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RECORD-BREAKING CROWD SEES FAST EXHIBITION OF RIDING, ROPING PROWESS

In First Rodeo of 1936 Season, 90 Entries Are Run Through In 110 Minutes by Dexterity Of Malone Brothers.

A card of 90 entries in the various events of calf roping, cow milking and horse and steer riding was run through in 110 minutes—nearly one a minute—in Saturday's rodeo, opening performance of the series of six free shows sponsored again this summer for the third year by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

All told, there were 45 calf ropers, 30 in the cow milking contests, 8 steer riders, 4 horse riders and 3 bull riders, completing the grand entry list of 90. It was a gala day in Merkel—a crowd of approximately 4,000, the largest that has witnessed any show during the past two years, gathered around the arena—the bleacher sections were entirely sold out.

Prior to the opening of the events, the A. C. C. Wildcat band, which had also given a concert uptown after the parade, rendered a half hour concert at the grounds.

Bob and Mark Malone, who have been employed to manage this year's series of shows, were responsible for the speed with which Saturday's show was run through—a record that compares favorably with that of the largest rodeos in the country.

Winners in the various events were: Calf roping—Ted Powers, first, 16 1-5 seconds; Leo Huff, second, 17 2-5; O. Warren, third, 19 4-5, and Rural Stoker, fourth, 22 2-5.

Cow Milking—Cub Young, first, 18 2-5 seconds; Leo Huff, second, 18 4-5; Burl Hitzon, third, 20 4-5, and Guy Caves, fourth, 21 3-5.

Steer riding—Johnny Frazier, first; Raymond Caldwell, second, and Len Sedberry, third.

Results were announced by loud speaker through courtesy of Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre. Second rodeo of the 1936 season comes on Saturday, May 9.

Death Claims Wife Of Dr. J. P. Howard

Mrs. Susie Penn Howard, 46, wife of Dr. J. P. Howard, died at 9 o'clock Wednesday night at her home here. Death, due to a heart ailment, followed an illness of exactly one month.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the family residence, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Rev. C. R. Joyner, Baptist pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor.

Pallbearers were: L. E. Adrian, Trent; W. W. Haynes, A. B. Patterson, W. W. Wood, W. H. Pogue and F. Y. Gaither.

Married on June 28, 1926, Mrs. Howard is survived by her husband and one son, Jasper Penn Howard, also a stepson, Malvin Howard, of Los Angeles, Calif. She has one brother, W. W. Penn, connected with the war department, Washington, D. C.

Her mother, Mrs. Sonora E. Penn, died here on Sept. 26, last year.

Mrs. Howard was a consistent member of the Baptist church, her life having been chiefly devoted to love and care for members of her family and service to the church. Her passing will leave an empty place in the home, and The Mail joins many friends of the family in extending sincerest sympathy to the bereaved husband, sons and brother.

Special Venire of 150 Men for Negro's Trial

A special venire of 150 men has been ordered for the trial of Lonnie Mitchell, 43-year-old negro charged with the fatal shooting of City Marshal Chester C. Hutcheson here on the night of Apr. 11, which is set for Monday, May 4, in 42nd district court. Arraigned before Judge Milburn S. Long on Thursday of last week, the negro, who had been held in an unannounced West Texas jail, pleaded not guilty. He did not ask for bond, and was returned to jail.

Oliver Cunningham and Gray Brown, Abilene attorneys, were appointed to represent the defendant.

PARADE OVER ELEVEN BLOCKS

Line of March on Opening Rodeo Day One of Longest in City's History.

Visitors by the hundreds were present Saturday morning to witness the eleven-block-long parade which ushered in the 1936 summer season of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

Headed by Motorcycle Officers Ernest Daniels and Sam Guynes of the state highway patrol, the procession moved promptly at 10:30. Next followed Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Leta Faye Barbee on handsome mounts and carrying one a large Texas flag, the other a United States flag.

The Wildcat band from Abilene Christian college—25 strong, under the direction of Durwood Crain—lent the proper color and atmosphere that makes a parade a parade in fact. Conspicuous in the procession of the band was the junior drum major, Kyle Crain.

Some seventy firms, individuals and candidates were represented in the record-breaking street parade, which included a number of bicycle riders and more than fifty horseback riders, a large number of the latter being contestants in the various rodeo events.

The city's fire truck was elaborately decorated for the occasion and the county grader, which so effectively assists in levelling premises at the show grounds, also participated.

Nathan Wood is chairman of the parade committee which staged such a success on opening day. Others on the committee are: W. W. Haynes, Milton Case and Byers Petty.

Serving as parade marshals were: Bob Malone, Mark Malone, Lloyd Jinkens and City Marshal D. H. Vaughn.

The following firms and individuals were noted in the parade:

Burton-Lingo company, Abilene Laundry, Blake's Dry Cleaners, Black's Radio shop, Buck's Shoe Repair shop, Bullock Hardware company, Dandy Bakery, Hood Ice company, Eli Case and Son, Cotton's cafe, Church Motor company, Stephens & Stephens Drugless clinic, Carson grocery, Mervin Meeks, Community Natural Gas company, Magnolia Petroleum company, Campbell's Grocery and Market, Curley's Repair shop, Barrow Furniture company, Vick Drug company, E. D. (Dean) Davis, Continental Oil company, Bragg Dry Goods company, Burl Wheeler, Neill's cafe, Wozy's cafe, Economy grocery, Hughes Motor company, Hunter and Sublett Brothers, Liberty Filling station, Wilson the Jeweler, Fox Wrecking House, J. M. Garrett, Merkel Motor company, Max Mellinger, Mary's Music school, Merkel Co-Op station, Lindsay Walden, McDonald grocery, Patterson's market, Petty and West, Tom's Wrecking yard, Renfro Cleaners, American cafe, Abilene Reporter-News, Reid Variety store, Toombs and Guitar Filling station, Whiteley Bros. Filling station, Po-Po Sandwich shop, Sinclair Refining company, West company, West Texas Utilities company, Wheeler's market, Lions club, Thompson and Risinger Filling station, Hi-Way Service station, Gulf Service station, P. H. Douglass, F. E. Church, Southwestern Life Insurance company, Perry Brothers, Wood's store, Merkel Ice company, Farmers State bank, T. C. Jinkens, John Hughes, Merkel farmer, Comer Patterson, Queen confectionery, Queen theatre, Abilene Hatchery.

Greenberg Fractures Wrist. Washington, Apr. 30.—Hank Greenberg, Detroit's first baseman and the American league's most valuable player last year, suffered a split fracture of his left wrist Wednesday in a base-line collision with Jake Powell, Washington outfielder.

Pension Payments Near.

Austin, Apr. 30.—The initial step to hasten payments of old age pensions was taken Wednesday when Old Age Pension funds were allocated and reported to the Federal Social securities board for matching.

EARLY DAY HISTORY TO BE RECALLED

Fortnightly Study Club Will Sponsor Pioneer Dinner; Club Members Have Library As Objective.

With the Centennial idea uppermost in the minds of Texans, memories of the early days are naturally recalled and it is with this thought in mind that the Fortnightly Study club will sponsor a Pioneer Dinner here on Friday evening, May 8.

The place will be the High School gymnasium; the time, 8 p. m. Price of tickets will be 50c, the proceeds to form a nucleus for a future library in Merkel.

The dinner, which will be served chuck wagon style, will be just part of the inducement offered. One special number will be old-fashioned fiddling, and speakers selected because of their fund of recollections of early days will tell the history of Merkel and Taylor county. A skit demonstrating an old fashioned square dance will enliven the evening's program.

The Fortnightly Study club has undertaken many worth-while objectives in their less than two years existence, notably the securing of Dr. Robert Venting of Cleburne, a pulpit orator of state-wide reputation, and the fall style show, and their endeavor to establish a library here will no doubt meet with the support of the entire community.

Committee chairmen named for the Pioneer Dinner sponsored by the club, of which Mrs. Henry West is president, are: menu, Mrs. J. T. Warren; decorations, Mrs. C. B. Gardner; program, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown; publicity, Mrs. Tom Largent, and general arrangements, Miss Stell Ledger.

Demos Hold Precinct Convention Saturday

Precinct convention to name delegates from Merkel precinct to the county convention to be held in the district court room at Abilene on Tuesday afternoon, May 5, at 2 o'clock, will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 2, at the city tabernacle. W. O. Boney is precinct chairman.

At the county convention Taylor county's delegation to the state convention to be held in San Antonio May 26 will be named. This county will be entitled to 10 delegates to the state convention, one for each 500 votes, or a major fraction thereof, cast for democratic candidates for governor in the last primary. The state convention names delegates to the national democratic convention for the nomination of a candidate for president.

"Trip Around World" Scores as Novelty

To many, if not all of the tourists who purchased tickets for "A Trip Around the World," sponsored by the Mary Martha circle of the Methodist woman's missionary society Tuesday evening, the opportunity of such an inexpensive sight-seeing tour was sufficient inducement, but the novelty of the entire affair brought forth oceans of praise in behalf of Mrs. John Grabbe, president, and circle members.

Transportation was furnished via gasoline motor cars, the route around the globe including visits to the Hawaiian Islands, Ireland, Mexico, Japan and a return to America. Homes selected to represent the various foreign countries were: Mrs. Milton Case's, Mrs. Fred Hughes', Mrs. Dee Grimes', Mrs. W. S. J. Brown's, respectively, with the final landing at the home of Mrs. Burgess.

Decorations, costuming, entertainment and refreshments were all in keeping with the countries visited. When one landed at the Hawaiian islands, Mrs. Milton Case and Mrs. John Dunn extended welcome and served pineapple juice while little Mary Faye Johnson strummed her ukele. The Shamrock predominated in the Irish setting where Mrs. Fred Hughes and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson were the reception committee. Miss Dorothy Lee Shannon sang "Wild Irish Rose" to her colleen, Dora Marie Gaither, with Mary Jo Russell accompanist. A plate featuring (Irish) potato salad was served.

