 FIRMS, MANY FAMILIAR NAMES LISTED
In a business and professional directory, published in 1908, Merkel had 108 firms and individuals listed. At the same time, the directory, sponsored by Bards and Company, of New York City, discloses that Abilene had 268 firms and individuals represented. The complete book includes all the West Texas towns of any consequence at that time and was brought to the Mail office by courtesy of Burman Scott, who found the directory in the office of his grandfather, Jesse Scott, who was then owner of the Jesse Scott Lumber company, Abilene. Some of the names listed, which were selected as being of particular interest, are: M. J. Barnes and son, Atala Co., J. S. Barnes, daged, his e-

"Dennis" Bros., wholesale and retail grain, feed and hay. City Livery stable, W. O. Boney, prop. Dennis, J. T., general merchandise. Farmers and Merchants National bank, J. T. Warren, president. First National bank, George S. Berry, president. Fitts, Coggin Co., Inc., Austin Fitts, pres. and mgr.

Gaither, B. C. & Sons, groceries and feed. Haas, T. H., lunch room. Harris and Harkrider, dry goods and groceries. Hogue-Hamilton company, Inc., dry goods, shoes, clothing, hats, groceries and country produce. Jones, F. R., vehicles, harness, lap- robes and whips. Leamon hotel, J. I. Leamon, prop. McDonald Bros., McDonald meat market. Magness and Diltz, wholesale and retail grain and groceries. Merkel Mail, J. G. Jackson, editor. Merkel Opera House. Merkel Steam Laundry, Clark and Simmons, prop. Pennington, C. J., bicycle, gun and repair shop. Pool parlor, L. E. Saunders, prop. Pribble, West and Jones, barber shop. Sharp, J. P. and Co., dry goods, clothing, shoes, groceries, furnishing goods, etc. South Side hotel, J. H. Woodrum, prop. Star Store, Comegys and Hunt, props. Weir, T. C., real estate and insurance, justice of the peace. West Texas Hardware company, hardware and implements.

Garner Resigns House Seat; 30 Seek the Place
Uvalde, Jan. 5.—The 15th district congressional seat resigned by John Nance Garner is being eyed by more than 30 aspirants. None had announced formally as candidate for the term, which begins March 4. Only intentions of candidacy have been expressed. A date for the special election to name the new representative has not been set by Governor Ross Sterling. Attorney General James V. Allred recently ruled the balloting could not be done until after the term begins.

NEW OFFICIALS OF COUNTY TAKE OATH OF OFFICE
Four Members of New County Court Serve First Term: Judge Wheeler Begins His Tenth Consecutive Term.
Beginning his tenth successive term, and his thirteenth total term as justice of the peace of the Merkel precinct, Judge W. W. Wheeler took his oath of office Monday morning, along with other, precinct, county and district officers of Taylor county. Judge Wheeler began his present series as local magistrate in 1916, having previously served two terms, beginning in 1896, and one term, beginning in 1902. N. A. Dowell was sworn in the same day as constable of this precinct and A. J. Canon, new commissioner, succeeding P. A. Diltz, also took his oath of office Monday. The new county court, with Sid H. McAdams of Lawn the only member remaining from the former administration, met Monday morning for the formality of having bonds approved by John Camp, new county judge. Besides Judge Camp and the new commissioner from Merkel, the other two new members of the commissioners court are Rex Dillard of Tuscola, succeeding J. R. Trammell, of Iberis, and Luther Webb, succeeding G. B. Tittle in the Abilene district. Rex Dillard, by the way, is a son-in-law of our fellow-townsmen, B. C. Gaither. Next Monday is the date of the monthly meeting of the court. E. D. Davis, office deputy in the sheriff's office for the past two years, was made county jailer Monday, while Ben L. Peavy, former jailer, will be assigned to regular duties of the department. Davis will also retain the clerical work of the sheriff's office. **NEW COUNTY JUDGE.** John Camp was comfortably settled in the county judge's office Tuesday afternoon when a representative of The Mail made his rounds to call on the new officers of the county. He is taking the office vacated by Judge Eplen, who retired voluntarily, after a six year tenure. Jack McMahon is to be Judge Camp's assistant, serving as stenographer and court reporter. Judge Eplen has formed a partnership with Frank Smith, former county attorney, occupying a suite of rooms on the third floor of the Citizens National bank building in Abilene. **DEPUTY IN COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.** Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, prominent business woman, of Merkel, assumed her duties as one of the new deputies in the office of County Tax Collector Grady Parmelly Monday. T. O. Massey is the other new deputy, while members of the former tax collector's staff, including Earl Hughes, have been retained as assistants. C. W. Boyce, succeeding J. T. Howard as tax assessor, selected Jess J. Hamilton as his first assistant. Mr. Hamilton is a graduate of the South-eastern Teachers college of Oklahoma and has had experience as a teacher, an assistant in county offices and as a county official. Roy Fuller, new county treasurer, has announced that Austin Fitts, his predecessor, will remain to assist him for a few weeks. No change of personnel will be made in the offices of Sheriff Burl Wheeler, County Clerk W. P. Bounds or Miss Belle Wellborn, district clerk, it has been announced. Gray Browne, county attorney, works without an assistant.

Record of Births. Girl, to Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, on New Year's day, January 1, 1933. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bennett, Wednesday, January 4, 1933. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Tate, residing at Wylie, Wednesday, January 4, 1933. **Signs of Check in Depression.** New York, Jan. 5.—While many grave problems are seen awaiting solution as the country enters the fourth calendar year of the depression, the National City Bank in its year-end review finds that the deterioration in business has been checked. **Will Preach at Noodle.** W. G. Cybert will preach next Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Church of Christ at Noodle. All are invited to hear him.

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Compulsory Attendance Set for January Ninth

The Merkel school board at its Tuesday night meeting set Monday, January 9, for the beginning of compulsory attendance at school. Under the law children who are eight years of age and under fourteen who live anywhere within the Merkel Independent School district must attend school for one hundred days beginning with January 9. It makes no difference whether or not the child has previously been in school, he must now attend for five months beginning with January 9. The law fixes severe penalties for the parent who fails to send such child to school during this compulsory period and also imposes heavy fine upon any person or firm who employs such child during school hours. Little trouble has ever been encountered in Merkel over the enforcement of this law. People generally are more than glad of the opportunity the schools afford, and do not have to be made give their children an opportunity to attend school. Should any cases of violation arise, any patron will be doing the child a favor by telephoning Supt. Burgess (174) at his office. The child should be in school. The cooperation of everybody will redound to the benefit of the child.

