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108 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

With Average of 95 Each, Clifton Bellamy and Margaret Miller Lead High School; Junior Class Leads.

One hundred eight students of the Merkel schools this six weeks period met the requirements of the honor roll. This time, the Juniors led the High school with 27 per cent of their number making the list. The Freshmen had 12 per cent making the requirements, the Sophomores 16 per cent, and the Seniors 22 per cent. Clifton Bellamy and Margaret Miller, a post graduate, led the entire High school with an average of 95 each. Robert Grimes, Jr., led the eighth grade with 94, Aline McAninch led the tenth with 94. Billy Gardner led the Seniors with 94, while Clifton Bellamy led the ninth grade with 95. Fourteen per cent, or one of each seven, in the High school met the requirements of the list.

To make this list, a student must be neither tardy nor absent must make 90 or more in deportment, must not make less than 75 on any subject and must have a general average of the six weeks period of 90 or more.

The list making the requirements for this six weeks follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.
Mary Smith, 95; Betty Jean Perry, 94; Jimmie Speck, 93; Joyce Marie Webb, 92; Ted McAninch, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Ralph Hardy, 94; Billy Tom Diltz, 90; Ruel Ellison, 92; Donald Derington, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
Avelene Mathews, 96; Don Hutcheson, 94; Robert Edward Stanford, 94; Doris Mae Lepard, 93; Matilene London, 93; Nedra Swafford, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Glenn Blair, 95; Jack Haynes, 94; Mary Jo Hutchins, 94; David Hayes, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
Marlyn Sue Grimes, 97; Billy Clyde Haynes, 97; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 94; J. P. Helser, 91; Floyd Hutcheson, 91.

Third Grade, Miss Hughes.
Clarene Perry, 94; Billie Wood, 94; Truett Perry, 93; Jim Sublett, 92; Tag Shouse, 91; Lee Mack Reynolds, 91; Joe Gates, 90; Dwight Swafford, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.
Roy Owen, 95; Louise Patterson, 95; Theda Perry, 95; Bob Williamson, 95; Ima Gene Rosson, 93; Tillman Rutledge, 93; O. C. Shouse, Jr., 93; Douglas McCoy, 92; Edwin Ren-

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Given Two Years.

M. J. Jenkins, an Abilene man and one of two men who figured in the looting of the Gulf Service station on the highway here December 4, was found guilty and assessed a two-year term by a jury in 104th district court Monday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 13, 1914.)

HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL SCHOOLS.

The following were members of the school honor roll for the month of February:

Page Baxendale, Alice Baxendale, Sadie Collins, Charlie Christopher, Minnie Coats, Bernice Doan, Lorena Dry, Lillie Fitzgerald, Arval Foster, Beulah Garrett, Joe Hartley, Dennis Hartley, Mollie Hall, Mary Jennings, Ethel Jones, Stanley King, Shirley King, Veda McNeas, Ulyssus McNeas, Della McLean, John Moore, Georgia Moore, Beatrice Nidever, Ulliam Pike, Eunice Russell, Urban Shannon, Ola Sharp, Josie Smith, Willie Tucker, Jewell Toombs, Mary Tucker, Oessie Teaff, Jasper Tucker, Nell Tracy, Olive Teaff, Leonard Wills, Nellie Penny, Mandy Brady, Christine Collins, Pearl Thornton, Loraine Boyce, Andrew Baker, Sewall Evans, Lola Moore, Dorris Pike, Mollie Sears, Ruth Jones, Ouida Shannon, Bob Gassaway, Rubin Curb, Thurmond Coggin, Lester Brown, Ouida Campbell, Florence Boring, Joe Cauthern, Hallie Pike, Raymond Saffles, Agnes Rister, Elsie Davis, An-

EXHIBIT OF 150 FINE PICTURES HERE MAR. 20-21

Place to Be Grammar School Auditorium. With Small Price of Admission; Added Entertainment Features Each Night.

On March 20 and 21, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a showing of fine prints in the Merkel Grammar School auditorium. On Tuesday night the pupils of Miss Morgan's room will present a negro minstrel in connection with the exhibit and Wednesday night the added feature will be a play by Mrs. Haynes' class entitled "Just Women."

This exhibit includes a great many of the world's greatest masterpieces by the world's greatest artists. Admission charges will be 10c for children and 15c for adults. School children have charge of the ticket sale.

One among the many notable pictures to be exhibited will be the "Blue Boy," painted by Sir Thomas Gainsborough, an English artist. We have the facts as history has preserved them to make the painting more interesting the subject was not a member of the nobility as many of Gainsborough's subjects were; Gainsborough painted the "Blue Boy" as a challenge to Sir Joshua Reynolds, another famous English artist, and in all probability Gainsborough did not receive more than \$500 for the original picture, which was in later years to cost an American magnate more than a half million dollars.

Sir Jonathan Buttall, a personal friend of Gainsborough's was given the honor of being the subject for Gainsborough's answer to Reynolds' challenge that no artist could successfully use blue as an outstanding color in a picture. Of course, we know the verdict, since the "Blue Boy" is one of the world's greatest masterpieces.

Gainsborough liked to paint landscapes but as portraits meant "bread and butter," he has left more portraits than landscapes for posterity. His services were constantly in demand by rich and famous people and this accounts, partially, for the existence of the "Blue Boy" today. Gainsborough studied at the Royal Academy in London but withdrew because the council objected to hanging one of his pictures.

The "Blue Boy" is one of his best known portraits.

Young Negress Held in Slaying of Husband

Rosa Gonzales, young negress residing here, is being held in the Taylor county jail, in default of \$2,000 bond, on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of her husband, Tom Gonzales, 34-year-old Mexican, early Saturday morning.

She was carried to Abilene Saturday by Constable N. A. Dowell, after she had waived examining trial before Justice of the Peace W. W. Wheeler, who set the above bond.



HOLDS REUNION AT STOCK SHOW

Members of Largent Family Gather in Fort Worth; Win Champion Hereford of Show.

With nearly all the immediate family present, the house of Largent, one of Texas' oldest cattle-raising families, held a family reunion at Fort Worth Tuesday and at the same time had the privilege of seeing a bull belonging to C. M. Largent and Sons take the blue ribbon as champion Hereford of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, while several others of their Herefords took ribbons in the judging.

For more than 25 years Largent Herefords have been showing in the annual Fort Worth show. This year Publican Domino, Jr., was the champion Hereford bull of the show. This bull was five times grand champion during the fall of 1933 at the major shows in the United States.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Sr., and their two sons, W. J. and C. M. Largent, Jr., who are showing the cattle here, others present were: Mrs. W. J. Largent and children, Clara Frances and Billy; Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and son, C. M. III; Mrs. Luther Swafford, a daughter from Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and their two sons, David Stephens and Roy Rust, Jr., Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Merkel, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Largent, Blackwell.

Fifteen of School Faculty to Attend Oil Belt Meeting

For the fourth annual meeting of the Oil Belt Educational association, which is to be held at Big Spring on Friday and Saturday of this week, fifteen members of the faculty of the Merkel Public schools will be present, including Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar school.

State Superintendent L. A. Woods and State Board Member J. O. Guleke will be among those addressing the association.

Others going from here will be: Misses Helen Patterson, Virgilia Welch and Evelyn Curb, who will leave Friday afternoon in time for the four o'clock meeting and the banquet Friday night, as will also Supt. and Mrs. Burgess.

Going Saturday morning for the last day's session are: Mrs. Elsie Nash, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Mrs. Len Sublett, Misses Alzada Pogue, Mary Hughes, Vennie Heizer, Imogene Hayes, Emma Joyner, Dorris Yates, Pauline Pinckley and Alma Morgan.

OTHERS TO FORT WORTH.
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin, together with Ralph Duke, will be going to Fort Worth where they will take Milton Shannon to enter the mile at the Stock Show Track meet on Saturday.

Rabbit Drive at Nubia.

On Monday, March 19, there will be a rabbit drive in the Nubia community. Participants are requested to meet at Whit Ritchie's place east of Nubia at 9 o'clock. Lunch will be served at the IXL school house.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Complete check-up on cotton contracts signed in Texas up to March 1 showed 226,971 contracts retiring 5,395,291 acres from cotton production.

