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GYMNASIUM-AUDITORIUM TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE OPENING 34-35 SESSION

**Long Standing Need Filled in the
Erection of this Building; Will
Have Seating Capacity of Ar-
ound 900.**

Recommendation Number One of the state department of education after a visit to the Merkel schools this spring was "that suitable auditorium and gymnasium facilities be provided for the Merkel schools before another year." Affiliated schools are now required to have such facilities. Merkel is the only school of similar size anywhere in this part of Texas that does not have a gymnasium. Schools that do have adequate gymnasium facilities are: Divide, Roscoe, Roby, Hamlin, Anson and Ovalo. The school board, wishing to comply with the state department's requirement and to hold affiliation, has been planning for some time to build a combination auditorium-gymnasium.

As a result of their planning, they have employed an architect, George Campbell, and have had plans drawn for such a building. Last week-end Supt. Burgess took in his car Architect Campbell and President O. J. Adcock of the school board to Austin where the approval of the plans was secured from the state department of education and the project approved by state headquarters of the CWA for the use of CWA labor. Specifications are now being prepared so that lumber people may bid on the lumber bill. As soon as this is done, the lumber ordered and delivered, work should begin. It will take some few weeks for all this to be done.

DIMENSIONS OF BUILDING.

The new building will be of wood, 80 by 76 feet over all. It will contain a court of 80 by 52, a stage 46 by 14, with dressing rooms at the side, a balcony that will seat 350 spectators for games, with dressing rooms and showers under the balcony, while under the stage will be provided an arrangement for storing folding chairs. These chairs will be used to seat the playing floor when the building is used for auditorium purposes. These together with the balcony will seat around 900 people when the building is used as an auditorium. This type of building will thus give us the needed auditorium and gymnasium. (The Grammar School auditorium seats only 369, which does not even provide for the Grammar School pupils.)

The material for the building will cost around \$4,500, so the architect estimates. Chairs will be an additional cost, which the board hopes to provide later. No bond issue is contemplated.

READY IN SEPTEMBER.

The building should be ready within 60 days after construction is begun. The building will be ready for use when school opens its 1934-35 session in September. Merkel and surrounding country will find a long-standing need filled in the erection of this building. The nearest gymnasiums are now Sweetwater, Roscoe, Anson and Abilene.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 15, 1914.)

C. V. Bigham and Fred Hale, both of the Trent community, are credited with having killed ten wolves last week with rocks. The killing took place near the mountains south of Trent.

No hunters, fishers or swimmers allowed on or about my tank near Merkel or in my pasture adjoining same or passers through my land. Infractions will absolutely be prosecuted.

Vol Martin.

Claude Sears narrowly escaped an injury Monday afternoon while riding his motorcycle on the Arthur Sears ranch south of here. He was riding through some grass land when his foot was caught by a small stump that was concealed in the high grass.

A moonlight picnic party left the dust and worry of town Friday evening while they sought the pleasures of the Warren Lake. The party started out on a float but the loss of a wheel caused them to end the journey in a wagon. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER NAMED

**Graduating Exercises Merkel
High School Set for Monday
Evening, May 28.**

The 1933-34 session of the Merkel Public schools will end on May 25. The commencement sermon will follow on Sunday evening, May 27, at 8:15 o'clock. Dr. O. P. Clark, acting president of McMurry college and pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene, will preach the sermon.

Graduation exercises will be held on the evening of Monday, May 28, at 8:15 o'clock. Don H. Merriss, vice president of Abilene Christian college, will deliver the commencement address. Both of these exercises will be held in the First Methodist church.

Grammar School graduation exercises will be held on the evening of Friday, May 25, at 8:15 o'clock, also at the Methodist church. Rev. P. H. Gates, Methodist pastor, will deliver the address for this occasion.

SENIOR CLASS.

There are 41 candidates for graduation in this class of 1934, of which David Gamble is president and Mrs. Julia Proctor Lancaster, secretary-treasurer. Other members of the class who are candidates for graduation on May 28 are:

Frances Adcock, Bessyela Church, Mildred Cox, Ruth Davis, Marybel Douglas, Billy Gardner, Wanda Hunter, Walderine Huskey, Ruby Jenkins, Helen Joyner, Vivian Lasater, Neva Malone, Sarah Malone, Caribel Mansfield, Lucy Moore, Emily Newman, Jimmie Dell Perry, Clara Lee Peterson, Fay Pinkley, Evelyn Robertson, Bessie Lou Russell, Sarah Sheppard, Della Smith, Gertrude Stanley, Clara E. White, Lois Whiteley.

Howard Carson, Kenneth Cribley, Woodrow Griggs, J. R. Higgins, Tommy Jones, Ted McGehee, Jack Patterson, Walter Riney, Clovis Stanley, Jack West, Kennedy Whiteley, Raymond Wilson and J. D. Womack.

Meeting of Farmers Called.

Sponsored by R. B. Wells, J. D. Porter and others, a meeting of farmers is to be held at the city tabernacle at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon to discuss the recent order further reducing cotton acreage and to register a protest against its provisions.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burnett, residing on Route 2, Monday, May 14, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Dean, Blair, Monday, May 14, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castleberry, Tuesday, May 15, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery, residing west of Trent, Tuesday, May 15, 1934.

**THE DOLLARS YOU
SPEND WITH HOME FOLKS
ARE AN INVESTMENT IN
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Sidney House, 26, Big Spring, was injured fatally when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a motor car on a curve on the San Angelo highway Sunday night.

Texas spent nearly \$50,000,000 on her state highways during the fiscal year ended August 31, last, it was revealed by the annual report of Comptroller George H. Sheppard.

T. J. Bressler, president of the oil field workers local union at Borger, is new president of the Texas state federation of labor, Waco having been chosen as the next meeting place.

Dr. J. W. McConnell, dean of the North Texas State Teachers college at Denton since 1923, has been elected president of the school to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. R. L. Marquis in April.

William Russell Stevens, 10, of Del Rio, was burned to death on a substation electric light pole when 11,000 volts passed through his body. He had climbed on a bus bar to explore a bird nest while on his way home from school.

