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## BILL PROVIDES SUSPENSION OF FORECLOSURES

Sales Advertised for Tuesday of Current Week Halted by Legislature; New Measure for Future Being Studied.

Austin, Feb. 8.—Suspension of advertised sales of foreclosed real estate, scheduled for last Tuesday throughout the state, was ordered by the Texas legislature Monday when it passed a bill authorizing a postponement for thirty days.

The suspension bill was passed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of each house and because of the emergency clause became law immediately when the chief executive signed it.

It was the first law passed by this special session of the legislature, called by Governor Ferguson to enact statutes designed to help debtors and others, harrassed by the existing financial depression.

The thirty day moratorium on forced sales was intended to ease the situation until the legislature could consider legislation meant to obtain until the present emergency had passed, providing the courts after a hearing may order postponement of mortgage foreclosure sales where the debtor has a worthwhile equity in the property affected and shows the proper disposition to care for the obligations against it.

The law postponing sales provides that where the debtor and creditor agree that a sale should be consummated it could go on.

## Three Bishops Speak on Sweetwater Program

Three bishops presented the program of the all-day evangelistic rally of the churches of the south half of the Northwest Texas conference of the Methodist church at Sweetwater Monday. They were Bishop H. A. Boaz of Houston, Arthur J. Moore of San Francisco and John M. Moore of Dallas.

Among those from here attending the rally were Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mashburn and son, Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, John Hughes, and Mesdames E. C. Spurgin, Eli Case, Etycl Church, H. C. Williams, E. M. Black and J. R. Pee.

**Pro Cases Wiped Off.**  
Washington, Feb. 8.—More than 14,000 alleged bootleggers were freed from threat of prosecution under the Jones and Volstead acts when the supreme court Tuesday swept from federal court dockets every prohibition case pending since the repeal of the 18th amendment.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 6, 1914.)

**SLUMBER PARTY.**  
At five o'clock Tuesday afternoon a crowd of jolly girls arrived at the home of S. F. Haynes. The girls were dressed in white middle blouses and dark skirts. At six o'clock a perfectly appointed dinner was served; the girls then made candy. An hour later several boys joined the merry makers in bunco and "42." Delightful music was furnished by Misses Mattie T. Mann, Bess Touchstone, and Grace Diltz. Before the boys said goodnight Miss Gladys Haynes served fruit, cake, candy and hot chocolate to Misses Tommy Lou Coggin, Bess Touchstone, Lillie Dean, Amy Gunn, Gertrude Cauthen, Evalyn Turner, Mattie T. Mann, Grace Diltz, Messrs. Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Ino Mann, Oscar Pate, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Jack Walker, Choe Jones, Raymond Touchstone and Emzi Burroughs. The girls were greatly shocked when they found out some one had turned back the clock.

Steve Duckett made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

## Merkel Girl One Of 38 On Honor Roll at McMurry

Margaret Turner, a sophomore student in McMurry college and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner of Merkel, was among the thirty-eight students named on the college honor roll at the close of the first semester.

Miss Turner had a total of 54 grade points. In order to be named on the honor roll, a student must rank among the upper tenth of the student body scholastically, with grade points the basis of rank: an A 12 points, a B 9, a C 6 and a D 4 points.

## CIA Enrollment Third Over Figure Year Ago

Denton, Feb. 8.—Miss Mildred Swafford, daughter of T. J. R. Swafford of Merkel, has enrolled for the second semester in Texas State College for Women (CIA). She is a junior kindergarten-primary major.

Enrollment of new students at CIA shows an increase of approximately 33 per cent over the second semester of last year, according to figures released by the college. Although more than a week remains for late registration, the total number enrolled for this semester now stands at 1,097.

## Death Claims Little H. F. J. Inez Melton

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Hazel Inez Melton, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. J. Melton, the little girl having died Tuesday afternoon from diphtheria. An Elder W. G. Cypert was in charge of the services which were held at the graveside.

Besides her parents, Hazel is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Clara Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Worthington and Frances Melton, age 8.

This is the third of the children in this family to die within 18 months. Deaths of two of them resulting from diphtheria. A son, James, age 17, was killed in a truck collision August 16, 1932, and the other son, Herveale, died October 1, last. The latter had recovered from diphtheria about a year before his death from a second case.

## Poultry Association Adopts Resolution

At a called meeting of the Merkel Poultry association held January 26, 1934, the following resolution was adopted:

That the members of the Merkel Poultry association go on record and such be advertised in the Merkel Mail that, under the prevailing prices paid by the hatcheries, the members are selling only utility eggs to the hatcheries and that exhibition eggs must be bought direct from the breeders.

Castle Ellis, Secretary.

\$150,000 has been offered by the Panama-Pacific Exposition for the first man to circle the globe in an airship. Ninety days is allowed for the flying time.

Miss May Robins of Trent was the week-end guest of Mrs. I. B. Valentine.

J. B. Briggs returned from Dallas the first of the week and reported Mr. Wheatley resting well from the operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propet and little son, Roy, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Mrs. A. C. Rose and daughter, Ona Faye, motored to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Tillie Mosier of Dallas is here this week visiting Miss Zara Coggin. Miss Mosier has just returned from an extended visit with Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Douglas, Ariz., and is on her return home.

Mrs. C. E. Stamps and baby visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wood, at Putnam the latter part of last week.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Hardie Creamer of Comanche died of burns suffered when her dress caught fire from a wash pot fire.

A sky race with death failed Monday as W. A. Bius, 40, of Dallas, died just out of Tulsa, Okla., en route by airplane from his home to St. Louis for special treatment.

Supreme power over all relief and civil works matters in Texas has been vested in the Texas relief commission, it has been announced by Harry L. Hopkins, federal administrator.

Elliott Shutt, 17, of San Angelo, died from an accidental bullet wound received out hunting with another youth, when he fell in a shallow ravine and his .22 rifle was discharged.

Maury Hughes of Dallas, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, announced Tuesday night his candidacy for governor of Texas on a platform favoring repeal of the state liquor law and reduction of taxes.

Two Randolph field cadets, Harold L. Wells, 21, Baldwin Park, Calif., and Lawrence S. Warner, 24, Hollidaysburg, Pa., were fatally injured Tuesday in an airplane crash eight miles south of the San Antonio field.

In the first case involving violation of the national recovery code to come before United States District Judge Wilson at Fort Worth, R. R. Smith, filling station operator, pleaded guilty and drew a suspended sentence of a \$500 fine.

Following the re-organization of the Fort Worth Texas league ball club, Derrill B. "Dell" Pratt, former American league star and former manager of the Waco and Galveston clubs of the Texas league, was appointed business and field manager of the club.

Miss Jane Weinert of Seguin, daughter of H. H. Weinert, member of the University of Texas board of regents, and a student at the University of Texas, has been appointed Duchess of Texas by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to represent the state at the Galveston Mardi Gras in June.

Three persons, John and Marie Newton of Chickasha, Okla., and Madame Carrie Robards of Fort Worth, have been indicted for participation in the recent robbery of the Coleman National bank. The two former were taken in charge by Travis county officers at Austin, while Mrs. Robards was arrested at Fort Worth. Her husband has also been indicted and is being sought.

## News Learned of Death Of Former Merkelite

News of the death of J. W. (Will) Compton, which occurred at Los Angeles, Calif., on December 26, last, was learned in a letter received this week by G. W. Boyce from Mrs. Compton.

Mr. Compton lived here many years ago, having been a blacksmith by trade. In late years he had served as a Pullman porter on the run from Los Angeles to Chicago.

## Sacred Song Service Salt Branch Church

The choir of the South Side Baptist church of Abilene will give a sacred song service Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4:30 at the Salt Branch Baptist church. The choir has been making special preparation under Director M. Shaw for the occasion.

Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at the 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. hours. The whole community is invited to attend.

## Asks Centennial Aid.

Austin, Feb. 8.—Cullen F. Thomas, Dallas, chairman of the Texas Centennial Commission, Tuesday called at Governor Miriam A. Ferguson's office to request that she submit the topic of centennial support to the current special session of the state legislature.

## "Twelve Old Maids."

"Twelve Old Maids," a musical comedy, will be presented at Zion Chapel by the Noodle Home Demonstration club Tuesday evening, February 13. Admission, adults 10c, all school children 5c.

## FIGURES ON TEXAS RELIEF LOAD GIVEN

\$37,000,000 Spent in State By United States in Last Fifteen Months; CWA Projects Have Totalled \$20,000,000.