Two Houston boys, Earl Birmingham, 12, and Elton Gary, 10, who stopped on their way to school to play on an old skiff, drowned in Bray's Bayou.

Charley Neal, 70, native Texan and pioneer cattleman, was injured fatally in a fall between wheels of a wagon near his ranch 15 miles north of Vernon.

Dr. James Winford Hunt, 58, founder and president of McMurry college, died at his home in Abilene Monday night after an illness extending over several months, complicated Saturday by an apoplectic stroke.

In a group of letters and documents presented to the University of Texas by grandchildren of Alexander Gilmer, pioneer lumberman, Miss Winnie Allen, university archivist, found a \$100 bill, a currency note issued Dec. 22, 1864, by the Cincinnati National bank and still worth its face value.

Two brothers who never saw each other before in their lives met in San Antonio Friday. Patrick James Tucker, 60, retired Great Lakes freighter captain, left the family home in St. Paul, Minn., before R. J. Tucker, operator of a private detective agency in San Antonio, and now 43 years old, was born.

After being formally sentenced to 99-years imprisonment for robbing a jewelry store in Bryan, three escaped Oklahoma convicts, W. J. (Whitey) Walker, Irvin (Blackie) Thompson and Ray Johnson, were turned over to Marlin authorities for trial on indictments charging them with the \$41,000 robbery of the First State bank there.

Boy Scout Benefit Thursday, March 22

For the benefit of the two local Boy Scout troops, "The Man from Nowhere," a three act comedy, is to be presented Thursday night, March 22, at the Cozy theatre, at 8:15. Admission charges will be: children 10c, adults 25c.

Troop No. 20 is sponsored by the Young Business Men's class of the Methodist church and troop No. 66 by the Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church.

Rehearsals for "The Man from Nowhere" have been under way since Monday night under the direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby. Music is to be furnished by Miss Iris Garrett and her orchestra.

The cast of characters includes:

Mrs. Craddock, who runs a boarding house, Estelle Terry.

Hilda Swenson, her maid, Mrs. Lola Sheppard.

Boards:

Anne Royce, Missie Dye.

Dora Pry, Vera Ritchie.

Professor Holmes, Wren Durham.

Miss Prim, Mary Collins.

Mr. Graydon, bank president, Tom Allday.

Henry Holt, bank clerk, Spencer Bird.

Mr. Cox, who asks questions, J. Parker Sharp.

Rodney Baxter, a stranger, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning.

Specialties between acts are to be given by Betty Grimes, Delma Compton, Blanche Simmons, Mary E. Grimes and Nell Durham.

DEATH CLAIMS J. E. COSTEPHENS, PIONEER SETTLER

Was One of Voters in Election to Organize Taylor County in 1878; Survived by Wife and Six Children.

J. E. Costephens, pioneer West Texan, staunch churchman and one of those who voted in the election to organize Taylor county, died at 11:56 Thursday night of last week, following a critical illness of several days.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Friday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Dr. W. M. Murrell, Abilene, presiding elder, and Rev. P. H. Gates, family pastor. Interment was in the family lot in Rose Hill cemetery.

Active pall bearers were: Watt Blair, Herbert Patterson, Dee Grimes, Dewey Rogers, John S. Hughes and R. A. Burgess.

Mr. Costephens, who was born in North Carolina, was 83 years of age on February 10, this year. His family moved to Georgia when he was a small child and at the age of six they moved to Missouri. He settled at Buffalo Gap in 1877 and in the following year was one of the voters in the election that resulted in the organization of the county. Until about 15 years ago he engaged in stock farming in Mulberry canyon and on retiring moved to Merkel.

He was married June 24, 1883, in Abilene to Miss Mary Carolina Hill, from Erath county, and the couple celebrated their golden anniversary last summer. Besides his wife, he is survived by six children: Mrs. G. H. Johnson and Roy Costephens, Sweetwater; Elgin and Ernest Costephens, Roscoe; Alfred Costephens, Abilene, and Mrs. George A. Smith, Sonora. A brother, Oliver Costephens, Rochester, and four grandchildren also survive.

Present Aldermen to Stand for Re-Election

Due to the resignation of W. D. Hutcheson from the board of aldermen, four members of the city council are to be elected this year, time for the annual election being Tuesday, April 3.

Messrs. C. E. Jacobs, John S. Hughes and J. A. Buford, present aldermen, have consented to run again for places as board members and, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hutcheson, friends of J. A. Stanford have announced that his name will be placed on the ballot.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB UNIT WITH 24 MEMBERS

Organization Perfected at Meeting Wednesday Afternoon at Home of Mrs. George White. Who Was Elected President.

Organization of a home demonstration club here was perfected Wednesday afternoon, with 24 charter members. The gathering was in the home of Mrs. George L. White, who was elected president of the club. Other officers are: Mrs. Twyman Collins, vice president; Mrs. Mack Buzbee, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Charles H. Jones, reporter.

First meeting of the group was set for Friday, March 23, in the home of Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford, who was joint hostess with Mrs. White at the initial meeting. The day will be devoted to beef canning.

The new club here is the 21st to be organized in Taylor county, which has an approximate membership of 600 women. Miss Caroline Chambers, county home demonstration agent, who was here to direct the organization of the club, was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. B. Chambers of Abilene.

Punch was served to the following women, who enrolled for membership in the new club: Mesdames Twyman Collins, Mack Buzbee, Charles H. Jones, B. T. Sublett, J. J. White, W. L. Blair, R. H. Mathews, Jr., W. A. McCandless, L. J. Renfro, George Caple, Ted McGehee, E. E. Dunn, W. L. Johnson, Sr., Herbert Patterson, A. R. Booth, F. A. Polley, Frank McFarland, E. O. Garson, F. C. Hughes, R. A. Burgess, J. L. White, T. J. R. Swafford, George L. White and Miss Mary Keny.

Plans for organizing a junior club for a group of young women were formulated and will probably be perfected soon. Eight of the prospective members, who attended the meeting Wednesday, are Misses Luna White, Connie Pogue, Alice Church, Nola Provine, Maurine White, Jess Higgins, Ouida Mae Hulsey and Floy Welles.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. David Tarpoley, residing north of town, Sunday, March 11, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodward, Trent, Tuesday, March 13, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard, residing north of town, Thursday, March 15, 1934.

THE BOOK

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

BY BRUCE BARTON

VIRTUOUS LOVE.

Another group of sayings is given under the heading, "These also are the sayings of the wise"; and the last chapter of Proverbs is the work of an anonymous writer, presumably a woman, and possibly Bathsheba, that remarkable lady who deserted Uriah the Hittite to become the favorite wife of Israel's greatest king, David, and mother of the wisest, Solomon.

There are two other Old Testament books which come to mind in connection with Solomon. The first is the "Song of Songs" which, as the first verse says, "is Solomon's," but whether this means by Solomon or concerning Solomon is a question. It is a poem about a young girl who lived in the northern hills. Solomon saw her on his travels and wanted her for his harem, but her heart was true to her shepherd lover. When the ladies of the court praised Solomon to her and demanded, "What is thy lover more than any other?" she answered stoutly, "My beloved is mine, and I am his."

She was carried off to Jerusalem, but she slept fitfully. "I slept but my soul was awake," she said. In her dreams she found herself wandering all about the streets of a strange city, looking for her lover. Finally her loyalty was rewarded. Solomon would not hold her against the hunger of her heart and returned her to her Galilean swain.

This is the story, somewhat involved in the telling but clear enough to any one who will take time to puzzle it out. When you read the italic type at the head of each chapter, however, what do you discover? That this old-fashioned love song is "an allegory of Christ and the church"! Nothing could be more absurd. The "Song" is not a religious book in any sense; the name of God does not once occur in it. Its theme is the triumph of virtuous love over all the riches that a king can offer. Simply that and nothing more. When you see how diligently certain annotators have worked to squeeze all the life and humanity out of the Bible you wonder how the Book has lasted so long. Its vitality, in spite of the bad offices of its friends, is the most powerful argument for its inspiration.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Bailey, one of the High school teachers, carried the Choral club to Blair and rendered a splendid program at chapel Tuesday morning. The club consists of about 30 girls.

