

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1934.

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## FOLLOWS HUSBAND IN DEATH LESS THAN A MONTH

Mrs. J. E. Costephens, One of Taylor County's Earliest Settlers, Claimed by Death at 12:30 Wednesday.

This community was sadly shocked when the news spread of the death of Mrs. Mary C. Costephens, 72, at 12:30 Wednesday. She was stricken at two o'clock Wednesday morning and her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, and her son, Roy Costephens, of Sweetwater, both hurried to be at her bedside just as soon as they were informed of her illness.

Death overtook Mrs. Costephens less than a month after the loss of her husband, J. E. Costephens, her life partner for more than a half century and one of Taylor county's earliest pioneers. He was one of those who voted in the election in 1878 to organize this county. Mr. Costephens died on March 8.

Funeral services, held at the Methodist church at 10:30 Thursday morning, were conducted by Rev. P. H. Gates, the family pastor, and Dr. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery where a wealth of beautiful flowers covered her last resting place.

Mrs. Costephens, whose maiden name was Mary Caroline Hill, was born Jan. 6, 1862, in Erath county near Stephenville. The couple were married in Abilene on June 24, 1883, and last summer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They lived in Mulberry canyon, where Mr. Costephens engaged extensively in stock-farming, until about 15 years ago, when they moved to Merkel. Mrs. Costephens professed religion about a year after her marriage and had for more than fifty years been a member of the Methodist faith.

Survivors are six children: Mrs. G. H. Johnson and Roy Costephens, Sweetwater; Elgin and Ernest Costephens, Roscoe; Alfred Costephens, Abilene, and Mrs. George A. Smith, Sonora, and four grandchildren. Other survivors are her step-mother, Mrs. D. A. Hill, Duncan, Okla., who was visiting a son at Gorman and reached here late Wednesday afternoon, and three half-brothers, Emery Hill, Gorman; W. C. Hill, Sylvester, and B. F. Hill, El Paso.

### Rainfall Half Inch.

Beginning at an early hour Thursday morning, this section was visited by another slow-ground-soaking rain. Up to noon Thursday the precipitation was one-half of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's total to 4-1.8 inches.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn, Stith, Wednesday, April 4, 1934.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 3, 1914.)

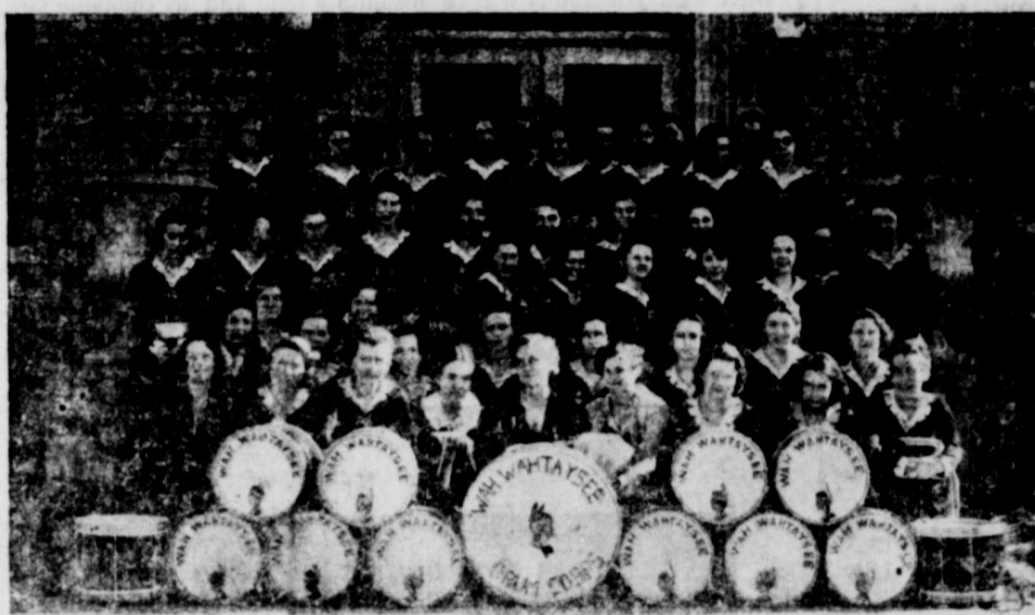
The Merkel Independent schools will close on April 24th, one month short of the regular term, owing to the required school tax not having been collected to maintain our educational system through a full nine months' term, over eight hundred dollars of school tax being delinquent for our district.

H. F. Groene, manager of the Front Street picture show has this week moved the show into a new summer home, Airdome on Elm St. at the rear of the Groene Studio. The show was billed to open Thursday night with the new Edison talking moving picture machine that has caused such wide comment of late.

On Saturday evening at 2:30 o'clock Misses Mattie and Ruby Lee Warnick entertained quite a number of little tots, who enjoyed the evening in playing various games, among which were winktum, gossip and Dumb Bettie. They were served sandwiches and hot chocolate. Those present were Clara Beard, Midget Collins, Ruth, Dorris and Hallie Pike, Ruby Harris, Eula Mae and Thurmond Coggin, Tina Moore, Mattie, Ruby Lee and J. B. Warnick, Jr.

Mrs. B. F. Sipe and daughters, Cora

## McMURRY BAND AND GIRLS DRUM CORPS IN CONCERT HERE



### Three Members Local School Board to Be Chosen Saturday

Three members of the board of the Merkel Independent School district are to be named at the annual election to be held Saturday. The term of two members, W. O. Boney and Lige Gamble, expire at that time and a third member is to be elected, due to the resignation of A. J. Canon.

Both of the old members have agreed to serve again and friends of Fred Hughes have asked him to permit the use of his name as a candidate for the unexpired term of Mr. Canon. In addition, three county trustees are to be elected at the same time—one each from precincts one and two and a board member at large. The names of R. T. Ferguson, precinct one, J. W. Latimer, precinct two, and Judge James P. Stinson, as trustee-at-large, will appear on the ballots for re-election.

### H. C. Floyd Seriously Ill.

For several weeks H. C. Floyd, well known among the older residents of Merkel has been seriously ill at his home here. His brother, P. J. Floyd, and wife of Ovalo and a nephew, Charlie Floyd, and wife of Big Spring who came to be at his bedside, returned to their homes Tuesday.

and Myrtle, of Trent were shopping here this week.

Carl Richards was sight-seeing in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Jewel Tipton returned home Tuesday from a short visit in Abilene.

Fire Chief Frank J. Ferrier, proprietor of the Elite, was in Dallas the first of the week attending to business.

James Hogg West, who has been attending the university at Austin during the late term, returned to Merkel Thursday morning.

Messrs. Roy Sheppard, Floyd Holloway, Ed Teaff, Tally Holloway, R. A. McClain, Jno. McClain and W. W. Wheeler were in Abilene Wednesday attending court.