Three Merkel Men On 42nd Grand Jury

Three Merkel men, Len Sublett, L. D. Boyd and Carl Hughes, are on the grand jury impaneled in the 42nd district court Monday morning by Judge M. S. Long. S. C. Parnell is foreman of the body, other members being: R. W. Grimsley, Caro Russell, Abilene; W. C. Plowman, Potosi route; Fred Rucker, Caps; Fred Graham, Guion; P. L. White, r., Tuscola; W. L. Morris, Ovalo; A. M. Hinds, Tye. C. K. Russell of Merkel was named bailiff by the 42nd district grand jury.

Ernest Faucett, 45, Dies in Los Angeles

News of the death Wednesday morning of J. Ernest Faucett, banker of Los Angeles, Calif., was received here that day in messages to relatives. Mr. Faucett, who formerly lived here and was cashier of the Farmers State bank for several years, had been ill of influenza for several weeks. He was 47 years of age. Going to Los Angeles about twenty years ago, he became associated with the Citizens National Trust and Savings bank and for several years he had been first vice-president of the institution. Funeral rites were held from the Little Church of the Flowers in Glendale, a suburb of Los Angeles, and burial was in a mausoleum in Forest Lawn Memorial park, where his only child, J. E. Faucett, Jr., is buried. His son died in 1927, at the age of three years. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Coreah Faucett, daughter of Mrs. W. M. O'Briant of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Morgan, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Clyde McDavid, Amarillo. He was a brother of the late R. L. Faucett, of Abilene, for many years Taylor county auditor. Although unable to leave upon receipt of the death message, as she was herself just convalescing from an illness of influenza, Mrs. O'Briant expected to leave on the Sunshine Special Thursday night for Los Angeles to be with her daughter.

Lehman Becomes Governor

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Herbert H. Lehman was inaugurated governor of New York state Monday, while his two close friends, President-Elect Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith looked proudly on.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Explosion of an engine Saturday at a Lone Star Gas plant at Eastland caused the death of T. V. Kincaid, 33, and the critical injury of Fred Davis, employees. Three hundred and seventy-seven homicides were committed in Texas during 1932, a list compiled from news dispatches disclosed Tuesday, topping the 1931 total by 34. A drunken driver is not necessarily guilty of murder, if someone is killed by his automobile, the state court of criminal appeals ruled Wednesday in a case from Rusk county. Judge Arch C. Allen, 46, prominent Dallas attorney, colonel in the Texas national guard and world war veteran, died Monday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Plano, Collin county. While his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Pond, were working in the yard nearby, their one-year-old son, Virgil Lee Pond, drowned in a stock watering tank at his home in Pleasant Valley, near Amarillo. Alex Collins has assumed the presidency of Central National bank at San Angelo, taking the place of W. C. Blanks, who held the place for seven and a half years and who resigned because of ill health. Five persons were burned to death in a fire Monday night, which destroyed the home of Walter Hood, tenant farmer, three miles north of Ears-tow, and three others are not expected to live as a result of burns. A special venire of 150 men has been summoned to appear January 23 at Sweetwater in the case against L. M. Parks, charged with murder in connection with the drowning of his wife in Lake Trammell last summer. Making an early morning rural call after more than 24 hours on duty without sleep, Dr. M. M. Risinger, 56, prominent Roscoe physician, met instant death in the path of a freight train seven miles west of Roscoe at 6:10 Tuesday morning. Mack McCluskey, a 17-year-old Sweetwater youth, who was being transferred from the Sweetwater police station to the county jail, was fatally shot about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. Clint Gardner, city policeman, being held on \$5,000 bond charged with the shooting.

Ma Ferguson Will Propose A Sales Tax

Dallas, Jan. 5.—James Ferguson, husband of Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson in speaking before the statewide agricultural conference here Tuesday, revealed his wife will propose a state sales tax to the legislature when she goes into office. He declined to elaborate on contents of the proposed law but said it would not "hurt" the farmer and would go a long way towards solving the taxation problem and remove the burden of taxation from the land.

School Remits Tax Penalty Till Feb. 1

The Merkel school board at its January 3rd meeting extended the time from December 31 to January 31 for the payment of all delinquent school taxes without interest or penalty. Payers of school taxes may thus pay all their back taxes without payment of either penalty or interest, provided this payment is made before February 1. Taxes for 1932 will become delinquent on February 1. After that date a 10 per cent penalty is added on 1932 and the total amount begins bearing interest. One who pays \$100 in taxes a day late would then be required to pay \$110 and if paid six months late would be required to pay \$113.30. After February 1, all penalty and interest that may have accumulated will be added to any unpaid back school taxes.

Next Week's Schedule For School Supervisor

Schedule for the second week of J. C. Griffin's visits to Taylor county schools, was announced Wednesday from the office of M. A. Williams, county superintendent. Mr. Griffin, a rural school supervisor from the state department of education, started an inspection tour in the county Monday. He is visiting three schools daily, one each in the morning, at midday and in the afternoon. Schedule for next week follows, in the order in which visits will be made. Monday: Buffalo Gap, Wylie, Pleasant Hill. Tuesday: Iberis, Potosi, Cedar Gap. Wednesday: Caps, View, Hillside. Thursday: Rogers, Lawn, Tuscola. Friday: Bradshaw, Ovalo. Thursday Mr. Griffin was at Tye, Trent and Mt. Pleasant. Friday's schedule includes Moro, Shep and Valley Creek.

Kid Gleason Dies

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—William (Kid) Gleason, 67, coach of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball club Monday night of a heart ailment which had confined him to his bed for several months.

PRICES WOULD NOT GO UNDER CERTAIN LEVEL

Emergency Farm Relief Bill Designed to Set Minimum Price On Wheat, Cotton, Hogs and Tobacco, Meets Favor.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The house rules committee Wednesday approved a resolution giving a privileged legislative status to the emergency farm relief bill designed to set minimum prices on major agricultural commodities. The bill, reported by a 14 to 8 vote of the agriculture committee, will be brought up for consideration Thursday. The rule will provide eight hours of general debate before reading the bill for amendments. "The measure as presented undertakes to establish for wheat, cotton, hogs and tobacco a minimum price that bears the same relation to the general commodity price level that existed during the pre-war period," Jones explained. "If this parity existed today wheat would be 90 cents a bushel, cotton, 12 cents per pound and hogs and tobacco would be materially higher in price. The measure undertakes to restore these price levels on that part of these commodities which goes into domestic consumption. The present farm commodity prices are far below this ratio. It would be accomplished in this way: A processing fee would be levied upon the manufacturer of these commodities equal to the difference between the prevailing price and the parity price as determined by government statistics. The proceeds of these collections would be paid to the farmer on that part of his production, which is consumed in our own country provided the farmer could show that he had voluntarily reduced his acreage or production as much as 20 per cent. "By thus raising the price level of the chief farm commodities, it is hoped that incidentally the price level of all farm commodities will be increased and business generally throughout the country stimulated. "Any time these commodities reach the minimum ratio price levels, the fee would be eliminated. In other words, if the processors will establish the minimum price levels they will have no fee to pay."

