

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester left Monday for San Angelo to make their home. Mr. Forrester has accepted a traveling position. This pioneer family will be greatly missed. They have a host of friends here who are wishing for them all good luck in their new home.

Mrs. John Payne and daughters, Jeanne and Joyce Marianne, and Miss Fannie Belle Vessel have returned from Lubbock where they attended the state W. O. W. convention.

Funeral services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer were held at the family residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with interment following in Trent cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Evans and children of Sweetwater were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn.

W. J. Reynolds is in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium for treatment. H. Bekham and his mother visited in Lamesa Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Billings went to Abilene Friday for a visit of several days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford.

Mrs. E. Nemir, accompanied by Miss Anna Laura Allen, visited in Roscoe Saturday afternoon. Little Jackie Nemir, who had been guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gordon, for the past week, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and son, Jack, visited in the home of the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Music, of Anson Sunday afternoon.

I. P. Burks left Monday for Odessa where he has work.

Mrs. O. L. Robinson was a recent guest of her daughter and family, also Miss Maimie Robinson, of Ranger. Miss Maimie recently went to Ranger where she has accepted a position.

Rev. W. H. Howell and family are planning to spend Thanksgiving holidays attending the B. T. S. convention at Lubbock.

Miss Lillian Grace Reaves entertained a number of the younger set Saturday evening at her home, honoring Weldon Forrester, who is moving this week with his parents to San Angelo.

The people of Trent as well as the Methodist congregation are welcoming Rev. W. B. Reaves back as Methodist pastor here.

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Everyone in the community was very proud of the rains that fell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker visited in the Blair community Sunday.

Miss Mary Bell Douglas visited the latter part of last week in the home of her cousin, Miss Margrette Wood, of Abilene, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones of Anson.

M. L. Douglas and daughter, accompanied by O. R. Douglas, left Sunday morning for Stanton where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas and children.

Mrs. V. L. Hobdy entertained a few of the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Truett Hobdy is visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobdy.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Embry and Miss Blanche Carey visited Sunday afternoon in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey.

Honor Roll

BLAIR SCHOOL.

The following pupils made the honor roll for the first six weeks term of the Blair school:

First grade: Ray Alexander, 90; Joe Dean Bryan, 90; Otilla Doan, 90; Stanley Peterson, 90.

Second grade: Orvil Brown, 91; Durwood Doan, 91; Carlene Hughes, 90; Howard Mayberry, 91.

Third grade: Samuel Doan, 91; Donnie Melton, 92; Betty Joe Peterson, 93.

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Fifth grade: Madlyn Brown, 90.

Seventh grade: Joy Doan, 95; Clayton Doan, 90.

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White Church News

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Doyal, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley, has been real sick the past week, but is better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer had as guests over the week-end Mrs. Farmer's mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, and sister, Mrs. Luther Houston, of Knox City, and also her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reeves and baby daughter of Texas City.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Click and son, Albert Wayne, of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Martin and sons, Robert and Homer, of Rotan were guests the past week in the A. D. Barnes' home.

Miss Bessie Baucom spent the week-end at her home in Abilene.

Mrs. Nell Pressley and mother, Mrs. W. H. Brown, were visitors in Sweetwater one day last week.

Mrs. P. A. Riggan had the misfortune of burning her hand very badly with hot grease last week.

We are very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison move into our midst for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. West left for Temple Sunday where Mrs. West will enter the hospital. We hope she will soon be recovered enough to be back home.

We are very glad we are to have Brother Arthur Kendall and wife with us for another year. Brother Kendall has been pastor at this place for the past year and we have learned to appreciate these good people very much.

Clayton Coats is at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Barbee in Merkel.

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very badly bruised after a car wreck last Sunday near Loraine. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

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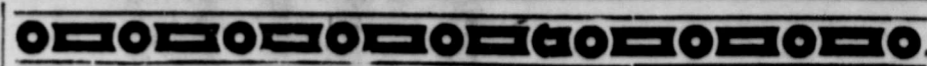
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THE BADGER WEEKLY

MERKEL SURPRISES FANS ON FRIDAY WITH SNYDER

Those Badgers really played a ball game Friday at Snyder. Fighting with their backs to the wall they knocked Snyder, a team that was doped to beat them by three touchdowns, out of the district 13 race.

With the odds against them all the way, the Badgers opened a drive late in the last quarter to win by the score of 7 to 0. The game was dedicated to Bussie Boaz, captain, who was still out because of injuries received in the Hamlin game. With Boaz on the sidelines the team fought their best for him and were able to leave the field satisfied with the game, which showed everyone that they still had fight left. This game was the first Merkel has won from Snyder in all their years of competition. In '32 Merkel was defeated 45 to 0 and last year 13 to 0.

This was the last game for the Badgers this year. They have shown great fight in all the games they have played this year. They have also established that of being one of the cleanest and hardest fighting teams of district 13.

In a few years we expect to see some of our "Badgers" on some great college eleven. Here's luck to you "Badgers."

DRAMATIC CLUB IN SOCIAL AND BUSINESS MEETING.

The High school studio furnished the setting for the second successful social and business meeting of The M. H. S. Players. Chrysanthemums and autumn leaves attractively decorated the room and miniature Puritan hats as favors completed the Thanksgiving motif.

Members of the club and faculty were greeted by eleven club members.

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.
Assistant Editor—Clara Frances Largent.
Society Editor—Vivian Davis.
Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

Noodle School News

On Sunday a turkey dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cox. The faculty and trustees of the Noodle school were guests along with a number of other friends.

