

PICTURESQUE CHARACTER OF OLD WEST GONE

Career of W. R. Bigham, One of Most Beloved of Early Inhabitants, Ended Last Sunday Night; Still Active Though 86.

One of the most colorful characters of the old west is gone; maker of history. W. R. Bigham has left memoirs eventful enough to attract autobiography writers of fiction but here at home a large cortege of people mourn the passing of a friend. Mr. Bigham and his career has been a point of pride to the inhabitants of the little city he helped to found. His genius for amassing fortunes, his unabridged sense of humor, his generosity to a fault and his unbounded energy that carried him through 86 years of strenuous activity to the end, he was the Texas representative for the New Orleans Cattle Commission company. There was never another like him. He was so thoroughly himself and he never had an enemy.

Born in Tennessee, he left at the age of 14 and obtained work on a steamboat up the Mississippi river till after the Civil War. Then, equipped only with his horse, saddle and sixshooter, he headed for Texas and reached Waxahachie. There he married Miss Alice Hogue. They ranched in Young and El Paso counties before settling in Merkel where for 40 years Mr. Bigham retained extensive holdings in land and cattle. He was a privileged character on the Mexican border and interior during the reign of Pancho Villa. For twelve years through his personal friendship with Terazas, trailhead after trailhead of cattle came through here going to Fort Worth market, over 60,000 in one year.

Mother Bigham passed away 14 years ago. His sons, Claud and Fred, and their wives are dead, leaving only his daughter, who is Mrs. J. E. Young. Miss Alice Bigham, daughter of Bigham, of Houston.

Mr. Bigham, who had made his home with the daughter at Lampasas, died Sunday night at Austin where he had stopped en route to San Antonio to complete a cattle deal. His body was brought here from Lampasas for burial. Rev. W. G. Cypert, a life long friend, preached the funeral sermon Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Christ, of which Mr. Bigham was a member. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of his wife.

Won't Resubmit.

Augusta, Maine, March 9.—The house Tuesday defeated the democratic proposal to resubmit to the people of the state the prohibition amendment to the state constitution.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 7, 1913.)

Dr. J. A. Adkisson, a prominent Merkel physician, will leave next Thursday for Europe. Dr. Adkisson will be accompanied by his wife and from here they will go to Washington where the necessary papers will be issued. They will then go to New York for a few days stay and will sail Tuesday, March 25th, for Berlin, Germany, via Liverpool and London, England, and Paris, France.

O. W. Williams, T. F. Compton, Reece Hall and Jim Toombs are in Dallas this week attending the head camp convention of W. O. W. Messrs. Williams and Compton as representatives of the local W. O. W. while Messrs. Hall and Toombs represented the Shiloh and Nubia lodges, respectively.

John Collins and Dan Coomer returned Wednesday from the Pat Stock show at Fort Worth.

Miss Tommie Louise Coggin visited friends in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene was here the first of the week visiting the family of Jno. D. Gaither.

Uncle Bill Barbee of Noodle departed Wednesday night for Fort Worth

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

William F. Lawrence of Dallas, sophomore mechanical engineering student at A. & M. college, died Friday night from injuries received when the plane he was piloting crashed.

Using his leather belt as a noose, Ben Barleson, 20, of Coleman, Texas, hanged himself in a hotel room at Shreveport, La., financial worries being ascribed as the cause of his act.

Seizing and binding the nightwatchman at the plaza theatre in Breckenridge, a band of robbers Sunday night raided the office of the place and escaped with a large safe containing about \$200 in cash.

A blow on the head from a golf ball driven off the tee at Willow Creek club in Abilene by a friend Wednesday brought death to Cecil H. Follard, 33, railroad representative of Abilene.

Receivers of the First National bank at Sweetwater, which closed December 10, 1931, announced Monday they were ready to pay a 15 per cent dividend, totaling \$65,000. Twenty per cent had been previously paid.

Paul Mitchell, 24, found guilty of slaying Robert Sharp, former McMurry college football star, during a store robbery in Lubbock last October, was given the death penalty by a district court jury at Lubbock Wednesday.

Mrs. G. W. Roberts of Bay City, Mich., was instantly killed and her husband was critically injured late Tuesday when a light coupe in which they were traveling eastward overturned on highway I-A, 12 miles east of Abilene.

Mary Lee Turner, 15, while performing in a school play in the OK community near Lamesa Friday night, met a tragic death when the barrel of a shotgun burst and a sliver of the metal entered her breast, lodging near the heart.

Shortly before dawn Sunday six bandits robbed the First National bank of Grandview of \$12,000 in currency and an unestimated amount of jewelry after taking prisoner the town's night watchman and a second man, who operated a restaurant.

S. Foster Bond, former banker of Cross Plains, won acquittal in district court at Baird in a case in which he was charged with swindling R. W. and C. F. McNeel, brothers and depositors in the bank of which he was vice-president and which closed in June, 1931.

Reversal of six-year prison sentence and dismissal of the charge on which it was assessed were ordered Wednesday by the court of criminal appeals for A. E. Pool, former Abilene banker, who was convicted by a 42nd district court jury in February, 1932, on the charge that he "knowingly received deposits in a bank in failing condition."

to see the stock show and look after business.

Jno. Briggs, Sigh Dennis of the divide, W. P. Moore, Russell Johnson and Claude Demere of the Canyon left Wednesday for Fort Worth to attend the Pat Stock show. Before leaving Mr. Moore gave us to understand that he was making the trip to sea after the other Merkel visitors in the Panther City and escort them back home safely.

ROLLO-ROLLINS.

Sunday evening shortly after the arrival of the T. & P. passenger train No. 3, the home of J. A. Hamner in east Merkel was the scene of a quiet home wedding. The contracting parties, Mr. John T. Rollo of South Texas, was married to Mrs. Effie Hamner Rollins of this place, Rev. W. G. Cypert performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Rollo will leave for their home at New Caney as soon as Mrs. Rollo's father, Mr. Hamner, is able to travel, he being sick at the time of the marriage.

Will Butman of Nubia returned Sunday from the stock show where he went to sell some cattle, some of which brought him eight cents per pound on foot, one two-year-old past steer weighing 1710 pounds just before shipping.

COURT SUIT TO TEST STATUS OF DENISON PLACE

Three Members of Present Commission Made Parties to the State Case, Set for Hearing Next Monday.

Austin, March 9.—Judge J. D. Moore of Travis county district court Tuesday granted an application of James V. Allred, attorney general, to file an information in the nature of a writ of quo warranto to determine right of F. L. Denison of Temple to be a member of the Texas highway commission.

The case was set for hearing on next Monday.

W. R. Ely of Abilene, D. K. Martin of San Antonio and Cone Johnson of Tyler were made parties to the suit. Denison was appointed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to take the membership of Johnson when the latter's term expired on February 15 last.

Twice the senate refused to give Denison a two-thirds majority vote for confirmation but the governor issued Denison a commission and he took the oath of office. She contended only a majority vote was necessary for confirmation. She assumed he had received a majority although when she asked the senate to advise her how the vote stood for and against confirmation it refused to do so, holding the vote taken in an executive session could not be divulged.

Ely, Martin and Johnson refused to recognize Denison as a member of the commission. He had been designated chairman by Mrs. Ferguson.

When Allred filed his application, Denison and his attorneys, Ocie Speer of Austin and Lon Curtis of Belton, were present. They did not object.

104th Grand Jury Returns 22 Bills

When the grand jury in 104th district court recessed Saturday, it handed 22 indictments to Judge W. R. Chapman, having been in session from Monday morning when the panel was charged. They recessed until March 20.

The body reported 103 witnesses examined in 42 cases investigated. W. H. Williams is foreman and C. C. Sellers, secretary.

Three Merkel men, John West, W. C. Matthews and Leon Toombs, are on the panel.

Sheep Show Average Gain of 35 Pounds

W. T. Nichols returned Tuesday from Kansas City, Mo., where he delivered four carloads of sheep from Nichols and Dickinson, about 560 head, and another shipment of the same number from Hob Robertson.

Beginning about the 27th of October, last, Nichols and Dickinson have been feeding about 1,400 head of sheep and Robertson about 1,000 head on contract with Jess Elrod of Kansas City, Mo., and the shipments were made from these lots. Another shipment will be made in the near future, Ted said.

The lot fed by Nichols and Dickinson had made an average gain of about 35 pounds, while the Robertson sheep showed an average gain around 40 pounds. Their contracts provided for payment of 4 1-2 cents per pound for gained weight between time of receipt and re-shipment.

Ted told a representative of The Mail that the commission men who passed on this shipment said they topped the market.

Eastern Star Ladies To Have a Bake Sale

In discussing the financial situation at the regular meeting of the ladies of the Eastern Star Tuesday night, all members agreed to have a bake sale at McDonald's grocery on Saturday, March 18. The chapter urges each member to bring pies, cakes or dressed chickens to offer for sale. If there are special friends of the chapter who have membership elsewhere but would like to make it possible for this chapter to continue its work, your help will be very much appreciated.

For more information, communicate with Mrs. Tom Allday.