M. J. Benefield, Brady, a sergeant overseas in the World War and who has been commander of the fifth Texas district, was elected head of the American Legion, department of Texas, succeeding Commander L. Van Perkins, resigned.

M. T. Gossett, 75, first president of the Federal Land bank of Houston, died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Anderson, and Dr. Anderson, in Dallas. Mr. Gossett retired from the land bank January 1 because of ill health.

The jury trying Raymond Hamilton at Dallas on the charge that he robbed the Grand Prairie State bank of \$1,500 March 19, and also charged as an habitual criminal, disagreed and was dismissed. Two jurors held out for life imprisonment, with ten voting for a death sentence.

James D. Hamlin, lawyer of Farwell and manager of the Capitol Syndicate, old XIT, largest ranch in West Texas, was elected president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at its sixteenth annual convention in San Angelo, Plainview winning the next meeting place.

Comparative Statement Bonded Indebtedness At End Fiscal Year

In a prepared statement submitted by former aldermen John S. Hughes, C. E. Jacobs and J. A. Buford, a comparison of figures to the various accounts as of April 1, 1932, when they went into office, and of April 1, 1934, when they retired, shows the following reductions:

Outstanding bonds reduced from \$116,000 to \$108,000. Cash on hand to bond account April 1, 1932, \$15,976.12; April 1, 1934, \$9,782.78.

Outstanding warrants reduced from \$43,107.44 to \$39,607.44. Cash on hand increased from \$170.88 to \$2,829.85.

Outstanding against the city working fund, April 1, 1932, \$3,100, which was wiped out, and cash on hand to this account stood at \$1,714.02 on April 1, 1934.

Delinquent taxes collected since April 1, 1932, total \$14,372.55, while the sum of delinquent taxes to be paid in partial payments as per agreements signed the latter part of 1933 is \$5,383.74.

"The Minister's New Car."
The P. T. A. of the I. X. L. school will present a play, "The Minister's New Car," on Friday night, May 18.

PERSONALS

J. C. Rogers of Trent was the Sunday guest of A. L. Rogers, Jr.

Mrs. Jack Edwards of Sweetwater is the guest of Mrs. George White.

Fred Hughes was in Dallas Tuesday attending a meeting of Chevrolet dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton and Mrs. C. V. Shelton visited Sunday in DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes and daughter of Austin are visiting relatives here.

A. V. Henslee left Wednesday to enter the veterans hospital at Muskogee, Okla.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Waco.

Miss Dixie Blair was over from Sweetwater for a Mother's Day visit with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt returned home Wednesday from San Jon, N. M., where she has been teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ferguson left Saturday for a visit of some ten days with relatives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rainbolt and family of Amarillo were Mother's Day visitors with their mother, Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Messrs. Dosi and Bill Sheppard drove over from Dallas for a visit with their mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Gates and little son of Flavanna spent the week with Mr. Gates' parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Darr of Adkins, Ark., stopped over Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends here, en route to California.

Mrs. S. A. Chenault of Houston arrived last week for an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Williams of Waco were week-end and Mother's Day visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neal, Mrs. Jack Davis and Walter Barrett, all of Clyde, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mrs. Dean Higgins attended the called session of the Taylor County singing convention at Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler accompanied Dr. and Mrs. V. V. Ramsey of Abilene to the meeting of the State Medical society in San Antonio this week.

Miss Duncan Briggs, who recently graduated from Draughon's Business college, has accepted a position in the office of County Clerk W. P. Bounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and daughters, Gloria Jean and Patsy Lou, of Big Spring spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. Marian Hays and little daughter, Peggy Marie, have returned to their home in Clyde after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb.

Miss Christine Collins attended the all-day meeting of the officers and board of the sixth district, state federated music clubs, at Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter and son and A. C. Butler, all of Weatherford, were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Mother's Day visitors in the Tom Durham home were two of their daughters, Mrs. Bob Echols, of Albany, and Miss Dorris Durham, who is teaching at Cross Plains.

Mrs. George Caple and Miss Cecilia Zehnpfennig returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks with Mrs. (Continued on Page Five)

FREE RODEO EVENTS THRILL 3,000 SPECTATORS; SECOND PERFORMANCE SAT., MAY 26

BASEBALL

Team.	W	L	Pct
Trent	1	0	1.000
Nubia	1	0	1.000
Dora	0	1	.000
Noodle	0	1	.000
Stith	0	0	.000
Tye	0	0	.000
Merkel	0	0	.000
W. O. W.	0	0	.000

RESULTS

Trent 4, Dora 0.
Nubia 2, Noodle 1.

Two jam up games marked the opening day Saturday of the Inter-Community league sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, both games being witnessed by large and interested crowds.

In the opening game Lefty Jones for Trent struck out 16 of the opposing Dora batsmen. John Payne, Trent manager, scored 3 of the 4 runs for his team, twice scoring from second base on an infield out.

Nubia was winner in the second game in what proved a pitcher's battle between Palmer and Black. The trio, Justice to Phrham to Carter, pulled two double plays for Noodle. Complete box scores of both games appear on page two.

STITH VS MERKEL.
At 3 o'clock Saturday of this week Stith and Merkel meet in the third game of the league schedule.

Four Merkel Entries Place in Tournament

Four of the pupils of Mrs. T. T. Earthman entered the National Piano Playing tournament held at Simmons university Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week and each placed in every event entered.

Margaret Miller won district honor roll certificate in high school division and Mary Jo Russell in grade school division, each receiving certificates with red seals for making four superior ratings.

Billie and Don Wood each won certificate of good rating, having each made three superior ratings, but lacking one point each of making the district honor roll. Margaret Miller won four firsts, four seconds and one third.

Tommy Hodges Ropes His Calf In 18 1-2 Seconds; Cub Young First in Cow Milking; Many Entries in Both Events.

An estimated crowd of 3,000 was thrilled and entertained by the opening day's program Saturday of free rodeo and ball games, sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

The next rodeo is announced for Saturday, May 26, and further particulars will be announced in next week's issue of The Mail.

Out of a field of 14 entries Cub Young of Elm Creek placed first in the wild cow milking contest, time 23 seconds. Buck Weston of White Church was second, 28 1-2 seconds, with Earl Stevens of Trent, third, 33 seconds. First place won \$7.