Mr. Preston, district manager of the telephone company, visited our city Tuesday and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. Earl Stephens and children, accompanied by little Miss Clara Duncan as their guest, motored to Merkel Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Stephens' mother, Mrs. L. W. Cox.

Messdames A. B. Currie, E. H. Burks, George McDonald, A. Williamson and Mattie Stewart attended the Baptist training service meeting at the Southside Baptist church in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodward are announcing the arrival of a fine baby girl, taking her abode with them early Tuesday morning. Mother and baby doing nicely.

David Casey and Rev. Lourie of Abilene were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers Monday. They were en route to Mexico transacting some business.

Mrs. Alex Williamson entertained her Sunday School class of boys last week with a slumber party. The boys didn't do much sleeping, from what the neighbors say.

M. F. Hand and family attended the funeral of his sister, who was buried at Lamesa Wednesday of last week.

Fred Hale made a trip to Kilgore last week on business.

Weldon Forrester visited with his uncle, Charles Kelley, and family of Snyder several days last week.

Robert O'Rear attended business in Abilene last Thursday.

Mrs. Stribling of Corpus Christi is here for an indefinite visit in the home of her son, C. C. Stribling.

On Thursday of last week Billie Bowers was honored of a little surprise birthday dinner; as it was his thirteenth birthday, the pink and white cake contained 13 pink candles and at one puff Billie blew them all out. Sunday School teacher, Mrs. A. Williamson, and her son, Mark, were the only guests.

There are a number of students out of school this week due to sickness.

W. C. Nalley of Mission came in last Thursday for an extended visit with his children, Joe Nalley and Mrs. Mand Bryant.

Mrs. Annie Boone spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Ella Pannell, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. T. N. Eiland and children of Midland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Crane last week. They also visited Mrs. Eiland's brother O. L. Robinson and family, while here. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson also had two other sisters for the week-end, Mrs. Gordon of Oklahoma and Mrs. Moon of Breck, enridge.

The M. E. meeting began last Sunday instead of the coming Sunday, as was stated last week. The interest is growing all the time and the preaching and singing are fine. We invite you all to come.

Mrs. Fred Hale had a number of guests in her home Sunday afternoon. Those from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Husband of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pate of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Joe Nalley motored to Putnam last Sunday and enjoyed a real turkey dinner in her brother's home there. She was accompanied by Mrs. Billings, also Mrs. Rutherford and son of Abilene. The dinner was in honor of several members of the Rutherford family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, Edwin Derel is his name. The young man made his appearance early Tuesday morning. Mother and son doing splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner in company with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee attended the Fat Stock Show over the week-end. They were accompanied by the former's brother, John Hamner.

The members of the Church of Christ have been working on their church ground recently, setting out trees, etc. All three church grounds here show a wonderful improvement.

Miss Emma Nalley entered A. C. C.

Monday in order to finish some work on her degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Steadman had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ross B. Jenkins and son of Baird. They were accompanied by Mr. Jenkins' sister, Mrs. Rhodes, also of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford had the pleasure of entertaining their two daughters, Mrs. Tom Hardison and Mrs. Tude Keltz, of Vernon as all-day guests Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Billings spent last week-end with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Rutherford, of Abilene.

There were 65 present at the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday. Spring is here and we'll expect an increase all along.

Mrs. Sidney Pass and daughter, Peggy Jo, of Abilene spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Huey of Anson spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Murry.

BLAIR ITEMS

Those on the sick list this week are: Uncle Jack Latimer, who has the "flu," and Odell Latimer, Billie Campbell, Kenneth McClure and Audie W. Thompson with measles, and probably others we have failed to get.

Maybe when the epidemic has passed this time, we'll have no more measles for a long time.

Mrs. Bill Cooper of Diammt visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akins the past week-end.

Mrs. Eli Brooks was painfully injured in an automobile accident Sunday night when their car overturned on the road south of Blair. We hope it will not prove very serious.

Miss Irene Sublett of Sweetwater visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Orsborn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McSpadden of Dora and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkerson of Gall visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddern over the week-end.

Elder Paul Witt of Abilene and Miss Ruth Pinckley of Salt Branch were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Zebb Moore left Friday for Malakoff to visit with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Riley James, and family a

few days; from there, to Port Arthur to be with his sons, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and Leonard Moore, of that place.

Elder Witt delivered two wonderfully appealing discourses Sunday at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dean from Clyde motored over and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton Sunday.

Miss Minnie Lee of Bosque county was the interesting guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell the past month.

Miss Virian White, primary teacher, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. White of Brownwood, Friday and also attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth Saturday. She returned home Monday on the Santa Fe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son of Butman motored over and spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

SINGING AT SALT BRANCH.

The Taylor County Singing convention meets in called session at Salt Branch Sunday. The program will begin at 2 p. m. All singers and lovers of music are invited to attend. Silas E. Clark, President. Buster Horton, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends who were so tender and sympathetic in rendering aid and comfort to us in the death of our darling little baby, Jimmy Nell. May God's blessings be upon you all. Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier and Family.

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THE BOOK

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Ecclesiastes is the other book commonly attributed to Solomon because the first verse reads:

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Modern scholars seem to think that some obscure writer of a much later date wrote the book and that the resplendent Solomon gets the credit—a quite plausible conjecture. It is too bad we cannot be sure about the authorship, for the writer, whoever he was, left us one of the greatest masterpieces. Frederick the Great called it the "book for kings," and insisted that every monarch ought to read it regularly.

Next Week: An Old Man's Conclusions.

PHOTOS.

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Can constipation be safely relieved? "Yes!" say medical men. "Yes!" declare thousands who have followed their advice and know. You are not apt to cure your constipation with salts, pills, and tablets, or any habit-forming cathartic. But you can relieve this condition just by gentle regulation with a suitable liquid laxative. Why Hospitals Use a liquid laxative The dose of a liquid laxative can be measured. The action can be controlled. It forms no habit; you need not take a "double dose" a day or two later. Will not irritate kidneys. The right liquid laxative will bring a perfect movement, with no discomfort at the time, or afterward. The wrong cathartic may keep you constipated as long as you keep on using it! In buying any laxative, read the label. If it contains a doubtful drug, don't take it. If you don't know what is in it, don't chance it. The contents of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is stated plainly on the label; fresh herbs, pure pepsin, active senna. Its very taste tells you Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is wholesome. A delightful taste, and de-lightful action. Safe for expectant mothers, and children. Drug stores have it, ready for use, in big bottles.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

MERKEL TAKES COUNTY HONORS PLAYGROUND BALL

Both girls and boys of Merkel High school won championship in playground ball Saturday at county meet. High school boys won 9 to 3 from Ovalo in first round. They then drew a bye for the second round and played Wylie for championship. The first game was tied and they agreed to play the tie. Merkel then won 9 to 1. The girls had a pretty easy road to win championship. They played three games, scoring 75 points to their opponents 15. Having won from Bradshaw 23 to 1 and from Ovalo 25 to 10 for championship, they beat Tuscola 27 to 4. Grammar school girls won championship in their class. Grammar school boys lost to Ovalo in the first round.

VOLLEY BALL. Merkel drew a bye for the first round of volley ball and then played Trent in the second game in which they lost to a score of 15 to 1. They then played Potosi for third place, losing their final game.

TENNIS. Tennis will be played two weeks from now, and Mr. Riddle is expecting to win something. Contenders for the county meet will be announced next week.

TRACK. Coach Irvin has now got his track team in full swing. Several good prospects are coming out. These are: Shannon, Cox, Lassiter, Womack and Boaz. Coach Irvin is going to carry Shannon to the Southwestern track meet at Fort Worth Friday.

The Badger Weekly

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 Joke Editor—Jack West.

