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MRS. WOODARD SUCCUMBS AT TRENT TUESDAY

Formerly Lived Here. Removing About Four Years Ago; Survived by Husband and Two Sons.

Mrs. John A. Woodard, age 63, well known in Merkel where the family lived for many years, died at her home near Trent at 4:40 Tuesday afternoon. She became critically ill some four months ago, during which period her life was despaired of several times.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Church of Christ at Trent, conducted by W. G. Cypert, with interment in the Trent cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lige Gamble and Dee Grimes of Merkel and four nephews of the deceased, T. G. Hamner, Clark Hamner, Hurler O'Kelley and John Hamner of Trent.

For many years the Woodards lived in Merkel where Mr. Woodard first ran a livery stable and later was nightwatchman until about 1930 when they moved to Trent.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Woodard is survived by two sons, John A. Woodard, Jr., manager of the Planters gin at Trent, and Homer Easterwood, cashier of the First State bank at Taft. The latter is a former editor of The Mail and was also connected with banks at Trent and Merkel before he moved to South Texas. Her first husband was P. J. Easterwood, who died a few years after their marriage in 1887.

As the daughter of the late J. A. Hamner, Mrs. Woodard belonged to a family numbered among the first inhabitants of Trent, the Hamners having moved there from Montgomery county in 1885. It was on the original farm where her parents settled that Mrs. Woodard lived at the time of her death.

Two brothers, Cal and W. E. Hamner, now reside at Trent, besides whom she has two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Oualine, Conroe, and Mrs. Tom Rollo, Huntsville. Four grandchildren also survive.

Cotton Estimate Shows Gain of 191,000 Bales

Washington, Nov. 15.—An increase of 191,000 bales in the cotton crop since Oct. 1 was reported Nov. 8 by the agricultural department.

The crop, forecast at 9,634,000 bales as of Nov. 1, is expected to be about 3,413,000 bales less than last year and 5,632,600 bales below the 1928-1932 average.

The last official cotton estimate, based on conditions as of Oct. 1, placed production at 9,443,000 bales and yield per acre at 165.9 pounds.

The Texas cotton crop was forecast at 2,390,000 bales, as compared with 4,428,000 bales in 1933, 4,500,000 bales in 1932, and 4,580,000 bales the five-year average (1928-1932) production.

Lightning Strikes Tom Spears Home

The T. H. Spears' home at the mouth of the Canyon was struck by lightning about 10 o'clock Tuesday night and part of the roof was torn off. A dog was killed in the yard.

The lightning struck in the kitchen, setting fire to the canvas on the walls.

Remodeling of Home of W. C. Lee Completed

Work of remodeling the W. C. Lee home at Salt Branch has been completed with most pleasing effects in its changed appearance. The house was given a stucco coating and a built-in kitchen cabinet was added.

A. V. Dye, Jr., was employed for the carpenter work, while Barnum Novian carried out the stucco work.

Singers Meet at Caps.

The Taylor County Singing convention will meet in called session at Caps Sunday, Nov. 18. All singers and lovers of music are invited to be present. The program will begin at 2 p. m.

LARGENTS WILL ENTER HERD IN CHICAGO SHOW

International Livestock Exposition to Hold 35th Anniversary In Fine New Structure Just Completed.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15.—One of the leading purebred Hereford cattle herds in Texas will be represented in the competition for this breed at the 1934 International Live Stock exposition here.

According to B. H. Heide, secretary-manager of the exposition, which will be held during the first week of December, C. M. Largent and Sons, of Merkel, are preparing to send a show herd of 13 Herefords to this largest of the continent's livestock shows.

The Largents won the highest honor of the 1932 show at Chicago in being awarded the grand championship on their whitefaced steer, Texas Special. The steer was sold at auction for \$1.25 a pound.

The International Livestock exposition will mark its 35th anniversary in a new setting, which, when completed this month, will be the finest structure in the country devoted to such uses. The old home of the exposition was demolished in the Chicago stockyard fire last spring.

The management states that entries, closing for the livestock department on November 1, were the largest in the history of the exposition at which over 12,000 animals were exhibited last year.

Play and Program of Special Numbers to Be Given at Blair Tonight

The Ruth class of the Southside Baptist church, Abilene, will sponsor a play to be given at the Blair school on Friday evening of this week. The program consists of two one-act plays, "Henpeck Holler Gossip" and "Cornfed Babies," with special whistling, singing and dance numbers by Mose Holly, a ten-year-old black face comedian.

Throughout the program special music will be furnished by Isbell's Yellow Jacket orchestra.

The proceeds are to be used as a Christmas fund. Admission charges will be 10 and 15 cents.

Fireboys Want Old Toys to Make New For Gifts to Needy

Members of the Merkel volunteer fire department want those having used or broken toys that they wish to donate for overhauling and rebuilding to be given to the needy at Christmas time, to bring them to the fire station and the boys are willing to work on them in spare time.

This is a most commendable move on the part of the fireboys and it is hoped that a number of toys will be donated in this way for distribution.

Ed Hand, Trent Farmer, Dies of Heart Failure

Ed Hand, 52, died suddenly of heart failure about noon Sunday at his home in the White Flat community. Burial was made in Rose Hill cemetery here Monday afternoon, with Rev. Mr. Baker of Tye and Rev. W. R. Reaves of Trent officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graham, neighbors to Mr. Hand, had been in his home visiting Sunday morning, leaving shortly before noon. As they left, Mr. Hand went into the house and sat down on the edge of his wife's bed. She had been ill for over thirty days. It was just a short while before he fell over dead, and Mrs. Hand, being too weak from illness to render any aid or call for help, was forced to wait more than three hours before other neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eastman and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey, came in.

Besides his wife, Mr. Hand is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hand, of Eula; three brothers, Mel Hand of White Flat being the only one present, and two half-sisters. Other relatives who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Lon Porter, R. H. Marshall, Slaton, Dan Carley, Lamesa, Charley Sanders, Curly Sanders, Mrs. Reese English, Sweetwater, and Mrs. Gladys Sanders, Maryneal.

DECEMBER THIRD IS DATE LIMIT FOR COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HERE

The date of the operation of the compulsory school attendance law for the Merkel independent school district was set for Monday, December 3, by the board at their regular monthly meeting last week. On that date all children living within the bounds of the Merkel independent school district who are eight years old and yet under fifteen must be in school. Parents refusing to comply or persons employing such children between the hours of 9 and 4 are subject to a fine, each day of such absence constituting a separate offense. There are a few exceptions to the law. These may be known by conferring with County

Supt. Williams at Abilene or Supt. Burgess here.

In the past the parents of Merkel have shown a fine spirit of co-operation in this matter of school attendance, Supt. Burgess states. There are very few parents who do not want their children to attend school when the opportunity is afforded. There are, however, a few, and people will be conferring a favor upon the children of such parents if the names of such parents are quietly reported to Supt. Burgess. The children should be in school for their own good, and no parent should be allowed to stand in the way of even his own child's opportunity to prepare for life.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Contract is to be awarded December 12 on Abilene's new \$305,000 federal building, which is to front on Pine street on the present federal site.

Upon conviction of the charge of violating the 1934 federal liquor taxing act, O. C. Bloss received the maximum sentence of five years in Leavenworth penitentiary, imposed by Judge James C. Wilson in federal court in Abilene Friday.

John August Repka, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Repka, of Victoria, died from burns suffered when he fell into a tub of lye which was being used for house cleaning.

Houston was selected as the 1935 convention city for the Texas Baptist General convention. Rev. T. L. Yates of Amarillo will preach the convention sermon.

Sweetwater has been allotted \$73,100 loan and grant from the public works administration for the construction of a hospital building.

Lieut. Julius Flock, of Mobile, Ala., army flying instructor at Kelly field, San Antonio, escaped with only a sprained ankle when the motor of his airplane disintegrated and he jumped out with his parachute.

A McLennan county grand jury indicted Gerald Johnson of Abilene in two cases of robbery with firearms under the habitual criminal act and in one case of theft of over \$50.

In its closing days the legislature adopted the bill creating the lower Colorado River Authority to complete the Buchanan dam with a PWA loan of \$4,500,000.

Death Claims Brother Of Mrs. W. D. Haynes

W. B. Smith, 87, brother of Mrs. W. D. Haynes of this city, died Oct. 26 at his home in Lineville, Ala. Besides the sister here, he is survived by his wife, five sons and one daughter; two sisters and two brothers, all advanced in years, also survive. The brothers are: J. J. Smith, Ashland, Ala., 86; O. T. Smith, Lamesa, 79, and the sisters, Mrs. Mollie Hardy, Dallas, 92, and Mrs. Celia Herbert, Lineville, Ala., 74. The latter is a twin sister to Mrs. Haynes.

In its eulogy of Mr. Smith, the Lineville Tribune said: "In his passing Lineville loses a man who has left his impress upon every worthwhile enterprise in this country."

Prentice C. Rice, 88, Dies at Uvalde Sunday

Prentice C. Rice, 88, died Sunday at 10 a. m. at his home in Uvalde. His death came just a week after the death of Mrs. Rice's father, the late R. J. Adcock, who also passed away at Uvalde. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Ned Rice.

Postmaster and Mrs. Adcock, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter and Mrs. J. Willie Moore, attended the funeral on Monday, returning Wednesday. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Moore are sisters of Mrs. Rice. Another sister, Mr. R. E. Kunze, lives in Fort Worth.