Marking up big time stuff, Tommie Hodges of Tuscola roped his calf in 18 1-2 seconds. Second place went to Bud Trent of Eskota, 23 seconds, with Buck Weston, third, 24 seconds. There were 22 entries in calf roping and first place brought \$11 to the winner.

Other events on the program included bronc riding, steer riding and junior calf riding.

Henry Ellerbee brought the best bucking horse, and second prize went to R. H. Johnson of Trent.

COLORFUL PARADE.
A colorful parade, headed by C. K. Russell carrying the United States flag on horseback and Sheriff Burl Wheeler, formed at the rodeo grounds at 1 o'clock and passed through the downtown section.

Following the loud speaker, there were 48 horseback riders, including members of the rodeo committee, riders and ropers, and boys and girls on horseback; a large number of mercantile trucks, decorated cars and late model automobiles completed the procession.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS.
Judges for the bronc riding were: W. S. J. Brown, P. P. Dickinson and O. D. Pruitt, the same trio serving as judges for the wild cow milking event. O. D. Pruitt was tie judge for calf roping, and Jim Cook of Dora, time-keeper.

One of the principal factors in the smoothness of rodeo events was the efficient direction of the Malone Brothers, managers of the show. One hundred per cent co-operation was expected. (Continued from Page One)

THE BOOK

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

BRUCE BARTON

ISAIAH'S SUPERB OPTIMISM.

Isaiah, called upon to save Jerusalem from the Assyrian Army, wasted no time rubbing in his reproaches, but spoke with a voice which put new courage into the king and all his forces.

Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria. He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord.

Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

We are not dependent upon the Bible alone for the story of this invasion. Scientists in their probings into ancient records have found the account written by Sennacherib, the Assyrian king, himself, and his own confession that the expedition failed to capture Jerusalem.

While Isaiah denounced both Assyria and Egypt, and urged Jerusalem to avoid entangling alliances with either of them, he had a conception of international relations which is amazingly modern in the best sense of the word.

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

This is precisely as if, while we were still at war with Germany, having Great Britain as our nearest ally, we had said: "Some day the war will be over and the Divine plan will include and need us all. The United States is to be one of three powers in the future glory of the world, and the other two are to be Great Britain and Germany."

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EVERYDAY THOUGHTS. The idea of something for nothing is deeply imbedded in the mind of the grafter. The worst bankrupt in the world is the loss of enthusiasm. Let a man lose everything he has but enthusiasm and he will come through to success. When you are in the lead, nobody can step on your toes. The thoughtless man brideth not his tongue; he speaketh at random and is entangled in the foolishness of his own words. -Observant Reader.

THE BOOK

(Continued From Page One.) Isaiah had to be a pessimist as to the immediate future, but his superb optimism is shown all through his work, and comes to its worthiest expression in the poem with which his own book of sermons ends. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped; Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water.

Next Week:—An Unknown Author.

BLAIR ITEMS

Criswell Doan, who had the misfortune of breaking his arm while playing ball the past week, is reported getting along nicely at this writing. F. W. Moore and daughter, Mrs. R. B. Horton, and children motored to Abilene Sunday to be with the former's niece, who entered the Baptist sanitarium for treatment. I. N. Brown and family have moved to Nolan where Mr. Brown has accepted a position with the gin company at that place. We hate to lose these fine people and wish them the best of luck. Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and sons spent Mother's day with Mr. Russell's mother in Eastland county. Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins Patterson of Castle Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Meeks and son, J. E. of Butman and Mrs. Elbert Barnes motored to Post City and visited with their mother, Mrs. R. J. Meeks, on Mother's day. Mrs. Meeks is ninety-one years old and is still active for a person of that age. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan are the proud parents of a big new baby who came to brighten their home on May 14. The little fellow weighed eight pounds and has been christened James Allen. Several from here attended the Mother's Day program at Nubia, which was reported as very interesting. Complimenting their mother, Mrs. N. E. Meyers, on her eighty-first birthday, Dan and Sylvester Meyers and Mrs. Dovie Burnett entertained with an elaborate dinner in the former's home at Anson on May 13. Some sixty or more relatives participated in this affair. Those going from this place were Mrs. Susie Doan, sister of the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family, Mrs. A. L. Warner and son, Dersel, of Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Miss Anna Addison and J. C. Horton.

BABY CHICKS All varieties \$6.30 per 100 Custom Hatching \$2.50 per tray Merkel Hatchery Merkel, Texas

The Box Score

Table with columns AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Trent, Payne, D. Jones, Terry, H. Tittle, Reed, Barnes, C. Tittle, H. Jones, L. Jones, and Totals.

Table with columns AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Dora, L. Greer, A. Oliver, Hammonds, A. Greer, Laine, McCoy, Holt, I. Oliver, Carpenter, Tyrone, and Totals.

Score by innings: Trent 101 020 000-4 Dora 000 000 000-0 Summary—Two-base hits, A. Oliver 2. Three-base hits, Reed. Sacrifices, D. Jones 2. Innings pitched, McCoy 5. 4 runs, 4 hits, (3 earned.) Losing pitcher, McCoy. Bases on balls, off McCoy 2, Jones 4. Hit by pitcher, McCoy (C. Tittle.) Jones (L. Oliver.) Struck out, by McCoy 3, by Laine 5, by Jones 16. Wild pitch, Jones. Left on bases, Dora 11, Trent 4, Stolen base, A. Greer. Time, 2:15. Umpires, Young and Renfro.

Table with columns AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Noodle, Justice, Black, Eoff, Carter, C. Vick, Sharp, Foster, Phrham, Irvin, Herron, xx H. Vick, and Totals.

Table with columns AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Nubia, T. Seymour, Latimer, Palmer, Miller, D. Seymour, Well, J. Seymour, Jones, Bryant, and Totals.

