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DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS GIVEN TILL MARCH 1

School Board Gives Opportunity to Delinquents to Accept Installment Plan Before Collection Placed With Attorney.

During the remaining days of February opportunity will be given by the Merkel school board to those who are delinquent with their school taxes to make arrangements to settle their arrearages on the installment payment plan.

Amplifying the details of their impending campaign to collect delinquent taxes in order that the efficiency of the public school plant here shall not be impaired, the board wishes to meet any of those tax payers who are delinquent and who wish to adjust their payments on some equitable basis before the collection of all delinquent school taxes is placed in the hands of Joe E. Childers, Abilene attorney, who has been employed for the purpose. If the delinquent tax payer wishes to take up his tax indebtedness to the city schools by paying monthly or regular installments the board agrees to waive penalty and interest provided contract is arranged before March 1st. Deferred installment payments will bear the usual interest. But it is emphasized by officials and members of the school board that such arrangement must be completed before the end of the current month. After that date collection matters will be in the hands of the attorney mentioned.

In response to inquiry from a county superintendent in this state as to the right of the tax assessor and collector of a small town or an independent school district to levy upon, advertise and sell property for delinquent taxes, Sott Gaines, assistant attorney general, has furnished the following opinion:

"Summary sales may be made by the tax collector of either an incorporated city or town or an independent school district of the personal property belonging to the tax payer for the amount of taxes due by him or his property."

As to the sale of real property, the opinion cites other provisions of the statutes and concludes: "In order to sell real property for the taxes due on the same it would be necessary to first foreclose the tax lien in a suit brought for that purpose in a court of competent jurisdiction."

A distinction between levying on personal property and real property is shown by the opinion in that "Sufficient personal property is thus to be seized and sold to satisfy the amount of taxes and costs," while it is necessary to file suit in court for the sale of real property.

INSPECTORS NAMED IN TAYLOR COUNTY FOR CREDIT ASS'N

Through means of the Coleman Credit Production association, of which George E. Pauley of Coleman is secretary-treasurer, a long-needed system of short-term production credit for farmers and stockmen—loans to be used for producing crops and for the breeding, raising and fattening of livestock—is made available.

The Coleman Production association was chartered Jan. 2, this year, to serve producers in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Runnels and Taylor counties.

In Taylor county E. L. Finley is vice president and director. Phillip Diltz of Merkel and C. D. Varnell of Potosi have been named inspectors and N. J. Tims of Tuscola, W. C. Lasley of Abilene and George Boyce of Merkel application writers.

Local Bankers Go to Fort Worth Meeting

Three bankers from Merkel were in Fort Worth Thursday in attendance on the annual convention of the seventh district, Texas Bankers association.

C. M. Largent, president, and W. L. Diltz, cashier, of the Farmers State bank, left early Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth, while Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National, was joined in Abilene by George L. Paxton, Jr., cashier of the Citizens National bank.

Slim Burgin Injured In Oil Field Accident

Reports Wednesday afternoon from Obie (Slim) Burgin, employee at the Phillips company camp, who was injured seriously Monday in a machinery mishap, were that he was resting well at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, to which he was rushed immediately after the accident.

While he was oiling a belt on a gasoline engine, the belt broke and knocked him against a fly wheel, resulting in most painful muscle bruises in the neck and shoulders. No bones were broken.

Parents Ship Cattle To Houston Stock Show

For exhibit at the Houston Fat Stock show, February 24 to March 4, C. M. Largent and Sons shipped a carload of their Hereford show cattle to Houston Tuesday. C. M. Largent Jr., accompanied the car, which included twelve head. Willie Joe will leave Saturday also for Houston.

This is the first time the Largents have exhibited at Houston since 1919.

Another car will be shipped out on March 4 to the Fort Worth Fat Stock show, to be joined by the Houston lot and making a more complete showing at Fort Worth.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The First National bank of Schwertner, 20 miles northeast of Georgetown, was robbed of \$8,000 Wednesday.

Convicted of the slaying of Dr. A. M. Clifford, 55, of Temple, Wilf Querner, 58, was sentenced to ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary.

Daniel J. Kane was killed when a large pontoon being tested under air pressure exploded in the shops of the Kane Boiler Works in Galveston.

Robbers Monday night stole four machine guns, twelve army pistols and ammunition from the Headquarters company 1 national guard armory at Ranger.

Henry M. Haiff, 59, of Dallas, pioneer West Texas ranchman, formerly of San Antonio, Mineral Wells, and Dallas, died in a Dallas hospital of a heart attack Wednesday.

Texas cotton farmers pledged a total of nearly 5,400,000 acres to retirement in the government cotton acreage reduction program, as announced from the office of W. H. Williamson, state agent, Texas A. & M. college extension service.

Representative Kleberg of Corpus Christi has formally recommended Dan Quill for appointment as postmaster of San Antonio at the conclusion of the incumbent's term April 15. The San Antonio postoffice job has been regarded as a major political prize in Texas.

Mrs. Vivian Burton of Farmersville, who was appointed commissioner of precinct 3 of Collin county to fill the unexpired term of her husband, A. N. Burton, who died while serving his first term, is the first woman to be made a county commissioner in Texas.

Judge J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene served as chief justice of the state supreme court, which Monday overruled the motion for a rehearing of application in the case of Mrs. Anna M. O'Conner vs Sovereign camp, Woodmen of the World, from Tom Green county.

Sparks from a fireplace set fire to the crib of the four-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cox, at Johnsonville, near Stephenville, and the infant was burned to death. The mother, working in the yard, did not hear the baby's screams and its death was not learned until the father returned from work.

Sister of Mrs. Eli Case Dies at Winters

Upon the receipt of the sad news of the death of Mrs. Case's sister, Mrs. R. C. Penney, which occurred at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, left Thursday morning to attend the funeral at Winters.

About two months ago Mrs. Penney broke her hip in a fall and, following complications, pneumonia set in, which caused her death. She is survived by four daughters and one son.

Sedan Stolen Sunday Located at Lampasas

Following up the theft of a '28 Ford sedan from J. W. Bland Sunday, City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, assisted by Constable N. A. Dowell, was successful in locating the car and the probable offender in Lampasas Thursday morning, and he left at once for that city.

A car that was stolen in Lampasas Saturday was located here and, by a fortunate deduction, Dickinson hit on the idea that the Bland car might be found in Lampasas. When he phoned officers there, he found this to be the case.

Observe Maine Sinking.
Havana, Feb. 22.—On the thirty-sixth anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, 20,000 persons gathered at the Maine monument Thursday for memorial exercises.

Inventor Is Dead.
New York, Feb. 22.—John R. Rogers, 67 years old, chief inventor of the Mergenthaler Linotype company, died late Sunday at his Brooklyn home. He had been ill only a few days.

MRS. W. S. TELFORD DIES WITHIN FEW DAYS OF HUSBAND

Aged West Texan and Wife of Departed Confederate Veteran Passes Away at Home in Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. W. S. Telford, 91, mother of Mrs. J. P. Sharp of this city, died at 2:45 Thursday afternoon of last week at her home, 210 Amarillo street, Abilene, where Mr. Telford, a Confederate veteran, succumbed on February 3, at the age of 95 years.

Ill since the death of her husband, Mrs. Telford had frequently expressed desire to follow him. "Let me go; he is waiting for me," she told her children and grandchildren who ministered to her. She succumbed to complications following pneumonia, which also caused Mr. Telford's death.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Friday afternoon from the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene. President J. F. Cox of Abilene Christian college, and Homer Hailey, minister of the Highland church, who conducted rites for Mr. Telford, officiated. Hymns sung at her husband's funeral were repeated for Mrs. Telford and grandsons who formed an escort for their grandfather's body were also pall bearers for their grandmother. They were: Roscoe, Parker and Arl Sharp, Merkel; Kenneth Sharp, Abilene; Olive Sharp, Fort Worth; Bryant Longacre, Fort Worth; Melvin Longacre, Abilene; Lawrence and Bill Telford, San Antonio; W. T. Cain, Plainview, and P. J. Haggard, Abilene. Granddaughters served as flower girls.