PERSONALS

James Dunn of Ralls is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes left Tuesday morning to visit a daughter in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney are visiting relatives at Farmersville and Willis Point this week.

Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson and Iris Garrett spent the week-end in Stanton, returning Monday.

B. L. Peters was home from Texas Tech to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mrs. Old's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones.

W. D. Williams returned Tuesday afternoon from Albany where he had visited with an old friend, J. H. Reynolds.

Mrs. Bill Cone and children of South Bend were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tye Sublett and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox of Cisco, accompanied by Mrs. N. J. Armstrong of this place, visited relatives in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Patterson, Miss Neomia Rogers and Mr. Whifer of Herleigh were guests Sunday of Miss Zada Bell.

Odine, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Clark, is reported to be quite ill at the home of her parents in East Merkel.

W. J. Campbell and daughter, Miss Virgie Mae, spent the week-end with their daughter and sister, Mrs. George Hunter, of Lubbock.

Raymond Guthrie returned to his home at Nowata, Okla., Sunday after a week's visit in the home of his brother, C. W. Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dresser and Mrs. E. P. Earhart of Lubbock and Mrs. M. D. Martin and sons visited Mrs. B. M. Black Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Randal of Quanah was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, at Trent, and her sister, Mrs. John West, here.

Joe Frank of Fort Wayne, Ind., spent Monday night in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Mr. Frank is a grandson of Grandmother Armstrong.

Having received a message telling of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Brewer, Mrs. W. T. Johnson left Friday morning for Birmingham, Ala., to attend her bedside.

Miss Mary Eula Sears, who was accompanied to Waco by Mrs. J. B. Warren and daughter, Miss Irene Warren, returned home Thursday of last week. Miss Sears also visited in Tyler and Dallas.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Annis of Spangenberg visited for a short time with Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong Tuesday. They were en route to Abilene to attend the Northwest Texas conference of the M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Terry of Big Spring were guests Saturday night and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird. Mrs. Terry was before her marriage Miss Obeal Stubblefield and a former resident of this place.

Mrs. M. D. Angus entered the sanitarium at Temple this week for an operation. She was accompanied there by her daughter, Mrs. Esker Curtis, of Electra, and by Mrs. Austin Boyd of Abilene, both of whom have remained in Temple with her.

After a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slayden, Mrs. G. F. Slayden of Detroit, Mich., left Wednesday for Har-

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PROVISIONS OF BILL TO REMIT TAX PENALTIES

Legislative Act, When Signed, To Be Binding on Cities, School Districts and All Sub-Divisions Until Mar. 15, 1935.

Those who owe taxes which were delinquent on August 1, 1934, will now have the opportunity to pay them without the usual penalties, Representative R. M. Wagstaff has advised The Mail.

The Pope law, which was passed in the closing days of the fourth called session, will be effective 90 days after the act is signed by the governor.

The law provides that all penalties and interest on ad valorem taxes which were due on or before August 1, 1934, are released if the taxes are paid on or before March 15, 1935. If the taxes are paid between March 15, 1935, and April 1, 1935, there will be added a penalty of two per cent, with a graduated penalty each month until June 30, 1935.

The law is mandatory on all cities, school districts, water districts, etc., up until March 15, 1935. After that date the law is optional and the governing bodies of political subdivisions of the state may adopt the provisions of the law by passing an ordinance or resolution to that effect.

In view of this bill, the City of Merkel has passed a resolution remitting at once penalties and interest on delinquent taxes as of August 1, 1934, if paid on or before March 15, 1935, and the Merkel school board contemplates similar action.

Nearly Two Inches of Rain Routes Drouth

Beneficial rains—ranging from a six inch deluge at Little River, in Bell county, to light sprinkles—spread over Texas Wednesday night, breaking the general drouth of many months.

Here in Merkel, the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer showed one inch Tuesday night and three quarters of an inch Wednesday night, bringing the year's total to 11 1-4 inches.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whetsel, residing south of town, Sunday, November 11, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alexander, Blair, Tuesday, November 13, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford, Tuesday, November 13, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilma Criswell, Stith, Tuesday, November 13, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Norris Barnett, residing east of town, Tuesday, November 13, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Washburn, Shiloh, Tuesday, November 13, 1934.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE TOWN OF TRENT.

Up until the present time the cotton receipts for the Trent country amount to 2,388 bales with the prospects of the largest receipts the town has received any previous year. The top price paid today was 7.50.

Sam (Tater) Jones, who has been in East Texas for the last few weeks, returned to Trent Monday.

James Bright was painfully bruised Friday of last week by being thrown from a horse. The horse he was riding became scared at a train and in some way collided with a motorcycle and its rider.

Jake Miller, who has been very sick at home for some time with the small pox, is reported much better and on the road to recovery.

John Brunson of the Longworth community was in Trent Saturday with his 65th bale of cotton for the present season off his farm in this community. Mr. Brunson expects to make a total of 200 bales of cotton this year, if weather conditions will permit speedy gathering of the fleecy staple.

MEET ROTAN IN LAST GAME HOME SEASON

Friday's Contest to be Dedicated To the Late Joel Darsey; Badgers Play Pied Pipers to a Draw.

The Badgers and the Pied Pipers of Hamlin fought to a 7-7 draw Friday afternoon on the Hamlin field.

Merkel scored in the first quarter after a 45-yard drive down the field.

Boaz finally carried the ball across on a line play. He also kicked goal for extra point. Hamlin came back and scored in the second quarter after a penalty had set Merkel back to the 20-yard line. With a first down on the 1-foot line the Badgers held the Pipers without gain for three downs, but on the last down Ivy, quarterback, carried the ball across on an off tackle play.

The Badgers lost several chances to score. Late in the last quarter Boaz attempted a field goal only to have it go wide.

Both teams tried several passes only to drop them or have them knocked down. Only two of Merkel's passes were complete: Boaz to Adcock and Boaz to Cypert. Hamlin completed three for a nice gain. In first downs the Badgers had considerably the edge but each team picked up about the same yardage.

On Friday of this week Merkel plays Rotan here. The Badgers have not lost a home game this year and expect to win from Rotan.

Boaz, key man and captain, may not be able to play because of a knee injury received in the Hamlin game. The rest of the team came out all right except for a few scratches and bruises. With the exception of Boaz, the team should be in fine shape for Friday's game with Rotan.

According to custom this, the last home game of the season, will be dedicated to Joel Darsey, captain of 1930.

Pre-Thanksgiving Praise Service Sunday

A pre-Thanksgiving praise service will be given by the choir of the Presbyterian church directed by Miss Christine Collins at the evening hour Sunday, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Everyone in the city and the surrounding communities is invited.

Rabbit Races to Be Staged Every Sunday

Greyhound races are scheduled at 2:30 every Sunday at the racing course 1 1-2 miles west of Abilene on the Bankhead highway.

Promoters of the races announce that they now have a mechanical rabbit running in a circular track. A small admission price of 25 cents is charged.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reaves and J. Cal Hamner were in Merkel Tuesday.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin and family to El Paso after having resided here twenty-seven years is deeply regretted by their many friends. The Coggin home is situated one mile north of town; was sold to E. E. Britton, formerly of Noodelle, the consideration being \$10,500.00 for the 250 acres of land and some personal property. The deal was made by John G. Jackson. The family departed Sunday evening with the exception of Mr. Coggin and his son, Dillard, who remained to complete the loading of the stock and household goods.

W. Faulkner, George Calahan and M. E. Bockman tried the virtues of the Jones county mud by a jaunt over to the Shiloh store last Friday afternoon.

Dewitt Haynes, who has been very low with typhoid fever at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, is reported to be much better and is now well on the road to recovery.

Jones County Council Tours Highest Ranking Wardrobes, Pantries

Friday, November 9, was a gala day for Jones County Demonstration club women who, as demonstrators and co-operators, accompanied by Jones county officials and other non-club members as guests, participated in an all-day tour sponsored by Jones County Home Demonstration council.

According to previous arrangement the twelve wardrobes and pantries ranking highest were visited, they being as follows: Pleasant Hill, Mrs. J. S. Carman, pantry; Stith, Mrs. Edgar Bradley, wardrobe, (Mrs. Bradley won county contest in June as Class I demonstrator.); Noodle, Mrs. J. M. Williamson, pantry; Anderson chapel, Mrs. J. G. Heald, wardrobe, (Mrs. Heald won first place in state clothing contest in 1933 as Class I demonstrator and she won third place in state contest in 1934 as Class II demonstrator.); Lakota, Mrs. Walter Love, wardrobe; Liberty, Mrs. J. W. Chandler, pantry; Avoca, Mrs. Hilton White; Luaders, Mrs. G. W. Stanford, pantry; Swan Chapel, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell.

At noon the party reached the home of Mrs. Fleet Poe, Neinda, where a bountiful luncheon was served to 125 club members and guests. The lunch was served by the Neinda and South Hamlin Home Demonstration clubs, assisted by the 4-H club girls. To Mrs. Poe and members of said club we express our deepest gratitude for their wonderful hospitality.

After lunch Miss Sue Bonner introduced Judge Otis Miller, John Turner, commissioner precinct 1, Mrs. Lloyd Sebastian, chairman Jones county council, and Mrs. S. C. Ferguson, chairman South Hamlin club, all of whom responded briefly.

Miss Bonner then officially announced Mrs. Fleet Poe winner of first place in pantry work, being awarded a trip to the Farmers Short Course in 1935. Mrs. Poe, briefly summarized her pantry work, after which guests were invited to inspect her pantry containing some 400 containers of standardized quality products, properly labeled, (for a family of three.)