Dr. J. H. Warnick was in Abilene on business Monday morning.

Mesdames Jno. Sears, J. T. Warren and W. V. Cranford attended the Bible lessons at Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent motored to Abilene Thursday where they visited friends.

Some sixty students of McMurry college including 24 drummers from the Wah Wahtaysee drum corps, 24 band members, two flag bearers and two drum majors will feature a parade and band concert on the streets of Merkel Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dr. J. K. Gwynn Silvey, band master and Miss Willie Mae Christopher, Wah Wahtaysee sponsor, and other faculty members will accompany the group. The parade will start at the depot, go up to the end of Edwards 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 concert is furnished by the McMurry band as a courtesy to the people of Merkel and West Taylor county.

### George Overton Dies After Brief Illness

George B. Overton of Cisco, and well known here where he formerly operated the Cozy theatre, died at 9:40 Wednesday night at the home of his half-brother, F. F. Seifert, in Abilene. Funeral services were to be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from an Abilene funeral home, with interment in an Abilene cemetery.

Although Mr. Overton had been slightly ill for several days, his condition became serious only a few hours before death, which was caused by a heart complication.

He was connected with the commercial department of the West Texas Utilities company at Cisco, where he had lived for two years. He was married February 3 to Miss Thuy Tillotson of Rotan. Besides his wife, he is survived by a small daughter by a former marriage; his father, Dr. J. W. Overton, Dallas; his mother, Mrs. Louise Overton, Sweetwater; three half-brothers, G. E. Seifert, Rio de Janeiro; Oscar Seifert, Paral, Mex.; F. F. Seifert, Abilene and one sister Mrs. Guy Morris, Sweetwater.

### Rabbit Drive Friday.

Friday of this week is the date set for a rabbit drive south of town. Participants will gather at Lee Cox's home Friday morning and dinner will be served, the place to be determined and announced before the drive starts.

### Will Preach at Noodle.

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

### Services at Salt Branch.

Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at the Salt Branch Baptist church Sunday, April 8, 11 a. m. subject, "The House of God, the Altar and the Upper Room." Sunday night at 7:30, "David's Prayer and Vow."

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Lois Neal Davis of Clyde is the guest of Miss Lena Webb.

Miss Mabel Scott of Trent was the guest Sunday of Misses Addie Fae and Clarice Rosson.

Miss Ona Fay Rose of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Johnnie Sears.

Miss Marguerite Thurmond of Commerce was the week-end guest of Miss Venice Bell.

Mrs. Willie Joe Largent has as her guest her mother, Mrs. J. W. Saffle, of Plainview.

Miss Dorris Durham was home for Easter from Cross Plains, where she is teaching school.

A. L. Douglas of Denison, who paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. Frank Sears, returned home Tuesday.

Clark Mundy and Lofton Peters returned Tuesday night from a visit of several days in Levelland.

Joe Earl Lassiter returned home the first of the week from a visit of several days in Detroit and Clarksville.

Miss Ouida Mae Hulsey has returned from a week's visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, in San Angelo.

Miss Marie Pinckley, a McMurry student, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Mrs. W. L. Haskrider accompanied her son-in-law, Roy Largent, from Brownwood for a brief visit with friends here.

Miss Elleta Foster returned Sunday to Denton where she is attending the East Texas Teachers college, after an Easter visit home.

Miss Blanche Carey of 409 Crane street, Sweetwater, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton and Mrs. J. M. Dunn attended the funeral at Clyde Tuesday of Mrs. Adeline Brittain, a cousin of Mrs. Shelton's.

Mrs. Curtis Nickelson of Dallas arrived Saturday to spend Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Foster, and sister, Mrs. Willie Davis.

Misses Lena and Maimie Webb, Charles Webb and Oscar and Waymond Adcock spent last week-end in Clyde visiting with Mrs. Marion Hayes and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and two children of Lamesa, who formerly lived here, spent the week-end with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendricks and little daughter, Mary, of Commerce, were week-end visitors with Mrs. Hendricks' mother, Mrs. John Bell, and sister, Miss Venice Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gerkey of Carthage, Mo., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Gerkey is an aunt of Mrs. Pinckley. Mr. Gerkey is the recorder of Jasper.

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## SUCCESSFUL IN COLLECTION OF SCHOOL TAXES

Attorney Childers, Employed by Board, Instrumental in Bringing in Sum of \$1,684.44 During Month of March.

Joe E. Childers, the attorney employed to collect taxes for the Merkel Independent School district, is reported as meeting with success in making settlements for the tax-payers who owe the Merkel school. He was employed after the board had given the month of February in which any interested tax-payer could see and arrange with the board for payment of past due taxes.

Mr. Childers is empowered by the board to make such arrangements and adjustments as are deemed best for the payment of taxes. Interested tax-payers are availing themselves of this opportunity, as is evidenced by the fact that during the month of March the attorney collected \$1,684.44 for the school.

Mr. Childers will continue to be at the City Hall here on each Friday during the month of April. People who owe the Merkel school past due taxes should see and arrange with him a satisfactory method of payment. The board is anxious that such arrangements be made, as it does not desire to enter suit for collection of school taxes, except where it becomes absolutely necessary.

### First of New Month Notes Series Changes

Effective the first of the month several business changes were noted here.

Wilbur Thomas, who bought the interest of L. L. Murray in the Merkel Ice company, became proprietor of this concern.

Joe Stalls, who has been operating the Borden's Produce office at the Independent Ice station, became associated with C. E. Conner in the Merkel Creamery.

Frank McFarland discontinued his garage here, moving his tools to the workshop of the New Deal Oil and Refining company, Abilene, where he will be employed. He will, however, continue his residence here.

## NEW SLATE OF FOUR ALDERMEN NAMED TUESDAY

Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes, D. H. Vaughn and S. D. Gamble Successful Candidates in Spirited Election Here.

With 504 ballots cast, said by many to have been the second largest vote ever cast in a city election in Merkel, four new aldermen were elected Tuesday: Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes, D. H. Vaughn and S. D. Gamble.

They will succeed C. E. Jacobs, John S. Hughes and J. A. Buford, old members of the board, who were defeated in the race for re-election, and Lige Gamble, who takes the place of W. D. Hutcheson, resigned, will serve the unexpired term of one year.

Tabulation of the votes showed the candidates stood as follows:

For the full term: C. E. Jacobs 181, John S. Hughes 180, J. A. Buford 173, Fred Hughes 295, W. W. Haynes 297, D. H. Vaughn 295.

For the one year term: Watt Blair 198, S. D. Gamble 281.

### Injuries to Youth Prove Not Serious

J. H. Clark, Jr., 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark of Union Ridge, is reported resting nicely Thursday morning, following injuries to his right shoulder when he fell from a horse he was riding and struck a fence post.