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RURAL SOCIETY

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Mrs. Bob Malone, teacher of the Intermediate Sunday School class of the Blair Baptist church, entertained her class with a picnic Saturday, May 12, in the Malone pasture east of Merkel. Swimming and games were enjoyed until noon when a picnic lunch with ice lemonade was served to Odell Latimer, Bill Williamson, John Malone, C. R. Peterson, Howard Shugart, J. W. Hughes, Leonard Ward, William Hughes, Woodrow and Doyal Barnes, Jack Russell, Milburn Latimer, Omer Nell Seagrins, Davis Mitchell, Evelyn Latimer, Louise Addison, Mavis Peterson and Mary Griggs. Mrs. Malone was assisted by Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. J. W. Latimer, Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Miss Margaret Thomas of Bronte in entertaining the youngsters. Everyone reported a very enjoyable time and made "Aunt Goldie" promise another soon.

ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston was hostess to members of the Woman's Home Demonstration club on Tuesday afternoon, May 8. Miss Velma Heald, Fisher County demonstrator, gave some "points" for the dress contest. Only three dresses for the dress contest had been finished at that time. Miss Heald has asked each member to please make a dress by June 12. Mrs. C. B. Johnston's wardrobe was then viewed. Delicious angel food and spice cake and punch were served during the social hour to Mesdames H. A. Johnston, L. E. F. Johnston, Clayton Nichols, D. J. Trent, A. E. Bullard, Lula Wallace, Abe Milligan and Misses Lydia Bullard, Nora and Ellen Morgan and the visitors, who were Mrs. Marchant of Moody, Mrs. Lynch of Busby, Mrs. Milligan of Longworth and Mrs. Elmer Hall. Miss Jennie Marie Whisenant was a new member.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dollie Blankenship on Tuesday afternoon, May 22, at 2:30. An art exhibit will be held at that time. All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited.

BEE CLUB.

The Bess Bee club met in the home of Mrs. Joe Jaynes on Thursday, May 10. After a short business session with the president in charge, each member and visitor worked on the club quilt. The following members were present: Mesdames W. J. Higgins, Guy McClain, Roy Harrell, Luther Land, Angus Garvin, J. S. Pinckley, H. B. Robertson, Borden Perkins, Cliff Allen, F. L. Castleberry, Ollie Higgins, Misses Ruth Pinckley and Celia Hester and the hostess. Visitors were Mrs. Vestal Hicks and Misses Ruby Rister and Marcella Pinckley.

SALT BRANCH GIRLS CLUB.

The Salt Branch Girls club met at the school house on Tuesday afternoon when the president, Pauline Higgins, called the meeting to order with the singing of two songs. The sponsor read an article about

How One Man Lost 22 Pounds

Mr. Herman Runkis of Detroit writes: "A few lines of thanks from a rheumatism sufferer—my first bottle of Kruschen Salts took all of the aches and swellings out of my joints—with my first bottle I went on a diet and lost 22 pounds and now feel like a new man." To lose fat safely and quickly take one half teaspoonful of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning—an 85c bottle lasts 4 weeks—Get it at any drug store in America. If not joyfully satisfied after the first bottle—money back.

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"Hobbies" and each girl discussed what hobby she would like to take up this summer. Some work was done on pillow tops.

The next meeting will be at the home of the sponsor Friday afternoon, May 25 at 2:30. At this time we will have the pillow top contest and probably a cake demonstration.

Members present were: Annie D. Garvin, Wilma Lee Payne, Eva and Ova Martin, Pauline and Lorena Higgins, Bernice McMillen, Christine and Evelyn Garvin, and Marcella Pinckley, sponsor. New members were Jean Payne and Vannie Sue Pinckley.

CHILDREN MAKE SURPRISE VISIT.

Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews of White Church gave them a surprise visit and dinner Mother's Day. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews and son, Morda, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Matthews and son of Caps, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son and Mrs. Dollie Richie, all of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deel and children, Alvin, Lewis, Wayne and Nora Helen, Nubia, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, of Trent, Miss Virgil Jones, and Clovis Harrison, Nubia.

MOTHER'S DAY.

Complimenting their mother, Mrs. George Crow, Sr., the children surprised her with a bountiful Mother's Day dinner, arriving at the noon hour and each bringing a large dinner basket filled with delicious food.

Those having in the enjoyment were: Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and two children, Irene and Laverne, Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs and children, Willie B. and Peggy Joyce, Mrs. Grover Blair and daughters, Hazel and Clarice Faye, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Jr., and son, Milton Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow and Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr., and son, Odell.

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SIXTEENTH INSTALLMENT. THE STORY SO FAR

Nancy Gordon trades herself in marriage with Dr. Richard Morgan for fifteen thousand dollars—to save her family from the disgrace of her brother Roddy's theft of that amount for a woman. Nancy loves penniless young Page Roemer, and Richard is loved by Helena Haddon, a sophisticated young married woman. Kingdon Haddon, Helena's husband, sees the elopers, but holds his counsel. After the ceremony, Nancy returns to her parents' home, and continues to see Page, who urges her to divorce her husband. Mr. Gordon, to release his daughter from what he considers her shameful marriage, sells his house to his friend Major Lomax, who rents it to the original owner. Helena is jealous of Richard's interest in Nancy, although she knows nothing of the marriage, and tries to make trouble. Once Page comes to Nancy's home and makes love to her, Nancy is frantic—she loves Page but refuses to go back on her bargain with Richard by divorcing him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Nancy lifted the child gently on his pillow. "Now—quickly, don't be frightened, take off the old sheet and put on the clean one." Together they slipped the child into clean things, and Nancy sponged his hot little face with cold water.

"Tony's more quiet see, the sponging did him good," she said gently, but her heart beat in her throat. The child seemed to be slowly choking to death.

Richard, Richard! Her heart cried again desperately. It seemed impossible that she could need him so, but she did.

At last she stopped and looked about her. It was better! The atmosphere had cleared, the floor was bare and clean, the bed absolutely white and fresh. She took hold of the sobbing woman and led her to the chair beside the bed.

Nancy ran into the outer room and began to iron towels with feverish energy. Would Richard never come? Perhaps Henry had been thrown by Polestar, perhaps the roads were impassable—but, no no! She would not believe it, he would come, he must come!

Nancy laid the clean towels in a row beside the clean basin, ready for the hot water that was steaming in the kettle. Then she went to the bedside. The boy was very still, his glassy eyes stared and his parched lips were open. Was he breathing? He gasped and she drew a long sigh of relief.

"Don't cry so!" she checked the poor mother pitifully. "Don't! He hears you. The doctor must get here soon now, he must!" she ran to the window.