These demonstrators, as well as the other 30 demonstrators of Jones county, have strived to carry out our motto, "To make the best better." The clubs stand for better homes, products of higher quality, more convenient arrangement of things at hand and more economic principles.

Especially are we indebted to Miss Sue Bonner for her untiring efforts as county demonstration agent the past three years. Not only to organized clubs has her work been extend-

Elected Vice-President American Gas Ass'n



L. B. DENNING.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 15.—National leadership of another Texan was recognized this week when the American Gas association, convened here in 16th annual convention, elected L. B. Denning of Dallas, president of Lone Star Gas Co., vice-president of the international organization for 1935. Election to this position places the pioneer Texas natural gas man in line for president in 1936, according to precedent.

"The natural gas industry especially in the Southwest looks forward with courage despite its many problems. Its supreme aim is to deliver best possible service to customers," said Mr. Denning in accepting the election.

The American Gas association represents one of the world's leading industries and is composed of artificial and natural gas distributor, transmission, production, and manufacturing companies in the United States and Canada. All previous heads of the association have been from the east and north, and Mr. Denning is the first to bring the office to the Southwest.

A pioneer and leader in the natural gas industry, Mr. Denning has been identified with Lone Star Gas Co. since 1909 when he organized the firm. He has served as president since 1915. It was under his direction that the company developed into the first extensive transmission system for serving small and widely separated towns in the Southwest.

ed but to unorganized communities as well.

(Reported by Mrs. V. L. Merritt, chairman Jones county expansion committee.)

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

"Cotton Control From Farmer's Viewpoint," Limestone Resolutions

"Cotton Control from Farmer's Viewpoint" is the title of an article in "Farm and Ranch" November 1 by Dan Dove, of Limestone county, Texas, himself a farmer, and most of which article is concerned with action in convention assembled of Limestone county farmers. The article has been generally quoted and much discussed and, hence, The Mail is reprinting the substance of these resolutions.

In convention, with 2,000 farmers present, the following resolution was passed with only four dissenting votes:

"Whereas, it appears that the only way to reduce the surplus, insure orderly, balanced production and stabilize the price of cotton is through federal control of production; and

"Whereas, it has been stated by officials high-up in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration that plans are now in the making for a long time cotton production control; and

"Whereas, any control policy that is to blanket the entire cotton producing states should be designed to protect the interest of all farmers, insure, as near as possible, just and equitable reductions on every farm of whatsoever unit or size, and bring about a balanced system of farming at a minimum cost;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the farmers of Limestone county, Texas, in mass meeting assembled, that we condemn the Bankhead cotton control law now in effect in the cotton states, and demand that it not be applied as a cotton control remedy further than the 1934 crop.

"1. The manipulations of the allotment feature under the five-year average plan for a given farm is inequitable, and almost impossible to administer in a just and fair manner.

"2. The allotment feature under the five-year average plan cuts deep into the cash crop of the farmer who over a period of years has followed a system of balanced farming, and places a penalty on the farmer who has already put into practice the policy the government now seeks to apply.

"3. Through the manipulation of the allotment feature of the Bankhead bill, many small farms have received an allotment equal to not more than 40 per cent of their actual five-year average.

"4. It has placed the brunt of the reduction loan on the back of the man least able to carry it, and reduced his cash income far below the needs of his family living budget.

"5. In proof of the above paragraph (No. 4), we refer to actual figures in contracts and Bankhead allotment papers where individual farms have been reduced from their base average of 5 bales to 3 bales, and then through

a series of later reductions were finally allotted 2 bales. This means an annual gross income of perhaps \$150.00 for a family of five. Federal relief budget for a family of like size for same period would be above \$300.

"6. The Bankhead law has been too expensive in administration, has interfered with individual initiative, has curtailed use of good farm sense, and reversed the whole philosophy underlying the age old principle of agriculture."

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

TODAY'S GAME HONORS MEMORY FORMER CAPTAIN

Friday afternoon, Nov. 16, Merkel meets Rotan on the local field for the last home game of the season. As has been the custom since the death of Joel Darsey, captain of the 1930 squad, the last home game will be dedicated to him. Those Badgers will be out there fighting to win with the memory of Joel's smiling face before them.

This game also marks the end of several of the Badgers' football careers on the home field. When the gun sounds ending the game, Boaz, four year letter man and captain, McAninch, Tipton, Robertson, Richards, Carson, Cook, Sublett, Bickley, Patton, Cypert and Malone will have performed for the last time on their home field during their high school football careers.

The Badgers have one record of which they may be proud—they have not lost a home game this year, and intend to take revenge on Rotan who defeated them last year 34 to 0.

TIED HAMLIN.

The Merkel Badgers, along with a few Pep Squad members and some town backers, went to Hamlin Friday for a game with the Pied Pipers. Although it was a tie, it was considered a very good game. The Badgers threatened to score several times, tried two field goals and completed several pretty passes, which made the game more interesting for the fans on the side-lines.

CONSTRUCTION OF GYM.

The students are excited over the rapid construction of the gymnasium. The walls are up and have one coat

The Badger Weekly

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(This issue published by Clara Frances Largent.)

Our Seniors

Veda Helen Bradley.
Although Veda Helen is a new pupil in our school, she has already acquired many personal friends. She has a smile larger and more lovable than that of Ginger Rogers! And oh, those eyes! They seem to be as magical as "The Piper's Son," for they make both boys and girls love her. She is making an excellent record in her studies this year; she almost led the class, although this is her first year in Merkel High school. Helen, we will be watching your future for further development of your talents.

Robert Bickley.

We have in our Senior class another Daniel Webster, and who can it be, unless it is Robert. We expect him to be one of the world's greatest orators of the present century. He has a tongue that would clip a hedge. When Robert is in the crowd everybody knows it, for his wit tints the world like a sunrise.

OPPORTUNITY.

With doubt and dismay you are smitten;
You think there's no chance for you, son?
Why, the best books haven't been written.
The best race hasn't been run.
The best score hasn't been made yet.
The best song hasn't been sung.
The best tune hasn't been played yet.
Cheer up, for the world is young!

No chance? Why the world is just eager
For things you ought to create.
Its store of true wealth is still meager.
Its needs are incessant and great.
It yearns for more power and beauty.
More laughter and love and romance.
More loyalty, labor and duty
No chance—why, there's nothing but chance!

For the best verse hasn't been rhymed yet.
The best house hasn't been planned.
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet.
The mightiest rivers haven't been spanned.
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted:
The chances have just begun,
For the best jobs haven't been started.
The best work hasn't been done.

of paint on both the outside and inside. The dressing rooms, stage and bleachers are built. Everything is done that can be until a carload of lumber comes with which to make the roof.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY IN AN EARTHQUAKE??

The lightning flashed and the thunder ripped the heavens with an ear-splitting roar. The earth trembled beneath Merkel.

Thud! Mr. Burgess's head hit the bedstead and he awoke with a start, the plants and stars whirling about him. A sharp pain was followed by heavy throbbing on the top of his head. He got up and staggered to the window, his feet shifting about in a peculiar dance. Still in a daze from the blow on his head, he mumbled as he grasped the window for support, "If you're going to-a-dance-pay the-fiddler."

Miss Martin crawled under her bed and clutched the slats with all the strength and grip of a person drowning, while she muttered, half-awake, "Ora, don't bring any more chewing gum to my study hall." Mrs. Haynes staggered to a rocking chair. Taking Billy on one knee and Jackie on the other, she sang "Little Bluebirds of My Heart." The two children screamed at the top of their voices while the chair rocked violently with the jar of Merkel's worst earthquake.

Miss Patterson, a sound sleeper, bounced up and down without opening her eyes. "We're full of pep, 'n everything," she sang, her voice shaking with her body.

Mr. Irvin jumped out of bed, his red night cap, which his grandfather had worn before him, was cocked on the side of his head like an Empress Eugene, yelling, "Get that man, you boys!" Mrs. Irvin fell off the bed on the other side and, in a frantic effort to gain her husband's side, caught her big toe in the lace of the bottom of her gown and fell sprawling on the floor crying, "Now, sit quietly." Mr. Irvin, thinking she had fainted, ran to the kitchen, grabbed a glass of something and dashed the contents upon her. The door opened and Mr. Duke came in with his flash light. In the dark, Mr. Irvin had picked up a glass of sugar syrup instead of water and had poured the sticky liquid on his wife's feet instead of her head.

Mr. Riddle pushed his feet into shoes filled with glue which Tommy Ray had poured into them the previous evening. After consulting all the barometers, thermometers, weather-vanes, and the latest Abilene Reporter, our scientist decided that the quaking was caused by the aludriating of the west Texas sand with last year's mesquite bushes.

Famous Sayings

"You can't fool me."—Clara Frances.
"Wow."—Mary Helen Lancaster.
"Now don't blush, Billie." Willie B.
"Wee is me."—Sarah.
"How do you do, gals."—R. T. Blair.
"Hello, sweet pea."—Joe Cook.
"Well, do you?"—Bussie.
"Careful, sister."—Jack L.
"How am I doing?"—Oscar.
"Hot cha!"—Betty.
"Now if we could think of something really clever."—Miss Patterson.
"My uncle, he."—William (Pinky).
"Come on, Badgers."—Sis.
"Good Grannie alive, says me, says I."—Bud.
"Oh, how ducky."—Frances Higgins.
"Come on, gang."—Ben.
"Signals—punt formation to the right, play number ten."—Bob, formally known as Robert, Jr.
"Well, I haven't got much to say."—Cal.