The dinner was given in honor of Mr. Waldo Cox's, Mary Jo Bicknell's and Otto Bicknell's birthdays, which came during the past week. A delicious turkey dinner with cranberries and all the trimmings was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Lyle Cade, Norman Sloan, Carlton Vick, Otto Bicknell, Roy Cox, Jess Bird, F. T. Bell, Mr. W. J. Bicknell, Misses Derrick, Boaz, Suber, Mr. Pickard, Louise Cox, Donald Cade, Sybil Dixon, Imogene Bird, Sonny Bird, Bobbie Nell Bicknell, Peggy Ann Bicknell, Mary Jo Bicknell, James Cox, Dolores Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cox.

On Tuesday afternoon an enjoyable chapel program was given by the pupils of Miss Derrick's room, the eighth and ninth grades. A one-act play, "The Girl Who Liked to Read," was presented, with the following in the

cast: Mozelle Sosebee, Lucille Justice, Fred Jackson, Leta Fay Barbee and Ruth Love.

The Noodle girls team in basketball played the Neinda girls team on Monday afternoon, winning the game by a score of 34-7, while the junior boys lost to the Neinda junior boys 5-20. On Wednesday afternoon the boys senior team from Mars defeated the Noodle second team 18-16, while the juniors boys from Noodle won from Mars junior boys 25-1. On Thursday the Noodle girls and boys (senior) defeated the boys and girls team from Hawley. The girls scored 7-2, while the boys scored 25-9. On Monday night the boys and girls team will play Ovalo, the boys playing Ovalo and the girls playing Enterprise.

A Thanksgiving program was given at the school house on Monday evening. School was dismissed on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 7¢ each at Merkel Mail office.

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Jokes

Mrs. Haynes: "Horace, is there any difference between a fort and a fortress?"
Horace B.: "I should imagine a fortress is harder to silence."

Vondell W.: "Say, when did you get that cigar?"
Joe Earl: "Oh, it's just a little thing I picked up on Broadway."

Dick West: "How did you get that paint on your trousers?"
Vernon M.: "I didn't get the paint on the trousers; I got the trousers on the paint."

First divorcee: "My first husband, who happened to be Charles Tipton, was a drummer."
Second divorcee: "What happened to him?"
First divorcee: "He beat it."

Charlie Mc.: "Well, I hear that there is going to be a great war started on the 29th of November."
Aline McAninch (sympathetically): "Oh, sure enough, Charlie, and if the United States is pulled into it, I suppose that you will have to go?"
Charlie: "Oh, don't take it so hard! Don't you see what I mean? I meant 'war on the turkey!'"

...serving as hosts for an evening of platform study. Mildred West played a medley of old favorites; Juanez Jones played a piano solo, and a group of boys and girls from the High school chorus sang attractive numbers in keeping with the occasion. Anna Lou Church's eight minute talk on "The Place That I May Fill in My Community," inspired each one to work for more effectiveness in public appearance. Billie Bernice Gambill read a very interesting story of the Old South and Vivian Davis and Thelma Mathews read beautiful poems by Riley. Bussie Boaz and Cal McAninch told of humorous experiences.

The one-act play chosen for study was "The Playgoers," with an excellent cast consisting of Ethelma Tucker, Clifton Bellamy, Eva Faye Bush, Cleo Hensley, Dot Swafford, Edith Neil, Alvin Wozencraft and Doris Mae Barron. Club members consider this to be one of the best plays ever presented in the club.

At the end of the business hour conducted by the club president, Vivian Davis. Thanksgiving nut pie was served by the committee on entertainment: Ora Derrick, Mabel Maddox, Loreta Cox, Ethelma Tucker, Thelma Patterson, Joe Cook, Oscar Adcock, Louis Carson, Robert Higgins, Zerk Robertson and Hail Derstine.

HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?

"Our Heavenly Father, We Thank Thee."

How are you going to celebrate Thanksgiving Day? That is the question which is passing among the students on the school ground, in the hall, and in classes. Not only in school, but on streets and across back fences, the question is being discussed. What is this question which is of such universal interest? How should we celebrate Thanksgiving Day?

The name of this holiday is the guide to a proper celebration. Give thanks! Be grateful for your health, your parents, your home, your school, your church, your friends and the hundreds of other blessings which are daily showered upon you.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving Day, remember this one thing: whether you sit down to a full table spread with turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, plum pudding, pumpkin pie and all the other palatable dainties that accompany them, or whether you sit down to a meager meal of bread and milk, thank Him who has provided it and who watches over us all with tender care.

"Rejoice and give thanks unto your Father who is in heaven."—Bible.

THE AGE OF CHIVALRY.

One fine beautiful evening, when the mist of fog covered Merkel's thinly clad pedestrians, and the muddy streets were shining with a special shine, Mrs. Woodrow Patton and her escort, Mr. Woodrow Patton, were trying to cross a wide muddy place to their car. Now Mr. and Mrs. Patton had been married nigh on to twenty years and the old chivalrous way of acting sort of wears off after being tied up that long. So Mr. Patton jumped the muddy place and left poor Mrs. Patton to cope for herself. She bogged down ankle deep a couple of times and finally reached the car. Upon getting in the car she remarked sarcastically "You're not quite as chivalrous as you used to be!"

"No," explained Mr. Patton, "and you're not quite as buoyant as you used to be!"

Our Seniors

Anna Lou Church.

Anna Lou is a good sport, for she has tackled one of the greatest responsibilities of the Senior class, that of acting as our secretary, and she is making a good start of it. She is affectionate, courteous, tactful, contemplative and refined. What else could a person want?

Hail Derstine.