Austip, Feb. 8.—A graphic picture of relief expenditures and needs has been presented to the Texas legislature by Director Jack Reed of the Texas Relief administration.

In a statistical summary of amounts spent and needed in every county and in the state, Reed estimated the federal government had spent \$37,000,000 in relief funds in Texas in the past 15 months.

Payrolls on Civil Works administration projects have totaled \$20,000,000.

The relief "load" in Texas has ranged from the high of 303,000 persons in March, 1933, to the low of 97,000 in September, 1933. The administration had anticipated a much heavier load during the current winter months.

However, at the beginning of the winter, CWA projects were inaugurated taking 100,000 families off the relief rolls. Despite this lessening of the load, there were 123,344 cases of direct relief on the rolls at the beginning of the year, representing 105,101 families and 18,243 non-family persons.

At the rate of about four persons to a family, this would be approximately 438,000 persons.

Without the civil works program, Reed estimated the relief load would have been 300,000 families, which would be more than 1,000,000 persons.

The CWA allotment of 207,000 jobs for Texas is "far from sufficient," he reported. The situation has been aggravated by the system of staggering workers.

## Program Arranged for "World Day of Prayer"

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will observe "World Day of Prayer" Friday, February 16, at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Henry West when the following program will be given:

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Scripture quotations on prayer.

Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Prayer, Mrs. G. F. West.

"The Meaning of Prayer," Rev. R. A. Walker.

Prayer, Mrs. John Russell.

"How to Pray," Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Song, "Take Time to be Holy."

"Practicing the Spirit of Prayer," Mrs. Mildred Jones.

Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Talk on "The Lord's Prayer," Mrs. G. F. West.

Duet, "Neath the Old Olive Trees."

Closing prayer, Mrs. Baker, ending with Lord's prayer.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, January 27, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Isaac Hawkins, residing northwest of Noodle, Friday, February 2, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bryant, residing south of town, Monday, February 5, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor, residing north of town, Monday, February 5, 1934.

## Noted Author-Playwright Dies.

Westport, Conn., Feb. 8.—Montague Glass, noted author and playwright who won fame with his Potash and Perlmutter series, died late Saturday at his Westport summer home at the age of 56.

## Pass Big CWA Bill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The house Monday passed the administration bill for a \$950,000,000 relief and CWA appropriation, sending it to the senate. No amendments were allowed under the house procedure that restricted debate to 40 minutes.

## Will Preach at Noodle.

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

## Abilene Civic Leaders to Talk At Open Meeting

Two Abilene civic leaders, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough and Mrs. Harry Tom King, will be the principal speakers at the open meeting scheduled for Thursday night of this week at the Methodist church to discuss local beautification plans in connection with the state highway program. Mrs. Scarborough is district chairman and Mrs. King, county chairman of the movement.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess, the local chairman, has also arranged for two other numbers on the program, a solo by Miss Mary Eula Sears and a reading by Mrs. P. H. Gates.

## Unique Entertainment Promised February 15

Seth Parker is coming to town. Yes, that most beloved of all radio entertainers is to be impersonated at the Cozy theatre on Thursday evening, February 15, by the well known dramatic artist and singer, John Howard.

Mr. Howard has all the earmarks of the real Seth Parker, appearance, singing voice and the ability to tell the stories which have made Mr. Parker so famous. Mr. Howard will be assisted by a full company of local stage artists and singers in his production, "A Night with Seth Parker." Beautiful stage settings, the old fashioned costumes, old familiar music and songs and loads of fun from our local Cephus and Lizzie will make this a delightful evening of entertainment.

This entertainment is being sponsored by the Methodist ladies and a large crowd is expected.

## Sandra Lou Sadler Well Again.

Sandra Lou Sadler, 13-month-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, who was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Thursday of last week for treatment for pneumonia, was sufficiently recovered to be moved home Sunday and was able to be out for a drive on Wednesday afternoon.

## THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON  
FORTY YEARS IN WILDERNESS.

The distance from Egypt to the Promised Land is no longer than the trip from New York to Buffalo. Moses might easily have led his people over the route in a few weeks, instead of which the wanderings occupied forty years. Guided by divine wisdom, he saw the necessity for a long period of isolated discipline. They were slayers when he started with them; they were an organized self-governing nation when, at length, he climbed to the pinnacle of Mount Pisgah and looked across into the Promised Land, which he was permitted to see but not to enter.

So Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

And he (the Lord) buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

How well he had done his work was immediately apparent. Joshua, whom he had chosen to succeed him, took hold without a hitch and completed the journey into Canaan. He, too, was a man of vision. As a young man, he had been sent by Moses with eleven others to spy out the Promised Land. Ten of the twelve came back with a faint-hearted report.

It is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people we saw in it are men of great stature.

And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Thus you can always get a majority vote to do nothing, to take no chances. But there was a minority report, Joshua and Caleb, without minimizing the difficulties, protested stoutly that the land was fertile and worth fighting for. They brought back samples of fruit to prove their contention, but it was a long time before the people had the courage to move on.

Joshua was a soldier and was much needed for the work which Moses had left to be done. He led his people across the Jordan, engineered the successful attack upon Jericho, the walled city of the unfortunate people who happened to be in possession of the Promised Land, and conducted a triumphal campaign which was about as savage as any war could be. Finally, his work completed, he called his people together for a farewell address of great dignity and power "Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth," he told them; and with that he laid aside his arms and died.

Comes now a picturesque succession of leaders, called Judges, with whom we can tarry only a moment in this rapid survey. There was a woman, Deborah, among them, whose stirring battle-hymn is one of the first recorded poems. There was a keen fighter named Gideon, a shrewd strategist, who equipped his slender force of three hundred men with chariot lights and trumpets and attacked at night.

NEXT WEEK: Samuel, Saul and David.

## W. S. TELFORD, CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

Pioneer West Texan, Who Came To State on Horseback in 1859, Passes Away at His Home in Abilene at Age of 96.

W. S. Telford, 96, Confederate veteran and resident of West Texas since 1905, died at 4:30 Saturday afternoon at his home, 210 Amarillo street, Abilene. He was ill only ten days and until stricken had been up and active around the house. He visited his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, here about the first of the year.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon from the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, with J. F. Cox, president of Abilene Christian college, and Homer Hailey, minister of the church, officiating. Interment was in the Dudley cemetery, about 20 miles south of Abilene, where a daughter is buried.

Pall bearers were all grandsons: Ollie Sharp, Fort Worth, Roscoe Parker, Kenneth and Arl Sharp, Merkel, Bryant Longacre, Fort Worth, Elvin Longacre, Abilene, and Lawrence and Will Telford, San Antonio. Granddaughters were flower girls.

Besides his wife, to whom he had been married 69 years, Mr. Telford is survived by four children: Mrs. J. P. Sharp; Mrs. E. F. Longacre, Abilene; Mrs. T. C. Cain, Sweetwater, and P. L. Telford, San Antonio. Twenty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive him.

Mr. Telford came to Texas on horseback in 1859. Just prior to his journey to this state he had returned to his Missouri home from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he had been dispatched in 1857 with a military expedition led by Col. Albert Sidney Johnston. Mr. Telford drove one of the ox wagons in an ammunition train, and with his companions experienced many dangerous encounters with Indians.

On the way to Texas he met Miss Lou Pennington, whom he married after their romance was interrupted by

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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Cowan Hudson and little daughter, Doris Jane, of San Angelo, are spending this week visiting among relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of San Antonio visited their mother, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr., and other relatives and friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore have as their guests this week Misses Mildred Bartholomew and Jennie Elliott of Abilene.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and Miss Mary Elizabeth and Robert, Jr., who have been in California for several months, returned home Sunday. Bill Harris, who accompanied them, also returned.

Miss Helen Yeats, student at McMurry, was the guest of Miss Florene Rider the latter part of last week and on Sunday they visited Miss Yeats' parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, in Spur.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig is spending the week visiting friends in Odessa.

J. O. Watson stopped over Sunday for a brief visit with his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Banner. He was en route to Gustine to see his mother, who is ill.

At the beginning of the midterm Elvis Richardson, who has been working in Austin, re-entered the University of Texas as a Sophomore.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yonge of Memphis were brief visitors Sunday with Miss Dora Garoutte en route to Baird to visit relatives.

Miss Blanche Carey of Sweetwater spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey.

Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson have as their guests this week, their sister, Mrs. B. F. Smith, and her daughter, Mrs. Arlo Forrest, both of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler had as their guest on Tuesday her nephew, Eugene McKee, of Lovelland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and two children, Wanda and Marvin, visited their other daughters, Misses Beryl and Odelle, at Lubbock, last week-end. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. M. M. Coleman, who is a guest in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes returned Wednesday from a trip to Dallas where the spring market buying season is now on.

**White Church News**

We have quite a few sick people here, but friends will be glad to learn they are improved some. Among those sick are Mr. Russon, Mr. O. W. Reed, Mrs. A. M. Sugart, Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mrs. Mose Brown. We are indeed anxious for the complete recovery of each of them.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison and little grandsons, Billie and Don, visited the children's father, Elmer Harrison, in Abilene over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick of Merkel visited Mrs. McCormick's parents, Uncle Dan and Aunt Mollie Matthews, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips entertained with a party Saturday night.

Gold Riggan of Big Spring was seen on our midst one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and baby daughter, Mary Tom, of Water Valley, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Master M. H. Farmer, Jr., has been real sick but is able to be back in school.

Mrs. Ruth Brown is working in Trent at this time.

Mrs. W. H. Brown visited Mrs. H. West of Merkel one day last week.

Woodrow Barnes, Doyal Barnes, Howard Shugart and Odell and Milburn Latimer attended the Sunday School party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone of Blair Friday night.

Everyone is invited to attend the box supper at the school house at White Church, Friday night, Feb. 9.

**T. R. Bicknell Opens Garage.**  
 T. R. Bicknell this week opened the Bicknell garage in the Porter building on Kent street. He is prepared to do car washing and greasing and all kinds of auto repair work.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

**MILLER IN RACE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY POST**

Otis Miller, county judge of Jones county, Anson, has announced that he will make the race for district attorney of the 104th judicial district of Texas. This judicial district includes Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties. Judge Miller is now serving his second term as county judge of Jones county.

Before being elected county judge of his county, Judge Miller served as county attorney.

In announcing his candidacy for district attorney, Judge Miller said:

"In announcing for the office of district attorney of the 104th judicial district, I realize that I am asking the people of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties for one of the most important of the district offices, for it is the duty of the district attorney to protect the citizen in his personal and property rights from that individual in society who knows no respect for the legal and established rights of others.

"Moreover, I keenly realize how difficult a task it has become to protect society from the ravages of crime. I am fully aware of the fact that there are criminals today who regard human life as one of the cheapest things to be considered in the whole criminal set-up.

"Too, the cost of crime has become a burden grievous to be borne, because of economic losses from crime. Not only does the citizen suffer economic loss in having his goods stolen, but he must also carry the tax burden for enforcing the laws against crime.

"I fully realize, too, that society, under our present code of criminal procedure in Texas is not adequately protected. Our state code of criminal procedure as used in our Texas courts today was fashioned after the social and economic trends of the times of the Stuart kings of England. Although England reformed her code of criminal procedure something like seventy-five years ago, the state of Texas has never brought her code up to date. We have long since passed the time when there was any danger of convicting an innocent man, and the problem which confronts us today is whether or not, under the present code in Texas, we can convict a guilty man.

"If I am elected your district attorney it shall be my purpose to seek, through the legislative committee of the county and district attorneys' association of Texas, the reform of our code of criminal procedure to the end that it may become the protection of society instead of the bulwark of safety for the criminal as is now the case.

"The simplification of the form of indictments and the curing of defects of the indictment, under order and direction of the court, as to dates, descriptions, locations and other minor matters not material to the merits of the case might be mentioned as glaring examples of needed reform.

"If the people of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties elect me to this responsible position, I shall make all my official acts conform to this long established and accepted but sadly neglected criminal law axiom, namely, that it is not so much the severity of the punishment, but the celerity of trial and the surety of punishment that deters crime and reforms the criminal.

"I shall seek to meet the people of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties in their capacity as individual voters and taxpayers and solicit personally your support and solicitation. Needless to say, if I am elected to this responsible office, I shall continue, as heretofore in my official capacity in my home county, to consider public office as a public trust, and to so regulate and control my private and public service to the people of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties at whose hands the office is bestowed."

Judge Miller submits the following brief biography of himself: Born in Floyd county, Texas; 41 years of age; graduate of Stamford high school, Stamford college, and the University of Texas; holds three degrees from the University of Texas, an A. B., a Master's, and LL.B. degree in law; taught journalism two years at Baylor University, organizing the department of journalism there; taught journalism at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for two years; former managing editor of The Alcalde, University of Texas Alumni Magazine; 12 years practical newspaper work on daily newspapers, such as the Austin Statesman and the El Paso Herald; initiated and carried to a successful completion the statewide campaign that resulted in lifting the road bond taxes off of real and personal

**Patterson is New Division Telephone Head in West Texas**



J. B. PATTERSON

J. B. Patterson has been appointed division commercial superintendent of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company for West Texas, effective March 1, according to word received by W. L. Blakney, district manager. Patterson will succeed M. P. Caldwell, who retires after forty-one years of service.

Patterson was born and educated at Sweetwater. A printer during vacations and after class hours while going to high school, he followed the printing trade for some months after graduation, and then leased the Roby Banner, which he published for about a year. In August, 1918, the telephone company needed a manager at Roby and Patterson left the newspaper business to join the ranks of those who have for a creed "The message must go through."

Promotion came frequently to young Patterson, as he received assignments in Anson, Sweetwater, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Amarillo, and again at Dallas. For the past five years he has been connecting company agent, a job which required him to handle business matters with more than 300 independent telephone companies throughout Texas.

As division commercial superintendent he will have charge of all Bell business offices throughout West Texas, offices serving 85,000 telephones.

**C. W. Boyce Promises Voters Continuance of Honesty, Efficiency**

Friends of Taylor County:

Solely on my ability to render you honest, faithful and efficient service, I submit my candidacy for assessor and collector of taxes, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, for your most careful consideration.

I promised you good people two years ago that if you would elect me your tax assessor, I would work, rendering you honest, faithful and efficient service, hewing to the closest lines of economy. I believe, if you will investigate my record, you will find that those promises have been fulfilled. My record for economy especially is unparalleled by any former administration of your tax assessor's office in its history. Examine the records and ascertain whether or not that is true, that being made possible by my long period of training and experience prior to my election.

Many people have the mistaken idea that the tax assessor's office has been abolished, but that is not true. It is merely a consolidation of your assessor's and collector's offices, with neither abolished, but to be operated under one elect, effective Jan. 1, 1935. Statutory title is "Assessor and Collector of Taxes."

Your assessor's office, in the original was first created and then the collector's office. Assessing must be done before the collecting. The assessor assesses and calculates your taxes and turns the tax rolls (books) over to the collector for collection. Hence, your assessor's office is just as much alive and in force as your collector's office.

It is a regrettable situation that Mr. Parmely and I, serving our first terms, must pit our wits against each other, with one of us stopping with a first term. We have been mutual friends for many years and will continue to be, irrespective of the results of the election, so far as I am concerned. It will be a clean race on my part and I sincerely trust my

property and shifting it to the gasoline tax; initiated a movement for the reform of county government in Texas, and secured the submission of a constitutional amendment providing for county government reform which will be voted on this year; retiring president of the County Judges and Commissioners association of Texas.

**S. H. McAdams New Candidate for Office Of County Sheriff**



S. H. McADAMS.

Sid McAdams, who has been a resident of Taylor county thirty-five years, and has served the citizenship in the capacity of deputy sheriff and county commissioner, authorized The Mail to announce this week his candidacy for the office of sheriff.

In his formal statement to the voters Mr. McAdams said:

"I wish to announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Taylor county subject to the action of the democrats in the July primary election.

"My father moved to this country thirty-five years ago when I was eight years of age and I have been in the stock and farming business in Taylor county and Runnels county practically all my life.

"My first public service in Taylor county was deputy sheriff under John Bond and in 1931, I was elected commissioner of precinct 4 and am serving in that capacity at present. When I was elected commissioner I had three major objectives, first, the lessening of the burdens of taxation by both reducing the valuation of property and lowering of the tax rate.

When I became commissioner the valuation for taxable purposes was nearly \$25,000,000. It is now down to \$19,000,000. The tax rate was \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation with a much lower tax rate in every road district in the county; second; I wanted to give my precinct as well as all precincts of the county good roads, built economically. Third, I had in mind not simply roads to my own precinct but to the entire county.

"Should I be elected sheriff I promise the same attention to its duties that I have heretofore given and will practice every economy consistent with proper service.