OUR SENIORS

JULIA PROCTOR LANCASTER. Julia is our high school queen. She is a Senior of whom we are proud. She has a winning personality as well as beauty. She has been a member of the Choral club and Pep Squad all through her High school career. She is the secretary and treasurer for both the Senior class and the "Blue Badgerettes" club. She is also a member of the Dramatic club. Not only is she popular in school activities but also in athletics. She went to county meet in baseball for one year and tennis for two. She was a member of the girls' doubles team who won county meet for the last two years. We're sure everyone will miss Julia's smile next year.

EVELYN ROBERTSON. As Evelyn is very quiet she is not heard much. She is one of our class mates who is loved by everyone. She started going to school in Merkel last year and has made a number of friends. She has been a member of the Choral club for the last two years, and this year she is a member of the "Blue Badgerettes." We're wishing you all kinds of luck and success, Evelyn.

JOKES. Miss Patterson: "I have always had a presentiment that I should die young."
 "Well darling," remarked Miss Welch. "You didn't after all, did you?"

Mr. West: "Was your son home during the holidays?"
 Mr. Cook: "Well, if he wasn't somebody else borrowed the car during Christmas week."

R. E. L.: "I saw the doctor you told me to see."
 Mr. Duke: "Did you tell him I sent you?"
 R. E. L.: "Yes, I did."
 Mr. Duke: "What did he say?"
 R. E. L.: "He asked me to pay in advance."

"How's your garden, old man?"
 "If that green stuff coming up is vegetables, it's fine; if it ain't, it's awful."

And what about Billy Gardner's going with Bussie? Maybe you'd better ask Bussie about that!

SENIOR BEAUTY IS ELECTED AS CAMPUS QUEEN

The beauty contest, which has held so much attention for the past three weeks, ended at four o'clock Tuesday, February 27. The Senior candidate, Julia Proctor Lancaster, won over the Junior, Billie Bernice Gambill, by a vote of 19,025 to 13,659. Julia's picture will occupy the beauty corner in the Annual this year.

During the week preceding the final announcement the Juniors kept the lead by a large margin. It was not until the last day that the winning class rallied and obtained their six thousand vote lead.

Since the sale of Annuals and election of Queen were combined this year, we may well note here the remarkable success of the Senior class in putting over their Annual. One hundred and sixty four Annuals were sold, whereas, the goal set was only one hundred.

This is the first time in several years that M. H. S. has had an Annual. This year's book will be rather small, but it will contain pictures of the various classes and organizations, as well as those of the faculty. There will be a section for favorites and a three page feature section.

To get such a book at the price of one dollar is an opportunity which any student might profitably take advantage of.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Oscar and Mary Helen L. were disappointed Friday night?
 Lynn has some very interesting pictures?

Alice always laughs at the wrong time?
 Billie Bernice had a lapse of memory Monday morning?
 L. V. has lost the key to his heart?

ASK:
 Anna Lou C. if she thinks Durwood is a pretty name.
 Vandell why he prefers brunettes.
 Lucy what she did Sunday afternoon.

We heard that Kenneth and Kennedy went to Stith Sunday afternoon. Wonder how Ana Lou likes being the center of attraction.

Eliminations In Declamation Are Held On Friday

We had a very interesting chapel program Friday morning. We heard the Junior girls and boys give their elimination declamations. The winners for the boys were these: first place, Billy Steyl Church; second place, Raymond Lassiter; third place, R. D. Hunter. The winners for the girls were these: Betty Grimes first; Eva Faye Bush, second; La Verne Hughes, third.

At one o'clock the speech class, together with some visitors, listened to the Senior declamations. Mildred West won first place, Bessylea Church won second place and Sarah Sheppard won third place. For the boys Walter Riney won first, J. D. Bradley second, and Vernon Davis third.

On Monday, the eliminations for extempore speech were heard. Those winning were these: Charles Tipton, first for boys; Clifton Cox, second for boys; in the girls' those who won were these: Jimmie Dell Perry, first, and Thelma Mathews, second.

On Saturday the debate contest was held in the Abilene High school building. Merkel and Wylie were the only schools in this county which were represented by a girls' team. Wylie got a two to one decision over Merkel and carried a Statue of Liberty off for the third successive year.

Wanda Hunter and Helen Joyner represented Merkel. They say that, if they had another year in High school, they would take that Statue of Liberty next year. They wish, however, all their luck to the Merkel team next year.

ASK:

Lois if Junior disappointed her Saturday night?
 Milton if he really went with Caribel over the week-end?
 Joe Cook if he's selfish.
 Helen and Wanda if they like to pose.

SCHOOL HOUSE GOSSIP.

Robbie says she is going to dye her hair. We've been wondering what color it will be.
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 90; Peggy Doris Robertson, 90.
Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.
 Becky Gardner, 98; Virgie Mae Henry, 95; Alene Cox, 94.
Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan.
 Don Wood, 95; Jewel Moore, 94; Guy Manscill, 93.
Fifth Grade Miss Yates.
 Euvalda Fox, 94; Billy Largent, 94; Anne Lee Blake, 90.
Sixth Grade, Miss Pinkley.
 Billie Wood, 95; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Mary Jo Russell, 94; Othar Suber, 90.
Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.
 Mabel Murray, 93; Pearl Matthews, 92; Mary Jo Garland, 92; W. G. Dickson, 92; Mildred Bird, 91; Ben Ferguson, 90; Wilma McAninch, 90.
Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
 Jannell Black, 94; Pauline Joyner, 94; O. D. Blair, 93; Marvin Hunter, 93; Dorothea Sue Bird, 92; Clyde Cribbley, 91; Doris Diltz, 91; Preston Dickinson, 91.
Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
 Ainsworth Gates, 95; Dick West, 93; T. L. Reid, 93; Francis Higgins, 93; Charles Andy Shouse, 92; Lucy Fae Dwigins, 90.
HIGH SCHOOL.
Eighth Grade.
 Robert Grimes, Jr., 94; Jane Fergu-

son, 93; Sylvan Mellinger, 93; Pauline McAninch, 92; Betty Lou Grimes, 91; Etsel Hunter, 90; Vernelle Sublett, 90; Ruthie Davis, 90.

Ninth Grade.
 Clifton Bellamy, 95; Alice Casey, 94; Murray Toombs, 93; Billie Woodrum, 93; Ruby Carey, 93; Halbur Rister, 91; Vernon Davis, 91; Winston Polley, 90; Thelma Patterson, 90.

Junior Class.
 Aline McAninch, 94; Edith Neill, 93; Harriette Rogers, 93; Kathryn Russell, 93; Billie Bernice Gambill, 92; Randall McNiece, 92; Clara Frances Largent, 92; Mary Helen Mashburn, 92; J. V. Patterson, 92; Zerk Robertson, 92; Ben Sublett, 92; Verner Hester, 91; Jesse M. Berry, 91; Mary Helen Lancaster, 90; Thelma Mathews, 90.

Senior Class.
 Billy Gardner, 94; Della Smith,

92; Ruth Davis, 92; Neil Durham, 92; Jimmie Dell Perry, 91; Raymond Wilson, 91; Lois Whiteley, 91; Wanda

Hunter, 90; Ruby Jenkins, 90.
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NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

He could keep her, he had a right to keep her—Then he saw her shaking like a leaf. By a kind of violence then, blinding himself, he had married a woman who did not love him, who shrank from him now with terror and repulsion. He turned away, without a word, and began to walk to and fro in the room.

If he looked at her he might yield to the natural impulse of his own love for her; he might take her to his heart, and it would be against her will. It would be actually an act of violence rather than an embrace, for she was afraid of him; he saw it! It moved him, perhaps, more than anything else. Then the tumult of his feeling drowned even the thought itself.

He crossed the room quickly. In a moment his arm was around her, his hand on her shoulder.

"Nancy," he said softly, "my wife!" She tried to answer him, but her white lips refused to move. She could not even lift her eyes to his.

He felt it, felt that she actually shivered at his touch. He let her go, his arms fell to his sides, and he stood still, regarding her.

"I knew you didn't love me," he said at last; "I gambled on the chance that I could make you—I—God forgive me, I took advantage of you, I—." He turned away, and then at last, hurriedly: "I'm going to take you home!"