Would Richard never come? Then, suddenly, she saw him, coming over the crest of the hill on foot. Of course! She ought to have known it; he couldn't drive his car past that telephone pole.

How strong he looked, how cool. And this man was her husband! It seemed to her that she stopped breathing; then the child's gasps grew suddenly audible. She ran to the door and tore it open.

"Oh, Richard, I'm afraid he's dying!" she whispered, holding the door open.

He came in and shut the door with his shoulder.

"Where's the patient?" he asked briefly.

"In there!" she pointed to the inner room, a catch in her throat.

He did not notice it. His eyes went to the other room. His glance swept over the preparations with something like a flash of surprise but he said nothing. She saw him put the frantic mother gently aside and bend over the child. Deftly, silently, swiftly, he made his examination, raised up, and turned to face them.

Nancy was trying to coax the frantic woman away but she broke out in a hoarse whisper: "Be he dyin', doctor?"

"No! Be quiet, please. Leave the room. I must be alone, I've got work to do."

Nancy drew the woman gently away.

Mrs. Kinney dropped into a chair and Nancy ran back.

"Here are towels, and I've got plenty of hot water. I can help you?"

He turned from his open surgical case and there was no response in his face at all.

she sliced and toasted bread and made tea.

In spite of herself, Nancy watched Richard covertly. In the stern conflict that he waged, she had no place at all! She felt suddenly insignificant. Her very rage at his domination dwindled. She was spellbound; she had never noticed before how strong he was, how powerful and deft his hands in their dangerous office.

Nancy put the kettle back and dropped down on the floor beside the old stove, furious.

She had gone to this man and offered to marry him. After she had refused him, she had given herself to him legally. And tonight she had seen how great he could be—and he had not even looked at her.

Nancy could not stand it. She got up and went to the door and opened it. It was pitch black outside. She could not go; she wanted to go home—she was willing to wade through the night and the water, anything, to get away! But she could not; there was no light anywhere. She shut the door silently and turned back; she did not want to see him again, but she could not help it.

He had his watch in his hand and was counting the child's pulse. It did not matter to him whether she went or stayed—so long as she did not obstruct him in his work. The strain on her mind gave way suddenly; she felt as if she had fallen through space; she did not matter at all! She sat down, huddled, on the window sill and stared out at the night.

Mr. Gordon, scornful to admit anxiety, sat up late, waiting for Nancy. Before the storm reached its height, Mrs. Gordon had phoned to Angie Fuller to know if Nancy had

been there. Angie's reply that she had left before the rain began, worried the poor woman.

Mr. Gordon, pretending to read his newspaper, grunted.

"I've thought for some time that my children didn't have sense enough to come in when it rained!" he growled.

But all the same he sat up himself. Long after he had driven his worried wife upstairs, he tramped up and down the old room.

He went to the windows and threw open the shutters. It was morning now and the rain-swept earth smiled sweet. A mackerel sky showed its golden scales all over the rosy east. Mr. Gordon stared down into his own garden. The Japanese quince was sagging in the corner. He started violently. He had heard his old gate creak on its hinges.

"The child's come home!" he thought with sharp relief.

But he opened the door to Page Roemer. The young man's clothing was wet and muddy, but Mr. Gordon did not see it.

"Is Nancy here, Mr. Gordon?" Page asked anxiously.

"I believe I've forbidden you the house," replied Nancy's father.

Page leaned against the doorpost. "Mr. Gordon, your daughter was down at the inn when the storm broke yesterday afternoon. She went out—at its height—No one knows where. We can't find a trace of her!"

"When was it?" he asked, "and why did she leave?"

Page's answers were vague, but he said that Helena Haddon and her husband were both there. Helena had been with him, lending her car to help in the search.

"Go on, make what inquiries you can," he said sharply to Page. "Try

the Lomaxes, I've got to speak to my wife—then I'll look myself."

"I've been there!" Page's face set itself, then he looked at Mr. Gordon. "I went to Morgan's, but he's out, been out all night."

Mr. Gordon said nothing. He shut the door in the young man's face and went upstairs.

"Nancy was at the inn when the storm broke. The Haddons were out there; that Roemer boy's just come here to tell me. Of course, Nancy got out of it to shake him off. Don't worry, Mama! I'm going to see about the telephone, our wire's down on top of the Japanese quince."

Mrs. Gordon crept out of bed and dressed herself. She came downstairs before Amanda made the coffee, and tried to set the breakfast table, when Amanda came out from the kitchen.

"Use makin' biscuits, Mis' Gordon, an' Mis' Haddon's auteromobile's at the gate—I reckon yo' all gots ter go ter de doah."

Helena came up the path alone.

Mrs. Gordon was excited when she opened the door.

"Oh, Mrs. Haddon, where's Nancy?" she cried.

"I came here—I hoped she'd come home," Helena replied gently.

"I've been nearly crazy all night," she said wearily. "Mr. Gordon's sure she's somewhere—because of the storm. Page came here a while ago."

Helena laid her hand on her shoulder. "Don't worry," she said with a sweetness that went to Mrs. Gordon's heart. "I'm sure she's safe—isn't there anybody you can think of—she might know?"

The poor woman forgot herself entirely. "If our phone wasn't out of order—I'd call up Richard Morgan—

she might be there, she—" she stopped short, catching herself.

Helena's long eyes glimmered under their heavy lids. So, she thought, there is something in it! She thought she knew it all now. The mystery of Polestar's condition—discovered late the night before—had been explained just before she left the house. Henry had confessed to Kingdon Haddon. He had also told where Morgan went. Amanda came to the door, "Mis' Page Roemer's outside, m'm. He'd like ter see Mis' Haddon."

Helena leaned over and deliberately kissed Mrs. Gordon. "He's going with me. We'll find her. Don't be frightened," she said.

"I know where she is, dear boy," she said softly to Page. "I've just found out—she'll go and get her. She can't walk home through this mire."

Page knew nothing and divined nothing beyond his own mad anxiety. He knew that the mad infatuation of his own passion, his blind belief in Nancy's love for him, had led to this. Nancy had gone out into the storm to escape him. He hated Morgan again, hated him with all his soul, because Morgan had done what he could not do. But he followed Helena into her car. If she knew where Nancy was, he would find her and—if he found her—he would make her forgive him.