JOKES.

Lloyd: "Well, I hear your uncle is one of the best aviators this country has ever known."
Eelon: "Yes, he is. You know he's a Maxwell House aviator."
Lloyd: "A Maxwell House aviator?"
Eelon: "Yea! Good to the last drop."

Mother: "Quiet son, the doctor has come to remove your father's appendix."

Sen: "My Word! Does he have that on the installment plan also?"

Oscar: "What's the trouble; you look tired this morning; look like you have been standing up all night."

Waymon R.: "Yea! I have. I went to see my girl last night and she insisted on playing the piano."

Oscar: "Yea; but why did you have to stand up?"
Waymon R.: "Oh! All she could play was "The Star Spangled Banner."

Hubby: "Well, I think I shall look for me a job and quit loafing."

Girlie: "Say! You can't find a job in that paper. Why it's seven years old."

Hubby: "Oh, yea! Well, I have a better chance seven years ago than now."

Mrs. Irvin: "Wake up, wake up! You're talking in your sleep."

Mr. Irvin: "Oh! hum! yea! Well, do you hold a grudge against me for those few words?"

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Newspapers, as always, head the list of media to be used, said L. Richardson, president. He expressed the belief that consistent newspaper advertising is responsible to a large extent for the tremendous sales of Vick preparations—over 53,000,000 packages this year.

"Our nearly thirty years of experience have convinced us that the newspaper provides the most flexible and reliable form of advertising," he said. "Especially heavy schedules will be run in newspapers in connection with introduction of the new size of Va-tro-nol." This new size was announced only recently.

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what it was in 1929 and throughout the past four years has maintained at the 1929 level, Mr. Richardson said.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton of Blair entertainer on November 5 with a party in honor of their daughter, Margie's fourteenth birthday. After playing games the guests were invited into the dining room where the table was centered with a lovely cake, lighted with fourteen candles.

Cake, fruit salad and punch were served at the refreshment hour. The honoree received many useful and lovely gifts and the guests departed at a late hour, wishing her many more happy birthdays. Those present were:

Mrs. Carl Hughes and children, J. W., Mary Lou and Carlene; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell and children, Jack and Bill; Mrs. Will Campbell and son, Billie; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton and children, Deverle and Wallace; Miss Margaret Thomas, Mrs. Adelle Eassen, Mrs. Ward and son, Leonard; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and children, Junior, Margie, Don, Jackie and Mary Elizabeth; Harold and Elwood Cox, Elwonna, Clayton and Criswell Doan, Norman, M. L. and Hosea Windham, Exel and Deverle Hunter, Ruby, Christine and Jessie Muri Brown, Louise, Arthur and H. E. Addison, Willie Jo and Paul Riney, J. L. Meeks, Doris Mitchell, Arthur Moore, Patty Melton, Joy Doan, Mary Frances Harris and Beulah Wilson.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met at the school house Friday evening with open house. Reports from committees were made.

The program consisted of songs from the school children under the direction of their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobdy. Music was furnished by Messrs. Jack Pannell, Jr. and Otis and A. L. Rogers. Although speakers from Abilene, did not arrive the program was enjoyed by everyone.

The club decided to try for the standard in the study course. Mrs. Vernon Hobdy and Mrs. I. R. Blanton are to be leaders in the course. In order to do this the club will meet the second and fourth Friday nights each month. The first meeting for the study course will be the fourth Friday night in November.

On the second Friday night in December, which is regular P. T. A. night, there will be a pie supper, sponsored by the P. T. A. women.

CHURCH-WALSH.

The marriage of Miss Marie Walsh to Mr. Clarence Church was solemnized Saturday evening at six o'clock in the home of Rev. P. H. Gates, Methodist minister of Merkel, who read the ceremony.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh. She is an honor graduate of Noodle high school and a talented musician. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of Stith. He graduated from Merkel High school in 1933, when he was elected best all-round boy. He is a prosperous young farmer of the Stith community. Both families are well known in the surrounding communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Church will make their home at Stith where a host of friends will welcome them and wish for them all possible happiness and prosperity.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

Busy Bee club met in the home of Mrs. W. U. Beene on Thursday, November 8. With the president in charge of the business meeting, plans were discussed concerning the Thanksgiving dinner to be held in the home of Mrs. H. B. Robertson on next regular meeting day, November 22. Club members have invited their husbands to be present at this time.

Officers elected for the new year are as follows: president, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley; vice-president, Mrs. Roy Harrell; secretary, Mrs. W. C. Lee; assistant secretary, Miss Celia Hester; reporter, Mrs. Joe C. Higgins; council member, Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

Mrs. H. B. Robertson is the first year wardrobe demonstrator and Miss Ruth Pinckley is second year wardrobe demonstrator. Mrs. J. S. Pinckley was awarded the basket.

Mrs. Bill Hays was enrolled as a new member. Other members present were: Mesdames Luther Land, Bor-

don Perkins, Gay McClain, Annus Garvin, F. L. Castleberry, T. C. Allen and W. E. Petty.

During the social hour the hostess passed apples to the guests.

STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

A number of the Stith ladies went on the Jones county extension tour on Friday, Nov. 9. Those going were: Mesdames E. Deaton, Thelma West, Guy Glenn, Walter Kelso, T. E. Woolsey, Bill Dunagin, Bryan Dunagin, Charlie Sherrill, Paul Bradley, Hollis McCoy and Sam Mashburn.
(Details of the tour appear elsewhere in this issue.)

IN HONOR OF HUSBAND'S BIRTHDAY.

On last Friday night Mrs. J. O. Hallmark entertained a number of friends and relatives in honor of her husband's birthday. Early in the evening all were escorted into the dining room and seated at a table loaded in all manner of good things to eat. The center of attraction was the large birthday cake with the 44 lighted candles. Mr. Hallmark was lucky in being able to extinguish, in the first effort, all of them.

After supper games of "42" and checkers were enjoyed by all who cared to play. At a late hour delicious ice cream and cake was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Graham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Gaham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ashford, Otis Ashford, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ashford and the host and hostess and their children.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

On Tuesday, November 13, at three o'clock Mrs. Nim Teaff and Misses Mary Ella Horton and Evelyn Robertson were hostesses for a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Leonard E. Turner, who was before her marriage Miss Gladys Petty.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with roses and autumn leaves and at the refreshment hour a salad plate reflecting the pink and green color theme was passed to Mesdames Ernest Teaff, J. J. Jowers, Ted Bigham, Misses Lucille and Lonetta Teaff, Laura Mae Jowers, Estelle Ayers and Muri Teaff, all of Tye, Mesdames J. A. Horton, J. W. Teaff, W. E. Petty, Bill Hays and Miss Selena Teaff, Salt Branch, Mrs. Byers Petty of Merkel and the hostesses.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

An increase from 728 on Sunday, Nov. 4, to 741 last Sunday was noted in the reports from the six Sunday Schools in Merkel. This compares with 840 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. At the evening hour, beginning at 7 o'clock, there will be a Pre-Thanksgiving praise service. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday night our choir director, Yates Brown, planned a beautiful musical program in keeping with Armistice Day, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Comer Haynes gave a reading as only she can give. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. W. M. U. 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. Come and be on time, there is a place for you.

As this is conference week, there will be no preaching at 11 a. m. nor 7 p. m. Sunday. You are invited to attend the conference at First Church, Abilene, from Thursday until appointments are read out Sunday night, Nov. 18.

Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. The W. M. S. and the Mary Martha's will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Boys and Girls World club Monday 4 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

EASTERN STAR NOTICE.

Our meeting has been cancelled. We now meet first and third Tuesday nights of each month. All members are requested to attend. Visitors are cordially invited.

Ira Dee Waters, W. M.
Aurra Johnson, Sec'y.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

The following officers of the Woodmen Circle Tuesday visited Mrs. Ted Lassiter, a member, who is in West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene: Mesdames Pearl Hollingsworth, Emma Richardson, Bettie Allday, Nancy Polley and Lila Rea. Mrs. Lassiter is reported doing nicely.

On last Friday, which was her eightieth birthday, a number of the children and grandchildren of Mrs. J. L. Banner surprised her by visits during the day extending happy congratulations.

Mrs. J. T. Warren sustained a broken bone in her left wrist when she fell backward as she was pulling dead flowers from her yard last Friday morning. The injury, while not serious, has proved painful at times.

A class in Texas history, especially fitting in advance of the Centennial celebration in 1936, is being conducted by Miss Margaret Turner in connection with the adult classes sponsored by the federal government.

Classes are held from 3 to 5 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and those desiring to enter may come for either class.

Heralding the arrival of the deer season, a party of local hunters left Thursday for Llano county. In the group are: Rev. R. A. Walker, Booth Warren, A. R. Booth, Henry Wilson, Gene Reece and J. M. Barr, the latter of Paris.

A Merkel girl, Miss Beth Hamm, was one of eight girls entered in the race for election as university queen of Hardin-Simmons university. Miss Mildred Richeson of Mankins was named queen.

Box and Pie Supper.

There will be a box and pie supper at Butman on Friday night, November 23. Two plays will be presented and the public is urged to come. The proceeds will go to building the tabernacle.