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Death Claims Well Known Young Man

Clarence Hodges was born March 7, 1908, died at 11:50 p. m. on December 30, 1932. He was formerly employed by the Texas and Pacific railway for four years. He leaves to mourn his death a faithful wife, Minnie Hodges, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Massey, two beautiful little girls, Jenesa and Jeneva Hodges, a father, J. H. Hodges, of Kemp, Okla., three own brothers, M. C. C. and G. B. Hodges, two sisters, Mrs. Powell of Fort Worth, Mrs. Esther Duckworth of Kemp, Okla., two half-brothers, Dillard and Wesley Hodges of Kemp, Okla., and an uncle, W. C. Hodges, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hodges wish to extend to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Massey, their relatives and the many friends of Clarence their sincere thanks and appreciation for their untiring efforts and faithfulness in caring for and providing for Clarence during his illness.

Clarence was a Christian and just before dying he prayed, sang and shouted. Lifting his hands toward heaven, he said, "Mother, dear mother," and he died singing, "I'm going home to die no more."

Funeral services were held at the Fundamental Baptist tabernacle conducted by Ernest C. Dowell.

—Contributed.

BRUCE BARTON

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of the Kingdom of Heaven and warned his hearers that time was short. But little by little the note of warning diminished; the appeal to righteousness as a happier, more satisfying way of living increased. God ceased to be the stern, unforgiving judge, and became the loving, friendly Father. He, himself, was less and less the prophet, more and more the companion. So much so, that John—imprisoned and depressed—began to be tortured by doubt.

John sent two of his disciples to watch and to ask. And Jesus, knowing how wide was the difference between their attitude and his, refused to argue or defend. "Go and tell your master what you have seen and heard," he said. "The sick are healed, the blind receive their sight and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

It is true that I do not forego the every-day pleasures.

John did his work and it was not for himself.

But I cannot work in his way.

Let me be myself . . . and these things you have seen . . . are my evidence."

Week—On Liking People.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Detail price reductions of one cent all grades of gasoline were noted Merkel Tuesday, following cuts made locally over the state. Current prices are: third grade gasoline, 16 cents; regular gasoline, 16 cents; first grade gasoline, 20 cents.

Right leg above the head of Lanier was run over by an attached train. He was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium for attention.

Wednesday night of last week Pat Addison's grocery store at Blair was entered and the burglar, whoever he was, helped himself to the grocery stock—particularly canned goods—and looted the cash drawer, leaving only one penny. Mr. Addison stated later to a representative of The Mail that he was unable to make a complete estimate of the loss, either in money or merchandise.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our appreciation to the people of Merkel who were so kind to us in the loss of our husband and father and the many manifestations of your sympathy and love which will be tenderly cherished.
Mrs. Jim Black and Family.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Mrs. T. F. Compton is reported better after five weeks illness.

Miss Wynona Patton came over from Abilene to visit during the holidays.

Miss Arline Willett of Hamlin is the guest of Mrs. William J. Sheppard.

Floyd L. Grayson of Burleson is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Miss Dixie Blair from San Angelo visited her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, on New Year's.

Miss Norma, Woodrow and Miller Patton spent Christmas week visiting friends at Slaton.

Mrs. Ernest Hill of Burleson spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson and relatives.

S. F. Haynes, who is one of the many who have been victimized by the flu, is still confined to his room.

Mrs. Jessie King returned Saturday to her home in Plainview after a holiday visit in the H. C. Floyd home.

Miss Dota Garoutte spent Sunday as the guest of her nephew, Lieut. Ralph Vaughan, and family in Abilene.

Mrs. S. M. Bird is moving to Abilene to be with her son, Ben F. Bird. They will be at home at 2234 Hardy Street.

Little Gene Caris, granddaughter of Mrs. J. S. Blair, who has been very ill with bronchial pneumonia, is reported some better.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Woods visited last Sunday with relatives in Abilene. They spent Christmas day with relatives in Odessa.

Dr. A. A. Annis and wife of Aspermont are visiting his mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis, the son looking after his mother's interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shives and babies of E. Spring spent Christmas with Mrs. Shive's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Compton and son, Glynn, have returned to their home at Berger after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton.

Jack Pannell and daughters, Effiebill, Vedalee and Mrs. Evalyn Bercher, and Baby Dicky were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. Dolf Coats, at Blair.

Bob Hicks was here the past week from Wills Point to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks. All his old friends here were mighty glad to see Bob again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendrix and family and Miss Vitula Thurman, of Commerce, who have been guests in the home of Mrs. John Bell, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell and son, Paul, were dinner guests of Mrs. L. C. Perkins and son, Clark, Tuesday at Butman. While at Butman they were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger.

Mrs. A. E. Wimans, who spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter in Fort Worth, returned home Wednesday of last week, bringing her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gresham, home with her.

Mrs. Blanche Carey and Anna Mae Harris drove over to Abilene Saturday night with friends to see Miss Selma Lee Russell, who was operated on at the Baptist sanitarium. Miss Russell is a nurse at the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their guests Christmas: Bill Harris and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and baby Jean from Childress, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris and baby Gloria Jean from Ackerley, Texas, and Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children of Golan. Mrs. T. J. Harris returned to her home Saturday.

Guests the first part of the week of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz were Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Brown and son, Harry, Jr., and Fred Wortham of Can-

joined her, by Mrs. C. Eakman, mother of Mrs. Diltz, who has been here this winter, leaving Wednesday for Corpus Christi.

Jim Black Brought to Merkel for Burial

James Edward (Jim) Black, 45, who formerly lived in Merkel but who had been a resident of Big Spring for the past ten years, where he was well known in the feed and ginning business, died at 2:35 Monday morning at his home there, following an illness of more than a month, during most of which his condition had been critical. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Rose of Merkel, was at his bedside when death came.

Funeral services were held at the Charles Eberly chapel at Big Spring at 10:30 Tuesday morning, with Melvin J. Wise, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. The body was brought overland to Merkel and was interred at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Rose Hill cemetery near the grave of his mother, who died 13 years ago.