"You mean—?" her lips shook. "I mean I don't want you to hate me. Nancy, this thing can't go on. I see it! This marriage—" he stopped, unable to go on.

"Richard—" she began faintly, taking a step toward him.

He looked around at her and their eyes met. She was shaken again by the power and passion of his glance. She had never really known the man and now, in the depths of those strange, green-brown eyes of his, she saw love and passion and rage, not untouched, too, by compassion, the compassion a man might feel for a spoiled child. Nancy's face burned suddenly. She came nearer, holding up her head.

"Forgive me, Richard," she said faintly, "and give me a little time."

His face softened wonderfully. "Nancy" he gathered her trembling hands into his, "you don't know what love is, you child you!" He drew a little nearer. "I wonder if you've ever really been in love in your whole life?"

She winced with such a tremor of feeling, that the red blood mounted from her bosom to her throat.

"I've married you," she said in a low voice, "I'll try to do my best—I will truly, if you'll give me a little time, Richard."

"And you take no thought of me?" He laughed a strangely bitter laugh. "You've married me and you forget I'm a man like other men—I have feelings, too, Nancy; I'm not a stone—and you can feel how I love you!" "Oh!" she gasped, "I—I was wrong to do it! I—you love me, and I—." She wrenched one hand free and reaching back behind her, caught at the edge of a heavy table and leaned against it, weakly.

Her agony reached through even his passionate emotion. She had recoiled from him with such terror that it struck him like a blow. He let her hands drop with a gesture of passionate rage.

"I don't want a wife who doesn't love me!" he cried with sudden fury. The moment was primal; the tornado of his passion and his revulsion tore down to his very heart.

She shrank before it, clinging, white faced—to the table against which she

leaned.

He did not heed it. "I'm going to take you home. You—" he stopped again, unable to go on, then, mastering himself—"you're free—if you will, you can keep this marriage secret—it's no marriage except in name. I'll take you home now—tonight!"

She caught her breath, staring at him wildly, but, instead of relief, she felt the sting of his rejection.

"You mean—?" her stiff lips refused to frame the words in her mind.

"I mean I don't want a woman who can't love me, that's what I mean!" he flung back at her like a challenge.

She took it as such and faced him, quivering from head to foot.

"I—I didn't pretend I did!" she said very low, her lips twitching painfully with the effort to force speech—"I—I didn't mean to cheat you—I told you—I pledged myself, I've kept that pledge—I've married you."

"Oh, have you?" he mocked.

He was shaking with fury. All the pent-up passion and misery of the love he was crushing down to spare her broke loose in his anger. He caught one of her hands in his again and kissed it passionately, then, when he felt it lie there, unresisting, as if she dared not take it away, he flung it from him.

"I'm going to take you home—there's a night train, or rather a morning one, at half-past two. We'll go on it. Meanwhile—" he swept the space about them with his gesture of disdainful courtesy—"these rooms are yours. Lie down and rest, I'll have you called in time. I'm going out—good night until—the train goes."

She did not answer, she stood quite still, watching him with startled eyes. She only half understood; she felt as if a great hot whirlwind had blown past her through the rooms and scorched her. She only half glimpsed the disappointment, the wrath, the mortification he felt.

Then, suddenly, he returned. He flung himself on one knee beside her chair; she felt his hands, hot and shaking, close on hers, and she lifted her eyes and met the passionate pain in his.

"Listen to me, Nancy," his voice passionate still, had softened, it was shaken now by a new emotion, a deeper one, his tenderness for her. Not even anger could drive it out when he looked at her bowed head. "I love you—never dream but that I love you. But I won't take a wife who shrinks from me—like a pestilence! I'm setting you free. You can even say nothing of this marriage, if you will. I've made no announcement. I'll make none without your sanction. I've married you—I'm going to try to win you now. When you can come back to me with love in your heart—then, Nancy, my heart is waiting for that day—until then—" He caught her hands and kissed them, pressing them against his breast.

She felt his passionate lips upon her two hands, she felt the tremor that ran through him, and then—almost as quickly as it reached her—he was gone. She was alone in the strange room, alone and free—and yet not free!

When the train moved out of the station, Nancy knew, that it was already morning. Richard had had her sleeping-berth made up and ordered her to lie down and rest, with the detached tone of a professional adviser.

A sensation of relief shot through her, she drew her breath deeply, and then, suddenly, abruptly, she felt the hard circle of the wedding-ring on her finger. She stared at it curiously, abhorrently. She was not even now quite clear as to what had happened. She had gone to Richard openly, brazenly, begging help and pledging herself, she had married him and he—? It seemed to her that he must scorn her as tremendously as he seemed to love her. And though she did not love him, it shook her horribly—she had married him.

Her thoughts did not come in sequence; she had glimpses of outside things, and swift, poignant visions—of her father—looking gray and broken—and her mother, of Roddy delivered from jail, of Angie Fuller's scornful eyes and of Page Roemer. The thought of him was like a sword-thrust, it made her cringe back and cover her face with her shaking hands. Would she have to tell him? She could not—she was sure she could not!

The sun was rising when she got up and dressed in a swift, absent-minded way. She did not know where Richard had gone. He had been merciful, he had left her alone. She was very pale when he came and, in his authoritative way, made her go into the dining-car.

"You can't starve yourself," he said grimly, and added in an undertone; "don't hate me so much you can't eat, Nancy!"

She raised her eyes suddenly and looked full at him for the first time. She was shocked at the change in him in one night. He looked old. He was ten years older than Page—he might be fifty now in the crude light of the swaying train. He was looking at her and their glances met, met with a shock of mutual feeling. He put his hand out involuntarily and took hers and felt it icy cold.

"You poor child!" he exclaimed softly.

Sitting opposite her in the dining-car, with the little white-covered table between them he had another change of heart. He could not give her up! "She's mine!" he thought cruelly; "she's mine—I'll never let her go!" and then he was ashamed.

"Eat something, Nancy," he urged, "you've got to."

She tried, chocking down her food, but her hands shook.

He saw it, saw that she would not—or could not—even look at him now, and choked down his own food and took her back to her place in the sleeper, and left her to herself.

"I think you want to be alone," he said.

She assented without words and they made the rest of the journey apart.

It was late afternoon when they finally got home. There were only a few people at the station and Richard and Nancy walked up the street unmolested. They did not speak until they reached his gate and Richard stopped there.

"Won't you come in Nancy?"

His very one appealed. For an instant his pride broke, there was hunger and longing in his voice. She gasped.

"I—I'd like to go to home first—what do you mean Richard?"

He gave her a tense look. "I'm human—God, I'm human!" he said, "you know what I mean!"

She hung her head, she did not know what to do, but—unconsciously—she wrung her hands.

"Can I come home with you now," Richard pleaded "and see your father and mother—or am I to stay here?"

"Oh, I must go!" she gasped, "I must!"

"Go? As you will, Nancy; see—I keep my faith," and he stepped back aside his own gate and stood there, waiting to watch her.

She felt his eyes, gave one glance back, whitened to her lips and fled.

Richard was a proud man and he reddened under his tan. He had seen the agony in her face when she shivered at his touch, she, his wife—incredible! Then the flame of passion leaped up again. "She's mine—mine!"

He was startled at a voice.

"Richard, I've been waiting ever so long for you!"

It was Helena Hadden standing at his door.

He was taken aback without reason. It was no unusual thing for Helena to come. He was the Haddon's physician and she came—sometimes with bald excuses, sometimes in real need

of something to quiet her nerves, but today—!

"What's the trouble?" he asked, striving to be natural. "Nerves again, Helena?"

"Oh, it's everything!" she smiled at him. "It's nerves and King—and the spring weather."

"Principally the spring weather, I fancy," he said reassuringly opening the door for her.

He meant to take her into his office, but she walked straight into the h-

brary. He saw her mood and he had begun sometimes to fear its consequences; today he was thinking hard: "At least I don't have to tell her now!"

"I hope you haven't got the same old headache, Helena?"

