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JURY BEING SELECTED IN NEGRO'S CASE

Two Jurors in Box at Noon Recess Thursday, After 19 Had Been Questioned; Defendant Sought in Another Case.

Two jurors had been accepted up to noon Thursday in the murder trial of Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro who is charged with the fatal shooting of City Marshal Chester C. Hutcheson.

The case was taken up in 42nd district court Thursday morning, after having been postponed from Monday on motion of defense counsel.

The two jurors selected are E. T. Thompson of Tuscola and J. E. White of Ovalo. Nineteen talismen had been questioned.

Gray Browne and Oliver Cunningham are attorneys for the negro by appointment from the court. Scarborough and Ely, employed as special prosecutors, will assist J. R. Black, district attorney, and Esco Walter, county attorney, in conducting the case for the state.

WANTED IN LOUISIANA.
On the theory that the Merkel negro being tried for the murder of City Marshal Hutcheson may be the same negro wanted in Lake Charles, La., for the murder of Sam Prewitt, highway contractor's foreman, more than 21 years ago, Sheriff Reid of Lake Charles, La., arrived in Abilene Thursday, accompanied by a Louisiana negro, Bertrand Bell, of Baton Rouge, who says he can identify E. C. Mitchell, the negro named in the indictment.

The clue to the possible identification of Lonnie Mitchell as the negro wanted in Louisiana came about from the publication of the picture of the Merkel negro in a newspaper, which a former resident of Merkel received in Sheridan, Ark. The Arkansas sent word to the Taylor county officers, who communicated at once the news to the Louisiana officers.

(The picture was first reported as having been printed in the Merkel Mail, but this report was erroneous.)

Many Added Features For "Pioneer Dinner"

Added features, reminiscent and typical of early days in Texas, will provide an evening of rare and novel entertainment in conjunction with the "Pioneer Dinner," sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club Friday night of this week.

Roll call will bring out the names of many old-timers who will be asked to relate in two sentences some incident of early history. An exhibition of spinning with a real old fashioned spinning wheel in the hands of Mrs. Silas Jones will reveal that art as practiced by the early-day housewife.

The High School gymnasium, which is the setting for the affair, will echo to the fiddlers' tunes, as Dave Anderson calls the figures for a genuine old-time square dance, the music to be furnished by Tom Humphries and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson and their son. The grace and smoothness of the scottish will also be demonstrated by principals who know the movements first hand.

In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball," written at Anson by the late Larry Chittendon, will be read by Johnny Cox.

And that's not all, for there will be many other impromptu features.

The objective of the Study club—a town library—will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the sale of tickets, and for the convenience of those wishing to buy tickets they have been placed on sale at both drug stores. Price, adults 50c, children 25c.

Sister of Late Judge Wheeler Dies at Rule

Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr., returned Tuesday from Rule where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Turner, only sister of the late Judge W. W. Wheeler, which was held there at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

They accompanied Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler of Abilene, but remained over several days after the return of the county sheriff and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Leland and children of Anson, the latter being a niece of Mrs. Turner's, also attended the funeral.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Velma Patterson, 34-year-old brunette widow, was acquitted Sunday by a district court jury at Greenville on a charge that she had killed her daughter, Dorothy McCasland, 12, by poisoning.

Directors of the East Texas chamber of commerce at their closing session of the tenth annual convention at Houston Tuesday, chose Dallas for the organization's 1937 meeting place.

Louise Watts, ninth grade student in the Anderson chapel school near Anson, won first place in the rural school division of declamation at Austin.

Three persons, identified as Claude Hartgrove, Miss Wardine Raines and Mrs. Albert Carter, all of Sweetwater, were drowned early Sunday when the car in which they were riding crashed through the railing of Salem creek bridge and was swept downstream during a heavy rainstorm.

Shortly after midnight Sunday night the state took the life of Virgil Stalcup, West Texas desperado convicted of killing Sheriff W. B. Arthur of Dickens county two years ago. He had collected prison sentences aggregating more than 200 years during the 28-year span of his life.

By defeating the Texas Aggies 4 to 3 in Saturday's game, the University of Texas Longhorns clinched their 21st Southwest conference baseball championship.

Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, venerable dean of Texas newspapermen, died Wednesday at his home in Austin at the age of 73.

His body almost covered in a cave-in at a cache pit near Lubbock Wednesday noon, R. L. Keele, 44, PWA truck driver, received injuries from which he died the same night.

A. B. Moore, former city engineer of Temple, was dead when assistance reached him, six miles from Taylor, after he suffered a heart attack while driving his automobile.

The court of criminal appeals ruled Wednesday in a test case that motor vehicles must be registered in the county of the owner's residence.

Waco's Trade Envoys Pay Visit to Merkel

Fifty Waco business men, traveling in a special booster train on their annual excursion to West Texas, stopped here at 12:30 Wednesday noon for a half hour, visiting with local merchants and renewing acquaintances.

W. V. Crawford, general manager of the Waco chamber of commerce, is in charge of the delegation, the purpose of the trip having been announced as a strictly business and goodwill tour and no entertainment was desired. Several Merkel business men met the train on its arrival.

The MKT diner-coach, named "Cameron Park" after the Waco park which was donated by the Cameron family, is carried as special equipment on the train and steaks served on the diner are from cattle sold recently by the Waco Future Farmer organization.

Only particular advertising featured by the group is the national championship races for motorcycleists to be held in Waco June 7.

John D. Coates New Juvenile Officer

John D. Coates, who for the past 2 years has been a Boy Scout executive at Tuscaloosa, Ala., assumed his new duties Wednesday as juvenile probation officer for Taylor county and the city of Abilene.

He succeeds R. B. Freeman, who recently resigned, having found the duties more strenuous than he felt able to perform.

John Coates is a Merkel product, having graduated from the Merkel High school, later taking a degree from Hardin-Simmons university and then went to Brown university, Providence, R. I., on a scholarship. Following graduation with a master's degree from Brown, he went to Tuscaloosa in 1934.

He has announced that he expects to take a home in Abilene and will take his mother, Mrs. E. D. Coates, there to live.

MRS. CLARK, AGED RESIDENT OF STITH, DIES

Nonagenarian Passes Away at Home of Daughter, Mrs. F. S. Mundy; Had Been Member of Baptist Church 70 Years.

Last rites for Mrs. Lavina R. Clark, 92, who had been a resident of the Stith community since 1904, were held from the Stith Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. E. H. Scott officiating, assisted by Rev. C. Q. Fulghum. Interment was in the Stith cemetery.

Mrs. Clark died of a heart involvement at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. S. Mundy at Stith. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 70 years.

Lavina Robinson was born Oct. 3, 1843, in Floyd County, Ind., moved to Texas in 1847 and was married in 1865 to O. H. Clark. Her husband died at Stith in 1922.

She is survived by only one daughter and a son, T. W. Clark, of Abilene. Six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were: T. W. Vantreesee, J. C. Jones, Sam Mashburn, M. E. West, E. L. Berry, P. B. Bradley.

Flower girls were: Mildred West, Veda Helen Bradley, Mary Helen Mashburn, Lucy Fay Dwiggins, Mattie Lou and Grovone Ford.

Grandmother Reid Passes Away

Mrs. S. A. Reid died at the home of her son, C. F. Reid near Clyde, Texas, Apr. 30, 1936. Age, 86 years.

Funeral services were held in that home May 1, conducted by Rev. Mr. Summers, with burial in Rose Hill cemetery by the grave of her husband, who had preceded her in death twenty years.

Six of her grandsons were pallbearers: H. C. J. W., Ace, Clint and Ernest Reid and Ralph Miller.