Nancy was drying her shoes by the fire when the big car—failing to cross the stream—stopped nearly a quarter of a mile away and Page and Helena took to the path over the hill.

Richard was still with the child, but the crisis had passed in the night and his poor mother, in the collapse of relief, was lying asleep on the floor. Nancy, shut out of the sickroom, was trying to get ready to walk home.

She was putting on the wrecks of

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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, LEROY STONE. 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.). GRAY BROWNE. For County Judge: JOHN L. CAMP, (Re-election.)

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Sheaf cats, 2 1-2c per bundle. George Smith. FOR RENT—Three room apartment, furnished, with all conveniences. S. F. Haynes.

NOODLE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.) Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dubose of Big Spring returned home last Thursday after spending several days with their daughter, Mrs. Woodrow Justice. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Justice. Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell and little son, Ronald Lee, Watts Davis, Lloyd Reece and Wilson Williams, went to Denton last Thursday, returning Sunday morning. The boys entered the state track meet; Mrs. Bell visited her sister, who is attending the State Teachers college, and they also visited Fort Worth and Dallas. They report a very nice time, although they encountered a terrific hail storm while in Denton. Mr. Bell's car bears mute evidence to the fact, having several holes beaten in the top by the large hail stones. Ledo Dowdy and Thurston Marshall of Abilene attended singing here Friday night. Miss Louise Sosebee of Anson spent the week-end with home folks. Prof. F. T. Bell and the High School boys enjoyed an outing and moonlight picnic on the river Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Miller visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spratling of Weinert Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick spent Sunday with his parents near Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sosebee and Miss Doris Sosebee of Anson visited relatives here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Alton McGee and Olive Herring of Corpus Christi and Robstown visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring, several days last week. J. D. Sosebee spent the week-end in Merkel visiting Dub Ford. Mrs. Roy Cox and little daughter, Deloris, returned home Saturday from a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, of Anson. C. S. Herring and wife of Robstown are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring. The following are confined to their beds with "flu": Mrs. Cecil Hawk, Dorothy Barbee, Mrs. Norman Sloan and Harold Sosebee. A run-down system invites disease. Try a bottle of Nuxferone. Clears the complexion, produces restful sleep, appetite, renewed strength. See Hamm Drug Co. Office supplies—Mail office. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

(Note—Owing to an unavoidable delay in receiving the news budget for the week, just a few items are used in this issue. Others will appear next week.)

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. To Miss Mildred Steadman goes the honor of delivering the valedictory to the class of 1934 of the Trent High school. Fred McCurdy is salutatorian. Graduation exercises are to be held at the Trent High School auditorium on Friday night, May 18. Dr. W. C. Childress, pastor of the First M. E. Church, Abilene, is to deliver the address to the graduates. Grammar School graduation exercises were to be held Thursday night, with Ebery Smith valedictorian and George Helen Lee, salutatorian. The address to graduates is to be given by Prof. H. A. Arrant of Hardin and Simmons university. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by J. Eddie Weems of A. C. C. at service held Sunday evening in the Trent High auditorium.

TRIP TO CARLSBAD. The Senior class left on their trip to the Carlsbad Caverns early Thursday morning, May 10, and returned Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards and Supt. R. F. Elliott accompanied them as chaperons. All reported a grand time and were thrilled by the wonders of the Caverns.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., and her daughter, Lillian, and Mrs. Hale McRee were co-hostesses in entertaining the Home Demonstration club with an all-day quilting affair on May 9 in the home of the former. A bountiful covered dish luncheon was served at high noon. Those spending the day were: Mesdames C. T. Beckham, Ed Burks, John Strawn, Stanley Armour, Henry Ogletree, R. B. McRee, Jr., Jim Williamson and C. C. McRee. In the afternoon a business meeting was held and Mesdames Stanley Armour and T. G. Hamner were chosen as delegates to the Short Course at A. & M. in July. In case these two cannot go, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., and Miss Dolly Wash were elected to take their place. In the afternoon angel food cake and iced tea were served to Mesdames John Gafford, Ann Boone, W. Y. Steen, O. A. Smith, T. G. Hamner, Tony Boone, E. L. Mangum and Hosea Winn and Misses Maimie Gafford and Maurine Smith, the names mentioned above and the hostesses.

Rodeo

(Continued on Page Five.) tended all round by fireboys, City Marshal Chester Hutcheson, and scores of others who served in various capacities. Members of the rodeo committee are: W. E. Lowe, chairman, W. S. J. Brown, C. K. Russell, Jake Massey, Sie Hamm and T. C. Jenkins.

THE DOLLAR BRIDE

(Continued From Page 4.) her shoes when there came a knock at the door. Richard himself came to answer it. He was still in his shirt sleeves. He had stripped off his collar and the strong cords in his throat showed like the scroled muscles of an athlete. The next moment the door opened and the broad sunshine showed her Helena and Page Roemer. Helena caught at Richard's arm. "Richard!" she cried anxiously. "you're killing yourself! It's not right—we can't let you do it—you're too valuable!" (Continued Next Week.)

NOTICE! We have purchased from John Dunn the Independent Ice Station, formerly operated by Mack Cox, and will be pleased to be favored with a continuance of your patronage as well as the privilege of serving new ones. Same Location INDEPENDENT ICE STATION Bill Sheppard and C. V. Shelton Props. Phone 141 We Deliver

Death Claims Sallee Saffle After Long Illness in El Paso

Sallee Saffle, brother of Mrs. W. J. Largent and who formerly lived here, died Saturday morning at the Masonic hospital in El Paso after a four months illness. During this time he had submitted to four major operations, without avail. His father, Rev. J. W. Saffle, and his brother, J. A. B. Saffle, both of Plainview, were present at the time of his death, having made frequent visits to his bedside during his long illness. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent and their two children went to Plainview for the funeral, held Sunday afternoon, which was conducted by an old time friend of the family, Z. T. Huff, of Plainview. Mr. Saffle's father, Rev. J. W. Saffle, is a former pastor of the First Baptist church here. Besides his parents and wife, Mr. Saffle is survived by the brother mentioned above, the sister here, Mrs. W. J. Largent, and three other sisters, Mesdames R. B. C. Howell and Mrs. George B. Murphy, Plainview, and Mrs. Douglas Hicks, Albuquerque, N. M.

