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## SATURDAY, JUNE 20, SHOWS ON CALENDAR AS PIONEER DAY IN MERKEL SECTION

Morning Parade to Feature Centennial Atmosphere, with Chuck Wagon Dinner Prepared for Honored Guests.

Saturday, June 20, has been emphatically marked for celebration as "Pioneer Day" in Merkel. On that day the pioneers of this trade territory, that is, all those over 65 years of age who have lived in the Merkel area 40 years, will be honored as special guests of the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel for a real chuck wagon dinner.

The day will also be marked by a big street parade, details of which will be announced as plans progress, but there will be many features of unusual interest, as not only will the day be known as "Pioneer Day," but it is intended to give the occasion a Centennial atmosphere.

Registration of pioneers, under the above classification, will begin at once. Badges of designation as old settlers may be secured at the office of the Merkel Mail, where the registration list will be found. All those who intend to be Merkel's guests at the chuck wagon dinner are asked to register at once. Special attention is called to the fact that the list will close at 6 p. m. on Wednesday, June 17, three days before the "Pioneer Day."

Committees named by President Dee Grimes of the Merchants association to co-operate with the general parade committee, of which Nathan Wood is chairman, follow:

Registration: C. J. Glover, chairman; A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren. Chuck wagon dinner: W. W. Wozencraft, chairman; Milton Case, Byers Petty, Byron Patterson. Finance: W. W. Haynes, chairman; Joe Cypert, Wrenn Durham, S. D. Gamble.

Centennial features: Yates Brown, chairman; O. R. Dye, Joe P. Self, Carl Black.

Entertainment: Henry C. West, chairman; C. H. Jones, Dr. L. C. Zehnplennig.

## Another Fine Rain Visits Merkel Area

Another fine rain visited this section on Thursday night of last week, very timely both for cotton and feed, as well as being highly beneficial to pastures and ranges.

The precipitation measured 1.3-8 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's total to 6.1-2 inches.

## Fatally Injured When Truck Hits Abutment

Funeral services were to be held at Stith Thursday afternoon for Roy Beard, 32, who was fatally injured when the truck loaded with cotton which he was driving struck the concrete abutment of a culvert near Hico. Details are not known, but the truck did not turn over. It was found, however, on the slope of the ditch and the cotton bales had crushed the cab and presumably pinned the driver underneath, the steering having penetrated his right side.

It is presumed the accident occurred early Tuesday night, but it was not until 7 Wednesday morning that he was found, having in some way extricated himself and crawled to the roadside where he was picked up. He died at a hospital at Stephenville at 9:30 Wednesday morning. The body was brought here overland in Barrow's ambulance, arriving early Thursday morning.

He is survived by his wife, two children, J. C. and Wanda Joyce; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beard; two brothers, Homer and Howard, and three half-brothers and one half-sister, all of Stith.

**Three Moderate Meals.** Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—The only safe way to diet is to eat three meals a day but don't make them quite such full ones. Dr. James S. McLester of Birmingham, Ala., president of the American Medical Association, advised.

**Record of Births.** Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chatwell, Trent, Friday, May 8, 1936.

## 97 ENTRIES IN RODEO EVENTS

Albert Oliver Takes First Money in Calf Roping, Tommy Hodges Wins in Milking Event.

The attraction of Merkel's free rodeos brought visitors from even a wider circle than heretofore for the second of the series of summer shows staged last Saturday, and contestants in the arena events represented a spread of twelve towns besides the local ropers and those in the close-in communities.

Towns represented on the registration card of entrants were: Albany, Breckenridge, Baird, Tuscola, Wingate, Dora, Trent, Sweetwater, Anson, Blackwell, Snyder and Abilene.

A contestant of especial note was Simpson Johnson, of Bronte, who won the saddle at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion last summer as the prize in the old men's roping event, while the snow white horse belonging to S. H. Hill of Breckenridge was a typical show horse, well trained to all the tricks of the arena.

Best time out of a field of 41 in calf roping went to Albert Oliver of Dora, whose record was 20 1-5 seconds. Alton Whitaker and Leo Huff, both also of Dora, tied for second and third places, respectively, in 22 seconds. Lavega White of Tuscola tied his calf in 22 1-5 seconds.