"Respectfully,  
 "S. H. McAdams."

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# The Dollar Bride

Mary Inlay Taylor

## SECOND INSTALLMENT.

Roddy Gordon, who has gone to New York to make his fortune, returns home to confront his parents and his sister Nancy with the fact that he has stolen fifteen thousand dollars from the bank where he works to help the "loveliest woman in the world" and will soon be found out unless he can return it. "But I love her," declares Roddy to his angry father. "I'd steal for her. I'd die for her—" "A pretty story!" shouts his father. "You've broken your mother's heart, you've disgraced your father and your sister—your young sister. Look at her, a girl in the morning of life—with a thief for a brother!"

### NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"Roddy—my son, my son!"

He recoiled violently. "My God, what was I going to do? I—" he turned stupidly, blindly, groping for the door. "I'd better go out now and hang myself!" He groaned.

"Oh, my son, my poor boy!" his mother cried after him, trying to reach him, trying to hang on to him with mother hands that never give up.

But he did not look at her, he fumbled at the lock of the long French window, found it and, tearing it open, he walked out over the sill like a blind man. They heard the soft thud of his plunge to the ground below.

Mrs. Gordon's sobs came in gasps. "Oh, William, what have you done? You've driven your own boy crazy—he'll kill himself—I've got to stop him, I've got to—I—" She was actually at the window herself now, trying to climb out.

But Nancy caught her, thrusting her back with firm young hand. "I'll go. Stay here! I'll go—I'll stop him—leave it to me!" She pushed her back gently, looking over her head at her father.

The light outside was ghostly; white squares of ground with black shadows etched where, in the daytime, there were tall shrubs and hemlocks.

Nancy stood still, too, rooted to the ground, listening, her heart in her throat. Then she heard the faint crunch of gravel in the path behind the lilac hedge. Roddy was there, of course, she might have known it! She fled lightly, making no sound, in his direction and overtook him at the end of the garden; it opened there—through a broken gate—on the river meadow.

"Roddy," she called to him. "Roddy—wait!"

He stopped short and turned, the moonlight whitening his haggard young face.

"Don't come near me, Nance," the young fire-brand said fiercely, "you'd best keep away from a—a dirty thief!" She came up panting. "Rod, you're killing Mama."

That reached him; he put his hand up with a despairing gesture and pushed the lock of hair out of his eyes.

"I wish to the Lord I'd shot myself in New York!" he said hoarsely. The anguish of his tone went to his sister's heart; they were close of an age, she was just twenty-one, and they had always been together. She clung to him, shaking.

"Roddy, are you sure they'll find out right away? I mean those people in New York—before you can put the money back?"

"Oh, they'll find out! They've got an accountant there—old Beaver. He never liked me, he's got his nose to the ground like a hound now—looking for the trail. I think he knows already."

"Then they might come after you—arrest you—tomorrow?" Nancy shuddered, remembering the time; "it's after twelve now—it must be. Today then!"

He nodded. "I don't care any more; I've had all I want from father. I reckon I can take everything now—even handcuffs."

"He didn't mean it, he didn't mean half of it, he's mad and crazy with grief about it! You mustn't go, not this way, Roddy. Mama can't stand it, you know how she feels—you're all she cares for!"

He choked, irresolute. I won't let father—I won't stand for it—he's insulted the woman I love, a beautiful, good woman, whom he's never seen! I—Nance, what did I do? I was wild—did I really try to strangle him?" She nodded, pressing her lips firmly together to keep from crying.

Roddy looked down strangely at his

own hands, stretching them out. "Lordy, I might have killed him—I'd clean forgotten myself."

Nancy tugged at his sleeve. "Come back Rod!"

He shook his head. "I'd do something worse if he called her names." "You needn't go in there; go up to your own room you're tired out. I'll tell Mama—that's all."

He stood irresolute. "It wouldn't be for long anyway—" he said at last. "Don't you tell him if I do stay to-night—tomorrow—" he laughed wildly. "There'll be a jail ride tomorrow, Nance!"

It was long past midnight; morning was in the air and the frost seemed to strike to the marrow in the girl's bones. She shook with a chill of fear.

"Rod, why did you take it?"

He did not answer for a while; he stood staring at the ground, his face distorted in the moonlight. He looked a mere boy, but his misery had made black rings around his eyes.

"Nance, you know I didn't mean to keep it. I took it little by little at first. I—well, there was a reason for it even then. I was going to put it straight back, but I couldn't, I took some more. There were some queer people there. Nance, you would understand—curb-broke. I thought I'd make enough out of the second bit I took to get some whole sum, don't you see?"

"You were gambling, of course, but I of Trepto get rich, too. You get the F. J. New York; you just have to be quick! And I—well, I loved her and she won't marry a poor man."

"She made you steal!"

"That's a lie," he said brokenly. "she couldn't, she's beautiful, she has such wonderful eyes, Nance, they're like jewels, topaz, you know."

"She was in a dreadful trouble, she had to have money," she told me about it, her poor old father might have gone to jail—through a mistake, you know, and it took all the money to save him—she was so grateful, so broken when I got it, Nance. She was going to pay it all back—she will yet—she feels dreadful because she can't right off. She feels as bad as you do, but she's grateful—I did it for her, to save her. Nance, I'd do anything for her—I'd go to hell for her!"

"Rod!"

"I would!" he said passionately. "I love her. My mind the one, you don't know what it is. It runs through your veins and Anderson has been I look into her eye very much indeed for her, I'd—" He clenched his teeth with love. "I've saved, and Mrs. They can send me to jail Vearl and ing, death's nothing."

"—if you can give yourself Betty Jo man you love!"

He choked, clenching his teeth again, and Nancy said "invited to stand looking at him. Day night she knew something of love—to steal for it!"

For a long moment they were silent. Then she spoke hesitatingly. "If—if we could only r a few whole of it—right away—"

is—if we do, it would clean us out and Papa's too old to begin over again."

"I won't have that!" said Roddy quickly. "I don't want a cent from him—and he can't do it, Nance, he's got something weak about his heart; anyway, he's too old—why, they'd fire a man as old as he is in New York!"

"They must be cruel in New York!"

"They are; that's it, Nance, they get you and they break you. They have no hearts. I can see how they'll break me—even old Beaver with his nose to the ground. He wants my place for his nephew and he's going to get it."

Nancy's hand clung to his shoulder. "Roddy, you can't go to jail," she whispered with white lips. "I won't let you!"

He smiled at her, an odd, twisted smile. "You can't help it, Sis, I've got to go. D'you remember old Major Lomax? He was always sending his enemies to jail to crack stones!" Roddy laughed hysterically.

"I thing he knows about this Rod. I met him tonight and he asked about you—in such a strange way."

"They'll all know presently. How they'll talk, Nance, all the old fogies, and the girls, too."

"Roddy, you're only twenty-three. How long will they keep you in jail?"

"It's grand larceny, I reckon that's ten years in New York."

She gave a stifled cry, clinging to him.

His face was ghastly in the moonlight, like a white mask, and his eyelids twitched nervously.

"Don't cry!" he said hoarsely. "I'll be old when I come out—thirty-three—and done for. They never forget a fellow with a jail sentence. I—well, there's a way out of it, Nance, a way for the family honor, too. I reckon father thought I'd forgotten it, but I haven't—I've seen it all the time. I—" he laughed bitterly—"I'm working up to it."

She tightened her arms about him frantically; she knew.

"Roddy, you can't—you won't!"

He laughed at her, his lips twitching like his eyelids.

"Father meant that—he knows he means it now—he thinks I'm a coward because I didn't."

"Rod," she clung to him, "not tonight—promise me, Roddy, not tonight! Come in—you needn't see father, go upstairs to your own room—you need the rest; yes, you do—you're crazy! Rod, it'll kill mother, promise me, not tonight!"

Her frantic, clinging hands, the love and pity in her eyes, pierced the boy's tortured soul. His lips shook, a sob choked him.

Nancy's arm slipped about his neck, she drew him along, she held him tight. She understood how her mother felt. It couldn't happen, it mustn't! She had dragged him to the back porch now.

"Roddy, go up to your room—I'll tell Mama you'll stay tonight," she whispered, as if she thought her father would hear it and break out again. "Don't frighten her, Rod, go to bed—she'll die if you tell her this!"

He stood irresolute, half pushed to the kitchen door. It was dark in there and silent and he could go up the back-stairs. The thought of his own room and his white bed—where he had slept as a boy—suddenly leaped on him and pinched him with a sharp little pain, a needle thrust beside the great pain he carried with him. He groaned.