What could we do without Hail? Our troubles vanish when we see Hail with his smiling face. We thought we had lost him for awhile this year, and the heart of Merkel High school came very near to the stopping point, but he came back just in time to revive it, and now it has high blood pressure in the last degree. Hail, if I had that much effect on Merkel High school, I would feel it an honor. Don't you?

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING.

(Marjorie McMahan.)

I thank thee, Lord, for days that have not been,
For those tomorrows that wait me still,
The past was sweet but am glad to-day,
That there are future joys across the hill.

I thank thee for the hopes of happiness,
The dreams of raptures that I have not known,
The hours of ecstacy and glad surprise,
The peace that thou canst understand alone.

I thank thee for the hardships I must bear,
What though my heart be twitched with their pain;
They bring a clean, sweeter walk with thee,
And sun is very precious after rain.

I thank thee for the friendships yet to be—
And all the love and life for which I yearn,
I thank thee, Lord, for service I may find,
And for the lessons I have still to learn.

The past was sweet—but Lord, I do rejoice
Tomorrow beckons with a brighter ray;
I greet it gladly for I have no fear,
I know that thou will lead me all the way.

Thanksgiving Day

The greatness of Thanksgiving lies in the fact that wherever we are or whatever the past year has brought, each of us has things for which we may be truly thankful.

And in giving thanks we place ourselves in a receptive position to benefit by the good things the coming year generally has in store for us.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

The public schools will have two days holidays, Thursday and Friday, on account of Thanksgiving. The local banks and postoffice and stores generally will also observe the day as a full holiday.

While their home is being repaired, Mrs. P. W. Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland have taken the Lyle Cade house on Oak street.

Mrs. W. A. Whiteley was reported resting well after undergoing an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium earlier in the week.

Jim Patterson arrived Tuesday night from Austin, where he is attending the University of Texas, to spend the holidays with his parents. Miss Billie Gardner and David Gamble, other Texas U. students, were expected home Wednesday night.

S. P. Nesmith, manager of the Queen theatre, brought back a 10-point black tail from a hunting trip to Madera Canyon in the Davis mountains. He was accompanied by his brothers-in-law, Homer Hodges of Winters and Howard Hodge of Midland.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

An increase of more than one hundred was noted in the attendance at the six Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday over that of the previous Sunday. Last Sunday 849 were present, on the previous Sunday 714. On the same Sunday a year ago the total attendance figure was 875.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had a good attendance at the preaching service Sunday morning and a good service. If you are a Baptist, come and be with us, for we have a good and sincere pastor and we believe you will enjoy working with us.

We did not have preaching at the Baptist church Sunday night but met with all denominations in a joint Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. W. M. U. at 8 o'clock Monday afternoon.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday was a great day in our services. Our attendance in Sunday School reached the 300 mark, and we were glad to see you, and we are sure that you received a blessing by being in Sunday School. Now let's keep the standard. Our 11 o'clock service was well attended, so also we will be looking for you next Sunday for the preaching hour. The Thanksgiving program at the evening hour was fine, and all enjoyed it; we thank those that helped in the program.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Come 300 strong again next Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m.

At the 7 o'clock service Sunday evening we will have the public installation of the officers, stewards, Sun-

day School superintendents, teachers and other officers of the Sunday School. We had intended to have this service at the 11 o'clock hour, but because there will be some of the officers out of town Sunday morning we will have it at the evening hour, and also have the sacrament of the Lord with this service. Let the officers take notice, and without fail be with us at this hour. This is one of the most impressive services of the church. Come!

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "What is a Christian?"
 Leader, Mardell Shouse.
 Song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."
 Prayer.
 Scripture, Micah 6:8, Matthew 7:12, Ross Ferrier.
 "Are You Perfect?" Lona Bryan.
 Discussion, (with your pencil and paper.) Lois Whiteley.
 Song, "Only Trust Him."
 League benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

All the services of the church for the coming week as usual. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Come and be with us in these services.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our Bible school is increasing in attendance each Sunday lately. We are expecting during the month of December to put our attendance at 150.

Every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock we teach a Bible study. We invite you to be there. Remember our prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. Preaching every Saturday night. We welcome you to all our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We are happy to report a substantial gain in all departments of our work. Since returning from the assembly Sister Mayhall has organized a nice junior society with eleven members and they are doing a nice work. Our N. Y. P. S. is giving us the best programs at the present time that they have rendered since we came on this work.

We are having new additions to our

Sunday School almost every Sunday and we are striving for our one hundred goal.

There will be preaching at our church Saturday night, Sunday at 11 a. m., again at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:45 p. m. Come worship with us.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

Grand Jury Commends Cunningham, Browne In Its Final Report

Commendation of two Taylor county officers whose terms expires December 31 was given by the grand jury of 104th district court in its final report to Judge W. R. Chapman Thursday afternoon of last week.

The officials commended for faithful performance of their duties are W. J. Cunningham, district attorney of the 104th judicial district, and Gray Browne, Taylor county attorney.

The body also returned 13 felony indictments in their final report, bringing the total for the term to 28.

Attends Meeting of Chevrolet Dealers in West Texas Area

Fred Hughes of the Hughes Motor company, local Chevrolet dealers, attended a business conference of Chevrolet dealers of West Texas held at Abilene Wednesday of last week. Speakers for the occasion were: H. C. Howard, zone manager; Spencer J. Brewer, assistant zone manager; F. A. Brock, parts and service manager, and Ray Clark, business manager, all of Dallas. The meeting was at the Wooten hotel.

The session is held yearly to acquaint dealers with innovations planned. West Texas dealers, in a territory from Big Spring to Ranger, reported that prospects in the area are unusually good this year.

