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PENALTIES ON SCHOOL TAXES ARE REMITTED

If Delinquent School Taxes Paid Before Dec. 31, 1933, All Penalties and Interest to Be Waived.

To make it easier to pay delinquent school taxes, the Merkel school board at its regular meeting decided to remit all penalties and interest on school taxes that are delinquent, provided such delinquent taxes are paid before Dec. 31, 1933. This will make it possible for those who have not paid their back taxes to pay them without having to pay penalties or interest. After that date, penalties and interest will be added.

The school board is of the opinion that it is nothing but fair that these back taxes should be paid and conditions are now good enough to permit most of these being paid now. Last year only about 60 per cent of school taxes were paid. It is not fair to these 60 per cent to ask that they continue to support the schools while the other 40 per cent do not contribute their part. For that reason, the board has decided to make it easy for these delinquents to pay their taxes before December 31, and after that period if these taxes are not paid the school board plans to take steps to collect them.

School taxes for the year 1933 are now due and may be paid at the tax collector's office at the city hall. These 1933 school taxes will become delinquent after January 31, 1934; after that date penalty and interest will be added. Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the relief of their schools by paying their school taxes.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

It has been the custom in this section that other city schools for many years, both Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week will be holidays. The Texas State Teachers' association meets in Austin on these dates. The schools will be closed.

Prohibition Loses Out After 13 Years

Repeal of the 18th amendment and conclusion of 13 years of prohibition in America were accomplished facts Wednesday, despite unexpected defeat of repeal in North and South Carolina.

The 34th and 35th states ratifying the 21st (repeal) amendment were assured by wet votes in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Utah, on the basis, of about 80 per cent of total returns, was the 36th.

The vote in Kentucky, the sixth state to vote on repeal Tuesday, was not counted until the day following and tabulations late Wednesday night showed repeal was leading 64,121 to 47,055.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

LASSITER-TEAFF.

On Sunday afternoon a local car motored to Abilene. Dan Cupid led the way and was not content until he had safely led his party to the parsonage of the North Park Baptist church where Rev. J. C. Burkett read the beautiful marriage ceremony which united the lives of Miss Ova Teaff and Earl Lassiter. The witnesses were Miss Mary Lassiter and Forrest Gaither. Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter are popular young people. They are receiving congratulations from a host of admiring friends who are wishing for the richest of heaven's blessings to be showered on them. They will make their home here.

Mrs. G. F. West is at home from Dallas where she visited her brother, Milton Wiman and J. L. Buckingham.

Miss Sofia Howard, who is teaching at McCauley, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Williams has returned from Marshall, Missouri, where she spent the summer and early fall with her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Pance.

Ed Teaff, Geo. Farrier, and others

SETS GOAL OF 1800 MEMBERSHIP IN RED CROSS ROLL

The season of Red Cross roll call is here.

Taylor county's appeal for a membership of 1,800 persons for 1934 is to be launched Monday from chapter headquarters in Abilene.

Chapter executives have planned the campaign this year to offer opportunity of membership to citizens of every town and community in the county, and have solicited the assistance of county home demonstration club women in extending the appeal. Miss Caroline Chambers, demonstration agent, and Mrs. Mack Alexander have been asked to assist club women in organization plans for rural communities. Miss Louis Montgomery, Abilene, is to speak before the county club council at a meeting there next week, in behalf of the roll call. The session has been postponed from Saturday, regular meeting day of the council, because of Miss Chambers' absence from the city.

Robt. B. Wylie, Taylor county chapter chairman, is to direct the roll call in Abilene, where nearly three hundred men and women will be enlisted in the campaign. Plans are to complete the canvass there by Thursday noon.

Taylor county chapter last fall and the past spring distributed 735,000 pounds of government flour to 3,918 families in Abilene and Taylor county. The chapter also distributed among 1,099 families 1,500 yards of cotton materials, 4,392 ready-made garments and 1,080 sweaters, last fall and winter. The food and clothing distribution was carried on by 475 volunteer workers.

Cold, Rain Bring Halt in Ginnings

Cold weather following last week's rain stopped cotton picking in this section for several days. Only 271 bales are accounted for in the week up to Wednesday afternoon, according to The Mail's tabulation of ginnings at the seven plants here and at Stith, Blair and Noodle. Total to date is 15,012, an error of 100 having increased the total last week by that much. Last year ginnings to date 15,075 bales.

Dog Races at Abilene Sunday Afternoon

Dogs from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma will be entered in the Greyhound races under the auspices of the American Legion, scheduled at Abilene Sunday afternoon.

The races will be held at the Abilene racing course, beginning at 2:30. Admission charge is 25 cents; children under 10 admitted free if accompanied by parents.

Delegates to Convention.
Rev. C. R. Joyner, Willie Joe Largent and Mrs. Dent Gibson and Miss Iris Garrett are messengers from the First Baptist church of Merkel in attendance this week on the Baptist General convention at Fort Worth.

MERKEL POULTRY ASS'N. RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS; PLANNING FOR FALL SHOW

All officers of the Merkel Poultry association were re-elected Thursday night at the meeting of the association. These officers are: R. A. Ellis, president; E. H. Cordill, vice-president, and Castle Ellis, secretary-treasurer. It was decided that this year the show would be open to the world and that instead of soliciting donations of merchandise from the merchants a catalogue would be published and advertising space sold to help make up the cash prizes.

Secretary Castle Ellis also made the announcement that the entrance fees would not be changed from the usual 25 cents for singles and \$1.00 for pens. These entrance fees are about half the amount charged in most shows of this size, which is somewhat responsible

for the large number of birds entered here each year, the main purpose of the show being to stimulate interest in pure-bred poultry throughout this section.

Following the meeting, President Ellis appointed the following committees: Clifford Eoff, assistant superintendent; housing committee, Marvin Smith, E. H. Cordill and Roy Miller; soliciting committee, George Woodrum, Ollie Dye, R. A. Walker and Forrest Gaither; coop committee, Bob Mayfield and Clifford Eoff; auction committee, E. H. Cordill and E. Yates Brown, auctioneers, John West and Art Sharp, auction secretaries.

A meeting of these committees will be held in the next few days and all preparatory work will be definitely assigned.

SUCCUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS

S. J. Roberts, 81, Resident of Merkel. Since 1905. Laid to Rest At Rose Hill.

S. J. Roberts, 81, resident of Merkel since 1905, succumbed to an illness of several months at his home here at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Elder W. G. Cybert officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were all grandsons: Max and Rex Roberts, of South Bend; Wade Denton, Abilene; R. D. and Claud Tyler, Abilene, and Ben Sublett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyre Sublett, Merkel.

Squire James Roberts, who passed his 81st birthday on September 11, last, was born in Tennessee but his family moved to Arkansas when he was a child. He was married on July 28, 1878, to Miss Margaret Reed at Leon, Texas, and they moved from Ellis county here 26 years ago. Since retiring from active farming, he had resided in Merkel. One of the most highly respected and loved citizens of this section, his going leaves a marked void, not only in the family circle, but in the entire community. Having had the privilege of living a decade more than the allotted three score and ten years, he has closed his useful career here to enter on one more blessed in yonder world.

Survivors are his wife and four children: Mrs. B. T. Sublett and S. W. Roberts, Merkel, and Mrs. R. H. Denton and Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Abilene. Ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and two brothers, George and Jerome Roberts of Waxahachie, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Harvey of Fort Worth, also survive.

Grocer Makes Bond In Murder Charge

George Howell, Trent grocer, charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Paul M. Ueckert, German farmer of Jones county, was released from the county jail, following approval Monday of \$5,000 by Justice W. W. Wheeler here.

Ueckert was fatally shot late Friday afternoon in the Howell grocery store at Trent. He died of a single bullet wound above the heart. He was dead when a physician reached the store a few minutes after the shooting. Exact cause of the quarrel causing the shooting is not known.

Justice Wheeler and Constable N. A. Dowell from here went to Trent just as soon as the news reached here and the body of the slain man was brought to the Barrow Furniture company's funeral home here.