NEW PRESIDENT IN INAUGURAL URGES ACTION

Advocate of "New Deal" Takes Helm; Cabinet Confirmed; Measures To Be Taken To Combat Crisis.

Washington, March 9.—Franklin D. Roosevelt Saturday became thirty-first president of the United States with an exhortation of the "money changers" and a promise he might have to adopt war time measures to combat the financial crisis now enveloping the nation.

With uplifted hands, the advocate of the "new deal" was sworn in by Chief Justice Hughes before thousands of spectators on a white painted stand in front of the capitol.

As the solemn voice of the chief justice echoed across the vast throng, Mr. Roosevelt took from the shoulders of Herbert Hoover the heaviest burden of peace time responsibility that any president since Lincoln has taken.

Speaking to the hushed thousands, Mr. Roosevelt dealt frankly with the "grim problem" facing the nation. The money changers, he said, have fled from their high seats. Then he continued: "This nation asks for action and action now."

ROOSEVELT'S AIM.

While reserving details in the main for his message to the special session and thereafter, he plainly showed his mind. In snapshot form, he set his aims to include:

Stricter supervision of banking, credits and investments; ending speculation "with other people's money."

Assurance of "an adequate but sound currency."

Balancing the federal budget, drastic reduction in governmental expenditures, national, state and local.

International economic readjustment.

Unification of relief activities.

National planning for and supervision of transportation and communication and other public utilities.

Projects to make the most of natural resources, and adjustment of population between industrial and rural sections.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT.

The ceremony in the senate chamber in which John N. Garner, famous Texan, had succeeded Charles Curtis, as vice-president was only a matter of a few brief moments.

With only slight opposition to two proposed members, which was later withdrawn, the cabinet of the new president was confirmed by the senate in a hurried afternoon session.

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Burgess Re-Elected For Twelfth Term

At the monthly meeting of the Merkel school board Tuesday night, Superintendent Roger A. Burgess was re-elected for his twelfth total term, the sixth in succession since he returned to the Merkel schools in 1928.

He had been at the head of the Merkel schools for six years from 1919 to 1925, and previously had served as principal of the high school here two years. In the interim, he was superintendent of the Childress schools for three years.

Steady progress in scholarship has been noted under the administration of this popular schoolman, with enrollment as of March 8 showing 699 pupils. The highest number registered in the Merkel schools since he became superintendent first in 1919 was in the session of 1928-29 when 726 were enrolled.

Purse Containing \$18 In Currency Recovered

A purse containing \$18 in currency, belonging to Mrs. Leonard Gay and which was taken from her coupe in front of a local church last Thursday night, was found before noon the next day by City Marshal Dickinson and the purse and contents returned to the owner.

The purse was found in an alley back of an Oak street residence, while the contents had been separated and hidden under two culverts. Aubrey Stanford assisted Dickinson.

Two boys were involved, according to Dickinson.

ROOSEVELT ASKS CONGRESS FOR POWER TO CONTROL, REORGANIZE SYSTEM

TEXAS WAITS ON NATIONAL PLAN

All Banks in State Closed By Governor's Order and New Bank Bill Passed.

The banking situation in this city and state was Thursday afternoon waiting on a plan of action by the national government.

Developments of the week, briefly stated, follow:

First, a financial moratorium of five days was ordered by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Thursday night, March 2, in a proclamation prohibiting and enjoining all Texas state and national banking institutions from paying out any amount of money until and including March 7.

Late Saturday night the state legislature passed an emergency banking measure, which was immediately signed by the governor, giving the chief executive and the state banking commissioner extraordinary powers to limit withdrawals from all banks in Texas. Vested with this power, James Shaw, banking commissioner, issued a pronouncement continuing the state moratorium through Tuesday night, the time limit set by Governor Ferguson in her original proclamation.

Conforming to the four-day bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt Sunday night, the state banking commissioner Tuesday extended the financial moratorium in this state through Thursday night.

LOCAL SITUATION.

Locally, just as soon as news was received of the proclamation of a state bank moratorium Friday morning, the business men gathered in the Lions club.

Yates Brown was named chairman of this meeting and C. J. Glover, Jr., secretary. The chief purpose of the gathering was to arrange for a medium of exchange for supplying change to merchants.

Talks were made by W. L. Diltz, cashier of the Farmers State bank, and Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, explaining that the banks were under binding obligations to observe all regulations of the moratorium, but extending every co-operation within their power.

The plan was worked out, by arrangement with the banks, that they would provide change at a certain hour, based on requisitions made by the individuals through a committee. (Continued on Page Four)

Leaders in Senate and House Sponsor New Banking Bill, Hoping to Get It to White House Before Thursday Night

Washington, March 9.—In a few crisp words, President Franklin D. Roosevelt urged the specially convened congress Thursday to empower him immediately to open "sound banks," to reorganize other banks and to provide currency expansion.

Thongs were gathered in the galleries to hear the presidential message read, while he remained at work at his White House desk.

"Our first task is to reopen all sound banks," he declared; and went at once into his immediate emergency plan—"I ask of the congress the immediate enactment of legislation giving to the executive branch of the government control over banks for the protection of depositors; authority forthwith to open such banks as have already been ascertained to be in sound condition and other such banks as rapidly as possible; and authority to reorganize and reopen such banks as may be found to require reorganization to put them on a sound basis."

ADDITIONAL CURRENCY.

"I ask amendments to the federal reserve act to provide for such additional currency, adequately secured, as it may become necessary to issue to meet all demands for currency and at the same time to achieve this end without increasing the unsecured indebtedness of the government of the United States.

"I cannot too strongly urge upon the congress the clear necessity for immediate action."

The president called those recommendations "an essential preliminary to subsequent legislation directed against speculation with the funds of depositors."

He revealed also, that he soon will request congress to enact two other measures "of immediate urgency."

Important Message From Grand Master

Wallace Houston of McKinney, grand master of the Masonic grand lodge of Texas, will deliver a very important message to all Masons over Station WFAA Saturday night of this week, beginning at 6:45.

As this is the night for the regular monthly meeting of the local lodge a radio will be installed in the lodge rooms and members may hear the address there, Tom Allday, worshipful master of the Merkel lodge, has announced.

BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

GETTING ATTENTION.

A tired pilgrim once arrived in the up-to-date and perfectly self-satisfied city of Athens. He arrived on foot because he had no carfare. His shoes were sadly worn and his clothing unkempt and covered with dust. One would say that these disadvantages were enough to disqualify him for success in a town so smart and critical, but he had other handicaps more fundamental. He was too short and thickset to be impressive; his eyes had a decided squint; altogether he was not at all the kind of a man who commands respect before a crowd.

The principal business of the clever gentlemen of that city was standing around the market-place, there to "hear or to tell some new thing." They were the joke-makers and fashion-setters of their era. As for investing in a new religion—they had hundreds of religions, some new, some fairly new, some old, but all entirely unused. A fine appreciative atmosphere for the foreign visitor named Paul. Straight on he marched until he reached Mars Hill. A few of the clever ones gathered about. The critical moment had come. Paul must say something, and no matter what he said, it would be wrong. Suppose he had said: "Good morning, gentlemen, I have something new in the way of a religion which I'd like to explain." A boisterous laugh would have ended his talk.

But Paul knew the psychology of the crowd. "Men of Athens, I congratulate you on having so many fine religions. I've traveled about quite a bit and your assortment is larger and better than I have seen anywhere else. I noticed that you not only have altars erected to all the regular gods and goddesses; you even have one dedicated to the Unknown God.

"Let me tell you an interesting coincidence, gentlemen. This God whom you worship without knowing his name, is the very God whom I represent."

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Paul stopped short and voices called out demanding that he go on. It appears later in the narrative that after his talk was over some mocked and others said, "We will hear thee again of this matter."

It was not a complete victory such as his Master had achieved at Jacob's well; but the audience which had confronted Paul was hostile, and his initial success so cleverly won, that this story deserves a place beside that of Jesus. Together they help us to understand the great mystery—how a religion, originating in a despised province of a petty country, could carry around the world. It conquered not because there was any demand for another religion but because Jesus knew how, and taught his followers how, to translate a great spiritual conception into terms of practical self-concern.

Next Week: Street Cars and Men.

Inauguration

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THE NEW CABINET.

The ten cabinet officers are: Secretary of state, Cordell Hull of Tennessee.

Secretary of treasury, William H. Woodin, of New York.

Postmaster general, James A. Farley, of New York

Attorney general, Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut.

Secretary of war, George H. Dern, of Utah.

Secretary of the navy, Claude A. Swanson of Virginia.

Secretary of commerce, Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina.

Secretary of interior, Harold L. Ickes, of Illinois.

Secretary of labor, Frances Perkins, of New York.

Secretary of agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, of Iowa.

NEW DEMOCRATIC RECORD.

This new congress has, in the house, 183 democrats who were re-elected, eighty-eight republicans re-elected and one farmer-laborite. It has 130 new democrats, twenty-nine new republicans and four new farmer-labor members, a total of 163 new members. The democrats now have 313 members, the republicans 117 and there are five farmer-laborites.