The misfortune befell the youngster Sunday afternoon when he was riding horseback with other boys a short distance northwest of town. He was rushed to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium for examination, but was able to be brought home Monday.

### Play at Butman.

If you want to forget your troubles and enjoy yourself, be at the Butman tabernacle Saturday night, April 7, at 8 o'clock and see the play entitled "The Girl in the Fur Coat," given by the young people of the community. It is full of fun and has plenty of romance in it. Don't forget to come and bring your family. No admission charge.

## THE BOOK

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

by BRUCE BARTON

### PATIENCE MEANS ENDURANCE.

"Why do you call the Psalms poetry?" somebody asks. "They don't rhyme." Hebrew poetry does not consist of rhyme nor meter, but in balance of thought, a parallelism. One line says a thing and the next repeats it with slight and skilful variation.

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof is no death.

Or the second line is an adversative clause: Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished; but he that gathereth by labour shall have increase.

Thus the balance and rhythm are not in the words but in the thought. Having in mind this distinctive characteristic, it is easier to understand why the Book of Job is called sometimes "the greatest poem" and sometimes "the greatest of all dramas."

Everybody knows Job, "the most patient man who ever lived"—a bit of knowledge based on the remark in the New Testament: "Ye have heard of the patience of Job." As a matter of fact, Job was about as impatient as a man could possibly be, and properly so perhaps, for he was the victim of trials quite undeserved.

The word "patience" as the New Testament writer uses it does not denote the moral quality of submission with cheerfulness to a hard experience, but mere endurance.

Job was a rich farmer, cattle owner and public-spirited citizen, who headed all subscription lists and had the satisfaction of seeing his enterprises succeed and his children grow up with good promise. Suddenly calamity descends upon him. He does not know it, but his soul is to be tried.

Job's crops are destroyed, his barns burned, his children taken sick, and he himself breaks out all over with horrid boils. In this condition he is visited by a group of three friends—professional moralists and Pollyannas—and between them and him the dramatic debate ensues. They tell him just where he has been wrong and urge him to confess his sins to God and beg forgiveness. He responds sarcastically.

No doubt but ye are the people and wisdom shall die with you. He denies that he has sinned and refuses to tell God that he has because it would be a lie; and he won't lie even to be relieved from all his misfortunes.

His conversation is far from meek, but you can't fail to admire his indomitable courage. In the end it triumphs. God says to him in effect: "Job, you have talked a good deal of nonsense, and you have been very impatient, but you have helped me to win out in my contest with Satan. He said that nobody on earth loves goodness for its own sake, and I told him that you do. He said I was wrong, but you have proved me right. I am proud of you, and I was never so proud as when you protested that you would not lie even to please me."

Next Week: A Brave Man Speaks.

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**EVERYDAY PHILOSOPHY.**

Laugh and grow fat is an old saying, but many a man has laughed at an idea that would have made him prosperous.

It is with narrow-minded people as with narrow-necked bottles, the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.  
—Observant Reader.

**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Murdock and son of Waco have been here for a visit with relatives recently.

Mrs. O. L. Robinson returned from Ranger Tuesday of last week where she attended the bedside of her daughter. She announces the arrival of a granddaughter, while there.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Dean Robinson, which occurred in Arizona last week. Mrs. Robinson had been in ill health for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and two daughters of Lubbock were guests in the home of relatives here the latter part of the week. They also attended the Howell home coming on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell and son of Lamesa attended the funeral of Mrs. Howell's aunt, Mrs. Jane McRunnels, of Plum creek, who was buried at Merkel Sunday afternoon. They also attended the Howell home coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cooper of Goodman, Mrs. W. O. Steen and children, Weldon and Tildie Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Driggers and son were guests in the Cooper home last Thursday. The occasion was a happy birthday dinner in honor of W. M. Cooper's birthday.

Brother Cybert of Merkel filled his regular appointment last Sunday here at the Church of Christ, bringing a splendid message at the 11 o'clock hour. He was a dinner guest in the L. E. Adrian home at the noon.

Miss Margie Adrian of Abilene Christian college spent the week-end at home and had as her guest her roommate, Miss Thelma Cook. They returned to school Monday afternoon.

Miss Emma Nalley of A. C. C. attended the Easter affair given by her sister, Mrs. Garnet Bryant, Sunday. She was in company with her sister, Mrs. Clements, and family, also of Abilene.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Boone and son, drove to Hermleigh Sunday, spending the

day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Fred Davis of San Angelo spent the week-end in the home of W. O. Washburn.

The marriage ceremony was solemnized Sunday at Hermleigh of Miss Ella Mae Rogers and Mr. Woodrow Feterson, both of Hermleigh. Miss Rogers will be remembered as the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers, formerly of this place. Miss Doreen Scott spent Saturday night in the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Martin, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards were visitors with relatives and friends at Midland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and family, accompanied by Miss Parker, all of Sweetwater, were guests Sunday with Mrs. Rogge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harrington of Caddo, Fred Davis of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper and children, Billie and Emma Lou, of Trent, J. C. Washburn of Shirwood and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Washburn and daughter, Mollie, were all-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Mashburn Easter Sunday.

Prof. Garland Franks is not able to be in the school room this week, due to illness. Mrs. Bert McRee is supplying his vacancy.

Miss Dorris Gay West of Merkel visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, last week-end.

The fishermen, John Strawn, Elery Smith, Joe Nalley and Bert McRee, returned Sunday afternoon. They had spent the week fishing, and did they get fish? They report that 32 families are eating fish from the results of their trip. Thanks, boys, go again.

At this time, "ye scribe" is making an apology as to the report of the Home Demonstration club, which met in the home of Mrs. T. L. Stevens some three weeks ago. The reporter of the club did her duty and handed the report in on schedule, but in some way it was misplaced. The meeting was well attended, with an all-day quilting in which three quilts were nearly finished. There were some forty members and visitors present and a beautiful covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens was hostess to a number of her near neighbors Monday afternoon, the evening being spent in quilting, chatting, etc. Two freezers of cream were made and each one expressed their pleasure at a profitable afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children of Lamesa visited with the

latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McLeod, Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson and Mrs. Bob Fitzgerald of Sweetwater and Mrs. Leffie Ramsey and little daughter, Ann, of Woodville, were guests in the home of Mrs. T. G. Hamner one day last week.

(Note—Due to lack of space, two items are necessarily omitted from the Trent budget. They will be used next week.)

**PERSONALS**

(Continued from Page One)

county, Mo., and has held that office for sixteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watson of Sweetwater, joined by several friends, attended the play, "The Man from Nowhere," here last Friday night. Their daughter, Miss Johnnie Watson, was on program for a most pleasing song and dance number.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter, Miss Mary Eula Sears, are home from a visit with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen, in Houston. Returning, they were joined in Waco by Mrs. J. B. Warren, who had been visiting her son there.