Surviving Ueckert are his wife and seven children. Howell, 60 years old, is also the father of seven children.

Stores Not to Close.
Because Armistice Day falls on Saturday this year, following the example of stores in Abilene and other cities the merchants of Merkel decided not to close their places of business Saturday. The two banks, however, will observe the usual Armistice Day holiday.

MRS. ENSMINGER, 78, PASSES AWAY

Beloved Woman. Who Suffered Injuries in a Fall. Has Gone to Her Heavenly Home.

After an illness beginning August second when she fell in the kitchen of her home and fractured her hip, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger, 78, beloved wife of one of our most highly esteemed citizens and a retired Taylor county farmer, died at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home.

Rev. C. R. Joyner, the family pastor, who returned from the Baptist convention at Fort Worth to hold the services, officiated for the last rites honoring this beautiful character, the services being held from the First Baptist church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: W. J. Sheppard, O. R. Dye, H. G. Neill, W. C. Neill, Ernest Meeks and R. H. Mathews, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger were married on Simmons university campus in Abilene, November 17, 1898. They had resided in Merkel for the past four years, having removed from their farm. Her husband has been a resident of Taylor county for 52 years.

A conscientious and consistent member of the Baptist church, Mrs. Ensminger, as wife and mother, found her greatest pleasure in service to her Master and her loved ones. Her home life was truly beautiful and husband, children and grandchildren have tender memories of her strength of character, devotion and love for their heritage.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ensminger is survived by a daughter of a former marriage, Mrs. Ruth Sapp, of Lewiston, Idaho; a son, Wade Ensminger, who lives in the Canyon, and a grandson, Wade Ensminger, Jr.

Mrs. Sapp had been at her mother's bedside since October 30, having made the second trip from Idaho since Mrs. Ensminger's injury.

Largent Herefornds to Kansas City Next

Next showing of the Largent exhibition Herefornds will be at the Kansas City Royal, 24 head having been loaded out of here Wednesday night. The shipment includes the grand champion bull, grand champion cow and grand champion steer of this year's showings.

Willie Joe Largent stopped over in Fort Worth to attend the Baptist General convention and from there will go to Kansas City.

Record of Births.

- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker, Friday, November 3, 1933.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Melton, Monday, November 6, 1933.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran, residing northeast of town, Monday, November 6, 1933.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Gresham, Monday, November 6, 1933.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Decker, Tuesday, November 7, 1933.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, Thursday, November 8, 1933.

Will Preach at Noodle.
W. G. Cybert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Everyone is invited to hear him.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. L. M. Moody, 28, was burned fatally at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Powell, east of Athens, when she fell backward into a fire.

Having carried bullets received during the Civil War, 70 years ago, E. J. Bartlett, 86, of Lamesa, succumbed to the effects of poison thrown off by the lead in his body.

Texas rail lines have been granted permission by the railroad commission to reduce passenger fares from 3.6 to 2 cents per mile and on Pullman from 3.6 to 3 cents.

Julien C. Hyer, prominent Fort Worth attorney and former president of Lions International, was acquitted in a disbarment suit brought by the Fort Worth Bar association.

The war department has allotted \$100,000 for restoring a 30-foot channel from Aransas Pass to Corpus Christi, which was completed in 1931 but which shoaling has partly filled in over six miles of its 20-mile length.

Maxmillian Elser, 82, who brought the first telegraph line into Fort Worth, later extending it to El Paso, and who drilled the first oil well in Central West Texas, a few miles from Cisco, died at the home of a daughter in Fort Worth.

Walter C. Woodward, of Coleman, member of the state senate for the past ten years, has announced that he would be a candidate for attorney general next year to succeed Attorney General Alford, who will probably be a candidate for governor.

For the distinction of having been the 22,000,000th visitor to the World's Fair, Leslie C. McDonald, 55, farmer and implement dealer of Floydada, received as a prize a 40-acre farm in Michigan, awarded by a Michigan abstract and land company.

A. J. Power, assistant secretary of state and formerly of Fort Worth, was appointed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to be an associate justice of the court of civil appeals for the second district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Judge Truman H. Conner.

Houston Harte, publisher of the San Angelo Standard and Times and former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has accepted appointment on the Texas Relief commission. In accepting same, it became necessary for him to resign as a director of Texas Technological college, upon which he had served for the past seven years.

MERKEL GETS HAMLIN GAME ON HOME FIELD

Date of Game Also Changed From Armistice Day to Monday; Shannon Out But Rest of Badgers in Good Condition.

Date of the Hamlin-Merkel game has been changed from Saturday, Nov. 11, to Monday, Nov. 13, and the locale has also been changed from Hamlin to the local field. This was by mutual agreement of members of the teams, many of whom are employed on Saturdays, and the concurrence of the coaches.

According to dope both teams are evenly matched. Last year Hamlin tossed the Badgers to a 19.0 loss, which will put a little more fighting spirit in the locals for Monday's tilt.

After losing to Roby, the Badgers stand a very slim chance to win the district but even though they are practically out of the race they are entering the Hamlin game expecting a victory.

Shannon will not play against the Pied Pipers because of an injury received last week. The rest of the team is in good condition.

Roby Lions Down Badgers in Closely Contested Tilt Here

Roby outclassing the Badgers in an aerial game won in the last few minutes to play on a pass from Beane to Myers. The pass was good for about 60 yards with Myers then running across the goal line untouched. Try for extra point failed.

Merkel outplayed their rivals in running attack but were outclassed in the air. The Badgers chalked 4 first downs to 2 for Roby, one of the latter's being made on the touchdown play.

Roby had a poor power attack, gaining only 32 yards from scrimmage while Merkel ran up 92. Not bad for a slick, and muddy field.

Gamble, field general for the locals, was outstanding in his backfield. He chalked up the two longest runs of the game, one a thirty yard gain and another 15 yards.

Merkel threatened only once when she reached the 11 yard line, but was held for downs.

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BRUCE BARTON

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FACING THE ENEMY.

Deserted by the people, Jesus for the first time in his public work forsook Palestine and led his wondering but still dutiful disciples into the foreign cities of Tyre and Sidon. The journey gave him a chance to be alone with the twelve; and it was, in a small way, a repetition of his earlier triumphs.

He hated to leave these kindly strangers. Much more he dreaded the thought of another trip through Galilee. What a graveyard of high hopes it was! Every road, every street corner almost every house and tree was alive with memories of his success. Now he must pass each one again, conscious that it might be the last time, his heart weighed down with the thought of high purposes that had brought no response, and sacrifices seemingly in vain. Small wonder that he cried out against Chorazin and Bethsaida and even his own loved Capernaum, the cities for which he had done so much. "Woe unto you," he cried in his loneliness, "for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon they would have repented long ago, in sack-cloth and ashes."

So the spring and summer passed, and autumn came, bringing the feast of tabernacles, which he determined to celebrate in Jerusalem. It was a suicidal resolve. The report of his dwindling influence had been carried to the Temple clique which was emboldened by the information. There were spies in every crowd that listened to him. All this he knew but it did not weigh against his resolve. This might be his last feast. He must be true to his calling at whatever cost. So he went.

They catch one glimpse of him on the Temple steps, surrounded by a partly curious, partly antagonistic crowd. It was his chance to recapture a little of the popular favor, to speak a placating word that might open the way to reconciliation; but no such thought entered his mind. The time for defiance had come. "I have offered you the truth," he cried, "the truth that would make you free." And when they shouted that they were sons of Abraham and hence already free, he replied that they were no children of Abraham, but "children of the devil."

They would have killed him then and there, but their courage failed. Give him rope and he would tangle himself inextricably. Every speech was alienating somebody. When the time was ripe they would seize him.

So they argued among themselves, and he went back once more into his Galilee.

Next Week: Standing Guard.