Surviving Mr. Black are his wife, who was Miss Lilly Bell Rose, and three children, a daughter, Lennah Rose, two sons, Joe and Jimmie. His father, Jim Black, Sr., of Red Rock, Texas, and three brothers and three sisters also survive.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the fund of \$33.45 to help pay the sanitarium expenses for our son, Raymond, who has been ill for so long. May God's richest blessings rest upon each one of you.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and Children.

CEMETERY NOTICE.
Friends, I am still on the job as sexton. If you want your lot cleaned and graves filled up and kept clean, see me. I get no salary—work by the lot.
J. H. Witcher, Sexton.

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PEANUT BUTTER, 16 oz. jar	19c
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Bills of Exc. (cotton)	10,664.65
Cash & Due from banks	214,084.14—242,698.79
Total	\$395,324.60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
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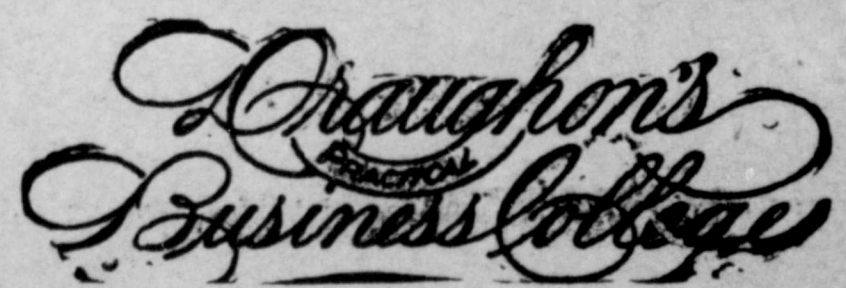
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THE OTHER MAN

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FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: Pauline, sentimental, beautiful, sincere and loving love, becomes engaged and marries Dennis Hara in the belief that their blissful happiness will continue unchanged thru all the years. On her wedding morning she awakens with a strange premonition that maybe love does change, a thought buried in her mind by a letter from her closest friend, Barbara the night before. Pauline adored Barbara who had been married, was the mother of a child which died, but now divorced and living a life which some of her friends could not understand. Between Pauline and Barbara is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Six months after Pauline's wedding, Barbara comes for a short stay. During this visit Barbara confesses to Pauline that there is a man she really loves, but she refuses to tell his name. Barbara decides suddenly to go home and Pauline insists Dennis drive her to the station. Irritated, Dennis drives recklessly, and they are in a crash. Barbara escapes injury but Dennis' leg is broken. As he returns to consciousness he learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

The man hastened to reassure her. "Nobody killed, miss, nothing to be scared about. Just a bit injured and taken to hospital. My orders were to fetch you."

"I'll come now."

Pauline flew upstairs. She was hardly conscious of what she was doing. A hat and coat—any hat, any coat—a word to the maid—"It's the master—" how she loved calling Dennis the master—he's been hurt—the car, somehow."

And she was downstairs again. "Oh, hurry! hurry!" she implored the driver.

The car moved off down the road, and Pauline tried to regain self-control. "How did it happen? My husband is such a wonderful driver!"

Collision at the crossroads. Nobody seems to know whose fault it was.

Pauline hardly heard. "How is he hurt? His arm—leg? Where is he hurt?"

"I couldn't say, miss. Why would he insist on calling her miss when she was Dennis's wife? It was not dignified. My orders were only to fetch you and to say it was not serious."

"I see." She sat staring before her with blind eyes, her hands clasped in her lap.

Suppose he were dead and they were afraid to tell her? To be a widow when she was only so recently a wife. All her pretty frocks would be quite useless—she would have to wear black. All sorts of incongruous thoughts kept tumbling over and over in her dazed mind. She turned sharply to the man beside her.

"There was a lady with him—Mrs. Stark—was she hurt, too?"

"Just a shaking, miss—I saw the lady myself—she was very distressed, naturally, but not hurt. I should say."

She moistened her dry lips. "How much farther is it?"

"Just round the corner by that red building—the one with the weathercock on it."

When the car stopped she stumbled out blindly, evading the officer's proffered hand. Up the steps to the big open door, "Where is he? I am Mrs. O'Hara. My husband has been hurt. Where is he?"

The maddening waiting, the formalities! Pauline had worked her way into a frenzy by the time someone said, "Please come this way."

At last she was in a small room with a single bed. There was a smell in the air, and the polished floor shined to her feet. Silly to Joe L. Harris at all things like that at mother residing when her whole being born in Atala county been concentrated on to Merkel as a song here—his head bandaged, his eyes closed.

"Dennis!"

He did not move or seem to hear. Someone standing in the window turned, came forward. Barbara, of course.

"Dennis!" Pauline was down on her knees beside him, sobbing broken-heartedly.

Barbara put an arm around Pauline and lifted her to her feet.

"You must control yourself. They

won't let you stay here at the hospital if you make a scene. He's all right, I promise you. Pauline, you know I would tell you the truth."

"I know—but he might have been killed. How did it happen? It couldn't have been Dennis's fault, he's such a careful driver."

"It was at the crossroads," Barbara explained. "It's always hard to say who is to blame. The man driving the other car wasn't hurt at all."

In her heart Barbara knew quite well Dennis had been to blame. When she had warned him that he was driving too fast, he had deliberately accelerated instead of slowing down. She helped Pauline to a chair, not a very comfortable one, and stood beside her waiting for her sobs to cease.

Pauline took her hand and pressed it.

"I'm so glad you were with him, Barbie," she sobbed. "I'm sure things would have been much worse if you hadn't been there."

Barbara drew her hand gently away.

"I think they are bad enough as it is," she said.

She looked across the room at Dennis. He was so white, he hardly seemed to breathe. Supposing he had been killed?

Pauline had ceased sobbing, but her breath kept coming in little gasps. She got up and crept close to the bed.

"Dennis," she whispered again, but he did not hear her. She bent and softly kissed his cheek. She turned again to Barbara, tears raining down her cheeks.

"Will they let me take him home?"

"I think it would be very unwise, my dear."

At that moment Dennis stirred a little and flung out a hand. Pauline seized it and covered it with kisses.

"Darling—Darling!"

He opened his eyes. They were clouded still and far away. They searched her face without recognition; then his lips moved slowly. Pauline bent to catch what he said.

"Barbara?" The name was unmis-takable.

Pauline answered at once: "Not hurt. She's all right, quite all right."

"Yes." The faintest word of satisfied assent; then his eyes closed again.

Pauline turned to Barbara. "He wanted to know how you were. Isn't that like him? So unselfish. Oh, are you sure he will be all right?"

"Quite all right, dear. Look, I think he's asleep now."

Suddenly Pauline spoke slowly. "I don't believe he recognized me just now. I don't believe he even knew who I was."

"I don't suppose he did," she said evenly. "He was only half conscious, you know."