The democrats have the largest membership in history, twenty-three more than their high-water figure of 290 members twenty years ago and thirteen more than the republican high-water mark in the sixty-seventh congress twelve years ago. But their proportion isn't any better than that of the republicans away back in the fortieth congress sixty-six years ago, when they had 143 members to the democrats' forty-nine, or than that held by the democrats in the fifty-second congress forty-two years ago when they had 231 members to the republicans' eighty-eight.

SENATE MEMBERSHIP.

Fifteen new senators, all democrats, took the oath of office on inaugural day, who with Clark of Missouri, who had already served for a short period due to the resignation of Senator Hawes, and 12 re-elected members brought the senate democratic membership to 58. This will be increased with the election of a successor to the late Senator Walsh of Montana. The republicans in the senate number 36, including the independents, many of whom supported Roosevelt in the campaign. The senate roll shows only one farmer-labor member.

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When is a persimmon not a persimmon?

Can a feller named "Speed" be "slow as molasses in the winter-time?"

The answers to these and many other mysteries will be fully explained in the side-tickling, mirth-provoking comedy, "Lookin' Lovely," to be given under the auspices of the Philathea

class of the M. E. church on Friday, March 17.

Snappy dialogue, fast moving action and some of the home talent of which Merkel is so proud makes this little play well worth the price of admission, 10c and 20c.

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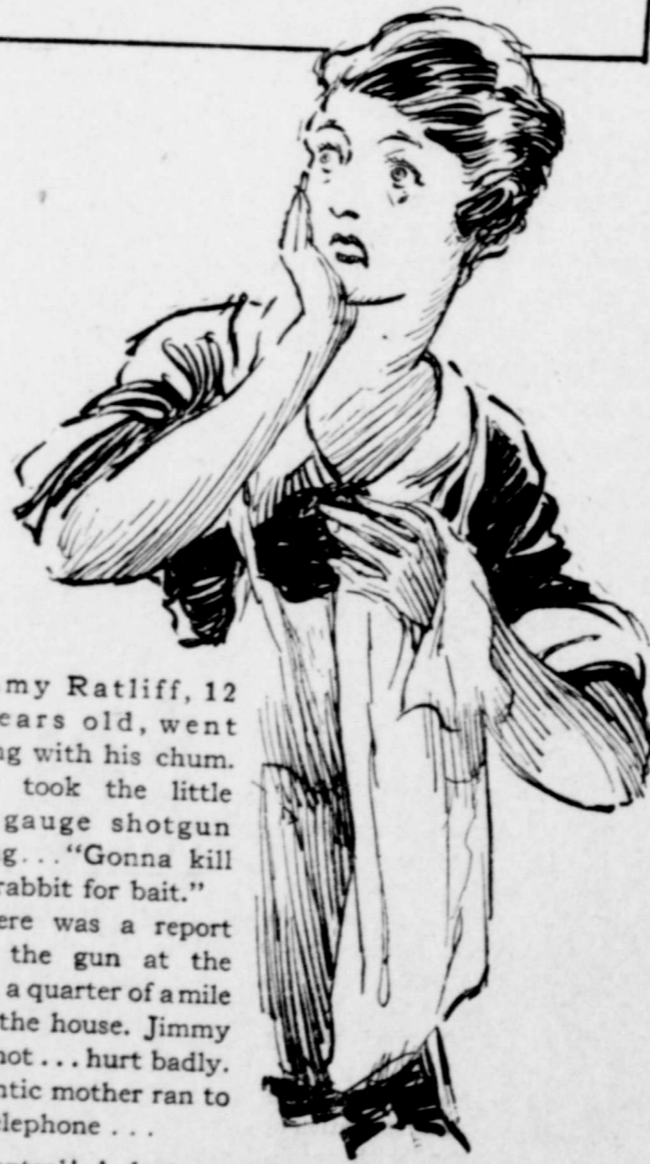


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There was a report from the gun at the pond, a quarter of a mile from the house. Jimmy was shot... hurt badly. A frantic mother ran to the telephone...

"Central! A doctor quick!"

Lucy Adams, at the switchboard, called the doctor's office. He wasn't in. She rang the telephone at his home, and he wasn't there. She tried the cafe, and located him. Within five minutes the doctor was speeding toward the Ratliff home.

The little boy was weak when the doctor arrived. He dressed the wound... sent Jimmy to the hospital. The boy is out playing again now."

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The closing of our Nation's banks and clearing houses came as a shock and surprise to us as well as to millions of bank depositors throughout the land. We wish to assure our depositors, customers and friends that this bank was in a favorable and safe position to carry on and continue serving our patrons and community as usual and that so far as we were concerned, there was no necessity for a moratorium. Rapid succession of events in the larger centers and the Governor's closing proclamation gave us no choice in the situation.

It was with regret that we were compelled to disrupt our good record of unbroken banking service to the community. The confidence, loyalty, courage and good will of our customers during the past three years of depression have enabled this bank to render vital and valuable service to the people of this community. Backed by their support and confidence, this bank has been an invaluable aid to the farmers of this territory and to local business interests in keeping the wheels turning even in the face of nation-wide distress and difficulty.

On our part, we have unbounded faith in those who have transacted their business with this bank in the past and we give them our assurance—not only of our sincere appreciation—but that this bank will, as soon as legal means and methods are at hand, again be ready to work, serve and cooperate with our people for the stabilization of the business of our community, our state, our nation.

Remember, please, banks cannot prosper, cannot survive, unless the people survive and prosper—and business cannot, will not, go forward until there are banks open throughout this nation of ours to adequately give the necessary assistance to the handling of business. The present crisis will pass—a new era of banking is near—a renewed business revival will come to this nation.

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THE OTHER MAN

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THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT.
Synopsis: Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, is married to Dennis O'Hara. Barbara, her closest friend, comes to visit her. Between Barbara and Dennis is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Barbara confesses to Pauline there is a man she really loves, despite her pretense of disillusionment, but she refuses to tell his name. Following an automobile accident Dennis learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself. Much against his will, Dennis finds a new attraction in Barbara, who plays the same cool and detached role as formerly. The O'Haras go to New York for a vacation visit, throwing Dennis and Barbara much into each other's company. Dennis, in love with Barbara, breaks through all barriers and tells her of his love. Pauline is called home by the illness of her mother. Dennis stays on. Barbara is happy. Both fight against love but it's overpowering. Dennis declares his love and Barbara admits she loves him. Jerry, married-man friend of Barbara's, finds Dennis at Barbara's flat—and goes into a jealous rage.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

But in the morning she laughed at her fears, for there was a letter from Dennis, in which for the first time he said that he missed her—and only God knew what an effort it had cost him to write those words—and asking how much longer she meant to be a deserter.

"Dreams don't mean anything," Pauline told herself happily. "It must have been because we had cucumber with the salmon for dinner."

She spent a happy day. The doctor said her mother was better, and there was a wire from her father to say he was returning, and Pauline wrote a long letter to Dennis. "It will be too wonderful, won't it?" she wrote with trembling fingers. "I think I love you more than ever I did—if it's at all possible. I wonder how long it will be before we meet again, and if anything happened that we were separated Dennis I should die."

O'Hara's face twisted as he read her loving words, and for a moment he looked away from what he was reading, wondering why it was he could not rid himself of the feeling that this letter was not really written to him at all.

He had seen Barbara every day but she had never again allowed him to go to her flat, and that morning, looking at himself in the glass while he shaved, it seemed to Dennis that he had aged years in these few days.

Pauline's letter had come by the evening post, and Dennis was dressed to go out—he was taking Barbara and Stornaway to dinner. Barbara had refused to come alone—"Bring Dr. Stornaway," she had said.

"Are you never coming alone with me again?" Dennis had asked, but she had not replied.

He stood staring down into the fire, smoking cigarette after cigarette and trying to see beyond the immediate present. Was there to be any beyond? Barbara would not tell him, and he himself could not find the answer.

When Pauline came back perhaps they would find it, or she would find it for them. The telephone rang. Was it Barbara, to say she could not dine with him? His heart almost seemed to stop beating as he waited, and then he caught his breath in a great sigh of relief as he knew it was not she. It was Stornaway:

"That you, O'Hara? I say. I'm awfully sorry, but I can't come along tonight, after all. I've been sent for to go home. Old Thompson is ill. Hope it's not leaving you in the cart."

"No, not at all—I've not booked anything. I'm sorry, though."

"Liar!" he told himself cheerily as he rang off and went to get his overcoat.

Dinner alone with Barbara—he felt like a happy schoolboy as he went downstairs and out into the street. A whole evening alone with her! Would she come now that Stornaway would not be there? Well, he would not tell her until she asked. It seemed a long time before his knock on Barbara's door was answered, and then it was Mrs. Mellish who admitted him.

She said, "Good-evening, sir," in her quiet voice and led the way into

the sitting room.

"Mrs. Stark will not keep you long, sir." She hesitated, looking at him with those quiet eyes that saw so much and betrayed so little.

"Mrs. Stark has been a little upset," she added.

"Upset?"

"I expect Mrs. Stark will explain to you, sir."

She went away, leaving Dennis to wait impatiently.

When she came he saw that she was ready, dressed and wearing a gown he had once admired. He went quickly to her and took her hands.

"What is it, my dear?"

