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## McMURRY BAND AND DRUM CORP HERE APRIL 7

### Street Parade to Precede Concert Here on First Saturday in April at 3 O'clock; Varied Program of Selections.

Merkel people and out-of-town shoppers as well will enjoy a real treat on Saturday, April 7, in the concert to be given by the McMurry College band under the direction of J. K. Gwynn Silvey, band master.

This famous organization, comprised of 24 pieces, and the Girls Drum corp of approximately the same number will parade in our city at 3 p. m., Saturday, April 7. The two groups will be brought to Merkel in automobiles by some of the members of St. Paul Methodist church. The parade will start at the depot, go up to the end of main street and then return to the center of the business district where they will play a group of marches, collegiate pep songs, simple overtures and popular ballads.

The Girls Drum corp is one of the most attractive and original groups of any college in the state of Texas. Ordinarily there are about as many girls marching as there are carrying drums but only the Drum Corp proper will accompany the band here.

The McMurry College band in offering such a parade and concert here is following a plan for furnishing Saturday afternoon entertainment for the various small towns in the vicinity of Abilene that do not possess a municipal or school band.

## Officers Elected By Girls' 4-H Club Here

A Girls' 4-H Demonstration club for Merkel was organized at Dot Swafford's home on Friday, March 23, when the following officers were elected:

Alice Church, president; Nola Frowine, vice president; Maurine White, secretary-treasurer, and Jessie Margaret Berry, reporter.

The next meeting will be held at Maurine White's at four o'clock April 4.

Miss Caroline Chambers will be at the next meeting and all girls who are interested are invited to join the club.

## Young Visitor From Coast Likes Texas

Mrs. Annie Bess Watson and son, Bob, of Long Beach Calif., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Sr., in the Mt. Pleasant community.

Bob says he likes Texas better because there is so much more to see in Texas—cows, horses and hogs. He can ride horseback and in wagons and on plows here, while in California he never had the opportunity, he says.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

J. G. Sadler purchased a new Ford automobile last week from the Fulwiler Electric Co. of Abilene through the local agent, H. M. Warren.

Phone Claude Dye, if you have wrappers from Brown's crackers purchased at the Sanitary Grocery. He wants them.

Clark Welch of El Paso is here visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, who have been visiting, their daughter, Mrs. Pat Jones, of Sierra Blanca during the past three months, returned to their home here this week.

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman was in Stanton the latter part of last week attending to business.

You'll miss it if you miss the Sunday School convention at the Presbyterian church April 6th and 7th.

Mrs. O. M. Sharp entertained Monday evening in honor of her brother, Homer Jobe, of Rule. Progressive "42" was played at three tables. Dee Grimes was given a delicious box of candy for winning high score while

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL IS AGAIN FIRST IN ARITHMETIC

Merkel Grammar school, although not winning as many first places as usual, again won many honors at the Interscholastic League meet at Abilene last week. In competition with ten other schools, Merkel won first place in arithmetic this year for the seventh consecutive time, with a score sixty-five points above the next highest score. The Grammar school has never lost this contest, as it has been a League event for only seven years.

The following is a list of the places won:

Ward junior boys declamation: Ainsworth Gates, 2nd place.

Ward junior girls declamation: Anna Lee Blake, 2nd place.

Ward essay writing: Jannell Black, 3rd place.

Sixth and seventh grade spelling: W. I. Wozencraft and T. L. Reid, tied with Tuscola for 2nd place.

Fourth and fifth grade spelling: Dora Marie Gaither and Bob Williamson, 3rd place.

Music memory: Jannell Black and Homer Barnwell, 3rd place.

Arithmetic: Kermit Pangle and Dorothea Sue Bird, 1st place.

Story telling for third grade pupils: Billie Clyde Haynes, 3rd place.

Choral singing: 3rd place.

Junior girls playground ball: 1st place.

440 yd. relay race: Vincent Barnett, W. G. Dickinson, Frank Dye, Kermit Pangle, 4th place.

Running broad jump: Vincent Barnett, 3rd place.

Chinning the bar: W. G. Dickinson, 2nd place; Clyde Sears, 4th place.

## None Seriously Injured In Bolls' Car Wreck

Mrs. Oia Bolls, former pastor of the Nazarene church here, was in a car wreck March 6, as she, with her son, I. W. Bolls, and family and daughter, Mrs. Ineta Hart, were returning home to Borger.

A truck ran into their car, completely demolishing the Bolls' car. Mrs. I. W. Bolls and Mrs. Hart escaped without injury. Mrs. Oia Bolls, her son, I. W., and granddaughter are all recovering nicely from injuries sustained.

## Local Musicians Have Formed String Band

With Lloyd Mathews as leader, members of the Merkel string band met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley on Friday, March 23. Several visitors were present to enjoy the music.

Members of the band which meets every Friday night with Winston Polley are: Lloyd Mathews, mandolin; Dub Ford, mandolin; Mr. Miller, violin; Clifton Bellamy, Hawaiian guitar; Harold Morgan, guitar, and Winston Polley, guitar.

## Virgil Touchstone was consoled with a stick of candy.

Mrs. R. A. Rogers gave musical selections. The hostess served cream and cake to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rogers, Misses Maude Martin, Elma Sheppard, Mattie Murphy, Pet Sears, Zora Coggin, Messrs. Bill Sheppard, Dee Grimes, Homer Jobe and Virgil Touchstone.

Mrs. J. W. Wheatley, accompanied by her little daughter, Katherine, left Wednesday for Vernon where she will join her husband, who has gone into the drug business at that point.

Miss Sadie Collins left Monday in answer to a message telling the family that her brother Grady Collins had been operated upon at one of the sanitariums there for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards are entertaining a bouncing baby boy at their home on Elm street, this city. The youngster made his arrival on Thursday.

Mr. Leerstang and family who live on Sweetwater creek were here Sunday.



## DEMOS HONOR JIM FERGUSON

### Husband of Texas Governor Made National Committeeman, Succeeding Jed Adams.

Houston, March 29.—James E. Ferguson, Texas political power for the past 20 years, appealed for "unity in our ranks" as he was given a seat on the national democratic committee here Saturday by the state executive committee.

Loud cheers and prolonged hand-clapping followed Ferguson's elevation to the national position. He succeeds Jed Adams of Dallas, who resigned.

Ferguson was the only one nominated and the chairman announced he was elected by acclamation, but a check revealed two dissenting votes. They were W. R. Hooks of Itasca and Summers Norman of Jacksonville.

Ed Hussion of Houston, secretary of the committee, was elected vice-chairman of the committee. Miss Bertha Krutz of Houston was named secretary.

J. K. Brim of Sulphur Springs was elected chairman to succeed Maury Hughes of Dallas.

The Ferguson-controlled state committee named Brim its chairman and by a vote of 19 to 11 tabled a resolution ordering a repeal referendum at the state primary election next July.

From the opening discussion on the resolution to the final election of the national committeeman, there was never a doubt as to Ferguson's supremacy. His machine clicked perfectly.

## Boy Hurt by Bullet From Toy Pistol

Aubrey Shouse, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse, who was rushed to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Friday afternoon after he had been accidentally shot with a .22 rifle bullet while playing with a group of boys, was sufficiently recovered to be brought home Wednesday morning.

Aubrey and his brother, O. C. Shouse, Jr., and four other boys had been playing with a toy pistol, which they had loaded with a .22 bullet, and two attempts had been made to fire it. Unsuccessful, the pistol was thrown aside but it occurred to Marvin Hunter, one of the boys in the group, that it might be dangerous to leave the pistol loaded; so he picked it up to remove the shell. While engaged in the effort, the bullet, though it had only snapped before, was discharged, striking Aubrey in the abdomen.

Miss Odelle Hunter, sister of Marvin and a trained nurse, was summoned by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Mrs. Hunter making a hurried automobile trip to Lubbock for her after the accident, and she attended the Shouse boy as special nurse at the sanitarium. Since his removal home she has remained in attendance and will continue until he is satisfactorily recovered.

## Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner, Friday, March 23, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mc-Gaughy, Friday, March 23, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, Monday, March 26, 1934.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

As the result of cold rains over the week-end, a survey by goatmen in San Angelo section reveals a loss of probably 750,000 head, cutting down prospects for mohair this fall by 2,000,000 pounds.

E. R. Winstel, union boilermaker, who was elected to the Fort Arthur city commission on a labor-endorsed ticket, was elected mayor of the city over George Carter, lumber plant manager.

C. E. Heidingsfelder, Houston attorney, was found guilty of embezzling a \$34,500 trust fund belonging to Mrs. Adele Pipkin of New York and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by a jury at Georgetown Saturday.

W. H. (Hilton) Bybee, life term Texas convict, who was recaptured near Amarillo a few weeks ago after a sensational break from the Eastham prison farm, escaped from the Houston county jail at Crockett Friday afternoon. Jim Welling, under a two year sentence for forgery, fled with him.

Sheriff Reeder Webb of Odessa and a special deputy, Earl Glaser of Big Spring, were injured, the former critically, in a collision Tuesday night with a hit-and-run driver in Colfax, La., near Alexandria. The officers were headed for the latter place to get two prisoners wanted in Texas on hijacking charges.

Mateo Cuellar and Julian Ybarra were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in their trial at San Marcos for the hatchet slaying of Claude E. Kelley five years ago in what prosecutors described as a political plot against the life of his father-in-law, E. C. Couch, judge in Hidalgo county on the Rio Grande.

## Rabbit Drive on Bill At Noodle Wednesday

On Wednesday of next week, April 4, a rabbit drive is to be staged at Noodle.

Participants are asked to gather at the store there at 9 o'clock and dinner will be served at the tabernacle at noon.

Messrs. A. J. Barbee and W. J. Bicknell are in charge of arrangements.

## Ladies of WMS Sponsor Church Night, Supper

Combining their open session with the annual church night marking the seventh anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. R. A. Walker, ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church sponsored a program of praise and thanksgiving Wednesday night, climaxed with a bountiful supper spread on tables in the basement of the church.

With Mrs. H. C. West presiding, congregational singing of familiar hymns was led by Miss Christine Collins, with Miss Marizoe West as pianist, following the opening prayer by Rev. Mr. Walker. Mrs. W. M. Elliott directed the devotional and readings appropriate to the occasion were given by Mrs. John West and Mrs. Emory Jones, president of the society. Mrs. George West led the closing prayer.

Entertainment features included a solo by Miss Christine Collins and a series of readings by Mrs. Fannie McConnell.

## NEW SLATE FOR FOUR PLACES ON BOARD IN FIELD

With the entry of four new names on the ticket for the city election next Tuesday, April 3, a spirited contest for places on the board of aldermen is in prospect.

Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes, D. H. Vaughn and S. D. Gamble are the four men sponsored on a business men's slate in opposition to the administration ticket. The latter is a candidate for the short term, one year, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Will Hutcheson.

Three present aldermen, Messrs. C. E. Jacobs, J. A. Buford and John S. Hughes, are standing for re-election and Watt Blair is on the ticket for the short term.

Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. and the city hall will be the voting place, as is customary in city elections. Carl Black has been designated as election judge.

## Voting Strength This County Greater in '34

Indications that Taylor county will cast a heavy vote this year are shown in the final report on poll tax receipts prepared by Collector Grady Parmelley.

The county has a recorded voting strength of 9,066, which exceeds by 878 the 1932 total of 8,188. Tax receipts issued total 7,809 and exemption certificates 1,257. Parmelley estimated the number of exemption certificates would reach 1,500 by July.

Certificates are required only in the city of Abilene, the law providing that persons exempt from poll tax, living outside a city of 10,000 population, need not present a certificate at the ballot box.

In 1930 the county had 9,201 qualified voters, and in 1928 the number was 10,010.

In the tabulation, poll tax payers in the Merkel voting box number 755, exclusive of exemptions.

## Week-End Brings Beneficial Rains

Another slow, ground-soaking rain of considerable proportions visited this section last week-end, the measurement by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale's gauge showing one and one-half inches. The rainfall was most beneficial both for small grain and for early planting.

Previous rainfall this year was only 1 7-8 inches, bringing the total so far for 1934 to 3 5-8 inches.

## TO REPEAT PLAY FOR BENEFIT OF CEMETERY FUND

### "The Man From Nowhere" to Be Presented Again Friday Night of This Week at Cozy Theatre; No One Should Miss It.

Those who were not so fortunate as to see "The Man from Nowhere," presented by a cast of talented local players Thursday night of last week, will yet have the opportunity of enjoying this clever three act comedy.

Presented previously as a benefit for the two local Boy Scout troops, it is to be staged again Friday night of this week at the same place, the Cozy theatre, and beginning at the same hour, 8:15, this time proceeds to go to the cemetery fund.

In the opinion of many who viewed the first showing, "The Man from Nowhere" admits of very few home talent productions in its class. Directed by Mrs. J. Olin Lusby, each of the players brought a characterization to his role that bespoke both acting ability and that other most essential detail, painstaking effort.

Included in the cast of "The Man from Nowhere," a story of love and difficulties centering about Rodney Baxter, a stranger in his new surroundings but son of a rich man, in fact, played by Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, were: Missie Dye, as Anna Royce, one of the group of boarders constituting the chief characters in the play and Rodney's sweetheart; Vera Ritchie as Dora Fry, Mary Collins as Miss Prim, Wren Durham as Professor Holmes, Tom Allday as Mr. Graydon, bank president, Spencer Bird as Henry Holt, bank clerk, J. Parker Sharp, as Mr. Cox, a detective, Estelle Terry as Mrs. Craddock, who runs the boarding house, and Mrs. Lola Sheppard, as Hilda Swenson, the maid.

Musical selections that proved decidedly popular were rendered by Miss Iris Garrett and her orchestra and between-act specialties, most of which are to be repeated, were staged by: Betty Lou Grimes, Delma Compton, Parker Sharp and Blanche Simmons, and Mary E. Grimes and Nell Durham.

Prices will be the same: 10c for children and 25c for adults.

## THE BOOK

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

BRUCE BARTON

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY.

In the Psalms are love, hope, despair, the bitterest of sorrow, the most exultant delight, sweet affection and deep hatred, confession of sin and joy in forgiveness. But the major note is optimistic and believing.

David wrote many of the earlier psalms, and there are some that grew out of his personal experience; but no one man makes a hymn book. Some psalms were written hundreds of years after his death. The man who wrote

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof,

that man gave a page of vivid autobiography that dates itself five hundred years after David. When another singer wrote:

O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat into the fowls of the heaven,

thus telling of a time when Jerusalem was captured in a bloody battle followed by a massacre, and the temple was defiled but not destroyed, we know that the psalm was written in the times of the Maccabees. It may be that a thousand years separate the oldest of these songs from the latest.

Of the whole, a hundred and fifty songs, which are best worth knowing? First of all the twenty-third, of course. Nearly every child learns it; every child should. If, in addition to this, you would like to pick three others as a part of your children's education, you will be pretty safe if you follow the number nine—the nineteenth; the ninetieth and ninety-first.

Moses is credited with the ninetieth—the noble chant of an old man, who, seeing his own generation disappear and a new generation rise up to take its place.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. . . .

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

A party of four, Messrs. Joe Nalley, Elery Smith, Bert McRee and John Strawn, left Sunday for Dog Mart, N. M., where they will spend the new few days fishing and hunting.

Mrs. Dale Estep returned to her home in Houston this week after a visit with relatives here the past week.

Bob Campbell and family of Goodman spent the day Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Mrs. Selby Duncan of Sweetwater was a guest of Mrs. L. E. Adrain Monday.