"No, it's not my headache," Helena laughed, looking around him, opening her green eyes wide and laughing at him. "I see there's been a visitor here before me," she added mockingly.

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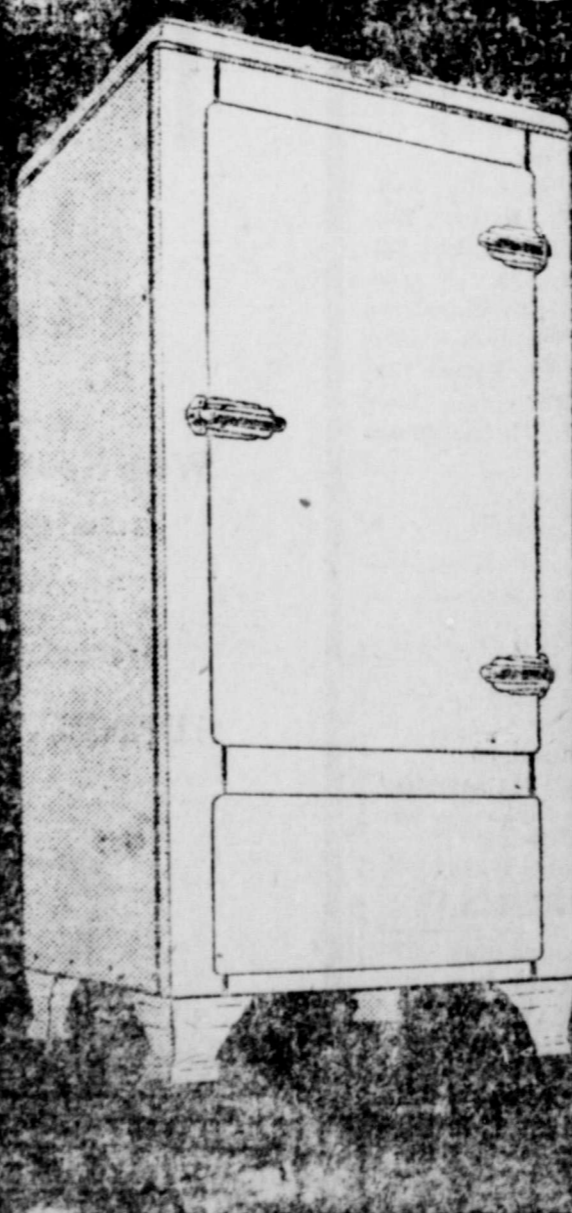
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DAVE BOOTH.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
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For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

A. J. CANON. (Re-election.)
L. L. MURRAY.
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For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
GRADY PARMELLY.
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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.)
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NENA KATE RAMSEY.
TOM McGEHEE.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
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For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:

OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.
W. J. CUNNINGHAM. (Re-Election.)

Funeral Wednesday Of Mrs. J. E. Sprain

Funeral services were held at the Noodle Baptist church Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. J. E. Sprain, 52, who died about 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home. Revs. O. B. Tatum and W. R. Murdock were in charge of the services and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Pall bearers were: active, Troy Sloan, Charles Bristow, Naylor Eoff, Crow, J. K. Goode and F. T. Bell; honorary, W. J. Bicknell, W. Roundtree, J. M. Sloan, M. D. Lucas, George Coople and J. M. Spurgin.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Sprain is survived by eight children and step-children.

Local Relief Office Cares for 141 Families

Two truck loads of groceries and provisions were received Tuesday by the local relief office in charge of City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, and headquarters now resemble a good sized grocery store, with large quantities of flour, canned meats of several varieties, cereals and breakfast foods and a supply of pork.

As of the close of the week, reports reveal that 141 families are being cared for, or approximately 705 persons, from the local relief branch.

Booth is Candidate For County Sheriff

Dave Booth, former Abilene police officer and for the last five years constable of the Abilene precinct, has announced for the office of sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the democratic primary.

Resident of Taylor county for thirty-five years, Mr. Booth served on the police force under the late Chiefs Burch and Dodson. His formal announcement follows:

To the People of Taylor County: I want to thank the citizens of Taylor county for their cooperation with me in the enforcement of the law during the past years during which time I have served them as a peace officer. I have discharged my duties without fear or favor and have worked hard for the people of Taylor county.

Solicitations from my many friends throughout the county, and a long time ambition to be sheriff of Taylor county, I make this my formal announcement as a candidate for sheriff subject to the action of the democratic primary next July.

I was born in Parker county, Texas, moved to Taylor county over thirty-five years ago and settled on a farm near Iberis. I left the farm in 1922 and came to Abilene and was on the police force under the late Chiefs of Police Burch and Dodson. Since leaving the police force five years ago I have served the people as constable.

If the people of this county will elect me sheriff, I promise them that I will discharge my duties and from my record as a peace officer you know that I will keep my promise.

Dave Booth.

Mrs. Effie Cozart Succumbs to Illness

Mrs. Effie Cozart, 47, wife of W. A. Cozart, who formerly lived here, died of pneumonia at her home in Fort Worth early last week after an illness of nine days. The family had been living in Fort Worth only six months, going there from San Angelo.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Cozart is survived by a daughter, Betty Kay Cozart; her father, John Walter Jack, Fort Worth; five sisters, Mrs. J. B. Arnold, Henrietta; Mrs. Ethel Garner, Fort Worth; Mrs. Rena Little, Grapevine; Mrs. George Bell, Dallas; Mrs. John Ludlum, Bastrop, La., and a brother, Ernest Jack, Graham.

Arizona Cypresses Planted in Triangle

First beauty spot to receive attention of the local committee on highway beautification, of which Mrs. R. A. Burgess is chairman, is the triangular plot west of town at the intersection of the highway and the Noodle road.

Through cooperation of County Commissioner Jack Canon, this plot was plowed last week. Since that time, the ladies have arranged for the planting of three Arizona cypresses and four prostrate cedars. A cactus bed is to occupy the tip of the triangle, which is to be entirely outlined in rock.

A fund of something like \$25.00, which was left in the Lions club account, has been donated for labor in the highway beautification plan.

Start Surveying of Linking Road Monday

County Commissioner A. J. Canon received a letter from the highway department at Austin Thursday morning to the effect that engineering would start next Monday on survey of a lateral road from Merkel or just west of here to connect state highways 1 and 83.

This project has been authorized by

QUEEN THEATRE

"Where Merkel is Entertained"

Friday Night-Saturday Matinee and Night

Richard Dix

in "THE DAY OF RECKONING"

With Madge Evans, Conway Tearle, Una Merkel and Stuart Erwin. Also Comedy and Serial, "The Three Musketeers."

ADMISSION—10c and 25c

the state CWA, according to notification given County Administrator Lloyd Thomas, and it is Commissioner Canon's understanding that the highway will be of concrete.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

T. T. Davis has purchased the Corner Garage, formerly operated by C. E. Shouse, having taken active charge on Monday of this week. He will continue to carry a complete line of Magnolia oils and gasoline. Mr. Shouse will engage in farming in the future.

Friends here will regret to learn that the Abilene home of A. M. Giles, a former Merkel resident, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

Play at Union Ridge.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a play Friday night, March 16, entitled "The Old Maids Club." The club (in the play) is organized to secure husbands for the members and the recital of their adventures in the chase is laughable. Admission 5c and 10c.

If you have any visitors. Phone 27 or 64.

Easy Pleasant Way TO LOSE FAT

How would you like to lose 15 pounds of fat in a month and at the same time increase your energy and improve your health?

How would you like to lose your double chin and your too prominent abdomen and at the same time make your skin so clean and clear that it will compel admiration?

Get on the scales today and see how much you weigh—then get an 85 cent bottle of Kruschen Salts which will last for four weeks. Take one half teaspoonful in a glass of hot water every morning and when you have finished the contents of this first bottle weigh yourself again.

After that you'll want to walk around and say to your friends—"One 85 cent bottle of Kruschen Salts is worth one hundred dollars of any fat person's money."

Leading druggists America over sell Kruschen Salts—You can always get it.



When You Discuss Electrical Appliances

What are the most important operations of your home?