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PEAS, American Wonder,
No. 2 cans, 4 cans **54c**

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3 cans **14c**

CABBAGE, nice and firm
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APPLES, fancy Jonathan,
each **1c**

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STEAK, loin or T-bone, 2 lbs **25c**
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BACON, dry salt, No.1
square cut, lb. **19c**

ROAST, baby beef, rolled and
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HAMBURG, fresh ground
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ROAST, pork shoulder,
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- SOAP FLAKES, White House **5c**
- PEAS, Mission **15c**
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FOR SALE OR TRADE—31 Ford coupe; good condition. Fred Guitar, Jr.

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WANTED TO TRADE good work horse for colt. Mannie Barnes, Route 5, Merkel, Texas.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—January 1, store building on Front street, now occupied by Lancaster Radio shop. W. O. Boney.

FOR RENT—5-room house, newly papered. See Mrs. J. C. Walton at Mrs. Causseaux's.

FOR RENT—Good 4-room house, near school. See John S. Hughes.

FOR RENT—My home unfurnished and my two-story brick building on Kent street January 1. See Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

LOST AND FOUND

TRAYED from place, two calves; spear or L on left hip. Notify Clyde Latimer, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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If your kidneys function badly and you have a lame, aching back, with attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains... use **Doan's Pills**. Doan's are especially for poorly functioning kidneys. Millions of boxes are used every year. They are recommended the country over. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. John Walker, Baptist pastor here, accompanied by Woodrow Patton of Merkel, Willie Mathews of Trent and Johnnie Latimer of Blair, attended the Baptist General convention at San Antonio the past week. They also visited the historical places of that city while there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Alexander, accompanied by their son, Carl Alexander, of O'Donnell, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alexander the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander will spend an indefinite time in this home.

Rufus Young of Hearne visited recently with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaffer of Silvertown were guests the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer.

Mrs. Will Hayes and Earl Walker of Merkel visited the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborn.

W. S. White, a traveling salesman of San Antonio, spent the week-end with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, and family.

Mrs. S. L. Scoggins returned home recently after a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. I. W. Willbanks, of Mineola.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Eason and little daughter of Alabama moved into our midst recently and we hope they will like their new home fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley had as their dinner guests Sunday their mother, Mrs. M. J. Cox, of Merkel; Mrs. A. C. Johnson of Itasca, Mrs. E. M. Cox and children, Johnnie Lee, Abbra and Willima, of Buffalo Gap, Misses Conna Emerson and Edith Smith of Abilene. Other visitors in the afternoon in this home were Miss Gene Mangum of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox and children, Billie, Aline and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and son of New Mexico, en route to Clyde, were passing visitors with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, Friday.

day. Mr. and Mrs. Melton and family accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Doan to Clyde and spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, accompanied by Mesdames Carl Doan, V. L. Doan and Hugh Campbell, spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman, also their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, who is visiting in that home for an indefinite time.

The box supper held at the school auditorium on Nov. 9 was well attended. C. H. Jones of Merkel auctioned off the many pretty boxes and a

nice sum of money was raised for the benefit of the school.

Several from here attended the services at Eutman Sunday conducted by the eloquent evangelist, W. B. Morton, of Abilene.

Mrs. John Russell, president of the Home Demonstration club, and Mrs. J. E. Dusek, council member, attended the council meeting Saturday at the city hall auditorium, Abilene.

The ladies of the Blair community met at the Methodist church on November 8 and quilted a quilt in honor of Rev. Arthur Kendall, the pastor. A nice covered dish lunch was served at the noon hour. Those present were:

Mesdames Susie F. Doan, E. J. Osborn, E. E. Akins, Jim Campbell, John Russell, M. E. Provine, Howard Brown, C. M. Campbell, Luther Osborn, J. H. Maddera, V. L. Doan, Marion Logan, Miss Nola Provine, Mesdames Johnnie Latimer, Sam Phillips, R. E. Windham, Jack Latimer, S. L. Scoggins, W. J. Smith, Pat Addison, Will Campbell, John Meeks, Misses Dora Mae Meeks, Bessie Lou Windham, Edith Akins, Frances Russell, Anna Addison, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, little Patsy Nell Thomas, Melba Gene Logan, Vaughn Doan.

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by AGNES LOUISE PROVOST

SIXTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS—Three weeks after a cream colored roadster had been found wrecked in the sea at the foot of a cliff, a girl calling herself Anne Cushing appears at the desert town Marston. She has bought, sight unseen, a ranch located thirty miles away. Barry Duane, her nearest neighbor and his man, Boone Petry procure a reliable woman for her and in Barry's car, loaded down with supplies, they start across the desert. In Marston her reticence has aroused suspicion. Barry and Anne become more than neighbors and when Anne is lost in the hills and rescued by Barry, each realizes that something more than friendship exists between them.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

A quiet mood seemed to have descended on Barry. When the coffee was finished he smoked for a few moments in silence, his eyes coming back every few seconds to the clear little profile turned toward him. Anne felt that restless scrutiny.

"Weren't you," she asked suddenly, "going to tell me about the town of Dnane?"

"So I was." He shifted his position. "It's just the story of a man who wanted to turn a desert into a garden. He was my uncle, Robert Duane. He worked like a giant for it, and died broken and ridiculed, and discredited."

His face was black as he stared down at the lake.

"He loved this country. He came here from the East years ago, and he came across this lake and took over a big tract of land. He saw that this lake was the biggest body of water in miles, but useless to those dry plains down there, and he began dreaming of the things that could be done."

"I see," said Anne softly. "It was a big dream."

"Yes, it was big. It was particularly big for one man to swing. He built this place, and after that I came and lived with him every summer."

He stopped, frowning reminiscently. "When they actually started work on the dam, people began to take serious notice. They remembered what was being done in the Imperial Valley. Eagle Lake swarmed with workers, and the dam grew. And then the big day came."

"It was a great day. No matter what came of it, it can never be anything less than that. The signal was given and the water rushed down the sluiceways to make his wilderness blossom. Everybody cheered, and Uncle Bob gripped my shoulder and said, 'Barry, you and I believed in this when other people laughed. When I go, this is to be yours.'"

Barry looked at her with a twisted grin.

"So this is my inheritance, and anybody down in Marston would tell you that it's no better than junk. For after the first big moment the tragedy came. The irrigation was there, but it didn't irrigate. The alley was full of gravel sinks that no one had suspected, and the water drained off as fast as it was run in. It was a complete, smashing failure."

"Oh, how dreadful!" It was all that she found herself able to say.

Barry threw away a half-consumed cigarette and arose.

"The Pinos isn't the only stretch of arid land around here. There's the Junipero, bigger and better, and with a soil—it isn't really sand—that will give its very heart to you for a steady supply of water. I want to use this dam to irrigate the Junipero."

He ran a brown hand through his hair and laughed abruptly.

"I suppose you think I'm chasing an elusive rainbow?"

"Why shouldn't you, if you've found one that's worth chasing?"

"You darling!" His eyes kindled.

"For these kind words. . . ."

She jumped up and gave him a prim little marionette's bow. "Come on, lazy, I want to go down by the lake again."

He arose obligingly and followed her, overtaking her in two strides. They went down side by side, and where the pitch was steep he caught her arm in his. Within a few yards of the water's edge he spread out his coat for her to sit on and dropped down beside her.

"Anne, will you marry me?"

"You're a sudden person, Barry."

"I've needed for time. Do you realize that we'd never met until a few weeks ago? Just four—"

"Four days was enough for me. Anne, darling, I don't want to rush you, but you know how I feel, don't

you? I love you. I keep seeing you here all the time, every day, every hour. You and I together. . . . Anne!"

Warmth flooded over her; there was a singing tingle in her veins. Why not? Who in that distant, outside world would ever know? Just the two of them, here in this secluded place.

Temptation tugged at her. "Take your chance!" it whispered. "Take it! . . ."

And then recollection flooded back, crawling over her like an oily wave.

"Anne, look at me!"

Her throat felt stiff and dry. "Oh, Barry, please! We've been such good friends. Don't let's spoil it."

"Oh—spoil it!" The warmth died out of his face. He looked stung and hurt, and suddenly tight lipped.

"Sorry!" he said curtly. "I must have got the wrong idea. I thought—well, it's been rather nice, going around like this. I had a feeling . . . a hope . . . It was getting to mean something to you, too . . . my conceit, probably."

The words came jerkily. He looked up suddenly. "See here, is it because of somebody else, or just because I'm myself?"

She shook her head. "There isn't anybody else. And I hate to hear you talk like that. Barry, isn't it possible to like—to be awfully fond of somebody without—"

"Not for you and me." Barry looked at her moodily, softening because she really did look unhappy about it, and because she was so lovely—so damnably lovely.

"All right," he said, and forced a smile. "We won't let it spoil things. It's not your fault if I don't make a hit with you. But don't think he reached out and laid a firm clasp on her wrist—"don't think that I'll give up without an everlastingly good try."

She would not look at him. Couldn't he see that he was tearing her heart out? "It's no use, Barry, I like you awfully, but—"

"I don't want to be liked," he said savagely. "I'd want you to be just as crazy about me as I am about you. I'd never be satisfied with just possessing—I want all of you."

All of her! She felt desolate and a little frightened. It occurred to her that no matter what came to her now—love, friendship, trouble—she would always have something to hide.

A restless week crawled by. Another, flat and uninteresting, trudged stolidly at its heels. The days were just days, one of them plodding stupidly after another. Barry still came down to Trail's End, but he seemed always to be on his way somewhere else.