After a visit of several weeks in Sacramento, Calif., Ollie Sanders returned home Monday night. He will resume his position as rural mail carrier about the first of next month. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Agnes Sanders, who is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Owens, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Owens and baby, all of San Angelo, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner, parents of Mrs. S. L. Owens. Returning, they were accompanied by Miss Lucille Owens, who had been visiting for sometime with her grandparents.

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Loans, Time and Demand	\$131,436.39	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	329.09	Surplus and Undivided Profits	16,964.99
Real Estate on Hand	12,586.29	Circulation Account	6,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,937.50	Borrowed Money	NONE
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00		
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50		
Interest in Federal Dep. Ins. Corp.	935.96		
Home Owners Loan Corp Bonds	975.00		
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00		
Other U. S. Bonds	\$ 32,000.00		
Cash and Due From Banks	318,705.33		
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>350,705.33</b>	<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>439,503.07</b>
Total	\$512,718.06	Total	\$512,718.06

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C. A. WALGREN, Evangelist

Monday, April 9.

"Modern Miracles: Tongues and Healing."

Tuesday, April 10.

"Why Don't Protestants Have Priests and Confessionals in Their Churches?"

Wednesday, April 11.

"The Angel Who Washed Only One Foot."

Thursday, April 12.

"The Great Judgment Day—?"

Friday, April 13.

"How to Postpone Your Funeral and Cut Down Your Food Bill"

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Fredric March in

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

## SHANNON TO RUN IN TRACK MEET ON SATURDAY

District track will start at 9:30 a. m. Newman field, Sweetwater, Texas, next Saturday.

Shannon, star miler, will be in fine shape to defeat the mile run.

Last Saturday at the A. C. C. high school track meet Shannon won the mile with time of 5.06.

Jack Patterson ran against the varsity of A. C. C. in the high and low hurdles, winning first in high hurdles with 15.2 sec. and second in low hurdles.

Jack will not compete in district.

## OUR SENIORS

### GERTRUDE STANLEY

We are very proud to have Gertrude on our class roll. With her sweet disposition and smile you could not miss seeing her when you walk into the Senior room. She is a member of the Dramatic club and also of the Blue Badgerettes. You'll be missed along with the rest of the Seniors next year, Gertrude.

### DELLA SMITH.

Some people, it seems, can just make friends without an effort, and Della is one of them. At any rate she has won many friends in M. H. S. since she started coming here from Mt. Pleasant. Della has brown eyes and one more friendly smile. She is a member of the Dramatic club and the Blue Badgerettes. Bon voyage, Della!

### FOOTBALL.

Spring football starts this afternoon (Monday). Coach expects to see about thirty men out for practice and about fifteen of these are experienced men.

The first string should be Higgins and Joyner; Carson and McAninch on tackles; Shelton and Angles on guards; Moore on center; Boaz, Adcock, Richards and ??? will be the backs.

## NO ITALL FREE AIR

Dear No Itall:

Who are the cutest persons in high school?

Yours,

Tommy J.

Dear Tommy:

I think Caribel and L. V. are very cute. If you don't think so, just ask them.

Sincerely,

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

Why don't David and Billie Bernice get married? Is he afraid to pop the question?

Anxiously,

Jack West.

Dear Jack:

No. He is afraid to question the pop.

Truly yours,

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

Why does the baby laugh every time Mr. Riddle shakes his head?

Yours,

Etoile

Dear Etoile:

No doubt he is very fond of the rattle.

Yours truly,

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

I have made two resolutions that I think are excellent. I don't flirt, and I don't study too hard.

Sis.

Dear Sis:

That makes just one resolution unbroken.

Yours,

No Itall.

Dear No Itall:

I took my girl to seven shows and bought her five boxes of candy within a week, but still she won't marry me. What must I do?

Troubled.

Dear Troubled:

You must come up and see me sometime.

Yours,

No Itall.

## SENIORS START WORK ON PLAY; COMPLETE ANNUAL

We Seniors are going to give a play this year that is said to be the best in a long, long time. Mrs. Irvin, with Mrs. Haynes, picked out the cast after much hesitation. The players will be announced next week. Our play is going over with a bang this year. Be sure to be there April 27th.

We are going to get our invitations in a few weeks as we ordered them last Tuesday.

This has been a busy week. We have been busy on our Annuals. After much work we got the Annuals off on Tuesday—so be looking for yours in about six weeks.

### SCHOOL-HOUSE GOSSIP.

Joe went after cold cream Saturday night and brought back vanishing cream.

Billy Gardner can't keep her dress buttoned sometimes.

Ask Kennedy who he thinks is cute. Can you imagine Robert, Jr.'s being bashful?

Someone ought to tell Walderine all about it.

### SPEECH NOTES

On last Friday afternoon the speech class was entertained by little Miss Becky Gaither in her "first recital." She gave several readings, all of which were enjoyed immensely by the class.

On the same day the cast of the one-act play, "Just Women," gave their performance in the living room of Mrs. J. M. Dry's home. The play was given there for the special benefit of Mrs. Huskey; it was enjoyed by several ladies.

## 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—Walderine Huskey.  
Assistant Editor—Helen Joyner.  
Society Editor—Billy Gardner.  
Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.  
Joke Editor—Jack West.

## President Cox of A. C. C. Speaks in Chapel Program

In chapel March 27, President James F. Cox of A. C. C. gave a short talk. He told us that not everybody should go to college and gave us the following examinations:

1. Are you man enough to get up promptly every day, get to school and get your meals on time, and to go to bed at a fixed hour on your own initiative?

2. Are you man enough to go off by yourself and study your lessons until you know them?

3. Are you man enough to carry loose change in your pocket without spending it?

4. Are you man enough not to copy when another person's answer is in reach?

A student who can satisfactorily pass this examination is qualified to go to college.

### ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST.

On last Saturday night, the cast of Merkel's one-act play, "Just Women," gave their play at the district contest in Sweetwater. The two best schools, as picked from all plays presented in this contest, were Sweetwater and Hermleigh. They will have a final run-off tonight. Although our play did not win, its cast enjoyed some helpful experience in the field of dramatics.

### CHAPEL.

On last Tuesday morning Mr. Ribbles, of Simmons gave a short talk on learning to study. His talk was accompanied by several songs by the Simmons girls quartette. Among the songs rendered were: "Little Bluebird of My Heart," "Neapolitan Nights," "Four-Leaf Clover" and "I Love a Laddie." After the chapel program, Mr. Ribbles spoke to the Senior class about the merits of Simmons university. He invited the class to attend the Simmons "Senior Day" picnic to be given sometime in April.