A native of Georgia, yet most of her life had been spent in Texas—16 years of it in Merkel. Born Sept. 13, 1849, she was married to Henry Clay Reid Mar. 16, 1869. They were pioneer settlers of this section, coming here in 1881.

Five children survive and were present for her funeral: C. M. of Alvord, C. F. of Clyde and E. H. Reid of Sweetwater, Mrs. Stella Miller and W. C. Reid of Merkel. Twenty-two grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Grandmother Reid professed religion early in life and was a devout Christian mother. She was a member of the Eula Baptist church.

Death Claims Mrs. G. A. McDonald, 51

Mrs. G. A. McDonald, 51, died at 9:30 Wednesday morning at her home on Oak street. Death was due to heart trouble. The family moved here from Trent about a year ago.

Funeral services were held from the Baptist church at Trent, conducted by Rev. W. H. Howell, the pastor, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, with interment in the Trent cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. McDonald is survived by seven children: four daughters, Mrs. Pauline Jones, Rule; Mrs. Odessa Price, Yuma, Ariz., and Misses Winnie and Veneta McDonald, Merkel, and three sons, Lois, Trent, Gilbert, Big Spring, and Elmer McDonald, of Merkel. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tekell, of Dawson, four brothers and three sisters and six grandchildren also survive.

No Bones Broken When Youth Falls From Truck

Willie Stokes, 18 year-old Mexican youth, employed on the NYA park project west of town, was thrown from a trailer Thursday of last week and one of the wheels of the trailer ran over his foot. He sustained a bad sprain but no bones were broken.

The mishap occurred when a passing truck struck the trailer carrying a load of rocks on which he was riding.

Long Shot Wins Derby.

Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky., May 7.—Bold Venture, the longest shot winner in 18 years, captured the sixty-second Kentucky derby, run Saturday before 62,000 spectators, the greatest crowd ever gathered for America's most spectacular horse race.

COUNTY DEMOS WHOLE-HEARTED FOR ROOSEVELT

Delegation of 41 Instructed to Support the New Deal Administration; Favor Majority Rule in National Convention.

Taylor county's delegation will go to the state democratic convention in San Antonio, May 26, instructed to support the Roosevelt administration and majority rule in national conventions.

A pledge of "whole-hearted support" to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-President John N. Garner was unanimously voted.

Proposal for majority rule instead of two-thirds requirement now observed in national conventions was voted following presentation of a resolution by E. M. Overshiner.

Taylor county's delegation is entitled to ten votes at San Antonio.

Forty-one delegates were selected: Joe Humphrey, R. W. Haynie, D. M. Oldham, Jr., Mrs. Claude Young, Lindsay P. Walden, James P. Stinson, J. C. Shipman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Quattbaum of Caps, T. A. Bledsoe, James Gray Bledsoe, Joe P. Self of Merkel, L. C. Scott of Lawn, Mrs. W. D. Blanks, Bryan Bradbury, Thomas E. Hayden, Jr., Roger A. Burgess of Merkel, W. A. Stephenson, Booth Warren of Merkel, J. D. Elliott of Mero, C. D. Grimes of Merkel, J. E. Hurt of Ovalo, T. Y. Landingham, C. W. Willis, Albert Bond of Bradshaw, A. B. Sheppard of Shep. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Mrs. Martin Metzger, Clyde Brooks, Mrs. L. A. Brooks, A. D. Boozer of Ovalo, A. A. Heathington, Judge John L. Camp, Harry Tom King, M. A. Williams of Potosi, Ben L. Cox, Z. V. Hailey, J. E. Burnam, Judge M. S. Long and R. D. Green.

The meeting was called to order by James P. Stinson, county chairman; and Ben L. Cox and Mrs. Dallas Scarborough served as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the convention.

PRECINCT CONVENTION.

With instructions to vote as a unit and endorsing Roosevelt and Garner, voters in the Merkel precinct named a delegation of twenty to cast the precinct's ten votes at the county convention.

W. O. Boney was elected chairman of the convention which was held at the city tabernacle at 2 p. m. Saturday, with Wrenn Durham, secretary. Delegates named were: W. O. Boney, C. J. Glover, Jr., D. O. Huddleston, T. L. Grimes, N. W. Durham, G. W. Boyce, F. C. Hughes, W. W. Haynes, Herbert Patterson, D. Grimes, Booth Warren, John West, W. C. Harris, Roy Reid, S. M. Hunter, W. J. Largent, Joe P. Self, Tracy Campbell, Nathan Wood, R. A. Burgess.

Possesses Documents Drawn May 24, 1851

Two documents signed by P. H. Bell, third governor of Texas, and now nearly a century old themselves, are valued possessions of John R. Walling, of Noodle Dome. They are dated May 24, 1851.

The paper, a sort of parchment, is yellow with age but firm in texture and fully as strong and durable as when first used for official grants from the state of Texas to Thomas J. Walling, John's great-grandfather, who served in both the Texas revolution and the Mexican war.

The grants cover, respectively, 25 labors and one labor, (the labor being a measure of land in Mexico and Texas,) in Rusk county.

Interesting Contest in "Stewardship" Reading

When reports were made at the end of the first two weeks period of the "stewardship" reading contest between two teams of the woman's missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church, team No. 2, captained by Mrs. John West, had 722 points to their credit, with 540 points for team No. 1, whose leader is Mrs. Emory Jones.

Mrs. Henry West is president of the missionary society sponsoring the contest, which runs two more weeks.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castleberry, Noodle, Friday, May 1, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham, Blair, Tuesday, May 5, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis, Wednesday, May 6, 1936.

SECOND PERFORMANCE OF MERKEL'S FREE RODEOS COMES SATURDAY, MAY 9

TRENT, DIVIDE WIN SATURDAY'S BASEBALL CARD

Trent and Divide were victors in Saturday's twin bill, second in the series of double-headers on the 1936 schedule of the Inter-Community league, sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association.

In the first game Cooley and C. Title, each making three hits in four times at bat, led the Trent nine to an 8-6 victory over Union. Greer, hitting two triples in three times at the plate, was batting star of the Divide team, which won from Tye, 7-5.

Box scores of the games appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

By capturing their first game of the season, Trent joined Truby and Noodle for top place in the league percentage table.

LEAGUE STANDING.			
TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Truby	1	0	1.000
Noodle	1	0	1.000
Trent	1	0	1.000
Tye	1	1	.500
Divide	1	1	.500
Union	0	1	.000

Town Library as Club's Objective

As spokesman for the Fortnightly Study club, Mrs. Henry C. West, president of the organization, was a guest at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club at Ed's cafe and gave an outline of some of the features of the Pioneer Dinner which the woman's study club is sponsoring on Friday night of this week, enlisting the cooperation of the club in selling tickets for the affair.

She also gave a resume of the progress of the study club's plans for a town library, which it is possible to secure by matching a PWA grant. As is well known, the ground, donated several months ago to the club by Dr. C. B. Gardner, is already available for use for a library site.

J. L. Cargill of Butman, who was also a guest at the luncheon, thanked the merchants of Merkel for their cooperation toward the Butman rodeo and picnic in an advertising way. He extended an invitation to attend the political rally at Butman on May 23.

The committee on planning for Merkel's representation at the district Lions convention at Cisco in June, of which Dr. Earl Thomason is chairman, was continued with instructions to proceed with plans outlined.

With R. T. Gray as chairman, a committee of three was named to canvass club members for the sale of tickets to the Pioneer Dinner. Others on the committee are Herbert Patterson and Stanley King.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 5, 1916.)

RACE WITH STORK—STORK WINS.