Seldom is it permitted a couple to live to observe their 68th anniversary, which Mr. and Mrs. Telford celebrated last October 10, three days after Mr. Telford's 96th birthday. Mrs. Telford was Louisiana English Pennington and she met Mr. Telford in 1859, when, traveling from his home in Maryland on horseback, he fell in with the wagon train of her father, S. D. Pennington, and his family, who were moving from Missouri to Texas. They were married, after the close of the Civil war, at Austin, Oct. 10, 1865. Since coming to Jones county in 1903 they had resided in West Texas, having lived here for about ten years prior to moving to Abilene in 1929.

Besides the daughter here, Mrs. Telford is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. E. F. Longacre, Abilene, and Mrs. G. T. Cain, Sweetwater, and one son, P. J. Telford of San Antonio. Four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Tvey, Fort Worth; Mrs. Joe Harris, Stephenville; Mrs. Lily Tubbs, Mexia, and Mrs. J. R. Sanders, Round Rock; three brothers, F. J. Pennington, Brady; John Pennington, Killen, and Charles Pennington, Oklahoma; 25 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren also survive Mrs. Telford.

Record of Births.
Girl, named Dorothy Neill, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker, Friday, February 9, 1934.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Region, residing north of Stith, Thursday, February 15, 1934.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell, Friday, February 15, 1934.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McLeod, residing on Route 2, Saturday, February 17, 1934.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Winters, Stith, Monday, February 19, 1934.
Twin girls, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp, residing north of town, Tuesday, February 20, 1934.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reid, Trent, Wednesday, February 21, 1934.

May Lose Both Legs.
W. A. Richardson, a brother of J. E. Richardson here and who resides near Stephenville, has had to have his right leg amputated, following an accident in a runaway about two months ago. In jumping from a wagon he broke both legs. Since the amputation of one leg he has been in the hospital at Stephenville and it now seems necessary for the other leg to be amputated.

To Conduct Bible School.
Rev. Sam Morris, pastor of the First Baptist church of Stamford, will be in Merkel Monday night and all-day Tuesday and Tuesday night to conduct a class in Bible study at the Northside Missionary Baptist church.

GYM URGED FOR MERKEL; CREDITS ARE ENDANGERED LOCAL SCHOOLS INSPECTED

Former District Clerk Claimed by Death at Age 71

J. Knox Fuller, 71, former district clerk and resident of Taylor county since 1890, died at 5:20 Saturday afternoon at his home in Abilene. Ill for nearly two weeks, Mr. Fuller's condition became critical on February 9, when pneumonia developed.

A number of Merkel friends attended the funeral, which was held Sunday afternoon from the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene. Interment was at Tuscola, former home of the Fuller family. Included in the list of honorary pall bearers were L. L. Murray, Dick Lassiter, Earl Lassiter and Rev. R. A. Walker.

Besides his wife, Mr. Fuller is survived by five children: Mrs. G. A. Dudley, Merkel, and Mrs. J. H. Rucker, Roy C. Fuller, Taylor county treasurer, Ralph and Drew Fuller, Abilene.

"Crashing Thru" as Benefit for Fireboys

Rehearsals have been under way since Monday for "Crashing Thru," the play sponsored by the Merkel Fire department and to be presented at the Cozy theatre Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Feb. 27-28.

The cast of characters is printed in full in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Mail and made possible by courtesy of local merchants.

"Crashing Thru" is presented in a prologue and three acts. Admission prices are 10c for children under 12, adults 25c, with a reserve seat charge of 10c. The latter are on sale at Hamm's Drug store.

Albany Breeder to Hold Hereford Auction Sale

F. W. Alexander, one of the leading Hereford breeders of Shackelford county, will hold his first individual auction sale at Diamond Ranch, four miles north of Albany on March 1, with 29 pure bred Hereford cattle offered to the public. A neat 42-page catalog has just been issued by Mr. Alexander, in which he gives a full description of each animal.

Captain Earl Gartin, who is well known in this territory, will be the auctioneer at this sale, and time of the event is set for 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, March 1.

After Visit Here Deputy State Superintendent Sue B. Mann Urges Need of School Auditorium and Gymnasium.

On Tuesday, February 13, Miss Sue B. Mann, deputy state superintendent of schools, visited the Merkel schools. While in Merkel she made a survey of the school plant and facilities. One of the requirements for holding affiliation, of course, is school buildings that are adequate for carrying out the program required by the state department of education. Most patrons know that now the state requires a program of physical education. This has become as important in the minds of school people as are algebra, history and other academic subjects. Without health, a knowledge of books would be of very little value.

Because of this fact and the further fact that physical education is now required just as much as in English, and because of the fact that physical education cannot be taught without an adequate gymnasium, all the schools surrounding Merkel that are accredited have a gymnasium. These are: Blackwell, Divide, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Roby, Hamlin, Anson, Abilene, Ovalo and on around. These each have a gymnasium.

Need for a combination auditorium and gymnasium here is stressed in a letter from Miss Mann to W. O. Bone, secretary of the Merkel school board, after her visit here. In part the letter reads:

"I want to commend you and other members of the board of education for the superior school that you are maintaining at Merkel. It seems that your plant is adequate to the program that you are carrying on except in auditorium and physical education facilities. I am recommending that you complete your school plant by erecting a combination auditorium and gymnasium."

"Merkel needs an auditorium that will accommodate not only the total school enrollment of 787 students but also all school patrons and friends who may want to share school life with their young people. I understand that your city does not have an auditorium sufficiently large for any community-wide gathering."

"Furthermore you need a gymnasium in order that the physical education requirements placed upon all affiliated and classified high schools may be met."

THE BOOK

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

by BRUCE BARTON

THE REIGN OF DAVID.

What a romantic story of success! The simple shepherd lad, David, tending his sheep and playing his lute, receives a sudden summons home. Saul, the King, who is passionately fond of music, has sent out a call for a musician. The boy goes to court and by his modesty and quick intelligence becomes a favorite. The blustering Goliath affords his courage a golden opportunity; in a single hour he wins the gratitude of the nation by killing Goliath with his sling in battle, and with it the jealous hatred of King Saul.

At length Saul in battle defeat has his own guards run him through and David ascends the throne. With firm hand and statesman-like vision he enforces order within the kingdom and respect without. So successful are his campaigns that he is able to establish a garrison in far-off Damascus and levy tribute of the Syrians, while Hiram, the powerful king of Tyre, is glad to claim him as an ally and a friend. He is one of the realest characters in all literature. You can see his sturdy body and strong but kindly face; you hear his tones and feel his presence, for there is no attempt to make him anything more than human. In fact his sin—the great blot on his kingly career—is set forth in complete detail. It is one of the famous illicit love-stories and has been the theme of countless poems and plays.

Walking one afternoon upon the roof of his palace David saw a beautiful woman in her bath. It was love at first sight. He sent immediately to inquire her name, and though it was told him that she was the wife of Uriah the Hittite, he took her into his harem. The act was made more heinous by the fact that Uriah was away, fighting his king's battle at the front. After a period the girl, Bathsheba, brought David the uncomfortable news that she was with child. Then came the act of villainy. David conferred with Joab, his general, and arranged that Uriah should be sent into the very foremost rank at the next battle. Loyal the brave soldier fulfilled his orders and, as had been expected and hoped by the

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 20, 1914.)

Miss Mamie Moore entertained Friday evening at her home on Reynolds street. The guests were invited to come in tacky costumes for an evening of fun and frolic. The guests were: Messrs. Ralph Bigham, Emze Burroughs, Cecil Jobe, Will Bond, Charley Williams, Q. Rust, Robert Dennis, Misses Mary Mayfield, Gladys Walters, Kate Henderson, Madalyn Adkisson and Gladys Coggin. Fruit was served, every one saying, "I never had such a good time before," as they bade the young hostess good-night.

Miss Ezma Allday celebrated her birthday Sunday at her home on South Oak street. She served a no-sunday dinner perfect in all its appointments. Covers were laid for Misses Effie Hudson, Ona Johnson, Emma Mae Mashburn, Lizzie Mae and Bernadine Freeman, Lizzie and Eva Calvert and Jewel Pate, Mesdames Twyman Collins, Allday and the hostess.

MASSEY-SIKES.
Walter Massey and Miss Mayme Sikes were quietly married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Scott,

a few of the intimate friends being with them.