PERSONALS

(Continued from Page One.) Caple's father in Waco, also visiting in Bryan with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pannell and baby, Barbara Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Zercher and son, Dickey, of Dallas spent the week-end with their parents, the Jack Pannells. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugate of Trent were dinner guests with their mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell on Mother's Day. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., accompanied by Jim Patterson, who is attending the University of Texas, were up from Austin for a Mother's Day visit with the home folks. A party of Merkelites, including Brooks Patterson, Rev. P. H. Gates and others, who have been fishing this week on the Concho near Paint Rock, returned Wednesday evening. Miss Nell Hughes, accompanied by her friend and school mate from Texas Tech, Miss Minnie Bell Hokit of Trent, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and two children of San Angelo spent the week-end here, having come to visit Mrs. Darsey's mother, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey, and Mr. Darsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey. Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan from Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert from Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson of Abilene were Mother's Day guests with Mrs. J. C. Calvert in the C. K. Russell home.

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Approximately \$12,000 Expended for Jobless Here Since Nov. 20, '33

Since November 20, 1933, the Merkel relief office in charge of P. P. Dickenson, former city marshal, has expended approximately \$12,000 for the unemployed of this city and nearby communities. During the seven weeks that the CWA were used on city streets the pay roll was \$5,593.60, while \$3,118.20 was spent for labor on the school ground project. Nearly a thousand dollars was appropriated by the city and school for trucks and dirt. There were about 120 men on the work roll. Beginning November 20, 1933, those who were unable to work and were ineligible for the CWA work were cared for through a direct relief fund, jointly appropriated by the state and federal governments, and approximately \$2,600 of this fund has been spent. During the month of April alone \$800.86 was spent on disbursing orders, with 212 families receiving these benefits. Besides the grocery orders issued, the following federal surplus commodities have also been distributed: 1-2 tons of pork; 286-24 1-2 lb. sacks of flour; 4,897 cans of beef, (canned at the Abilene cannery); 958 lbs. butter; 309-5 lb. cartons beans; 706 packages of cereal; 1,164 lbs. lard, and several cases of cod liver oil.

A Freak Egg. Our good friend, Jim Grayson, brought a freak egg to town Saturday, which was much smaller than the normal egg, had a hard shell and a chocolate colored surface. The egg was found by Mrs. Maude Hilman, who lives four miles north of Lamesa and is a sister of Tom Green. About two weeks before Mrs. Hilman found a full sized egg of the same color, but it was soft shelled.

Will Preach at Hope. W. G. Cybert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning at the Church of Christ at Hope. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

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WHITELEY-MIDDLETON.
The marriage of Miss Imogene Middleton and W. A. Whiteley, Jr., on last Saturday at high noon, culminated a romance of more than a year. Rev. P. H. Gates officiated for the ring ceremony which was held in the living room of the Methodist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, Jr., Mrs. C. V. Shelton and Miss Lois Whiteley were the only attendants. After the ceremony the couple left immediately for Lubbock where they spent the week-end, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, aunt of the groom.

Miss Imogene is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton. She attended school in Merkel from which she was graduated with the class of 1933. She is a leader and worker in the Methodist Young Peoples league and the Children's World club of the Methodist church, and by her lovable and charming personality has made a host of friends.

W. A. was graduated from Merkel High school with the class of 1928. He later attended S. M. U., Dallas, and Texas Tech, Lubbock. He is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Sr., and is very popular in church and social circles, now being president of the Epworth League. He is manager of the C. H. Jones Magnolia Filling station and by his sterling character and friendly manner has made a host of friends, who wish for this young couple a long and happy married life.

They are at home at the Mrs. J. H. McDonald apartment on Oak street.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.
Members of the King's Daughters Sunday School class were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley on Tuesday of last week with Mrs. V. M. Ellis and Mrs. L. A. Watts co-hostesses in entertaining with Mrs. Pinckley, Mrs. Henry Frazier brought the devotion after which Miss Dora Garoutte gave two highly appreciated readings.

A slang contest caused much merriment during the social hour. Delicious chicken salad sandwiches, pickles, cake and iced tea were served to twenty-four guests and the hostesses.

BRIDGE GAMES.
On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Geo. White extended hospitality to a number of contract devotees. The house was a veritable flower garden; gorgeous pink roses massed in profusion furnished inspiration for a color scheme of pink and green for game accessories and in refreshments of pink rolled sandwiches, green creamed-mints, pickles, chicken salad, iced-drink with a pink rosebud as plate favors. The guest list included Mesdames C. H. Jones, Frank McFarland, Edward McCrary, W. T. Sadler, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Milton Case, Bob Mayfield, Ernest Higgins, Charles Largent, Jr., George West, Jr., Dot Gresham, R. O. Pearson, Harold Boney, L. C. Zehnpenning, George Caple, Jack Anderson, H. L. Duffer, Jack Edwards, Sweetwater, Geo. White, Misses Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham and Cecelia Zehnpenning.

SUPPER PARTY.
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes and daughter, Marie Burke, of Austin, who are visiting relatives and former neighbors here, were honored in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes on Wednesday evening with a delightful supper party with Mrs. R. I. Grimes co-hostess with Mrs. Grimes. The entertainment was informal, being in the form of a family reunion for Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes and little daughter, Tommie Evelyn, of Abilene, Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe, Luther Grimes, Stuart Grimes, Mrs. John F. Shelton and Mrs. J. B. Blair, who are visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes and Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Robert Jr. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughters, Bettye Lou and Marilyn Sue Grimes.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
The home of Mrs. Geo. Moore was the scene of a surprise birthday party on Wednesday, celebrating Mrs. Myrtle Boden's birthday. Surprises were the order of the day. The honoree, instead of being surprised, arrived in the full regalia of a vamp with her hair newly bobbed and curled. When they presented her a walking stick in view of her advancing years, she refused it and presented them a bill from the beauty parlor for the permanent wave. A sumptuous dinner was served at noon, during which time several songs were dedicated to the honoree over the radio. Kodak pictures were made of the group.