That broad smile on the face of S. M. (Bishop) Hunter has been caused by the advent of a baby girl into his home. Mr. Hunter arrived here several days ago from his ranch home near the border of New Mexico and was preceded in his arrival one hour by his new baby daughter. Both Mrs. Hunter and the baby are enjoying congratulations from friends at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

San Jacinto day was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock on last Friday by the advent of a fine boy into the home. As a result of the occasion Mr. Adcock has temporarily resigned from his position as R. F. D. carrier, allowing his place in this position to be filled by a substitute in order that he might remain at home with his family.

H. S. "Dad" Wilson has been unanimously elected by a number of his friends as their personal representative to attend the Old Soldiers Confederate reunion at Birmingham, Ala., this month. The matter was very much a surprise to Dad; he has consented to make the trip and within the next few days will board a special

Full Program of Calf Roping, Cow Milking, Steer Riding and Horse Riding Events; Start Plan for Centennial Day.

A full program of calf roping, cow milking, steer riding and horse riding—a series of fast roping and thrilling, rough riding, such as held the rapt attention of at least four thousand spectators on the occasion of the opening rodeo of the 1936 season—is promised for the next rodeo performance, which is set for Saturday of this week and which will start promptly at 1:30 p. m.

As previously announced, contestants must register and pay their entry fee to Tom Jinkens before noon on show day, which rule will hold in effect throughout the season.

BLEACHER SEATS.
Bleacher seats will go on sale at 12:30 p. m. Saturday, one hour before the show, and the early comers will get the choice seats. No more tickets will be sold, however, than the seating capacity of the stands.

The shows are absolutely free and Merkel invites everybody to come and enjoy the full program without any cost whatever, but those desiring seats may purchase the privilege for 25c for adults and 10c for children.

PIONEER PARADE.
A special committee has been named by President Dee Grimes to co-operate with the permanent parade committee, of which Nathan Wood is chairman, with the object in view of arranging for a Centennial Day, which will feature a pioneer parade. The date and details will be announced later.

Volunteer Department Effects Reorganization

Re-organization of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department was effected at a meeting at the city hall at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning with the selection of Tom Allday as acting chief and Jimmy Toombs as assistant. A total of 32 were enlisted in the volunteer organization, 18 of whom are experienced firemen.

Joe P. Self is president of the association, Parker Sharp, vice-president, and Warren Smith, temporary secretary.

Next monthly meeting date of department members is Monday night.

On Tarleton Honor Roll.
Stephenville, May 7.—Cal McAninch of Merkel, student in John Tarleton college, is listed on the honor roll for the second six-week preliminary period of the second semester, it was announced by Charlie S. Wilkins, registrar.

train of his comrades at Fort Worth. God speed, and may your trip be one of enjoyment to you throughout your remaining days.

SIMPSON-FERGUSON.

Sunday evening at the residence of T. G. Fergusson was the scene of a quietly planned wedding. At six o'clock, Elder Price Bankhead officiating, Maude, the eldest daughter of the home, became the wife of Mr. I. D. Simpson of Trent. Outside the bride's family Misses Amanda Payne and Verly Kellow, Mr. Sid Randolph, all of Trent, were the only witnesses of the ceremony.

Thos. A. Johnson left Saturday night for Houston in party with other West Texas bankers to attend the state bankers' association, now being held in that city.

Miss Gladys Bell was operated upon last Sunday at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene.

Mrs. S. T. Cannon, who died at the family home Wednesday night, is to be buried at Stith today, Friday, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Lester Ellis and infant son of Abilene returned home Tuesday after a few days visit with the family of R. A. Ellis.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Marvin Murdock has opened up a first class dressmaking shop...

M. G. Scott, a pioneer merchant of Trent, who recently sold out to A. W. Woods...

Mrs. J. E. Perkins and children, Aline and J. E., Jr., who for the past several months have been living in South Texas...

The following pupils sang in the district chorus at Sweetwater on May 2: Bobby Ruth and Gregory McLeod...

On the test given Apr. 27 and 28, Mary Frances Bright made the highest score in the sixth grade...

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and daughter...

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Terry attended a picnic given at Cobb park...

Mrs. Otto Trent and Miss Frances White of Eskota were shopping here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Randel of Quanah was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mrs. Cecil Rutherford and sons and Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene visited Saturday afternoon with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley attended the banquet of the county judges and road commissioners held at the Model hotel in Hamlin last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Falkner of Fort Worth was a guest last week in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Archer; on Sun-

day they in company with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer in Abilene.

Rev. Houston Scott of Abilene was a guest the first part of the week in the home of his brother, Spurgeon Scott.

CLUB MEETING.

Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, continued an interesting talk and demonstration on "Warm and Comfortable Bedding" at the Wednesday meeting of the Home Demonstration club.

The meeting was an all-day affair in the home of Mrs. John Payne, during which the club quilt was completed. Plans were made for the program to be given by the organization on Thursday, May 7.

Those attending were Mesdames O. L. Bishop, Marvia Steen, W. W. Riley, Hosea Winn, Annie Boone, Alton Boone, W. E. Shouse, Roger Williams, C. H. Howell, J. T. Vessel and daughter, Mrs. Payne, Miss Crippen and Miss Watts, Abilene.

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Stanley Armour on Wednesday afternoon. A "Safety in the Home" program was presented. This was held in a round table discussion, each member making mention of some carelessness causing disaster in the home.

After a general business session and inspection of Mrs. Armour's modern chicken equipment, the meeting adjourned.

.. ECZEMA ..

Advertisement for ECZEMA treatment featuring a woman's face and text: "Can be Cured... BROWN'S LOTION Stops itching instantly..."

Goodman News. Those present were: Mesdames Hosea Winn, C. H. Howell, John Payne, Roger Williams, G. C. Johnson and Mrs. Armour.

GOODMAN NEWS

Folks are sure busy these days. Farmers are busy planting feed and cotton.

We are very glad to report the sickness in our community disappearing.

Buddie Winter is very much improved. So is Mrs. R. N. Campbell.

Grandmother Cade is suffering of a cold.

Mrs. L. J. Barnes of the Eskota community was hit by an automobile Saturday in Sweetwater and is suffering the effect of it.

Chas. Murphy of Eunice, N. M., was a visitor here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fleming of Lenora spent the week-end with the latter's sister, Mrs. Hoyt Barnes.

Mrs. Ueckert and family were called to Waco for funeral rites of her

mother. Our deepest sympathy is extended them.

By the way, our gymnasium is well underway. A lot of men in our community are busy helping on it.

A lot of our folks celebrated Saturday by going to Sweetwater Lake for the opening day and they all caught lots of fish.

Mise Cook's room spent the day at Abilene park Tuesday. Mrs. Manson James, room mother, was hostess.

Sunday night, May 10, our baccalaureate service will be held at the auditorium. Everybody is invited to come.

Tonight, Friday, our senior play, "Safety First" will be presented at the school auditorium. Everybody come; it's all free.