38 entries vied in the cow milking contest, which was won by Tommy Hodges of Tuscola in 20 3-5 seconds. Weldon Young followed in second place only 2-5 second behind, and Rural Stoker was only 1-5 second behind him, their records being 20 4-5 and 21 seconds, respectively. Orion Tittle drew fourth place with time of 24 3-5 seconds.

Weldon Young ranked first in steer riding, second and third places going to Ray Caldwell of Albany and Jim Langston of Blackwell.

Bronc riding, a demonstration of heifer riding and the usual bronco busting stunts completed the day's events, a total of 97 entries having been run through the chutes in scarcely more than two hours, a further testimonial to the skill and experience of the Malone brothers, Bob and Mark.

Third rodeo of the summer season is set for Saturday, May 23.

## Novelty in Business—A Rattlesnake Ranch

J. R. and A. F. Patterson, known as the Patterson brothers, have opened a "rattlesnake ranch" at the Green Gate tourist camp on the highway west of Abilene. They were formerly located at Blair.

They will buy and sell rattlesnakes, bull snakes and all kinds of snakes, basing the price per pound. They have recently sold 100 pounds of snakes to a traveling carnival.

Visitors to their reptile ranch will be charged an admission of 10c for adults and 5c for children.

The Patterson brothers began their collection of snakes last winter when they made about \$300 from the county for bounty payments on the rattlesnakes they had killed. The large snakes average about 15 rattles, with possibly a maximum of 18 rattles.

## Funeral Rites for Richard Altus Sneed

Richard Altus Sneed, age 8, son of Mrs. Sarah Sneed, died at noon Friday, May 8, after an illness of two days, following an attack of acute indigestion. He was in the second grade at school.

Funeral services were held at the family home at 10:30 Saturday morning, conducted by Elder Jake Richardson of Robert Lee, with interment at Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides his mother, he is survived by two sisters and three brothers.

## Gets Nightingale Medal

St. Louis, Mo., May 14.—For outstanding work in Red Cross activities the last year, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Vaughan of St. Louis was awarded the Florence Nightingale medal.

## PIONEER DINNER BRINGS MUCH BY WAY OF VARIETY

Guest List Reaches About 150; Dinner Plate Served Chuck Wagon Style; Climaxed With Old-Fashioned Square Dance.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club, who so cleverly sponsored a "Review of the Gay Nineties" and fall style show in November, scored another success in their "Pioneer Dinner," which assembled more than 150 guests in the High School gymnasium Friday night.

From a real chuck wagon, barbecued meats, red beans, potato salad, pickles and onions, hot rolls, coffee and pie were served by club members who went back to days of the early settlers for their style of dress.

With Henry West as master of ceremonies a program of entertainment followed that was typical of the days when cowboys roamed the western plains. One side of the stage showed a reproduction of a cowboy camp, while the other half was set after the manner of the now-relegated-to-the-past parlor, including an organ, genuine relic of the times depicted, on which rested the familiar oil lamp, and a model of the old spinning wheel, one of the parlor's permanent fixtures.

As "pride of the prairie," Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews sang two pleasing duets to the accompaniment on the organ by Miss Christine Collins; Mrs. Silas Jones took her place at the spinning wheel and gave an exhibition of that art as practiced by the early day housewife; Johnny Cox in full cowboy attire read "The Cowboy's Christmas Ball," famous poem of the late Larry Chittenden, with its setting in Anson, and the program concluded with three sets of the old-fashioned square dance, a demonstration of the schottish by Mrs. Jess Anderson and Lem Dudley, and a variation of the salterello, a novel and individual dance of skips, twirls, taps and leaps by Miss Dora Garoutte.

The group of musicians constituting the orchestra for the occasion included Jess Anderson with his guitar, Tom Humphries as chief fiddler, and J. T. Anderson and Dennis Walker. Figures of the square dance were called by Jess Anderson, Dave Anderson and J. T. Porter.