Juarez greeted the visitors in colorful atmosphere and setting; here Miss Christine Collins rendered "Ere's (Continued on Page Eight)

"HEIRLOOMS," SENIOR PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

Cast Announced for First Event Of School Closing Program; Quaint, Old-Fashioned Singing an Extra Feature.

"Heirlooms," a comedy in three acts by Sally Shute, will be presented by the Senior class of the Merkel High school Friday night, May 1, at 8 o'clock at High School gymnasium. The price of admission will be 15c and 25c.

The cast of characters in the order of their appearance follows:

Rachel, negro maid, Janet Hayes. Martha Todd, housekeeper, Missie Spurkin.

Joel Bassett, an old admirer of Martha's, R. T. Blair.

Mrs. Everett, wife of the minister at Porterville, Ora Derrick.

Cynthia Tillinghast, owner of the heirlooms, Willie Mae Nelson.

Ambrose Tuttle, another admirer of Martha's, Clifton Bellamy.

Flora Tillinghast, a young matron of New York, Eva Faye Bush.

Nora, her maid, Opal Buzbee.

Ben Tillinghast, Cynthia's half-brother and Flora's husband, Winston Polley.

Steven Hopewell, friend of the Tillinghasts, Harold Morgan.

Johnnie Cotton, their young neighbor, Horace Boney.

Susie, Johnnie's sister, by Susie herself.

Act I takes place at the Tillinghast homestead at Porterville. Act II, in the apartment of Ben Tillinghast in New York City, about two weeks later. Act III is the same as Act II, three weeks later.

The Merkel audience will appreciate the contrast in characters and in stage furnishings. Great interest has been shown among the students in lending their family heirlooms displayed in Act I.

An added charm is the quaint, old-fashioned singing held, reminding one of 1900. These musicians are: Mrs. T. Earthman, Mildred Sosebee, Opal Buzbee, Annie Fern Jones, Coehre Morrison, Lauretta Randall, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Hattie Mae Dwigins, Alice Russell, Zerk Robertson, Bryan Higgins, Felix Stalls, Oscar Adeock, Frank Mundy.

Ushers will be: Mary Frances Harris, Lou Ella Hughes, John Leonard, F. T. Hogan.

It is hoped that play-lovers will see this contribution to 1936 by the Senior class.

Enjoyable Affair By Men's Bible Class

The Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church met in the church basement Tuesday night for a little fun and refreshment. 25 regular members and 18 visitors were present.

Booth Warren was toastmaster for the evening, with Allen McGehee in charge of the kitchen.

After the invocation by Clark Mundy, the luncheon was served, during the course of which Winston Polley and his able assistants, Hollingsworth, Morgan and Bellamy, rendered music with their string band that was most entertaining.

Charlie Jones then would fain have filled the air with a guitar solo, but for having used all of his allotted time in telling the new ones he had heard and was called down by the toastmaster.

Weldon Davis favored the stag affair with his speech on "Good Citizenship," which was followed by a farcical Kid Rhythm band put on by Coach Hutto, Buck Leach, Bill Fugat, Ted McGehee and Byers Petty, with E. B. Wallace acting as leader.

The class president, Joe P. Self, was called on for an impromptu speech, which was matched with an impromptu male quartette, consisting of W. J. Largent, Charlie Jones, Yates Brown and Charles Largent, Jr.

The main speech of the evening was from Rev. J. W. Saffle, who at one time was pastor of the Merkel church. His remarks drew great applause and much favorable comment.

After short comments by other members of the class, the doxology was sung by the entire group and Rev. C. R. Joyner pronounced the benediction.

ANOTHER DOUBLE-HEADER IN INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE CARDED SATURDAY, MAY 2

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Former Mayor A. B. Cole of Brownsville was released on \$5,000 bond on a murder charge resulting from the automobile death Sunday of Matt Arbuckle, 63, tin shop owner.

Wade L. Allison of Burk Burnett will serve 18 months in the Wichita county jail as a result of the death of R. H. McFarlane, WPA project superintendent, on Apr. 10 after a fist fight at Burk Burnett.

Dr. W. A. Davis, state registrar of vital statistics, reported that deaths increased in Texas last year, while live births decreased for the first time since 1930.

Tornadoic winds slashed through Southeast Texas Tuesday, killing four persons and injuring at least a dozen others during a rain storm which soaked most of the state.

David Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long of Winters, arrived at home Friday afternoon, completing his 2,350 mile horseback trip from New York City in ten weeks.

After dreaming he was drowning in Eagle creek, 30 miles south of Sweetwater, Milton King, 18, was actually drowned the following day when he swung over the water with insufficient force for the return swing to bring him to the bank and he became exhausted and fell into deep water.

A Garland Adair, former newspaper man of Mexia and Abilene, has announced his candidacy for state treasurer on the democratic ticket.

Mrs. Chris Rudi, 63, of LaGrange, died of injuries received several days previously when she was gored by a cow.

Dwight L. Lewelling, 56, former Dallas county prosecutor who devoted the last ten years of his life to conducting a "rescue mission" for hoboes and other indigents, died Friday at Dallas.

San Antonio was selected by the state democratic executive committee as the place for the state democratic convention on May 26.

When final returns were tabulated, Eastland county voted by a majority of 164 for legalization of 14 per cent alcoholic beverages.

Miss Evelyn Fowler, 18, burned Thursday in an explosion and fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Glass, at Sweetwater, by whom she was employed, died Friday afternoon.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 28, 1916.)

GREAT ROPING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN MERKEL MAY 1ST.

Geo. Weir and Allen Holder compete for \$1,000 Prize. Each man is a Champion in his line and will rope fifteen goats against time, the winner to take the prize money—Two other features will mark the event of the day.

"Red" Driver will mount "Blue Jay," which is owned by Geo. Weir.

What will be the greatest exhibition of skill in fast roping is scheduled for this city next Monday afternoon when George Weir, champion steer roper of the world, meets Allen Holder of Garden City, in a contest of roping fifteen goats each for a purse of \$1,000. This purse has been made up for several months but the contestants have failed to agree on the time and location. Weir's early departure for points outside of the state made it necessary for the contest to be held at an early date, and Merkel was selected by the two greatest ropers as the place for the exhibition.

ALLEN HOLDER. Allen Holder of Garden City is credited with being the fastest and greatest roper of goats of the present time, having won every contest which he entered during 1915. It was Holder who challenged Weir to the contest and friends of the two parties made up the \$1,000 purse.

GEORGE WEIR. George Weir, formerly a resident of this city, is the present holder of

Trent and Union Contenders in First Game; Tye vs Divide to Follow; Three Sections of Seats Provided.

Another twin bill is in store for fans on Saturday of this week; in fact, the revised schedule of the Inter-Community league provides for double-headers on alternate Saturdays with the rodeos until July 1, when the first mid-week game will be played.

Trent and Union play their first game of the 1936 season in the opener Saturday, while Tye and Divide meet in the nightcap. First game will start at 1:30 p. m.

Three tiers of the bleacher sections are to be moved to the baseball grounds for use Saturday, assuring seats for everybody that wants to pay for the privilege. The twin bill may be seen for the bargain price of 10 cents.

Takes Second Place In 440-Yard Hurdles At Drake Relays

A Merkel boy, Jack Patterson, who is a Sophomore at Rice institute, ranked second in the 440-yard hurdles Saturday at the Drake relays in Des Moines, Iowa. First place in the event was won by Herman Nelson from Oklahoma.

Beneath the caption, "Meet Two Southern Gentlemen," the Des Moines Tribune featured a large cut on their sport page during the meet, the two stars depicted being our own Jack Patterson and Louis (Smockey) Brothers, both of Rice.

In the recent meet between Rice and the University of Texas held at Austin on Apr. 14 Jack won first in high hurdles and second in low hurdles.

Jack's friends here, proud of the record he is making and especially gratified at the opportunity afforded him in entering the Drake relays, will watch with much interest his career in college athletics.

Attends Conference on Student Leadership

Stephenville, Apr. 30.—Margaret Miller of Merkel, secretary of the A. W. S. council, was included in the group from John Tarleton college, which attended a student leadership conference last week-end at Glen Rose.

Problems of student government were discussed and suggestions made for 1936-1937 student officers.

the record for roping steers. In twelve contests in which he entered in the Northwest in 1915, he won first money in eleven, his brother having defeated him in the only contest he lost. Weir has not made it a profession to rope goats but believes he will be able to give as good an account of himself in this match as if he were roping steers.

This event has been transferred to Merkel from another city by agreement of those managing the contest, thus giving the people of this section a chance of witnessing one of the most dexterous exhibitions of speed and skill possible to be seen in this state. Along with the main event are two minor events. Each will be worth seeing. An amateur goat ropers' contest will be held during the main event to give Weir and Holder and their mounts time to rest. In addition, the noted pitching horse, "Blue Jay," now owned by George Weir, will be here with the present selection of "Red" Driver of Midland, Texas, to mount him. "Blue Jay" has gained considerable reputation during the past few months by dismounting professional riders as fast as they attempted to mount his hurricane deck. Driver is said to be one of the best riders in the Midland country, and will give "Blue Jay" a "rakin'" from tip to tail, or else stay seated on what is said to be the worst pitchin' hoss ever scratched in Texas.

All Merkel stores will close during the contest.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Friends of the T. D. Sisk family will be sad to learn of the death of Paul Fisk of New York City the first part of the week.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy returned Saturday from a visit with her mother at Stanton.

Mrs. Mitchell Cooper, who underwent surgery at the West Texas Baptist hospital last week for appendicitis, is reported as improving and will probably return home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mauldin, accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Gordon, were recent visitors to Stephenville and attended the annual grave working there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer, returned Sunday from a visit of a few days in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham, who recently moved to Merkel, were attending to business here Monday. Mrs. Wortham has just returned from a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, and new granddaughter, Ellen Carol Ann, at Big Spring.