Modern homemakers all agree on these!



REFRIGERATION . . . You need constant refrigeration the year round, and you will enjoy the money-saving, health-guarding superiority of electrical refrigeration.



WATER-HEATING . . . You need hot water many times each day. The modern electric water heater gives you a surplus of hot water, and for good measure adds safety, cleanliness, health, dependability, comfort and convenience.



COOKERY . . . Nothing so important! This inexpensive "Electric Cook" is worth immediate investigation. Electric cookery is simple—yet accurate, clean and economical!



LAUNDRY . . . Very necessary—but dreaded each week. Enjoy a "happy" washday by installing a combination washer and ironer. Cut washday to a fraction of the time usually required the old way.

THESE WELL-KNOWN, INEXPENSIVE SERVANTS—the electric range, refrigerator, water heater and washer and ironer—will improve your home by doing your work better, and save time, health, money and clothes. Don't consider these modern and efficient automatic electrical servants as longed-for luxuries! . . . They are all dividend-paying necessities. They pay for themselves. Take advantage of these appliances at our convenient terms and prices—and take advantage of the lowest step in electric rates. A representative will be glad to call and discuss them with you.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and operating costs amount to but a few pennies a week?

West Texas Utilities Company

THE **RED & WHITE** STORES

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

MARCH 16 AND 17

CARROTS	3 Bunches 10c
RADISHES	
TURNIP GREENS	
MUSTARD GREENS	Bunch 5c
FRESH ONIONS	
Green Beans, lb.	12¹/₂
NEW SPUDS, pound	7 1-2c
LETTUCE 2 heads	9c
CABBAGE, fresh Texas, pound	2 1-2c
STRAWBERRIES, pint	15c
Bananas, pound	5c
GRAPE FRUIT, Texas Seedless	5c
ORANGES, large, dozen	25c
Flour	12 lbs. R & W 59c 24 lb. R & W 98c 48 lb. R & W \$1.95
MEAL	5 lb. R & W 14c 10 lb. R & W 25c
COFFEE, Sun Up, pound	19c
OATS, B & W, large pkg.	15c
CORN FLAKES, 2 pkgs.	25c
COCOA B & W	15c
PRUNES, dried, 2 pounds	19c
GINGER ALE, bottle	10c
Peaches	No. 2 1-2 R & W 18c 3 cans 50c
SNOWDRIFT, 3 lbs.	43c—6 lbs. 79c
Flav-R-Jell	All Flavors package 5c
MILK	4 small R & W 13c 2 tall R & W 13c
POST BRAN, package	10c
COOKING CHOCOLATE, 1-2 lb.	23c
BAKING POWDER, Calumet, lb.	25c
Pickles -sour or dill	19c
quart	
TOILET TISSUE, Blu-Kross, 3 rolls	23c
CATSUP, R & W, bottle	17c
MAYONNAISE, R & W, 8 oz. 15c—16 oz. 25c	
Sugar	pure cane, cloth bag 49c 10 pounds
SOAP, Lady Godiva, cake	5c
SPUDS, 10 pounds	23c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25 oz.	19c
Washo	Washing Powder package 20c
EGGS, 2 dozen	25c
BACON	sliced pound 19c
JOWLS, dry salt, pound	8c



BRIDGE GAME.

The home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler was the scene of a pretty St. Patrick's party on Tuesday afternoon of last week when Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., and Bob Mayfield were co-hostesses in entertaining. Games of contract bridge progressed until tea time when a delectable salad and sandwich plate with iced tea was served to Mesdames Geo. West, Milton Case, L. C. Zehnennig, Ernest Higgins, W. T. Sadler, Geo. White, Ed McCrary, George Caple, Jack Anderson, Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Nell Durham and the hostesses.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Fred Groene entertained a happy group of little folks in celebration of Little Miss Dorothy Nell Groene's eighth birthday. The little honoree was thrilled beyond measure with the many birthday remembrances, gifts of each little guest. Many games were played and at the refreshment hour all were invited into the dining room where a beautiful big white cake, topped with pink candles, was cut and served with hot chocolate to Mary Jo Hutchins, Gene Caris, George Mac Owens, Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes, Billy Smith, Clarine and Betty Gene Perry, Nedra Swafford, Lola Mae Clark, Mattie Fae Barron, J. T. and Bobbie Nell Regan, Charlotte Overton, Johnnie McDonald, Marjorie Ann Dunn, George Anne Groene and the honoree.

RURAL SOCIETY

NOODLE H. D. C.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met in an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. J. M. Williamson on Wednesday, February 28. Miss Sue Bonner, C. H. D. A., gave a demonstration of cutting foundation patterns after which several patterns were cut.

The club members surprised Mrs. Williamson with a linen shower as a token of gratitude for what she has done for the club the two years she has served as president.

Our next meeting on March 14 is to be cutting of more foundation patterns in the home of the No. 2 demonstrator, Mrs. Carl Jackson.

C. C. Jobson, county farm agent, and Miss Bonner were to give a tile demonstration at Mrs. Williamson's home on March 13 and all people interested in sub-irrigation by tile are expected to attend.

Visitors present were Mrs. J. G. Heald and Mrs. Gene Spurgin of Anson, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Mrs. Hale McRee and Miss Lillian McRee, Trent, Mesdames T. G. and J. M. Deen, Huey Vick and Wilma McBride; members: Carl Jackson, Carl Bonneaux, J. M. Spurgin, George Cooper, J. M. Williamson, V. L. Merritt, R. C. J. K. and T. E. Goode, F. F. Carter, E. B. Reece, O. L. and Woodrow Justice, E. R. Foster, J. R. Murdock, T. J. Howard, J. W. Cox, Roy Cox, J. M. Sloan, L. R. Cade, Crow, Brower and C. W. Seago.

BLAIR P. T. A.

The Blair P. T. A. held its first meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at the school auditorium. Officers are: Mrs. John Russell, president; Mrs. Carl Hughes, vice president; Mrs. W. V. Fancier, secretary; Mrs. Hugh Campbell, reporter. There were 20 present, and there was a round table discussion of "Health."

Committees are as follows: Health: Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, Mrs. Ab Harris, Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Membership: Mrs. Pat Addison, Mrs. Box Murphy, Mrs. Carl Doan.

Program: Mrs. Carl Hughes, Miss Thelma McAninch, Mrs. F. A. Mitchell.

Entertainment was furnished by the school and pronounced very interesting. The school will be represented in the health day parade.

The next meeting will be on April 4 and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. An enjoyable time is promised everyone.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Sunday, March 4, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham of Tye enjoyed a bountiful noon-day feast when they gathered in the Bigham home to celebrate the 71st birthday of J. F. Merritt, father of Mrs. Bigham.

Those spending the day and enjoying the sumptuous fare were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Merritt and son, Burneal, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff and children, Mrs. Ruthie Bigham, Mrs. Willie Dixon, Mrs. Nannie McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tucker of Throckmorton, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Bigham and son, Miss.

CHURCH SERVICES

Seven Added Sunday to Baptist Church Rolls

The meeting at the Baptist church is growing in interest with each service. The pastor is doing some wonderful preaching and in Joe Trussell we have one of the greatest singers that it has ever been our good fortune to hear.

There were seven additions to the church Sunday morning, at which time Brother Joyner preached on "The Way of Salvation," taken from Acts 26:18.

Our B. T. S. has been showing an increase in attendance for several Sundays. Last Sunday there were 103 present.

We are glad that our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, will be with us again next Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. It's a good place to go on Sunday morning and it will help you spiritually. You will find a friendly welcome, too.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. At the conclusion of the morning sermon, three elders will be ordained: Tom Douglass, Marvin Smith and Harry Barnett, who are now deacons, and one deacon, Cephas Wozencraft, will be ordained.

No night service on account of the Baptist revival in progress.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson superintendent. Come and bring some one with you and we will

es Bernice Merritt, Irma Eoff, Messrs. Bedford Vinson and Ross and Frank Merritt.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On his 64th birthday, W. T. Jones, father of Mrs. Vernon Horton of Noodle, was the guest of honor Sunday, March 4, for a sumptuous dinner in the Horton home. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mrs. Ed Jones and sons, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones, Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlis, Stamford, H. R. Horton, Noodle, H. T. Jones, Sylvester, Charlie West, Houston.