Immediately after the ceremony they drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Johnson where covers were laid for the invited guests. They will be at their home, after March 1st, three miles south of Trent.

Ed Teaff escaped what might have been a serious injury Sunday night when he started in his room in the Crenshaw block by falling into an open pit at the edge of the sidewalk.

The pit has been dug for the purpose of installing a gas tank for filling automobiles and, not being finished, was left open with no light to mark that there might be danger. This negligence on the part of the workmen might result in a serious injury to someone.

Mrs. W. S. Mace of Lampasas came in Tuesday to visit her brother, Ed Young, and to pay her respects to Mrs. Young and their new daughter.

Dr. Hendricks of Stith left the first of the week for Brownsville with his son, who is in bad health. Their stay there will be governed by the improvement of the latter.

Miss Nena Kate Ramsey Enters Co. Supt. Race



NENA KATE RAMSEY.

Nena Kate Ramsey, associate professor of speech at Simmons university and president of the Texas Speech association, has announced as a candidate for the office of county superintendent of Taylor county. In doing so she set forth her training, experience and policies as follows:

"I was born in Callahan county in 1902. I received my early education in the Baird public schools. In 1921 I received the B. A. degree from Simmons university with a major in education. The following year I attended Texas university. In 1926 I went to Teachers' college of Columbia university and in 1927 I received the M. A. degree with an education major and a major interest in speech education. During this time I had classes with and audited courses under the leading educators of the United States. The year of 1930 and 1931 I spent in study in Paris and London. While abroad I observed existing trends in the public school systems of Germany, France, and England.

"During the last two years of my college work I served as substitute

teacher in the Abilene city schools. In 1922 I became a regular teacher in Abilene. In 1924 and 1925 I taught English and was supervising principal of a consolidated rural school in Sunrise, Wyoming. In 1928 I returned to the Abilene schools as a teacher of reading in Central ward. Following that year I went to Mississippi Woman's college as head of the department of speech education, where I remained until I went abroad for study. For the past three years I have been affiliated with Simmons university as head of the speech department.

"To the voters of Taylor county, I am announcing my candidacy for the forthcoming election.

"Since, during my teaching experience I have taught or supervised some subject in each of the eleven grades, and since my major interest has always been education. I feel justified in asking the support of the voters of Taylor county. I think I shall be able to improve the county school system, for I am qualified through travel, study and experience to know the most recent developments in the educational world, and I have been observing the needs of Taylor county.

"My plans for the improvement of the schools of Taylor county will be guided by a dual motive: children's and taxpayers' best interest—the most recent educational developments on the most conservative basis."

BLAIR ITEMS

Without trying to name all those who have been laid out with colds, "flu," sore eyes, measles, etc., it may be said that happily most of them are back on the job again with hopes of final recovery.

Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, who has been critically ill, is convalescing slowly. We hope she will soon be able to be up and regain her health permanently.

Vergilee Doan is doing jury service at Abilene this week.

I. N. Brown and two daughters, Christine and Jessie Murrel, motored over to Sweetwater last week-end to be with Mrs. Brown, who is under

treatment of a physician there. Mr. Brown reports his wife's condition much improved.

Jm Moore and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore of Tye Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Frambrough and Mrs. O. L. Roberts and attractive little daughter, Iva Gene, of Abilene and Mrs. Bob Freeman of Merkel were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith enjoyed a visit from the former's sister of Hamlin recently.

Mrs. Tom Melton is spending several days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens, of Sweetwater.

Washley Bryant and family and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bryant left recently for an extended visit to Alabama. Floyd's health is very much improved at this writing and we hope for his early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton and family have moved to Abilene for the coming year. We surely hate to lose this fine family, but we hope all parties success in the change that has been made.

Will Brown of McDonald is the guest of his brother, Hodge Brown, for the week.

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

Luther Brown of Post is spending the week with the home folks here.

THE BOOK

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king, he was reported among the casualties. Bathsheba became the favorite of the palace and bore a famous son, Solomon, for whom she secured the succession through her influence over David.

It is not a pretty story, and the prophet Nathan, a rugged old preacher who feared nothing, did not allow the king to forget his sin. Until his dying day David was conscience-stricken. We are quite sure that many of the Psalms which are attributed to him must have been written by oth-

ers, but we know that he did write this one, a bitter cry of repentance: "According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."

Next Week: Proverbs, Poems and Prophets.

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Doctors have always recognized the value of the laxative whose dose can be measured, and whose action can be thus regulated to suit individual need.

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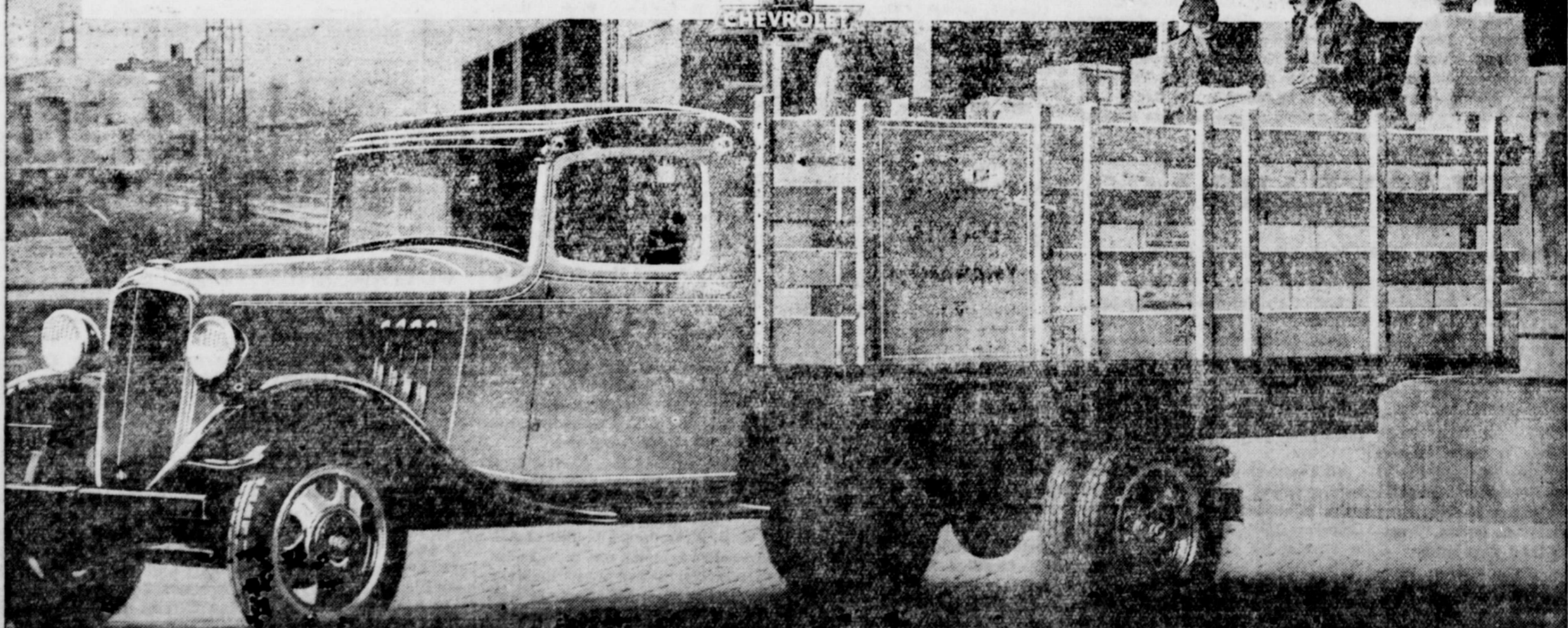
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FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

To get fifteen thousand dollars to save the family honor, Nancy Gordon promises to marry the well-to-do Dr. Richard Morgan. Her beloved brother, Roddy, has come home from New York to confess that he has taken that amount from the bank where he works—because a woman needed it—and that he will be jailed if he is found out before he returns it. So Nancy, in love with the penniless Page Roemer, decides to borrow the money from Morgan, and pledges herself to marry him in return. He agrees to the bargain, feeling sure he can make her love him. While they are talking at his house, Roemer comes to see him. "Oh, Richard, don't let him come in here," begs Nancy when she hears his name. And as Richard looks at her the pitiful little secret of her love for Page is revealed to him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"Nancy, you don't quite hate me—do you?"