Mrs. Stanley Armour was hostess Saturday afternoon with a party honoring her young son, Don, on his birthday. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream and cake served to Wayland and Bobby Gale Norwood, Wanda Fay Riggan, Troy Kegans, Billie Wayne and Tommie Hamner and Lindell Quattlebaum.

BLAIR ITEMS

The nice rain clouds that have come our way the past week, with the Monday night shower, gave this vicinity several inches of rain. The grain crop has been pepped up by the moisture; in cultivated fields where nothing has been planted there is a good supply of moisture and in many fields cotton will come up. Crops will not be carried on to maturity by these rains, but will be held up perhaps until additional moisture.

Louis Peterson has been real sick the past week. Mrs. Will Campbell has been suffering from an infected ear for several days.

Little Jimmie Nell Horton is convalescing nicely after three weeks' illness.

Rev. O. D. Richardson of San Angelo was a guest recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dusek with their three attractive children of Paint Rock were passing visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and other friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Moore and little Jimmie Campbell are on the sick list at this time.

Comora Hughes of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and little grandson, Reuben Horton, spent the week-end with relatives at Red Spring, Mr. Moore looking after his property at that place.

Odis Moore left Monday for Port Arthur to join his wife and baby, who are visiting her mother at that place. Mrs. Moore's health is not of the best at this time.

Brother Roy Audings of Abilene will preach at the Baptist church Sunday, May 3. Brother Audings is an able preacher. Come and hear him.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, M. E. pastor, delivered two very impressive discourses at the morning and evening services last Sunday. Being a gifted speaker, he held close attention throughout. Mrs. Mayhew and daughter accompanied her husband and attended services also.

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Lindsay Walden Seeks Honor as County Judge



To the Citizens of Taylor County:

I respectfully submit to you my candidacy for the office of your county judge. In doing so, I invite your attention to my record as justice of the peace in Precinct 1 and to my law practice.

I was born in south Taylor county, and received my education in the Abilene public schools and at Abilene Christian college. I am a member of the Taylor county bar, having been licensed to practice law by the supreme court after several years of law study at home and in the office of Abilene attorneys.

I believe I fully appreciate the great responsibilities and duties incumbent upon a county judge, and if elected will endeavor to discharge them to the best of my ability.

I am married, my wife having also been reared in Taylor county, and we have one child.

I respectfully ask your consideration, support and influence, and will make good if elected.

LINDSAY P. WALDEN.

Percheron Sales in 1936 Exceed 3,000

During the first few months of 1936 there were 3,093 sales of purebred Percherons made at prices ranging from \$200 to \$3,000 a head, according to Ellis McFarland, secretary-treasurer of the Percheron Horse Association at Chicago.

Among the latest buyer listed is Jack Patterson of Merkel, who has lately purchased the purebred Percheron mare May 213444 fom A. C. Wade of Sweetwater.

The mare is a black-grey coming three years old, sired by a son of the imported French stallion Karakul and out of a daughter of the imported French stallion James. Both the sire and the dam trace to prominent French bloodlines.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

Texas has a land area of 262,398 square miles and a water area of 3,498 square miles.

Former Resident of Trent Dies at Lamesa

Ed McGowen, age 52, a former Trent citizen, suffered a heart attack at his home a few miles north of Lamesa on Sunday, Apr. 19, and died on the following Wednesday, Apr. 22, at a Lamesa hospital. He had lived at Trent for about nine years prior to his moving to Lamesa about eight years ago. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church and also a member of the Masonic lodge.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church, Lamesa, Thursday, Apr. 23, with the pastor, Rev. E. F. Cols, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. W. Riley, pastor of the Methodist church at Trent. Interment was in a Lamesa cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Mattie McGowen, he is survived by one brother, Leonard McGowen, Sweetwater; three sisters, Mrs. S. H. Estep, Trent, Mrs. Tom Tolson, Hermsleigh, and Mrs. Anderson, Coahoma; and eight children, Mrs. R. C. Carraway, Benbrook; Mrs. Clay Causeaux, Fort Worth; Mrs. Hale McRee, Trent; Mrs. Vernon Adams, Fort Worth; R. E. McGowen, Fort Worth; Mrs. Horace Henry, Roby; Mrs. T. N. Middleton, Lamesa, and Leonard McGowen, Lamesa.

The deceased was a man held in high esteem and loved by all who knew him.

Friends from Trent attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston of Eskota, L. W. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Duell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee, Mesdames C. T. Beckham, A. Williamson, J. B. Winn, Allen Terry, C. C. McRee, John Strawn, Gene Chiles, Eldorado, Ark., Bob Dennis, Merkel; Messrs. Hubert Beckham, T. G. Hamner, A. W. Wood, Leonard Quattlebaum, Bud Statser, Louie McRee, E. C. Smith, Willie Weaver, and his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee and children, Virginia Choe and H. L., and his sister, Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

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Merkel Drug Company

Attractive Prizes In Sponsor Contest Stamford Reunion

Stamford, Apr. 30.—Sponsors and contestants are already making inquiries about the seventh Texas Cowboy Reunion to be held in Stamford, July 2, 3 and 4. H. G. Andrews, chairman of the sponsors' committee, has announced that four towns have selected sponsors to attend this year's reunion, which is to be known as the Texas Cowboy Reunion Celebration of the Texas Centennial.

Attractive prizes are to be awarded the winners in the sponsors' contest, which is to be based on appearance, horsemanship and riding apparel of the girl—and appearance, performance and equipment of the horse. This contest is to be held the first and second mornings of the rodeo. First prize will be a fine saddle, second prize a pair of boots, third prize a bridle and fourth prize a pair of spurs. A handmade miniature quilt, the workmanship of John Selman of Stamford, will be presented each sponsor.

Tickets of admission to all performances of the rodeo will be given each sponsor and they will be honored with numerous social events. Mrs. H. G. Andrews has been named as hostess for the reunion this year.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50. The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county); both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

Wearing a ring showing it was from London a swallow was caught recently in South Africa.

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Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

We Are Cooperating With Merchants Trade Extension Association

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished room for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.

PHONE 61

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1934 CHEVROLET MASTER SEDAN—Read that price! See this practically new Chevrolet—compare appearance, performance and reliability and you'll prefer it to anything the market offers at anywhere near this price. Completely equipped, ready to drive away, for only \$395.00

1935 CHEVROLET MASTER TOWN SEDAN—Original Duco finish, clean upholstery, tires that show little wear. Thoroughly reconditioned and backed by "an OK that counts." Completely equipped including radio, steam heater and bumper guards. Special sale today only \$550.00

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JUNIORS FETE SENIORS.

Friday evening, Apr. 24, the Junior class presented the Senior class a very colorful and entertaining banquet. One hundred twenty-two faculty members, trustees and wives, Seniors and Juniors were entertained at this, the social highlight of the year, in the gymnasium.

No more appropriate decorations could have been used than those adorning the banquet hall. Streamers, table coverings, favors in honor of the Senior class were blue and white—the colors of the Senior class.

In carrying out the theme of Texas under six flags, the Juniors provided equally appropriate favors and formation of the decorations. In front of each plate was a small cactus in a small urn decorated in blue and white. For the gentlemen were cardboard sombreros, for the ladies were bonnets, both containing mints. The floral decorations for the table, which was in the formation of a T, were blue-bonnets. Along the walls were huge bouquets of larkspur. As beautifully decorated was the stage. Large cacti of various kinds, logs, trees, and greens. Directly in front of the main speaker was a miniature model of the Alamo with the six flags mounted on the top. Above and slightly behind the speaker was a large five-pointed star with a blue bulb in each corner. It is impossible to describe the beauty of a top view of these settings. Twelve Sophomore girls dressed in costumes representative of the six flags under which Texas has been wearers.

At eight o'clock John Malone, president of the Junior class, took charge as master of ceremonies. Mr. O. J. Adcock, president of the board of education, read a short invocation. The banquet was on.

The menu consisted of stuffed tomato salad, pressed chicken, buttered beets, escalloped potatoes, crystallized pickles, stuffed celery, molded cream, wafers and ice tea.

Immediately after the last course was served the master of ceremonies delivered a toast to the Seniors, and Oscar Adcock, president of the Senior class, responded. John Leonard, Senior vice-president, gave a toast to the faculty, and Mr. Roger A. Burgess responded. Coach Hutto and Miss Maggie Stuart said a few words to the assembled guests. Weldon Davis read two short selections, "Little Towns of Texas" and "That God Darned Wheel." Immediately following this a cast of Juniors, Sylvan Mellinger, Murphy Dye, Junior Grimes, Vernell Bland, Lucille Crick and Jane Ferguson, presented the comedy "Wild Nell, Pet of the Plains." A sextette of Junior girls sang a group of Texas songs. Elna Tucker, Leta Faye Barbee, Earline Kelso, Betty Grimes, Sis Gamble and Ina May Berryman composed the sextette.

As the crowning event of the evening Mr. J. C. Humphries of Abilene gave a very interesting talk. This was one of the most interesting speeches ever delivered at a Junior-Senior banquet in Merkel. Almost everyone present has commented on it.

The following persons enjoyed the hospitality of the Junior class sponsored by Miss Alyeen Ater: Eteyl Church, M. C. Church, Woodrow Clark, Weldon Davis, P. A. Diltz, Billie Dunning, Murphy Dye, Doyle Gray, Bob Grimes, Roy Hagler, Le Roy Hester, Norman King, John Malone, Sylvan Mellinger, Miller Patton, Marvin Perkins, Paul Riney, Jack Sublett, Lloyd Vick, Dutton Williamson, Bobby Woodrum, Joe Young.