A most enjoyable day was spent Sunday by the Girls Intermediate Sunday School class of the Church of Christ, of which Bry Burkhardt is the teacher. A trip to Lake Abilene had been planned but, owing to the weather conditions, it was abandoned and through the hospitality of Mrs. Frank Allyn acting as chaperon they were entertained in her home at the lunch hour. In the afternoon they made a trip to the mountains and engaged in different sports. All report a splendid time.

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stephens engaged in making a big freezer of cream for the family, the only guest being Floyd Jones of Lone Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caberletz of Dallas spent most of last week in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe. Mrs. Caberletz will be remembered as Mrs. Cora Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and daughter, Patsy Ruth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Scott of Sylvester on Thursday of last week.

Rev. P. H. Gates and Mrs. Gates of Merkel attended church here Friday night.

Due to the weather conditions there were no services at any of the churches Sunday. The Methodist meeting, which has been in progress two weeks, reports 9 conversions and 5 united with the church on profession of faith. Next Sunday Dr. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district, will preach at 11 o'clock and quarterly conference will be held at 2 p. m. An earnest request is made for the members to be present at both services. A welcome to all is extended.

Miss Fanny Vessel returned home Tuesday from Union Ridge after visiting Miss Jewel Gabbert over the week-end. Miss Gabbert accompanied her home to spend a few days.

Grandpa Terry left last Wednesday for Meridian where he will visit his son, Wesley Terry, the next few weeks.

Miss Zada Bell of Merkel spent the day last Wednesday with Miss Pete Smith.

W. E. Johnson of Midland, a brother of Mrs. Curley Edwards, was a guest in their home a few days ago.

Miss Chunkey Parker of Sweetwater visited with Miss Ida V. Estep a few days last week and attended the M. E. meetings here.

Miss Lora Bright returned home last week after a few weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Lester Lester, of Tullia.

Miss Maggie Payne was a guest with Miss Lois Powell of Abilene while attending the county meet there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock visited over the week-end with relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Mary Archer who has for the past week been a guest in the home of her son in Dallas has returned home.

Rev. W. B. Reaves, pastor of the M. E. church, announces that there will be no service at Union Ridge Sunday afternoon, as he will have conference at Trent.

Just here we take this means of announcing that Brother E. L. Springer will preach here at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The preaching hour will be preceded by a program arranged for Easter and will be dedicated to the deceased members of the church. Come, bring lunch and a basket of Easter eggs for the

Asking Re-Election As County Judge



JOHN L. CAMP.

To the Citizens of Taylor County: I take this means of announcing my candidacy for a second term of the office of County Judge of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I am grateful to the citizens of this county for having given me one term in this office, which I am now filling to the best of my ability. I would greatly appreciate a second term in this office, and will strive to continue the policies of economy with respect to county government, that have been maintained during my tenure of office.

The handling of probate, civil, criminal and juvenile matters will continue to receive my careful attention.

I earnestly solicit your vote and influence.

JOHN CAMP.

afternoon and let's have a happy day together.

Boots Brown of Fort Worth is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Joe Brown.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

DORA DOINGS

After a big nice 2 1/2 inch rain everybody is all smiles and there will be plenty of work going on now.

Health in general is on the mend. Most of the measles and roseola have about run out of material.

Pete Tyrone and family are floating around in a new 1934 Chevrolet.

Mrs. Homer Oliver spent the week-end in Sweetwater visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sanders, and other relatives.

March 27 and plenty of ice in the community. So beat that, will you?

The county track meet was weathered out Saturday at Roscoe, but will be put on next Saturday.

Ranchmen who had completed goat-shearing are having quite a time keeping them dry and warm, some losing quite heavily.

THE BOOK

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The nineteenth acclaims the firmament and the moral law:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

The ninety-first is a majestic confession of faith.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

Next Week: Patience Means Endurance.

SERVICE STATION ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce to the people of Merkel and surrounding community, and the general public as well, that I have recently taken over the management of the

Gulf Service Station

located on the Highway, in the west part of the city, and will surely appreciate your patronage. To all those who have been customers of this station in the past, we will appreciate your continued patronage, and with every one, new or old, extend to all a cordial invitation to call on us.

We have associated with us, Messrs. John Kelley and Ralph Walker, both experienced, and promise every one, prompt and accommodating service—as good as the best to be had.

We will carry a full line of all Good Gulf Products—Give us a trial, and be convinced that here you can get first class service.

H. C. REID, Agent

Washing and Greasing Phone 245 Tire Repairing

Advertisement for Southwestern Life Insurance Company. Includes a certificate of registration, the company logo, and the text 'Registered INSURANCE'. The certificate states: 'The Following Certificate of Registration is Attached to Every Southwestern Life Policy...'

Advertisement for Southwestern Life Insurance Company. Features the text 'Extra Protection At No Additional Cost' and 'You can get Southwestern Life REGISTERED Insurance at low cost for temporary protection; for education of children; for permanent protection; for a monthly income as long as you live after retirement; for your every need.' It also lists assets of \$41,777,495.29 and capital and surplus of \$6,597,248.40. F. E. Church is listed as the local agent.

Advertisement for Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Includes the text 'Lending Money Is Our Business... But It's YOUR Money' and 'Certainly lending money is an important part of our business. But the money we lend is the money entrusted to us by 1500 or more depositors. Our first duty is to protect the funds of these depositors. Hence the need for care in extending credit, making loans to responsible borrowers for sound purposes.' It lists officers: J. T. Warren, President; G. F. West, Vice-Pres.; Sam Butman, Sr., Vice-Pres.; Booth Warren, Cashier; F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier.

Advertisement for magazine subscriptions. Features a cartoon character shouting 'STOP!' and the text 'save one-half ON YOUR MAGAZINES'. It lists two subscription packages: Club No. D-3 for \$1.50 and Club No. D-4 for \$1.50. A coupon is provided for ordering: 'Yes—MR. EDITOR, Send Bargain No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ R.F.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Bring or mail this Coupon to our office today—NOW'

Advertisement for a new clubbing offer. Text: 'NEW CLUBBING OFFER ABILENE MORNING NEWS and MERKEL MAIL Both Papers until October 1, 1934, for \$3.45 LET US SEND YOUR ORDER IN THE MERKEL MAIL'

Advertisement for furnished apartments. Text: 'FURNISHED APARTMENTS If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion. PHONE 61'

Advertisement for Merkel Hatchery. Text: 'BABY CHICKS \$6.30 per Hundred Book orders now CUSTOM HATCHING MERKEL HATCHERY Merkel, Texas Abilene Hatchery & Seed Store Abilene, Texas'



# THE BADGER WEEKLY

## MERKEL TRACK TEAM CARRIES HIGH SCORES

Last week in the track meet between Sweetwater, Snyder, Roscoe and Merkel, Sweetwater was first, Snyder second, and Merkel third in the tryouts.

Shannon lacked 1.4 points being high scorer of the meet. Shannon won first in the mile run, tied for first in high jump, second in shotput and third in high hurdles—a good record for one boy to make.

Patterson was not allowed to compete for meet honors, because of ineligibility, but ran the 440, winning with time of 54 seconds.

The next two weeks will be spent in brushing up for district meet, two weeks from now. Merkel does not compete in the county as they are a Class A school in track events.

### TENNIS.

The girls' doubles team had hard luck and drew the county champions in the first round and lost to the tune of 6-4, 6-1. Caribel Mansfield and Billie B. Gambill played doubles.

The boys' singles, Little Kit Carson, drew Trent represented by Cullen Tittle and lost two out of three sets to him.

The girls' singles and boys' doubles played for county championship honors this afternoon, Monday.

Jones and Reese won from Lawn 4-1; 6-0, for county championship. Janet Hayes lost to Lawn.

## The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '34—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Waldeline Huskey.  
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Society Editor—Billy Gardner.  
Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.  
Joke Editor—Jack West.

(This issue published by Helen Joyner.)