Those present were Mesdames T. J. Toombs, Will Toombs, Bud Perry, Rosie Hobbs, May Murphy, L. T.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
The total attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 858, as compared with 822 on the previous Sunday. On the same day a year ago 543 were present.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to all of these services and you will feel better yourself for having attended church services. Come to Sunday School and enroll with us. Our young people's class has grown to more than twenty members.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
We were glad to have our pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, with us again Sunday after an absence of two weeks, during which time he had been conducting a meeting in San Jon, N. M.

Our superintendent, W. J. Largent, was not with us Sunday, having been called out of town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Largent's brother, Sallee Saffle, who died at Plainview Friday. Sunday morning we had a special program put on by the primary department. Two interesting readings were given by Jasper Howard and Dorothy Nell Haynes.

The Southern Baptist convention meets at Fort Worth this week. There are several from Merkel attending, including Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Mesdames A. R. Booth, T. E. Collins, J. S. Swann, Roy Reid, Dent Gibson and Clarence Perry and Misses Fannie Boaz and Mary Collins.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. T. S. at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
Sunday was almost "red letter" day in the Sunday School, as we had 391 pupils present. Where were you? Try it again—meet us Sunday morning at 9:45. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent; S. M. Hunter, adult superintendent. Efficient corps of teachers for all ages.

Preaching service Sunday 11 a. m., Rev. Paul Collins delivering sermon; 8 p. m. sermon by pastor.
Woman's missionary societies, boys and girls, World Club and young people's meetings at their usual hours.
P. H. Gates, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Services each week are fine. We have Bible study Lord's day at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. Would be glad to have you attend these services with us.
Young people's program at 6 p. m. Lord's Day and preaching at 8:30 p.

Toombs, Altha Toombs, Messrs. and Mesdames Leon Toombs, Cullen Toombs, J. C. Walton, Mr. H. H. Toombs, Miss Loreta Moore and Jack Davis, Mary Margaret Boden, Hollis Perry, Robert Hobbs, little Billie, Glen, Gloria Nan, Stanley, Peggy Joyce, Willie B. Betty June and Jackie and Malcolm Toombs.

MATTERS MUSICAL.
Two Merkel girls appeared on a twilight musical at McMurry college most creditably last Sunday afternoon. Miss Billie Gardner played the very difficult piano selection, "Deutsche Tanz" (Seiss) by Beethoven. Miss Opal Huskey, her first year in McMurry, participated in the violin ensemble numbers: "Morning Prayer" (Tschalkowsky), "Musette" (Von Gluck), and "Will-O-Wisp" (Dont.)

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Preaching every Sunday 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. Be sure to be on time for all these services. If you are not, you will not only miss an important part of the service but cause others to do so. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor, Bill Dowell and Brother R. U. Rister have returned from the pre-millennial Bible school at Fort Worth. It was indeed a feast to our souls. All during the school all the teachers emphasized the triune God, the Bible and leadership not of man, but of the Holy Spirit. Soul-winning was not only emphasized in teaching but in soul-winning all over town, distributing about 30,000 tracts on "How to be saved," and by personal contact more than 100 souls were led to know Christ in the forgiveness of sin.

Our church carried on exceedingly well while we were absent. Last Sunday we had the largest number present in Bible School that we have had in a long time. When we returned the church was in daily prayer meetings. The young people brought a fine Mother's Day program. There was preaching every service while we were gone.

We are going to have services next Sunday that no one should miss. So come see what you can see.
Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Honor Roll

ELM GROVE SCHOOL.
Dixie Atkins, grade one, made an average of 92 for the sixth month in the Elm Grove school, Miss Rosalie Montgomery, teacher.

WHITE CHURCH.
The following pupils were reported on the honor roll of the White Church school by Miss Bess Baucom, principal:
Seventh grade—Fredia Farmer, 97.
Sixth grade—Howard Shugart, 92; J. W. Harrison, 91.
Fifth grade—Homer Tye, Jr., 95.
Fourth grade—Madlyn Brown, 95.
First grade—Kenneth Hanley, 91; Orville Brown, 93.

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- "Honey Bell Polka" (Freeman), Alice and Charles Church.
- "Big Bass Singer" (Rolfe), Peggy Doris Robertson.
- "Cherry Blossoms" (Spencer), Jeannette Neff.
- "Sweet Clover" (Martin), Margaret Miller and Vernell Sublett.
- "Morning Star" (La Rue), Dorothy Horton.
- "Cedar Brook Waltz" (Perry), Marilyn Sue Grimes.
- "Holiday March" (Kimball), Missie Spurgin and Louise Richie.
- "Golden Star Waltz" (Streabhog), Bea Smith.
- "Peach Blossoms" (Klickmann), Bonnie Church.
- "Above the Stars" (Krentzlin), Mary Joe Russell and Doris Diltz.
- "Golden Rain" (Cloy), Janell Black.
- "Meditation" (Morrison), Bessylena Church.
- "Four Leaf Clover" (Spencer), Vernell Bland and LaVerne Hughes.
- "Edelweiss Gilde" (Vanderbeck), Eva Faye Bush.
- "The Fawn" (Schiller), Missie Spurgin.
- "Rondo" (Streabhog), Alice Church and Sarah Malone.
- "Petite Valse Brillante" (Krogmann), Doris Clyde Miller.
- "Coquette Valse" (Bachmann), Alice Russell.
- "Lady Pompadour"—old dance—(Morel), Mary Ella Horton.
- "El Capitan" (John Philip Sousa), Billie and Don Wood.
- "Fifth Nocturn" (Leybach), Juanita Bishop.
- "Scenes of Splendor" (Greenwald), Alice Church.
- "Shooting Stars" (Holst), Alice Russell and Doris Mae Barron.
- "Grand Valse Caprice" (Englemann), Mary Jo Russell.
- "Gypsy Rondo" (Haydn), Margaret Miller.
- "Moon Rocket" (Rolfe), Billie Wood.
- "Mag's Flute" (Mozart), Mrs. Earthman, Juanita Bishop and Margaret Miller.

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Crackers Excel Saltines 2 lb. box	21c
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