She blushed; she remembered suddenly her cry to her father: "I hate that man!" And she was going to marry him. She felt ill and weak and trembling, but she remembered her father's ashen face in his sleep.

"N-no, I don't hate you!" she answered faintly. "I—oh, don't ask me, Richard."

He did not; he was silent for a while, looking at her, and then he remembered.

"I'm going to get that money for you, Nancy. Fortunately, I have it here in the bank, in such shape I can get it, the whole of it, today. But it's only eight o'clock, the banks aren't open, won't be for an hour. Will you breakfast with me? I've only got Mammy Polk here, but she's a good cook. Come to breakfast with me Nancy, for the first time."

Then she raised her eyes involuntarily to his and her heart seemed to stand still. How his face had changed! She would never have known it. She trembled. If he loved her like that it was terrible to treat him so; to come into his life and wreck it—for—money! Every noble instinct in her nature revolted against it, and yet there was Roddy and her mother and her father! Suddenly she covered her face with her hands and groaned.

"Oh, Richard!"

He was startled; he felt a change in her, and his flush deepened. Something almost like hope quickened in his heart, but he did not speak.

Neither did she, they had no time. Mammy Polk came to the door.

"Breakfast's a' ready, Mist' Richard."

She was a tall, old black woman, gaunt and erect in her striped purple calico and her long apron.

"Mammy Polk, we've got company to breakfast," said Richard quickly. "Miss Gordon is going to eat breakfast with me."

Mammy Polk courted.

"Howdy, Miss Nancy? We'se got waffles an' coffee; de doctah, he don't eat noffin mornin's. Can't I drop yo' egg on bit of bacon, Miss Nancy?"

"No, no! I like waffles, Mammy Polk. I'll take anything you have."

Mammy Polk smiled. "I reckon yo'll like de waffles," she said proudly.

"Mammy's famous for them," said Richard. "Come, Nancy, let's go out to breakfast."

He bent over her, his face aglow, offering his arm. Nancy took it and tried not to look at him. Together they walked into the dining room, following the tall figure of Mammy Polk.

Richard led her to a chair opposite his own. Nancy sat down weakly, hardly daring to lift her eyes, she was afraid the old negro woman would see the traces of tears.

"Try to eat something, Nancy, you'll be ill if you don't," she heard Richard's voice.

"Indeed I can't eat, Richard!"

She felt his eyes on her and tried to hide her own, toying with her fork. Her lips trembled. Was he wondering why she wanted that awful money?

"Don't ask too much, Richard!" she cried, agonizingly.

He shot a look across at her, and his own color died away slowly.

"I wish you'd try to eat—see these waffles," he offered Mammy Polk's best.

Nancy took one and sat looking at it, her lips still trembling.

"I don't want to cry into a waffle," she said in a choked voice, "don't watch me, please don't!"

"I can't—there's someone at the door, turned and looked at her, his 'I'll send him off in a jiffy—why, it's Page Roemer!"

Nancy sprang up, her face white. "Oh, Richard, don't let him come in here!" she gasped.

Richard, who had started for the door, turned and looked at her, his heart in his eyes. For a full minute they stood thus, looking at each other, and Nancy's pitiful little secret told itself. Richard knew it. He seemed to hesitate, to be thinking hard, and his strange eyes deepened and darkened wonderfully.

"I shan't bring him in here, Nancy," he said quietly, and went into the next room.

Nancy sank down again into her chair at the table. Every nerve in her body throbbled and quivered, she heard Page Roemer's voice, then Richard's, then the movements of the two men out there in the hall. Richard was sending him away and she felt like death. If Page came into the room, if he dreamed what she had done—her face burned with shame. Horror seized her, she clung to the arms of the old mahogany chair in which she sat. It seemed to her that she had lost all power of thought and action.

Then she heard the front door shut and Richard coming back alone. She did not look up, she could not. He came in slowly and stopped beside her.

"Nancy," his voice was kind, but there was emotion in it as deep as hers. "I'm going out now—to the bank. Stay here, please, with Mammy

Polk, I'll bring it straight back—the sum you need."

She tried to answer him but she could not. She had risen and was standing weakly, and he made her sit down again. His touch was gentle and his face, close to hers, flushed and paled almost like a woman's. Their eyes met, and, for the first time, he kissed her.

"Nancy!" She was trembling violently and she could not raise her eyes. He held her close pressed to his heart, and she felt his breath soft and warm on her cheek. "I make you love me!" he said again. "If I thought I couldn't—I wouldn't dare—but I will, Nancy, I will!"

Her head sank lower and there was a little silence more eloquent than words. Then she gasped. "Please don't—not now, Richard! I—I can't bear any more."

"I know—forgive me!" He was up and half way to the door, then he turned back, his heart in his eyes, hot with wrath. He was thinking of Page Roemer. But something in her attitude, in the appealing profile, the air of grief and helplessness, went to his heart. He did not speak; he opened the door and went out.

To Nancy the shutting of that door snapped the tension. She sank lower in her chair, her eyes fixed on a space of sunshine outside the window where she could see the soft green turf, and here and there the yellow flame of a crocus.

Those yellow crocuses out there leaped up like tongues of flame, she watched them, fascinated. If she could only get out of that window and run away—she caught her breath at the thought. It would be so easy! Couldn't she? But there was Roddy to go to jail, and her father! She remembered and shuddered, hiding her eyes.

She heard Mammy Polk's voice, but the words were blurred, the old woman was babbling about Richard. Nancy's ears were strained, listening for his step coming back; she heard, instead, the clock strike, a single flute like bell, half past nine.

Mammy Polk set a dish down and turned quickly.

"Clare t' goodness, dere's Mist' Richard coming back now!" she exclaimed.

Nancy sank lower in her chair; a deep flush mounted. Then she rose slowly to her feet, gripped the edge of the table and stood, swaying a little, her face turned toward the door, waiting for this man who was so soon to be—her husband!

Richard had brought the money, all of it, and he had asked no questions, not even when he saw the haste

that invaded her like a tempest, the secret haste that she wanted to hide from him and could not.

"Richard, I've got to go home!" she cried trembling. "I—I must go alone, too. Don't ask me why!"

And he had not asked. Suddenly his voice and his eyes were kind, as if he knew. The passion seemed to have died out of them, but there was tenderness.

"I'd come if I could help—could I, Nancy?"

She shook her head, speechless, poised for flight, and he was generous. He let her go unquestioned and undelayed.

Fear winged her feet; she almost ran down the long street; she was possessed with a horror of being too late, of having done it all in vain! Her imagination, a vivid, restless thing at best, pictured Roddy's arrest just as she entered—or, worse still, he'd be on his way to New York with the detectives.

She turned the corner, had a glimpse of the old house and garden, quiet under the fine old trees, and drew a breath of relief. When she opened the gate she saw Roddy walking up and down inside the lilac hedge. He paced restlessly, but with a dragging, dejected gait. He wanted to escape it all, but there was no escape—except by the road. He had promised Nancy not to go until she came back. And then it might be too late.

Nancy was thankful that he was alone. She could tell him so much more easily than she could tell her parents. They were her real problems.

"Roddy," she breathed in catchy gasps, "I ran all the way—here's the money—go to New York and play it all back!"

Roddy, utterly amazed, stood staring blankly as she thrust the bulky package into his hands. She had never looked smaller or more childlike; her pale face a little drawn, tears of excitement misting her blue eyes, only her lips touched with red, moist and



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Speaking of the federal government's cotton acreage reduction campaign, W. P. Allen, prominent Terrell banker, says the cotton program of the government is the greatest thing to help farmers' prices since he has been in banking. "More debts paid, more money in the bank, more taxes paid—I'm 100 per cent for the program," he declared.