She smiled. "Did Mellish tell you? Bless her heart! She knows there is nobody else I should ever tell my troubles to, Dennis." She bent and dropped a kiss on his coat sleeve.

"Mix some cocktails, please, and I'll tell you."

She sat down by the fire and watched him; then suddenly she spoke.

"I had an unexpected visitor today, Dennis."

"Oh!" He was not greatly interested. "Who was it?"

"My husband."

The fragile stem of the glass he was holding snapped suddenly between Dennis O'Hara's fingers. He had forgotten that Barbara had a husband living.

"I thought you never saw him," he said with an effort.

"I haven't—for years. He came this afternoon. I had no idea he was in New York."

There was a little silence. "What did he want?" Dennis asked sharply. She lifted her beautiful eyes.

"He asked me to go back to him."

Dennis stood very still for a moment; then he turned mechanically again to his job.

"You like French Vermouth?" he said.

"Please." Then she laughed a wild little laugh that sounded infinitely sad. "Make it strong, Dennis, so strong that I shan't care what happens or what becomes of me."

She flung out her hands with a pathetic gesture of emptiness, but Dennis took no notice. He finished his mixing and brought a glass to her. As she took it he asked, "And what did you say?"

"I told him I would think about it." There was a long silence. "You know he divorced me," she said presently.

Dennis did not answer.

Her face whitened, and she said almost in a whisper: "It wasn't true, Dennis, not—not what you think. But I was as tired of him as he was of me, so I let him think—that he liked. I swear it's the truth."

"There is no need. I always believe you."

"Foolish Dennis!" But there were tears in her eyes—so often now there seemed to be tears in her eyes.

"Well—go on," Dennis said after a moment.

She sighed and leaned her chin in her hand.

"I've never seen him since—well, since then, until today. He was

generous—I've always had plenty of money. And now he wants me to go back to him." Her eyes never left his face. "He says he has never cared for any woman but me, Dennis."

"And you told him you would think about it—about going back to him?"

"Yes."

"Did he give you a time limit?" Dennis was white to the lips.

She shook her head. "No—I promised to write to him."

She stood up suddenly beside him, tall and beautiful and so utterly desirable, that for a moment Dennis O'Hara closed his eyes. Then she said, "What's the use of hoping for anything—for us, I mean? You know it's no use; you know you can't do—what you think you can."

"You mean—tell Pauline?"

"Yes."

He clenched his hands into fists.

"Barbara—there must be some other way."

"Yes." She smiled tremulously. "You might come here secretly—as my lover—and we should be happy for the little time we could be together and unhappy for the great while when we had to be apart. And some day it would be found out, and then—"

"I should only mind for your sake."

She shook her head sadly. "It wouldn't hurt me—it wouldn't be anything worse than the things people say about me already. But you, Dennis—it would break your heart."

"Am I such a weakling?"

"No, if you were it would not matter."

He paced up and down the room restlessly.

"If I were an honest man I should go to Pauline and tell her the truth. It would not hurt her as much as it

will if some day she finds out that I love you—and that I think of you every moment and want you—"

"It's because you are an honest man that you can't tell her," Barbara said, and then, as he did not answer, she took up her cloak and held it to him.

"Let us go, Dennis—Dr. Stornaway will be waiting."

He took the cloak from her, but as he laid it over her shoulders he suddenly enfolded her with his arms, pressing her head back against his breast. "Barbara—kiss me—"

Her lips moved to say no, but Dennis silenced the word with his own, and so for a long time they stood while Barbara gave herself up wholly to the intoxication of the moment.

"Just this once—for the last time," she told herself. "Just this once—for the very last time."

And when at last he released her she was white and shaken and could not meet his eyes, though she tried to laugh.

"Nobody has ever kissed me like that, Dennis," she said faintly.

"And was it—happiness?" he asked.

"It was—heaven," she whispered. He told her about Stornaway as

they drove away together, her cheek against his shoulder, her hand in his.

"I didn't tell you before. I thought you would refuse to come."

"I ought to refuse now," she sighed. She raised her head and looked at him. "Dennis, this isn't really me at all. I used to be so unhappy—and now, I feel younger and warm and without a care in the world." But Dennis O'Hara's eyes were sad as he looked away from her, and the words of Pauline's letter came back to him like a sad reproach—"If anything happened that we were separated, I should die."

They spent a happy evening. "We'll forget everything but that we are together," Barbara said. So they dined and danced and talked of things that were farthest from their hearts. It was as they were leaving that they came face to face with Jerry Barnett.

He had obviously been drinking and Barbara shivered and drew closer to Dennis. "He pretended not to

see us," she whispered. "I think he is a little jealous of you."
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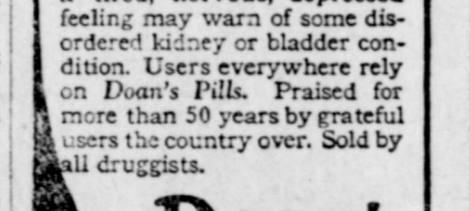
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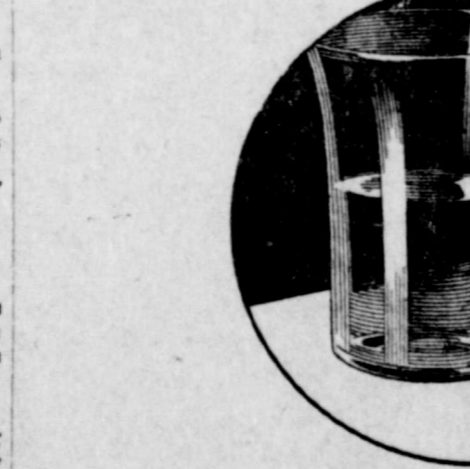


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Texas Status

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The chair appointed Henry West, chairman, and W. J. Sheppard and Miss Myrtle McDonald on this committee.

A subsequent meeting was held Monday morning when previous local rules were continued in effect, subject to call of the chairman or the ending of the moratorium.

CARD OF THANKS.

Once again we have come back home, this time to pay last tribute to our beloved father and grandfather. It is in times such as this that one realizes the true value of old friends and in their comforting words and beautiful tributes to him we find solace even in bereavement.

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Texas ranks second in airports and landing fields with 148 against 175 for California in first place, Pennsylvania, with 110, ranked third.

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PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Dickson of Idaho were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Doyle Garrett arrived the latter part of last week to spend a short while with the home folks.

Mrs. S. F. Annis is visiting her granddaughter, Miss Halley Perry, at 1774 Sandifer street in Abilene.

J. L. Smith of Fort Worth, who is a cousin of Mr. Lassiter, spent Tuesday night in the T. R. Lassiter home.

Burtis Dean arrived from Dallas Tuesday to spend several days with his brother, Elbert Dean and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ribble of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ribble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Isadore Mellinger, a freshman in the University of Texas, returned to Austin Sunday after a brief visit with his parents.

After spending a few days with his folks here, T. J. R. Swafford returned Tuesday night to Spur, where he is operating a coal yard.

Mrs. Guy Hill of Brownwood, mother of Mrs. L. B. Reeves, is spending the week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes is visiting in Austin this week in the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair, parents of Mrs. Emmett Grimes, to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Staggs and son, Clarence, of Meadows and Mrs. Eye Mink of Tahoka spent Sunday and Sunday night as guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh. They were returning home from Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Woods attended the funeral in Coahoma Friday afternoon of R. P. McCrary, foreman of the Colorado section of the T. & P. Services were conducted by the Ma-

sons and about 40 railroad men were in attendance.

Mrs. Warren Smith and son, Jackie, accompanied by Mrs. Carl R. Smith of Dallas and Miss Gwendolyn Smith from Simmons university and Ben Smith, left Wednesday for a visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith at Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett have had as a guest in their home this week Rev. T. B. Rinhart of Texhoma, Okla. He will be remembered as pastor of the First Baptist church here during 1905-06-07. Tuesday a dinner was held in his honor with Mrs. A. J. Hartley, Mr. King Hartley and Mrs. Joe Hartley, old time friends, as guests with Mr. and Mrs. Barnett.

Bank Moratorium

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"agency"—proposals believed in democratic ranks at the capitol to be power to reduce government costs, including veterans funds; and to provide \$500,000,000 or so for public projects to spur employment.

BANKING BILL.

Senator Glass in the senate and Representative Byrns in the house sponsored the banking bill, aiming if possible to get it to the White House by Thursday night.

This bill would ratify the executive orders issued by the president and continue his authority over the banking situation; provide for concentration of the nation's gold supply in the federal reserve banks; penalize hoarding; and provide for controlled expansion of the currency.

Sixteen bushels of corn, a bushel of sweet potatoes, a ham and three cords of stovewood were given on the minister's salary at a church in Georgetown, S. C.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Rainfall over the week-end totaled three-eighths of an inch, bringing the year's figure to one and three-eighths inches to date. The weather since Sunday has been ideal and within two or three days fields will be dry enough to resume the work of breaking land.

Two Mexicans, Pete Ortiz and Frank Martinez, who were already under \$750 bond each in liquor cases in connection with the seizure of a still about seven miles southwest of town a couple of weeks ago, have been again brought into court, this time charged with possession. City Marshal Dickinson, who made the arrest, assisted by Constable Dowell and J. A. Stanford, stated that a quantity of whiskey was found in a trap under the floor of the house.