## OUR SENIORS

### BESSIE LOU RUSSELL.

Bessie Lou is one of our smartest Seniors. She has proved this by making good grades and coming out for essay writing and spelling. She is a member of the spelling team that won first place at county meet last Friday, her paper being one hundred per cent. She is a member of the Dramatic club and "Blue Badgerettes." Keep up the good work, Bessie Lou, and you will come out on top.

### NELMA RINEY.

Nelma is one of those quiet girls who are supposed to be seen and not heard. She rides the bus and comes to school every day. She has made many friends since she started to Merkel as a Senior. She is a member of the "Blue Badgerettes." When you see a low, brown-haired girl smiling at everyone she sees, you will know it is Nelma.

### JOKES.

David: "Will you Freshmen stop making so much noise? I can't even read."

Robert, Jr.: "Well, don't blame us for your ignorance."

Kennedy: "See that guy there? He's going through school by caring for a baby."

Jack Lowe: "He's lucky. I got kicked out for the same thing."

You've no doubt heard about Joe Cook wanting to be a motorman on a street car so he could kick the gong around.

Except for the censor, we could preach what we practice.  
—Sophs.

### BANQUET NEWS.

The date is set, the committees are appointed and everyone is doing his best to make the banquet a success! The Junior-Senior banquet, the event of the year, will be held on the night of the twentieth of April. We want all of you Seniors to be there in your best clothes with your best girl, prepared to have a good time.

## AS SEEN BY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE SCOUT

Merkel made a very good showing in literary events last Friday and Saturday in Abilene.

The spelling team, Anna Lou Church and Bessie Lou Russell, won first place. Bessie Lou handed in a perfect paper.

Jimmie Dell Perry and Charles Tipton won first in extemporaneous speaking.

In essay writing Waldeline Huskey won first place.

Declamation: junior girls, Betty Lou Grimes, first; junior boys, Billy Eteyl Church, first; senior girls, Mildred West, second. Walter Riney was the representative for the senior boys.

Saturday night the one-act play contest was won by Merkel's "Just Women." The cast included Bessylea Church, Lois Whiteley, Waldeline Huskey, Harriet Rogers, Billy Gardner, Clara Frances Largent and Vivian Davis.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Sarah had a grand time Thursday night?

Thelda Tucker just loves to talk?

Anna Lou has a head full of knowledge—about other people?

Bessylea likes for a certain person to write poems about her.

Sunday night was a very eventful night for Lois? Wonder why?

Wanda is very clever?

Joe Cook and Billy Gardner are always fighting?

Clara Lee P. is wearing a new sweater? Wonder whose it is?

### ASK.

Helen why her stomach turned over Sunday?

Sarah how she likes sitting on the fence all by herself in the moonlight.

Joe how he likes being covered up and thrown in the back seat.

Kennedy if he's chauffeur or chapron.

Caribel who thinks she's strong.

## High School Gives Program At Art Exhibit

On Wednesday night a play, directed by Mrs. Haynes, "Just Women," was given at Grammar school. It is a very interesting play, featuring the queer ideas and costumes of the "gay nineties." The characters of the play were suited to the parts.

After the play the audience was invited to go through the building and study the pictures which were on display. Those pictures are masterpieces and considered to be the best works of art. They were especially enjoyed by those who studied them.

Special music was furnished by eight Choral Club girls.

### ASK

Lois who told her she had on a pretty dress Monday.

Milton if he remembers everything about Saturday night.

Robert, Jr., why he didn't have more sense than to let Caribel get off with his watch.

Anybody who it is that throws cold water on everything that is said.

David why he has such a cute smile.

Milton what "M. S." stands for besides Milton Shannon.

Sarah if she likes snaps or pins.

L. V. if he likes to sit on chairs or sofas and who he thinks is silly when they get together.

Sis why she went to Paducah.

Clara Frances who can get her so tickled that she rolls in the floor.

Billie B. if she ever did any back seat driving.

Betty Lou who thinks that she owns whom.

Billy Gardner if she was embarrassed Saturday night after she said something about Joe.

Mary Helen L. if she likes little boys.

Harriette who her inspiration was Saturday night.

Lucy what she thinks about Merkel boys.

Clara Frances if she likes to give parties.

Wanda if she likes to talk.

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—Observant Reader.

BLAIR ITEMS

We were not prepared for the bliz-  
zard that blew up Saturday, March 17,  
but there was nothing in this section  
for cold to hurt except fruit and there  
was enough of that that had not open-  
ed out to make a good crop provided  
another blizzard does not hit us.

The fine rains we had the past  
week-end have put the ground in fine  
condition for planting small grain.

There will be an Easter program at  
the Baptist church Sunday morning  
at 10 o'clock promptly. Preaching ser-  
vices at the 11 o'clock hour by Broth-  
er John Walker, pastor. The public is  
invited to attend these services.

Blair Choral club won first place  
in class No. 2 in the Taylor County  
annual interscholastic league con-  
tests held Thursday, March 22, in  
Abilene. Director Miss Thelma Mc-  
Aninch: "We say, hurrah for Blair."  
Mrs. Elie Brooks, who was hurt in  
an automobile accident recently, is do-  
ing very well at this writing. Mrs.  
Alice Helms and two children of  
Winters and Mrs. Clyde Moore and  
sons of Red Springs, daughters of  
Mrs. Brooks, have been attending the  
bedside of their mother the past sev-  
eral days.

Misses Maurine and Pauline White  
of Brownwood were the distinguished  
guests of their sister, Miss Vivian  
White, Sunday.

Mrs. Alfred Meeks and daughter,  
Melba Fay, of Post, and Mrs. Oscar  
Pollard of Sweetwater were the inter-  
esting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh  
Campbell over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell enjoyed  
a pleasant visit with the former's fa-  
ther, Mr. Mitchell, of Bronte recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown and  
their attractive little daughter, La-  
Nell, of Post, spent the week-end with  
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N.  
Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and fam-  
ily have been sporting around in their  
new Ford V-8 the past several days.

Mrs. I. N. Brown returned home  
Saturday after several weeks' treat-  
ment under Dr. E. A. Dann, Sweet-  
water, and her condition is very much  
improved in many ways, which we  
are proud to know, and we hope for  
her a complete recovery in the near  
future.

Jim Moore and his brother, Buck  
Moore, of Casle Peak left Friday  
for Oklahoma to spend the week-end  
with relatives. They will return by  
Dallas to visit their brother there.

Mrs. Will Banks and daughter,  
Miss Vera Bell, who have been the  
houseguests of the former's daughter,  
Mr. and Mrs. Fate Scoggins for sev-  
eral months, returned to their home in  
Wood county the past week.

Expert Gun Engraver  
In Abilene This Week

Ernest F. Baskin, Sr., of Merid-  
ien, Conn., a traveling gun engraver,  
is making a two weeks stay at the  
Army Store, 134 Pine St., Abilene.

Baskin, 65, who has followed his  
profession for 47 years, has been in  
every state in the union, Cuba, Al-  
aska, Canada and the Hawaiian Is-  
lands. He formerly worked in the Colt  
and Smith & Wesson gun factories.

His equipment for doing the decora-  
tions and several decorated weapons  
are on display in the store window.  
Baskin works in the window each af-  
ternoon.

TAKE NOTICE.  
The New Deal Oil & Refining Com-  
pany, Abilene, Texas, is running con-  
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Race for County Clerk



BERT E. LOW.

To the Citizens and Voters of Merkel  
and Adjacent Voting Precincts:

In courteously asking you for your  
support in my candidacy for the office  
of County Clerk of Taylor County, I  
shall most assuredly not presume up-  
on your patience or time by narrating  
a lot of the things that I might con-  
sider as qualifications, and that, in  
my opinion, fit me to be your servant  
in the performance of the duties of  
the office.