In the fifteen most populous counties of the state new passenger car registrations totaled 1,810 in January, as compared with 1,788 in December, a gain of 1.2 per cent, and 2,497 in January, 1933, a decline of 25 per cent, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research. The drop in January registrations was attributable to difficulty several of the larger automobile companies had in getting their production schedule under way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER (Re-election.)
RUCK SIBLEY.
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For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
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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.)
C. A. COCKRELL.
NENA KATE RAMSEY.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
JOHN PAYNE. (Re-election.)
For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:
OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

ESKOTA NEWS

Palava presented a fine play here last Tuesday night. The name of it was "Ranch of the Sunset Trail."

Little Miss Herba Fay Johnson has been very ill, but is reported improved at this writing.

Miss Stella Neepner attended the A. C. C. McMurry ball game at Abilene Friday night.

Mrs. A. E. Bullard and Lydia and Miss Edna May Price were shopping in Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols entertained a group of their friends Saturday night with a party. Miss Edna May Price of Abilene, Mrs. Nichols' cousin, was named honor guest.

Several attended court matters at Roby Monday.

Miss Opal Barnhill of White Flat was the Saturday night guest of Miss Mattie Utley.

Mrs. D. I. Trent visited her mother, Mrs. F. M. Cordill, of Merkel Saturday. Mr. Trent attended the rodeo at Suth.

Frank Allyn, who is working at Cisco, accompanied by his family from Trent, visited his mother, Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnston spent the week-end at Happy pertaining to business.

Mrs. Frank Allyn and children, Fred and Louise, of Trent, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Trent.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston attended a wardrobe school at Stamford Friday. Mrs. Ollie Mathews and Mrs. A. D. Dodson accompanied her as far as McCauley, where they visited relatives.

Mrs. May Day was called Saturday to the bedside of her brother, Charley Allyn, who is seriously ill at Clovis N. M. His condition is reported improving.

Ben Sellers, a former resident of this place, was visiting friends here Monday. He is a candidate for commissioner.

Stella Neepner visited her parents at Moodyville this week-end.

Miss Irma Knox has returned to Sweetwater where she is working.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Funderburg and children moved into their new home Tuesday.

R. E. Parker county tax assessor, was calling in this community Monday.

D. I. Trent was in Sweetwater Tuesday on business.

(Omitted Last Week.)
We have a number of sick folks here, but friends will be glad to learn they are improved some. Among those who have been sick are: Mrs. H. A. Johnston, Roberta Johnson, Mattie Utley, Minnie May Dodson, Little John Anderson and Mrs. John Rudd.

The young folks of this community presented their play, "A Cousin from Coon Ridge," at Trent Wednesday night. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. C. B. Johnson was in Roby Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Mrs. L. H. Utley were shopping in Sweetwater Wednesday morning.

Miss Irma Knox, who formerly was employed in Sweetwater, is at home again.

L. H. Utley and sons, Jackie and Virgil, were in Sweetwater Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Biggs of Sylvester visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley and children, Mattie, Virgil and Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and son, Donnie Veal, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kiser of Stamper Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser are the parents of a baby girl.

Miss Edna May Price of Abilene is visiting relatives here this week.

Singing was well attended here Sunday night. We will sing again next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

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Several from here attended court matters at Roby Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hassell of Seagraves are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnston this week.

RURAL SOCIETY

NOODLE H. D. C.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met in regular session at the school building February 14. The house was called to order by the president, followed by a song, prayer and roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

The following chairmen of committees gave reports: finance, Mrs. J. M. Spurgin; membership, Mrs. O. L. Justice; program, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee; expansion, Mrs. V. L. Merritt. Each chairman is requested to bring report of month's work each month and turn in to your local council member.

After the business session, a demonstration on "Council Meeting" was given by Mrs. V. L. Merritt and Mrs. E. B. Reese, council members. We are very glad to report several new members and visitors. We are asking them to study "Goals of Club Members," as outlined in Year Book, and try to be an A-1 co-operator.

Our play, "Twelve Old Maids," presented at Zion chapel, was very successful; a good sized crowd increased our funds considerably. Work on the quilt is progressing and we are asking everyone to turn their blocks over to Mrs. Waldo Cox as soon as they are finished, as she had agreed to set the blocks together. By all means, have them ready on or before February 28.

An all-day meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. J. M. Williamson February 28. A demonstration on cutting and applying the foundation pattern will be given by Miss Bonner, C. H. D. A., assisted by club demonstrators, Mrs. Carl Banneaux and Mrs. Carl Jackson. Members who have foundation patterns will please bring them to be checked. Those who do not have them please bring 3 yards muslin, paper, scissors, needle, thread, thimble and pins.

We are extending a special invitation to the women of the Comper community, as many have expressed an interest in the work. Don't forget the date, February 28.

—Reporter.

ADD RURAL SOCIETY UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. L. A. Watts for their monthly meeting, which was held for Mrs. Lee Tipton, with Mrs. O. E. Harwell as co-hostess. Mrs. Melvin Carey presided over a short business session when plans were made for the next meeting. The program also included a one-act play, "Who Took The Pie?" Next meeting is to be held in the home of Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Jr.

Members present were Mesdames Melvin Carey, Pierce Horton, O. E. Harwell, Oliver Carey, J. L. McRee, S. O. Patton, S. C. Vick, Dub Derstine, Gwendolyn Tucker, Lee Tipton, Johnnie Dunn, Floyd Newberry, Porter Whitaker, Ruth Bonds and B. Bonds, Misses Mabel McRee, Ruby and Norma Patton and two visitors, Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. McAninch.

SALT BRANCH 4-H GIRLS. The Salt Branch Girls 4-H club met at the school house Tuesday afternoon with Wilma Lee Payne in charge. Lola Higgins called the roll, which was answered by the girls showing their apron patterns. The girls in class A

are having an apron contest and those in class B, a dish towel contest.

At the next meeting, Tuesday, February 27, a demonstration will be given by the sponsor, Miss Marcella Pinckley, on making a crocheted rug and class B will begin work on their dish towels.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A. The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday night and rendered a very interesting program, which was as follows: "The President's Message on Founder's Day," Mrs. M. F. Carey.

School number, Mrs. Velmer Gibson. "Child Training," Velmer Shelton, Mrs. Pannell, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Blanton.

Song, Herbert Rogers. One act play, "The Potters Prepare for the Program."

String music, Rogers Brothers and Mrs. Jack Pannell. The social hour.

ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS. Mrs. W. J. Farley was hostess to the Woman's Home Demonstration club members on Tuesday afternoon, February 13. Mrs. Hood of Sylvester, who is president of the rug association in Fisher county, gave a demonstration on hooking rugs. Mrs. Simmons of Roby, chairman of the beautification committee, talked about our native trees and the history of our pioneers. Plans were discussed for raising funds. Several members contributed home products to be sold. Several hens, pecans and sweet potatoes were contributed. All members are contributing a penny for every year of their age. Plans were also made to present a play, but the name of the play was not definitely decided on.

A miscellaneous shower was presented to Mrs. Arthur Gunnells during the social hour.

Those present for the meeting were: Miss Velma Heald, county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Hood, Sylvester, Mrs. Simmons, Roby, Mesdames Wesley Mitchell, Opal Cooper, Blankenship and McDonald, White Flat, Mesdames C. B. Johnston, D. I. Trent, Arthur Gunnells, M. E. Trent, Lucy Vickers, Clayton Nichols, A. D. Dodson, W. J. Farley, Mrs. Johnston.

A. E. Bullard, Ollie Mathews and Dora Knox, Misses Ellen Morgan, Lydia Bullard, Edna May Price of Abilene, Mrs. Roland Hassell of Seagraves and the hostess.

The social hour will be at Mrs. M. E. Trent's home, Tuesday, February 27, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. C. B. Johnston will show the members the new home demonstration club school at Stamford. The play and its

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Haynes of Stamford were guests Wednesday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart of Lamesa visited Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett and also Mrs. Stuart's father, T. H. Christopher, last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Christopher accompanied them home for a visit of a few weeks.

Judge N. D. Cobb and Mrs. Cobb, accompanied by Mrs. G. R. Holloway, returned the first of the week from a two weeks visit to the Rio Grande valley.

Miss Dixie Blair was here from San Angelo for a week-end visit with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and other relatives.

H. M. Rainbolt and family of Big Spring were week-end visitors with his mother, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones and Mrs. D. M. Harbour have returned from a visit to Dekalb, Mr. Jones' former home, in East Texas.