An abnormally large White Leghorn egg, which contained another completely formed egg with yolk inside, was brought to The Mail office Friday morning by Mrs. S. G. Russell. The small egg found inside was about the size of a bantam's.

CARD OF THANKS.

For the many acts of loving kindness and assistance and evidences of sympathy shown us by friends and neighbors, at the time of the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Ella Gilliam, we are indeed grateful; we also want to express our thanks for the many floral offerings.

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Mr. Arliss himself wears twenty-five or thirty of them on the two dress uniforms he uses in the two scenes. He soon tires of this pomp however and takes a desired vacation, the surprising incidents of which form the basis of the story.

None of the medals were made by the studio tinsmith, either. Since the World War and the collapse of various monarchies giving decorations to deserving generals, there has been no shortage of real medals, either in Hollywood or any place else.

"The King's Vacation" is an intensely humorous and modern comedy with spectacular scenes, some thrills and a pleasing romance. It was written especially for Mr. Arliss by Ernest Pascal, who also adapted it to the screen in collaboration with Maude T. Howell.

New Manager Arrives For Clay Lumber Co.

Effective Tuesday, R. M. Ferguson, for five years manager for the Clay Lumber company at Breckenridge, became manager of the company's local yard. He succeeds H. M. Howell, who will continue with the concern as collector in this territory.

C. M. Edmiston, genial auditor of the company, with headquarters at Stephenville, who makes regular visits to Merkel, superintended the transfer. Mr. Ferguson states that his family will probably not move here until the end of the school session.

Heart Attack Claims Senator T. J. Walsh

En Route to Washington, March 2.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, attorney general designate, died of a heart attack early Thursday near Wilson, S. C., as he was hurrying with his bride of five days to Washington to take his place in president-elect Roosevelt's cabinet.

Mrs. Walsh, the former Senora Nieves Perez Chaumont de Truffin, whom he married in Havana Saturday, found him lying unconscious shortly after daybreak on the floor of their drawing room of Atlantic Coast Line train No. 72. He died at 7:10 a. m. without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Walsh became almost hysterical as she told of his death, and required medical attention herself. Apparently the 73-year-old, gray-haired Montana democrat left his berth when seized with the attack and fell to the floor as he started to awaken his wife.

The cabinet place made vacant by Walsh's death en route to Washington was filled by Roosevelt by the appointment of Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut for a limited tenure. Cummings later is to become governor general of the Philippines.

Mayor Cermak Victim Of Assassin's Bullet

Miami, Fla., March 9.—Anton J. Cermak—Tony from the coal mines, who rose to be mayor of the nation's second city—died Monday from the effects of a bullet fired by an assassin who hoped to strike down Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A coroner's jury of six men terminated an inquest shortly before 2 p. m., with the verdict that "Anton J. Cermak came to death as a result of a bullet fired by Giuseppe Zangara."

The heroic, nineteen-day battle of the fighting mayor came to a quiet end at 6:55 a. m. All through the night Cermak had been sinking slowly. Physicians, friends and family alike, recognized that another of the amazing rallies with which he had surprised those around him before could not be hoped for this time.

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NECROLOGY

MRS. SARAH ELLA CARGILL. Mrs. Sarah Ella Cargill, age 60, wife of Z. L. Cargill, who lives in the Nubia community, died at 4:15 Wednesday afternoon of last week, following an illness of two years. Funeral services were held Thursday at 4 o'clock at the Cross Roads Church of Christ, with Elder W. G. Cypert officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Cargill, whose maiden name was Sarah Ella Morris, was born Sept. 26, 1872, in Independence county, Ark., and on Dec. 19, 1892, was married to Z. L. Cargill in Mountain Dew, Starr county, Ark. They had lived in this section since 1908, with the exception of three years, from 1916 to 1918, when they moved to Mitchell county. Mrs. Cargill obeyed the gospel of the Church of Christ in 1920 and had labored faithfully in the church of her faith.

Of nine children born to their union six are now living: John Lee Cargill, Nubia; H. C. Cargill, San Antonio; H. H. Cargill, Nubia; Mrs. Leona Crumpler, Nubia; Mrs. Dora Reynolds, Abilene; and Miss Gracie Cargill, who lived with her parents. Six grandchildren also survive.

T. C. CAIN.

Funeral services were held here at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon for T. C. Cain, well known to many of the old settlers here, having lived over a quarter of a century in this section. He died at 9 o'clock Thursday night at Plainview at the home of a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hart.

Funeral services at the Church of Christ, were conducted by Elder W. C. Cypert, followed by interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Cain was reared in Erath county, where he was married in 1897 to Miss Annie Telford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford, now of Abilene. They came to Merkel in 1899 where he first operated a freight wagon. Later he bought a half section of land near Trent, having engaged in farming and stock-raising until his health broke down about eight years ago. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. J. P. Sharp of this city.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Telford Cain, San Benito, W. T. Cain, Plainview, and one daughter, Miss Myrtle Cain, Sweetwater; two brothers, Ira Cain, Fort Worth, Oscar Cain, San Angelo, and one sister, Mrs. Mollie Mayes, San Angelo.

Among those who came to attend the funeral here were: Ira Cain, his brother, and son, from Fort Worth; M. and Mrs. Will Mayes, the latter a sister, and daughter, from San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hart, cousins, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Pink Henderson, also cousins, Crandall; Mrs. J. S. Bourm, a niece, of Winters, and Mrs. J. A. Haggard, another niece, and son from Potosi.

DAVID LEE ASHCRAFT.

David Lee Ashcraft, little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ashcraft, who was only three weeks old, was claimed by death Sunday night. The funeral service was held at 3:30 Monday afternoon from the home of his parents, with Mrs. Ola Bolls, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sad loss.

Open Gold Mines.

Denver, March 9.—The year 1932 saw a vigorous revival of gold mining in Colorado, according to John T. Joyce, state mining commissioner. Joyce said 131 new gold mines were opened during the year.

Texas Gets Plum.

Washington, Mar. 9.—Texas captured an important place in the organization of the United States senate by the election of Chesley W. Jurney of Waco sergeant at arms by the senate democratic caucus Monday.

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A new and slightly smaller Chevrolet has been rumored in trade circles periodically since April of 1932, a circumstance which Mr. Knudsen attributed to the fact that the new line of cars has been under development for two years. It will be a quality line throughout, machined to the same close limits as the present Chevrolet and built of the same raw materials, although it will have a slightly shorter wheelbase and will lack some of the features and improvements of the present Master Six line.

The "Standard Six," Mr. Knudsen said, would follow very much the lines of the present car. Details, he said, would not be disclosed until Saturday.

Attends Meeting of Chevrolet Dealers

Fred Hughes of the Hughes Motor company, local Chevrolet dealers, returned Wednesday night from a state-wide meeting of Chevrolet dealers and sales managers held at Dallas. 762 were present for this meeting.

While this was a general meeting of dealers, the primary purpose was to get acquainted with the new "Standard Six," which is to be shown for the first time Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our dear little son, David Lee. Your words of sympathy and deeds of loving kindness will long be held in our memory. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone of you. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ashcraft.

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A steady stream of visitors viewed the new Ford V-8 cylinder 112-inch wheelbase motor cars when they were put on display Wednesday at the showrooms of the Merkel Motor company.

Throughout the day the crowds about the cars showed unusual interest in the new bodies and their appointments. Fourteen body types are available, including both standard and deluxe types of the roadster, phaeton, coupe, tudor and fordor sedans. The cabriolet and Victoria are exclusive deluxe types.

The new Ford bodies are characterized by a new and distinctively modern note, with flowing streamlines. The front end ensemble of sloping vee radiator grille, new skirted fenders, newly designed lamps, horn and bumpers, is most attractive. The windshield has a 20-degree slope. A wide choice of body colors is available. Colored wheels are optional on the deluxe types.

Bodies are of all-steel construction and therefore sturdy, strong and safe.

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Body interiors are exceptionally roomy, the bodies being materially wider and almost a foot longer than formerly. Seats are wide and deeply cushioned. Front seats in closed cars are adjustable. A choice of broadcloth or mohair upholstery is used in the standard body types; broadcloth, mohair and bedford cord in the deluxe models.

The interiors reveal a number of convenience features. The instrument panel is directly in front of the driver with a roomy package compartment at the right. The coincidental ignition and steering lock is located on the steering column bracket.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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MRS. FLORENCE HOLMES BERRY.

MRS. JUANITA DOWELL (Re-election.)

LEGAL NOTICE.

ELECTION NOTICE.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, same being the fourth day of the month, A. D., 1933, for the purpose of electing a mayor, two aldermen and city secretary to serve for a period of two years.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of March, A. D. 1933.
W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

Will Sell Folger's Coffee.

The ladies of the Gleaners class of the Methodist church will sponsor a sale of Folger's coffee at the grocery stores in Merkel all day Saturday, March 11. The class will receive a portion of the proceeds of this sale.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Steen, Trent, Friday, March 2, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton, residing two miles west of Trent, Monday, March 6, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hawkins, Tuesday, March 7, 1933.