Edith Atkins, Leta Faye Barbee, Janet Berry, Ina Mae Berryman, Vernell Bland, Nadine Clack, Genevieve Cox, Lucille Crick, Elwenna Doan, Levena Douglas, Jane Ferguson, Sis Gamble, Betty Grimes, Willie Mae Hudson, La Verne Hughes, Earline Kelso, Pauline McAninch, Margie Melton, Katherine Osborn, Opal Palmer, Nell Pruitt, Phyllis Smith, Vernell Sublett, De La Vergne Teague, Elna Tucker.

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Eva Faye Bush, Opal Buzbee, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Hattie Mae Dwiggin, Mary Frances Harris, Janet Hayes, Lou Ella Hughes, Annie Fern Jones, Ruth Kyle, Mabel Maddox, Cochrane Morrison, Thelma Pat-

erson, Lauretta Randall, Alice Russell, Mildred Rosebee, Mary Helen Mashburn, Robb's Walker, Robert Higgins, Willie Mae Nelson.
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ALICE CAREY BRINGS HOME ANOTHER HONOR.

Alice Carey, the High school essay writer, again brought honor to her school and herself last Saturday when she won second place in the regional meet held at Abilene.

When the time for training essay writers came in the early spring, Miss Ater looked anxiously about among her English students for possible entries. Several students were interested, but Alice was chosen and has been consistently bringing honors from each meet.

First, she won first place in county; then she brought in another first place when she went to district meet. Saturday Alice was not quite as successful as far as winning a place is concerned, but Merkel students and teachers are proud of her and feel sure that she is almost, if not as good, as the Menard girl who won first place.

A practice essay written by Alice appears in this issue of the Merkel Mail.

SENIOR DAY AT HARDIN-SIMMONS.

On Apr. 25 at 9 o'clock Mr. Coffman drove the new bus to the High school building. When he arrived he found these Seniors waiting to be carried to Hardin-Simmons: Clifton Bellamy, Robert Higgins, Mary Frances Harris, Mabel Maddox, Lou Ella Hughes, Thelma Patterson, Missie Spurgin, Hugh Leonard, John Leonard, Laverne Moore, Oscar Adcock, Halbert Rister, Victor Joyner, Bryan Higgins, Lauretta Randall, R. T. Blair, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Eva Faye Bush and the Senior sponsor, Miss Stuart. Several of the Seniors were not able to attend the all-day program. We arrived back home about 4:30 o'clock, reporting a good time.

BOYS' LECTURED.

The boys of Merkel High school have been listening to some very enlightening talks on Vocational Agriculture. All this time that has been spent listening to these talks has been well spent.

Mr. Templeton of Sylvester gave us some very good points about the course and Mr. Williams of Winters, with the help of two boys from Winters, also gave us some exceedingly good lectures.

In taking this course, the boys do not necessarily have to live on a farm, but it is best that they do. Sometimes boys from town are permitted to take this course if they can take care of a project properly. The credits of this course are given one and one half yearly, the course itself counting one unit and the projects, one-half unit. Three credits are given for the first two years of work and one credit given for the third year, completing the course in three years.

When we speak of project we are taking several things into consideration. For a project a boy may choose a calf or a hog or maybe five acres of cotton or one of many other things. A boy taking Vocational Agriculture is required to carry at least two projects. Of course, sometimes there is a loss on a project just like any other thing, but that is the purpose of this course: to find out if a certain thing pays or to find out what pays and what does not.

These speakers have been giving the boys chances to ask questions about things that were not clear, but the boys have been a little timid about this. Mr. Williams spoke of feeding a calf as a project and Mr. Grimes wanted to know if it would count if you let the calf feed itself.

When a boy begins taking Vocational Agriculture it makes him eligible to become a member of the F. F. A. club. A small fee of forty-five cents yearly is assessed on each member. Each year contests are held all over Texas where hundreds of boys meet to try their skill against other boys in judging cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and many other things.

From the talks given we can see that Vocational Agriculture is well worth our time, and we appreciate

the time and effort these men have given us, in explaining this course.

G A N G CLUB.

Members of the G and G club met Friday night, Apr. 24, in the home of Thelma Patterson for a slumber party with Ora Derrick as co-hostess. During the first part of the night dancing and joke-telling were the chief amusements, and later a few of the party went serenading. At sunrise the entire group went walking.

All during the night refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, fruit, cookies and candy were served. At the breakfast hour toast, bacon, eggs and coffee were served to the following guests: Mary Helen Mashburn and Nell Pruitt, and club members, Mabel Maddox, Opal Buzbee, Janet Hayes, Eva Faye Bush, Ruth Kyle, Cochrane Morrison, Lauretta Randall, Missie Spurgin, Lou Ella Hughes, Mary Frances Harris, Ruby Carey, Willie Mae Nelson, Alice Russell and the two hostesses.

GIRLS MEET.

Last Wednesday while the boys were having an agriculture meeting, the girls assembled in the study hall. Mrs. Haynes and Miss Martin planned a short program for the hour. Mrs. Earthman played several numbers. Several of the girls gave talks on the subject, "When I Am Twenty-One." We enjoyed the hour of amusement and hope we can do this again.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and two daughters, Patricia and Mary Belle, motored over to Abilene last Thursday afternoon and attended the Major Bowes' Amateur show at the Paramount.

Mrs. Lee Ponder is recovering satisfactorily after having her tonsils removed.

Mrs. M. F. Carey and Mrs. O. R. Douglas attended a P. T. A. meeting in Sweetwater last Friday.

Misses Faye Douglas and Ruby and Alice Carey and Woodrow Clark and Miller Patton attended the Junior-Senior banquet at Merkel Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel were Wednesday night bedtime guests in the M. L. Douglas home.

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Detroit, Apr. 30.—Chevrolet sales in March, 126,119 units, were the highest for any month in the history of the company, it was announced here. A new record was set also for first-quarter sales, which totaled 272,149, a gain of 97,839 over the same period last year. The previous high record for a single month had stood ever since May, 1928, totaling 122,437. The largest previous first quarter record was 248,875 units in 1929.

Sales of used cars by Chevrolet dealers were 165,170 in March, and 481,834 (a new record) in the first quarter.

Trent Visitors Here For Initiation of Four Candidates for Circle

Merkel Grove No. 563 met in regular session Thursday evening, Apr. 16, for initiation work with Trent team and officers in attendance. Mrs. Janie B. Garner, district manager of Colorado City, Mrs. Tressie Goldstick, district manager of Stamford, and Mrs. C. R. Valentine of Lamesa were also present.

The Merkel drill team, with Mrs. Charles Seago captain, and the Trent officers, with Mrs. O'Kelley as guardian, presided during the initiation of the following candidates: Mrs. Homer Dunn, Mrs. Irl Walker, Mrs. Leonard Jinkens and Mrs. Ted Bicknell.

The Roby drill team, which was expected, could not get here—a fact very much regretted.

After the work, the Trent drill team, captained by Mrs. R. L. Reeves, very effectively did the floor work.

Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Valentine of Lamesa, Mrs. Garner of Colorado, Mrs. Goldstick of Stamford, Messrs. and Mesdames C. P. Church, Harry Barnett, E. H. Mathews, Sr., A. D. Barnes, Mesdames Henry Ellerbee, John Wheeler, Jr., Ed Turner, R. H. Mathews, Jr., J. T. Coats, F. A. Polley, E. J. Patterson, Lake Renfro, Peary Hollingsworth, Allday, Barnett, Carl Bonneaux, Charles Seago, J. C. Allen, J. E. Bowers, J. R. Gafford, L. L. O'Kelley, Ed Burks, Bud Burks, T. G. Hamner, Orion Tittle, C. C. McRee, Mary Neill, Clara Wilson, Opal Freeman, Laura Kegans, Dorothy Stevens, Bob Billington, Odessa Butler, R. L. Reeves, Jack Freeman, Roy Williams, Orintha Pear, Homer Dunn, Ruby Jinkens, Mabel Bicknell, Irl Walker, Misses Maurine and Clara B. White, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Era Joyce and Ethel Goodwin, Gladys Hamner, Norma Patton, Luna White, Lena Webb, Messrs. Miller Patton and Griffin Barnett, and perhaps several others whose names the reporter did not get.

HOLC Loans to 463 Individuals in County

San Antonio, Apr. 30.—Home owners in Taylor county have received loans, for refinancing purposes, from the Home Owner's Loan corporation, amounting to \$1,073,217, as of Jan. 2, 1936, according to an announcement made by H. P. Drought, state director of the national emergency council for Texas. This total represents 463 individual loans to home owners.

Land Bank Loans in Texas \$140,000,000

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The total amount of loans by the federal land bank and land bank commissioner in Texas during the above period was \$139,850,750 representing 46,380 individual loans.

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My Study of Trees

By Alice Carey

"The groves were God's first temples." Can you imagine a better place for God's first temple than a grove of lovely trees?

Of all the beauties and wonders of nature, the tree ranks among the most wonderful. Not only is the tree a beautiful symbol of its Creator, it is useful in a number of material ways. Without trees there would be no universe.

When I stop and really think about trees, I think of them as great, strong, immovable beings, lifting their leafy arms up to the heavens. Each year when early spring approaches, I begin searching for the first signs of new life in the trees. I like to watch them grow and develop into tender green leaves until soon spring has spread her soft green blanket over the world and everywhere is that gorgeous shade of green which proclaims that "spring is here."

Especially do I like to look out over the pastures when the sun has just risen and when the delicate shade of green is most beautiful. Still more beautiful it is to view the trees on an early morning after a light rain, and see the rays of the sun capture the drops of rain and transform them into a world of diamonds which seem to be clinging and sparkling from among the tree tops.

Although I have not extensively studied trees, I have studied them enough to really appreciate them. However, my study of trees is mostly concerned with their beauty. From the time the trees continue in growth until they are beautifully decorated with blooms, which children call "cat tails," the mesquite trees seem to progress rapidly. Then, after they have reaped their yearly harvest of beans, when autumn slowly turns their green leaves to gold, the trees are still beautiful. How beautiful some trees look in autumn! I shall never forget the first time I saw whole forests of post oaks in autumn. We were returning from a trip in the southern part of Texas where the trees always step forth in autumn in red, gold, brown and many other different colors. After driving up, over, and around various mountains, we reached an ideal spot for a backward look. I looked—and saw the most beautiful sight imaginable. I saw vast, tree-covered hills and valleys, covered with trees ablaze with the most gorgeous autumn colors I have ever seen. If I had failed to look back—as Lot's wife should have done—I would have missed one of the most beautiful blessings of life.