Pauline raised tragic eyes.

"But he asked for you, he knew your name—he hadn't forgotten that you were with him, though he seemed to have forgotten me," she added slowly.

Barbara did not answer.

It was a month before Dennis was allowed to be taken home. Pauline fretted and worried, but Dennis himself aided and abetted the doctors.

"My dear child, it's far better to leave me where I am. You'd only wear yourself out if I were at home."

"He didn't say he was anxious to get back home," Pauline told Barbara afterward, almost in tears. Barbara had stayed on during Dennis's illness—reluctantly, it is true, and only after Pauline had begged and implored of her not to go.

She said now in answer to her friend's words: "Work means everything to a man like Dennis—it includes you and his home and everything else."

Pauline reflected, then she sighed. "I suppose you're right," she said at last. "You understand men so well."

Barbara flatly refused to visit Dennis in the hospital, though Pauline protested that he would think it unkind.

Barbara laughed. "You flatter me," she said mockingly. "Besides, I hate illness and hospital wards—the smell of drugs always makes me feel sick."

Pauline's eyes grew wise. "Wouldn't you come and see me, then, if I were ill?" she asked.

"You're different,"

"Why?"

Barbara frowned: "Well for one thing, you rather like me, don't you? Whereas Dennis—"

Pauline broke in eagerly. "But he doesn't, he doesn't! He's asked after you ever so many times since the accident."

"That's very kind of him."

"If you two could only be friends!" Pauline said for the millionth time.

Barbara threw a cigarette end forward.

"Dennis and I can never be friends," she said positively. "And what does it matter? No doubt it's all my fault."

Pauline shook her head. "No, I think Dennis is as much to blame as you are," she admitted. "It's such a pity, because you're a darling, and he's really rather a nice man, you know, Barbie!"

Barbara laughed.

It was in the middle of the week that Pauline announced that Dennis would be home on Friday.

There was a moment's silence, then Barbara said calmly, turning the page of a book she was reading: "What a pity! I shall have to go to town on Friday."

"Barbie! Can't you put it off? I wanted to celebrate. I've asked Peter to dinner."

"I'm sorry, but I've promised to lunch and go to a theatre with Captain Barnett!"

Pauline got up and came to sit on the arm of her friend's chair.

"I wish you wouldn't go out with that man, Barbie."

"My dear soul, why ever not?"

"He's married."

"Well, that's his misfortune, not my fault."

"Do you think marriage is a misfortune, then?"

"Yes, in nine cases out of ten. It

was in mine—it is in Jerry's. You, I dare say, will be the great exception that proves the rule."

"I wish you weren't so cynical."

"Life—my sort of life, at least—makes one cynical, so don't worry your little head about me. I'm quite happy in my own way."

There was a short silence; then Pauline asked almost shyly: "Is Jerry Barnett the man you—you said you cared about?"

Barbara laughed. "Jerry? Good heavens, no! He's not my sort. We're good friends, but I couldn't fall in love with a man who only talks about horses and dogs."

"And you really mean to go on Friday?"

"I've promised."

"It's because she doesn't want to meet Dennis," Pauline thought bitterly, when Barbara had left her. "I know that's what it is. Why do those two dislike each other so much, I wonder?"

Then suddenly a bright idea came to her. If Dennis was well enough to come home on Friday, he would be well enough to come home on Thursday. Barbara should not know and Peter should be asked to dinner for Thursday instead.

She made her plans as happily as a child, taking only the maid into her confidence.

And on Thursday Barbara had a headache.

"Nothing much," she told Pauline, who went to her room and hung over her with solicitude. "It's the kind of headache I get when I know any exertion lies before me. Leaving this comfortable room, for instance, and moving on. All my life I seem to have been moving on," she added

rather drearily, and then as she saw the concern in Pauline's eyes, she sat up with sudden energy. "Don't take any notice of me. Send me a

strong cup of tea and leave me in peace till tea time; then I'll be down, clothed and in my right mind." (Continued Next Week.)

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CHAPEL.

Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, we enjoyed a Christmas program very much.

Mrs. Brown, a former piano teacher in the Merkel schools, rendered a very delightful piano solo and vocal selection. The Baptist choir sang for us and Mr. Burgess read the old but ever new story of the birth of Christ. We also enjoyed a duet by Misses Thelma McAninch and Orpah Patterson.

MID-TERM.

Happy New Year—just think, kids, you haven't many more days to bring the teachers roses because mid-term is almost here. And now, young men and young women, have you decided what course will you take? What! Well, naturally you wouldn't. Christmas does come only once a year. But, students, now is the time to "cast the dye," and cast it right.

A great many of us are depending on the mid-term exams, but they surely are weak props. Better get your old moth-eaten book out and do some "larning." No, I didn't say cramming for that'll never do. Those who like should pick out a "soft spot" and better still, give up.

Now, "them's my sentiments eggactly." And you're wrong—a teacher didn't write this.

WE WONDER:

Who went with Faye to the show Christmas.

If Santa brought Neil and James what they wanted.

Whom Ouida Mae is going to take riding in her little red wagon.

If Mrs. Santa or Mr. Santa brought Eleanor Mae her permanent.

Where Frances Marie got her new pen and pencil.

If Lucille feels any luckier.

Who told Bill that "there ain't no Santa Claus."

What Big Sister is going to lose her little sister.

If Santa brought Mr. Riddle a better history class or did the not-far-off exams have any effect.

What happened to Imogene Saturday night.

Why Mildred and Duncan are so sleepy-headed.

How Gerald happened to be at the '32 Senior reunion party.

How Johnnie kept from getting his feet tangled up at the firemen's play last Friday night.

Why school had to start again.

SENIOR PARTY

On Wednesday, December 21, Miss Frances Marie Church was the genial hostess for the Senior class. As the guests arrived, gifts were put on the tree and games of "42," hearts and dumbbell were played.

After the games had progressed, Frances Marie acted as Santa Claus and passed out the gifts. Santa was pretty good to two members of our class, bringing each two gifts a piece. He brought Mrs. Irvin a luncheon set; Mr. Irvin, some shaving lotion and cream; Gerald, a stick of candy, with which he was very content; Terrell, a motorcycle, because he likes to run things; Lucille and Albert, a doll a piece, so that they can play house; Mildred, a set of tin dishes, so that she can learn to cook; Maurine, a powder puff, because she primps so much; and Santa was very good to the rest also.

When the gifts were distributed, cherry pie and whipped cream were served. Appreciation was given to Mrs. Church for opening her home to the Seniors and good nights were said.