"I'll stay, Nance, until—until I have

to go," he said thickly. "For her sake—Mother's I mean."

Mrs. Gordon's relief at Roddy's return made her yield to Nancy's persuasion.

"Let him be in his room for a while. Mama. He's worn out, perhaps, he'll sleep a little—if papa doesn't break out again."

Her mother had come upstairs with her to see Roddy, and Nancy had coaxed her away from his door and into her own room. No one had thought of sleep that night and it was daylight now. The soft gray of the dawn crept in like a mist, and they heard suddenly—in their broken pauses—the twittering of the birds in the vine outside the window.

Mrs. Gordon sank into an old arm-chair beside her vacant bed, hiding her face in her hands. She was a mere huddled heap of misery, and Nancy saw her shoulders rise and fall with the struggle of suppressed sobs. The whole figure, the disheveled head and the blue-veined hands, tore the young girl's heart.

"Don't," she whispered, patting her shoulder, "Please don't!"

Her mother raised a haggard face, blurred and puffed with weeping.

"Oh, Nancy, what shall we do? What can we do? I've lived too long!"

"Hush, don't say such things." Mrs. Gordon drew a long sigh, wiping her eyes.

"Lie down, Mama," she advised her softly, "please go and lie down. If you're ill you can't help Roddy at all." But her mother only sank lower in her chair.

"I can't rest," she said, and then, petulantly: "leave me alone, Nancy, I don't want anything in the world but my boy!"

Nancy turned silently and went back into the hall, but not to her own room; instead she went cautiously downstairs. The light was still burning there and she saw her father sitting bolt upright in his chair beside the blackened hearth. She went softly into the room, drawing nearer step by step, staring at him in silent terror. She thought he had died in his chair. He had not. He looked old and gray and broken, and his mouth hung open like a dead man's.

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### DEDICATION.

To the Freshmen, who spread more sunshine and make more blunders than the combined upper classmen (and the school laughs at them), who, being our worst pests, are yet our fondest hopes, who have won our warmest sympathies in spite of our slams on their greenness—to the happy, loyal, ignorant Freshmen, we dedicate this issue of the Badger Weekly.

### A TOAST.

The Freshmen do seem mean, or rather naughty, (we know they are not mean), sometimes, but anyway they get by fairly well. They seem to be doing "this" or "that" always, or rather it doesn't make much difference to them what they do.

Really, though, we couldn't get by without them, or at least some of the upper classmen think we couldn't because—oh, well, you can guess why. If it weren't for the Freshmen, we could never get all the good laughs that we get every day. But everything they do isn't bad. We like them for everything they do that is good as well as for the good laughs they give us. Then here's to the Freshmen; long may they live and never grow wise!

### FISH BAIT.

A sharp tongue and a dull mind are usually found in the same head: we recommend Arthur Wiman to the debaters' team.

Robert Grimes, Jr., is back in the aquarium and is being hailed with glee.

Bud Gambill is even greener than usual. He complains about outside reading because it gets cold out on the porch.

The other day this announcement was sent around to be read: "To those who live in the city of Merkel, this is your day to get rat poison." There was a general panic among the Freshmen.

Mary Frances Cook still runs to get in line every time the bell rings. When interviewed, she said, "Gee, do you think I'll get my name in the paper."

Whatever you say about LaRoy, he's no tightwad. The other day he went to a show, and because they made him pay child's fare to get in, he tried to pay to get out.

Betty Lou thinks a doughboy is a gingerbread man.

### WE WONDER:

Where Betty Lou and Mary Frances went Saturday night?

If Junior is glad to get back to Merkel?

Whom the new "Freshman" boy likes?

What town Bud Gambill likes best?

If Ina Mae likes a certain Senior girl?

If Vernon will ever be a ladies' man?

If Oscar really likes Freshmen?

Is Sis ever had a serious thought?

If the Freshman class is proud of its beautiful girls and athletic boys?

How Arthur got so smart in fourteen years?

Where Jane got her funny little giggle?

Why Kennedy "picks on" the little Freshman?

### THE STORY OF—

(Maybe you can make it out; we can't.)

With great expense to this paper, we bring to you this super-super thriller from the opera, "His Wife's Children's Father."

What has gone before: Jerry Thumtbourist, while on a slumming party in Europe, meets Nell Rose. Nell is standing on a corner waiting for a street cleaner. When Jerry finds Nell has never entered a beauty contest, he has a petition signed and presented to congress. Misunderstanding the wink of Nell's eye, Jerry bets on the Cubs to win the world series. When they lose, he goes away, believing she has deceived him.

Now go on with the story: John entered the room and saw Mary sitting in the parlor with her feet on the kitchen stove. "It's all over," groaned John.

"What?" asked Mary.

"The civil war," shouted Thimbleful, disguised as a Thanksgiving dinner, as he came through the trap door from the cellar.

"I have you now!" gasped O'Mally, as she locked the door and swallowed

the key. A man screamed. A flash flashed.

"Oh, if it were only tomorrow, tomorrow!" cried a voice.

"But, where is the man from Borneo?" asked Opelta.

### EVENING SONG.

(From the "Three Musketeers.")

"Won't you come into my parlor?" Said the Skeeter to the Fly.

"It's the dearest little parlor That Farmer Jones could buy.

Not a screen to stay your coming. Not a thing to say you nay—

Oh, come into my parlor And pass the time of day."

"'Tis a pleasant looking prospect. I'll admit," the Housefly said.

"We can keep up with the Joneses And cut down overhead.

First I'll get my fill of garbage Crawling over filthy things.

Then I'll come and give the Jones Gifts no other creature brings."

So the Fly stocked up on typhoid. While the Skeeter pruned his bill.

And at night they prowled the cabin. Planting germs with deadly skill.

Oh, the unsuspecting Joneses, Sleeping restlessly that night,

Gave hostages to fortune, Yielding up their great birthright.

Malaria fevers came upon them, Typhoid and diphtheria, too—

And at last they learned their lesson. Screening is the thing to do.

CHAPEL.

In chapel Friday, February 2, 1934, a group of girls from the Choral club sang several songs—"Long, Long Ago," "Bells of St. Mary's" and "The Rosary." Several important announcements concerning the Interscholastic league were made.

BASKETBALL.

Merkel played three games last week, losing two of them.

On Wednesday afternoon Merkel played Stith here and won 27 to 21.

The first half ended 21 to 2 and then the second string played the last half and liked to have been beaten.

On the next afternoon Merkel played Noodle and lost to the tune of 36 to 5. The first quarter ended 16-0 for Noodle, but by the half it was about 21 to 2 for Noodle and then the last half ran the score to 36 to 5.

On Friday Merkel played Stith at Stith and lost 38 to 32. Stith only lucked out on them.

County meet starts Thursday of this week and then basketball season will be over for everyone in this county except Wylie. We imagine the team that beats Breckenridge 96 to 5 will likely win the county.

THE INTERSCHOLASTIC SCOUT.

Well, folks, I've been snooping' around, and I found out that some of the contests are already under way.

Miss Martin has eighteen spellers sweatin' over their a's and b's; this contest has been changed from the previous arrangement. Where there were formerly a junior and a senior team from each high school, there is now only one team with no restrictions on age.

Mr. Riddle has six debaters, three boys and three girls. Really, though, none of them is as bad as they look; why don't some more of you kids get in the fight?

Mrs. Haynes declares, she can't give any definite information, but she says she has some good prospects for extemporaneous speakin'. Come on, Eelon, I believe she meant you.

Declamation has been started through the speech and English classes.

You'll be hearin' from me next week about essay writing and one-act plays, an' goodness knows what else. This is an industrious bunch of folks around here.

TOMFOOLERY.

Caribel: "Do you like spinach?"

Billie B.: "No, I don't like spinach, and I'm glad I don't like it, for, if I did, I'd eat it, and I hate the stuff."

The Freshmen think it is hard to tell whether or not the new cars are male or female. They wear skirts in front and pants in the rear.

Stanley Lee (at zoo): "Gee, Mom, that giraffe looks just like Dad."

Mrs. Riddle (in horror): "Stanley,

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

A number of people from Roscoe attended the Baptist church here last Sunday. There's always a welcome.

Friends of Mrs. E. M. Rogers will be glad to know she is able to be moved from the hospital to her home at Hermleigh after spending a few days with her sister here.

Jack Bowers of Abilene High spent the early part of the week with home folks.