The brink of Niagara Falls has moved seven miles west in 30,006 years.

Coffee leads and rubber is second among agricultural imports to the United States.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '33—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mildred Richard. Sports Editor—Howard Stanley.
 son. Society Editor—Opal Huskey.
 Assistant Editor—Florence Rider. Joke Editor—Van Roberts.

CHAPEL.

Mr. L. E. Dudley, principal of Abilene High school and head of the English department, spoke in chapel Tuesday morning on "Errors in English." We enjoyed his talk very much and learned some things as we listened.

FRESHMEN.

Last week we took our six weeks' examinations. We hope to have a better average of passing grades this time.

Last Friday some Merkel High school students played a baseball game at Mt. Pleasant. The junior girls were defeated 11-7 but got some good practice for the county meet. The line-up was: Thelma Patterson, c; Ethelda Tucker, p; Mabel Maddox, 1b; Lena Mae Moore, 2b; Kathryn Russell, 3b; Ora Derrick, rss; Janet Hayes, lss; Mabel Butman, lf; and Jessie Margaret Berry, rf. The biggest part of these are Sophs, but we are proud of the Freshmen that are on the team.

F. U. N. CLUB.

Since spring "has come" and winter "has went" the Senior girls had a class meeting last week and decided to wear our dresses every Tuesday and Friday.

We all have our dresses now; therefore, you will be able to tell all the Senior girls.

SENIOR PARTY.

On last Friday night, March 3, at 7:30 o'clock the Seniors and faculty were entertained with a party in the home of Margaret Miller. The hostesses were Margaret Miller and Nell Hughes. The house was decorated with pink and green, the class colors. The first contest was with pink and green ribbons, which were pinned on each person. The person who said "yes" or "no" lost his ribbon to the person he had answered. Meyer, who thought there was a prize to it, collected the most ribbons.

Among other games and contests there was a music contest won by Mildred Richardson and a Shamrock contest won by Imogene Middleton. An apple race which was won by the girls and cross questions and crooked answers with diseases and remedies supplied were enjoyed immensely. The contest of guessing beans in a jar was won by Miss Patterson. We know her study of geometry was not wasted now. We were served delicious popcorn balls between games and contests. The last thing we enjoyed before the best one was "Kiss the Barley Stone" while blindfolded.

We were then served a plate consisting of sandwiches, cake and punch. Again the color scheme of pink and green was carried out. Each one had a fortune on his plate, too. Ask Mr. Riddle if they were good ones!

The Senior class wish to thank Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Garrett, Miss Miller and Miss Hughes for the lovely time they gave us in Mrs. Miller's home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Miss Patterson, Miss Martin, Mrs. Hayes, Duncan Briggs, Lucille Campbell, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Virgil Lee Perkins, Gordon Murray, Mildred Richardson, Joyce Wheeler, Marcell Shouse, Ward Berryman, Margaret Miller, Nell Hughes, Howard Stanley, William Catts, Meyer Mellinger, Imogene Middleton, Gerald Derrick, Florence Rider, Terrell Mashburn and Jim Patterson.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores are still studying hard. When we get our report cards, we'll be at the head this time, we hope. We still have some Sophomores coming out for spelling. We hope they will get to go to the county. We have also some Sophomores entering in essay writing and declamation. We hope that we can win in the try-out contests. We can if we'll try hard. Baseball is progressing very well among the Sophs. We have some on the main teams. Just watch us shine in the county meet.

THE JUNIORS.

Here are some of the Juniors characterized. See if you can guess who they are. He has blonde hair, blue eyes and a very intelligent mind. He is very tall and slender. He's one of the most popular boys in M. H. S. Who is he? She's very loud. If you're ever in high school and hear a noise, you can

rest assured that it is she. She is a very independent reporter. She is always laughing and having a good time; but she isn't very bright. Can't you guess?

He has black wavy hair and "the brownest" eyes. He is always into something. He's a good sport and a very popular Junior. Don't you know who he is?

She's a pianist—and a good one at that. That's enough for her. Oh, yes! she's a movie fan too.

She's a brunette, has the prettiest eyes in seven counties and catches every boy's eyes.

The answers to these will be in next week's "Badger Weekly." Watch for them!

DEBATE.

The debate teams went to Roscoe Thursday afternoon. The girls debated, but the Roscoe boys failed to appear. We had no judges and we think we won and they think they won. We will see who is best when they come here.

OUR SENIORS.

Ouida Mae Hulsey.
 Ouida Mae is one of our quietest Seniors. You scarcely know she is around unless you chance to see that sweet smile that she is so famous for. Ouida Mae is always willing to do anything to cooperate. Without her, what would we do? She has been a member of the Dramatic club two years and she is a member of the F. U. N. club. An epithet for Ouida Mae would be "To know her is to love her," for we who know her love her a great deal. May happiness and success be yours in abundance, Ouida Mae.

Meyer Mellinger.
 Meyer is a good member of our Senior class. He has attended school in Merkel all his school terms. In grammar school he was noted for his ability to work arithmetic. He won on the school team at county meet two years. He has been a member of the Dramatic club for two years during which time he has made many friends. Meyer is a good sport and is liked by all who know him. Good luck always, Meyer.

Foolishness.
 Gerald: "Jim's smoking Robinson Crusoe cigarettes now."
 Squirts: "What brand is that?"
 Gerald: "Castaways."

Gordon: "I have a couple of joke suggestions for the Badger Weekly."
 Joke editor: "Sorry, but we have been warned against using anything suggestive."

Judge: "Remember, anything you say will be held against you."
 Prisoner: "Greta Garbo."

Then there was the new efficiency expert whose first act was to dilute the red ink with water.

New maid: "How do I announce dinner? Do I say, 'dinner is ready' or 'Dinner is served'?"
 Mistress: "If it is like it was yesterday, just say 'Dinner is burnt.'"

If you can't laugh at the joke of the age, then laugh at the age of the jokes.

ON CHANGING ONE'S MIND.
 Considering the frequency with which some people change their minds, one can almost overlook their peculiar actions.

When one pours a liquid from one vessel to another, there is always some lost in the change. Now, it seems to me too frequent changings of the mind might affect it in the same way. It is positively frightening to observe the rapidity with which some people change theirs, thinking of it this way.

However, some there are in this world who can always be extravagant with their brains and still have enough to get by on. The solution lies in the fact that they never exercise it enough to reduce it otherwise. Those who are always "going to give so-and-so a piece of my mind" are ever careful not to exercise that vital member.

I used to warn them about giving it away when they declared such intentions in my presence; but since I have figured out my explanation I have ceased worrying about it. I have decided that one cannot make life fair. Somehow, though, it always balances itself. Failure to understand how it ever will make up for something it already has done constitutes

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. M. C. Graham, accompanied by her three daughters, the two Mrs. Grahams and Mrs. Hallmark, were guests of Mrs. Lee Keys last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Cozart of Abilene visited relatives here one day last week. Jack Bowers of Abilene Hi spent the week-end at home last week.

Mrs. H. H. Tittle, accompanied by her son and daughter, spent the day with Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Blair last Thursday.

Mrs. G. L. Boswell and daughter, Annie Laurie, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Boswell of Abilene, returning home on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chatwell and family have moved here from Eskota. Mr. Chatwell is putting in a blacksmith shop here. We extend them a cordial welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Phillips and little daughter, Billie Ruth, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Noodle Dome last week.

Mrs. Bob Johnson had guests from Quanah. Hamlin and Merkel in her home last Sunday: Mrs. Randal and daughter, Lou Sarah, of Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal of Quanah and Mr. and Mrs. John West and daughter, Doris Gay, of Merkel.

Mrs. Robert Martin of Abilene motored over last Monday and spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott.

Last Saturday afternoon Miss Asha

a large per cent of our worries. Just notice for yourself how many of your problems straighten themselves.

Oh, of course, do not let Lady Luck do all the rocking. Give her a boost occasionally. Remember "the Lord helps those that help themselves," but do not put your finger in the wrong pie.

The point is this: if you start in to help rock and change your mind too often the rocking will not be very steady. First, you decide to go forward; but no sooner do you start, than you change your mind and change you: course. Then you start backward; and change your mind again. This keeps up a constant jiggle and zig-zag, making you cover twice the necessary ground to get to your destination.

Postscript: "You might just as well change your mind about wearing your green beads as about going away to school; little things lead to big ones. 'Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.'"

I THINK?
 (Author unknown.)

Dear Arthur: How does it feel to be kissed by a man with a mustache?
 Annie.
 Dear Annie: A little down in the mouth.
 Sincerely, Arthur.

Dear Arthur: It is a good idea to put away everything you learn?
 Affectionately, Meyer.
 Dear Meyer: It surely is and I hope you learn to play that alto.
 Hopefully, Arthur.

Dear Arthur: How did the slang expression "Grand" originate, meaning one thousand?
 Very truly yours, Tommy.

Dear Tommy: It originated with King Solomon who had a thousand wives - - - now wasn't that grand?
 Yours, Arthur.