64 Members Sign in Red Cross Roll Call

The Red Cross roll call was answered locally by 64 people with full membership. There was also a number of small contributions, bringing the total raised by the Merkel roll call workers to \$81.60. This amount has already been turned over to Mrs. Louis Montgomery of Abilene, Taylor County Red Cross chairman.

In the membership roll call the faculty of the Merkel Public schools registered 100 per cent.

As chairman of the local committee, Mrs. R. A. Burgess wishes to thank everyone who helped in any capacity in the drive.

Brings Back 7-Point Black Tail from Davis Mountains

P. H. Douglas and Hob Robertson returned Saturday night from the Davis mountains where they had gone on a secondary hunting trip, after having participated with some eight others from this section in an earlier hunt in Kendall county. Hob Robertson brought back a 7-point black tail.

In the original party, which went to Kendall county some several days ago, besides the two above named were: Jack Canon, Phillip Diltz, V. Garner, T. F. Harvell, Bryan Dunagin, Leon Canon, Abilene, Joe K. Higgins and Houston Robertson. County Commissioner Jack Canon, with two deer, was the only one to meet with success.

Correction.

Due to a transposed line of type in last week's issue of The Mail, the following item was not complete. It should have read: "Born, a daughter, christened Sammy Doris, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine, Abilene, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Selma Russell, November 10."

Pie Supper at Blair.

There will be a pie supper at the Blair school house Friday, November 30. A special program of music is being arranged, including special numbers and quartettes. The public is invited to come.

Services Sunday at Hope.

Austin Varner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner, will preach at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday morning at 11 and evening at 7 o'clock. He is a student of Abilene Christian college and preaches at Hope the first Sunday in each month.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bond, Jr., Stith, Friday, November 23, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald, Stith, Friday, November 23, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Eris Ash, Saturday, November 24, 1934. Born at the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cowan, at Anson.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Smith, Butman, Monday, November 26, 1934.

Sing Sing prison, New York, N. Y., reached a low in inmates of many months when its population was found to number only 2011 at the end of September.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Emergency Feed Loans Available, If Credit Is In Good Standing

Washington, Nov. 28.—Representative Jones was informed Tuesday by administrative sources that the government cattle buying program in Texas drouth areas will be continued well into December.

He had protested sharply against a reported plan to close Texas' processing plants and ship drouth cattle elsewhere for slaughter. He was assured by the Surplus Relief corporation that this step will not be taken. The number of cattle the administration plans to buy was not disclosed.

Preaching at Hebron.

Rev. Mr. Richardson of Abilene will preach at Hebron Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Found Dead in Boxcar.

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 28.—imprisoned in a locked freight car, the body of a 60-year-old unidentified man, whose hands were torn from frantic efforts to break out, was found here Monday. Police said he apparently had starved to death.

Post's Flight Delayed.

Bartlesville, Ok., Nov. 28.—Vagaries of the weather mocked Wiley Post, globe flyer, Tuesday as he delayed his stratosphere flight until Wednesday. Haze caused him to abandon plans for the altitude record attempt.

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

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

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FOR SALE—Standard double disc plow, also two row planter. See J. F. Abernathy, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

FOR SALE to highest bidder Weaver Springs frame school building Friday, November 30, 1934, at 2:30 p. m. L. E. Harris and H. H. Tye, trustees.

50 YOUNG COWS for sale or trade for maize. W. A. Campbell, Merkel, Texas, Route 5. Phone 9033F11.

WHEAT FOR SALE, free of Johnson grass, \$1.00 per bushel. Clyde Chaney, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

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FOR RENT

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

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

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Baby's shoe. Owner can get same by calling at Carson grocery and paying for this ad.

LOST—Oldsmobile radiator cap, large eagle with wings spread. Notify F. A. Sanders at Postoffice.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

BLAIR ITEMS

The nice rains the past week fell slowly and soaked into the ground and will give a start on next year's crop; some will sow grain for winter pasture; therefore, we are proud of his bountiful moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mathews and attractive little daughter, Willie Pearl, of Trent, attended services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Rev. Arthur Kendall, Methodist pastor, was re-assigned to this charge by the Northwest Texas conference and everyone is very grateful. He is a capable minister and a man of pleasing personality; good things that could be said about Brother Kendall apply with equal force to his good wife. Rev. Mr. Kendall filled his pulpit Sunday delivering two wonderful discourses.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson are entertaining a new baby boy since November 19. This fine little fellow weighed 7 1-2 pounds and has been christened Charles Aubrey.

In connection with the Century of Progress at Chicago one of the leading concerns of the country put on a baby contest. Only one could win first place, but honorable mention was given to Fatsy Nell, 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. Thelma Thomas of Blair. The mother, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham and Mrs. C.E. Thomas of Stith, feel a creditable pride in the honor that has come to them through Patsy Nell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family visited the latter's father, W. J. Reynolds, who entered the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene last week-end for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors and daughter, Miss Norma, visited their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Farr, of Abilene, last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Farr are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born on November 23 and weighing seven pounds. He was named Henry Marvin. Mrs. Farr will be remembered by her friends as Miss Bonnie Fay Mathews, as she formerly lived here.