W. F. Steadman and wife motored to Sweetwater Monday afternoon.

M. G. Scott, Joe Nalley and L. E. Adrian attended the funeral of C. M. Webb at the M. E. church at Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, Larry Kenneth making his appearance Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of I. X. J. spent last week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod, here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clements and family spent last Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. G. Bryant. They were accompanied by another sister, Miss Emma Nalley of Fort Worth, who remains with Mrs. Bryant for an extended visit.

Mrs. Robert D. Martin of Abilene visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, last Thursday.

The ladies of the Baptist church meet at the church each Thursday afternoon at 2:30. You have a hearty invitation to attend.

The baby show was well attended last Friday night. Forty babies were entered and a splendid program was rendered.

The winning babies were little Misses LaNelle Edwards, Cliffla Gene Estep and Mary Elizabeth Martin and Jimmie Owens and Billie Sam Butman. Mesdames Etyl Church and Thos. Durham of Merkel were judges. Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mrs. Hosea Winn were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. A. Williamson accompanied a group of boys, Jake Roberts, Billie Jo Bowers, Mark Williamson, Glen Reeves, T. G. Murdock and A. C. Terry, to Merkel Saturday afternoon and treated them to a pass to the show in compliment of their splendid service given Friday night when they made their first appearance on the stage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell attended to business in Sweetwater one day last week.

Buster Sipe of Dallas passed through our city a few days ago. He is a son of Shield Sipe, formerly of this place.

Misses May Ruth and Lillian Evans of Sweetwater spent one day last week visiting their uncles, Messrs. John B. and Hosea Winn, and their families.

Mrs. S. E. Pass and daughter, Peggy Jo, of Abilene were guests in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson, last Saturday.

Mrs. W. M. Cooper left Sunday to

attend the bedside of her mother, Mrs. N. E. Nelson, of Winters.

The seventh graders spent a most enjoyable afternoon Friday of last week. Prof. Franks, the teacher, assisted by his wife, accompanied them out about two miles west of town to a beautiful resort where they found a nice place to spread lunch and they spent the remainder of the afternoon in swinging and scouting around.

Little Miss Bonnie Bess Anderson was a house guest of Betty Lou Howell last week-end.

Mrs. Bob Johnson left last Thursday for South Texas where she will spend the next few weeks with relatives. She was accompanied by her mother and sister of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Nalley drove to Cottonwood Sunday and visited the bedside of the latter's father, B. E. Rutherford. They were joined at Abilene by Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Cecil, Jr., who made the trip with them.

Mrs. Alex Williamson visited her friend, Mrs. King of Seymour, Sunday. She was in company with her brother, Hubert Beckham, who journeyed over to Vernon for a visit.

Mrs. Ed Burke was hostess Saturday afternoon to her Sunday School class, Mrs. E. K. SoRelle assisting. The entertainment was an outing on the creek at the old Howell well and consisted of roasting weenies, playing games and singing songs. Those partaking of this affair were: Helen McLeod, Wanda and Wilma Stribling, Avis and Virginia Nell, Vaneta McDonald and Johnnie Roberts.

Miss Leora Howell, who is teaching school at Stamper, was a guest in Mrs. J. B. Winn's home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan of Noodle were in Trent shopping one day last week.

Mrs. Hogue had as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. M. T. Alexander, of Lubbock.

A number of our people attended the preachers and laymen's conference at the M. E. church at Sweetwater Monday. The entire day was spent and all report a real spiritual meeting.

Mrs. R. B. McRee entertained in her home Sunday the pastor of the M. E. church and his family as dinner guests. Miss Dorene Scott was also a guest.

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## NOODLE NEWS

Elder Cox of Abilene preached at the Church of Christ here Sunday morning and Rev. Albert Cade preached at the Baptist church.

There is quite a lot of sickness in the community. "Flu" seems to be the most common while some have measles.

Little Joyce Vick has been very sick with scarlet fever for the past month, but we are glad to report she will soon be able to start back to school again.

Roy Satterwhite has measles.

Mrs. O. W. Sosebee returned home Monday after having spent the past week at Abilene with her daughter, Mozelle, who has been very sick, having contracted pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Herring returned hom Friday from Robstown where they have been visiting the past month. On their return they came by Dallas where they visited his sister, Mrs. John C. Thompson.

Messrs. Waldo Cox, Jess Bird and Claude Jenkins attended the ball game at Roby Friday.

Noodle senior boys played basketball at Merkel Thursday, Noodle winning 34 to 6. They also played at Boyd's chapel Friday afternoon, winning by the score of 21 to 16.

Those visiting in the home of Mr.

## and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee Sunday were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan, Elder and Mrs. Cox, Leta Faye Barbee, Mildred Sosebee, Melvin Jinkins, Jack Pierce and Doris Wilson.

Little Roland Lee, son of Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell, is sick at this writing. O. L. Justice is on the sick list.

Mesdames Waldo Cox and Otto Bicknell attended an all-day quilting at Golan Tuesday in the home of Mrs. W. C. Hill, the affair honoring Mrs. Hill's daughter, Mrs. Doris Winter, a recent bride.

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ethel M. Thornhill 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, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, 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 fourth Monday in February, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1933, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1861-B, wherein E. A. Thornhill is plaintiff, and Ethel M. Thornhill is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about January 4th, 1930, and separated about March, 1931; Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is alleged in his original petition;

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next 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 10th day of January, A. D. 1934.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk. District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Zola McRee, Deputy. (SEAL)

ESKOTA NEWS

The senior class of the Trent High school presented a fine play here Saturday night. The name of the play was "Mother's Moments."

The young folks of Eskota will present their play, "A Cousin from Coon Ridge," at Trent Wednesday night. It was presented at Palava last Friday night and a large crowd was reported.

Little John Anderson has been ill but is reported better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Donnie Veal and Mrs. D. I. Trent visited the latter's mother at Merkel Wednesday. Mrs. Trent and Donnie Veal remained for a two day visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kiser have moved to the A. C. Caldwell place.

Mrs. L. H. Utley and Miss Mattie visited Mrs. Sam Barnhill of White Flat Saturday afternoon.

Chester Kiser of Stamper preached at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Sheriff:

BURL WHEELER (Re-election.) RUCK SIBLEY. PERRY P. DICKINSON. S. H. McADAMS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

ORIE HIGGINS. A. D. FULTON. CLYDE SHOUSE.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

A. J. CANON, (Re-election.) L. L. MURRAY. ANDY SHOUSE.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

GRADY PARMELLY. C. W. BOYCE.

For County Clerk:

W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.) For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Supt. of Schools:

M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.) For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:

JOHN PAYNE, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:

OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.

D. I. Trent, Mrs. L. H. Utley and Mrs. Ollie Matthews.

We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson are leaving this community. They are moving to Mulberry canyon.

Both the boys and the girls teams were defeated by White Flat Thursday afternoon.

C. B. Johnston has recovered from his sick spell.

Norman Blankenship of Anson and his mother visited friends here this week-end.

L. E. Adrain of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston Sunday afternoon.

Singing was well attended here Sunday night.

The Woman's Home Demonstration club will meet with Mrs. W. J. Farley Tuesday, February 13. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brazelton of Newman visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley Sunday night and Monday.

(Omitted From Last Week.)

The young folks of this place presented a fine play, "The Cousin from Coon Ridge," Friday night and it was well attended. They will present the play at Palava Friday night. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. I. R. Trent has as her guests this week-end Mrs. Frank Allyn and children, Fred and Louise, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley and sons, Jackie and Virgil, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols attended the show at Merkel Saturday night.

Little Tom Alton Anderson has been ill, but he is reported very much improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Donnie Veal and C. C. Blankenship.

C. B. Johnston and little Betty Jo Cooper are on the sick list this week.

Singing was well attended here Sunday night. Everyone is invited to meet with us again next Sunday night at 7:30.

Mrs. Owen SoRelle of Rotan has been visiting her mother, Mrs. F. E. Allyn. She also visited in the home of Mrs. Frank Allyn in Trent a few days last week.

The girls basketball team was defeated here Wednesday afternoon with Goodman.

Mrs. L. H. Utley and Mattie were shopping in Trent Friday.

STITH NEWS

Those who attended the rodeo Saturday afternoon seemed to enjoy it very much. You folks who haven't been coming are missing something. The next rodeo will be a week from Saturday, that is, Feb. 17.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Woolsey Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin.