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PERSONALS

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Loyce Dry.
A recent guest of Mrs. M. L. Holden was her niece, Mrs. Dean Pattillo, of Kingman, Ariz., and Mr. Pattillo, Irvin Freedman, nephew of Mrs. Max Mellinger, has returned from a week's visit with his parents in San Antonio.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson of Greenville have been visitors in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. D. W. Ashby.
Booth Warren, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dee Grimes and Tom Largent were a party taking in the races at Arlington Downs on Thursday of last week.
Misses Margaret and Marjorie Sears, twin daughters of Mrs. Arthur Sears of Abilene, were guests last week of their grandmother, Mrs. Frank Sears.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen returned Thursday to their home in Houston after a week's visit with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and Miss Mary Eula Sears.
Week-end guests of the Woodrums in their new home were Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum and two daughters, Miss Winter Dean and Junnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Oma Woodrum, all of Abilene.
Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, accompanied by Miss Margaret Miller, spent last week-end in Lubbock. Miss Miller visited with her friend, Miss Nell Hughes, who is attending Texas Technological college.
Messrs. Roy Largent and D. L. Stevens were here from Brownwood Tuesday looking over the Largent show cattle before they were loaded for Kansas City to be shown at the Kansas City Royal.
Passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple over the week-end were his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lake, of Waco, accompanied by Mr. Foster, also of Waco. Mr. Lake is deputy sheriff of McLennan county and was en route to El Paso on official business.

Roby Wins

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Higgins, Moore and Pangle played outstanding game on the line, smearing most all of Roby's plays before they reached the line of scrimmage.
Captain Shannon receiving an injury in the opening minutes of the game did not see much action.
Myers and Beane were outstanding for the Lions.
The starting line-ups were:
Merkel Position Roby
Shannon (c) LE Davidson
McAninch LT Spears
Shelton LG Martin
Moore C J. Beane
Pangle RG Beausisme
B. K. Carson RT Mayberry
Jones RE Myers
Gamble Q T. Beane
Durham LH W. Beane
Smith RH Canichols
Boaz F Headstream (c)
Substitutes for Merkel: Higgins for Shannon; Evans for Carson; Adcock for Smith; Richards for Durham; Durham for Richards; Smith for Adcock; Shannon for Higgins; L. K. Carson for Shannon.
Summary of game: yards gained from scrimmage, Merkel 92, Roby 32. Penalties: Merkel, 3 for 45 yards; Roby, 5 for 65 yards.
Yards lost: Merkel 14, Roby 10.
First downs: Merkel 4, Roby 2.
Passes: Merkel tried 10, three complete, 6 incomplete, one intercepted; Roby tried 7, four complete, 3 incomplete.
Yards on passes: Merkel 31, Roby 50.
Score by periods:
Merkel 0 0 0 0-0
Roby 0 0 0 6-6
Officials: referee, Lusby (S. U.), umpire Junell (S. U.), head linesman, Flinn (S. U.)

HOLIDAY NOTICE

On account of Armistice Day, a national holiday, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day Saturday, November 11. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.
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Brother of Late Dr. J. F. Hendricks Dies Only Two Days Later

Moses Hendricks of Oneonta, Ala., who was 84 years old and the only living brother of the late Dr. J. F. Hendricks, survived the latter only a little more than two days. Just an hour before the funeral services were to be held here for Dr. Hendricks, his brother Moses passed away.

The following tribute to Moses Hendricks is reprinted from the Southern Democrat of Oneonta, Ala.:

"Uncle Moses W. Hendricks, one of Blount's best citizens, died at the home of his son, S. M. Hendricks, Sunday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock. He had been seriously ill for about a week.

"Mr. Hendricks was 84 years old and was a member of the Methodist church. He was a consecrated Christian, believed in his Bible and believed in his church. He was no doubt one of the best Bible students in town. A notation on a fly-leaf in his Bible, dated October 11, 1933, says that on that date he had completed reading the New Testament and Psalms through for the fortieth time in the past eleven and one half years. This is a remarkable record, especially for a man of his age.

"Mr. Hendricks belonged to a family that was very prominent in the politics of this county for forty-five years. There were four of the Hendricks brothers, and all of them held office in this county at the same time. Moses was tax collector, Samuel was superintendent of education, John David was county commissioner and Dr. Joseph F. was county health officer. Moses was the last of them to die, Dr. Joseph having died only two days before Uncle Moses. They both died thinking the other was still living.

"Uncle Moses was the father of seven children, all of whom were dead except Sam, with whom he made his home. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

"Funeral services were held at the Lester Memorial church Monday and were conducted by Rev. R. H. Jones and Rev. W. A. Murphree. The remains were carried to Rock Springs, his old home, for burial. A short service was held at the church in which Rev. R. A. Tuck made some very appropriate remarks.

"The services were conducted at the grave with the Masons in charge.

"The pall bearers were: T. A. Maynor, J. L. Etheridge, L. B. Murphee, O. J. Tuck, J. P. Gardner and Mavin Baker."

NECROLOGY

J. J. McCARTNEY.
Funeral services for J. J. McCartney, 76, pioneer Taylor county resident, were held Wednesday afternoon of last week from his home, three miles southwest of Tye, with Rev. L. B. Owens, Baptist minister of Iowa Park and a life long friend of the deceased, officiating. Interment was in the Tye cemetery.
Born in Tennessee in 1857, Mr. McCartney moved to Arkansas in 1872, and then to Texas in 1874, settling at Comanche. He came to Taylor county in 1907, following his marriage 12 years earlier to Miss Nannie Hefner at Comanche. He had been a member of the Baptist church 43 years.
His wife, six children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive. Children are: W. R. Walter, Hubert, Lorena and Marie McCartney and Mrs. Dae Teaff. Grandchildren are Jay, Billie and Jo Ann McCartney and Deverl and Berneel Teaff. Willie Jay McCartney is the great grandchild.

PAUL M. UECKERT.
Funeral services for Paul M. Eckert, 52-year-old German farmer, who was fatally shot at Trent Friday afternoon, were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the family residence at Goodman, with Rev. N. J. Westmoreland, Baptist minister, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery here.
Besides his wife, he is survived by five sons, Bruno, Irvin, Henry, Leo and Paul, Jr., and two daughters, Augusta and Bertha Ueckert.

MISS WINONA CALVERT.
Miss Winona Calvert, age 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert of Sweetwater, died at 3:30 Friday night at the home of her parents four miles south of Sweetwater, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held from her home at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Irye L. Townsend officiating at the rites. Two aunts, Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs. Fred Latham, and an uncle, Bob Martin, reside here. All of these attended the funeral. Others going from here were Miss Julia Martin, C. K. Russell and two daughters, Annie Lou and Mary Jo, Mrs. Forrest Gaither and Miss Mary Emy. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson

of Abilene also attended the funeral. Another aunt, Mrs. John Morgan, resides in Tyler.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the grief and loss of our dear loving husband and father, and for the beautiful floral offerings.
May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.
Mrs. Paul Ueckert and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends who assisted us in any way during the illness, death and burial of our beloved husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings.
May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.
Mrs. J. J. McCartney and Children.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking every one who helped in any way during the long illness and death of our dear husband, father and grandfather, also appreciate the nice floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.
Mrs. S. J. Roberts, Children and Grandchildren.

Will Preach at Salt Branch.

Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at Salt Branch Sunday at both services. Subject at 11 a. m., "God's Sealed Testimony;" at 7:30 p. m., "Tied Boats." Mrs. S. J. T. Williams will give a report of the Texas Baptist convention at Fort Worth at the evening service.

Preaching at Blair Sunday.

Paul Witt, a member of the faculty of Abilene Christian college, will preach at Blair next Sunday and each second Sunday thereafter. There will also be Bible study each Friday night at 7:15, conducted by Homer Hailey of Abilene.

Two Fire Alarms.

Two fire alarms were answered this week: one on Sunday afternoon to Bob McDonald's home where a bundle of clothes in the bathroom had caught fire and the other to the home of J. T. King, which was also confined to the clothes closet.

Attend Aunt's Funeral.

To attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Brown Gilmore, who was buried at Copperas Cove last Saturday, Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Messrs. Len and Vernon Sublett, accompanied by the latter's wife, went to Copperas Cove Friday morning. Mrs. Gilmore was their mother's sister.

Go to Conference.

Rev. E. L. Yeats, accompanied by Clark Church, lay leader for the Abilene district, left Wednesday morning for Clarendon to be present at the Northwest Texas conference of the Methodist church.

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F. Y. Galtber, Ass't Cashier

Condensed Statement of Condition
The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel
Close of Business October 25, 1933

Table with 2 columns: Resource/Item and Amount. Includes Loans, Time and Demand (\$128,237.00), Overdrafts (613.39), Real Estate on Hand (13,586.29), Furniture and Fixtures (6,250.00), Stock in Fed. Res. Bank (2,250.00), 5% Redemption Fund (312.50), U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation (6,250.00), Other U. S. Bonds (\$ 15,000.00), Bills of Exc. (cotton) (19,684.34), Cash & Due from Banks (245,955.13), AVAILABLE CASH (280,639.47), Total (\$438,138.56).
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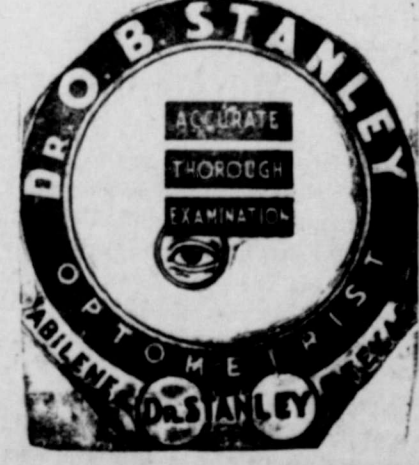


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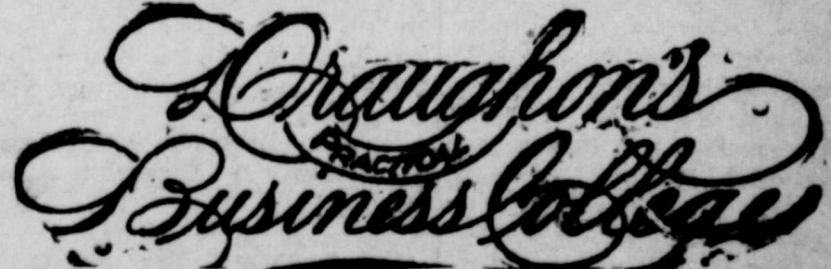
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WHISPERING ROCK

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Synopsis: Ruth Warren, who lived in the East, is willed three-fourth interest in the "Dead Lantern" ranch in Arizona by her only brother who is reported to have met his death while on business in Mexico. Arriving in Arizona with her husband who has ailing lungs and their small child, they learn that the ranch is located 85 miles from the nearest railroad. Old Charley Thane, rancher and rural mail carrier agrees to take them to the "Dead Lantern" gate, 5 miles from the ranch house. As they trudge wearily through a gulch approaching the ranch house, a voice whispers "Go back! . . . Go back!" At the ranch house they are greeted suspiciously by the gaunt rancher partner, Snavelly, and Indian Ann, a herculean woman of mixed negro and Indian blood. Snavelly is difficult to understand but regardless, Ruth takes up the task of trying to adjust their lives to the ranch and its development. Kenneth, Ruth's husband, caught in chilling rain contracts pneumonia and passes away before a doctor arrives. Ruth tries to carry on. She is not encouraged by Snavelly in plans to try and stock the ranch or improve it. She writes to her father in the East asking a loan with which to buy cattle. She receives no reply. Will Thane comes home to visit his father . . . and Ruth meets him. A rancher nearby decides to retire and offers to sell Ruth and Snavelly his livestock on credit. Snavelly tries to balk the deal but Ruth buys to the limit of her three-quarter interest in Dead Lantern ranch.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

The day came when Ruth, Ann, and David set out to obtain some Mexicans. She had told Snavelly that she wanted to go, herself, because she had never seen the town of Palo Verde. It was partly true, but she felt that she had her real reason; she wanted to be sure to get some Mexicans. He refused to go with her and she commanded Ann for an interpreter. She hoped David could stand the ride—it would be twenty miles there and back. They would have to spend the night—Heaven only knew how and where.

They had reached the highway and were perhaps a mile south of the gate when they met a covered wagon, accompanied by a horseman. A lean old Mexican with white mustachios and a wispy goatee, drove the team. Beside him sat a girl of eighteen, whose beautiful fawn-like eyes left the figure of the young horseman, as Ruth and Ann came nearer.

Ann spoke quietly to Ruth, "I think we better ask them people."

"Yes, do."

"Buenos dias, Senor," Ann addressed the old man. He promptly pulled up the horses, arose, and shifting the reins to his left hand swept off his large hat in a courteous bow.

"Buenos dias, Senoras," he replied in a voice which was mellowed graciousness.

Ann turned to Ruth. "They will be good—they come from far in Mexico—'round th' border they doan speak so."

She replied to the old man and continued to talk for some time. The young horseman caressed his tender young mustache and drew a little closer to the girl's side of the wagon. The girl caught her black mantilla about her throat with a dainty ivory hand, her large eyes lowered to the small tips of her toes which rested on

the footboard under a voluminous blue skirt.

Ann talked steadily and with surprising animation for several minutes; her gestures and expression were much like those of the old man. Ruth saw that she spoke Spanish more naturally than English. Finally, she nodded toward Ruth and swept out her arm to indicate the western mountains. The old man was silent for a time after she had finished. He spoke a short sentence to the young horseman. The young man smiled, shrugged his shoulders and said a word or two, his eyes on the girl.

The old man seemed undecided. He asked a few questions of Ann, and after her replies fell into another silence.

The conversation was resumed and continued pleasantly. Suddenly Ann turned to Ruth. "They'll come. We pay them fifty dollars a month, and give them fresh beef when we butcher. The other things they eat they will buy from us. We can fix up a place in the barn fer 'em."

Apparently everything was settled. She spoke to Ann. "What have you learned about these people?"

"I doan' know th' country they come from—a ranch ten days over the line. Don Francisco was the major domo—boss—of the ranch but there was a death an' a changin' amongst the owners that he didn't like, so he left an' come to th' U. S. Alfredo was workin' at the ranch an' come along on account of the girl. They ought to know cattle work."

They were entering the foothills four miles beyond the ranch gate when the old man drew his horses to a stop. Ruth had noticed for some time that he was intently studying the mountains before him. He turned to Ann and asked in his soft, polite, Spanish, "Are these low mountains not named with the name of the wolf?"

"I have heard that once they were called so," replied Ann.

"Ah!"

Ann waited a moment but he did not continue. Thoughtfully, his eyes scanned the mountains. "Why shouldn't they be named for a wolf?" she asked.

"Ah—these mountains, but have I not heard tales of these mountains?" The old man paused again, and there was an undercurrent of anxiety in his voice as he continued. "Do I mistake myself, or is there not one small canon where it is said a reek speaks with a voice of evil. There is a tale of travelers which I remember to have heard in my boyhood—is it not true?"

Ann spoke quickly to Ruth. "He's heard about th' voice. I doan' think he'll go on."

"Oh, Ann! Think of something to tell him. I want these people—I like them. Now, Ann, I'm going to order you to tell the old man what I told you to tell him; if it's wrong to lie

about the voice the blame is on me, not you. And I'm going to ask you never to go through that gulch—we'll build the road around it—and no one will ever go through there again!"

Ann's face was a study. "Well—now—" she said slowly. A moment more of thought and the Indian woman's face brightened with relief. "Why, I don't see but maybe that'll work—Gawd, Miss Ruth, I wish you'd thought of that before!" She turned to the old man and after a few minutes' talk he smiled and gathered up the reins.

"Ann, we can't let them go through! Here, you lead David's horse and give Don Francisco mine. Tell him and Alfredo that you want to show them where we are going to build a road soon—see? Take them around the gulch. I'll drive the team through and take David and the girl. I think I can handle her even if—even if she does think she hears something. Those are my orders, Ann!"