Playing around with Barry was dangerous, but letting him go left a blank emptiness. Anne worked violently, indoors and out, but the zest had gone from it. Warmth and color had gone.

The day had not been of the kind to encourage a stiff morale. A hot wind had been blowing in from the desert for hours. Anne sat for a while beside her tinkling little creek.

"Miss Anne, are you out here?"

"Coming, Martha. Anything I can do?"

"I wish you'd do up that package Boone's going to stop for. I've left some paper on the table."

Martha had left a sheet of newspaper spread out for her. Anne looked down at it, idly.

A heading caught her eye. It was a Los Angeles paper, and it was two months old. She leaned over the spread-out sheet. Then she was very still.

To Martha, out in the kitchen, there came the sharp sound of tearing paper.

"Oh, Martha, I've torn this! Have you any more?"

The voice was careless, but her eyes were brilliant with excitement as she came to the kitchen door. She tied the package up swiftly, and then vanished into her own room. The newspaper went also.

Once behind a closed door she spread it out again, more carefully this time, scanning each word for some hidden meaning. Relief was creeping all through her, warm and lovely.

"Thank God," she whispered, "I don't have to be afraid of that!"

The last words were shaky . . . Mustn't get hysterical.

When she came out a few moments later there was a hit in her voice which Martha had not heard for days.

"I'm going for a little run before supper," she called, and went out to-

ward the corral. A few moments later pinto and girl flew past the kitchen window with a clear call and a scurry of hoofs.

"Somethin's cheered her up mighty quick," she commented.

At one side of the room hung two of Anne's dresses, freshly ironed. Martha went into Anne's room to put them where they belonged. Then, arms akimbo, she looked around. On a chair, half concealed by an orange cushion lay a folded ewspaper. Martha picked it up.

"I do wonder what started her off like that. Well, if it's in print it can't be any secret."

Martha sat down to read. There were only two sheets of it and the news would be stale, but she plodded through it carefully. There was political news, which she skipped. Somebody had been brutally shot down in a hold-up. A bold headline featured the latest divorce scandal, and a "mystery woman" who had vanished into the blue; a much smaller case noted the death of a once prominent financier. Some young girl had been drowned and the body had not yet been recovered, and a very rich man had offered a reward for it. A brief two inches of type said that the man found badly wounded in the outskirts of Ventura had been identified, but refused to name his assailant. A screen luminary had just received his final decree of divorce.

Martha read patiently.

"Murders and suicides and divorces!" she sniffed. "I don't see much in them to cheer anybody up. Hmp!"

There was a spot on Barry's homeward way—or rather, out of his way—where Trail's End was in full view. He detoured until he reached it and pulled up, half tempted to turn and ride down.

Out from the modest group of low buildings a dancing speck came, a girl and a pinto horse. How Anne did love to ride!

The pinto was sweeping on gloriously. They would pass almost beneath him. He turned Captain about.

"Old man, if we go around by the trail it will take half an hour at your prettiest, but if we take the old slide we can join the lady pronto."

Ponto was a word that Captain understood. He took the steep plunge valiantly and without a pause.

"Hello. Any objection if I ride along?"

"Reckless cowboy, aren't you? Do you usually slide down half a mountainide to meet your friends?"

"No, this is something special. Movie stuff," he added, deprecatingly, half ashamed of his dramatic plunge.

"It was a real thrill, anyway, but for the first few seconds you had me well scared. Suppose Captain had stumbled, or anything?"

"Captain doesn't stumble or anything."

"Comet doesn't stumble, either."

Barry glanced up with a quick frown. "Pinto, we can't let these two

beat us, can we?"

"Don't think of trying such a thing?"

His voice was rough with anxiety.

"You did it."

"I've done it before," he said doggedly. "It's a fool trick anyway. One misstep, and you could be killed or crippled for the rest of your life. And I'd always have to remember that it had come about through an act of mine."

Barry swung close, his fingers reaching for her hand.

"You're precious to me, Anne, whether you want to be or not. Please promise that you won't try it. Not unless it's life or death."

"I might promise that. I wasn't really going to anyway." She did not take her hand away, and he gathered up the other and held them together.

"Is that all you can promise?"

She looked slowly up at him.

"You won't just be friends, Barry?"

"No. There's nothing to it. I've tried but it won't work."

The hands seemed to snuggle down contentedly.

"I've tried too, Barry, and it doesn't work at all."

"Anne! Do you mean it?"

Anne looked at him.

"You darling!" he said huskily, and gathered her into his arms. Time lost its meaning.

She looked up and caught his eyes on her.

"There isn't the least reason why we shouldn't be married right away, is there? How about—tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow!" Anne sat up straight at that. "Indeed I won't! Do give me a minute to feel engaged."

"I nearly lost you once, and I'm not taking any more chance. Wednesday, then."

"Just quietly, Barry? Without any fuss at all?"

"As quietly as you like. That suits me. We'll have a honeymoon at the Petch and take a trip later."

"I don't want a trip. I'd rather stay right here."

"No trip? Maybe you'll change your mind. There's lots of time. . . . About that wedding day. . . ."

"Likes his own way, doesn't he? I'm taking an awful chance. . . . Monday?"

"Monday. You know. . . it's going to be pretty nice, isn't it?"

She nodded quickly. They sat there together like two children, suddenly shy.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Misses Viola Smith and Helen Hogue visited the former's mother, Mrs. Smith, of Sweetwater, on Monday.

Miss Cliffla Jene Estep, accompanied by her Grandmother Estep, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal of Sweetwater last week.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett of Merkel spent a few hours with Mrs. E. C. Smith and Mrs. Knox one day last week.

Mrs. W. A. Hogue left Monday for Farwell for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Kelley.

Lee Rogers and family returned home Sunday after spending the week-end in Brownfield at the bedside of their son-in-law, Ansil O'Neal, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Tredaway Daniel hospital there. His condition has been serious, but is much improved.

Miss Mamye Robinson is at Ranger as a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Williams. She will visit other friends also.

Miss Inez Parker, who is teaching at Post, was home last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Eva Parker.

The ladies of the Baptist church had an all-day meeting last Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson, the purpose to sew for the Buckner Orphans home. There was a good number present and the meeting was well carried out by those who had charge. Several garments were made and remodeled. The report in full will be made later, as this box is to reach them for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Ben Howell and Mrs. Roy Elliott were guests with Mrs. Elliott's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, of Sylvester, a short while last Tuesday.

Mrs. Pete Coleman of Iraan, who is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tittworth, visited the greater part of last week in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Stanley Armour, of Eastland. She returned here Saturday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Armour, who remained over until Monday.

Rev. W. H. Howell attended the Southern Baptist convention which convened last week at San Antonio. Mrs. Howell visited with her daughter, Mrs. Rudd, of Sweetwater all day last Thursday and her daughter accompanied her home, remaining over till Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod and daughter, Barbara Sue, have moved to I. X. L., where they will soon take charge of the school there. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod Wednesday night of last week.

H. W. Beckham attended to business matters at Lamesa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tannie Jones of Rule visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and three sons of Lamesa visited relatives here the greater part of last week.

Mrs. N. O. Bright and daughter, Vera, were all-day guests at Abilene Saturday with Miss Helen Bright, who is in Draughon's Business college. They also attended the football

game between H. S. U. and Breckenridge, which was played there. Miss Helen returned home with them and spent Sunday.

"Gran" Williamson, who has been an invalid for years, has grown worse the last month and isn't improving.

ARMISTICE PROGRAM.
An Armistice Day program was observed by the congregations of all the churches in Trent on Sunday. The program, given at the Methodist church was as follows:
Welcome address, M. G. Scott.
Reading, "The Mother of a Soldier," Mrs. John Payne.
Quartette, Mrs. Ben Howell, Mrs. Roy Elliott, Bry Burkhardt, John Crain.
Reading, "Flander's Field," Mrs. Hale McRee.
Violin duet, Mrs. Alton Boone, Mrs. Ben Howell.
Song, "The Star Spangled Banner," audience.
Address, Judge Otis Miller.
Song, "America," audience.
Benediction, Rev. W. B. Reeves.

BROTHERS COMPLIMENTED.
Mrs. Alex Williamson, assisted by Mrs. C. C. Stribling, honored their brothers on Armistice Day with a luncheon at the home of the former. Chrysanthemums and flags were massed in a centerpiece for the table and a turkey menu was served to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and family of Lamesa, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Hubert Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family, Junior Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS.
The Juniors called a meeting the seventh of November and elected the following officers: Louise Allyn, president; Wilson Bright, vice-president; Maudie Lee Thixton, secretary-treasurer; Vera Bright, reporter.
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Make this Test!
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at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 17th day of October, 1934, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 16th day of November, 1934.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$100,017.88
Loans secured by real estate	10,149.21
Overdrafts	1,101.81
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	11,000.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	4,955.00
Cash and Due from approved reserve agents	68,979.12
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	36.37
Other assets	152.60
St. in Fed. Dep. Corp	733.70
Bills of Ex. (Cotton)	12,705.70
Cotton 12c Gov't Loans	27,737.18
GRAND TOTAL	\$259,318.57

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,287.65
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	171,066.27
Time Certificates of Deposit	16,945.35
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	519.30
GRAND TOTAL	\$259,318.57

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We, C. M. Largent, as President, and Herbert Patterson, Asst. Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
C. M. LARGENT, President.
HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of November, A. D. 1934.
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ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts	\$150,708.57
2. Overdrafts	392.05
3. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	46,200.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities	8,944.08
5. Furniture and fixtures	6,500.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	13,586.29
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	30,823.44
8. Cash in vault and balances with other banks	180,372.75
11. Redemption fund with United States Treasurer and due from United States Treasurer	312.50
14. Other assets	73,798.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$511,638.55

LIABILITIES

15. Demand deposits, except United States Government deposits, public funds, and deposits of other banks	\$352,539.73
16. Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds, and deposits of other banks	66,301.23
17. Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	11,859.78
19. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	4,818.81
Total of items 15 to 19:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 11,859.78
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	423,659.77
(c) TOTAL DEPOSITS	435,519.55
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
32. Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided profits—net	9,869.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	69,869.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$511,638.55

MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities

33. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$ 21,250.00
36. TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts)	\$21,250.00
37. Pledged:	
(a) Against circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
(c) Against public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	15,000.00
(i) Total Pledged	21,250.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
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.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of November, 1934.
Mrs. Floyd Davis.
Notary Public

(SEAL)
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KNOW YOUR OWN SHOPS

By CHRISTINE COLLINS

THANKSGIVING 1934

Thanksgiving is here, Heigh Ho, To Grandfather's house we will go, With never a care, the earth is so fair Riding out over the snow-o.