I have lived in your county some  
years. Have done my best to be your  
neighbor and have never failed to re-  
spond to an invitation to come and  
render the best service I could in your  
field of community efforts, religious  
or civic service. I need the place badly.  
If I did not need it, I would not  
want it, if I did not want it, I would  
not ask for it, and if you have any  
doubts as to my ability to render ef-  
ficient, courteous and cordial service,  
just ask your neighbor. He or she will  
know.

I'll be seeing you.

BERT E. LOW.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

On their return from a fishing  
trip to Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs.  
Mack Fowler, accompanied by Uncle  
Sam Foster, brought back two 30-  
pounders of the drum variety, which  
have been on exhibit at Wheeler &  
Vaughn's market this week.

As one of the entertainers from the  
Irene Jay Dance studio, Abilene, Miss  
Betty Lou Grimes was on the pro-  
gram for the floor show at the West  
Texas Druggists' convention at Sweet-  
water Friday night. Miss Iris Gar-  
rett was accompanist.

Announcement is made in this is-  
sue of The Mail that H. C. Reid, one  
of our popular young men, has taken  
over the management of the Gulf Fil-  
ling station located on the highway in  
the west part of the city. Associated  
with him are John Kelley and Ralph  
Walker, both experienced filling sta-  
tion employees.

A new frame awning is being erec-  
ted in front of the building occupied  
by the Merkel Drug company and the  
entire front is to receive a new paint  
job. Dr. C. B. Gardner owns the prop-  
erty.

English ornithologists have deter-  
mined that the average length of a  
robin's life is 10 to 15 years.

Former Merkel School  
Head Killed in Crash

Prof. J. A. Summerhill, 55, super-  
intendent of the Monahans high  
school and former superintendent of  
the schools here for the term 1925-  
26, was killed in an automobile acci-  
dent Tuesday at a point 11 miles west  
of Monahans. Sam Hayes, 45, of Py-  
ote, was also killed.

The two men were being towed by  
Prof. C. S. Eskridge and the collision  
of the car in which they were riding  
with one going in the opposite direc-  
tion occurred when Prof. Eskridge  
swerved his machine to avoid striking  
two young men who signalled for a  
ride. The second automobile did not  
follow promptly and was struck by  
the one heading west.

After leaving the superintendency  
here, Prof. Summerhill was head of  
the schools at Southland one year, at  
Ropesville one year and at Andrews  
two years. He was serving his first  
year at Monahans. He is survived by  
his wife and a son and a daughter.

ESKOTA NEWS

Everyone is talking of farming and  
gardening here since the big rain.

Those on the sick list for the week  
are: Roberta Johnston, Mrs. F. E.  
Allyn, Claudine, Nannie Lou and Mil-  
dred Walker, Mrs. Clifton Hale, Mrs.  
J. H. Gunnells, P. B. Cooper, D. I.  
Trent, Virgil Heath, Jack and Mattie  
Utley and Mrs. L. H. Utley.

The High school presented a play,  
"Dime in Oil," here Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale were in  
Logworth the past week, staying in  
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hale.  
Lucille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud  
Hale, was in the Sweetwater hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gilmore moved  
to East Texas Friday.

A miscellaneous shower was given  
in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Hale,  
recent newlyweds, at the Church of  
Christ Tuesday afternoon.

The singing school began Monday  
night with a fair attendance, consid-  
ering the bad weather. Mr. Deavers  
of Snyder is the teacher and everyone  
is cordially invited.

Mr. Deavers visited in the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnston Monday  
evening, and in the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. Leo Rudd Tuesday.

Joe Bert McElmurray of White  
Flat visited his grandparents, Mr. and  
Mrs. I. E. F. Johnston, a few days  
last week.

Eris Ash Moves Shoe  
Shop to Another City

Eris Ash, proprietor of the City  
Shoe shop here for the past two years,  
removed his plant and equipment to  
Lawn the first of the week where he  
will open a shoe repair shop on Sat-  
urday.

In following the shoe repair trade  
Eris succeeded to the operation of his  
father's shop, which the late E. L. Ash  
started here some sixteen years ago.

While regretting to lose Mr. and  
Mrs. Ash to Lawn, Merkel citizens  
and friends extend their very best  
wishes for continued success in his  
new home.

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mined that the average length of a  
robin's life is 10 to 15 years.

E. M. Simpson, 66,  
Passes Away Here

Funeral services were held at 2  
o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the  
Church of Christ for E. M. Simp-  
son, age 66, who died at 10:10 Tues-  
day morning at the home of his daugh-  
ter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C.  
D. Camp, in Merkel, with Postmaster  
O. J. Adcock and Minister W. B. West  
officiating. Interment was in Rose  
Hill cemetery.

Coming here in 1928 from Jones  
county, Mr. Camp had been engaged  
in farming southwest of town until  
his health grew worse about the first  
of the year. For the past two weeks  
he had been with his daughter at  
whose home he died. His wife passed  
away about 20 years ago.

Nine children survive, six sons and  
three daughters, all of whom were  
present for the funeral. They are:  
Milo, Neal and Eddie Simpson, Van  
Alstyne; Joe, Eli and Walter Simp-  
son, Merkel; Mrs. Rena Simpson, Miss  
Blanch Simpson and Mrs. Camp. He  
is also survived by two brothers, Leo  
and Jim Simpson, Van Alstyne, and  
three sisters, Mrs. Delie Simpson and  
Mrs. Lela Simpson, Van Alstyne, and  
one other sister.

Leo Simpson and Mesdames Delia  
and Lela Simpson and the latter's  
son, Ted Simpson, came to attend their  
brother's funeral.

Goes to Beardstown to  
Hold Funeral for Friend

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace  
Presbyterian church, left on the  
Thursday morning T. & P. for  
Beardstown in East Texas. He was  
called there to conduct the funeral  
services for Mrs. J. A. Coleman, an  
old friend of the family, which were  
to be held at 3 p. m. Thursday. He  
will return in time for the Sunday  
church services.

Erother Walker officiated at the  
funeral of Mrs. Coleman's husband  
just shortly before he came to Merkel  
to accept his pastorate here.

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Three prominent Texas officials of  
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Dallas met a few of the dealers in  
the Abilene district at dinner at the  
Wooten hotel in Abilene Wednesday  
night, Fred Hughes, local Chevrolet  
dealer, being among those present.

In the group of Dallas officials  
were: H. C. Howard, zone manager;

Earl Hays, sales promotion manager,  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

You are hereby commanded to summon F. A. Sanders by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in June, A.D. 1934, the same being the 4th day of June, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1934, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1951-B, wherein The City of Merkel, Texas, a public municipal corporation, is Plaintiff, and F. A. Sanders is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: a suit for foreclosure of a tax lien on all of lot No. 12 and the North 1-2 of lot No. 11 in Block A of the South Park Addition to the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; said tax lien being in favor of The City of Merkel and being for delinquent taxes due said City for years of 1911 to 1933, inclusive, and being for the sum of \$341.38 and costs of court.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 14th day of March, A. D. 1934.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.  
(SEAL)

## SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas,  
County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 21st day of March, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, clerk of said 104th District Court, for the sums of Two Hundred Forty Five & 85/100 Dollars, Two Hundred and Ninety-Four & 85/100 Dollars and Three Hundred and Forty Eight & 21/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of The Citizens Nat'l Bank in Abilene, Texas, a corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1890-B and styled The Citizens National Bank of Abilene, Texas, a corporation, vs. Mrs. Ima Cotton Jennings, a feme sole, and Mrs. Lottie Casey, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 22nd day of March, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Three Hundred Forty-three and one-half (343 1-2) acres in the Wm. B. Hardin Survey No. 130, Section No. Sixteen (16) Abstract No. 89, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stone set in the

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Sheriff:  
BURL WHEELER (Re-election.)  
RUCK SIBLEY.  
PERRY P. DICKINSON.  
S. H. McADAMS.  
DAVE BOOTH.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
ORIEN HIGGINS.  
A. D. FULTON.  
CLYDE SHOUSE.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
A. J. CANON. (Re-election.)  
L. L. MURRAY.  
ANDY SHOUSE.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:  
GRADY PARMELLY.  
C. W. BOYCE.