Those who enjoyed the party were: Mr. Irvin, Bill Hamm, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Van Roberts, Albert Cade, Terrell Mashburn, Meyer Mellinger, Virgil Lee Perkins, Ward Berryman, Clarence Church, Gerald Derrick and Mardell Shouse; Lucille Campbell, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Nell Hughes, Eleanor Mae Hogan, Maurine White, Margaret Dean, Mrs. Irvin, Margaret Miller, Nola Mae Anderson, Imogene Middleton, Florene Rider, Bessylea Church, Joyce Wheeler and Opal Huskey.

THE JUNIOR PARTY.

Miss Bessylea Church graciously entertained the Juniors on Dec. 23, 1932, with a party at her home. Games of "42" and flinch were played and all entered a contest which was to see how many words could be made out of the word Christmas. Sarah Sheppard and Caribel Mansfield tied for the prize which was a stocking

full of candy, chewing gum and a doll. Then the Christmas presents were distributed from the tree. Mr. Riddle received a present, a shirt and tie, from the Junior class. He also received a red tie and handkerchief from some of the pupils.

Cherry pie and whipped cream was served to: Sarah Sheppard, Lois Whiteley, Julia Proctor, Wanda Hunter, Billy Gardner, Caribel Mansfield, Bessylea and Francis Marie Church, David Gamble, Kennedy Whiteley, Jack West, Jim Patterson, J. R. Lassiter, Horace Nix, Kit Carson and Jack Patterson, Mr. Riddle, and one visitor, Isabel Propst of Lampasas.

Everyone had a "swell" time and Mr. Riddle half way promised us a party at his house in the spring. He said his little house wouldn't hold all of us. Our president, David Gamble, also made a speech and he said he was the smartest Junior president that any one ever had. He said a Junior president was supposed to have a difficult job but he had been putting it off on committees. Smart! isn't he?

JUNIOR EXPRESSION PUPILS ENTERTAIN.

Because of the illness of several members, the Junior Expression class postponed their mid-year public recital. However, the majority of the

class were able to entertain their mothers and a few friends in a studio recital on Wednesday afternoon, December twenty-first.

Dora Marie Gaither opened the program by telling an interesting story, "A Sunday Morning Adventure." Betty Jo Moore gave a child's version of the barber in "The Shave Store". A clever impersonation of a small boy with the mumps was given by Sue Sue Grimes. Billy Haynes told of the boy who hates to get up in the morning, and Jack Haynes told of a bow-leg boy. Dorothy Nell Haynes and Doris Clyde Miller read poems by two favorite authors, Frances Boyd Calhoun and James Whitcomb Riley. Dorothy Shannon chose for her first number, "Curiosity" by Dunbar. Forest Glynn Barnett closed the first group of selections by giving "O! Mistah Trouble."

The second group was made of musical numbers and the third, of Christmas numbers.

Misses Margaret Miller and Nell Hughes assisted Mrs. Haynes in serving a salad plate. During the social hour Doris Clyde Miller and Margaret Miller delighted their audience with several piano numbers.

Members who were unable to attend were Carl Jackson, Jr., and Janet Neff.

TOMFOOLERY.

Neal: "Do you know why there are more automobile wrecks than train wrecks?"

Waymon: "Naw, why?"

Neal: "Because the fireman isn't always hugging the engineer."

Howard Stanley: "I'm going to marry a girl who can take a joke."

Gorden: "Don't worry; that's the only kind of a girl you'll get."

Mrs. West: "Jack, your hat is on

the wrong way."

Jack: "How do you know which way I'm going?"

Nell: "I certainly have a big family tree."

Faye: "Yeah, there aren't but two things that live in trees, birds and monkeys, and you haven't any feathers on you."

Duncan: "Do you like Kipling?"

Robbie: "I dunno. How do you kipple?"

ENGLISH CLUB 9B.

English club 9 B had its second meeting, December 21, at Mrs. Haynes' studio. An interesting contribution to the Christmas program was made by Miss Imogene Middleton, who gave two Christmas poems. These were enjoyed very much and she is invited to come again.

After the program the gifts off the Christmas tree were delivered and received. While the gifts were being delivered, Mrs. Haynes served cookies.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

A few of the Sophs went visiting



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during the holidays to spend Christmas, but most of them stayed at home and ate turkey and chicken for dinner.

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We are back in school now, and as we have only two more weeks until mid-term exams, let's do our best and work hard.

FRESHMEN.
Can you feature:
Miller having his English?
Ora not liking red?
Horace Boney not being at rary?
Rogers not teasing Miss Martin?
Edgar Bradley being tall?
Clifton Bellamy trying to be funny?
Thelma having a date with Hugh?
Juanita being dumb?
Kit being a Senior?

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Arthur Harris, 45, Buried Here Monday

T. Arthur Harris, age 45, a former resident of Merkel, died at 4:40 Saturday afternoon at Fort Smith, Ark. His home was in Beaumont, where he was connected with the Jefferson company.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the church here, conducted by Rev. W. B. Hawkins, with interment at the cemetery.

Arthur was the son of the late Joe L. Harris and Mrs. Harris, his mother residing here now. He was born in Atala county, Miss., coming to Merkel as a small child. He left Merkel more than twenty years ago. He is survived by two sons, T. A. Harris, Jr., and Lynn Harris, both of Dallas.

As a mark of respect the Bullock Hardware store here was closed from ten o'clock Monday morning for the rest of the day. Mr. Bullock, owner of the store, being a brother-in-law of Mr. Harris.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Fannie Lee Welch of Sweetwater was the dinner guest of Mrs. Annie Boone Sunday.

Mr. Jordon of California left Tuesday after spending the New Year's holidays with his sister, Mrs. Joe Rollahan.

Mrs. Jim Smith made a trip to Rankin, accompanying her daughter, Mrs. Tittsworth, home after the latter had visited here a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pass and daughter, Peggie Jo, of Abilene visited with Mrs. T. J. Williamson last Friday.

C. R. Rutherford of Abilene attended to business here last Wednesday.

Miss Lucille Adrian, who is teaching in Oklahoma, has returned to her work after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian. Other guests in the Adrian home during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morton and baby of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and children, and Miss Margie Adrian, of A. C. C. Miss Margie had as her guests Margie Antally, George Mae Schaffner, Macon Smith and Leonard Holden, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Phillips and children of Big Lake returned home Thursday after a few days visit with relatives.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour was buried last week. Mrs. M. G. Scott is recovering from the effects of a badly sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally and two daughters spent Sunday at Cottonwood in the home of Mrs. Nally's father, who has been sick some time. He is recovering slowly.

Mr. Otis Watson of Sweetwater visited with his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson, last Thursday.