### SPEECH CLASS NEWS.

On last Tuesday the speech class met in Mrs. Haynes' studio, where they were entertained by two of the junior expression students, Dorothy Nell Haynes and Evelyn Sears. The pupils gave a group of readings, followed by a song "Sunbonnet Sally and Overall Jim."

## FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

At Close of Business March 5, 1934.

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$107,971.18
Overdrafts	886.58
Banking House	15,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,205.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Assets	7,745.73

### STOCK IN FEDERAL DEP. INSURANCE

Cash and Exchange	\$66,013.99
U. S. Government Bonds	15,000.00

**TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH 81,013.99**

Total \$225,056.18

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,815.81

**DEPOSITS 173,240.37**

Total \$225,056.18

Deposits in this bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in the manner and to the extent provided under the terms of the Banking Act of 1933.

## FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

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Chevrolet's "knee-action" with its consequent contribution to positive steering control is credited with saving the life of H. B. Moore, Indianapolis manufacturer.

In a letter to Chevrolet Motor company, Mr. Moore, who is president of the H. B. Moore company in the Indianapolis capital, makes this statement: "I wish to say that 'knee-action' saved my life.

"On March 6th on State Road No. 40 near Brownstown, Ill., I was going 70 miles per hour in my new 1934 Chevrolet coupe, when suddenly a truck pulled out on the highway, completely blocking it. To keep from hitting the truck head-on, I had to take the ditch, hitting a ten-inch drain tile, breaking a left rear wheel and blowing out a tire, then made a perfect horseshoe turn on a farmhouse lawn and back across the ditch, coming to a stop on the highway right side up, thanks to 'knee-action'.

"A local boy who witnessed the accident, came up to me and said, 'Mister, do you know what saved your life?' I asked him what he meant, and he frankly replied 'knee-action.' I readily agreed after he explained why. 'I had entire and complete control of my car, otherwise I would not be alive today.'"

### TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

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### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

## GOODMAN NEWS

J. R. Walling was reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips made a business trip to Sweetwater Saturday.

Madames Charley Seago and Tom Green were in Merkel shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams entertained a few friends with an Easter egg hunt Sunday, those present being: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Aubre Dell Carter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hale of Abilene, Alvis Taylor, I. J. Hale, Mary Jo and Norris Hall and Misses Ora and Lora Hall.

The Seniors will put on their play, "Pleasant Valley," at the High school auditorium Friday night, April 6. It is a four act comedy. Admission will be 10 cents and everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood of Merkel were among the visitors at singing Sunday night.

Morris Phillips and Daisy Brown and Abbe Phillips and Lendsey Cox went shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Phoitroy were shopping in Abilene one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams, and

family spent Sunday with Oliver Carvey and family at Kale.

Mrs. Vandell Williams of Stamford spent the past week with Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Misses Walter Pearl Phillips and Lula Mae Hail went to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bailey of Golden were Goodman visitors Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Lois Campbell entertained several friends with a party Friday night.

Several from our community attended the rabbit drive at Kale Thursday.

The rabbit drive here Friday a week ago was a decided success, with plenty of rabbits as victims when it was over.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

## Mt. Pleasant Revival Postponed.

On account of the rain the Mt. Pleasant revival meeting was not held last week. The church voted in conference Sunday, April 1 to hold the summer revival beginning July 22.

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# The Dollar Bride

by Mary Inlay Taylor

TENTH 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

"Nancy," again he took a step toward her, "what is it? What has happened? You got my letter? You—"

She waved him back and, unable to speak, sank weakly into his swivel chair and burst into wild and passionate tears.

The storm of Nancy's passionate grief spent itself slowly. She lay helplessly in the old chair, her face hidden in her hands, and her whole slight frame shaken by her sobs.

"Nancy, what is it? Tell me—" he pleaded. "I know you've been away, your mother told me so. You're in trouble—what can it be? Let me help you!"

She lifted her head slowly at that and looked at him. "You can't help me—ever again!" she said in a choked voice.

He caught at her cold hands and held them.

"You love me, Nancy?"

Her white lips moved without words. She disengaged her left hand from his and held it out. On the third finger the new gold of her wedding-ring caught the light. He stared at it, uncomprehending, then something changed sharply in his look.

"Nancy, what do you mean?"

"It's—my wedding-ring."

He rose slowly to his feet, staring at her, his young face turning from red to white. He had never loomed more boyish, more as she had always known him. Nancy's lips twitched and she set her white teeth hard on them, winking back fresh tears.

"Are you crazy, Nancy?" he gasped.

She began to move her hands restlessly, pleating the fold of her skirt and pressing it down.

"Do you remember where you went Saturday morning, Page?"

He frowned. "What on earth has that to do with it?"

"You went to see Richard Morgan—about half-past eight o'clock in the morning, didn't you?"

He tried to collect his thoughts, still dumfounded.

"I suppose I did. Yes, I did!"

"I was there, Page. I heard your voice—it was after that—"

"Good Lord, have you married Morgan?"

She nodded, without looking toward him.

There was a terrible pause. She did not lift her eyes to Roemer's face, but she was aware of it. She could feel his eyes on her.

Then he walked across the room, drew forward a chair and sat down. He sat there for a while before he spoke. His voice was hoarse and changed.

"There's no one on earth to force you to do anything, Nancy," he said slowly, "there's no reason on earth, that I can see either, unless you wanted to do it. Morgan's a rich successful man—I congratulate you."

She had not expected this. The irony in his tone cut her to the heart. Here, too, she was to meet, not sympathy, but condemnation; here, too, she would get—not bread but a stone! He had hit the nail on the head, too, hit it most horribly. Money, money—how they flung it at her!

He caught her look of misery, of appeal, and sprang to his feet. "Nancy, you don't love him—you never did!"

She did not answer that. She wavered, standing weakly, not looking toward him.

"You love me!" Page Roemer cried, and caught her violently in his arms.

She swayed, her first impulse to resist overwhelmed, beaten down by her weakness, her head dropped back on his shoulder and her eyes closed. She felt his kisses on her face and she had no strength to resist them.

"You love me," he repeated hoarsely, "and you've married him. Why—why? I can't understand—Nancy, tell me—you must tell me the truth!"

"I can't tell you," she whispered brokenly, "don't ask me, Page. I—can't!"

His face flushed darkly. "You can't tell me why you married Morgan? What can you mean?"

She stirred, trying to disengage herself. "Let me go, Page, it's—oh, I can't tell you!"

But his arms tightened around her. He saw her misery, he was determined to wring a confession from her. "Page, I've—I've got to go home!" she gasped.

"You're not going home to that man's house!" he answered hoarsely. "You've come to me for help and I'm going to help you, Nancy."

She shook her head weakly, trying to take a step toward the door, but he still held her. He was holding her when they heard a step in the hall and the door—half ajar—was thrown wide open. Page's arm fell from Nancy's waist, he straightened himself and looked around.