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Winesap	APPLES, dozen	25c
Red Ball	ORANGES, large size	30c
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Bunch	CARROTS, each	5c
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U. S. No. 1	SPUDS, 10 pounds	19c
Red and White	GRAPE JAM, 16 oz. jar	19c
Red	CHERRIES, 2 oz. bottle	5c
Red and White	QUEEN OLIVES, bottle	21c
Red and White	STUFFED OLIVES, bottle	25c
Sweet or Sour	PICKLES, 10 oz. jar	15c
Sour or Dill	PICKLES, quart	19c
Sun Spun	Salad Dressing Quart	29c
	Pint	19c
Red and White	Pears No. 1 can	15c
	No. 2 1-2 can	24c
Red and White	Peaches No. 1 can	13c
	No. 2 1-2 can	18c
Red and White	FRUITS FOR SALAD, No. 1 can	19c

Red Pitted	CHERRRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c
Dole's	PINEAPPLE JUICE, No. 1 can	10c
Red and White	FLAV-R-JELL, all flavors, pkg.	5c
Pure Cane	SUGAR, cloth bag, 10 pounds	52c
Red and White	CORN, No. 2 can, each	15c
Red and White	CREAM MEAL, 5 pounds	18c
Red and White	Coffee 1 pound	33c
	2 pounds	65c
Red and White	EXTRACTS, bottle	19c
Red and White	MARSHMALLOWS, 1 pound box	18c
Red and White	PITTED DATES, 10 oz. pkg.	19c
Yellow	PUMPKIN, No. 2 can, each	10c
Red and White	PEAS, No. 2 can, each	18c
Sunset	PEAS, No. 2 can, each	10c
Red and White	ASPARAGUS, each	15c
Kuner's	GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, each	13c
Red and White	TOMATO JUICE, 3 cans	23c
Red and White	CATSUP, bottle	17c
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EIGHTH 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:

"My great-great-grandfather built it, and Duane's have lived in it ever since. I suppose it will have to go out of the family some day, unless I make my million." He hesitated. "Mother is very reserved. She doesn't give herself out readily. But that will be all right as soon as she knows you better."

Anne wanted to cry out fiercely: "She isn't just reserved! She's cold and selfish and ambitious, and she hates me!" But she nodded wisely instead.

"You darling." He tossed her hat on the bed and pulled her toward him. "Nancy, I'm getting madder about you every day of my life."

She gave herself up to that.

Mrs. Duane's dinner hour was fashionably late. Barry had already dressed and gone down. Anne had just finished her own dressing and stood critically inspecting the result. Barry had insisted on staying over in town long enough for her to buy several new gowns. Anne knew why he had done it. One evening gown was not enough for Granleigh; summer called for sports clothes. She was not to meet critical eyes unprepared. Anne smiled at herself in the glass, thinking absently of the moral support of clothes, especially when other women were involved.

She switched the lights off and parted the curtains at the nearest window. Darkness was falling. Beyond the hedge a man walked slowly, turning his head at each passing car. She watched him, idly wondering why he was loitering along like that.

He stopped to light a cigarette. A match sputtered into flame, and the flare lit his face.

Anne shrank hurriedly back into the room, dragging the heavy curtains together. This was ghastly. What could possibly bring him to this part of the country again, straight to Granleigh?

"I mustn't let it get me! It won't do... I've got to see him, somehow." There was a tap on the door. It was Matthews.

"Mr. Barry wishes me to tell you that Miss Pendleton is here."

So the Pendleton girl was here already! M'm. Anne gave a last quick glance in the mirror and went slowly downstairs.

Anne went down with unhurried grace, half smiling.

Barry looked up, a quick flash of pride in his answering smile. Cleo Pendleton looked up also.

"Here's Nancy now."

Cleo slipped from the arm of the chair and met Anne half-way. "I'm Cleo Pendleton. I wanted to be the first to meet you. I hope you will like me a lot, because I'm one of Barry's old friends. I've been counting on having you here."

"That's awfully nice of you." Anne was sweet but non-committal. "It makes me feel that I'm not a stranger here after all."

"Oh, is this your very first trip East?" There was a second's pause. "I lived in the East for a while. But I've never been here before."

"O-oh," said Cleo softly. "But I hope you're going to stay this time. We've all been arguing for years to make Barry stay home, but he won't listen to us."

"I always listen." Barry grinned at her.

"And then do as you please." Cleo shrugged a petulant shoulder, and then laughed. "All right, if you won't tell me. But I like Nancy better than I do you... You'll let me call you Nancy, won't you?"

"Why—of course... My name really is Anne... not that it makes any difference."

"Barry calls you Nancy. I like it better, too. But I must trot dutifully

back before Dad calls out the reserves."

Out in the hall there were voices. A door had opened.

"Good-bye, Nancy. I'm going to stop for you some morning, and we'll dash around and do things." Cleo whisked out with a careless wave. Barry chuckled silently.

"She's an irresponsible imp." He called after Matthews, just returning down the hall. "Who was that, Matthews?"

"A man looking for a job, sir. A chauffeur. He was quite insistent about seeing you."

"I told him," Matthews continued "you were entirely satisfied with the present man."

"Quite right." He suddenly remembered something. "Oh, Matthews, to my mother out? I knocked at her door, but there was no answer."

"No sir. She's changed her rooms to the west wing. I think she will be in presently, for dinner."

"Oh... thank you, Matthews."

His voice was quite colorless. Matthews went hastily. Both of them knew that the west wing had not been opened for years.

Anne, listening idly, could come very close to guessing what had happened. And this was only her first day in Barry's home.

Meantime Cleo Pendleton, who was not in the least irresponsible, huddled sulkily back in the limousine.

"Hurry, I'm late!" she snapped and the car swept out of the drive so fast that a man crossing the pavement sprang aside hastily. He scowled and took an envelope from his pocket and wrote down the license number.