Dear Arthur: "What's good for a cold besides prewar whiskey?"
 Very truly, Clarence.

Dear Clarence: What in the heck more do you want?
 Affectionately, Arthur.

Dear Arthur: Are the mosquitoes thick around here?
 Sincerely, Terrell.
 Dear Terrell: No, long and thin.
 Yours, Arthur.

JOKES.

Teacher to farmer: "What is correct, are those hens sitting or setting?"
 Farmer: "We don't pay much attention to that; all we want to know is when they cackle are they laying or lying?"

American: "You can board a train in the state of Texas at dawn and twenty-four hours later you will be in Texas!"
 Englishman: "Yes, we've got trains like that here, too."

Helen: "Why does Mr. Riddle think more of that wireless set than he does of this class?"
 Junita: "Well, I guess he gets less interference from it."

Married Fifty Years.

Palm Beach, Fla. Mar. 9.—Adolph E. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times, and Mrs. Ochs observed their golden wedding anniversary here Tuesday. They were married in Cincinnati Feb. 28, 1883.

McLeod and Kenneth Mayfield of Merkel were married at the home of Elder W. G. Cybert in Merkel, with Brother Cybert officiating. This popular young couple will make their home in Abilene where Mr. Mayfield has employment with the West Texas Utilities company. We wish them a long, happy and successful life.

Little Lindy Burl Jones is recovering from a light spell of pneumonia. He is in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, here. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have recently moved to Nubia; they will be able to return home soon.

Ottis and Addie Mae Cozart of Graham were evening guests in the home of their aunt, Mrs. T. L. Stevens, last Monday night, having been called to Merkel on account of sick relatives.

Mrs. Hurltel O'Kelley and son, W. E., spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. O'Kelley in Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer is in Dallas giving Mr. Archer special attention. He has been suffering considerably with one of his hands, which was hurt sometime ago.

We are glad to report that Mr. Wallace Kelley is rapidly recovering from the severe burns he received some two weeks ago when his house and its contents were destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, Matilda Lou, who made her appearance last Wednesday night. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodard left last Friday for an extended visit with their son and family, who live at Taft. Mrs. Winslow Beckham and children of Lamesa are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. Beckham's mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

The telephone district manager, Mr. Preston, of Ballinger, was in our city last Tuesday.

Our readers in this issue will read of Grandpa Bigham's death. We extend our sympathy to all the bereaved.

Mrs. Burks and Woods motored to Sweetwater last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Annie Boone is remodeling her house on main street, having a new roof put on and making other changes.

Mrs. W. E. Norwood has her sister from Merkel visiting this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod and children of Garland were guests in the home of Mr. McLeod's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McLeod, last week-end.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Honoring little Miss Cliffla Jean Estep on her first birthday, a party was given at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ed Burks, Friday afternoon. Mrs. Burks was assisted in this enjoyable affair by her sister, Miss Fama Maude Johnson.

An Easter motif was carried out in game, and all service appointments. The little guests were assembled on the lawn, grouped about the lovely white birthday cake with its single pink candle. Attractive pictures were made as the tiny guests posed in unusual positions about the table. An Easter egg hunt was an entertaining feature for a few minutes as the different colored eggs were being found. The guests were then called into the entertaining suite where gifts were presented by Edwin Earl Wiman to the honoree in a little red wagon, the gift of her father. These were displayed and admired both by the little tots and their elders.

Much amusement was enjoyed when a large white rabbit was displayed with only one ear. The children were blindfolded and instructed to supply the missing ear. Billie Margaret Hayes was the fortunate finder and pinned the ear in its proper place and was presented with a stuffed toy rabbit as a reward for her efforts.

Pastel coloring was carried out in the dining room where all the guests were assembled while the hostess passed an attractive sandwich plate consisting of pink and white sandwiches, angel food topped with pink icing and pink lemonade. Plate favors were small fluffy chickens, yellow and white. Letterings on the birthday cake were white, green and pink.

Those enjoying Mrs. Burks' hospitality and wishing Cliffla Jean many happy returns were the following children and their mothers: Erlene Whitaker, Lyndel Earl Quattlebaum, Joy Winnell Lansford, Billie Margaret Hayes, Virginia, Betty Joe and Avie Nell, Zuma Joyce and Wannell Steen, Jackie Joe, Jerry and Jeanie Massey, La Nelle Edwards, Tommy and Billy Wayne Hamner, Mary Nell and Billy Wayne Shannon, John Gardner Woodard, Martha Ann and Edwinn Earl Winn, Donald and Allen Howell, Louis Smith, Alma Jean Payne, Betty Lou Howell, Elsie Bishop, Bobbie Ruth McLeod. Special guests were Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Cleve Johnson, A. W. Woods, Buddie Burks, Lelia Churchwell, Garland Franks and

Clifford Estep; Misses Ida V. Estep and Sarah Julia Johnson.

WINDOM-BERRY.

Last Sunday afternoon at 1:30 Rev. Coppage, Methodist parson, united in a ring wedding ceremony Miss Orene Berry of White Church and Ira Windom, Jr., of Merkel.

Miss Berry is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Berry, Route 5, Merkel. She is loved by all who know her. Mr. Windom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Windom of Merkel. We join many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

HIGH SCHOOL PARTY.

Mildred Steadman entertained the students of T. H. S. and a few outsiders Friday night, March 3. Mrs. Buster Edwards entertained with piano numbers and songs. Foy Steadman and Jack Perkins entertained on a French harp and harmonica. Many interesting games were played.

Those present were: Gladys Hamner, Foy Elliott, Ola Martin, "Bo" Terry, Bessie Mae Ford, Zed Bright, Isle Dailey, Clell Dowdy, Sarah Julia Johnson, Johnnie Terry, Helen and Vera Bright, Jack Perkins, Stanley Coppage, Mona and Leonard Robinson, Mrs. Buster Edwards, Dave and Ed Howell, John Boyd, Pete Smith, Heler Hogue, Luther McBurnett, Wilson Bright, Vera Mae Bryant, Hazel Dell Clinton, Clyde Dailey, Freddy and Louise Allyn, Fannye Bell Vessel, Charlie Howell, Jewel Gabbert, Doreen Scott, Jack Bowers, Cullen Tittle, Clarence Martin, Gene Murdock, Brittain Clinton, Foy and Kirby Stead-

man, Kenneth Ray Burkhardt, Bud Howell and John Hamner.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed at the Methodist church at the close of the service Sunday morning. Let all members be present who can do so.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and children have moved from Merkel to their farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McLain and Mrs. Will Higgins are visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. Edd Shipley, near Lamesa.

Mr. W. E. Petty attended court at Abilene last week.

Mr. James Hudson of Hermleigh spent a few days last week with his cousin Vernon Hudson.

Mrs. Charles Higgins is seriously sick.

Mrs. Luther Land is sick at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hudson and small daughter have moved here from Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, Jr., entertained a few of their friends with a "42" party Thursday night.

County Honor Roll

ELM GROVE SCHOOL.
 The following pupils of Elm Grove were on the honor roll, having made an average of ninety and above:
 Bernice Atkins, seventh grade.
 Lucille Bates, sixth grade.



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The Moto-Bike will be given away Saturday, March 18
 BE SURE TO GET YOUR KEYS

Quantities Limited

New Musical Motion Picture, "42nd Street," At Paramount Sunday

Of interest to theatre goers throughout the Southwest is the announcement that the Paramount theatre in Abilene will present on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the first of the new musical motion pictures, "42nd Street," which is heralded as "a new deal in screen entertainment" and boasts of a cast of 14 stars and over 200 gorgeous beauties.

"42nd Street" has attracted nationwide attention through its publicity in connection with the recent inauguration. As part of the celebration a special print was brought across the continent on a special train from Hollywood to Washington by the members of the cast and shown to the inaugural party at a special preview last Saturday night.

The film, based on musical comedy idea, has been hailed as the first in a new cycle of musical novelty films. Starring in the cast are Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels, Ruby Keeler (Mrs. Al Jolson), Geo. Brent, Ginger Rogers, Guy Kibbee and Una Merkel. There are 4 great song hits: "I Am Young and Healthy;" "Shuffle Off to Buffalo;" "You're getting to be a Habit With Me," and the title song "42nd Street."

The engagement at the Paramount in Abilene will be the first showing in the Southwest, and while the picture is unquestionably of road show calibre, the Paramount management will present it continuously from 1 to 7 p. m. on Sunday, and from 1 to 11 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. In further keeping with the Paramount's popular price policy, there will be no advance in admission.

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL
The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or other news from the homes of our readers. Write to the Editor, Merkel homes, Abilene, Texas.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. W. M. Carey was made happy Sunday, March 5, when her children surprised her with a birthday dinner on her fifty-fifth birthday in the home of her eldest son, Melvin Carey, of Union Ridge.

At the noon hour the guests were ushered into the dining room where a bountiful dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter, La Nell, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey and daughter, Elvée, Blanche, Ruby, Alice, Clements, Doswell and Planton Carey, Odie Dickerson and the host and hostess.

Those unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey and four sons.

ST. PATRICK PARTY.

Trixie Isom complimented a group of her friends Saturday night with a party given in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom of Tye.