Miss Floydie Isom has returned to John Tarleton college, Stephenville, after spending the week-end with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom, of Tye. She is the granddaughter of S. F. Haynes of this city.

Mrs. E. N. Brown has returned from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. V. P. Tippett, in San Angelo.

Mrs. M. D. Angus, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Nat Anderson of Abilene, visited Sunday with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis, in Ranger.

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Joke Editor—Jack West.

CHORAL CLUB GOES TO TRENT.

Last Friday morning Mr. Burgess asked me if I would like to accompany the Choral club to Trent, where they were to sing on the following Monday. Of course I said "Yes;" I had heard those girls before and I knew they could sing.

Well, Monday morning when I got to school, the studio was full of girls in black linen. Mrs. Etyl Church, Mr. Burgess and Mrs. Haynes took their cars, and Mr. Lily drove the school bus to Trent. About forty-seven girls went.

When chapel began, our girls marched out on the stage in double file and sang three numbers, "The Clock," "Glow-Worm" and "Trees." After that a double sextette sang "The Roseary" and "Little Blue Bird of My Heart." And following these songs a girls' quartette gave "Life Holds Nothing Sweeter." The whole club joined in the concluding numbers, "Neopolitan Nights" and "Kentucky Babe."

We all brought back cold feet and happy hearts, and I—for one— a feeling of deep appreciation for our Choral club and its sponsor, Mrs. Haynes.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

We haven't elected class officers yet. But we are planning on electing them sometime this week.

Some of our Sophs have been stepping. Here's the record.

Janet went somewhere Friday night.

Opal does not sing.

Etoile had a date Sunday night.

Waymon has been absent from school.

Ora likes to go to the Catholic church.

Rogers can't let any one study during history class.

Thelma has let something happen to the "guy" that lives at Trent.

Wille B. went somewhere Saturday night about 9.

Jack Davis took someone riding Sunday afternoon.

Jack Stanford and Jack Lowe went somewhere Saturday night.

Woodrow Clark likes to ride with Ruby and Alice.

Horace is always acting smart.

Juanita Huskey likes to play with a large orange ball.

Mehales and Helen just can't keep from fussing over certain boys.

Felix thinks about Freshman girls.

Etoile likes to ride in a motorboat.

John really does go with girls.

OUR SENIORS.

Kennedy Whiteley.

Another one of the Badgers is Kennedy. As he did not come out for football until last year, he just has one stripe. When he did come out, he made a grand player as one of our guards. He also came out for track and lettered. He has always been very popular in his class room. This year he is our faithful sports editor for the Badger Weekly. He has been a member of the Glee club and Dramatic club for the last two years. His many friends wish him all the luck and happiness in his world.

Emily Newman.

Emily is one of our smartest Seniors. This year she is coming out for essay writing. She is also a member of the "Blue Badgerettes" club and the Dramatic club. With her quiet way and friendly disposition she will always come out on top, we are sure.

AT CHAPEL MAYBE!!

During chapel speech:
Voice from rear: "Louder, louder. We can't hear a thing you're saying."

Front-row Slime: "Then thank the Lord and keep still."

FLEES IN PAPA'S PANTS.

Dressed in her father's trousers, A silly maid one day
Went and eloped with a fellow;
What will the paper say?
Read then in his startling headline
(Such are the whims of chance)
That sprang next day from the press—
"Flees in Papa's Pants."

THE STREET SWEEPER.

The street sweeper was sweeping bitterly as he pushed the broom along the curb.
"What is the trouble, my good man?" asked a bystander.
"Sir," said the street sweeper, "there has been an accident here. One

of my friends was killed and I'm forced to sweep away the debris."
"Oh, I see," said the bystander, "just scraping up an acquaintance."

DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Dramatic club met in Mrs. Haynes' studio Friday night, February 16. The host and hostesses were Ted McGehee, Jo Earl Lasiter, Howard Carson, Lois Whiteley, Julia Proctor Lancaster, Mary Helen Lancaster, Wanda Hunter, Clara Lee Peterson and Waldeline Huskey. A Valentine motive was carried out.

After several Valentine games were played, the following program was given:

Reading, Mildred Cox.
Music, Clovis and company.
Extempore speech, Jimmy Doll Perry.

Play, "A Challenge of Youth."
The cast of the play included Harriette Rogers, Clara Lee Peterson, Lois Whiteley, Waldeline Huskey, Sarah Malone, Billy Gardner, Wanda Hunter, Bessylea Church, Ted McGehee, Charles Tipton, Neil Durham and Jo Earl Lasiter.

Delicious plates consisting of cup cakes, hot chocolate, stuffed olives and candy hearts were served, after which a short business meeting was held.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Miss Martin, Mrs. Ted McGehee and Lucile Campbell.

FRESHMEN.

We wonder:

If Walter will work on his study course or Thelma.

If De La Verne and Mary Frances can sing.

If Bud ever heard of Sweetwater.

If Sis will go riding next Sunday.

If Sarah likes her new permanent.

If Jane wants a permanent.

If Oscar likes Freshmen or Juniors.

What the volley ball girls will wear.

Who the Freshman beauty will be.

ASK:

Joe who Josephine is.

Kennedy who his enthusiastic pupil was Saturday night.

Billy why people like to come to see her.

Betty Lou, Mary Frances, Billy and Caribel what they "reckoned" on Sunday afternoon.

Bud why his car won't turn the other way and go to Abilene.

David whom he calls "baby." You can't tell by looking.

Tracy what he did Sunday afternoon.

Sarah what she read on a powder box.

Mary Helen why she tells what she doesn't want known because she thinks.

Milton if he knows who said he had gone from bad to worse.

Vernon why he thinks Mary Frances is stuckup.

Bud why he didn't go ahead and shoot L. V.

Sis why she lets David treat her so roughly.

Robert Junior if the sheriff is going to get him.

Smitty if it is farther from Sis' house to his house than it is from the Presbyterian church.

Kenneth who his sweet pea is.

Sylvan if the reason he can't play Margaret, Sarah, Helen, Clara

Frances and Caribel why Mr. Mansfeld thinks his water bill will be so high this month.

golf is because every time he starts to say "fore" he says "\$3.98."

Murphy if he knows who would like to squeeze him.

Jack Stanford whom he writes notes to in history class.

Arthur if he would try to hurt Kennedy in the study hall.

Helen why she decided all at once to quit reducing Tuesday night—was it popcorn?

Evelyn and Ella if they like being left.

Joe Warren why he always loses his guns at the wrong time.

Sarah how and where is a good place to make wishes; if she doesn't know, ask Milton.

Bussie if he likes to look through scrapbooks with certain people.

Harold Reese why he was so sick Sunday night.

JUNIOR NEWS

We Juniors met at activity period Monday to organize our class. Miss Patterson told us the duties of the class officers and then we elected the officers. Billie Bernice Gambill was elected president; Milton Shannon, vice-president, and Anna Lou Church, secretary and treasurer. We hope to make this class the best ever had by Juniors, and I believe that with our new officers and our sponsor this can be done.

TOMFOOLERY.

Oscar: "How did you break your leg?"

Bud T.: "I threw a cigarette in a man hole and stepped on it."

Tom Jones: "Why do you say that Adam was like a radio?"

Ted McGehee: "Because they took part of him and made a loudspeaker."

Skeeter: "Two bits I know what you're going to say next."

Milton: "What?"

Skeeter: "Right I was. You owe me two bits."

He: "I like your form."

She: "Must we go all over that again?"

Pedestrian: "Say, you just missed me."

Joe Cook: "Well, stand still and I'll try again."

CAN YOU IMAGINE—

L. V. without an appetite.

Clifton as commander of the standing army.

Jack S. an aviator.

Rodgers as a big French cook.

Bud T. a woman hater.

Heza not being a man of means.

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Dub Ford as band director of M. H. S. or M. H. S., with a band.