"Friends, and rich ones," he thought. "I'll try my luck there. Damn it, I'll get a job somewhere. I'm going to stick here until something breaks."

Cleo had not even seen him. She was in a whirl of angry thought.

"She's no more a ranch girl than I am—unless she's one of the awfully rich ones. The way she talks—and the way she wears her clothes! And I thought I could make him ashamed of her!"

The soft lips pursed sullenly. "I picked up a point or two, anyway. She'd rather be called Anne, and she hadn't told Barry that she'd lived East. Caught that one from him! And something bothered her about the windows... but that sounds crazy. The funniest thing is that she looks familiar to me... Just a little familiar."

In the next few weeks they danced and dined, lunched and motored, and dashed from one engagement to another. The telephone tinkled incessantly.

It was fun, but sometimes Anne was achingly homesick for the sun-washed Junipero. She and Barry seemed to have so little time for each other here.

Not once in those flying days had Anne caught a glimpse of the man who had loitered in front of the house that night. She watched for him, but he seemed to have disappeared. It could, she decided, have been pure coincidence. Jim had probably gone on before this to the gayer haunts where he was more at home.

Cleo Pendleton was in and out constantly and at all hours. She amused Barry, and in her kitten-impish way managed to monopolize him a good deal.

"Baby vamp!" Anne thought scornfully. The more she saw of Cleo the less she cared for her, but intimacy seemed to be thrust upon her.

Anne wondered if Mrs. Duane held the check book as well as the household control... That would be em-

barrassing for Barry; she would have to wait until he told her.

What she needed to do first, she told herself, was not to make trouble but to coax Barry's mother to like her.

What Anne could not know was how ruinously the secret hope of years had crashed when Barry had sent that sudden word of his marriage. Mrs. Duane was a proud and strong-willed woman, hating poverty and all that it meant. Barry could have married Cleo Pendleton, and Cleo would have brought him wealth and leisure. Mrs. Duane hated the very name of Eagle Lake.

The knowledge of this deep-rooted bitterness came to Anne sharply. She had tried to bridge the recurring silence of a tete-a-tete lunch by talking for once of something less impersonal than dinners and minor items of Granleigh news.

"You have never been to the Perch, have you? It is like a beautiful mountain camp. You must visit us there next summer."

"I have never been interested in the place. I hope now that my son is married, he will definitely give up that kind of life."

"Oh, but his heart is in it! I'd be willing to see him sell everything else that he owned, and live in a hut with him, if he could raise the money for the dam that way."

Mrs. Duane's thin cheeks flushed slightly.

"I have no desire to see my son living in a hut. Barry has practically nothing to sell, except those worthless Western lands. If his mother has any influence with him, he will never go there again."

Anne sat very straight. "I see," she said softly. "You have made it quite clear to me. Thank you."

A declaration of war had been made, and answered.

Anne told Barry some of it late that evening, anxious to convey a hint of warning.

"You see," Barry explained, in that careful way, "my uncle was really the head of the Duane Mills. My father had died years before, when I was a baby, and Uncle Bob had bought in a further share from my mother. Father's will left everything to her. Uncle Bob was unmarried, and meant to pass on the control of the mills to me."

Anne murmured something, she scarcely knew what. So Mrs. Duane did hold the check book!

"Uncle Bob was different from the rest of the Duanes. His health wasn't good, and one March, after a bad attack of pneumonia, he went off for a year in the West. When he got into the Pinos Valley scheme it was easy to think of the mills as a solid asset to back something better. He was so sure of success that he financed it entirely himself. He didn't take anybody else's money, but of course there were—repercussions."

"The crash came, and all that remains of the Duane ownership is the name and the comparatively small block of stock which my mother still holds. For the sake of the name I have a nominal office. The real head is Gage."

She moved suddenly. "Who?"

"John Gage. He was Uncle Bob's chief creditor, and all sorts of a millionaire."

She did not answer. Barry was looking soberly ahead of him, and did not notice her frozen stillness.

"I have the Western lands," Barry went on, "which barely meet their own overhead as things stand now, and just enough income for our personal expenses here. Sometimes I'm tempted to throw the whole thing up and get a job. Any job. It might be better than hanging around like this, half-way between a visionary and a lounge lizard."

"You're not! I won't have you calling yourself names like that! And you're not going to give all your hopes up, either." She gave his shoulders a furious little shake, almost in tears for him. "If things are like that we

can't afford to live in Granleigh. You're not really needed here, and we could go back and make the ranch pay and save a lot of useless expenses. I don't mind being poor."

"I know you don't, you good little sport, but there's a serious hitch." He looked uncomfortable again, a little on the defensive. "When the crash came, my mother was prostrated, and I gave her my word that I would stay East at least six months out of every year, as long as she lived... Sorry you married me, Nancy?"

"Never!" She hugged him impulsively. "Don't you dare give it up. It's coming all right. You wait and see."

But her heart was heavy.

Anne heard the swish of a car coming in the drive.

Usually Cleo came in the roadster, preferring to drive herself, but today a long grey limousine waited there. A

chauffeur stood by the door. He was a new man.

Anne looked toward him casually, and her eyes stayed. For an instant they seemed to cling to him in frozen recognition. The chauffeur slipped easily into his own seat. There had not been a glimmer of surprise in his face; only a cool watchfulness.

Cleo's eyes widened. This was too good to be true. These two knew each other. Barry's wife and a chauffeur. "I ditched the roadster yesterday, so I'm giving it a rest until the parent stops roaring."

Cleo sat watching Barry's wife with bright, slanting glances. Anne talked when she had to, listened to Cleo, commented and even laughed, but now and then her hands moved nervously in her lap, and her eyes went back to that smartly uniformed figure in front.