SALT BRANCH GIRLS.

The Salt Branch Girls club met Tuesday afternoon at the school house. Wilma Lee Payne called the meeting to order, and Lola Higgins called the roll and read the minutes of the meeting. The girls worked on crocheted rugs.

Club members present were: Pauline and Lorena Higgins, Wilma Lee Payne, Eva and Ona Martin, Lola Higgins, Pauline Hammack, Christine, Evelyn and Annie D. Garvin and Marcella Pinckley, sponsor.

At the next meeting we will study about angel food cake.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday evening, March 9, and rendered a very interesting program. Mrs. J. H. Clark chose for the general subject, "Physical Handicaps." The program opened with a prayer by Willie Joe Clark. Those serving on the program with special topics were O. E. Harwell, M. L. Douglas, Miss Alice Carey and J. H. Clark.

Marybel Douglas gave a reading, following the discussions, and Woodrow Clark read a few sketches from his scrapbook.

The next P. T. A. meeting will be Tuesday afternoon, March 20, at 4 o'clock at the Union Ridge school. All of the parents are urged to be present for this regular monthly business meeting.

We are expecting next week a supply of

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Book your Easter order now.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP
"Flowers for all occasions."

go over the high mark for the year. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Is It Worth While?" Come and worship with us.

Young people will meet at 6:30 p. m. No preaching at the evening hour. We will attend the revival at the Baptist church.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday remained above the 800 mark, the exact figure being 810. On the previous Sunday 836 were present. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 742.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Lord's day 10 a. m. Bible study, 11 a. m. sermon on "Prayer," young people's 5 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. sermon on "The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus."

Wednesday evening at 7:30 a Bible lesson conducted by Brother West, followed by a sermon by Charles H. Robertson of A. C. C. We invite all to these services. We promise a treat to all who come Wednesday evening in the sermon given by Brother Robertson.

A welcome awaits you all.
The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Before this report will go to print, a revival meeting will be in progress at our church. Beginning Wednesday, March 14, Brother R. B. Williamson, evangelist of Abilene, is to have charge of the preaching services. Brother A. I. Rule, a well known singer throughout this district, will have charge of the singing. A cottage prayer meeting will be in progress throughout the revival.

Dear Nazarenes, let us fight for the right and march mightily against the foe. Let us contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints and pray the glory of God down on this revival. Let us remember that revivals are not worked up, they are prayed down. We, as a church, must pray if we are to expect a revival at this place. Our church work is moving along nicely. God is blessing our efforts. Our young people gave us an interesting program Sunday night, for which we are grateful. Our Sunday School is coming right along and moving out nicely. Let's make this our motto, "Everyone Win One."

Come, let us worship our Lord and sing praises unto him and exalt his name upon the earth. If you are a Nazarene, come to this revival; if you are not a Nazarene, come to it, too. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to all of our services.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"And they went forth and preached everywhere," Mark 16:20. "Many times on the streets," Luke 10:10, Nehemiah 8:16, Luke 13:26. Paul preached in the market place, on the stairways, on Mars hill, from house to house, day and night with tears, Acts 5:42, Acts 20:31.

There is too much pride in these modern days for ministers to preach on the streets to "the dying multitude of souls," who are really hungering after righteousness, but who never go to church because there are a lot of hypocritical, so-called church mem-

bers with a tongue long enough to sit in the parlor and lick the skillet in the kitchen, who disgust these hungry souls with their forked, lying tongues. To all whose soul is hungry or whose heart is burdened down with sorrow, come our way and we will try to help you.

We rejoice to know that the Lord is with us and is marvelously blessing us. Each week the Lord is adding to our church and our Bible School is growing. In the last two Sundays 26 new members have joined our Bible School. We are asking everybody to be present next Sunday with a new member. Our subject Sunday morning will be "How to Build a Great Bible School."

Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday night. We welcome you to all our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

PERSONALS

Miss Eunice Richards had as recent guest Miss Edna Lanham of Abilene. Miss Marguerite Poe of Winters was the week-end guest of Miss Duncan Briggs.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Kyle, in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Clarence Williams and C. J. Glover were week-end visitors to Waco.

Mrs. Dub Johnson and little daughter of San Antonio are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett spent last week-end in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett, of Ranger.

Miss Marie Pinckley, a Junior in McMurry, was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Miss Peggy Barnett left Wednesday to attend the Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth and to visit with friends in Dallas.

Mrs. Max Melling and two sons, Isadore and Sylvan, are spending the week in Austin visiting with another son, Meyer, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and son and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson and two children attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth last week.

Miss Floydie Isom has returned to John Tarleton college at Stephenville after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom, at Tye.

Misses Mary Eula Sears, Iva Bragg and Christine Collins returned Monday from a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg in Chillicothe.

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and three children, Mable Ouida Mae and Emogene and Billy B. spent the week-end in San Angelo with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs.

Hulsey's little granddaughter, Nancy Sue Darsey, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrell arrived from Xenia, Ohio, the latter part of the week to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens are spending the week in Fort Worth enjoying the Fat Stock Show and visiting Mr. Jinkens' sister, Mrs. S. L. McNay.

Curtis McAninch, one of the visitors from Merkel to the Fat Stock Show, also visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, at Lewisville over the week-end.

Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and son, C. M., III, went to Iredell last week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, before joining her husband and other members of the Largent family in their reunion at Fort Worth.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett were Mr. Garrett's brother and sister, W. W. Garrett and Mrs. Mattie Theford, from Mart, who accompanied Messrs. Barney and Doyle Garrett on a visit with their parents.

\$10 IN TREES.

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Numbers From Here Visit Stock Show

Merkel folks in families, groups and singly have visited the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week, and, besides those mentioned elsewhere, the following have been noted among them:

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and two children, David and Sis, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe and son, Jack, J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, J. W. Wheeler, Johnnie Wheeler, W. S. J. Brown, Sie Hamm, Byron Patterson, Floyd McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood and family, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and two daughters, Billy and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hassey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr, J. E. Tucker, J. E. Boaz, Sr., and Dr. W. T. Sadler.

The Largents enjoyed a family reunion there, which is noted elsewhere.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation to all those friends who so kindly and faithfully assisted us during the recent illness and death of our loved husband and father. May God bless you all.

Mrs. J. E. Costephen and Family.

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Bananas Yellow fruit dozen	15c	Lettuce Large and firm per head	5c
Oranges Nice, juicy 2 dozen	25c	Strawberries Texas pt. boxes	15c
Apples Winesaps 2 dozen	25c	Carrots Large bunches each	5c
Grape Fruit Seedless each	5c	Beets Large bunches each	5c

Green Beans, 2 lbs. 25c

Pork & Beans 16 oz. can 5c

Mackerel Tail cans 3 for 25c

Corn Flakes Per pkg. 10c

Peaches In heavy syrup No. 2 1-2 size 15c

Crackers Excel Saltine 2 lb. box 21c

Sugar 10 lb. bag, pure cane 49c 25 lb. bag, pure cane \$1.25

FLOUR Yukons Best \$1.90 Light Crust \$1.95

Pickles, qt. 20c Bran, 100 lbs. \$1.00

Mustard, qt. 15c Shorts, 100 lbs. \$1.30

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Something New I have just installed an A. C. Spark Plug Cleaner

Beginning Saturday will clean plugs 5 cents per plug

Ask about our special gift offer

DR. CURLEY'S REPAIR SHOP
Phone 25

CHICKENS WANTED

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, March 16, 17 and 19, we will pay the following prices:

Heavy hens, per lb.	10c
Light hens, per lb.	7c
Cocks, per lb.	3c

(Delivered at Merkel. Must be clear of feed.)
Now is the time to have your chickens culled. If you want them culled, let John Dunn cull them.

Bring me your cream and eggs, as we pay the highest market price.

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JOHN DUNN