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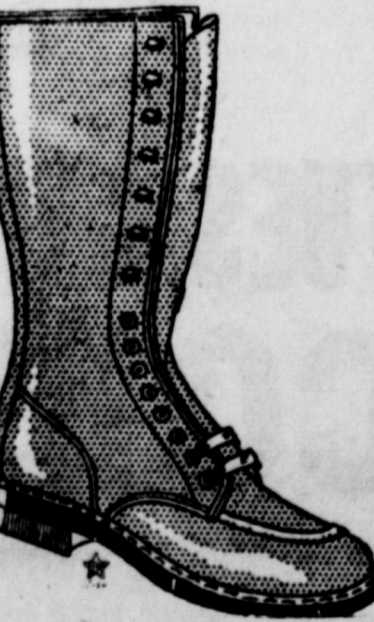
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Alma Henson spent the week-end with home folks at Sylvester and her sister, Miss Thelma Henson, returned with her to spend the week. She is residing in the home of Mrs. R. M. Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry visited over the week-end at the bedside of the latter's sister, who lives at Gail. They were accompanied by A. C. Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Harris Taylor of Fairfield are here on an indefinite visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

The W. M. U. ladies of the Baptist church have changed the day and time of their meetings. They now meet at 1:30 on Monday afternoon. Last Monday they began on their mission study, taking the book, "The Keys of the Kingdom." You have a hearty invitation to come and meet with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crawford visited with relatives in Stamford a few days last week.

The Simmons Senior male quartette rendered a splendid program Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. Despite the bad weather, there was a nice attendance, which was deeply appreciated by the boys, and we invite them to come again.

Mrs. Fred Rogge of Sylvester spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Murry motored to Anson Sunday and had a pleasant all-day visit with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pointer of Stephenville were the week-end guests of Allen Terry.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon, taking up their regular mission study, "The Never Failing Light." The subject was "Looking Ahead in Christian Missions." The devotional was given by Mrs. Reaves, with prayer by Mrs. Gafford. Talks were made as follows: "An Enrichment of Occidental Christian Life," Mrs. Mangum; "Christ" at round table, Mrs. McRee; "World Wide Fellowship," Mrs. Reaves; closing prayer, Mrs. McRee. This finished the book which has been so beneficial to all who attend. We invite you to come at 3 o'clock Monday.

J. B. Winn and Harris Taylor attended to business in Cisco and Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Margie Adrian of A. C. C. spent the week-end at home and her mother accompanied her back to have a visit with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

C. T. Bowers of Lubbock was an overnight guest of his brother, J. E. Bowers, Monday night.

The Grammar school boys team played Mt. Pleasant team at Merkel Friday, the score being 19 to 10 in favor of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer McLeod are the happy parents of a fine baby girl; Jimmie Lue is her name and she took up her abode with them Saturday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

There is still quite a lot of sickness in our community.

Mrs. Rose Edwards, accompanied by her son, Buster, made a trip to Del Rio last week.

Hosea Winn, who is employed at Buffalo Gap, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Jack Bowers of Abilene High spent the week-end at home.

Grandma Reeves of Knox City is spending a few days with Mrs. R. M. Beasley.

Mrs. Joe Boone has returned from Hermleigh after spending some days with relatives there. She reports her sister, Mrs. Dingle, still improving. Brother P. H. Gates of Merkel was on our streets Saturday afternoon, shaking hands with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of I. X. L. visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins of Nubia were guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. I. Leeman, Sunday afternoon, and also attended singing at the Baptist church.

Miss Maimie Robinson, a student in Ranger Junior college, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robinson.

Thursday afternoon a carload of ladies from the Baptist church motored to Sweetwater and visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Lee, who is under the watchful care of our association. The latter has taken it upon themselves to care for this aged couple, he being a retired minister.

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BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

Complimenting Mrs. C. C. McRee, Miss Lillian McRee and Mrs. T. G. Hamner were co-hostesses in entertaining on Thursday, the fifteenth, with a prettily appointed birthday party in honor of the former. Contract bridge was the early afternoon diversion, Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, who won high score, being presented with a deck of cards. The honoree was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

At the culmination of the games a refreshment plate consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, criss-cross potatoes, date-nut roll topped with whipped cream and coffee was passed to Mesdames R. B. McRee, Sr., Leslie Beasley, Charley Murphy, Hale McRee, Joe Jackson, Marvin Murdock, R. B. McRee, Jr., Garland P. Franks, Curley Edwards, Carl Bonneaux, Bud Winters, Miss Maurine Smith, little H. L. McRee and Patricia Ann Beasley and the honoree and hostesses.

THE DOLLAR BRIDE

(Continued from Page 3.)
trembling. She must have gone mad, he thought soberly.

"Take it, take it, Rod! It's all right—bonds and securities as good as gold, you can cash them, take them and go—quick, quick, before it's too late!"

He took the bundle, glanced at its contents and stared at her with his mouth open.

"Where in mischief did you get it, Nancy?"

"I—I got it—" she stopped leaning against a tree, breathless. She was so pale that her blue eyes looked dark.

"It doesn't matter—I borrowed it, you can have it, Roddy."

He was turning the papers over, bonds and securities and cash. His amazement deepened as he counted and assured himself that all were genuine. Fifteen thousand dollars—the whole sum—from the gods! How in the name of heaven—? He stared at his sister, the red glinting in his wine-brown eyes.

"What have you been doing? Where in the world did you get this, Nancy?" he demanded hoarsely.

"I didn't steal it!" she said in a low voice.

He turned on her. "Don't rub that in!" he cried almost fiercely. There seemed to be no gratitude, no response in him. He stared at her as if he thought her a thief, she had hurt him cruelly.

Her face crimsoned under his eyes. "It's mine!" she repeated with stiff lips. "Don't stand there, don't stare at me, go back to New York. Oh, Roddy, go before it's too late!"

A light broke over his perturbed face. Relief or something akin to it.

"Oh, Lord, I'm thankful!" he breathed, folding the envelope up and staring at her, "I'm going—but—Nancy, where on earth did you get it? I must know that!"

Her eyes darkened suddenly. She choked back a sob.

"I'll never tell—unless you trust me and go—right away."

Roddy stared, his jaw dropping, he turned white and then red. "Nancy Virginia, did you tell—to get it?"

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Nancy, who felt his ashamed misery, threw her arms about him.

"I didn't—I vow I didn't, Rod! I just borrowed it."

"Borrowed it—on no security? Lord, Nancy, how can we pay it back?"

Anger welled up again in Nancy. She had suffered and he took it this way—without thought of her!

"We'll do it somehow, Rod! Can't you trust me—I won't tell, I won't truly! Oh, Rod, do you want to go to jail? Can't you wake up, take it and go—go!"

Their eyes met. She was clinging to his arm, pushing him away, urging him to go and they were very close together.

"I did it for father," she said flatly, "it was killing him. Now go—go. There's a train you can just catch it!"

He hesitated, in an agony of shame. He wanted to fling the borrowed money back, to say he'd face jail first, but his courage ebbed as the temptation pressed against his heart, he held the package gingerly, but he knew the money was there—the money to save him!

(Continued Next Week.)

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The many friends of Miss Phala Diltz and M. R. Watters will be interested to learn of their marriage, which was solemnized on Saturday, February 17, at 3:30 in Sweetwater, Judge Charles Lewis officiating.

Mrs. Watters is the attractive and talented daughter of Mrs. R. M. Diltz. She graduated from the McCamey High school and has, with her mother, for the past two years made their home with her grandmother, Mrs. T. F. Compton. She is a popular leader in all social, musical and religious activities of the town.

The groom is the son of Mrs. J. M. Watters of Abilene. He is at present an employee of the Roberts Oil corporation. Through associations in Merkel he has made a host of friends who offer sincerest congratulations to him and his lovely bride. They are at home in the Angus apartment.

BRIDGE GAMES.

The home of Dr. R. I. Grimes on Oak street was the scene of a pretty colonial party on Wednesday afternoon when Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Miss Nell Durham were co-hostesses in entertaining the members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club and a number of friends outside the club with contract.

Game tables were daintily appointed with accessories in George Washington motif where games of contract bridge progressed until a late hour. Delectable salads were served at the refreshment hour to Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfening, John Olan Lusby, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, Ernest Higgins, Ed McCrary, Milton Case, Charles Largent, George West, Jack Anderson, George Caple, R. I. Grimes, Misses Lou Largent, Nell Durham and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

HAPPY-GET-TOGETHER.