The tennis finals were on when they

arrived. It was good tennis, but Anne found her eyes wandering off toward a wide arc of parked cars... What was Jim doing here?

When it was over, Cleo lingered, a little in the rear, but Anne slipped ahead to where the limousine stood.

"Jim, I must see you alone. Just as soon as possible."

"Yes, we ought to have a lot to talk about." There was a jeer in the guarded tone. He opened the door for her, without the faintest change of expression. "I guess you know where to find me."

Cleo's light steps were behind them. "I'll take you home in plenty of time for dinner, but I want to show you something first."

Outside of laying violent hands on her, there was no getting rid of Cleo, once she started to have her own way.

(Continued Next Week.)

LADIES, ask your Santa Claus



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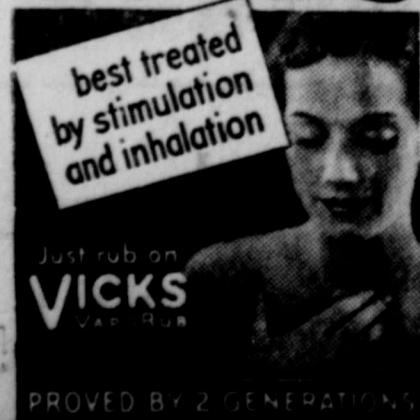
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RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, November 16, in the home of Mrs. Lige Harris with Mrs. J. H. Clark co-hostess.

The new president, Mrs. Melvin Carey, took charge. After business was attended to, Mrs. W. A. Harris gave an interesting account of the last council meeting. Mrs. Selma Russell was awarded the club basket.

The club voted to go in with the P. T. A. and have a pie supper December 14 in order to make money to screen and window the Methodist church, of which they both make use. Mesdames W. A. Harris, Chester Bonds and Lige Harris were elected as program committee.

Mrs. Marvin Douglas and daughter, Mary Bell, were elected market demonstrators for the meeting in Abilene November 24 for a candy making program.

The finance committee consists of Mrs. Pierce Horton, Mrs. J. H. Clark and Miss Mary Bell Douglas.

The new president, Mrs. Carey, presented our former president, Mrs. W. A. Harris, a beautiful basket which was loaded with useful and beautiful gifts from the club members.

Mrs. Clarence Horton was enrolled as a new member. Visitors were Mrs. Virgil Sanders, Mrs. Ross Baker and Mildred Sanders. Club members present were: Mesdames W. A. Harris, Melvin Carey, Pierce Horton, Fred Guitar, O. E. Harwell, Marvin Douglas, Selma Russell, J. L. McRee, S. O. Patton, J. H. Clark, Chester Bonds, Lige Harris, Kenneth Pee, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. C. Lee and Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton and Mary Bell Douglas.

The next meeting is to be December 7 in the home of Mrs. Chester Bonds, with Mrs. W. C. Lee co-hostess.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday night for a study course. Mr. Hobby's pupils gave an opening song and the study course was taught by Mrs. I. R. Blanton. The topic was "Duty of the Officers." Each officer told his own duty.

After a short business session and a song by Mrs. Hobby's pupils, Mrs. Hobby, our hospitality chairman, took charge. She asked each one to tell a joke. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting. Visitors are invited to attend.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

Members of the Busy Bee club entertained their husbands with a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 22, in the home of Mrs. H. Robertson at Salt Branch.

A bountiful dinner consisting of baked chicken with dressing, cranberry sauce, vegetable salad, pecan pie, cake, fruit salad, baked apples, hot chocolate and coffee was served at noon.

In the afternoon a business meeting was held with the president in charge. Mrs. Joe C. Higgins resigned as reporter and Mrs. Bill Hays was elected in her place. Miss Ruth Pinckley was awarded the basket and Mrs. Jack Higgins was enrolled as a new member.

The following members and visitors were present: Messrs. and Mesdames

F. L. Castleberry, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beane, T. C. Allen, Luther Land, J. S. Backley, Bill Hays, Joe C. Higgins, W. C. Lee, V. J. Higgins, Guy McCain, Mrs. Angus Garvin, Mrs. Roy Harrell, Mrs. Jack Higgins, Misses Vara Crippen and Ruth Pinckley and the hostess; also the following children, Edna Marie and Bobbie Joe McClain, Corky Land and Donnie Harrell.

The next meeting will be on December 13 in the home of Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

MERRY WORKERS CLUB.

Plans for a Christmas party were formulated by members of the Merry Workers club of Tye in their annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner meeting held Tuesday of last week in the home of Mrs. A. M. Hinds.

Following the serving of the dinner, games of bridge and "84" were played and a business meeting was held. Mrs. Frank Smith was reappointed council member and Mrs. E. F. Patterson was named market representative.

Present at the meeting were Mesdames T. J. Hinds, J. S. Hinds, Patterson, Smith, Theo Newton, E. D. Thomas, Barnett, W. H. Rister, Leola Mauldin, Stimpson, W. M. Warner, J. J. Jowers, Aubrey Moore, Fred Horton, Alfred Thomas, Ed Stigner, Miss Laura Barnett, members, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. Buford Hinds and Miss Vara Crippen, Taylor county home demonstration agent.

The next meeting will be held December 3 in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Moore.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

To compliment their daughter, Evelyn, on her eighteenth birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson entertained a group of her friends at dinner Sunday. A candle-topped birthday cake was cut and served as the last course of the dinner.

Guests were Pete Petty, Paxton Hayes, Buster Horton, Mary Ellen Horton, Madelin Williams, Peggy Dorris, Bud and William Truett Robertson.