Besides being beautiful, trees are the homes of the birds. It is among the leafy shades in the tree tops that the beautiful song birds of the air choose to build their nests. It is there the birds sing their joyful songs, and it is there they raise their little fledglings.

Even though one discusses trees at length, it seems that the discussion is still inadequate to such a broad subject. When I think of trees, I am always reminded of Joyce Kilmer's immortal:

"Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree."

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Features of the current issue include an extensive description of the Texas Centennial, including celebrations at Dallas and other points in the state, an outline of the history of Texas from its beginnings to the present, an illustrated chapter on the wild flowers of Texas, lists of the different kinds of trees and wild animals found in Texas, extensive lists of historic old towns and origins of names of Texas towns, a text of the state constitution with all its amendments and brief account of submission of all adopted amendments since adoption of the constitution, and the new farm census figures of 1935. There is much of interest for the coming political campaign, including the current poll tax payments by counties. All figures on state, county and city bonded debts are brought up to date. There are several chapters devoted to points of interest for the Centennial tourist in Texas, and a new map made in four colors especially for this edition of the Texas Almanac, entitled "Texas for Tourists," is folded between the leaves of each volume.

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GOLAN NEWS

The girls in the Golan 4-H club met Apr. 14 at the Golan school house. After roll call, the meeting was turned over to Miss Faulkner. The girls are now sewing on their cup-towels, and some have finished theirs and are planning on their other things to make.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pate from Weatherford are visiting Mr. Pate's mother, Mrs. Frank Hail, this week.

Golan school children put on a play at the Golan school house Apr. 15.

The farmers are proud of the rain and are now beginning to plant.

A group of Golan people were in Merkel Saturday to see the rodeo.

Farmers are busy planting since the rains. So far very little planting had been done.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill returned Sunday from Presidio, where they were called Thursday by the serious illness of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Darwin Hill.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean died Saturday morning and was buried in Merkel cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of Moran is visiting with her son, W. C. Hill.

Mrs. D. M. Hill returned Thursday from Bertram, where she had been visiting her son, Rev. John W. Hill.

J. T. Williams of Newman was here Sunday to attend the laymen's service.

Russell Kidd, who is ill of pneumonia, is reported resting very well.

Our Methodist pastor, Brother Price of Sylvester, who was seriously injured week before last, is able to sit up.

Sunday was laymen's day here. Judge Otis Miller of Anson spoke at the 11 o'clock hour.

Brother Long, our presiding elder, called a meeting of the stewards of Sylvester church Friday night of last week at Sylvester.

Our school will be out May 15. Teachers and children are working hard to finish all school work and to have the closing exercises prepared by that time.

Mr. Rat is due his Day. Celebrate Rat Day with us at Economy Grocery.

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RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the J. L. McRee home with Miss Vara Crippen, the county agent, as principal speaker for the meeting. Topic for discussion was "Warm Bedding." Miss Crippen showed a wool blanket and wool quilt as examples for club members to make.

The next meeting is to be held on Friday, May 15, in the M. L. Douglas home with the vice-president as main speaker.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served to the following: Mesdames O. E. Harwell, S. O. Patton, Lee Tipton, W. A. Harris, Kenneth Pee, J. L. McRee, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. C. Lee, M. L. Douglas, Clarence Shouse, S. G. Russell, Denzel Cox, Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton, Mary Belle Douglas, Miss Crippen and Mrs. J. K. Brown of Merkel were visitors.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Theda Belle Williams and Billy Newton, who celebrated their birthdays recently, were complimented with a party in the Clarence Newton home on last Saturday afternoon from 2 till 6. Billy celebrated his ninth birthday and Theda Belle, her eleventh.

Kid games were diversion of the afternoon and many little gifts were received and admired by the honorees.

Refreshments of cake and iced punch were served to the honorees and the following girls: Pauline Burleson, Ann Newton, Frances Harwell, Charlotte Harwell, Jeanette Teaff, Lennie Rea Teaff, Lavern and Patricia Douglas, Geneva Carr, Bonnie McAninch, Annette Newton, Wanda Lillie Douglas, Boys included Bennie and Hubert Rogers, Jay Everett Burleson, Ronald George Burleson, Arthur, Kermit, Alton and Clinton Newton, Charles Harwell, Doyle and Donald Ponder, Dan Moody Pannell, Lonzell and Nolan Price, Sanford Leo Carr, Teddie McAninch, Billie Wade, Jessie and Glendel Williams, Billie Bob Douglas.

Grown-ups present were Mesdames J. W. Newton of Tye, O. E. Harwell, Walter Teaff, Frank Carr, W. T. McAninch and Mrs. O. B. Williams, who served as co-hostess with Mrs. Newton.

Everyone had a very nice time and wish for the honorees many more happy birthdays.

GOODMAN CLUB.

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Goodman Home Demonstration club held its regular meeting on Apr. 14 at the home of Mrs. Carl Bonneaux.

The county demonstrator gave several good points on dressing the bed, also giving suggestions on buying sheeting and the making of pillow cases. She had with her some candlewick bedspreads, which were very beautiful, also showing wool and cotton spreads.

Some new members came into the club. Every one is invited to be with the club on its meeting days, which are on Tuesdays every two weeks.

Those who attended were Mesdames J. W. Tiner, E. H. Grayson, Mae Seago, V. Merrist, H. Tiner, Will Spurgin, John Goode, G. Tiner and P. A. Cooper.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Members of Mesdames Hugh Campbell's and Herman Doan's Sunday School classes with other friends delightfully complimented Carlene Hughes with a party in her home on Apr. 18 in celebration of her ninth birthday.

Edward Farmer and Wallace Doan won high honors as favorites and presented many beautiful and useful gifts to the honoree. Howard Mayberry and Carlene Hughes were high point players in the toy animals contest. The Easter theme was emphasized in all details.

After the social hour Mesdames Carl Hughes, Spurgin Scott and Hugh Campbell passed a delectable refreshment plate of cake, punch and marshmallows, with Easter bunnies as plate favors, to the following:

Patsy Ruth Scott, Calvin Patterson, Howard Mayberry, Sam Finley Doan, Lewis Patterson, Wayne Hughes, Durwood Doan, Walter Mayberry, Pauline Maddera, Desmond Doan, Muriel Scott, J. W. Hughes, Wallace Doan, Edward Farmer, Vaughn Doan, Annie Clara Doan, Ira Travis Farmer, Otilla Doan, Maxine Doan, Mary Lou Hughes, Carlene Hughes, Gladys Whately, Mesdames Spurgin Scott, Hugh Campbell and the hostesses.

GOODMAN 4-H CLUB.

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Goodman 4-H club met Apr. 14, with sixteen present. Miss Jewel Faulkner, county demonstration agent, was present and gave an interesting talk on kinds of materials to be used in making slips for best service, also on suitable patterns.

Mrs. C. W. Seago, the sponsor, gave out year books on gardens so that

members could begin filling them out. Most of the girls have their work boxes completed, have finished their cup-towels and have made plans for a garden, and some have their gardens planted.

4-H club work is one of the greatest organizations for farm boys and girls. Home improvement, as taught in our clubs, will mean a lot to all of the girls. They not only learn improvement, but also management. They are taught to beautify their homes in every way, both with interior and exterior improvements. It gives them a knowledge of, and helps them to put into practice good standards of farming and home-making. It will help them to have a broader vision of life and set higher goals. "We hope to be a 100 per cent club," is the message from Lillian Grayson, club reporter.

The encampment meets July 9-10.

July 14 Set for Old Settlers Fete

July 17 has been set as the date for the annual reunion of the Taylor County Old Settlers association at Buffalo Gap, which will be planned this year with a distinct historical background, in observance of Centennial year.

Descendants of Sam Houston, David Crockett and Anson Jones have accepted invitations to attend, and descendants of other Texas patriots, including members of the constitutional congress, are expected.

Tentative plans have been made for an Indian pageant, it was announced by T. A. Bledsoe, of Abilene, president of the association. Other officers are: James E. Hurt, Ovalo, vice-president, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Tuscola, secretaries.

Farmers in Area Sign Crop Papers

Approximately 100 farmers in the Merkel area signed work sheets Monday for participation in the soil conservation and domestic allotment program. Knox Parr, farm agent, O. W. Fwing, conservation assistant, and Walter Hammond of Tye, county chairman, were present with the local committeemen from precinct 1 to assist the farmers in completing their crop layout under the new agricultural plan.

Similar meetings were held at other places throughout the county during the week.

The sign-up campaign ends May 15 and the county agent and his staff are endeavoring to advance it as far as possible this week.

Fireboys Guests at Complimentary Supper

In appreciation of services rendered in fighting the recent fire at the Pence wagon yard and protecting poles and equipment of the company, Manager R. T. Gray of the West Texas Utilities company, complimented the fireboys with a supper at Neill's cafe last Friday night.

Present were: Bill Callahan, N. A. Dowell, Earl Henry, Grisham Dowell, William Neill, W. L. Burns, George Caple, Jack Huffman, Dillard James, Dean Higgins, Morris Horton, Frank Ferrier, Ross Ferrier, Thaxton Neill, Bill Cox, Odie Williams, Floyd McCoy and A. V. Dye, Sr.

To Sponsor Negro Minstrel.

The Woodmen Circle drill team will sponsor a play in the form of a negro minstrel, "Bandana Dames," at the Woodman hall on Monday night, May 4. Admission 10c. A quilt will be given away.

Record of Births.

Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dean, Golan, Friday, Apr. 24, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hewitt, residing southwest of town, Monday, Apr. 27, 1936.

Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Rogers, residing in the Canyon, Tuesday, Apr. 28, 1936.

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Creator of Mr. Dooley Dies.
New York, Apr. 30.—Peter Dunne, 68, author of the famous Mr. Dooley stories, centering about the character of a typical son of Erin, died at the Hotel Delmonico, where he had lived for several years.

Sixteen Probable Starters.

Louisville, Ky., Apr. 30.—Following their final extended workouts, 15 colts and one filly were listed as the probable starters in the 62nd running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

Office supplies—Mail office. Advertisements in The Merkel Mail.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Candidate Brooks Campaigns in Car With Loud Speaker

Stressing the slogan, "Put the state on a business basis," P. Pierce Brooks, Dallas real estate man, spoke here late Wednesday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for governor.

Traveling in a snow white automobile equipped with loud speakers, he is on a tour of West Texas. From Merkel he went to Sweetwater, where he delivered an address Wednesday night. His itinerary westward includes Pecos and El Paso.

Brooks is advocating free license plates for passenger car owners, reduction in government expenditures and creation of state department of real estate and industry.

Break Ground for New White Flat School House

Ground breaking ceremony for the White Flat school building took place Wednesday morning at the school, west of Trent. The building, to cost \$22,500, will have six classrooms, a gymnasium and an auditorium. It is to be made of brick and concrete, with red oak and maple floors.

Among the speakers were Carl Anderson, Sweetwater attorney for the school; A. H. McElmurry, county school board member; J. G. Irby, Sweetwater, resident engineer for public works; Pete Olds, architect for David S. Castle, Abilene; W. H. Scott, former Nolan county superintendent; Roy Mathews, Sweetwater, and Miss Madge Stanford, Abilene, deputy supervisor.

Waco Trade Trippers Will Arrive May 6

Representatives of Waco wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, educational institutions and professions, traveling by special train, will stop in Merkel 30 minutes on Wednesday of next week, May 6, between 12:30 p. m. and 1 p. m.

"This is strictly a business trip and no entertainment is sought," states W. V. Crawford, vice-president and general manager of the Waco chamber of commerce in a letter to the editor of The Mail, the chief purpose of the trip being to visit and exchange greetings with the business men in cities along the route.

Gospel Meeting to Start Sunday, May 3

An eight-day gospel meeting beginning Sunday, May 3, and continuing through Sunday, May 10, will be held at the Church of Christ conducted by preachers from Abilene Christian college.

Services will be held at 8 p. m. each day of the week, with two services on Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. On Wednesday a special feature will be a Capella chorus from Abilene Christian college.

Attends Funeral of Aged Grandfather

R. T. Gray, manager of the West Texas Utilities, accompanied by Mrs. Gray and their children, attended the funeral at Cooledge Monday of his grandfather, I. G. Sellers, who died Sunday at the age of 87.

He is survived by seven children, 68 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were accompanied on their return home by his niece, Miss Dorothy Fay Carroll, of Mexia.

Over 22 Miles in Precinct Graveled

Completion of approximately twenty-two and one-half miles of gravel road and a thirty-foot concrete bridge three miles northeast of Merkel, all in precinct 2, was revealed in a recent survey of WPA sponsored projects in Taylor county by County Engineer E. O. Francisco.

The graveling of these lateral roads and construction of bridges is proving a big benefit to many residents of the county and making property more valuable as well as serving to distribute work to hundreds in the county.

Brother-in-Law of Mrs. Mellinger Dies

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and two sons attended the funeral Wednesday at Lockhart of Mrs. Mellinger's brother-in-law, Morris Rossenwasser, who died Tuesday at Temple.

The Mellinger store was closed out of respect all day Wednesday and Thursday.

Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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FOR SALE—Extra good three-year old combination horse. Hughes Motor Company.

WINDMILL FOR SALE. Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Miss Vera Richie has accepted a position as assistant in the dental office of Dr. Earl Thomason.

The arrival of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hewitt, residing southwest of town, on last Friday, added the 2900th name in the birth record column for Dr. M. Armstrong, well known physician of this section. He has practiced medicine over a period of 45 years, the last 30 in Merkel.

Flossie and Mack Fowler have reopened the American cafe and extend a cordial invitation to their friends to pay them a visit.

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HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (Re-election).
P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:
E. F. VANTRESE.
L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:
(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.
E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.
W. B. HALE.

For Sheriff:
S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.
BURL WHEELER.
MERVYN MEEKS.
ROSS L. MILLER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election).
For District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:
ESCO WALTER.
For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.
W. P. BOUNDS.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:
S. C. VICK.
N. D. COBB.

For County Judge:
A. A. HEATHINGTON.
JOHN CAMP (Re-election).
LINDSAY P. WALDEN.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5:
W. H. LANEY.
J. T. KING.

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White Church News

All the farmers are busy planting after the nice rain we had last week. Quite a few of the people in this community attended the rodeo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger spent the week-end in El Paso visiting relatives there.

Mrs. Maurice Pressly spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans, of Sweetwater.
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer of Butman.

Mrs. Ruth Brown is very ill at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Beryl Brown.

A large crowd attended the pie supper at the church house Friday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jones from Divide attended church and Sunday School here Sunday.

Brother Cleburne Jones of Abilene conducted the preaching services here Sunday. We invite everybody in this community to come to Sunday School.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham of Blair visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Windham, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and family of Sweetwater spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swinney spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Blair.

Clayton Coats of Big Spring spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressly.
Miss Imogene Campbell of Ballinger spent this week-end with Miss Ailene Frazier.

Mrs. McDonald and Bob McDonald and children of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Aunt Alice Brown and Mrs. Nell Pressly.

Those that visited Mrs. Ruth Brown Sunday were: Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Misses Dedmon and Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Patterson and daughter of Butman spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Turner of Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cole of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Howard

Cargill and family of Butman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats of near Merkel spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier.
Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper and daughter of Eskota spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Bitter Creek spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Tom Shugart.

Our Sunday School in progressing nicely. There were 81 present last Sunday. We are hoping to reach the 100 mark in the near future. Every one is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Connell and children spent Sunday afternoon in the home of his sister, Mrs. Martin, of Trent.

There will be a pie supper at the church house Friday night to raise money for the church. Every one is invited.

Mrs. P. A. Riggan has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shugart of Blair attended church here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dye and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shugart and son spent a few days on the Concho fishing last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Miss Elsie Riggan taught in Miss Pearl Dodmon's place this week. Miss Dedmon was called home on account of sickness in the family.

There will be preaching next Sunday. Every one is welcome.

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Lettuce, head	5c	Iowa Club	
Tomatoes, 1 pound	12 1-2c	Corn, No. 2 can	10c
Supreme		Blue and White	
Salad Wafers, 1 pound	17c	Peas, No. 2 can	14c
Red and White		Mart	
Baby Food, 3 cans	23c	Coffee, pound	25c
Atlas		Early Riser	
Mustard, quart	15c	Coffee, pound	15c
Supreme		Red and White	
Peanut Butter, qt.	25c	Meal, 5 pounds	17c
Queen		Bird Brand	
Olives, quart	39c	Shortening, 4 lb. carton	48c
Crystal White		Yankee Doodle	
Soap, 6 Giant bars	25c	Noodles, pkg.	10c
Borax		Del Dixi	
Washing Powder, 3 pkgs.	10c	Pickles, sour or dill, qt.	15c
Medium		K. C.	
Super Suds, pkg.	9c	Baking Powder, 25c size	18c
Large		Red and White	
Oxydol, pkg.	22c	Tea, with Free glass,	
P & G		1-4 pound	25c
Soap, 6 Giant bars	25c	Red and White	
Camay		Pears, No. 2 1-2 can	22c
Soap, 3 bars	19c	Sliced Bacon, pound	28c
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The DIVORCE COURT MURDER

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TENTH INSTALLMENT.
SYNOPSIS . . . Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, is murdered as she waits alone in a side room to testify in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland . . . She was to have testified for the husband, a friend, who was defendant in the action . . . Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case from police headquarters . . . His preliminary investigation disclosed that both Mr. and Mrs. Rowland had gathered evidence against the other of infidelity . . . The will of Mrs. Rowland's first husband directed her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard, to handle the estate until she remarried when the new husband was to come into control. Detective Rankin finds motives and the evidence of guilt for the murder of Mrs. Keith, leading to the doors of virtually all of the principals involved. These principals are, the two Rowlands, Mr. Willard, Mr. Keith, husband of the murdered woman, Hugh Campbell, paramour of Mrs. Rowland, and his underworld confederates . . . NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

At first glance, the escrotaire promised as little as the dresser. Mrs. Keith's only letters came from chatty acquaintances, she had absolutely no correspondence of a personal nature or from her family. He did, however, find checkbooks and canceled checks, returned from her bank. They revealed that she had made special payments, marked only "personal," in amounts of two or three thousand dollars each time. They started as far back as June, two years before and continued regularly every two months since.

The only other discovery Rankin made seemed trifling enough. In the dead woman's private medicine cabinet he saw, among other preparations, several bottles labeled "Pyramidon." This he recognized as a medicine in tablet form for headaches. According to their tags, most of the bottles were purchased from local druggists. But the faded and yellow label of one empty bottle bore the words, "State Hospital for Women," Allerton, Indiana.

Rankin had just turned away from the cabinet when the furious pealing of the doorbell sent him hastening into the hall. The butler preceded him to the door. A man Rankin recognized as Mortimer Keith pushed breathlessly past, coat and hat in hand. Even in that moment, when on the verge of a breakdown, the man whose likeness the papers carried revealed his aristocratic breeding. He looked so exhausted that Rankin motioned him to a chair.

"Sit down, Mr. Keith, and take it easy." The detective spoke sympathetically. "My name is Rankin— from Headquarters. I regret it's my task to investigate your wife's unfortunate death."
Mortimer Keith raised his head wearily. "It's utterly incredible," he declared hoarsely. "When I first read the news this morning, I could only pray some mistake had been made. And I hurried back home as quickly as possible."