M. J. Shaw, Sr., celebrated his fifty-first birthday Tuesday, February 6, with a big supper. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCartney and Miss Jeffie Lee Stegner of Tye, Misses Snookie, Louise and Gladys Mashburn, Annie and Johnnie Burns, Cecil Peterson of Caps, Leslie Palmer and Bob Barley and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mashburn. After supper singing and music was enjoyed.

This entire community was shocked when they learned about the death of Hazel Inez Melton.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

BLAIR ITEMS

There has been a great deal of sickness in our community since our last news letter.

Mildred Maddera is up and getting along fine after two weeks illness. Ellsworth Bell has been seriously ill the past week.

Little Nina Orsburn has had the measles but is doing nicely.

John Meeks has been sick since our last items were sent in.

I. N. Brown left Thursday for treatment under Dr. E. A. Dann at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer have been attending the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., who is under treatment at Merkel.

Mrs. Tom Melton has returned home from Oklahoma after several days stay with her son, Vernon, who was hurt in an accident recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith have returned home after two months stay with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ponk Loper, at Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. McSpadden of Dora visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera the past week-end.

Mrs. Susie Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Dean and Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan, at Rotan the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor and family of Plainview were the interesting midweek guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears at Valeria. Mr. Spears is Santa Fe agent at that place.

Monta J. Moore re-entered Texas Tech at Lubbock at mid-term.

Mrs. Bob Malone graciously entertained her Sunday School class with a social Friday night when some forty guests enjoyed her hospitality. Misses Clara Lee Peterson and Sallie and Neva Malone assisted the hostess in passing a dainty refreshment plate of sandwiches and cake with hot chocolate and whipped cream. All report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent had a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors recently.

Mrs. Carl Doan and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

Hugh Campbell is doing jury service at Abilene this week.

Evelyn Latimer and Mavis Fatterer visited with Mrs. A. D. Barnes of White Church Sunday.

Rev. Tyon of Abilene delivered an eloquent discourse at the 11 o'clock hour at the Baptist church Sunday. Brother John Walker, the pastor, preaching at the evening hour. The latter had just returned from the U. S. hospital at Legion.

Mrs. John E. Walker and children of Abilene attended services at the Baptist church Sunday and visited with friends in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and daughters of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips of Itan were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Little of Trent recently.

Jim Moore, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Richard Melton, and children, motored over to Red Spring to visit relatives, and Mr. Moore will look after his property while there.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dought had as their Tuesday night guest Mrs. Jim Biggs of Colorado.

Miss LaVerne Harwell had as her Sunday night guest Miss Joyce Hays of Merkel.

We are glad to report that little Miss Patsy Jean Clark has recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Everyone with the measles is reported doing fairly well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas have as their guest Mrs. J. W. Taylor of Eastland.

Rev. W. B. Reaves filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Miss Estelle Terry is on the sick list.

Superintendent M. A. Williams visited our school Tuesday and reported it in a fair condition, although there is some work to be done.

J. L. Douglas has recovered from an attack of appendicitis.

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RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE.

The Merry Workers of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Lee Tipton as co-hostess.

The club heard a review of a book, "Vegetables in March," by the club members. A basket was filled with gifts made by the members and Mrs. Tipton drew the lucky number and was given the basket containing the gifts.

At the close of the meeting the hostess served ice cream and cake with a Valentine on each plate to Mesdames Pierce Horton, Gwendolyn Tucker, S. G. Russell, Melvin Carey, O. R. Carey, Ruth Cox, S. C. Vick, J. L. McRee, Johnnie Dunn, F. E. Newberry, W. A. Harris, Lee Tipton and O. E. Harwell and Misses McRee. The club welcomed as a new member Mrs. C. A. Bond and one visitor, Mrs. L. A. Watts.

The next meeting will be held in Mrs. L. A. Watts' home February 16.

NOODLE H. D. C. NOTES.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club, as a whole, is slated over the success of the play presented on January 30 and they will present the same play, "Twelve Old Maids," at Zion chapel, one mile east of Comper, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13. Admission, adults 10c, school children 5c.

The next regular meeting will be in the school auditorium, February 14. A demonstration of the council meeting will be given by members of the council. The program is as follows:

Standing rules, Mrs. E. B. Reece. Duties of officers, Mrs. Waldo Cox. Standing of committees, Mrs. R. C. Goode.

Miscellaneous information, Mrs. V. L. Merritt. Special music and readings to be arranged by the chairman of the program committee.

Every woman in our entire community is invited to attend this meeting and all members are urged to attend, as we have some things of importance to discuss at this meeting. Mrs. Reece will give January council report. Members will bring Food Budget cards D-68, as this is our last meeting before council meets on February 24, at which time the cards must be turned in. If you do not have information required in filling out card, a committee will help you at this meeting. Let us have a 100 per cent report. Your farm and ranch food supply demonstrator, Mrs. Williamson, is depending on you as co-operators to do this. This was the only thing our club failed in last year. Let us profit by our mistakes and help our club win the contest in 1934.

The chairman of each committee is asked to give a full report, which will also be sent to the council in February.

STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Stith Home Demonstration club met Friday, February 2, with fifteen members present and one visitor, Mrs. Guy Glenn. Mrs. Charlie Sherrill gave an interesting talk on clothes closets.

All club members try to be present Wednesday, February 21, our next meeting date, at the Methodist church.

COMPLIMENTED.

Last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBride complimented their daughter, Miss Wilma McBride, and Marybel Douglas with a party in honor of their birthdays, the former celebrating her seventeenth birthday and Miss Douglas her nineteenth. Old fashioned games were played until a late hour when cake and chocolate with Valentine cards and candy hearts as plate favors were served to:

Misses Ruby and Norma Patton, Blanche and Ruby Carey, Doris Hass, Lavena Fay Douglas and Louise McBride, and Messrs. Dale and Lois Burleson, Bernard Clark, Bruce and Harwell Dean, Jim Campbell and Clyde Campbell, Clements Carey, James Hass, Woodrow and Miller Patton and the honorees, host and hostess.

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THE RED & WHITE STORES SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9 AND 10 Spuds 10 lbs. 25c STRAWBERRIES, 2 pints 25c APPLES, bulk Gano, 10 lbs. 45c Grape Fruit, each 5c ORANGES, large, dozen 29c APPLES, Winesap, dozen 24c CABBAGE, pound 2 1-2c Yams Kiln Dried 5 pounds 17c GRAPE FRUIT JUICE, No. 1 can 10c CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c PORK & BEANS, B & W, per can 5c PEAS, Kuners, No. 2 can 15c TOMATOES, B & W, No. 2 can, 3 for 27c NOODLES, R & W, pkg. 14c SPAGHETTI, R & W, 3 pkgs. 23c COFFEE Sun Up pound 19c DRIED PEACHES, 2 pounds 25c BRAN FLAKES, R & W, pkg. 9c SOAP, R & W Giant, 6 bars 23c SHRIMP, R & W, No. 1 can 15c MACKEREL, No. 1 tall can, 3 for 25c OYSTERS, 4 oz. can 13c-5oz. can 14c Salmon Nile No. 1 tall can 14c R & W No 1-2 flat 14c R & W No. 1 tall can 23c TUNA FISH, R & W No. 1-2 flat can 23c POST BRAN, package 10c COCOANUT, Premium, 1-4 lb. box 10c CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg. 29c SHORTENING, 8 pound carton 50c PINTO BEANS, 5 pounds 23c OATS, B & W, small pkg. 10c Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c SYRUP, White Karo, No. 3 can 23c TOMATO JUICE, 10 oz., 2 cans 15c VINEGAR, R & W, flask, 1-2 gal 32c SNOWDRIFT, 3 pounds 45c WESSON OIL, pint 24c MILK 4 small R & W 13c 2 tall R & W 13c PICKLES, sour or dill, quart 19c PEANUT BUTTER, pint 17c CATSUP, R & W, bottle 18c Dressing G & W quart 25c BACON, sliced, pound 19c EGGS WILL PAY MARKET PRICE JOWLS, dry salt, pound 7 1-2c





**CELEBRATES EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY.**

The home of Mrs. Frank Sears was the scene Monday evening of a joyous birthday celebration marking the eighty-second milestone passed by this lovable West Texas pioneer.

Kodak pictures of the participants were taken during the afternoon hours and the honoree was the recipient of loads of gifts from children and grandchildren. A sumptuous turkey menu was served for the evening dinner, a three-tiered white birthday cake, with 82 pink candles, making a beautiful table centerpiece.