A little hard on Grandpa, and of course the snow is conspicuous for its absence, but Thanksgiving IS here and we ARE going to have a Thanksgiving dinner so realistically put (I could be put in the stocks for bragging) that by the time you finish this column you'll be licking your lips and will have automatically loosened the old belt a notch. Yow-sah.

Thanksgiving is particularly a HOME day, a day in which all of the family are thankful to be gathered under one roof once more. The festive board in this picture is a handsomely carved colonial solid oak dining room suite in that very new "Antique Dusty Oak Finish" embodying all the old New England charm of the colonists. Commodious buffet, refractory top table and six chairs beautifully upholstered in tapestry at, you've guessed it, BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY, and for this you can truly give thanks. The suite is only \$89.50. Prices are lower than they've ever been, this applies to everything from the very moderately priced junior dining room suites to the handsomest pieces in the home. I merely chose this early American suite on which to build this traditional feast of our forefathers.

My Puritan Grandmother purled and spun And prayed to God on Thanksgiving day (you know, the old spinning wheel in the parlor)—that was 1621. In 1934, what with all the in-laws coming to be impressed, she is fit to be tied. Nevertheless she hies herself off to BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY where in their linen department she finds the solution to all her misgivings. Handsome double damask banquet cloths, with which to lay our table in stately dignity and grace. . . . linens outstanding in beauty and quality at very low prices. . . . white on white, 60x106 cloth and six 14-inch dinner napkins for \$5.95. Marcelline linens have a reputation matching in elegance our own inheritance. The modern hostess may wish to transgress upon the traditions surrounding the day to the extent of purchasing pretty colored bordered all-linen sets for the ridiculous sum of 95c—Thanksgiving, indeed!

The play of light from low burning tapers reflected in the etched glass-ware so arrogantly supporting itself intermittently between mi-lady's best silver and china; the table fairly groaning with holiday viands—there's a familiar scene that invokes blessed memories for half the world. Community's latest act toward supremacy of the silver seas is Lady Hamilton china AND silver in the identical pattern, a tremendously smart step. . . . Mrs. Cook's Haviland at BULLOCK HARDWARE COMPANY furnished inspiration for this Thanksgiving dinner we are giving. . . . I still cling to Haviland, yet I'm all agog over the Bavarian pieces in daringly new designs. A complete stock of Rogers and Community silver that can be handed down from generation to generation is climaxed in the background with a Faberware coffee service, an aroma from which penetrates excitedly with the bustle of arriving guests.

For America the Beautiful, Let Us Give Thanks: nothing could so completely dominate the table as a floral center. . . . Chrysanthemums prefera-

bly, vivid and rich in shades. . . . Call Mrs. Heeter at MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP and let her suggest the flower that would bring the most warmth into your home.

The Pilgrims went to church over snowy trails and returned to eat dinner of wild turkey from the forest and cranberries from the nearby marshes. . . . 1621. . . . No longer is it necessary to stalk the lowly bird to the accompaniment of blood-curdling war whoops, your spare tire a target for Indian arrows. . . . 1934. "M" SYSTEM is following the traditional menu by selling you dressed turkeys by the pound. Leave your order with Tracy and said fowl will be delivered at any appointed hour. Also buy your stuffing and other fixings (from Grandmother's cook book, "allow eight cups of stuffing for a ten pound bird") at the "M" SYSTEM, then your purse, your appetite and the personal tastes of your family will be considered.

It's high time that ye cooks about town went into a huddle with citron, nuts, candied fruits and the rest and got the fruit cakes soaked away (uh-um). Needless to tell you the best is at McDONALD'S. New delicacies that demand your consideration—Non-Touch Mince-meat put up in cider is marvelous, ripe olives and How I love 'em. Extracts that are a new one on me. . . . Almond for angel food, black walnut for the fruit cake (another uh-um) and peppermint! Have your Thanksgiving dinner so perfectly planned with such savory variations as to be remembered as a gastronomic symphony by your guests. And here is Mrs. Mc's very own recipe for fruit cake, she invites you to stop by the store and let her advise you: cream two heaping cups of sugar and one cup butter, four eggs beat till light, one cup mashed potatoes, two and one-half cups flour, one teaspoon baking powder, two tablespoons cocoa, one-half cup sweet milk, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one teaspoon cloves, one teaspoon spice, one teaspoon vanilla, mix this all together and then add one cup raisins, one cup pecans, 15c candied cherries, 10 cent package coconuts, 15 cent package of candied pineapple, one cup dates, one cup walnuts, bake from two to three hours in a slow oven.

Any Fair Femme wouldst have a special yen for one of the new Table Top electric ranges at the WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO., even the most brainless in the gentler of the cuisine arts. Hailed in stainless acid-resisting porcelain, replete with time clocks and thrift cooker. . . . enough to make our hardy ancestral ghosts weep with envy. How much more could our Puritan grandmothers have enjoyed the services that Thanksgiving day had she been able to place her entire meal in the oven and leave in perfect confidence that at an appointed hour the heat would come on, regulate itself, go off at the allotted time. . . . Shades of Sarah Joseph Hale! We cannot retrieve the hardships of yesteryear, but we can make THIS Thanksgiving infinitely pleasanter for our own wives and mothers with the marvels that are ours to enjoy, and here's a luscious memo to close with from Grandmother's very own cook book: to estimate the time needed for roasting turkey, allow 15 minutes to the pound. A 10 pound turkey should roast in about 2-1/2 hours. A 20 pound bird in 5 hours. Put a buttered paper over the bird, if it browns too fast. Turn the bird often as it cooks; baste about every 15 minutes.



In-Honor Affairs for Mrs. Gerald C. Farrow, nee Miss Lou Largent

Hold the Spotlight in This Week's Society Column. Hostesses are fairly vying with one another for dates to compliment this popular bride.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and Mrs. Earl Lassiter entertained Tuesday afternoon in the Largent home with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Farrow. The living room was decorated with gorgeous chrysanthemums, while Talisman roses shared honors in the dining room with a miniature bride and orchestra as a table center. Miss Clara Louise Miller presided at the bride's book.

A delightful program on which Mrs. W. H. Eyssen appeared with two vocal numbers, Mrs. Comer Haynes reader and Mrs. L. B. Scott of Abilene sang, was climaxed by a reading by Miss Clara Frances Largent. In this way she directed the honoree to a handsome trousseau chest, a gift of the bride's mother, and which was found to contain many lovely gifts. Miss Largent played softly during the refreshment hour when the hostesses passed a plate of pressed chicken, wafers, date pudding and coffee with petite brides as plate favors.

The guest list includes: Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. J. M. Mayfield, Mesdames C. M. Largent, J. P. Sutphen, Tom Largent, Dee Grimes, Charlie Jones, Lige Gamble, R. I. Grimes, Frank McFarland, Booth Warren, C. B. Gardner, W. S. J. Brown, Ross Ferrier, George White, George L. Miller, Ed McCrary, L. C. Zehnpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Bob Mayfield, H. L. Duffer, Olin Lusby, Briggs Irvin, Comer Haynes, Henry West, Sidney Foy, George Overton, Fred Groene, R. O. Anderson, D. O. Huddleston, Bill Fugate, Herbert Patterson, Dub Diltz, W. T. Sadler, Warren Smith, Amy Sears, W. H. Eyssen, W. L. Harkrider, Charles Largent, Jr., Forrest Gaither, Marvin Alston, Ernest Higgins, and Misses Clara Frances Largent, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mary Collins, Johnnie Sears, Vennie Heizer, Virgie Mae Campbell, Sis Boaz, Mary Eula Sears, Nell Durham, Christine Collins.

IN-HONOR BRIDGE.

Mesdames Lige Gamble, Charles Jones, R. I. Grimes and Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes entertained Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. H. Jones on Oak street, naming Mrs. G. C. Farrow as the honoree. An effective color theme of silver and pink was given emphasis in floor baskets of Silver King bachelor buttons and pink snapdragons.

Game appointments were in bridal motif at tables where games of contract bridge and "42" progressed. The honoree was remembered with a beautiful card table by the hostesses; table cuts were wedding bells.