The Indian woman spoke at length to the old man. He did not seem very eager to relinquish his seat on the wagon, but already Don Francisco had placed himself under Ruth's authority. It was strange and rather unseemly to be employed by a woman, thought the old man, a beautiful American woman, who was so fragile and yet had such great strength in her eyes. Ah, these Americanos! What wonders their cities must be—still, it was best to come into this country by way of work with which one was familiar.

Ruth drove the wagon with David and Magda seated beside her. She had never in her life driven a team, but it was not necessary to do other than hold the reins; the horses were content to follow the road. As they neared the brown boulder, Ruth began talking animatedly to Magda, her smiling lips close to the Mexican girl's ear. Yet she need not have done so; there

was no whispering voice in the vicinity of the rock.

Snavelly was not in sight when Ruth arrived at the barn where Ann and the two Mexicans were waiting. But ten minutes later, as Ruth and her son were on their way to the ranch house (Ann stayed with the new arrivals to help them establish themselves) Snavelly rode out of the trail west of the corrals toward Ruth. She stopped to wait for him.

"Thinkin' of startin' a town on the Dead Lantern?" he asked without smiling.

Ruth laughed. "No, we only brought three. We found them on the main road—they've come from Mexico. I think they'll be good workers—they know cattle."

"What's the woman for?"

"The girl? Oh, she's the older man's daughter—I suppose she'll just keep house for them."

Snavelly looked at Ruth for a long moment in silence, his slits of eyes glinting jerkily. Suddenly he left her and rode toward the barn, dismounting at the saddle shed.

When she reached the porch of the ranch house Ruth paused with her hand on the door, and, changing her mind, seated herself on the rawhide cot.

When next her eyes sought the barn Ann was nearly at the house. The giantess went to the rear and entered the kitchen without noticing Ruth. Ruth had risen to join Ann when she saw the distant figure of Alfredo come out of the barn with a rolled mattress on his shoulder, walk to the wagon (Continued on Page Four)

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ARMISTICE DAY.

On the evening of Nov. 11, 1918, in the trenches of France, the scenes were very different. For four years and a half there had been continuous fighting. It seemed that there would always be war. Would it never end?

It was cold and very dreary. A heavy mist hung low over the country and through the mist could be seen the lights of many campfires. This was something new—campfires burning at the front! How different from the previous nights, when campfires were not dreamed of, when matches struck for any purpose at all were carefully concealed under the body, out of sight of chance airplanes that might be hovering about, ready to send a bomb into their midst!

It seemed like a dream—those fires on the hill sides, those lights at the windows. They were proof that the war was over, but yet, the mind refused to accept them. War for four years and a half—and then peace.

Out of the midst floated snatches of songs. They were songs of home. The war had ended—ended in triumph for the allies. They were going home. That, I think, was one of the deepest meanings of Armistice Day for the American troops in France.

In America, it seemed as if the people would go mad. Their boys were coming home. Many of the boys, who had left in good health, were coming back, injured for life. Many were not coming back at all. They were sleeping in Flanders' field and many a mother waited for her son in vain.

"Let us always remember the deeds of these brave men who met their death in the trenches, and the other men and women behind the lines—who laid down their lives for freedom and peace."

DEFEAT.

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PEP RALLY.

After the Pep Rally during the chapel period on Friday, November 3, the conversation between Jessie Margaret Berry and Neil Durham was overheard by the Society Editor.
N: "Jessie Margaret, what did you think of the Pep Rally this morning?"
J. M.: "It was all right, except for one thing."
N: "What was that?"
J. M.: "They forgot to mention your sidestepping—Did you notice Mary Helen Lancaster's face light up when they yelled:

He's grand,
He's fine,
He knows how to plunge that line,
Boaz!"
N: "I certainly did. What was Milton grinning about when they yelled:
He's a peach,
He's a dream,
He's the captain of our team,
Yea! Shannon!"
J. M.: "They gave the little boy a great big hand when he tried to make a speech too."
N: "Did you notice when Annie Lee made the threat about having to make a speech if you didn't yell, that Coach didn't yell!"
J. M.: "But of course, his speech was a good one. By the way, Mr. Burgess forgot to mention about 'paying the fiddler if you want to dance.'"
N: "Can you 'imagine' Mrs. Hay-

nes' yelling that yell that begins 'wild and woolly'?"
J. M.: "Oscar didn't understand exactly how to yell:
We gotta' school,
We gotta' yell . . ."
N: "There goes the bell."
J. M.: "Well, come up and see me sometime—anytime."

TWO CHANCES.

You have two chances: one of getting the germ and one of not. And if you get the germ, you have two chances: one of getting the disease and one of not. And if you get the disease, you have two chances: one of dying and one of not. And if you die—well, you still have two chances.

THE SENIORS.

The Seniors are supposed to be smart; but none of us could figure out why Mr. Burgess had so much feed on his front porch, and out on his lawn. We'll give Bud Toombs first prize. He said Mr. Burgess must be going into the cattle business. Now all he lacks is the cows.

Bessylea Church.

Bessylea has been a faithful member of the Pep Squad and Choral club for the last two years. This year she is in the Dramatic club. She also serves as one of the reporters of the Choral club Bessylea has a smile ready for everyone at all times. We know she'll succeed in everything she attempts.

Howard Carson.

If you want to see a good sport, just take a look at "Little Kit" Carson. He has come out for football for the last four years. He didn't get to play very much, but did that stop him from coming out? We should say not! He kept on coming out. He still doesn't get to play very often, but it isn't because of his not knowing how. Everyone admires Little Kit, and we hope he's always the sport he was in Merkel High school.

PEP NEWS.

The suggestion has been made that the Pep Girls turn the record over. Maybe the yells are a shade monotonous but just ask Julia, Etoie and Lois if Billy and Wanda can't holler, especially when it's—below zero and they have to ride in the jump seat.

Ask:
Julia who Mr. Riddle calls "pet" now.
Wanda how came the scar over Mr. Riddle's left eye.
Billy Gardner how it feels to be hand cuffed to the one you love.
Clara Frances whose heart the key she stole belongs to.

HUMOROUS.

Bessie B.: "Gosh, but this coffee is weak!"
Cotton Owens: "Oh, yeah? Well, you'd be weak too, if you'd been hot as long as it has."

Mr. Irvin (in third year Spanish class): "Young man, are you the teacher of this class?"
Jack P.: "No, sir."
Mr. Irvin: "Then don't talk like an idiot."

Betty G.: "You fresh thing. Who said that you could kiss me?"
Bud G.: "Joe Cook."

Mr. Riddle: "What is the most outstanding contribution chemistry has given to the world?"
Thomas Jones: "Blonde."

Jack W.: "I made a blunder the other night."
Raymond W.: "How was that?"
Jack W.: "My mother asked me if I wanted some corn and I passed my glass."

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Whispering Rock

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and toss it in. Immediately behind him came Magda, an olla on her head and a half-filled sack in her hand. She also placed her load in the wagon and returned to the barn. By the time Don Francisco emerged with two chairs and an armful of smaller things, Ruth was well on her way.

"Why are you putting your things in the wagon?" she called to Alfredo who came out of the barn carrying a copper tub as she approached.
The young man placed the tub in the wagon, regarded Ruth with a shrug and remained silent, his fingers smoothing his mustache.

Snavelly was standing just inside the door.

"What did you say to them?" demanded Ruth.
"Well, I fired them, that's what I did! Do you think I'm going to have a lyn', undependable bunch of trash like that on this place? They tell me they won't work an' are fixin' to leave; then you come down here and they let on they will work—what can you do with people like that?"
Ruth did not reply, but she went to Magda and taking her arm pointed to the ranch house. "Come, Magda."

The Mexican girl's eyes questioned her. Ruth smiled and led Magda toward the house. The three men followed.

At the kitchen door, Ruth turned and addressed Snavelly. "You men will have to stay out here," she smiled. "I want to talk to Magda with Ann's help—it's going to be a purely feminine conversation. Excuse us, please."
Snavelly took a step forward, then stopped.