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TEXAS CENTENNIAL 1936

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- May 7 through June 2, Revised to May 11. MAY 7-WORTHAM-"Colonization of Texas" Pageant. MAY 7-VALDE-Uvalde County Honey Festival. MAY 8-WACO-Centennial Music Festival. MAY 8-SEEVILLE-Historical Celebration. MAY 8-SAN MARCOS-Pioneer Day and Texas Open House. MAY 8-16-FREDERICKSBURG-Founding Anniversary. MAY 8-16-RIO HONDO-Second Annual Tomato Fiesta. MAY 10-BELTON-Centennial Memorial Celebration. MAY 13-14-BRENNHAM-Centennial May Fest. MAY 14-FRESPORT-Battle of Velasco Commemoration. MAY 14-16-BROWNSVILLE-International Festival of Transportation. MAY 15-EMISON-"The Prairie Trail" Pageant. MAY 15-AMARILLO-Centennial Pageant. MAY 15-VAN HORN-Centennial Day. MAY 16-GRENVILLE-Northeast Texas Dairy Show. MAY 18-22-GROESBECK-MEXIA-Observance of Fall of Fort Parker. MAY 18-22-HILLSBORO-Pageants of Progress. MAY 21-NEW ULM-German Founders' Centennial Celebration. MAY 22-PLAINVIEW-Pioneers' Round-Up. MAY 23-COMMERCE-Centennial Pageant. MAY 23-NACOGDOCHES-Centennial Homecoming. MAY 24-D'HANIS-Historical Celebration of Fort Lincoln. MAY 25-28-PADUCAH-Cattle and King Pageant. MAY 25-FLOYDADA-Pioneer Day Celebration. MAY 26-30-SAN AUGUSTINE-Historical Celebration. MAY 28-ATHENS-East Texas Fiddlers' Reunion. MAY 28-SHERMAN-Austin College Centennial. MAY 30-COLLEGE STATION-Commemorative Military Review. MAY 30-GOOSE CREEK-Centennial Memorial Celebration. MAY 31-JUNE 6-ACKERSONVILLE-National Tomato Show. MAY 31-JUNE 7-KILLEEN-Birthday and Pioneer Celebration. JUNE 12-PORT LAVACA-Centennial Reunion. JUNE 12-FARMERSVILLE-North Texas Centennial Open Festival. JUNE 1-DECEMBER 1-AUSTIN-The University of Texas Centennial Exposition. JUNE 24-JAZZ-World's Historical Celebration. JUNE 25-PALFA-Panhandle Centennial and Co. Exposition.

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Assistant Editor—Ora Derrick. Sports Editor—Murry Toombs
Joke Editor—Felix Stalls

SENIORS PRESENT PLAY.

Friday evening, May 1, the cast of Seniors presented its three-act comedy, "Heirlooms," to a packed house in the gymnasium. Accompanying this presentation was an old-fashioned singing.

This drama was packed with comedy, romance, pathos and excitement, keeping the spectators on their toes from the time the first curtain opened until it closed on the final scene.

This play, ably directed by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, passed smoothly before its audience. The Senior play each year is the runner-up of the Seniors' last farewell to M. H. S.

Until the nights of our graduation the Seniors say au revoir.

NEW SUBJECTS.

There seems to be a greater number of girls interested in home economics than there are boys interested in vocational agriculture. Eighty-one girls have signed up for home economics, while only twenty-six boys have signed up for vocational agriculture.

The boys should all want vocational agriculture because it is a course that is very beneficial and helpful. Everyone needs to study this even if he doesn't intend to do any of this kind of work. Many business men, such as bankers, have small garden patches to work after working hours at the bank, and a knowledge of vocational agriculture can be used very profitably. This course is not like English, history or any such courses. Books are used with it all right but you do most of your work by experiments. A person could study the books for years and what he studied wouldn't do any good without trying the experiments yourself. This thing alone should show you that the course is interesting.

A larger number should sign up to take these two courses and especially vocational agriculture. Pupils will gain many benefits by taking this course. They will also enjoy working with it.

CHAPEL.

Wednesday morning the student body met in general assembly to listen to Rev. Gerhart, pastor of Heavenly Rest Episcopal church in Abilene.

The theme of his speech was "Joseph's Bones." After delivering a literary discussion of his subject, Rev. Gerhart rapidly passed into figurative application of the topic. According to his speech every person has sacred and imperative ideals which he must carry on—either family tradition, his state's custom, or his country's ideals.

The student looks forward to that time when Rev. Gerhart may again deliver a talk in Merkel High school.

FRESHMEN NEWS.

This is the first time the "Fish" have reported in some time but we have been very busy. We are catching up on our back work and preparing ourselves to pass the final exams. Of course, we are glad to see the vacation days come but we have enjoyed our Freshman year very much and will be looking forward to next year when we will be Sophomores.

SPRING FOOTBALL.

Spring football, as do all good things, has come to its end. During the few weeks these boys were working out the coaches have unearthed new material which next year should develop into a strong team. There is promise that Merkel's team will be greatly strengthened the coming season by boys from Divide and Noodle.

Thursday the boys divided into two teams—the Army, headed by Jr. Grimes, and the Navy, captained by Murphy Dye, presented a free, intrasquad game culminating a successful spring season.

BUG HOUSE HAPPENINGS.

'Twas the middle of midnight and the sun was shining bright through the knot holes in the barb wire fence. I went upstairs over a vacant lot; it was a white house trimmed in green, painted brown, trimmed in red. There was nothing there except a sewing machine that was running up and down the hall without a stitch of clothes on. An aeroplane came floating up the trolley line and turned the corner on three wheels. A policeman on the corner, blew his whistle that he had forgotten to bring with him. The aeroplane ran over three tracks and four red lights that turned pink when the traveling salesman learned that he was deaf and dumb. The conductor

Our Seniors

Clifton Bellamy.

Here is another one of our dignified Seniors.

Clifton has been a student of good "ole" M. H. S. for four years proving his ability as an extempore speaker by winning a number of high honors and also a scholarship valued at one hundred dollars in Abilene Christian college this past year.

Clifton has been a member of the M. H. S. Players' club for two years proving himself an excellent president this year.

Bellamy, as he is known to all his friends, hails from our neighbor state, Oklahoma. He played basketball on the Badger squad for three years and will be missed next year.

Among his many other talents, Bellamy also likes music, having helped entertain on various programs by playing the Hawaiian guitar.

Bellamy, when you have left "ole" M. H. S.,

When you have wandered far,
We will miss your friendly smile
And the sweet strains of that old guitar.

"Adios," Bellamy, and may you have a bon voyage on the sea of life.

backed up so fast that he bumped into the tail light and rolled into a deep ditch.

Well, I guess I'll quit.

CLASS ROOM ETIQUETTE.

When you enter the room late try to imitate some animal: the teacher will be greatly amused, and attention will be diverted from the fact that you are tardy.

Pay no heed to the rule prohibiting

loud speech. Rules were only made to be violated.

Try shooting paper wads in the class room. Yes, just try it! Every one will be impressed, especially if any of the sticky pellets hit them. Also, who can tell but that you may become an expert some day in the near future.

Bring in all the dogs you can find. Everybody enjoys a good dog fight.

Park your feet in the aisle and converse with your friends where and when you please. Classes should be something of a social center anyway.

Go into the library, and have a good nap on one of the tables. If you snore, wear a muffler.

Visit the dictionary frequently and cultivate an acquaintance with those who have gone before.

Lastly, never miss an opportunity to mark the desk and wood work in the class rooms. It is simply amazing what muscular power you can acquire to rip one of the desks from its mooring.

Now if you get "kicked out," don't come to me!!

ASK—

Robert whose car he was driving Sunday.

Aliene P. if her job is to wait on curb service.

Betty what she cried about Friday

night. Also Mary Helen M.

Maymie Webb whom she was listening to so eagerly Monday at noon. Rebecca what she and Win were conversing about Monday morning.

Anyone whom Mr. Burgess was talking to in Eco class.

Juanita how she enjoys being back in school.

Ruth K. who from Abilene was looking for her Wednesday night.

La Verne H. how many cars passed her house Sunday afternoon.

Winston if a poor excuse isn't better than no excuse.

Lou Ella whom she was talking to Monday at noon.

Laurette R. why Bryan didn't come in with her Wednesday night at church.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett have as their guests their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Barnett, and small daughter, Betty Jewel, of Los Angeles, Calif.

M. E. Armstrong and sons, Leon and Otis, of Weatherford paid a short visit Wednesday to his brother, J. O. Armstrong, of Salt Branch.