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"You've only returned from Washington, Mr. Keith?"
"By plane, Mr. Rankin," the other replied with a visible effort to control his emotions. "I bought a paper while I breakfasted at my hotel . . . and the instant I grasped the terrible . . . thing, I hired a special plane."
"At what hotel did you put up for the night?" Rankin queried, pointedly.

"The Portman on G Street," Mr. Keith returned.
"And when did you leave for Washington, Mr. Keith? By which train?"
Mr. Keith hesitated perceptibly. "I went at noon, Mr. Rankin," he answered presently. "First, at eleven-thirty, I visited my offices. My chauffeur drove me there and then he took me to West Philadelphia in time to catch the through train at twelve-twenty-five. I reached the capital at three-twenty."

"You caught the train in plenty of time?" Rankin pressed for details.
"With about ten minutes to spare," the other spoke with more certainty and composure.
"Where did you go in Washington? I presume this was a business trip?"
"Yes, I had a conference with Mr. Leonard Kramer, president of the New Ray Silk Company."

Rankin wrote the name of the company officer in his notebook and said:
"Thank you. And now, Mr. Keith, painful though the subject is, I must ask you to bear with a few questions about your wife . . . Your cooperation and the information you supply might go far to help us solve her death."
He could not tell, he sensed that Mr. Keith was relieved, as though he relaxed after being on guard.

The husband shook his head sadly. "Of course, I'm anxious to clear up this terrible thing. What

do you want to know?"
"First, something about Mrs. Keith's background—who she was when you met her?" the detective said.
Prompted by his shrewd probing, Mr. Keith related in some detail how he met his future wife in Detroit, four summers ago. Vacationing nearby in Canada, he had stopped there on business, at the Hotel Michigan where Barbara Webb was employed as a manicurist in the beauty salon. What attracted him at first sight was her loveliness, unostentatious but pleasing, and her sensibility; she appeared to have genuine depth of character and intelligence.

He quietly married the girl, he continued, in Windsor, Canada, on August 26, 1929. Afterward, he admitted in a self-condemnatory mood, their marital life had not been very harmonious or satisfactory. Mrs. Keith seldom spoke of her past.

At the same time, he made conscientious efforts to bring her happiness. In the beginning, they had taken a fine residence on the main line; then, unreasonable enough, in the fall of 1931 she expressed an urgent desire to move into the Aldrich Apartments in Chestnut Hill. He had consented. That winter he wanted to send her to Europe, though he could not accompany

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Divorce Court Murder

(Continued From Page 6.) her; instead she insisted on spending the cold month alone at Palm Beach. The detective could not decide whether to believe the story or not. "Do you know whether Mrs. Keith ever visited Allerton, Indiana?" Abruptly Rankin shifted the subject. The other shook his head. "Allerton? Certainly not in the four years since we met; before that, she may have been there. She never mentioned it. . . . Why do you ask?" "I found an empty bottle with an old label from a hospital in that town in her medicine closet. It had contained pyramidon." Rankin bent toward him to emphasize the importance of his next question. "Isn't it a fact, Mr. Keith, that in spite of your liberal allowance and income, your wife was always pressed for funds?" Mortimer Keith looked startled. "How could you guess that, Rankin?" he exclaimed. "It's true she worried about money, and often approached me for more, for charities and clothes. Once I questioned her about it, and she made some vague excuse about losing it in stocks." "Perhaps this will explain her expenditures," Rankin said, "these check-stubs and canceled checks." As he studied them, Mr. Keith's lips tightened into a formidable line, and his eyes flashed in features darkened by a swift anger. "Steady payments like this for two years," he cried harshly, at last, "as if she were being blackmailed to prevent me from learning some secret about her!" "They certainly suggest that," Rankin said, in disappointed tones. "You had no knowledge of them or to whom or for what reason she drew them?" "No, this is my first inkling of them." "Were you aware, sir, that Mrs. Keith would be a witness in the Rowland divorce suit in Mr. Dawson's office, yesterday?" Mr. Keith shook his head. "Not until I read where she met her death." "Had you any idea," Rankin asked, "how she happened to accompany young Rowland, two weeks ago, and be in a position to give evidence for him?" "I still don't understand how she ever permitted herself to become involved in such a vulgar public scandal!" the manufacturer rasped out. "Did you know Mrs. Keith was going out that Wednesday night at all?" "Yes, she was to visit her physician, who attends her when her headaches become particularly vicious. Dr. Anton Brantman on Pine Street. I didn't pay any attention to when she left or returned home." "Then, Mr. Keith, what was your connection with the Rowland divorce action?" At the abruptness with which the detective shot this question the other gazed at him in perplexity and surprise. "My connection?" he repeated wonderingly. "I don't follow you, Rankin; I haven't the slightest interest in it." Rankin's voice rang with the vigor he put into his unexpected offensive. "In that case," he demanded, "what were you doing at Sunset Inn, the evening of February first—when Mrs. Rowland discovered her husband in compromising relations with her secretary there?" If it was Tommy Rankin's intention to startle the manufacturer by his sudden query, he succeeded admirably. "How in the world did you find that out?" he finally asked in a dry voice. Rankin saw no harm in answering. "It came out at the hearing that you reached the Inn just after Mrs. Rowland's party and witnessed the interruption of her husband's affair." "Well, it . . . all happened quite accidentally. . . . I had no warning of what was happening," the other floundered. "I was driving to New York alone that night, and when I reached Quakertown, I decided to sleep there because it was so late. I had left Philadelphia at about . . ." Obviously he was stalling for time. "That won't wash, Mr. Keith!" the detective answered curtly. "You surely don't hope to persuade me your presence was only a coincidence?" Mr. Keith compressed his lips. "Yes, of course that's ridiculous. The truth is, I have no explanation to offer; I can't tell you why I went there." It was Rankin's turn to be taken

aback, and he stared incredulously, as though he had not heard aright. "You can't tell me, Mr. Keith?" he said harshly. "You mean you won't?" "Have it any way you like, Rankin," his opponent returned, firmly. "It concerns me alone and can't possibly be of interest to the authorities. It is a private matter I prefer not to disclose." "Mr. Keith," Rankin cried sharply, "do you realize what your refusal means? Nothing is private in a murder case; and I am investigating the murder of some one near to you—your wife." The manufacturer winced. "If it had any relation to the crime at all, I promise you I wouldn't hesitate to speak out, Rankin." "I'm the best judge of what is pertinent to the case and what isn't, Mr. Keith." But Mortimer Keith shook his head. "I'm sorry I can't oblige," he said more gently. The detective had to acknowledge defeat in his effort to discover the secret of Mr. Keith's visit to Sunset Inn. The man stood clearly within his rights in not answering. Leaving Cottman on guard, the detective returned to Headquarters. "That fellow Campbell Gordon's been hunting has shown up, Tommy," the captain announced. "He came in and asked for you of his own accord, twenty minutes ago." Rankin began by ignoring the hand Campbell proffered, and the visitor flushed. "Sit down, Campbell," he invited blandly. "I've often wanted to meet you; considering our mutual interests, it's strange we haven't done so before." Campbell set aside his cane. "Yes, it is," he agreed. "I might return the compliment, Rankin; you're to be congratulated on your splendid reputation. It's a privilege to know you." "I had expected to hear from you before this," the detective continued. "It's been in all the papers that we wanted to communicate with you." "That's what really brought me in," Campbell returned easily. "I happened to be called hastily to the country, where there were no newspapers. I spent the night on the Perkiomen Creek, at the cottage of my friend, Nick Alberti, who manages the Organdy Club." Rankin spoke casually. "That was where so much of the trouble began, wasn't it, Campbell?—When you and Mrs. Adele Rowland spent a night there, two weeks ago?" At the deliberate provocation, the racketeer compressed his lips resentfully and his eyes flashed; but with an effort he held his peace. "What about that phone call in the lawyers' office?" Rankin challenged. "You were heard to cry out, 'Oh, my God!' and 'You fool!' That didn't mean very pleasant news. You were alarmed enough to rush out quickly to . . . well, be on hand yourself and then leave the city." Again Campbell's features hardened. "You haven't a single fact to prove my connection with Mrs. Keith. It's no use, Rankin; you can't show I had any knowledge of her death before today, or expect me to admit anything you can use." "At least you have no objection to telling me who phoned you," Rankin suggested. "Oh, but I certainly have. That's my private affair." Abruptly the detective shifted his attack. "If I'm not mistaken you reached Mr. Dawson's office yesterday before Mrs. Keith arrived with her escort." "No, I wasn't there then," Campbell corrected him. "I followed them by a few minutes—it must have been almost twenty to three; and they had already gone into the library to wait." "Mrs. Keith chose to stay in the inner office, fifteen-o-five, where she could be alone," Rankin stated, "and you were aware of that; in fact, Mrs. Rowland joined you from the library to tell you that." His tone became hostile. "Just before she entered fifteen-o-five herself, to unlock the hall door." The implied accusation brought Campbell forward in his chair, in a swift burst of anger. "So that's what you're getting at," he said, through his teeth. "You'll claim next I committed the murder myself! Damn it, Rankin, be careful with your charges; you might have the unpleasant job of trying to prove them. I was in the main office during the time she was killed." "So you know when that happened?" the detective observed drily. "And why not?" his visitor demanded wrathfully. "It's in all the papers that she died between half-past two and three o'clock." "Well, what about the time before you arrived—two-thirty-eight—or after you left. That was at two-

fifty-six; you still had four minutes leeway. And the whole business could be accomplished in hardly more than a minute. Mrs. Rowland had unlocked the door from the corridor and pulled the curtains; it was only necessary to enter fifteen-o-five, close the windows, chloroform Mrs. Keith and then open them again." Excited, Campbell appeared ready to blurt out a refutation, but caught himself, in a desperate attempt to regain his equanimity. "Well, what of that?" He spoke more calmly. "It's all words, Rankin, nothing more; you've no foundation or confirmation of any of these suppositions. It's ridiculous for me to take them at all seriously." Disappointed at his control, Rankin played his trump card, his unwavering gaze fixed on the other. "Campbell," he demanded slowly, "where can I find Mitch Riley? I think he could help me and I would like to have a short conversation with him." At last he had penetrated Campbell's vigilant guard. Startled and furious, a cold rage leapt to his eyes, in which the detective recognized amazement, shock and, what was most significant, fear. He could not keep a strained timbre from his voice. "Mitch Riley? Oh, yes, he's one of Nick's friends from New York, isn't he, Rankin?" "Yes, of Alberti's, Dutch Sykes and plenty others I needn't mention. Yesterday afternoon, he was in the office where Mrs. Keith died; he considerably left his fingerprints on the table beside her. And when I learn why he was there, they are going to hang somebody, Campbell!" Campbell regained his composure. "No, I don't understand his presence, if he was really there. You'll have to scout around to his friends to account for it, Rankin. All I know is that I haven't laid eyes on him." When the racketeer left Headquarters at the close of the interview, Smith, a plain-clothes man, followed him. (Continued Next Week.)