Richard Morgan stood on the threshold. The two men faced each other, then Richard's glance swept from Page to Nancy. It seemed to ignore Page as unworthy of any consideration and fixed itself upon her. Richard came quietly into the room.

"Nancy," he said, "I've come to take you home."

Page turned on Richard. "What does this mean? What have you done to her? She says you've married her—look at her; she's wretched!"

Morgan was startled; she had told Roemer of her marriage then; what else had she told him?

"I've come for my wife," he said sharply, "and what I've done—or what she does—is no concern of yours."

Page Roemer's face blazed with anger. "It's this much my concern—she came to me for help!"

Richard's thin lips tightened, he turned his eyes on Nancy, met hers and held them.

"Is that so?" he asked her in a low voice, "did you come to this man for help?"

Nancy, still leaning on the table, swayed at last faintly.

Richard ignored him and went to her.

"Nancy I've come for you," he repeated in his low deep voice, his eyes searching her face.

She met them and her face quivered like a child's. She lifted her hands from the table slowly, gropingly, and tried to walk toward the door, but her steps faltered and she swayed. Richard put an arm around her, guiding her.

"Nancy," cried Page, "I won't let you go like this! It's got to be explained; you're too wretched. Look at her, Morgan, does she look like a bride? What have you done? If you're a man you'll let her go."

Richard stopped, turned slowly and measured him.

"This is no affair of yours, Roemer," Richard said slowly, "neither you nor any other man will interfere between me and my wife. Come, Nancy."

Without another word Nancy turned weakly and went out with her husband.

It had turned cold; a February wind touched her face like an icy hand. She stood waiting on the curb while Richard whistled up a taxi and helped her into it. She leaned back in the corner and shut her eyes. She felt weak and ill and, when her eyes closed, she seemed to behold visions. She saw Roddy's blank face and open mouth when she gave him the money, and her father! Then she felt Page Roemer's kisses on her face, and the hot blushes burning her own cheeks. A newly wedded wife in another man's arms! Nancy groaned suddenly and hid her face in her hands.

The taxi stopped and Nancy stirred and looked up.

"Be careful of the step," said Richard calmly, holding out his hands.

He held her firmly, keeping his hand on her arm, while he paid and dismissed the man. Then they went up the path together. Not a word was said, but Nancy found it difficult to walk alone. He opened the door and she walked unsteadily into the house. She had no other place to go.

"I'll telephone to your mother at once," said Richard, "they're anxious."

Sit down here, Nancy, until I come."

He pushed a chair forward and she sank into it. She was lying back in the chair with her eyes closed when she heard Richard's quick step in the hall.

"You will be my guest, Nancy, until you can decide what you wish to do," Richard's voice said gravely. "It's the best way to avoid scandal. I"—he hesitated—"I can send a marriage notice to the newspapers. Afterwards it will be as you wish. I—" he stopped again.

She was leaning back on the pillows, her face averted.

She drew a long breath. "Thank you," she said simply.

Then she arose, passed him, and went to the door. She put out a steady hand now and opened it, looking into the front hall. It was empty. She was going without a word, but Richard reached her. He caught her in his arms, pressed her close to his heart.

"Nancy," he said hoarsely, passionately, "my wife—stay with me—don't go—stay, I'll make you love me, I'll win you, Nancy, give me my chance! Stay with me, dear," he urged her almost violently; his love had broken down his pride.

She broke away shaking all over; anger and shame and fear held her.

"You promised to let me go—you said you didn't want a wife who didn't love you—I don't, you know I don't! Father will pay it back—let me go!"

He let her go and stood like a man turned suddenly to stone.

"Goodbye, Richard—forgive me, goodbye!"

He was silent and she ran out of his house into the night.

Angie Fuller kept house for her uncle. Major Lomax had never married. There had been an early and a tragic love affair. Diana Aylett had

accidentally shot herself on the eve of their marriage. It was hard to associate romance with the old major. Yet there had been a love affair that seared.

When the smoke of that tragedy cleared away, Lomax found it had killed the power to love another woman. And once, in the Gordon's garden, he had caught Nancy Virginia reaching high for a sprig of lilac. She looked for just one minute as Diana had looked the day she died. Nancy did not know why the old man stared at her. She tossed her sprig of lilac to him.

The old man put it in his button-hole, patted her hand, and went on. Nancy had no idea that she had won a champion for all time.

The morning after Nancy's return, Angie had to get the breakfast. She came into the dining room, her face rosy from the fire.

She set the plate of rusk down in front of her uncle and retired behind the old silver coffee-pot. She was thinking of Rod Gordon.

It was the first time he had ever

been in town without coming to see her. They were old neighbors; they had been boy and girl sweethearts. He had walked straight by the house and never looked at it, and Nancy had said nothing about his visit home! What did it mean?

Major Lomax ate a piece of rusk with an audible crunch and turned over his newspaper.

"Hello!" he exclaimed, stopping to read an advertisement more carefully. "The Gordon house for sale—whole outfit—furniture and all!"

Angie was astonished. A shaft of terror shot through her. Had something happened to Roddy? "Why, uncle, it just can't be true—they love the old house so!"

He showed the paper across the table. "Read that!" he said crossly. He was cross because, like Angie,

a shaft of alarm had shat through him. A shaft of alarm had shot through him, cousin of his in New York, old Beaver, accountant in the Greenough Trust Company. Old Beaver said Roddy was running after a fast woman and was in debt. Lomax knew that William Gordon's resources were narrow. Trouble somewhere? The major's old mouth hardened.

"Gordon called me up late last night—wanted to know about selling some securities," he ruminated aloud, more to himself than to Angie. "He had about five thousand in Liberty bonds." (Continued Next Week.)

PHOTOS.