For County Clerk:  
W. P. BOUNDS. (Re-election.)  
BERT E. LOW.

For District Clerk:  
BELLE WELLBORN. (Re-election.)

For County Supt. of Schools:  
M. A. WILLIAMS. (Re-election.)  
C. A. COCKRELL.  
NENA KATE RAMSEY.  
TOM McGEHEE.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:  
JOHN PAYNE. (Re-election.)

For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:  
OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.  
W. J. CUNNINGHAM. (Re-Election.)

For County Judge:  
JOHN L. CAMP. (Re-election.)

ground on the south boundary line of a 1000 acre tract sold by Mrs. Louise Hardie Cleveland to Ben F. Miller by deed dated August 20, 1900, and now recorded in Vol. 2, page 315, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said point being 2260 vrs. South 15 E. and 1258 vrs. S. 75 W. from the northeast corner Hardin Survey; thence S. 75 W 1242 vrs. to a stake; thence S. 15 E 1542 vrs. to a stake; thence N. 75 E 1242 vrs. to a stake in the S. W. corner of 343 1-2 acre tract conveyed to R. C. Young by J. T. Anderson by deed recorded in Vol. 2, page 358, said deed records; then N. 15 W. with the west line of said Young tract 1562 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Also a strip eleven (11) vrs. wide running along the south boundary line of the one thousand (1000) acre tract above mentioned, extending from the northeast corner of the tract above described eastwardly to the east line of said Hardin Survey, said two tracts of land being the same land described in the deed from J. T. Anderson to S. J. Cotton, recorded in Vol. 2, page 384, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of

Mrs. Ima Cotton Jennings, a feme sole and Mrs. Lottie Casey, and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1934, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. Ima Cotton Jennings, a feme sole, and Mrs. Lottie Casey.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 22nd day of March, 1934.

Burl Wheeler,  
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## NINTH INSTALLMENT.

The Story So Far: Nancy Gordon trades herself in marriage for fifteen thousand dollars—the price of her family honor—and the freedom of her brother, Roddy, who stole, for a woman, that amount from the bank in which he works. Nancy, desperately in love with young Page Roemer, nevertheless agrees to a secret elopement with Dr. Richard Morgan, and with the money he loans her prevents Roddy's arrest. Dr. Morgan is loved by Helena Haddon, a sophisticated young married woman, but he adores Nancy and hopes to win her after marriage. In Washington they are married. Nancy is Richard's bride—and afraid of him.

## NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

"I don't call him a decent man now, Sarah; I thought he was. It's not decent, it's not honest to take advantage of a wild girl beside herself with grief about her brother. I'd—well, I'll tell him what I think of him!"

"Nancy did it herself, Papa."

"Nancy had lost her mind—he's a doctor and he hadn't!"

"He's in love with her; when a man's in love—"

The door opened abruptly and Amanda's round black head came in.

"Doo-fab Morgan ter see ya, sah."

Mr. Gordon's eyes gleamed. "Tell him to come in here, Mandy."

Mrs. Gordon half rose from her seat. She wanted to run, but if she did—? She had never seen her husband like this before and she had swift and horrid visions of murder and sudden death. She cast a startled glance at his drawn face and stopped crying.

The hall door opened quietly for Richard Morgan.

There was a moment of terrible silence. At a glance he took in the situation. Perhaps his own heart-searching had prepared him for it. He glanced at Mrs. Gordon but he faced her husband. He spoke apparently with some effort.

"I see that Nancy has told you, sir, that we were married yesterday in Washington."

"My daughter has told me that you bought and paid for her—yes! What I want to know is—how you dared to take advantage of a young girl in such distress as she was? How did you dare to marry her?"

"I married her because I loved her, Mr. Gordon. I've asked her to marry me before. I've loved her for a long time. That was my only reason."

"Fiddlesticks!" roared Mr. Gordon. "How can you love a girl and let her do a thing like that? She doesn't love you—she told me she hated you—"

"Oh, Papa!" protested his wife. "don't!"

Richard Morgan said nothing; he turned deathly white. Mr. Gordon stared at him like an infuriated buffalo about to charge.

"Do you happen to know why she wanted that money?" he demanded fiercely.

Mrs. Gordon half rose from her chair. "Oh, Papa, don't—don't tell!" Her husband ignored her. So did Richard.

"She didn't tell me. I didn't ask—I don't want to know."

Mr. Gordon stopped long enough to loosen his collar button, and then went on furiously.

"I'll tell you all about it. My son's in the Greenbough Trust Company in New York. You know it? He's got the get-rich-quick fever and he picked up a handful, fifteen thousand dollars—and spent it in five months. He's a promising boy at spending—"

"William Gordon, I'll leave you if you don't stop!" his wife wailed.

"You hush up, Mother, it's the truth, isn't it? Well, he took it and he was in danger of going to jail. He came here instead—ran away and came home, and we're all broken up. You see, we've always loved the boy"—Mr. Gordon choked a little—"he and Nancy, as kids, were as thick as peas. It broke her up altogether. She wanted to save her brother, to give him another chance. She went out like a madwoman and went to you. And you—by the Lord Harry, sir, I'd like you to explain

yourself. How dared you take a gift like that—at her word—and tie her up! You're—you're—"

He didn't finish. Mrs. Gordon's trembling hand was over his mouth.

"He's crazy, Richard," she sobbed, clinging to her husband. "I'm sure he's going to have a stroke!"

Richard turned and looked at Mrs. Gordon and then at her husband and his look was astonishingly full of light and beauty. "I trusted to the power of my own love for Nancy—I thought I could make her love me, if once she was my wife. I think so still."

Mr. Gordon still stared at him. He began to understand that this man loved Nancy deeply, irrevocably, but it did not stop his heartburn and shame.

"You'll get it back—every cent," he said, "you cannot put me under this obligation. I won't endure it."

Richard's mouth shut hard. He did not answer this, he ignored it.

"You say that Nancy told you she hated me?" he said slowly, turning to Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Gordon nodded.

Richard's shoulders seemed to square themselves like those of a man who had resisted a heavy blow.

"I've already put it up to her," he said, with forced quietness. "I've told her we needn't announce it if she wishes a quiet release. Of course, I—"

he was speechless a moment and then added: "I've loved her ever since she was a child. I think I'll put it all up to her again, I—"

words were seemingly difficult—"may I see her now?"

Mr. Gordon rose and went to the door, opened it, and called up the stairs.

There was no answer. Mrs. Gordon stumbled out of her rocker.

"I'll go up, Papa, she—perhaps she doesn't hear you."

"Nancy Virginia," bawled her father.

The kitchen door opened and Amanda's black face appeared. She was showing the whites of her eyes prodigiously; she had heard all the racket and knew as much as they did.

"Miss Nancy ain't in, sah. She done got down ter de river. She was cryin'."

"Oh, Papa, you—you broke her heart!" wailed Mrs. Gordon, careless of Amanda's ears. "she's—she's gone to kill herself!"

Mr. Gordon's flushed face grew pale, his eyes startled.

"I—" he snatched his hat off the rack in the hall and made for the door.

But Richard Morgan was before him. Without a word to either of them, he flung the door open and started down the garden path.

Nancy fled from the house when her husband entered. Her father had painted a convincing picture. She saw herself a brazen creature, offering to marry a man for a price—without excuse.

Where the river was little wider than a stream a heavy log spanned it, laid from boulder to boulder at the ford. Nancy crossed on it. She

had gone that way a thousand times with Roddy. It was one of their childish feats. Nancy sat down, took off her hat and let the spring wind blow her soft hair about.

At her feet, in a sunny nook, bloomed the first wild violets. She looked down at them in dull misery. Page always picked the first violets for her; no doubt there were some folded into the letter she had in her handbag. She had found it in her room.