Mrs. Lige Harris returned home Sunday from Amarillo, where she was at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Mary Reese, who is ill with pneumonia. She is reported much better.

Mrs. W. T. Brewer and little daughter arrived Saturday night from Eunice, N. M., for a visit with her father, Q. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown of Abilene were visitors Tuesday in the home of their former teacher, Miss Dora Garoutte.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray have as their guests Mr. Gray's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sellers, of Coolidge.

C. J. Glover, editor of The Mail, returned Monday night from a week-end visit with his two sisters at Austin.

Mesdames Neva Higgins and Estelle Hays of Abilene spent the week-end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes of Tahoka were week-end visitors with Mrs. Jaynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays.

Verner Hester, who attends Draughon's Business college at Abilene, spent the week-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hester.

Mrs. Charlie Walker of Madill, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff were visitors the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

Miss Christine Collins visited over the week-end with Miss Iva Bragg in Gatesville.

Mrs. R. P. Lindsay of Ashdown, Ark., is here for a visit with her brother, Charlie Jones, and mother, Mrs. Silas Jones.

Mrs. H. L. McGehee of Abilene is visiting her sons, Messrs. Allen and Ted McGehee, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McGehee were in Wichita Falls the first part of the week to attend a baker's school.

Winners Announced In Piano Tournament

All contestants from Merkel, ten in number, that entered the Abilene unit, National Piano Playing tournament, last Friday and Saturday, won honors. The events were held at Hardin-Simmons university and Abilene Christian college. E. Edwin Young is general chairman for the district.

Those who entered from Merkel, and the honors won by each, are listed as follows: Intermediate division, Missie Spurgin and Doris Clyde Miller, high national.

Elementary division, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Charles Church and Jeanette Neff, national; Lora Pearl Haynes, state high; Evelyn Sears, state honor.

District honor roll, Anne Lee Blake, Wilma McAninch and Dorothy Lee Shannon.

The lowest grade made by any of the Merkel contestants, as reported by Mrs. T. T. Earthman, their teacher, was 85 per cent. "As it is considered almost impossible to play any piece of music perfect, no one is given 100 per cent, so the rating of the Merkel entrants is considered very good," she said.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many friends for the sympathy, assistance, consoling words and for the beautiful floral offerings in the illness and death of our wife, mother and sister, Susie E. Penn Howard.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

J. P. Howard.
Jasper Penn Howard.
T. W. Penn and Family.

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Is Candidate for District Clerk



MRS. IMOGENE HAMPTON.

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In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Hampton said: "I am submitting my candidacy for this important office to the people of Taylor county with the fullest confidence of my ability to fill it in an efficient manner at all times, and in such way as to make the office fulfill its function to the best interests of the people as a whole. I feel that my thirteen years' experience in secretarial work, including court work and ample training in filing and recording court business, fully qualifies me for the office."

Mrs. Hampton is known to many, especially in the city of Abilene, through her activity each year in connection with the Goodfellows. She has worked much with the Abilene fire department members, helping them prepare toys and other gifts for distribution with Christmas bags to the unfortunate. She also has been active as a school patron in activities for school betterment.

In an active campaign through the county, she hopes to meet most of the voters personally between now and the July primaries.

Cast Glorifies Desert Drama

The sands of Sahara's flame with revolt and France's Foreign Legion fights and loves with gallantry again in "Under Two Flags," the tremendous drama spectacle which brings Ronald Colman, Claudette Colbert, Victor McLaglen and Rosalind Russell to the screen of the Paramount theatre, Abilene, three days starting Sunday.

Telling the story of a man who is brought back from a self-imposed doom by the love of a woman, the new picture affords Colman and Miss Colbert the greatest opportunities of their unusual screen careers.

She is a hoydenish child of the desert, madly in love with the charming Colman, but he in turn gives his heart to Rosalind Russell. When Colman's commander, Victor McLaglen, finds that this soldier stands between him and Miss Colbert, he makes every effort to destroy his subordinate by placing him in posts of danger.

The thundering climax shows how a Legion attack, headed by Miss Colbert, rescues Colman from the tortures of the Arabs.

Frank Lloyd directed this mammoth undertaking which employed ten thousand extras in the making.

Gregory Ratoff, Nigel Bruce, C. Henry Gordon and Herbert Mundin are only a few of the illustrious names that grace the supporting cast of this Darryl F. Zanuck production.

Elected as Club Treasurer.

Denton, May 7.—Miss Fay Pinckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley of Merkel, was recently elected treasurer of the Current Literature club, junior federated club for young women in North Texas State Teachers college. Miss Pinckley, a sophomore, plans to major in elementary education and minor in music.

Mr. Rat is due his Day. Celebrate Rat Day with us at Economy Grocery.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

VETERINARY COMING

Will be in Merkel Monday, May 11, and will examine all stock free, if brought to me. Bad teeth cause 90 per cent of all ailments of stock; colic, indigestion, kidney trouble can be traced to the teeth. Come and see my collection of teeth and be convinced.

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The Box Scores

Table with columns: TRENT, ABRHP OAE, and rows for various players like Payne, D. Jones, H. Tittle, etc.

Table with columns: UNION, ABRHP OAE, and rows for various players like C. Mayfield, C. Propst, Bartlett, etc.

Table with columns: Score by innings, Union, Trent, and rows for various players like W. Jowers, B. Jowers, etc.

Summary—Runs batted in, Parham, Storey, C. Mayfield, C. Propst 3, Hamner, Payne, O. Jones, D. Jones 2, C. Tittle 3. Two-base hits, C. Mayfield. Three base-hits, C. Tittle, R. Weaver 2. Home runs, C. Propst. Left on bases, Trent 8, Union 9. Sacrifice hit, Payne, D. Jones 3, W. Weaver. Bases on balls, Storey 1, O. Jones 1. Strike-outs, Storey 1, Howell 3, O. Jones 9. Wild pitch, Storey 2. Hit batters, Howell (O. Jones.) Hits off Storey, 8 in 3 innings, off Howell, 4 in 5 innings. Losing pitcher, Storey. Umpires, C. Hollis and Ferrier.

Table with columns: TYE, ABRHP OAE, and rows for various players like W. Jowers, B. Jowers, Street, etc.

Table with columns: DIVIDE, ABRHP OAE, and rows for various players like Hammonds, McLean, McCoy, etc.

Table with columns: Score by innings, Divide, Tye, and rows for various players like Hammonds, W. Jowers, etc.

Summary—Runs batted in, Ashby 3, Dwiggin, W. Jowers, Greer 3, Hammonds, Priest, Jones, Laine. Two-base hits, Hammonds, Jones. Three-base hits, Greer 2. Left on bases, Tye 6. Divide 14. Sacrifice hits, none.

Bases on balls, Smith 3, Priest 4. Struck out, by Smith 10, by Priest 9. Hit by pitcher, by Smith (McCoy, Greer, Priest.) Stolen bases, Ashby 2. Umpires, Ferrier and C. Hollis.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and daughter of Warren were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee are to attend a church conference at Caps Wednesday.

Misses Lillie Claude Barnett and Maurine and Clara White of Merkel were Saturday night guests of Miss Blanche Carey.

Rev. W. W. Riley of Trent filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. O. R. and M. L. Douglas attended the ball game between Trent and Divide Sunday afternoon at Trent.

J. W. Rogers and son, Otis, of Clyde were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers.

Clarence Shouse and M. F. Carey were drawn as special venire men in district court this week.

Most every one from here was in Abilene Monday to attend court.

Hodges Happenings.

Brother Owen filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night. He preaches here the first and third Sundays each month. WMS meets at the Baptist church at 2 p. m. on Wednesdays after each preaching day.