"Ann," said Ruth when she had led Magda into the kitchen, "ask her is it not true that she loves Alfredo. Don't embarrass her—make it just between us girls."

But Magda was very much embarrassed. She drew her mantilla about her face and twisted one foot. But she nodded.

"Good! Now, Ann, you tell her that if she and her people stay and are good workmen, that I'll help her and Alfredo build a little house, and that I'll give them ten acres of land which is not included in the partnership but is part of some that I own. Tell her that she and Alfredo and her father can have this land forever. And tell her that they are working for me, not for Mr. Snavelly."

Magda was transfixed with joy and embarrassment when Ann ceased to speak. The girl took an uncertain step toward Ruth. Suddenly, she curtsied almost to the floor and kissed her hand, as though she were a great queen.

"Well," said Ann, "I can't tell you what she said 'cause I don't know th' fancy words in English—anyhow she thinks you're powerful good. But she says she can't tell Alfredo nothin' 'cause he ain't asked her to marry him yet. But she says that she'll see to it that they stay here forever an' work much."

"Ask her why they were going to leave."
Before the Mexican girl had ceased to reply, sudden fear filled Ann's face. The Indian woman did not translate Magda's words; she left the kitchen, crossed the back porch and entered her room.

Magda looked at Ruth, puzzled. "The man say we go."
Ruth smiled and shook her head. "No go, Magda."

"No, no, no—ah, mil, mil gracias, Senora!"

There is a tradition in southern Arizona and northwestern Mexico that the summer rains begin on the Day of San Juan—the twenty-fourth of June. Especially in the San Jorge Valley, for it is here that the venerable Ambrosio Vega is said to have kept rain records for six and forty years. The discerning still say they can make out his records scratched in the adobe on the left of the altar niche—in the ruin which was once his home.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. John Payne of Abilene visited Thursday of last week in the home of Mrs. Cecil McRee.

Miss Elizabeth Winn is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Boots Brown in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Horace Taylor, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, has joined her husband in Fairfield.

Isom Burks received medical attention in Abilene the first of the week.

Mrs. Jack Bright left for an extended visit with her parents at Decatur.

Mrs. J. E. Gabbard attended the bedside of her mother, Mrs. R. H. Dorsett of Winters, who is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Hosea Winn and Ann Boone spent the week-end in Sweetwater as guests of Charley Pennal and family.

L. Z. Titsworth of Rankin, who is working in Merkel, was a Trent visitor last Friday.

Charley Howell and Mrs. Helen Greigston of Sylvestor slipped quietly away to Wichita Falls and were married on Hallowe'en night. They went from there to Altus, Okla., on their honeymoon. We wish for them a happy married life.

Mrs. Griffith of Abilene was a week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Cal Hamner.

Mrs. Sam McLeod, who is teaching at I. X. L., spent the week-end with friends and relatives.

Andrew Archer, who has traded for a place on the Plains, was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Doone visited the latter's parents in Sweetwater Sunday.

The Trent football team played Monday the past week, the score resulting 19-0 in favor of Monday.

Jack Bowers of Abilene was home for the week-end.

Mrs. Billingsly of Abilene was a recent visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Abilene were visitors here Saturday.

Miss Mattie Horton and Mr. Mitchell Cooper, accompanied by Melvin Horton and Miss Maimie Lee Kilgore, were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage in Merkel, Rev. E. L. Yeats, the pastor, officiating. They have a host of friends who wish for them a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of La-

mesa were here visiting friends and relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers, who is at Scott and White's sanitarium in Temple, is reported as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlt O'Kelley and son, W. E., were Sweetwater visitors Monday.

R. B. Johnson, Jr., spent the week-end in Blackwell on a ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dunn of Brownfield were recent guests of C. C. Stribling and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElmurry of White Flat celebrated their new son-in-law's eighteenth birthday with a six o'clock dinner Sunday.

Hubert Beckham, Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Rev. W. H. Howell and wife, Mrs. J. B. Winn and Miss Elizabeth Winn were appointed by the church to attend the Baptist State convention in Fort Worth this week as messengers.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt entertained with a party Hallowe'en night, naming their son, Kenneth, as honoree. Misses Mildred Steadman and Doreen Scott were co-hostesses in entertaining. Various games were played and refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cookies and lemonade, were served to a large number of children and their parents.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cooper enjoyed a family reunion Tuesday. Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cooper, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper and two children, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Graham, Caddo Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Ike Driggers and baby, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cooper, Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Cooper, White Flat.

CHURCH SOCIAL.

Mrs. M. G. Scott entertained with a quilt piecing at her home Wednesday evening. The one piecing the greatest number of pieces on a ten-inch square was to receive the quilt and Mrs. Mollie Williams was the happy winner, placing 100 pieces on the square. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mesdames Wash, Gafford, Wood, Steen, Strawn, Manfill, C. C. McRee, R. B. McRee, R. B. McRee, Jr., Rogers, Burks, Williamson,

Reed, Williams, Cribley, Shouse, Martin Misses Imogene Mangum and Maimie Gafford and the hostess.

ROUND-UP CLUB ENTERTAINS.

The Round-Up club was hostess Tuesday evening to a three featured program at the home of Mrs. C. T. Beckham. Feature No. 1 was the barbecued weiners steak, with plenty of pumpkin pies, hot chocolate and coffee. While the eats were being prepared the guests were entertained with songs played on guitars by A. C. Terry, Jr., Mark Williamson and Glenn Reaves. Afterwards a hobbler hurdle and an obstacle race were rather laughable affairs, especially Louie McRee, Andy Shouse, Allen Terry and Herbert Poor when they donned their skirts and tried to make the hurdle.

Feature No. 2 was a shower given Miss Mildred McElmurry and Leonard Stribling who had planned to be married Saturday. After the outside program was finished, each one was invited into the house to view the gifts that were prettily arranged in the living room and dining room. Leonard and Mildred arose shakily to give their thanks to the guests for the lovely gifts and Leonard in a timid voice announced that Rev. W. H. Howell of Abilene had something to say.

Feature No. 3—wedding bells began to ring, they were quietly married. This was a complete surprise to everyone with the exception of the immediately family.

Those present were the families of W. H. McElmurry, C. C. Stribling, Walker Steadman, Frank Allen, Wallace Kelley, Roy Stewart, Herbert Poor, Garland Franks, Bill Reynolds, Rev. W. H. Howell of Abilene, T. H. Williamson, J. P. Roberts, Alex Williamson, J. B. Winn, M. G. Scott, J. M. Strawn, T. G. Hamner, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. O. L. Reaves and Glenn, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. G. H. McElmurry, Mrs. Walter McElmurry, Mrs. Hub Kegans, Misses Maurine Smith, Virgie Strawn, Lois Powell, Anna Bell Bailey, and Allen Terry, Hubert Beckham, Louie McRee, Andy Shouse and A. C. Terry, Jr.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

INSURANCE FOR ELDERLY folks, ages up to 85, \$1,000. Insure today; tomorrow may be too late. It's better to be safe than sorry. J. S. Frederick, Agent, Box 535, Merkel, Texas, Oasis Hotel.

WHO WANTS A BEAUTIFUL PIANO AT A BARGAIN? We have in this vicinity a splendid upright piano with a duet bench to match. Also a lovely Baby Grand in two tone mahogany. Rather than reship will sell either of these at a bargain. Terms if desired. Might take live stock as part payment. Address at once, Brook Mays & Co., The Reliable Piano House, Dallas, Texas.

FOR SALE—J. P. Frederickson home, three lots, \$1,000; \$25.00 down payment, \$10.00 per month, at 4 per cent interest. Address Mrs. Mary Frederickson, 1235 East Filmore St., Phoenix, Ariz.

FOR SALE—4 milk cows \$35.00 to \$40.00 each; also good piano for \$50 cash; 150 egg incubator for \$10.00. W. C. Mattingly, Merkel, Texas, Rt. 1.