The home of Mrs. W. A. McCandless was the meeting place for her many friends Thursday of last week for an all-day quilting. A happy day was spent in quilting and talking. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served and two quilts were finished by five o'clock. Then Mrs. J. W. McConnell gave two readings: "Maggie and Jiggs at the Pearly Gates" and "That Old Sweetheart of Mine."

Those present at the quilting were Mesdames H. B. Chambliss, J. B. Gamble, F. A. Polley, R. H. Mathews, J. L. Tucker, J. W. McConnell, E. C. Richards, G. G. White, W. A. Thornton, Fred H. Baker, T. R. Lassiter, W. W. Patterson, W. L. Johnson, Pearl Hollingsworth, C. P. Church, J. B. Jones, G. M. Sharp, T. J. R. Swafford, E. W. King, J. M. Ashby, E. E. Dunn, J. E. Boaz, Pick Allen, J. W. Wheeler and Mr. J. W. Wheeler. Misses Mae Lassiter and Eunice Richards; children present were Teddy Joe and Bettie Joyce McGehee and Maurine and Marian Dunn. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL.

With Dr. D. M. Wiggins of Simmons university as guest speaker, the adult department of the Sunday School met Tuesday evening of last week in the basement of the First Baptist church for an informal banquet and program. T. D. Riddle was master of ceremonies and colorful Valentines, balloons and Cupids decorated the room to make an attractive background for the banquet tables, which were attractive with Sweetheart trees forming the centerpiece. Valentines marked places for about seventy members and guests.

The menu of pressed chicken, potato chips, pickles, cabbage pineapple salad, buttered rolls, pie and coffee was served by five young ladies in Valentine costumes of red and white.

An enjoyable program by guests and members of the church followed. The invocation was given by Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church, and the evening's program included: a medley of "Love Songs" by a group of girls from Mrs. Haynes' class, readings by Mrs. P. H. Gates and Mrs. Comer Haynes, and an address on "Growth, both Educational and Spiritual," by Dr. Wiggins. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung as the closing number and the benediction.

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was given by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Guests were: Dr. D. M. Wiggins, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates, and the following members: Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Messrs. and Mesdames L. Renfro, O. R. Dye, M. F. Carey, J. L. Wilson, F. P. Dickinson, W. A. McCandless, H. B. Chambliss, W. O. Boney, Roy Reid, W. T. Peters, R. H. Mathews, Comer Haynes, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, Fred Baker, J. T. Warren, Dent Gibson, W. J. Sheppard, W. L. Fugate, A. D. Fulton, Clarence Perry, E. O. Carson, T. R. Lassiter, Ted McGehee, Mesdames A. R. Booth, Warren Smith, J. M. Ashby, W. L. Johnson, M. Higgins, F. A. Polley, Florence Berry, Booth Warren, Frank McFarland, Misses Emma Joyner, Mae Lassiter, Dot Swafford, Jess Margaret Berry, Thelma Mathews, Vivian Davis, Clara Frances Largent, Mary Helen Lancaster, Helen Joyner, Margaret Miller, Vennie Heizer, Ruby Mae and Bess McNiece, Edith Baker, Rosemary Lassiter, Pauline Joyner and Rachel Patterson.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The Merkel Woodmen Circle, Grove No. 563, met Friday afternoon, February 16, with Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado, district manager, as guest of honor.

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to have the Abilene ladies present, and after Guardian Middleton called the house to order the floor was turned over to the Abilene group and the ritual and team work was presented by them.

Those attending from Abilene were: Mrs. H. C. Archibald, guardian; Mrs. W. T. St. John, captain; Mrs. Ollie Kidwell, secretary, and Mesdames H. T. O'Bar, R. D. Joyce, G. P. Harris, Claude Robertson and Clyde Dunn and Miss Fay O'Bar. Mrs. Ellis W. Martin of Magnolia Grove No. 4, Meridian, and Mrs. L. G. Headrick of Sweetwater were welcomed visitors. Members of the Merkel Grove present were Mesdames Middleton, Hollingsworth, Allday, Polley, McCandless, Church and Richardson.

Refreshments were served after the business meeting.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

At an early hour Tuesday afternoon cars were in waiting at the Methodist church and the King's Daughters enjoyed a most pleasant drive out to the nice country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, where Mesdames McRee, Pee and Black, assisted by Miss Mabel McRee, were joint hostesses of the afternoon.

Matters of business were discussed and plans made to carry on the work of the King. A pleasing short program was rendered, then a real chitchat was entered into by all.

A delightful refreshment plate of sandwiches, cherry pie a la mode, coffee and mints, with Valentine favors was passed to twenty-three members and three visitors. All too soon the time passed, the guests leaving with best wishes on, and hoping again to soon enjoy this hospitable home.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors who were so kind in extending aid and sympathy in our recent bereavement in the loss of our dear husband, father and brother. We also wish to express our appreciation of the many beautiful floral offerings.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Mission Program by Young People Sunday

"Sunday evening, Feb. 25, the young people of the Methodist church will have their mission program.

"Wanted: Sinners!" Sounds queer, doesn't it? Yet how appropriate this slogan would be to the motto Christ chose for His own earthly activities: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

The program material may be found in the February issue of the Adult Student, page 9, 10. The program follows: "Visitors Invited," Imogene Middleton.

"The Man at Your Side," Mardell Shouse.

"Mission Work," Marcella Pinkley.

"Prayer and Friendliness," Elmo Collins.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. What a great temptation it is to sleep late Sunday morning if the weather is just a bit bad, and last Sunday we found the weather somewhat cooler than other Sundays, and some of you just slept late and did not get out to Sunday School—I wonder if you failed to get to school Monday morning and did you stay away from business Monday? Now come next Sunday just as you would go to school or business; the Lord's work needs to be carried on in a business-like way.

Preaching at 11 a. m., young people's meeting at 6:15, preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Women meet in their work Monday 2:30 and 3 p. m. and the Children's World club each Wednesday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Find your place in the church and help put over the program.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

While the weather conditions were again bad last Sunday, attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools was 680, over a hundred more than the 460 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 788 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday we had a good attendance, considering the bad weather; it was encouraging to see people put the work of the Lord before bodily comfort.

This week we are having a B. T. S. training school and are having large crowds. Our people are manifesting more interest in B. T. S. work than ever before.

Last Wednesday evening there was a choir rehearsal after prayer meeting. We have our new song books now and are having some good singing.

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BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the First Baptist church for mission study, using the book on "The Keys of the Kingdom."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. If you are not in Sunday School elsewhere, we shall be glad to have you enroll in one of our classes, or just come as a visitor and study the weekly lessons with us.

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

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study Lord's day at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "The Church at Laodicea." Young people's program at 5 p. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Great Commission Executed."

Bible study Wednesday evening at 7:15, followed by a sermon by one of the young A. C. C. preachers at 7:45. You are invited to any, or all, of these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

On account of bad weather our attendance last Sunday was small; the 11 o'clock service, however, was a fruitful one. God was with us in mighty power, saints were blessed and sinners brought under conviction. The service resulted in the salvation of two of our own household, for which we praise the Lord and give Him all the glory.

Our young people brought us an interesting program Sunday night which we appreciated very much. Our Sunday School is moving along nicely and everyone seems to be intensely interested. Dear Nazarenes, let us keep our faith up and march steadily against the foe; we can win the battle through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A cordial invitation to the public to 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 Tuesday night 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday night 7:30.

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is still going fine. This is the fourth week since the meeting started and everybody is in favor of continuing these prayer meetings. Our young people are taking great interest in the work of our Lord.

Our church is a house of prayer and is becoming more and more united as one. The best of spirit prevails in our church that has ever been manifest. The pastor hopes that the greatest victory is just ahead.

Last Sunday, in spite of bad weather, we had fine services. Sunday night Bill Dowell came into our church and also surrendered to preach the gospel. The church was glad to license him to preach. Bill will preach at our tabernacle on the first Sunday in March.

You who are on the Chevrolet side had better look out; that Ford is

ahead and still gaining by leaps and bounds. We still have some extra Bibles, so bring your tithing calendar and receive a Bible. We welcome you to our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

Merkel Girl on Honor Roll.

Miss Mildred Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, was one of 74 pupils listed on the semester honor roll of John Tarleton college, which has an enrollment of 866.

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