At the refreshment hour a delectable turkey salad course with dainty wedding bells as plate favors was served to Mesdames G. C. Farrow, Tom Largent, J. P. Sutphen, C. M. Largent, J. M. Mayfield, F. C. McFarland, W. J. Largent, Charles Largent, Jr., Earl Lassiter, L. B. Scott, Ernest Old, Herbert Patterson, R. O. Anderson, H. L. Duffer, Elmer Lowe, John West, Henry West, James West, C. B. Gardner, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, George L. Miller, W. S. J. Brown, W. L. Diltz, Ross Ferrier, George White, Ernest Higgins, Sidney Foy, Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, L. C. Zehnpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ed McCrary, Marvin Alston, George Overton, Olin Lusby, Forrest Gaither, Fred Groene, Warren Smith, Bob Echols, W. H. Eyssen, Briggs Irvin, Comer Haynes, Amy Sears, R. O. Anderson, H. C. Harbers, Bill Fugate, R. I. Grimes, C. H. Jones, Lige Gamble, Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Clara Louise Miller, Mary Eula Sears, Vennie Heizer, Nell Durham, Johnnie Sears, Mary Collins, Christine Collins, Virgie Mae Campbell and Margaret Canon.

MORNING COFFEE.

The Sears home was opened Thursday morning with a most delightful affair when Mrs. W. H. Eyssen, Mary Eula Sears and Mrs. Amy Sears entertained with a morning coffee complimenting Mrs. Gerald Farrow. Mesdames Lige Gamble and W. J. Largent presided over silver coffee services at the table laid in imported Irish cluny with floral decorations of silver spray and snapdragons. Heart-shaped confections, chocolate brownies and cheese wafers were served with the coffee.

Guests mingled informally during the coffee hour, but were seated for a musical program when Mrs. W. L. Diltz sang "The Rosary" and "To You" and Mrs. Sidney Foy gave appropriate pianologues. Mrs. Eyssen sang "Dawn" by Curran and "Love

Sends a Little Gift of Roses." The hostesses presented the bride with a lovely remembrance of the day in silver.

Guests calling were: Mesdames G. C. Farrow, Tom Largent, J. P. Sutphen, C. M. Largent, J. M. Mayfield, F. C. McFarland, W. J. Largent, Charles Largent, Jr., Ted Nichols, Earl Lassiter, R. A. Burgess, R. O. Pearson, John West, Henry West, C. B. Gardner, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, George L. Miller, W. L. Diltz, Ross Ferrier, George White, Sidney Foy, Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, L. C. Zehnpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ed McCrary, Olin Lusby, Forrest Gaither, Fred Groene, Warren Smith, R. I. Grimes, C. H. Jones, Lige Gamble, Mrs. W. H. Eyssen, Amy Sears, and Misses Mary Eula Sears, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Clara Louise Miller, Nell Durham, Christine Collins, Fannie Belle Boaz, Virgie Mae Campbell and Margaret Canon.

VISITING HOUR.

One of the loveliest social functions of the season was a tea given Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner in compliment to her house guests, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, and their daughter, Miss Clara Louise Miller, all of San Diego, California, but formerly of Merkel. The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated in fall flowers where three groups of friends called and chatted informally during the three visiting-hours.

Mesdames W. S. J. Brown and Elmer Lowe presided at a tea table artistically centered with Thanksgiving fruits and autumn leaves. Refreshments of spiced tea and macaroons were passed to the following ladies: Mrs. Miller, Miss Clara Louise Miller, Mesdames J. T. Dennis, John Olin Lusby, Tom Largent, W. E. Lowe, W. J. Largent, Ross Ferrier, Frank Hamm, Frank McFarland, Fred Groene, Henry West, Lige Gamble, Booth Warren, George West, Dee Grimes, Robert Grimes, Duncan Briggs, D. O. Huddleston, John West, George Boyce, George White, Fred Guitart, Earl Lassiter, Byers Petty, J. E. Randle, Nathan Wood, Gerald Farrow, Jud Sheppard, Charlie Jones, W. S. J. Brown, R. O. Anderson, George Overton, Marvin Alston, Abilene, Misses Johnnie Sears, Loraine Boyce and Christine Collins.

BRIDGE CLUB ORGANIZED.

A group of bridge friends, who played together last winter but have remained inactive during the summer months, met in the home of Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of resuming their game. Mrs. Bob Mayfield was co-hostess with Mrs. Zehnpfennig. The organization was effected with Mrs. George White at its head as president.

The hostesses employed a Thanksgiving motif in game accessories. Delicious fruit punch refreshed the following guests while playing: Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Charles Largent, Ernest Higgins, H. L. Duffer, Bob Mayfield, L. C. Zehnpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., George White, Misses Christine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Nell Durham.

GLEANER PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Fred Guitart was opened Wednesday afternoon to members of the Gleaner Sunday School class in a most delightful social meeting with Mesdames Clyde Sears, M. L. Dudley and Fred Guitart co-hostesses in entertaining. Fall flowers in abundance decked the entertaining rooms. Mrs. Fred Latham presided during a business session and Mrs. Denzel Cox brought the devotional. Games of "42" were enjoyed as diversion for the social hour.

Refreshments were pumpkin pie topped with whip cream, chicken salad sandwiches, olives and hot chocolate. Guests for this pretty party were: Mesdames J. T. Dennis, Emory McDonald and Miss Mary Bell Douglas; class members present were Mesdames R. F. Mashburn, W. W. Wood, Lee Tipton, Elmer Lowe, Lynn Sublett, Denzel Cox, R. A. Burgess, F. E. Church, Fred Huddleston, Homer Patterson, John Shannon, Lila Rea, D. H. Vaughn, J. E. Richardson, Robert Hicks, O. E. Harrell, Eli Case, Fred

Latham, Clyde Sears, M. L. Dudley, Fred Guitart.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. George White, with Miss Luna White co-hostess. Candymaking was demonstrated by several of the club members and each member answered roll call with a candy recipe.

Officers for the new term were elected as follows: Mrs. C. P. Church, president, re-elected; Mrs. Lake Renfro, vice-president, re-elected; Mrs. F. A. Polley, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Clara B. White, reporter, re-elected.

Miss Crippen, county agent, gave an interesting and helpful talk to the club. Orangeade and candies were served to the following: Mesdames Herbert Patterson, R. A. Burgess, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Mack Buzbee, C. P. Church, R. H. Mathews, Jr., E. O. Carson, E. B. Wallace, Watt Blair, Tye Sublett, Betty Sue Berryman, F. A. Polley, W. A. McCandless, J. Ben Campbell, George White, Misses Luna White, Thelma Mathews and Clara B. White. Visitors were Miss Vara Crippen, Abilene, and Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, Merkel.

LEAGUE PARTY.

Friday evening of last week Epworth league members enjoyed a "scavenger party" at the Methodist church. The expedition winning top honors was headed by Mardell Shouse. "Kit" Carson directed games.

Cookies, sandwiches and coffee were served to the following: Vendell Wood, "Smitty" Smith, Margarette Turner, Lois Whiteley, Lynn Shelton, Mardell Shouse, Ina Mae Berryman, Woodrow Wilson, Kit Carson, Holt Vaughn, Tracy Wood, A. C. Sears, Robert Bicknell, Gladys Mashburn, Loretta Cox, Opal Buzbee, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Jr., Wanda Hunter, Tommy Jones, Harold Reece, Lela Patterson, J. V. Patterson and Lona Bryan.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter celebrated the 69th birthday of Mrs. Carpenter. The table was decorated in pink and white, with a large white cake with pink candles placed in the

center of the table. Many beautiful gifts were presented the honoree.

In the afternoon games of "42" were played, at which Mrs. Carpenter won high score. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson and baby, Lonnie Myrl, Mrs. J. H. Shipley of Dallas, Mrs. Bessie Henson; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melton, who could not be present at the dinner, sent beautiful presents.

PERSONALS

(Continued from Page One) lingen where she will spend the winter. Mrs. A. A. Dross, Mr. Slayden's aunt, who had also been visiting here, returned to her home at Gorman at the same time.

A RESOLUTION.

Remitting penalties and interest on taxes delinquent August 1, 1934, until March 15, 1935:

Be it resolved by the city council of Merkel, Texas, that the penalties and interest are hereby remitted on delinquent taxes due the City of Merkel on August 1, 1934, provided said delinquent taxes are paid on or before March 15, 1934.

Passed and approved this, the 14th day of November, 1934.

W. M. Elliott, Mayor.
Attest: Yates Brown, Secretary.
Approved as to form before passage
Joe E. Childers,
Corporation Attorney.

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Honor Roll

The following pupils are reported on the honor roll of the Noodle school:

- First grade: J. K. Blair, Naylor Harold Eoff, Bonnie LaRhea Black.
- Second grade: Wayne Mayes, James Reece, Vera Lou Allred, Ruby Mae Harris, Ava Ruth Sosebee, Emma Herring.
- Third grade: Clinton Bird.
- Fourth grade: Harold Sosebee, Donald Cade, Dorothy Barbee, William Allred, Harold Winters.
- Fifth grade: Charles Carter, James Cox, Iris Eoff, Carl Jackson, Jr.
- Sixth grade: Joyce Rutledge, Robert Allan Nolan.
- Seventh grade: Geraldine Sloan,

Julia Gita Bumpass, Joyce Stanley. Eighth grade: Johnnie Chadwick, Margaret Goode, Teria Mae Murdock. Ninth grade: Mozelle Sosebee. Eleventh grade: Roger Sosebee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness and beautiful floral offerings of our friends during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. We shall always hold your thoughtfulness, love and sympathy in tender memory. J. A. Buford and Children.

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