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Remembering the plenteous rains of the past few days, augmenting our many blessings, we approach this Thanksgiving season with a deep appreciation of the favors of the past and a resolve to do all in our power to merit the continued favors of friends and neighbors of this section.

In the spirit of President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving proclamation, "With gratitude in our hearts for what has already been achieved, may we, with the help of God, dedicate ourselves anew to work for the betterment of mankind."

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- Merkel Creamery
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- Dr. Curley's Place
- Carr Sandwich Shops
- Frank McFarland Garage
- Orchid Beauty Shoppe
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BREWER-DRY.

The marriage of Miss Loyce Dry and June Brewer of Clarksville was solemnized Tuesday morning in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, in the presence of only immediate members of the family and close friends. Dr. W. M. Murrell officiated, using an impressive ring ceremony. The wedding, beautiful in its simplicity, was read promptly at 9:30; floral decorations were snapdragons and cyclamen.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mrs. J. M. Dry; reared in Merkel, she received her education at C. I. A. Denton, and has for a number of years been employed in Clarksville. Loyce was unusually lovely in her wedding suit of autumn green with brown squirrel trimmings and harmonizing accessories of brown. She wore a corsage of talisman roses.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Brewer, pioneer residents of Clarksville. June has for a number of years been head of the gents' furnishings in Clarksville's leading department store. On intermittent visits in Merkel he has made many friends who offer sincerest congratulations to them both.

After a short wedding trip they will make their home in Clarksville.

Guests Tuesday morning were Mrs. Dry, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dry of Winters, Miss Lorena Dry of Temple, Mesdames Amy Sears, W. S. J. Brown, Byers Petty, Ernest Easter,

Misses Mary Eula Sears and Christine Collins.

DINNER-THEATRE PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Amy Sears was the scene of a pretty party Monday evening, a pre-nuptial dinner complimenting Miss Loyce Dry and June Brewer of Clarksville. A colorful autumn leaf decoration was given emphasis in floral decorations and table center and was further augmented in imported dinnerware. A three-course seasonal menu was served. Miss Christine Collins was co-hostess in entertaining. A handsome three-piece gift in Fostoria was presented the honorees.

Following dinner a trip to the Paramount theatre, Abilene, proved happy diversion for the evening hours. The party were guests of C. J. Glover for this part of the evening's entertainment. The guest list includes Miss Loyce Dry, June Brewer, Mrs. J. M. Dry, Miss Lorena Dry, Mrs. Amy Sears, Miss Christine Collins, Miss Mary Eula Sears and C. J. Glover.

IN-HONOR BRIDGE.

Mrs. Alfred Costephens complimented Miss Lady Frank Watt of Sweetwater, who was to be married Nov. 28 to Dr. William Howard Brown of Mineral Wells, on Monday evening with a bridge. Bridal colors of green and gold were stressed in all party accessories and in massed chrysanthemums used throughout the entertaining rooms.

Contract bridge games were culminated with Mrs. George White high, for which she was awarded a dainty cream and sugar. The honoree was presented a remembrance in Madeira.

Refreshments of chicken salad, toasted sandwiches, gingerbread waffles with whipped cream were passed to Miss Lady Frank Watt of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giles, Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Misses Stell Ledger, Johnnie Sears, Helen Patterson, Messrs. Wren Durham, Ralph Duke, the host and hostess.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The suburban home of Mrs. Sam Derstine was opened Wednesday afternoon of last week in an anniversary program depicting the progress of the Willing Workers class through the six years of its existence. Following this inspirational program delicious cherry pies topped with whip cream were served with hot chocolate to Mesdames Walker, Elliott, Tucker, Murray, McConnell, Smith, Witchee, Selma Russell, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. J. Derstine, Sam Derstine, Misses Dota Garoutte, Mary Kenny and Mary Derstine.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess for a business session, after which the club went in a body to the cooking school taught by Miss Ilah Manchester, home economist.

Members present were Mesdames R. H. Mathews, Sr., F. A. Polley, George White, C. P. Church, W. A. McCandless, E. B. Wallace, Tye Sublett, Lake Renfro, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Watt Blair, E. O. Carson and R. A. Burgess, Misses Maurine and Clara B. White and Thelma Mathews. Vis-

itors were Mrs. C. H. Blair and Miss Virgie Jones.

METHODIST W. M. S.

New officers for the coming year were elected when the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon in business and social session in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

New officers are: president, Mrs. F. E. Church; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Latham; secretary, Mrs. M. Armstrong; corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. N. Ellis; treasurer, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown; local treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Sears; superintendent of study, Mrs. R. A. Burgess; of children's work, Mrs. P. H. Gates; of local work, Mrs. Frank Golladay; of supplies, Mrs. Buck Mashburn; of Christian social relations, Mrs. C. K. Russell; of world outlook, Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson.

During the social hour refreshments were served to seventeen guests.

THANKS TO NEIGHBORS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to neighbors and friends who were so kind in rendering aid and assistance at the time of the loss of our barn by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson.

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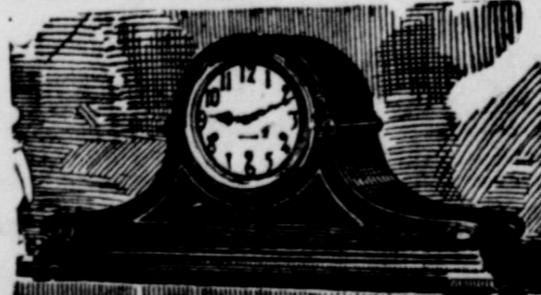
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