Mrs. Billing spent the last weekend in her home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cunningham have as their guest the former's mother of Abilene.

Bill Nally left last Saturday for Fort Worth where he has accepted a position with the Sinclair Oil company.

Miss Bessie Mae Ford spent several days last week as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Watson, of Sylvester.

Mrs. J. F. Wilson of Lubbock visited a few days with relatives here last week. Mrs. Wilson will be remembered as Ophelia Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor of Sudan visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Hale are moving soon to Lamesa. We regret to see them go, but our loss is Lamesa's gain.

Mrs. Lonnie Halbrooks, of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Halbrooks a few days ago. Mrs. Halbrooks is a bride of a few days of our Lonnie Halbrooks, who is connected with the Planters North Side gin.

Last Monday Carlton McLeod was kicked by a mule, but he is not seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin spent the night one night last week with Mr. Boyd's sister, Mrs. E. Howell. They were en route to Abilene.

Slim Messenger visited his sister, Mrs. Billington, through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holt of Myra, Texas, have returned home after a visit with Mrs. Holt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessel.

Mrs. Jim Wilson and son, Dale, of Coahoma, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessel, last week.

Supt. Roy F. Elliott spent the Christmas holidays with his mother at Winsboro, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith made a business trip to Dallas the early part of this week; Little Floyd, Jr., and Deverl are in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson while their parents are away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and family visited with John Howell and family of Abilene last Sunday afternoon.

Elye Maye Rogers, who has been away attending school at Fort Worth, has returned home.

Our mail carrier on Route 2 is sporting a new car. It's a "Chevie."

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep of Paint Rock spent the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Estep. They also visited relatives at Maryneal.

Mrs. Dub Johnson of Houston is here attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Mattie Stewart, who is very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, who has been very sick, has almost fully recovered.

Mrs. George Howell and daughter returned home last week from Honey Grove where they visited another daughter.

Will Lynn of Temple was an overnight guest in the Beckham home last Monday night. Mr. Lynn is a nephew of Brother Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelley have returned home after a ten days visit

with relatives at Clovis, N. M., Farwell and Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Murdock left this week for Waco.

P. T. A. SOCIAL AT GOODMAN.

With Mrs. Cecil McGriff as hostess and Mr. McAdams as toastmaster, a most interesting program was given by the P. T. A. at Goodman school-house on Monday night, welcoming the New Year. About 50 members were present. An address by Mr. McAdams was first on the program, which included readings by Carl Bonneaux, a solo by Joe Ella McLeod, with Mrs. Sam McLeod at the piano, an address by Mrs. Walling, music by Roberta Scott, a solo by Joe Nally and music by Mrs. Buster Edwards.

A reading by Carl Bonneaux concluded the program, after which refreshments, consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, olives, potato chips, cake, coffee and cocoa, were served.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning the pastor earnestly desires to have every member of the church present. Does the church really mean anything to you? Do you attend only when it is convenient and there is no other place to go? Or is it the real center of your life? The most essential thing in the world to you?

At 7:15 Sunday evening, the presiding elder, Rev. W. M. Murrell, will preach and hold the first quarterly conference, following the service. You are cordially invited to all services.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Miss Margarette Weed of Abilene, who was the recent guest of Miss Marybel Douglas, was accompanied home by Miss Douglas.

Miss Mabel McRee and father were Abilene visitors on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. T. J. Johnson and children visited relatives at Blackwell during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irwin and daughter, Joyce La Verne, accompanied Mrs. Irwin's brother, who formerly lived with them, to his home. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin returned from Post Saturday.

Those visiting in the M. L. Douglas home on Monday of last week were: Mrs. Charley Jones of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed and daughter, Margarette, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel.

The Union Ridge school children were given eight days for Christmas. The school has had the superintendent and also the inspector to visit it.

Mr. O. R. Douglas, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Taylor, made a business trip to Waxahachie over last week-end.

NUBIA NEWS

(Omitted last week.) Santa has come and gone. We have quite a bit of sickness. Miss Dorothy Hughes is real sick; also Mrs. A. R. Toombs, Mrs. Roy Riney and Harry Riney are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean had all their children home for Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Toombs of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Cyde Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Vance McLean and Elanton McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller had as their Christmas guests: Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reynolds, Mrs. Mina Hollis and daughter, Leslie Faye, of Hayward, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. John Hendrix of Detroit, Mich.

Miss Jewel Burklow spent Christmas with home folks on the Divide. Miss Nina Belle Russell spent the holidays in Merkel.

Misses Nola Neill and Hazel Walker visited in the W. C. Neill home during the holidays.

Mattie Reynolds and Leslie Faye Hollis entertained their schoolmates Monday afternoon in honor of Misses Irene and Lorene Whisenhunt and Jennie Marie Hilburn, who are leaving this week. We are going to miss these families from our midst.

There will be services at the Live Oak church Sunday morning. Everyone come.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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BLAIR ITE

It would take a good while to tell about all who have been sick with the flu since it got around to this place in full force. Many of those who went down in the early stage are able to be back to their work, but all of them wear a peeked appearance. A few have been seriously ill but it proved fatal to none.

Grandpa Ashbraumar, who has been seriously ill, is getting along satisfactorily at this writing.

The Rev. John Walker, able pastor of the Baptist church, delivered an inspirational New Year's sermon from the text in 1 Corinthians 6:2. "Behold now is the accepted time." He emphasized pressing forward into the New Year with Christ, pointing out "if you neglect your own soul, where will you spend eternity."

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Little and pretty daughter, Catherine, of Trent ate New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison.

Mrs. Lena Thompson and little daughter of Abilene will spend the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mr. Alvin Blond and Miss Jessie Clark of Sweetwater were the interesting guests of their niece, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, recently.

Miss Marie Stanford, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanford of Merkel, was the New Year's guest of her cousin, Clara Lee Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone had for their holiday guest their brother, Earl Baze of Childress, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan enjoyed a mid-week visit with Mrs. Doan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin, of Rotan.

Rev. John Walker of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family spent Sunday afternoon with friends at Nubia.

Miss Gladys Lane, primary teacher here, is attending the bedside of her uncle, who is critically ill on the Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker and their two fine sons are moving to the Salt Branch community. They are not moving very far away and we will expect them back often.

Dub Diltz of Merkel was in our midst on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clebert Jones and little son, Junior, who came to brighten their home some four weeks ago, have

returned from Buffalo Gap, after spending an indefinite time with Mrs. Jones' parents at that place. Guthrie Keel has returned home after spending the holidays with Horace Falk of Temple.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, spent New Year's afternoon with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsborn.