The Saint Patrick theme was carried out nicely in all party arrangements.

The guests enjoyed games for two hours. Prizes were awarded to Misses Vera Ely, Virginia Kendall, Frances Kendall, Barnett Hinds and Bueford Hinds.

The hostess was assisted by her mother in passing an elaborate refreshment plate to the following guests: Misses Eileen Smith, Inez Smith, Mau-

rine Hinds, Vera Ely, Ollie Mae Hinds, Audra Ely, Frances Kendall, Frances Russell, Virginia Kendall, Arz Ely, Winifred Isom, Frances Mauldin and Irene Mauldin; Messrs. Rex Kendall, Barnett Hinds, Bueford Hinds, Charles Childers, Frank Merritte, Albert Chancey, J. S. Hinds, Bill Mauldin, Johnny Bill Smith and Clarence Street.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met Friday, March third, with Mrs. J. E. Jaynes. After the program, refreshments consisting of cake, peaches and whipped cream were served to the following: Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mrs. Ernest Neff, Mrs. Nim Teaff, Miss Salena Teaff, Mrs. M. H. Ely, Mrs. L. B. McClain, Mrs. Will Higgins, Mrs. Ollie Higgins, Miss Celia Hester, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, members, and Mrs. J. R. Hester, Mrs. Jake Rister, Misses Ruby and Cynthia Rister, Mrs. Hobart McClain and Marcella Pinckley, visitors.

The next meeting will be March 17 with Mrs. M. H. Ely. The making of a hot bed will be demonstrated.

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DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.
The home of Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes on Oak street was the meeting place this week for members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club on their regular club day, Thursday.

Games of auction bridge progressed during the afternoon hour and at tea time a delicious salad plate was passed to Mesdames Milton Case, Ed McCrary, Ernest Higgins, Bob Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Jr., L. C. Zehnpfenig, Orion Tittle, Charlie Largent, Misses Lou Largent, Dorris and Nelle Durham and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

PICNIC OUTING.

Last Saturday found a number of young people enjoying a delightful hike into Laney's pasture for the day. Nature was given full appreciation as was a sumptuous meal served at noon by the chaperones, who were Mesdames Lige Gamble, Charlie Russell, Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

Youngsters participating in this excursion were: Misses Mary Joe Russell, Mary Frances Cook, Elma Mae Gamble, Margaret Dunn, Bonnie Lou Church, Maegan Loyce Diltz, Doris Mae Diltz, Bettye Jane Diltz, Dora Marie Shelton, Lena Mae Moore, Bettye Lou Grimes, Gene Hulsey, Mabel Murray and Rachael Patterson.

DINNER PARTY.

Miss Fanny Bell Boaz was named honoree for a birthday dinner and theatre party Monday evening by Misses Mary Collins and Ida Derstine as co-hostesses in the home of Miss Collins. Following a delectable dinner, the guests drove over to Abilene for an evening's entertainment at the Paramount.

Those participating in this enjoyable affair were: Misses Fannie Bell Boaz, Sis Boaz, Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mrs. Annie Fugat of Dallas, Misses Ida Derstine and Mary Collins; Messrs. Bill Fugat, B. P. Middleton, Jr., W. A. Whiteley, Jr., Elmer Adcock and J. D. Ashby.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Finis Escue was honored by his mother on his ninth birthday with a party. The guests arrived at 4 o'clock. Group games were played by the children and the honoree was remembered with many gifts.

Punch and cake was served to the following: L. D. Barnes, Byron Jay, David Gibson, Forrest Glen Barnett, Billy Jack Lancaster, Alfred Dickinson, Becky Gardner, Dora Marie Galtner, Betty Lou Higgins, Stanly Lee Riddle, Sammie McGehee, Jerry McGehee, Charles and Finis Escue.

CLASS SOCIAL.

The King's Daughters class met in regular business and social meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Frank Golladay, president of the class. With Mrs. Lee Cox presiding, the usual order of business was transacted and some plans for future work were made. The social program prepared by Mesdames Golladay and Russell proved to be brain-puzzling and provoked much merry-making. A dainty refreshment plate was served by the hostess to Mesdames Mitchell, Hutcheson, Tucker, Cox, Patterson, Dry, Russell, McSpadden, Williams, and three visitors, Mesdames Latham, Calvert and little Miss Mary Joe Russell.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

At the Shakespeare club meeting Tuesday, "Hamlet" was discussed with much enthusiasm by all members. A very enjoyable picnic day in the country Saturday seemed to put new life and interest in each one; also the prize that Miss Sears had offered for the best prepared lesson, which was decided should go to Mary Frances Cook.

Due to a full school schedule the club will meet again Friday for a regular lesson. Besides being pleasant entertainment for the members at the present, this foundation work will prove most beneficial as a good foundation and guide in their future study of literature.

The members are looking forward to a surprise on Friday afternoon that is sure to please each one.

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CHURCHES

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REV. JOHN NEAL.

The Methodist-Presbyterian revival under the leadership of Rev. John Neal, one of the most successful evangelists on the platform today, will begin Sunday, March 19, and continue through April 2. Services will be held at the Methodist church, with music in charge of Yates Brown.

The other churches of the city are cordially invited to co-operate in these meetings.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Your presence with a prepared lesson will lend encouragement to the officers and teachers. You are also urged to be prompt.

There will be no preaching service as this is the pastor's Sunday at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject: "The kind of God Jesus revealed," Milton Shannon.

Song.
Prayer.
Talks by the following:
1. "God is very real," Mildred Richards.
2. "God's attitude is a friendly one instead of that of a judge," Lois Whitely.

3. "God helps those who ask it," Jack Patterson.
4. "God is a forgiving God," Billy Gardner.

Business.
Benediction.
All Endeavors are urged to be present next Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brether C. R. Joyner will preach at both hours Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. meets at 6:30 p. m.

We are planning for a large attendance for our B. T. S. Training service starting next Monday evening and continuing through Friday.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Prime minister at thirty."
Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz.

Discussion No. 1, Mrs. Ted McGehee.
Discussion No. 2, Miss Maxie Banner.

Discussion No. 3, Ida Derstine.
Discussions Nos. 4 and 5, Leonard Reeves.
Discussions Nos. 6 and 7, Mrs. Corner Haynes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Disagreeable weather last Sunday had the effect of reducing attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel to 581. On the previous Sunday 791 were present and, for the past eight Sundays, the attendance had been over 700.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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Jesus As a River of
Water in Dry Place

Using a portion of the second verse of the thirty-second chapter of Isaiah, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, preached last Sunday morning on the subject, "Jesus as a river of water in a dry place." He said in part:

"The prophets in their writings used comparisons, bringing out the interdependence of one thing upon another, as animal life is dependent on vegetable life and one member of the solar system revolves in direct relation to another. Hence, the use of a desert depends on its relation to other sections of land. The traveler rejoices when he finds water in a river in a waste land; just so the people of earth need something; they are thirsty and hungry and need some relief. The prophet pictures people as on a journey finding a river that satisfied. Souls can be satisfied only in the person of Jesus Christ. There can be no substitute for the river of life—journey finding a river that satisfied, substitute for food and water to the natural body, so no substitute can be found for Jesus Christ to the soul. In the present country-wide emergency, we, as a nation and as a people suffering and wanting something, should recognize Him as a river in a dry place and look to Him as our leader."

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
Only one more Sunday before our revival begins. Let us make it a great day. Preaching by pastor both morning and evening.

We have reasons to be proud of the work of our Sunday School. Supt. Patterson has some specials up his sleeve for Sunday. Don't miss it.

Thanks to Mr. Yates Brown for taking charge of our music during the revival.
Our prayer: Lord give us relief from this despondency through a revival of the truth that all values have a moral background. Without God we are without hope. First of all, give us morals—character fit to handle money—then open the banks and make us stewards of thine. Lord, give us a revival of Christ-like living.

HILLEAGUE PROGRAM.

Leader, Charles Tipton.
Scripture, by leader.
Talks by Genevieve Bryan, Raymond Wilson, Duncan Briggs, Jack Patterson and Cephas Wozencraft.
League benediction.
League starts at 6:30.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our revival was a great blessing to all who attended; 13 prayed through and three joined, with others to follow. We took a rising vote of thanks for Brother Patterson to conduct our summer revival. He received a unanimous call back, the date to be given later.

Sunday School next Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Our attendance is growing nicely. There were several new members at Sunday School.

Next Sunday at 3 p. m. we preach at Blair. An invitation is extended all who can go. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to attend Sunday School and all our services.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.
Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The origin, character and destiny of the devil" will be the subject for Sunday night. Our Bible School lesson is Romans, chapter 9. We are surely having an interesting prayer meeting each Wednesday night.

Brother Reynolds will preach for us Sunday at 4 p. m. He is a man who loves God and loves to preach. Be sure and hear him. We now have our new song books. Come Sunday at 2:30 p. m. and help us sing. We are planning on a "real singing school" in the near future, followed by a "big camp meeting." We are asking that everybody who loves the lost souls of Merkel pray without ceasing that God will pour out His spirit and bless in the salvation of souls.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 9:45 preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, young people's program at 6:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, ladies Bible lesson at 6:30 p. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

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