Now she remembered, took it out and opened it. She was right, the first wild violets of the season fell out of it. She looked at them vacantly. It was a moment before she began to read.

"Dear Nancy Virginia: Why couldn't you come down to see me? That headache wasn't excuse enough—I think you know what I had to say then, and I can't wait any longer. I must say it now. Nancy Virginia, will you marry me? I'm coming tonight for my answer."

Tonight? She looked at the date; he had written it the day she was married. The crumpled paper fell in her lap and she sat and stared at it for a while. Then, very slowly, she picked up the drooping little violets and kissed them. She sat there for a long time without moving; then the wind blowing from that direction she heard her father's voice and Amanda's in their garden, and nearer at hand, the crackling of twigs. In an instant she divined the situation, they were looking for her, her father, and her husband! This might be Richard himself in the brush across the river!

She rose, trembling and ran up the path. She knew her way here as no one else knew it. She slipped behind some cedars, climbed a steep rock, and came out, by a short cut, on the main street, below MacDonougall's drugstore. She crossed Main Street and went down Meadow Lane.

At the end of it was an old orchard; no one would find her there! She only wanted to be alone.

She strayed along under the bare trees of the old orchard. The short turf was soft and green and gave under her feet. The wind was wonderfully fresh and keen, and it was the only thing that revived her. She felt alive when it blew in her face. But she did not know what to do. What

could she do? She had married Richard Morgan and—according to her father—even Richard would despise her for it. It was true then what her father said, he did not want her!

She went on wandering under the trees, sure that they could not find her there. She wanted to hide, oh hide so that no one would ever find her! Least of all Richard. Yet, all the while, she felt his ring hard and cold on her finger. It felt heavy there, but she dared not take it off.

In the lonely orchard Nancy's face burned with shame. She had asked him for fifteen thousand dollars. She had set a price on herself!

The sun had set long ago and a mist was rising over the meadows. It ran along the edges in circling wreaths like smoke. Nancy shivered.

Nancy hurried on. Another half hour brought her face to face with the old courthouse, deserted now and dark. On the opposite side of the street were some small old-fashioned houses given up to lawyers and their clerks. In one of these Page Roemer had his rooms. He lived there, in two rooms behind his law office, and the windows were lighted now.

Was Page getting ready to go for his answer? A wave of emotion swept over her, an intense longing for sympathy, for kindness. Page loved her! The temptation was too keen to resist, the longing to see him, to speak to him, to tell him her troubles. Perhaps he would hate her, too, then, and it would make it easier for him.

She turned, went into the narrow hall and ascended the stairs. The door

at the top stood open and she stopped, leaning against it, and looking into the room beyond, herself unseen. It was an office, plainly and simply furnished. As she looked, the inner door opened and Page Roemer came in, went to his desk and sat down, taking up his telephone.

She could see him plainly; he was already dressed, and he had some of the wild violets on his coat. The light from the green shaded lamp fell on the handsome arch of his young head. He was younger than Richard Morgan, better looking, more pliable, and gifted with a grace of manner.

What would he think of her? What of her coming here at this hour? The wave of emotion that had borne her up the stairs to his threshold, swept back upon her and submerged her. She turned softly, felt for the banisters with a groping gesture and tried to escape unseen. But he had just hung up the receiver and in the ensuing stillness, he heard the rustle of her garments. He turned quickly, trying to look out of the lighted room into the dim hall beyond. She had to cross his vision to reach the head of the stairs and he saw a woman where, as a rule, no one but men appeared at this hour. His curiosity took him to the door.

"Page took a step forward and turn-

ed up the old fashioned gasjet in the hall. As he did so she turned her head away, but he had already recognized her.

"Nancy! Good heavens, Nancy!" he cried, "what is it?"

He caught her in his arms and lifted her like a child, carrying her into his office.

But she disengaged herself, pushing him off with both hands, her white lips shaking.

"Don't touch me," she cried wildly, "don't touch me!"

He stood dumfounded, looking at her, almost as pale as she was.

(Continued Next Week.)

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The day was spent in singing songs and happy reminiscences of times past when they were all neighbors in East Texas.

At the noon hour a lovely dinner was served by the hostess to the following old neighbors and relatives: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson and daughter, Maurine, Mrs. Bob Higgins and little daughter, Frankie LaRhea, of Bomarton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and son, Thomas, Sweetwater, Mrs. Ellen Wright, Alba, Mrs. T. B. Cox, Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, Merkel, Algie and I. J. Hale, Goodman, Thomas, Atwell and Ina Fay Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

**SHOWER FOR MRS. RIGGINS.**

Mrs. Beryl Brown, Mrs. Howard Brown and Miss Fern Evans entertained at the home of Mrs. Beryl Brown Tuesday afternoon of last week, carrying out the Easter theme in a shower honoring Mrs. J. C. Riggins, whose home was recently destroyed by fire.

Easter games and contests were enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The winners of various contests were presented with a glass which in turn presented to the honoree.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames A. H. Hutchins, Wanda Cox, W. R. Hasley, C. H. Hutchins, Willis Evans and Miss Norville Evans of Sweetwater, Mesdames Laster Shugart, Kate Phillips, Homer H. Tye, M. E. Harris, W. A. Harrison, W. R. Brown, D. W. Rodgers, H. C. Odom, A. L. Farmer, Susie Doan, Elmer Patterson, D. D. Coats, Roy Hunter, E. R. Thompson, Lily Mae Morris, Ada Bell Demere, Frase Demere, E. K. Kastris, Luther Jones, W. H. Brown, B. D. Pressley, C. C. Conley, A. D. Barnes, M. H. Farmer, Ora Harris, L. R. Harris, F. H. Harris, E. E. Conley, Reidenbach and Misses Margie Coats, Esther Harris, Lola Mae Reidenbach, Edna Lee Odom, Erma Dell Berry and Ila Mae Snow of Clyde, the honoree and the three hostesses.

**BUSY BEE CLUB.**

The Busy Bee club met in the home of Mrs. Castleberry March 22. The house was caled to order by the president, Mrs. H. B. Robertson, and the club prayer, creed and pledges were said in concert. Roll call was answered by fashion hints.

Mesdames Borden Perkins, Elmer Criswell and Clint Allen were enrolled as new members.

In the kitchen apron contest Ruth Pinckley was awarded first place and Mrs. W. J. Higgins second place. During the "hostess hour" members pieced blocks for the hostess.

Members present were: Mesdames W. C. Lee, J. S. Pinckley, Angus Garvin, Luther Land, H. B. Robertson, Castleberry, Nim Teaff and Miss Ruth Pinckley. Miss Caroline Chambers was a visitor.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Guy McClain on April 12. The subject of the lesson will be cake making. At this time members will exchange flower plants and flower seeds.

**UNION RIDGE.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet Friday, April 6, in the home of Mrs. J. L. McRee, with Mrs. Fred Guitart as co-hostess.

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**NOODLE NEWS**

D. C. Herring is reported greatly improved at this writing.

Miss Doris Sosebee, who has been in the Stamford hospital for the past month, is convalescing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell remains confined to her bed at the home of her sister, Mrs. Waldo Cox.

Fete Cook, who underwent an appendicitis operation last month in an Abilene hospital, will return to his home this week.

Alton Bicknell is reported sick at this writing.

Captain L. T. Goode and wife of Fort Worth visited relatives here last week. Captain Goode made a business trip to Buffalo Gap, while Mrs. Goode remained here.

Bob Beasley and two daughters were overnight visitors in the J. S. Bird home Thursday. They were en route to Mineral Wells where Mr. Beasley, who is in ill health, will take treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and baby daughter visited the Ted Bicknells in Merkel Sunday.

Teddy Jo Bicknell, T. C. Jinkens, of Merkel and Melvin Jinkens of Noodle spent Saturday night in the Troy Sloan home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick and Mrs. H. A. Vick and Joyce visited their parents in Merkel.