The farmers are busy planting their crops since the nice rains.

The health of this community is about as usual—no good!

Aunt Josie Peyton and Bill Haney are both real sick now. Aunt Josie hasn't been expected to live for several days now. Miss Elpha Smith isn't any better.

Louis McCaleb has been confined to his bed with the mumps, but is able to start to school again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duncan and two daughters and Mrs. Ware Duncan of Lubbock spent part of last week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Collins of Abilene visited the Charlie Keene family Sunday.

Our school will close in three weeks. The same teachers have been re-elected for another year. We are all glad to get them back for another term, as we think they can't be beat.

White Flat, we congratulate you on getting a new building. It looks like you would be proud enough of it to write the news around there more often. Come on and let's hear from you.

CARD OF THANKS.

We sincerely thank all our friends and neighbors for every expression of sympathy and every assistance given during the illness and death of our loved one, Max God bless you. Mrs. F. S. Mundy and Family. T. W. Clark and Family. The Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

White Church News

There are quite a few people on the sick list at this writing: Mrs. Ruth Brown, Deon Brown, Mrs. Ada Belle Demere and Mrs. H. E. Farmer.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., Sunday were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bace and son, Bob Boden, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boden and son, O. B., of Mt. Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. Herman Doan and son and Jim Campbell, of Blair; Husley Boden of Shep; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Farmer and family of Butman; Miss Fern Evans and Roy Evans of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressly, Mrs. Burl Brown, Mrs. J. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Mrs. Roy Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and family and Mr. West and son, Lloyd West, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressly spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater. They were accompanied home by Fern and Roy Evans, who spent the week-end with them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown.

Miss Dedmon carried the sixth and seventh grades to her home at Sager-ton to spend the week-end. Those going were: M. H. and Paul E. Farmer, J. D. Rodgers, Berdon and Deverle Conley, Junior and Fred Connell and Roy Coats.

Misses Vivian and Maudie Turner and Lena Mae Patterson spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Patterson of Butman.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to all who in any way assisted us in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. S. A. Reid's Children
And Grandchildren.

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FOR RENT—My home in South Merkel; also some 2 1-2 inch piping for sale. Mrs. J. C. Walton at Mrs. Causeaux's.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Esther Stevenson by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in June, A. D. 1936, the same being the eighth day of June, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2582-B, wherein Jim Stevenson is Plaintiff, and Esther Stevenson is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

That plaintiff and defendant were married on February 19th, 1919, and separated about the 25th day of April 1919. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on grounds of three years abandonment by defendant, and for more than ten years continuous separation, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition.

Herein fail not to have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 5th day of May, A. D. 1936, Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. (Seal)

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet on Friday of this week instead of the following Friday. Meeting place is the M. L. Douglas home. Visitors are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTREESE.
L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.
E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.
W. B. HALE.

For Sheriff:

S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.
BURL WHEELER.
MERVYN MEEKS.
ROSS L. MILLER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)
For District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)

MRS. IMOGENE HAMPTON.

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.

W. P. BOUNDS.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:

S. C. VICK.

N. D. COBB.

For County Judge:

A. A. HEATHINGTON.

JOHN CAMP (Re-election.)

LINDSAY P. WALDEN.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5:

W. H. LANEY.

J. T. KING.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Arthur Moore, who has been critically ill the past week, is doing nicely at this writing. Out-of-town relatives who visited the bedside of Mrs. Moore were: Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and baby of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moore, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and Mrs. Gertie Davis of Merkel.

Miss Lola Peterson of Caps visited with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson, Sunday.

Rev. Roy Audings of Abilene delivered two soul-stirring messages at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son of Snyder spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and other relatives of this place.

Mrs. Tom Melton left recently for Big Spring to spend an indefinite time with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport.

Mrs. Susie Doan and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and two sons, Bill D. and Donna, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Myers of Anson.

Several from here attended the M. E. conference at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Hurman Doan and son visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., of White Church, who has been seriously ill.

Mrs. Thelma Thomas returned last week-end from a two-weeks visit with relatives at Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson and family have moved to Abilene to live for the rest of the year.

W. A. Harrison made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield were the interesting hosts to a family reunion held in their home Sunday.

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Prunes	25c	Red and White Broom, each	78c	American Sardines 6 cans	25c	
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The DIVORCE COURT MURDER

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ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT.
 SYNOPSIS . . . Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, is murdered as she waits alone in a side room to testify in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland . . . She was to have testified for the husband, a friend, who was defendant in the action . . . Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case from police headquarters . . . His preliminary investigation disclosed that both Mr. and Mrs. Rowland had gathered evidence against the other of infidelity . . . The will of Mrs. Rowland's first husband directed her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard, to handle the estate until she remarried when the new husband was to come into control. Detective Rankin finds motives and the evidence of guilt for the murder of Mrs. Keith, leading to the doors of virtually all of the principals involved. These principals are, the two Rowlands, Mr. Willard, Mr. Keith, husband of the murdered woman, Hugh Campbell, paramour of Mrs. Rowland, and his underworld confederates . . . NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Rankin was in the captain's office when Jenks returned, pride illuminating his features. Behind him came a young, thin, curly-haired chap in the uniform of a cab driver.
 "Back already, Jenks?" he commented. "It isn't three hours since you left to check Mr. Keith's Washington trip; you couldn't have got very far with it."
 "Far enough to prove he never boarded that twelve-twenty-five train," Jenks responded cheerfully. "Almost the first person I questioned was this fellow, Jim Blake. He has a yellow cab at the West Philly station stand."
 "His story," Jenks continued, "is that Mr. Keith no sooner quit his own machine in the station yard than he hired Blake's cab to follow it."
 The detective turned to the taximan. "Is that so, Blake? How can you be certain the man was this Mr. Keith?"
 "I don't know his name" Blake replied, gaining assurance, "but if he wasn't the same guy this bloke's been asking about, then he's got a double. He comes in a maroon colored Packard limousine, driven by a shoffer. It ain't hard to remember him; I haven't had such a fare and run up such a big bill in a half a year of sleepless Sundays."
 "I see," Rankin nodded. "In your own way, Blake, tell me exactly what happened. At what time did he arrive?"
 "About twelve-fifteen, yesterday afternoon; and the car turned into the cabstand. That's why I could hear everythin' he said. The shoffer wanted to carry in his bag but he told 'im never mind and to go on, and handed it to one of the porters. He ordered the dinge to check it for him inside and hold the check until he came back for it; and he tipped him a buck. Then he motioned for my bus and climbed in, in a whale of a hurry."
 "Well, all this didn't take as long as to tell it; y'unnerstand," continued the cabman. "And when he got in my cab, his limousine was only leavin' the station yard. He says, but don't lose it, whatever you do."
 "In West Philly, he turns down Forty-fifth Street and stops outside an apartment house; there he picks up a gent waitin' for 'im—a tall, blond, handsome guy like an athlete. I think the place was the Westview Apartments," he added.

Rankin nodded. "Of course, he went for Allen Rowland," he informed Jenks. "I suppose then, Blake, the next destination was Chestnut Hill?"
 "That's right, the driver agreed. "It was easy followin' along there, though the shoffer speeded some. We went to a real swanky apartment house, the Aldwich. I stayed outside the entrance and the shoffer got out and walked in; and in a minute, a pretty, swell young woman joins the

gent in the tonnos. Then, a little after two, we was all off again."
 "Where to this time?" Rankin queried.

"Back to town—to the Wolff Building, at Sixteenth and Market Street. My passenger didn't get out right away; he waited a couple of minutes after the lady and her escort went in before he followed them. The shoffer stayed outside in the car. I got orders to wait too, but not over ten minutes; if Mr.—what's-is-name didn't show up by then, I was to leave. And he hands me a whoopin' big tip besides a six-dollar fare. So I hung around for almost fifteen minutes, but he never came out and that was the last I seen of 'im."