ESKOTA NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.) Mrs. M. T. Head and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper of White Flat Tuesday. We had a nice rain Wednesday night, which surely was needed. Every one already had their land in fine shape and will be busy planting now. Dick Hassell, who was visiting his sister, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, was killed Friday by the eastbound passenger train. They took his body to Seagraves, his home, for burial. C. T. Head and family of Abilene spent the week-end with M. T. Head and family. Raymond Head, who has just returned from the CCC camp, is spending several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head. Mrs. Norman Blankenship has returned to her home at Anson after visiting several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker visited Sunday afternoon with his brother, Will Walker, in Sweetwater. Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office. Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office. Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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CLUB PARTY.
Miss Frances Higgins was hostess Saturday afternoon to members of the "Three 'F' Club." Games of "Animal" first employed the young ladies and Miss Hollis Perry was high point winner. After the games, dancing was enjoyed and a dainty salad and sandwich plaze with iced tea was passed at the refreshment hour to Misses Verne Moore, Fannelle Gray, De La Vergne Teague, Hollis Perry, Jane Ferguson, Sis Gamble, Bettye Grimes, Leta Faye Barbee, Phyllis Smith and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY FETE.
Miss Peggy Joyce Dye was a most happy little honoree on Monday afternoon Apr. 20, when her mother, Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., invited a number of her little friends in to help celebrate her sixth birthday.

The hours from 3 to 5 were filled with thrills, with all the gifts to be opened and the games to be played, and at the refreshment hour a lovely color scheme of pink and yellow was employed in refreshments of cake, ice cream and candy with fluffy yellow chickens for plate favors.

Present were: little Misses Della Gilmore, Becky Jewel Gaither, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Mary Faye Johnson, Marjorie Ann Walker, Ruby Nell Henslee, Dorothy Nell Lee, Barbara Ann Brown, Sara Genora Brown, Lora Pearl Haynes, Pearl Cypert, Marilyn Petty, Doris Gilmore; Masters Billy George Reid, Ralph Dye, Marvin Estes Jones, Wayne Haynes, Wayne McClain, Fred Lee Hughes, Harold Hughes, Zedic Glyn Johnson, Cleman Doyle Miller, Robert Wayne Sledge, and Mrs. H. C. Reid, Mrs. Sledge and Mrs. Bert Freeman.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Harry Barnett on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Several members gave interesting points on safety in the home. The club accepted Mrs. George White's resignation as vice-president and Mrs. Harry Barnett was elected to the office. Mrs. White is moving from the city.

After the business meeting delicious punch and cake was served to Mesdames George White, Watt Blair, Tracy Campbell, Clyde Shouse, Lake Renfro, F. A. Polley, R. H. Mathews, Jr., J. Ben Campbell, R. H. Mathews, Sr., R. A. Burgess, C. P. Church, A. D. Barnes, Irvin Jowers, Chester Hutcheson, Bob McDonald, E. O. Carson, Leonard Jinks, Ted Bicknell, S. O. Patton, Homer Dunn, H. C. Barnett, Harry Barnett, Misses Maurine and Clara White, Blanche Carey, Lily Claude Barnett, Norma Patton, Thelma Mathews, Lottie Butman and Luna White.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Tracy Campbell on May 8. Visitors are always welcome.

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Church Notices

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
With no report from the Northside Missionary Baptist church nor from the Nazarene church, there were 659 at the four reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. NYPS at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. BTS at 7 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to these services.

Another Entry in Constable's Race

J. T. King, who has been a resident of Taylor county for 38 years, having served as constable of the Merkel precinct for two terms, has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of constable, precinct 5, subject to the July primary.

Having engaged in farming and blacksmithing during this period, he is well acquainted with most of the voters in the precinct, as well as nearly everybody in West Taylor county. For the past fifteen years he has conducted a blacksmith shop here in town.

He asks the support of his friends in the coming race, and to those who do not know him he refers them to his life here as citizen and to his record as constable.

Around the World

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Tu" in the native tongue to the accompaniment of Mrs. Yates Brown, who also played several piano numbers. The menu prepared by Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. William Shepard, offered tamales as the chief treat. When Japan was reached the tourists listened to "The Japanese Love Song," by Helen Heeter and Anne Lee Blake, with Mrs. C. B. Gardner accompanying, and Mrs. Tom Durham gave an interesting description of the country, its people, history and religion. As was expected, hot tea and cake refreshed the globe-trotters in the oriental parlors of Mrs. Brown.

A patriotic program at the home of Mrs. Burgess, where members of the Mary Marthas were hostesses, included the group singing of "America," a duet, "On Treasure Island," by Bonnie Church and Ludelle Gray; a reading by Miss Frances Marie Church, and a duet by Misses Janet Hayes and Opal Buzbee, with Miss Buzbee at the piano. The welcome to our native land brought ice cream and cake for desert, and guests indulged in games of "42" and "84" before the ship-passengers separated to their various home lands.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace and son visited in Ranger Sunday, having gone to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. C. Freeman, age 86, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and two sons, C. M. III and Larry, returned the latter part of last week from Iredell, where they had visited Mrs. Largent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Shannon of Amarillo were week-end guests in the John Shannon home, being accompanied on their return home by his father, W. J. Shannon, who will visit there some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither have as their guests Mrs. Gaither's sister, Mrs. Joe VanVactor, and little daughter, Joan, of Carter, Okla.

Mrs. Jim Logan of Los Angeles, Calif., was a passing guest the latter part of last week of her niece, Mrs. R. A. Burgess, and Supt. Burgess.

Mrs. W. W. Haynes, who was joined here by her brother, Winifred Joiner, from Big Spring, attended the funeral last week of her uncle, the late Judge R. C. Joiner, in Plainview.

Four local boys left Tuesday night for Eunice, N. M. prospecting for the opportunity for work in this newly developing section of our sister state. The quartet included Kennedy Whiteley, Lynn Shelton, Bill Hamm and Neil Durham.

On Sunday, Apr. 26, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns and granddaughters, Ina Mae and Hazel Burns, entertained the following guests for dinner: Minor Burns and Miss Edith Roberts of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burns and family, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Books and family, Sweetwater.

William Gay and family of Dallas spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay, and family. Mrs. Gay's nephew, James Henry Kemp, of Garland, was also a guest in the Gay home. They stayed over for the rodeo, returning home Sunday.

Rev. Willis P. Gerhart of Abilene, who was chapel speaker at Merkel High school Tuesday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Leger J. Ray, was a visitor in the home of Miss Dota Garoutte.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ewing and family of Abilene were week-end

guests in the W. T. Curb home. Mrs. Ewing is a cousin of Mrs. Curb's and her sister, Miss May Warnick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curb and son, Byron, and Miss May Warnick, were in Ballinger on business Tuesday.

ALL DAY QUILTING.

Members of the Cross Roads quilting club enjoyed an all-day quilting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. D. Teaff. A covered dish lunch was served at noon.

Those present were: Mesdames R. F. England, Myrtle Pitts, Arch Teaff, Earnest Teaff, Clyde Newton, Elmer Mattingly, Everett King, A. W. Ely, Belle Kinney, Ruthie Bigham, Earl Baze, W. W. Haynes, E. R. Clack, Walter Teaff, John Newton, Ray Perry, Austin, Ted Bigham, H. D. Boyett, J. B. Boyett, J. J. McCarty, Theo Newton, R. F. Holder, Lonnie Williams, Misses Loneita Teaff, Allie Mae King, Aura Ely, Iden Ely, Lorena McCarty, Ruby Perry, Gladys Newton, Lucille Teaff.

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Apples, Delicious, doz.	15c
Apples, Winesap, 2 doz.	25c
Grapefruit, 2 for	5c
Bell Peppers, lb.	20c
Green Onions, bunch	5c
Bermuda Onions, lb.	4c
Spuds, washed Russet lb.	4c
Cabbage, firm heads, lb.	4c
Sweet Potatoes, peck	35c
Soap Flakes, 5 lb. boxes	34c
Beans Red Kidney, No. 2 Cans 3 for	25c
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	Amaryllis and Bewley's Best \$1.90
	Western \$1.60—Quality Boss \$1.40
Tomatoes Gingham Girl, tall cans 3 for	25c
Gold Dust Large 34 Ounce Per package	15c
Fruit Juices Pineapple, Orange, Grapefruit and Prune, 3 for	25c
Coffee, White Swann, 3 lb. can	79c
Pickles, sour, mixed, qt.	15c
Catsup, 14 oz., 2 for	25c
Corn Flakes, large pkg.	10c
Milk, small cans, 3 for	10c
Tea, W. P. 1-4 lb. pkg.	15c
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