FOR SALE—32 model Plymouth coupe; perfect condition; a bargain. Lesby Patterson.

FOR SALE—3,363 acre ranch, near Snyder, at \$7.50 per acre; permanent water; this is an exceptional bargain; act quick, if interested. E. D. Jefferson, Box 504, Stamford, Texas.

SLIGHTLY USED SINGER portable sewing machine, worth the money; also good milk cow with young calf. Mrs. R. L. Adcock

FOR RENT—Two story brick building on Kent street. Mrs. A. H. Thornton, 801 First St., Terrell, Texas.

WANTED TO BUY—Old houses to wreck. W. R. Campbell, Merkel, Tex.

LOST AND FOUND
—Package containing baby's shoes and ladies' shoes and hose and their articles; was put by mistake in wrong car in Merkel Friday. If found, notify O. J. Fikes, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
The State of Texas
County of Taylor:
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 25th day of October, 1933, by Geo. W. Harwood, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four & 13/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, a corp., in a certain cause in said court. No. 3902-A and styled The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, a corp. vs Gerdie L. Davis, et al. placed in my hands for service, I Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 31st day of October, 1933, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being all that certain tract of land containing 100 acres, more or less, situated near the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being 100 acres off the West side of lot No. 5 in the J. A. Evans subdivision of the D. B. Corley survey No. 3, and being described as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said lot 5, which is 551

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vs. north 75 east and 1244 vs. north 15 west from the SW corner of the said D. B. Corley survey No. 3; Thence south with the SE line of said lot 5, 169.44 vs. to the SE corner of this tract; Thence north, parallel with the SE line of said lot 5, 1256 vs. to the NE line of the same for NE corner hereof; Thence in a westerly direction with the said NE line 449.44 vs. to the NW corner of said lot 5; Thence in a southerly direction with the WB line of said lot 1256 vs. to the place of beginning; and being the same land conveyed to Taylor F. Davis by J. R. Gray and L. B. Mast by deed dated August 19, 1924, and recorded in Vol. 143, page 588, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Gerdie L. Davis, et al and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1933, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Gerdie L. Davis et al.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice for publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.
Witness my hand, this 31st day of October, 1933.
Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

RURAL SOCIETY
MERRY WORKERS CLUB.
Merry Workers club of Tye was feted with a Hallowe'en party by Mrs. Alfred Thomas and Mrs. Milburn Warner, in the home of the latter. Guests wore costumes, and following games and contests, were served a hot supper plate.
Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore, Mrs. Tom Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rister, Mr. and Mrs. Wert Cross, Mr. Warner, Mr. Thomas, Misses Jeffie Steger, Laura Barnett, Maurine Tipton and E. Crawford.

McCOY-TOUCHSTONE.
Uniting two prominent families of the Sand Bar and Hawley communities, Miss Ruby Touchstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Touchstone, and F. L. McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCoy, were united in marriage at 7:15 Saturday evening at the home of Elder W. G. Cypert, who officiated for the happy nuptials. Best wishes of a large circle of friends are being extended the popular young

AN ORDINANCE.
entitled an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation and levying a tax for general revenue, interest and Sinking Fund, Sewer Bond Fund, Water Works Extension Fund, Street Improvement Fund and Warrant Fund for the year 1933.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel:
Section 1. Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Merkel in regular session assembled, that there be levied, and collected, by the city assessor and collector, of the City of Merkel, for the year 1933, on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of said City of Merkel, the hereinafter named rate of taxes, for the purposes mentioned therein; to-wit:
For the general fund a tax of \$48 on the \$100.00 valuation;
For the Interest and Sinking Fund a tax of \$.04 on the \$100.00 valuation;
For the Sewer Bond Fund a tax of \$.03 on the \$100.00 valuation;
For the Water Works Extension Fund a tax of \$.20 on the \$100.00 valuation;
For the Street Improvement Fund a tax of \$.06 on the \$100.00 valuation;
For the Warrant Fund a tax of \$.42 on the \$100.00 valuation.
Section 2. The fact that no ordinance has been passed this year fixing the rate and levying the taxes for 1933 and the fact that taxes for 1933 are now due creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and the ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the passage and publication of same.
W. M. Elliott,
Mayor.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.
On account of Armistice Day, a national holiday, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day Saturday, November 11. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.
The Farmers State Bank.
The F. & M. National Bank.
Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

HONOR ROLL
MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL.
The following pupils in the Mt. Pleasant school were reported by Jesse H. Morgan, principal, as being on the honor roll for the first month of the school term:
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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Oct. 25th, 1933.
ASSETS
1. Loans and discounts \$123,237.00
2. Overdrafts 613.30
3. United States Government securities owned 21,250.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned 5,038.59
5. Furniture and fixtures 6,250.00
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20. Circulating notes outstanding 6,250.00
29. Capital account:
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share \$50,000.00
Surplus 10,000.00
Undivided profits—net 4,714.80
Reserves for contingencies 64,714.80
Total, including Capital Account \$438,138.56

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of November, 1933.
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(SEAL) CORRECT—ATTEST:
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THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 10 AND 11

Sugar	Pure Cane, cloth bag, 10 pounds	49c
BEANS, Pinto, 5 pounds		25c
Spuds	No. 1 Brown Beauty 10 pounds	18c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25 oz.		19c
POST TOASTIES, pkg.		12c
CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg.		33c
COCOANUT, Southern Style, can		12c
Coffee	Sun Up pound	19c
COCOA, B & W, 2 lb. can		23c
BRAN FLAKES, R & W, pkg.		10c
Raisins	4 lb. pkg. seeded	30c
PEACHES, dried, 2 pounds		25c
MACARONI, R & W, 2 pkgs.		15c
Grapes	Tokays pound	5c
ORANGES, California, dozen		23c
Lettuce, head		5c
APPLES, Jonathan, doz.		18c
Celery, stalk		14c
TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for		27c
CORN, No. 2 can, 3 for		
PINEAPPLE, No. 1 can, 3 for		
SOUP, R & W, 3 can		
PEACHES, No. 1 can, R & W, 2 for		23c
PORK & BEANS, B & W, 4 cans		25c
Bacon,	sugar cured sliced, pound	18c
SPINACH, R & W, No. 1 can, 2 for		23c
WESSON OIL, with mixer		49c
Compound	4 lb. carton	29c
CHILI, 1 pound brick, pound		15c
Cheese	lb.	15c
BACON, dry salt, pound		10c

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS
FOR RESULTS—PHONE 61



SILVER TEA.

More than one hundred invitations were sent out by the Mary Martha Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church to a Silver Tea from 3 to 6 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. B. Gardner's new and lovely home was the place. Mesdames H. C. Williams, E. L. Yeats, W. S. J. Brown, R. A. Burgess and C. V. Shelton stood in receiving line.

Mrs. Will J. Sheppard, as chairman of the program committee, arranged a most enjoyable musical program, including a piano solo by Marjorie Bland of Abilene, a violin solo by Miss Ruth Lasley of Abilene, a reading by Evelyn Sears, a vocal solo by Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene, accompanied by Billie Gardner, and a reading by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and Mrs. Warren Smith presided at the tea table from 3 to 4. Mrs. Warren Smith and Mrs. C. H. Jones from 4 to 5, and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mrs. Elmer Lowe from 5 to 6.