Rankin spoke with ill-concealed eagerness. "Did any of the people you were interested in appear while you were watching, Blake?"

The taximan scratched his head and replaced his cap asked.
 "Oh, yes, the gent the shoffer first picked up came out and spoke to 'im," he replied, as if just remembering. "I guess to dismiss 'im or give 'im orders, because he drove off as soon as he went inside again."

"Could you say what time this happened? It's important for you to be as exact as possible."

"Well, since I watched the clock all the while I waited, I can tell you pretty close," Blake returned. "My own ticker said twenty to three; and by the City Hall clock, I wasn't more than a minute or so slow."

The detective received this unexpected support of Allen Rowland's account with a grunt of satisfaction.

"Now, Jenks, with regard to this redcap at the station," he said. "How long afterward did Mr. Keith return to him for his baggage?"

"At quarter after three, Tommy," the other answered. "In time to catch the three-twenty train."

"And that would bring Keith into Washington about three hours later, say six-thirty," Rankin observed.

Obviously, Rankin's next step was a visit to Mr. MacQuire to learn the object of Mr. "Tarleton's" call, the name the telephone operator said Keith had given.

As it was now almost seven o'clock, the detective could no longer reach Mr. MacQuire at the Wolff Building. He obtained the lawyer's home address from a directory.

In answer to his ring, a maid opened the door. She escorted him through the sun porch into a larger living room.

The second member of the firm, whom he had not yet met, descended from above. Tall and ungainly, Julian

MacQuire suggested a scholar rather than a practical business man. After introductions were completed, the detective's preliminary questions disclosed that he had no special knowledge about either Mrs. Rowland's divorce or the murder itself.

Presently Rankin turned to the more pressing subject.

"Understand, Mr. MacQuire," he said, "that you had a caller yesterday afternoon named James Tarleton?"

The lawyer displayed surprise but nodded. "That's correct," he said.

"You were acquainted with him, of course?" The detective kept his tone casual. "He was a regular client of yours?"

"On the contrary, Mr. Rankin, I never met him before in my life. As is my habit when strangers consult me, I inquired how he happened to seek me out. He stated that he had learned of the firm's special repute in handling divorce matters."

"And it was about a divorce, I suppose, that he sought your advice?" asked Rankin.

Where the lawyer had spoken willingly before, he now hesitated.

"That is somewhat difficult to answer," he returned cautiously. "You realize I am bound to treat a client's affairs as strictly confidential."

"Yes, under ordinary circumstances," Rankin agreed, "but where a heinous crime is concerned, there are exceptions. Have you noticed the pictures of Mrs. Keith's husband in the papers?"

Mr. MacQuire's perturbation increased. "I . . . not very closely, I'm afraid. Besides, I had all my information of the tragedy first-hand from Mr. Dawson."

"That would explain why you didn't mark the resemblance between your caller and Mortimer Keith," said Rankin.

Mr. MacQuire's uneasiness turned into astonishment. "Mortimer Keith?" he exclaimed. "But that's incredible! He explained he wanted to obtain a release from paying alimony."

"A rather weak excuse," Rankin

smiled thinly. "Did anything Mr. Keith say suggest he was really interested in what his wife was doing there? For instance, did he mention her or the Rowland's?"

Mr. MacQuire's jaw tightened. "Yes, he mentioned Allen Rowland; but so casually I could hardly surmise he had an ulterior motive. He said he had observed some one slightly familiar enter the office just ahead of him, who he thought was Rowland whom he had once met."

"And how did you reply to that?" Rankin asked.

"Well, I let him understand that while I, personally, had no dealing with him, Mr. Dawson was deliberating his case. Just what way, I didn't go into."

"But Mr. Keith at least learned it was a divorce case that brought him there?"

The lawyer flushed uncomfortably. "He seemed familiar with his domestic troubles without my telling him; in fact, if his object was to pump me, he was very cautious. We dropped the subject and left together."

"That was at two-fifty, wasn't it, Mr. MacQuire?" the detective inquired.

"To the instant. I was due at my

club at three-fifteen, and was so worried about being late for my game that toward the last I constantly watched the clock."

At which time, Rankin reflected, the cabman Blake, had already stopped waiting for Mr. Keith and driven away.

"And what became of your visitor?" Mr. MacQuire replied slowly, unconscious that on his answer rested

the accuracy of Rankin's deduction.

"At the lobby we said good-by and parted at the entrance of the building. I had to catch a train."

"Have you any idea in which direction Mr. Keith went?" the detective asked.

"I couldn't tell you that," Mr. MacQuire replied. "As I left, he started back into the lobby, to buy some cig-

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Divorce Court Murder

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ars at the stand, and that was the last I saw of him."

Rankin rose with a smile of satisfaction and reached for his hat.

Rankin determined to interview the ex-secretary that very night. She lived in Logan on York Road, in a private dwelling with a brownstone front that had been remodeled into an apartment house.

Jill Edmond, though surprised at his visit, did not appear especially disturbed. She had a three-room apartment, taking Rankin's hat, the girl indicated a chair.

"I must apologize for intruding at this time of night. Only I need a bit of information you can supply immediately."

"Of course, if I can," Miss Edmond returned curiously. "What do you want to know?"

"It's about the evening you went with Mr. Rowland to Sunset Inn. You told me before you had no idea why Mortimer Keith turned up, right after Mrs. Rowland interrupted you. I've come to let you reconsider that statement."

The secretary stiffened, on guard. "Add to it?" she repeated, affecting perplexity. "No, it's still a puzzle to me what brought him there or where he came from."

Rankin's features set in a stern frown.

"You don't believe that yourself and you are hiding the truth." Harshness crept into his tone. "In fact, Miss Edmond, you kept to yourself a great deal I should have learned. For instance, that you received four thousand dollars to act as Allen Rowland's . . . sweetheart, and correspondent in the divorce!"

He saw that the shot thrust home, as she caught her breath, her eyes full of consternation.

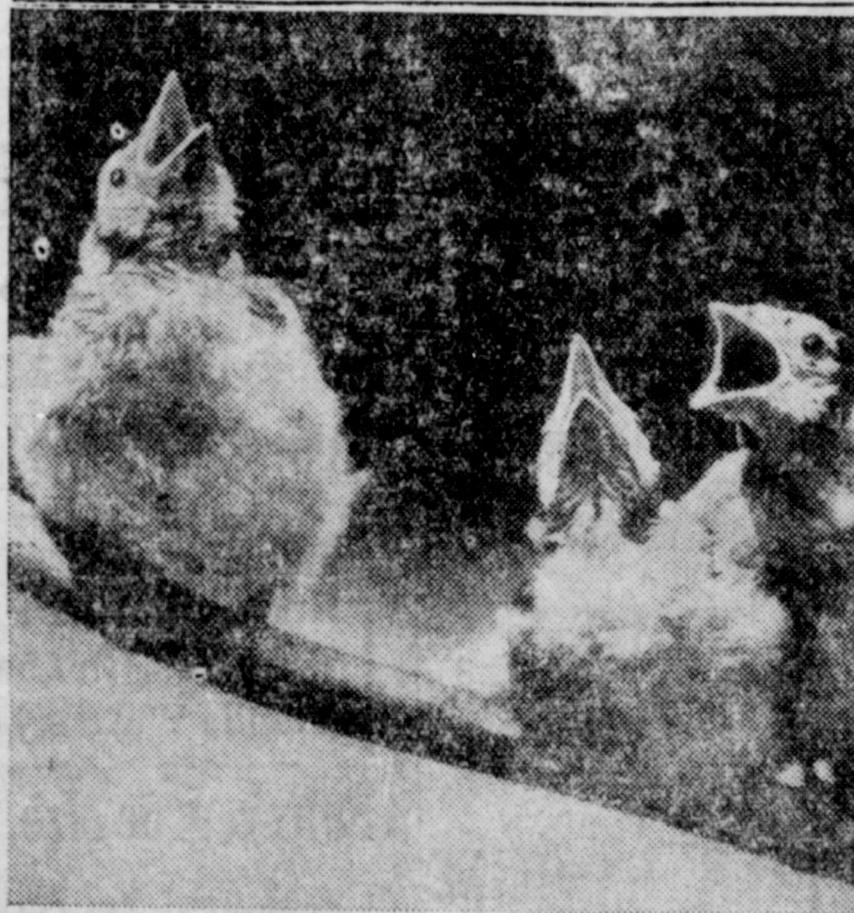
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ALATHEAN CLASS.