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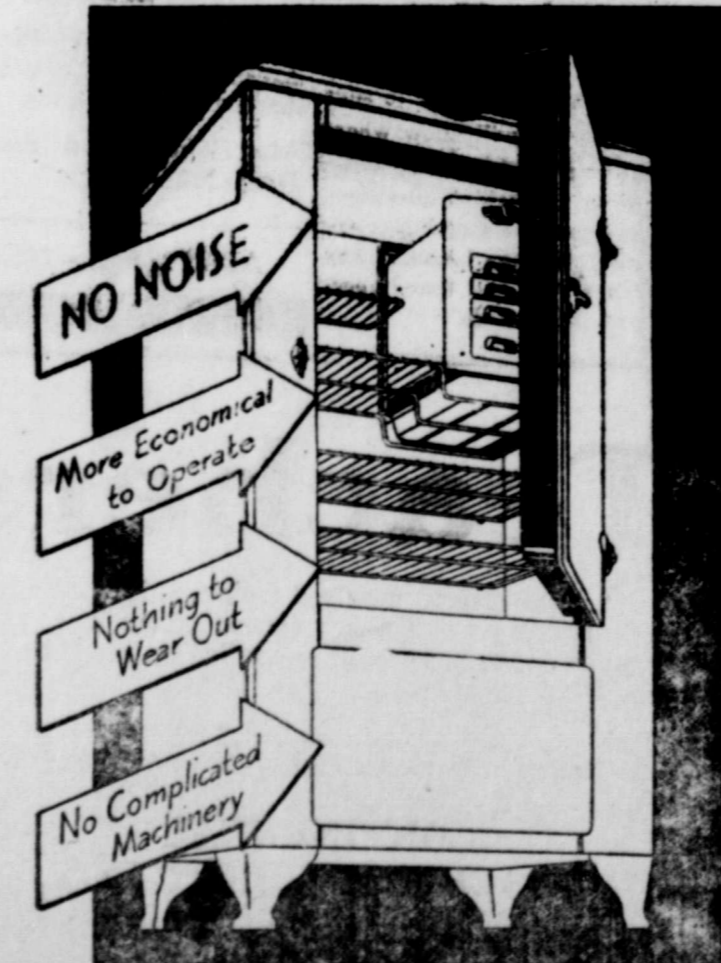
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Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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 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: The Hundred Forty-three and one-half (843 1-2) acres in the Wm. E. 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 ground on the south boundary line of 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, and being 2260 vrs. South 15 E. 68 vrs. S. 75 W. from the north corner Hardin Survey; thence S.

**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.)

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 Mer-

kel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this 22nd day of March, 1934.

Burl Wheeler, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas. By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

**NOTICE PLEASE.**

I wish to say to the public that I have sold my ice, poultry and cream business to Mr. W. B. or Wilbur Thomas. At the same time I want to express my sincere thanks for the business given me the past three years and to ask your continued business for Mr. Thomas.

Sincerely yours, L. L. Murray.

Elko pictures are better. Bring us your films and negatives. Sie Hamm Drug Co.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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ASSETS	
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2. Overdrafts	329.99
3. United States Government securities owned	38,250.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	3,225.00
5. Furniture and fixtures	5,937.50
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	13,586.29
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	48,531.02
8. Cash in vault and balances with other banks	270,174.31
9. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
10. Other assets (Interest in Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.)	935.96
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I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, 1934. Mrs. Floyd Davis, Notary Public.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, SAM BUTMAN, Sr. Directors.

**BANKS**

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK**

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1934, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 6th day of April, 1934.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 48,012.90
Loans secured by real estate	7,684.45
Overdrafts	9.58
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	4,558.01
Banking House	2,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	800.00
Cash in bank	1,924.81
Due from approved reserve agents	168,150.59
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,341.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$238,181.87</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	7,023.89
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	170,097.98
Time Certificates of Deposit	10,650.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$238,181.87</b>

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We, H. W. Beckham, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 6 AND 7**

**Strawberries, pt. 9c**

APPLES, Winesap, doz. 25c

ORANGES, Red Ball, dozen 30c

**LETTUCE 2 heads 9c**

NEW SPUDS, 4 pounds 15c

GREEN BEANS, pound 10c

**SPUDS, 10 lbs. 23c**

DRESSING, Sun-Spun, pint 18c—Quart 29c

MILK, R & W, 4 small 13c—2 tall 13c

BAKING POWDER, K. C. 25c size 19c  
50c size 33c

RAISIN BRAN, 2 packages 25c

**PEAS No. 2 can 29c**  
Kuner's, 2 for

ASPARAGUS, R & W, Picnic, can 15c

CORN, No. 2 can, R & W, 2 for 23c

GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can Kuners, 2 for 25c

**Tomatoes No. 2 can 29c**  
B & W, 3 for

WESSON OIL AND MAYONNAISE MAKER 49c

SNOWDRIFT, 3 pounds 43c

GRAPE JUICE, R & W, Pint 17c—Qt. 33c

FLAV-R-JELL, all flavors, pkg. 5c

**MEAL R & W Cream 14c**  
5 pounds

PICKLES, sour or dill, quart 19c

CATSUP, R & W, bottle 15c

**Sugar pure Cane, cloth bag, 10 pounds 52c**

PEACHES R & W Each 18c  
PEARS No. 2 1-2 3 for 50c  
APRICOTS Can 6 for \$1.00

PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, R & W, sliced or crushed, 2 for 35c

BLACKBERRIES, No. 10 can 43c

PEACHES, No. 10 can 43c

TOMATO JUICE, 10 oz. can R & W, 4 for 25c

**Flour 12 lbs. R & W 58c**  
24 lbs. R & W 98c  
48 lbs. R & W \$1.89

**COFFEE 1 lb R & W 33c**  
2 lbs. R & W 65c


EGGS, 2 dozen 27c

PICNIC HAMS, each 59c

**BACON sliced pound 20c**

CHEESE, pound 20c

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Last Sunday, which was Easter Sunday, the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here was the highest for 1934, with 934 present. This compares with 321 on the previous Sunday. On the first Sunday in April, last year, the attendance record was 991.

## METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Last Sunday was a great day with us in Sunday School; a great number were with us and we will be looking for you next Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:45 p. m. The women meet at 2:30 p. m. Monday. Children's World Club 4 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:45.

Our revival for the summer—August 12th to 26th.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

## LEAGUE NEWS.

Program for Sunday, April 8:  
Subject: "Whose Man Are You?"  
Scripture, Marcella Pinckley, Matt. 19:16-22, 6:24.

"Satan's Man," Eleanor Mae Hamilton, (July, 1933, Highroad, page 4.)  
"The Almighty's Man," Mrs. Vernon Hudson, (January Highroad, page 9.)

We are looking for all of our young people at League Sunday evening. The program will be a little different from our other programs and we are sure it will be helpful to everyone.

We had a pretty good crowd last Sunday, but we are expecting a larger crowd next Sunday evening. Come and bring a friend.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday morning Brother Joyner preached to a large audience on "The Resurrection" and we had the Lord's Supper at the close of the service. Sunday night our pastor preached on "What Religion Does for a Man." There will be an all-day workers meeting at Salt Branch Thursday.

Friday the quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary society will meet with the Merkel church. All ladies of the church are urged to be present and bring a covered dish.

The baptismal service will be held next Sunday afternoon at the University Baptist church, Abilene. Any that have no way to go, be at the Merkel church at 2:30 o'clock and ways will be provided.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. B. T. S. at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening. We had about seventy-five at prayer meeting last Wednesday evening. Come and join us.

## BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 for Royal Service program. Also an all day meeting, Friday, April 6, at 10:00, of district women's work. Covered dish luncheon. We urge all ladies interested in this work to be present.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. This will be the only service at this church Sunday, as it is the pastor's day at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study Lord's day 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "The Bible School." Young people's program 5 p. m. and preaching 7:45 p. m. subject, "The Conversion of the the Jail-er."

The usual midweek services Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Come to church with us.

The Elders.

## NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday night closed a very successful revival at our church. A goodly number prayed through at our altar. Saints were edified and rejoiced, the entire church was strengthened. Our

Sunday School is moving out nicely, attendance increasing every Sunday. Our N. Y. P. S. is doing nicely at this time. We want you good people that have been coming to the revival to continue to come to our services.

Sunday School every Sunday 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

## NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday night Brother Lovell preached a fine sermon on the subject, "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Brother A. M. Dowell from Madisonville, Texas, and father of the pastor of this church, is with us, doing the preaching in the revival. We are having a glorious time. Souls are being saved every day. Our people are praying much and working hard, being interested in the souls of men.

The attendance in our Bible School last Sunday was better than for a long time, and our teachers are doing a wonderful work in their classes. We are hoping that each teacher will lead everyone of their pupils to Christ during the revival. We are praying for 100 souls during the revival. Let every member win a soul. He that wineth souls is wise.

We welcome you to all our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.



## BRIDGE GAMES.

Mrs. Edward McCrary was a most charming hostess on Wednesday afternoon entertaining friends at contract bridge. The entertaining rooms were fragrant with clusters of spring blossoms where games progressed until tea time when a most delicious salad course with iced tea was served to Mesdames Lige Gamble, W. T. Sadler, L. C. Zehnpeffennig, Bob Mayfield, George White, H. L. Duffer, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Charles Largent, George West, Milton Case, George Caple, Jack Anderson, Misses Cecilia Zehnpeffennig, Christine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Nell Durham.

## STAG DINNER.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner most graciously entertained on last Thursday evening

in honor of her husband's birthday with a stag party.

An Easter color theme was employed in decoration for the table which with green candles where a delectable four course turkey menu was served. Raph Duke, whose birthday was also approaching, made the first incision in the beautiful white birthday cake. Dinner guests were Messrs. Gardner, Duke, John Olin Lusby, Herbert Dennis, Briggs Irvin and R. O. Pearson. The following ladies joined them later in the evening for bridge games: Mesdames Irvin, Pearson, Lusby, Gardner, Misses Johnnie Sears and Helen Patterson.

## CLASS LUNCHEON.

The suburban home of Mrs. W. L. Barnett was the scene of an enjoyable affair Wednesday when Mrs. Barnett, assisted by her daughter, Miss Laura, entertained in compliment to members of the T. E. L. Sunday School.

A delicious covered-dish luncheon was served at high noon in beautiful appointment, the table center being massed carnations and gladiolas. Fortunes were place favors.

Following luncheon Mrs. E. W. King brought a most inspiring devotional and plans for business occupied the afternoon hours. Mrs. J. W. Saffle and Mrs. C. B. Gardner were visitors and class members present were: Mesdames Booth, Collins, King, Warren, Stevens, Teague, Largent and Lassiter.

## LEAGUE PICNIC.

The Young People's Epworth league had a picnic Tuesday evening. Everyone met at the Methodist church and drove out to a place near Blair. There a big fire was made and a delicious picnic lunch served.

Those present were: Mary Collins, Johnnie Middleton, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Margaret Turner, Lela Patterson, Marcella Pinckley, Florene Rider, W. A. Whiteley, Jr., Kit Carson, Weldon McAninch, Paul and Elmo Collins.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. A.

Steele entertained with a birthday party and Easter egg hunt in honor of her daughter, Ada Belle's seventh birthday. Each guest was given a pretty basket in which to put Easter eggs. After enjoying the egg hunt, games were played and then the little guests were shown into the dining room, where a white birthday cake topped with seven pink candles was lighted and cake and punch with cocolete Easter rabbits as plate favors, was served to.

Billy Ramsey, Benny Kemper, Joyce Marie Webb, Patsy Ruth and Joyce Cox, Gertrude Lou Pee, Geraldine Sloan, Dorothy Jean, Geraldine and Laverne Jirkens, Teddie Joe, Mattie Lou and Tommie Bicknell, Bobbie Nell and J. T. Reagans, Joanne Sloan, Joy Holloway, Ikey and Abie Turner, Lula Mae Clark, T. C. Jinkens and Maurine and Ada Belle-Steale.

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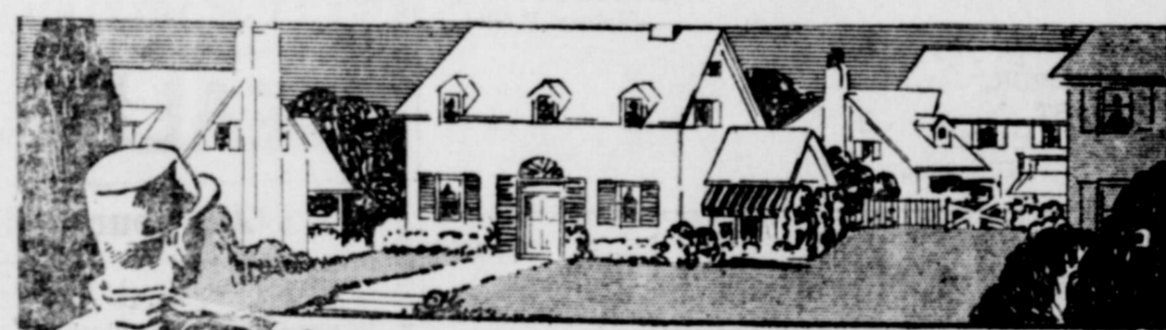
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Extra nice Oranges, 2 doz	25c	Large Bunches Carrots	5c
Lots of South Texas Turnips and Tops, Mustard, Beets, Cabbage, Green Onions and Fresh Potatoes.			
BANANAS	per Dozen		15c
STRAWBERRIES	Pt. boxes Each		10c
FRESH BEANS	Nice and tender Per lb.		10c
LETTUCE	Large and firm Per head		5c
Pork & Beans	16 oz. Cans		5c
Mackerel	Tall cans 3 for		25c
Pickles	Sour or dull Quart jar		20c
Sugar	10 lb. sack		52c
	25 lb. sack		\$1.27
Pure Cane Cloth Bags			
Crackers	Excel Saltines 2 pound box		21c
Peanut Butter	Qt. Jar		25c
Apple Butter	38 oz. Jar		19c
Coffee	Maxwell House 3 pound can		81c
Corn Flakes	Kellogs Per pkg.		10c
Blueing	12 oz. Bottle		5c
Salt	26 oz. boxes 2 for		15c
FLOUR	Yukons Best		\$1.90
	Light Crust		\$1.95
	Canadian Rose		\$1.65

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