Clayton Coats and Marvin Presley have moved into our midst to be close to their school work.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sprain and family of Noodle spent New Year's day with S. C. Vick of Merkel.

J. W. Womack, former merchant of Noodle, moved Saturday to Buffalo Gap.

The young people of Noodle enjoyed a party given Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Ode Sosbee.

Miss Hazel Blair spent all last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Blair and two sons are just recovering from a severe case of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herring are the proud parents of a big baby boy, born Friday, December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Jr., and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow, Odell Crow and Miss Ethal King were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr., on New Year's day.

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CAMPBELL-PATTERSON

A wedding of unusual interest, especially in church and school circles, was solemnized last Saturday morning at 7:30 when Miss Orpah Patterson became the bride of Mr. Tracy Campbell.

The marriage ceremony was read by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the bride and groom, at the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. J. C. Tucker. Only members of the two families were present. Ferns and autumn leaves made a background for the wedding rites which were marked by their dignified simplicity.

Mrs. Campbell, who is a popular member of the public school faculty, is a graduate of Merkel High school and of Simmons university.

Mr. Campbell is a young business man of the city, being associated with his mother in the operation of the "M" System grocery.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left for a visit with her sister, Mrs. M. R. Brocker, at Borger and with his sister, Mrs. J. G. McFarland, at Friona. A host of friends join in wishing them much happiness in their new life.

CADE-BELL

The marriage of Miss Oneda Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bell, and Finis Cade, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cade, was solemnized Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the study of the Methodist church with Rev. E. L. Yeats, the pastor, officiating.

Both of the young people are highly esteemed in this community and have a host of friends that wish them much luck and happiness.

They will make their home with the groom's parents at Noodle.

SEARS FAMILY REUNION

At the home of Mrs. Frank Sears on New Year's Day children and grandchildren to the number of twenty-eight gathered for an enjoyable family reunion. Only two daughters, Mrs. B. J. Matthews of Chandler, Ariz., and Mrs. Della Campbell of Clinton, Okla., with their families were absent, while two granddaughters, Mrs. Boog Eysen of Houston and Mrs. Gorham Streeter of Abilene, were the only ones missing of the next generation.

An old-fashioned turkey dinner with accessories of the season, was served to: Mrs. Arthur Sears, of Abilene, and her children, Lance Sears, of Maryneal, and Mollie, Jewell, Billie Louise, Margaret and Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sears, of Abilene, and their children, Frances, Alex, Arthur and Mary Lo; Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter, Miss Mary Eula Sears; Mrs. Clyde Sears and children, A. C., Clyde, Evelyn, Vergil Glen and Dicky; Mrs. L. M. Touchstone and daughter, Molly Frank, and Misses Mossy and Eula Sears.

The Shakespeare Club

Tuesday was the first meeting of the Shakespeare club since the holidays. After such a delightful Christmas, everyone was eager to get to work again.

Several important matters were brought up for discussion during the business meeting and some very interesting plans are being made for the future.

Much eagerness was shown in the telling of "The Winter's Tale."

—Reporter

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

For the first Sunday in the New Year 536 were present at the five reporting Sunday Schools here, no report having been received from the Nazarene church. On the first Sunday in 1932 there were 733 present.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Officers and teachers are all requested to be in the T. E. L. room at 9:45. The B. T. S. meets at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "A willing sacrifice."
"Son of a great father, father of a great son," Albert Cade.
"Alone with his father," Comer Haynes.
"Fuel for his own offerings," Ted McGehee.
"On the mountain top," Leonard Reeves.
"Submission to his father," Charles Tipton.
"A substitutionary offering," Howard Carson.
"Results of Isaac's sacrifice," Joe Riney.

Everyone come out to B. Y. P. U. Sunday at 6 p. m. Start the New Year off right. Come and see what a good program this good looking bunch of young men are going to give us. Come and see for yourself. You will enjoy it, if you will just come. Let's have a large crowd. Bring someone with you and come. Be on time.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance on the first Sunday in the year, which was the first day of the year, was gratifying to the officers and teachers and it is hoped to keep up the spirit of the New Year.

No preaching service Sunday, morning nor night, as it is the pastor's Sunday at Baird.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Introduction, by Wanda Hunter, leader.

"Knowing the way," Mildred Richardson.

"Learning God's will in aeronautics," Duncan Briggs.

"Proved true again and again," Caribel Mansfield.

"God's will for business," Milton Shannon.

Business.

Benediction.

Everyone on the program please make it a point to be present and everyone who isn't on the program be present and make a good audience. We are depending on you. Don't disappoint us.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES

Our presiding elder, Rev. W. M. Murrell, will preach for us next Sunday morning and the announcement will be made when the first quarterly conference will be held.

At the beginning of the evening service we will have the installation of the officers of the missionary society.

The watch night service was a delightful occasion to all who attended and mirth and laughter was mingled with spiritual life. The message brought by Rev. R. A. Walker was received with pleasure. The imitation program given by Taylor Tucker marked the high point in the recreation and the devotional service led by Paul Collins in the closing moments of the old year was entered into with zest by all present.

Next Sunday morning the business men's class will begin a special course of lectures on Mark's life of Christ. The pastor will deliver this special course of lectures. This course should prove popular with those that should desire a clear outline of the life of Christ. Come to the first lecture next Sunday.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

"The devil, being mad, hurls all the hogs and dogs and goats of the church into raging fits." The children

of God are represented as sheep and Jesus declared, "my sheep hear my voice and they follow me." Those in the church, who are not sheep, who profess to be, but are workers of iniquity, being guilty of adultery, fornication, uncleanness, hatred, wrath, drunkenness, revellings, those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal. 5:19-22.) Revellings include all worldly amusements and they who are guilty of such are likened unto hogs, dogs and goats. (Read second chapter of II Peter, also Matthew 25th chapter.) Come Saturday night and find out who in the church are hogs, dogs and goats.

We have in our possession a talking table. Be at the tabernacle Sunday morning and hear a sermon on "The Talking Table." Sunday night sermon, "The man who swallowed him-

self." We extend to all a hearty welcome to all our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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Infant Buried at Cost

The infant daughter of Mrs. J. N. Hass, born early in the day morning, was tenderly laid in Comere cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The bereaved parent the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in the loss of their little one.

SPECIALS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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- PICKLES, sliced, sour, quart jar 15c
- MAYONNAISE, El Food, 8 oz. jar 19c
- PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lb. qt. jar 25c
- FIG SQUARE CAKES, 2 pounds 19c
- MARSHMALLOWS, 1 pound pkg. 19c
- LETTUCE, large firm heads 5c
- PORK & BEANS, 3 cans for 20c
- MUSTARD, Prepared, quart jar 15c
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