Alatheathean class members held a no-hostess meeting on Wednesday, Apr. 29, in the basement of the First Baptist church and enjoyed an all-day quilting.

Two quilts were quilted and a covered dish luncheon was served at noon to the following: Mesdames J. J. McNiece, C. M. Largent, Lucy Scott, T. J. R. Swafford, H. B. Chambliss, J. S. Swann, J. W. Saffle, E. O. Carson, F. A. Polley, W. L. Johnson, J. M. Meeker, Charles West, G. M. Sharp, E. N. Brown, J. T. Warren, R. P. Fields, W. W. Wheeler.

SPRING HIKING.

La Verne Harwell was hostess on Saturday afternoon to the G. U. M. club.

During the afternoon the guests enjoyed horseback riding and hiking and at a late hour a small fire was made and weiners, marshmallows and apples were roasted.

Including a visitor, Dorma Lee Shelton, Joyce Fulton, Pearl Mathews, Mary Nell Morgan and Wilma McAninch reported a very enjoyable time.

American Legion Offers Award as Emblem of Merit

A service of interest to school patrons will be held at the Grammar School auditorium Thursday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock. The American Legion is offering an award to one pupil from the seventh grade of each school. The award is to be given to the pupil who best fulfills the ideals of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service to others, including kindness, unselfishness, fellowship, etc.

The candidate for the award is to be selected by a vote of the members of the class, of the faculty and of the American Legion. Mr. W. A. Stephenson, of Hardin-Simmons university, is chairman of the educational committee of the American Legion and will have charge of this service.

Other schools besides Merkel, which will be presented the award at this service, are: White Church, Salt Branch, I. X. L., Butman, Blair, Union Ridge, Hillside and Mt. Pleasant.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

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Statement from Ex-Chief N. A. Dowell
The following statement, addressed to the citizens of Merkel and dated May 6, 1936, which is self-explanatory, has been furnished The Mail:

"For nearly fifteen years I have been connected with the volunteer fire department of the City of Merkel. For nearly twelve of those years I have served the department either as fire chief or assistant chief.
"Now, after having been duly elected by the boys of the fire department as their chief for the ensuing year, my nomination has been rejected by the city council.
"While I do not claim to be without human fault, I do claim I have no apology to offer either the city council or anybody else for anything whatsoever done by me while acting as fire chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department.
"To bring factions into any fire department—more especially a volunteer one in a small community—is dangerous to both business and property; jeopardizes the welfare of all citizens, and becomes politically unwise for those who sustain it. Rather than sustain it I would resign from it.
"While I no longer represent the Merkel Fire department in any capacity, I wish to express to a large majority of the fireboys who served under my supervision my sincere appreciation for the faithful and loyal services they have rendered our city and community at all times.
"N. A. Dowell,
"Ex-Fire Chief."

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NAZARENE CHURCH.
Revival interest is increasing. Rev. Pool is doing some good preaching and we will appreciate the co-operation of all pastors and their congregations. You will miss a great deal if you fail to get the wonderful messages Rev. Pool is bringing.
The sermons are timely; you need the services and we need you in them. So come out all you can and we covet the prayers of all Christians who will pray for the success of the revival.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
The pastor was home for all services Sunday. The Lord favored us with good crowds and wonderful services.
Next Sunday evening the pastor will preach on "The Second Coming of Christ." We urge you not to miss that message; it deals with prophecies of present day events concerning the second coming of Christ. Are you ready for that event? "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:25. If you are not ready, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.
We will also have a Mother's day program Sunday. Come.
Regular services throughout the week.
Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

CEMETERY WORKING.
There will be a cemetery working at White Church on Friday, May 29. Dinner will be served on the grounds and every one is urged to come and help in the work. Eli Cordell and D. D. Coates are trustees of the cemetery.
We are going to refund all the money you spend with us on Rat Day at Economy Grocery.

New R & R Texas Theatre
Sweetwater
"West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday
"Message to Garcia"
With Wallace Beery, Barbara Stanwyck and John Boles

Sunday-Monday
"King of Burlesque"
With Warner Baxter, Alice Faye and Jack Oakie

Tuesday-Wednesday
Carey Grant and Joan Bennett in
"Big Brown Eyes"

Thursday Only
Ann Sothern and Lloyd Nolan in
"You May Be Next"

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday
Hoot Gibson in
"Rainbow's End"

Exceptional Values In Used Car Stock
Fred Hughes of the Hughes Motor company was among the group of Chevrolet dealers from this territory who attended an important meeting at Abilene on last Friday, which was under the direction of A. D. Methvin of the Chevrolet Motor company.
The meeting was held for the purpose of putting into effect plans covering a merchandising campaign throughout this territory in order that Chevrolet dealers might reap the maximum benefit from the great increased automobile market that has developed in recent months.
Due to increased volume of new car business throughout this territory, Chevrolet dealers are receiving an exceptionally large volume of new car sales, and, at the same time, because of the great number of used cars being traded in on new cars, they have acquired exceptionally good stocks of used cars, and due to the popularity of the new 1936 Chevrolet dealers advise that they obtained these cars at a very satisfactory price, which was, as a general rule, considerably below current market value.
As fast as these cars are properly reconditioned, they will be offered for sale by the dealers throughout this territory, says Mr. Hughes, who feels very confident that this good volume of business will continue and that he will have exceptional values in his used car stock in weeks to come.

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Beans Nice and Tender Lb. 7c 4 lbs. 25c
Strawberries Pint Boxes 2 for 25c
Potatoes, washed Russets, No. 1, lb. 4c
Potatoes, new crop, fresh dug, lb. 5c
Onions, Bermudas, per lb. 4c

Tomatoes, fancy pinks, 2 pounds 25c
Squash, nice and tender, 2 lbs. 15c
Cucumbers, fresh and crisp, lb. 7 1-2c
Green Onions, large bunches 5c
Beets or Carrots, large bunches 5c
Lettuce, large firm heads 5c
Cabbage, fresh South Texas, lb. 4c
Yams, Kiln dried, per peck 35c

Tea Lipton, with glasses 1-4 lb. 19c
Coffee Maxwell House 3 lb. can 79c
Soap Flakes, 5 lb. box 34c
Palmolive or Camay, per cake 5c
Pears, No. 2 1-2, heavy syrup, 2 for 39

Salad Dressing, Elfood, quart 33c
Grape Juice Punch, pint bottle 15c
Tomatoes, Gingham Girl, 3 for 25c
Vanilla Wafers, large package 15c

Salt, reg. 5c size, 3 for 10c
Crackers, A-1 Saltines, 2 lb. box 19c
Marshmallows, plain, assort., 1 lb 15c
Compound, 8 lb. carton 95c
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