A complete guest list follows: Mesdames Dee Grimes, H. C. Williams, W. S. J. Brown, Will J. Sheppard, R. A. Burgess, Allen McGehee, B. M. Tipton, E. L. Yeats, Lee Tipton, Bill Haynes, Fred Hughes, Ernest Old of Abilene, R. A. Walker, F. P. Hamm, Sam Butman, Sr., B. H. Lancaster, Earl Teague, Kenneth Sharp, Denzel Cox, B. M. Williams, Jr., H. M. Rainbolt, Ida Armstrong, Charles H. Jones, Tom Largent, Lige Gamble, C. M. Largent, J. P. Sutphen, R. L. Bland, F. E. Church, Eli Case, Herbert Patterson, Amy Sears, C. K. Russell, W. A. McSpadden, W. J. Largent, F. E. Newberry, J. M. Dunn, Jr., C. V. Shelton, J. W. McNeese, Warren C. Smith, Cecil Guthrie, Milton Case, Sie Hamm, R. B. Irvin, I. O. Pearson, Jr., J. O. Lusby, J. T. Dennis, Len Sublett, J. J. Russell, Jr., James West, and Misses Missie Dye, Mary Eula Sears, Loyce Dry, Lottie Butman, Vera Walker, Mabel McRee, Helen Patterson, Evelyn Curb, Julia Martin, Johnnie Sears, Derris Durham, Estelle Terry, Doris Yates, Alma Morgan, Imogene Hayes and Stella King.

MERKEL GIRL HONORED.

Miss Vernie Derrick, daughter of C. T. Derrick of this city, has been elected to membership in the Julius Olsen chapter of the Scholarship Society of the South, which is composed of members of the junior and senior classes of Simmons university who have made an excellent record there. Membership in this society is based on three points: character, reputation and scholarship. The scholarship requirement is that the student have an average grade of 90 or above, have not more than ten demerits and have no record of hazing. Membership in this society is the highest honor accorded to any group in the university. This year it has fifteen members.

Miss Derrick, who is a Senior in Simmons, was an honor graduate of Merkel High school in 1929.

GLEANERS CLASS PARTY.

The church parlors of the Methodist Sunday School were the meeting place for members of the Gleaners class on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames D. H. Vaughn, L. D. Boyd and Chas. Iddings were co-hostesses in entertaining. A devotional was brought by Mrs. E. L. Yeats, which was followed by a business meeting and social hour.

Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, pumpkin pie, whipped cream, coffee and mints were passed to Mesdames Latham, Roy Baucus, W. S. J. Brown, Lowe, Case, Shannon, Clyde Sears, Fred Hughes, Buck Mashburn, Yeats, Buzbee, Guitar, Edsel Church, Bennett, Burgess, Vaughn, Boyd and Iddings, Miss Athelda Yeats and Rev. E. L. Yeats.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The King's Daughters class of the Methodist Sunday School met in social and business session Tuesday afternoon in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson on Oak street. Mrs. M. Armstrong gave an unusual and interesting devotional. The presi-

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

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CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had a good crowd Sunday morning, considering the inclement weather. Our pastor emphasized the importance of putting first things first—that we will attend to all business, go to day school regardless of the weather, but if it is cold or rainy on Sunday we all with one accord begin to make excuses.

Our superintendent, W. J. Largent, has been with us for several Sundays; he will be away with his show cattle for about a month now, after which he will be at home for the winter.

The training course conducted by Brother Joyner was concluded Friday night with several taking examinations.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Baptist W. M. S. met in regular monthly business meeting Monday. We adopted as our watchword Joshua 1:9. "Be strong and of good courage; for Jehovah is with thee." It was decided to give a shower to Brother Lee and his wife of Sweetwater. He is now our beneficiary. It will be given to them Thanksgiving day. Our offering for Buckner's Orphans home was valued at \$75.00. Next Monday is Royal Service study.

SENIOR-PREP B. T. S.

Subject: "Young womanhood at the feet of Jesus."
Part 1, Vivian Davis.
Part 2, Clara Frances Largent.
Part 3, Coirene Morrison.
Part 4, Mary Helen Lancaster.
Part 5, Jessie Margaret Berry.
Everyone is urged to be present next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Any who are not attending Sunday School elsewhere are cordially invited to come join us.

No preaching service, as this is pastor's Sunday at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The pastor being away at conference, there will be no preaching service at the morning hour and members will visit with other churches in the city. Sunday School as usual.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for next week as follows:

dent and secretary presented the business of the class with dispatch and order. Then an interesting social hour and a lovely program was much enjoyed by all, especially the vocal solos so sweetly given by Misses Anne Lee Blake, Dorothy Shannon and Mary Jo Russell, with Miss Christine Collins at the piano. Needless to say, the little ladies will be welcome again.

Mrs. Sam Butman read a poem of love and appreciation, written to her by her brother, Latrobe Vaughn, which was so much enjoyed that she was asked to give a second reading. An interesting and unique cake contest provoked the minds of the cake makers. At the tea hour a delightful sandwich plate was served to twenty-three active class members and five visitors. Mesdames Patterson, Coats and Russell, assisted by Mrs. Claude Dye, proved most gracious hostesses. Each guest departed happy to have enjoyed the hospitality of this home.

DULL HEADACHES GONE

SIMPLE REMEDY DOES IT
Headaches caused by constipation are gone after one dose of Adlerika. This cleans all poisons out of BOTH upper and lower bowels. Gives better sleep, ends nervousness. Merkel Drug Co.

What is a Bladder Physic?

A medicine that works on the bladder as castor oil on the bowels. Drives out impurities and excess acids that cause irritation which results in getting up nights, frequent desire, burning, leg pains and backache. BUCKETS (5 gr. Tablets) is a pleasant bladder physic.

Get a 25c test box from your druggist. After four days if not relieved go back and get your money. You will feel good after this cleansing and you get your regular sleep. Merkel Drug Co. says, "Buckets is a best seller."

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day. Preaching 11 a. m. Young People's program at 4 p. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m.

The usual Wednesday evening program with Bible study at 7:30 conducted by Brother West, followed by a sermon by one of the young preachers from A. C. C.

The change in the Young People's program caused by the young people from Abilene South Side church coming over to put on a program. Come out to hear them.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend all of our services. The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Attendance was short last Sunday on account of bad weather but we enjoyed two services that day. Come next Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. N. Y. P. S. for both young and older at 6:30 p. m. It is a good program; come and hear it. We will have a good warm fire for you to enjoy and be comfortable. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Our assembly time will soon be here. It will convene at Cisco Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

In spite of rainy, bad weather last Sunday, we had our all-day service and all of us enjoyed the sermon by Brother Shepherd and the special songs by Brother and Sister Shepherd.

We urge every member of our church to be at Bible School and church service next Sunday morning. "Why churches die and preachers sigh" will be the subject for Sunday morning. "A shocking surprise" awaits every member of the church. "The crisis" has come; the test of discipleship is here.

The church will come face to face Sunday morning with the most tremendous responsibility ever yet experienced in its short history. Every member will be asked to make a voluntary decision and much depends on that decision. The future welfare of the church is involved; souls are hanging in the balances. Let every true loyal member of our church be present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The first cold spell of the season cut the Sunday School attendance to only 479 here last Sunday. On the previous Sunday the six Sunday Schools reported 835 present. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 789.

Epworth League Will Sponsor Box Supper

The Epworth league will give on Friday night, November 18, 1933, a "Box Supper" at the Methodist church. All of the young people of Merkel are invited to attend.

Girls, don't forget to fix a pretty box as well as a good one because this is a good chance to catch some of the boys.

The time is 7:30; everybody be there. There will be a program of comedy, dialogue, songs and other things. The supper will be prepared by some of the future cooks of America.

Don't forget 7:30, Nov. 18, 1933, the Methodist church.

Woodrums Open Dining Room.

The Woodrums have re-opened their dining room to the public in the new Woodrum home on the site of the Woodrum hotel, destroyed by fire four months ago. This will be especially good news to traveling men and transient guests, as the reputation of the Woodrum hotel for serving palatable food has been established for many years.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Armistice Day, a national holiday, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day Saturday, November 11. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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Bananas Extra nice dozen	18c
CORN FLAKES , per pkg.	10c
Peanut Butter 2 lb. qt. jar	25c
PICKLES , sour qt. jar	20c
Crackers Saltines 2 lb. box	28c
MACKEREL , tall cans, 3 for	25c
Flour Honest Abe, 48 lbs.	\$1.90
Canadian's Rose, 48 lbs.	\$1.65
PORK & BEANS 16 oz. can 4 for	25c
MUSTARD , Prepared, qt. jar	15c
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