Those who gathered to do homage to the happy honoree were: Mrs. Lila M. Touchstone and daughter, Molly Frank; Mrs. Arthur Sears and daughter, Mrs. Gorham Streeter, and Jewell, Billie, Margaret and Marjorie; Mrs. Clyde Sears and children, Evelyn, A. C. and Clyde, Jr.; Mrs. Claude (Bud) Sears and children, Arthur, Alex, Frances and Mary Lo; Mrs. Amy Sears, Miss Mary Eula Sears, and Misses Mossie and Eula Sears.

**VALENTINE PARTY.**

Mrs. Milton Case proved herself a most gracious hostess on Wednesday afternoon entertaining at bridge. Tables were appointed in Valentine motif where games of contract bridge progressed until the refreshment hour when delectable salads with coffee were served to:

Mesdames Ed McCrary, George Caple, Bob Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Jr., George White, Harold Boney, Charles Largent, Ernest Higgins, W. T. Sadler and Milton Case and Misses Nelle Durham and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

**GLEANER CLASS.**

With Mesdames Earl Mashburn, Buck Mashburn and Etyel Church as hostesses, members of the Gleaner class of the Methodist church enjoyed a Valentine party in the parlors of the church Tuesday afternoon.

After the devotional led by Mrs. Earl Mashburn, a pleasing program was given, including a duet by Bonnie Church and Norma Lee Shelton, a reading by Becky Gaither, a solo by Mrs. Homer Patterson and another reading by Mrs. R. O. Pearson.

A delicious refreshment plate of heart-shaped chicken sandwiches, potato chips, angel food cake and hot chocolate was served to Mesdames V. E. Sublett, Frank Iddings, W. E. Lowe, Roy Baccus, W. S. J. Brown, Doc Vaughn, W. W. Wood, Will Toombs, Mack Buzbee, Eli Case, Herbert Patterson, Forrest Gaither, Homer Patterson, W. M. Gambill, Clyde Sears, R. O. Pearson, R. A. Burgess and the hostesses.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Mrs. Clarence Perry complimented her daughter, Betty Jean, on her seventh birthday with a party. Games were played and a birthday cake, topped with lighted candles, was cut as guests joined in singing "Happy Birthday."

Cookies and fruits were served to Stanley Lee Riddle, Dorothy Nell Groene, Betty Jo Perry, J. D. Fox, Jean Caris, Joyce Marie Webb, Aileen Russell, Ikey Turner, Margaret Sharp, Glindell Lang, Gwen Renfro, Mary Jo Hutchins, Bobbie Moore, Mary E. Perry, Dorothy Jean Jenkins, Billie Wood, Gladys McCollum, Alva Jeannette and Myrl Bird, Dorothy Nell Lee, Theda Perry, Clara Russell and Clarence Perry.

**CAKE AND PIE SALE.**

The Mary Martha auxiliary of the Methodist church will have a Cake and Pie Sale Saturday, February 17, at Patterson's Market.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday morning a former pastor, Rev. John Saffle, preached for us from Romans 12:1. Brother Saffle has been at the bedside of his son, who is ill in El Paso, and is now visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Sunday afternoon the Sweetwater church put on a Sunbeam contest at 3 o'clock at our church.

The workers meeting will be held at the Mount Olive church, south of Sweetwater, Thursday, February 8. This is an all-day meeting and we hope to have a good representation from our church.

Sunday morning a collection was taken to buy new song books for the church.

We had about seventy-five present at prayer meeting Wednesday evening. If you have not been coming, come out and you will see that it is good to be there.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting 7:15 p. m. Wednesday.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

The W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon at 2:45 for a Royal Service program. We urge that all women who can will come.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Despite the disagreeable wind, there were 771 present last Sunday at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel. On the previous Sunday 839 had been present, while on the same Sunday a year ago, the same number, 771, were present.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Why not attend the class services and enjoy the great lessons that we are having on the life of Christ?

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Great Commission." We would be glad to have you in this service. Come.

Preaching at 7:15 p. m. The evening services are on the line of "Evangelism" and we are glad at all times to have you in the services. We are glad to have the visitors come and worship with us.

Leagues at 6:30 each Sunday evening.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:15.

The two societies of the women meet Mondays of each week. Say—if you are in need of good cakes and pies, remember that the Mary Martha auxiliary will serve them at Patterson's market February 17—get a cake and pie from them.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. If you are not in Sunday School elsewhere, we would be glad to have you join us. We have a most interesting plan for beginners and primary department. Start the little ones in Sunday School as early as possible and they will not forget the training.

No preaching service, morning nor

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night, as this is the pastor's Sunday at Bard.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Bible study Lord's day 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., subject, "The Church at Sardis," young people's program 5 p. m. and preaching 7:15 p. m., subject, "The Five Baptisms."

Wednesday evening at 7 Bible study conducted by Brother West, followed by a sermon by one of the young preacher students of A. C. C.

We cordially invite you to these services where a hearty welcome awaits all who come.

The Elders.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

We are still on the upward trend and we are praising God for the same. We are having new members added to our Sunday School nearly, if not, every Sunday, and all departments of our work are moving forward.

We are glad to announce our weekly Bible School, which started at the church Monday night, Feb. 5, and to continue until February 13, under the efficient leadership of Brother F. O. Farr, of Abilene. This will be a great help to our church and Sunday School.

We extend a cordial invitation to the public to come and worship with us. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Community singing every Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

For three weeks our church has been holding daily prayer meetings. A spirit of sweet fellowship prevails. The Lord is blessing our efforts and interest in lost souls is growing.

We have some titling calendars that cost you nothing. These calendars hold \$1.30, get one and fill it in 30 days and you will get a Bible. The \$1.30 goes on our tabernacle. Everybody who has calendars be sure and bring them in by Sunday if you want your Bible ordered now.

We hope every member of our church will begin to tithe, according to 1 Cor. 9:24. Our Bible School is in a race. All run in a race but one receives a prize. So run that ye may obtain. The only prize that is offered is what the Lord gives for service for Him. We want you in this great race. One side is running the Ford, the other

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er side the Chevrolet. Each dollar paid into the Sunday School or all calendar money counts. Each dollar moves your car up one notch. Each new member moves car up one notch. So if you can bring five new members for Bible School, it moves your car up five notches. The Chevrolet is ahead at present, but look out, that Ford will move forward next Sunday. Everybody welcome to our services. Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

**County Honor Roll**

**NOODLE SCHOOL.**

The following pupils were on the honor roll for the past month:

Primer and first grade—Bobby Lee Barbee, Vera Lou Allred, Bobbie Nell Bicknell, Ava Ruth Sosebee, James Reece, Erma Herring, Mose Cummings.

Second—Donald Cade, Esther Farr, Teni Goode.

Third—Dorothy Barbee, Billie Jean Sosebee, Harold Sosebee, William Allred, Mary Jo Bicknell, Marcella Cummings.

Fifth—Imogene Bird, Joye Rutledge, Mattie Bell Spinks, Glendell Barbee, K. G. Sharp, Joe Tarpley, Ray Tarpley, Alan Nolan.

Sixth—Louise Cox, Geraldnye Sloan, Sybil Dixon, Archie Farr, Burneal Merritt, Edgar Lucas.

Seventh—Johnnie Chadwick, Margaret Goode, Cleo Sosebee, Teria Mae Murdock, Lena Spinks.

Ninth—Jasper Brown.

Tenth—Roger Sosebee.

**PURSLY-ANDERSON.**

With Rev. S. J. T. Williams, Baptist pastor, officiating at his home in Abilene, Miss Nola Mae Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. Gordon Pursley of Abilene were united in marriage last Saturday afternoon.

The bride graduated from the Mt. Pleasant school with the class of 1933, while the groom is a graduate of the Abilene high school. They will make their home in Abilene where the best wishes of a host of friends follow them.

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<b>POTTED HAM</b> 7 for ..... 25c	Large Jumbo Celery, bunch ..... 15c
<b>PEANUT BUTTER</b> Qt. jar ..... 27c	Large Bunches Beets, each ..... 5c
<b>CRACKERS</b> Excel Saltines 2 lb. box ..... 21c	Nice and Tender Carrots, bunch ..... 5c
<b>OATS</b> 3 Minute 55 oz. .... 15c	Extra Fancy Apples, 2 doz. .... 25c
<b>PEACHES</b> Dried 2 lbs. .... 25c	Sours Pickles, qt. .... 20c
<b>SALT</b> Texaco 26 Oz. 2 for ..... 15c	5 Pound Box Soap Flakes, each 33c
	Big Ben Soap, 7 bars ..... 25c
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