Odell Herring and family of Amherst arrived Friday to be with D. C. Herring.

Arlie Brothers of Paducah was a week-end visitor in this community.

O. C. (Pat) Sosebee is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee.

John C. Thompson of Dallas returned this week-end to visit his wife, who has remained with her father, D. C. Herring, the past week.

Mrs. Roy Whitehurst returned Friday to her home in San Antonio after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson returned to their home in New Mexico Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. O. C. Sosebee and Ada Ruth and John Marvin Thompson of Dallas.

Miss Ola Mae Jones of Lone Oak was a week-end guest in the M. M. Myrick home.

The basketball girls club gave away their quilt at singing Friday night, J. E. Garrett of Union receiving the fine quilt for only ten cents.

Miss Monte Reece received the prize for selling the most tickets for the quilt.

A rabbit drive has been announced for Wednesday, April 4, in our community.

We have had plenty of rain and most farmers have their land in fine shape.

Special singing announced for Sunday at 2 p. m. was prevented by continuous rain.

Roger Derrick of Merkel was a week-end visitor in the A. J. Barbee home.

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GRAPE JUICE Pint 17c-Quart 33c

CATSUP Red & White Full 14 oz. bottle 15c

JELLO, all flavors, 4 pkgs. 25c

SPUDS, Idaho Russets, 10 lbs. 23c

COFFEE, Sun Up, 1 lb. pkg. 21c

INSTANT POSTUM, small can 28c

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**EASTER PARTY.**

Mrs. Jack Anderson entertained in the home of Mrs. Lige Gamble on Wednesday afternoon with a beautifully appointed Easter party. A delicate color scheme of yellow and green was carried out in all party accessories. Games of contract bridge progressed throughout the afternoon hours and during this time the hostess served the guests a most refreshing fruit punch.

At the refreshment hour the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Marvin Alston, Mrs. F. C. McFarland and Mrs. Lige Gamble in laying tables in palest of green linens and serving mint ices, golden chicken salad sandwiches and olives with tiny Easter chicks as plate favors. Those present were: Madames H. L. Duffer, L. C. Zehnpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., F. C. McFarland, S. D. Gamble, Bob Mayfield, George West, Ed McCrary, George White, W. T. Sadler, Charles Largent, Milton Case, Marvin Alston, George Caple, Misses Cecilia Zehnpfennig, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Christine Collins and Johanie Sears.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

The Home Demonstration club met in an all-day meeting with Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford on Friday, March 23. Each guest took a covered dish and dinner was served on the lawn.

Miss Chambers, county demonstration agent, demonstrated beef canning. There were 148 cans of roast beef, steak, chili and soup canned.

The following members were present: Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, F. A. Polley, J. J. White, W. A. McCandless, C. P. Church, R. H. Mathews, Jr., R. H. Mathews, R. A. Burgess, Mack Buzbee, C. H. Jones, L. J. Renfro, B. T. Sublett, Joe Higgins, George T. Moore, T. J. R. Swafford, E. O. Carson, Watt Blair, Frank McFarland and Misses Connie Pogue, Luna White and Mary Keny. Visitors were: Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. Hobson Robertson, Mrs. Cross, Tye, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey, J. S. Hutson, Mrs. Bob Dunn, Mr. Hutto and Miss Chambers. The next meeting will be on the 13th of April in the home of Mrs. Charles H. Jones when oat meal cookies will be demonstrated.

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**PERSONALS**

Miss Ethel Hamilton is home from John Tarleton college to recuperate from the effects of recent illness.

Miss Dota Garoutte returned the latter part of the week from a ten days visit in Fort Worth and Dallas.

B. F. Ketcham of Coryell county is here visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ketcham.

Miss Louise Pannell is here from Dallas to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. Her father has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children of El Paso returned home Tuesday after a visit with Mrs. Beckett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Miss Cecilia Zehnpfennig arrived Thursday night from Eaton, S. D., to be the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

T. G. Bragg paid a visit to his mother, Mrs. Holmes, at Glen Rose last Friday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Iva Bragg, who remained for a visit with her grandmother.

Mrs. H. D. Clark is in Mineral Wells for a stay of some four weeks for the benefit of health treatments there. She was accompanied to Mineral Wells Sunday by Mr. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, who returned the same day.

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and two children, Emogene and Billy Bob, returned Sunday from a week-end visit to San Angelo. Miss Ouida Mae Hulsey remained to bring the car home, as they decided not to drive home Sunday because of the heavy rains.

After more than two months absence Miss Loyce Dry has returned home from San Saba where she was employed in the tax assessor's office. Her sister, Miss Lorena Dry, who was county home demonstration agent at San Saba, is now filling the same position in Bell county.

J. D. Sheppard of Dallas spent last week here visiting his mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard and other relatives, Mrs. Sheppard and their daughter, Miss Marian, coming for the week-end. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Moseley, a teacher in the Dallas schools, and all returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff and Thomas and Ina Faye Henderson have just returned from a visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state. They visited at Alba and Golden. Mrs. Ellen Wright, who made an extended visit with relatives here and at Barton, returned to her home in Alba with them.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## Special Easter Music At Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

There will be a special half hour program of Easter music and songs at the morning service.

You are cordially invited to all of these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our attendance was off considerably Sunday on account of the rain, but those who went enjoyed the sermon by the pastor, taken from Romans 1:16.

On account of the rain the baptismal service did not take place in Abilene, as was planned, and the date is now uncertain but will be announced later.

The protracted meeting at Mt. Pleasant has been postponed on account of bad weather. Brother Joyner will do the preaching.

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Rain and cold again cut down the Sunday School attendance last Sunday, the total for the six reporting Sunday Schools here being only 321. This compares with 589 on the previous Sunday and with 888 on the same Sunday a year ago.

### METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Sunday is Easter Sunday. Let's make it a great day in Sunday School and worship service. Why not you come and bring someone with you?

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Resurrection." Also with this service we will have the Lord's supper at the

close of the service. Those who have not as yet united with the church, will you not do it on this great day?

Dr. W. M. Murrell, our presiding elder, will preach for us at the evening service, 7:30 p. m. Come out and hear him.

Our district conference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3 and 4, at Moran. We would be pleased to have 100 per cent at the conference. Will you not go with us?

Young people will meet at 6:30 in their work. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Children's World club on Wednesday at 4 p. m. Women of the church meet Monday 2:30 p. m. Stewards meet Wednesday evening in their monthly meeting at 7:30.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

### NAZARENE CHURCH.

In spite of all the bad weather the revival fires still burn at our church. Souls were blessed Tuesday night and two prayed through to victory. Saints—edified sinners—were under mighty conviction. There have been a number prayed through at our altars up to this time and we are expecting many more.

Brother R. B. Williamson is using the sword of the Spirit very efficiently and handing out the word of God in an acceptable manner. Brother A. F. Rule is doing some mighty good singing.

Come worship with us. We welcome you here.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for next week are as follows: Bible Study Lord's day at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "The Lord's Supper." Young people's program 5 p. m. and preaching 7:45 p. m. Subject, "The Conversion of Lydia."

Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 conducted by Brother West, followed by a sermon by one of the young preach-

ers from A. C. C.—both together about an hour and 15 minutes.

We invite you to these services. The Elders.

### NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother Johnny Lovell will preach at our tabernacle next Sunday night.

Our revival will begin Sunday and will probably continue three weeks or more. For nine weeks our church has been having daily cottage prayer meetings. Everybody is ready for a great revival.

Bill Dowell preached last Sunday

morning and Sunday night.

We extend to all a hearty welcome to our revival.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

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**Apple Butter** 38 oz. Jar 19c

**Sugar** 10 lb. sack 49c

25 lb. sack \$1.25

Pure Cane Cloth Bags

**Crackers** Excel Saltines 2 pound box 21c

**Peanut Butter** Qt. Jar 25c

**Catsup** 14 oz. bottle 25c

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