Memories of early days in Merkel were recalled in impromptu talks by Miss Garoutte, Mrs. G. F. West, Rader Thompson, one of the earliest cowboys of the section, and Selma Russell who told of the time when prohibition came to Merkel—barrels of whiskey were burned in the streets, the bar and tables and other paraphernalia of the saloons were dismantled and chopped to pieces with axes and a general jubilee indulged in by the inhabitants of the city.

Mrs. Henry West, as president of the Study club, was assisted by the following chairmen and committees: 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.

## Collie Announces for Re-Election to Senate

Eastland, May 14.—State Senator Wilbourne B. Collie, who is a candidate for re-election, has issued a statement to the voters of the 24th senatorial district in which he chronicled the program carried out during his first term in the senate and outlined his views on important questions of today.

Collie strongly favored the old age pensions but is not in accord with the law passed by the legislature. He stresses the necessity of economy and points out many useful services that have not been provided for lack of funds.

## Board of Review Held For Merkel Troop 20

With Dr. R. A. Maddox of Abilene in charge, a board of review for the newly organized troop No. 20 of Merkel was held at the Methodist church Tuesday night. Dr. Maddox was accompanied by Ed Shumway, scout executive.

Eleven boys are studying the tenderfoot work, prior to becoming scouts. The group voted to attend the Chisholm Trail camporee.

## PROGRAM FOR CLOSING DAYS SCHOOL YEAR

Commencement Exercises of High School Will Be Held Monday Night, May 25; Class of 48 Candidates.

The 1935-36 session of the Merkel Public schools will come to a close with the graduation exercises on Monday evening, May 25. There are 48 candidates for graduation from High school.

Dr. F. C. Warren, pastor of the First Christian church of Abilene, will preach the sermon on Sunday evening, May 24.

The Grammar School graduation exercises will be held on the evening of Friday, May 22. Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church of Merkel, will deliver the address to the 47 students graduating from Grammar school.

The graduation exercises for High school will consist of a Texas pageant arranged by Mrs. Comer Haynes and given by the members of the Senior class.

All of the closing exercises will be held at Merkel's spacious gymnasium and will begin at 8:15 p. m. No charge for admission will be made for any of these closing exercises. Seniors, however, will give tickets to their parents and friends, which will entitle these ticket-holders to reserved seats.

There will be plenty of seats for all comers, states Supt. R. A. Burgess, the gymnasium seating about twelve hundred people.

## Prominent Editor to Speak at West Texas Press Gathering

Midland, May 14.—Literature exploiting the annual convention of the West Texas Press association is going out this week to all editors and newspaper publishers of West Texas. Dates for the event are Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23.

Included on the program are a luncheon Friday noon held jointly with the Lions and Rotary clubs of Midland, with Lowry Martin, publisher of the Corsicana Sun, as speaker, attendance at the Midland Downs races, a barbecue at Cloverdale, theatre parties, a dance at Hotel Scharbauer, a breakfast Saturday morning given by the West Texas chamber of commerce and the annual Bill Parker trophy golf tournament.

E. B. Harris, editor of the Rule Review, is president of the West Texas Press association, and Jake Smyth, co-editor of the Scurry County Times, is secretary.

## Patterson Takes First In Conference Hurdles

Jack Patterson, who has been making a most creditable track record at Rice institute, where he is a Sophomore, won first place in the 120-yard hurdles and placed second in the 220 hurdles at the annual Southwest conference track and field meet at Houston last Saturday. Winning time in the 120 yard event was 14.8 seconds. Milton Shannon, another Merkel boy at Rice, placed fourth in the mile event.

Texas won the championship of the meet with 64 1-2 points, with Rice second, scoring 37 1-2 points.

## Young Merkel Pianist Scores High in Test

By making an average of 95 3-4 in the graded test of piano playing conducted for this district at Abilene recently, Becky Gardner, 10-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, qualified for the main festival at the Dallas Centennial to be held on June 10. She is a pupil of Miss Craig Lasley of Abilene.

The tests, which are sponsored by the State Music Teachers' association, are not competitive, each entrant being given a sealed grade, according to the standards adopted by the organization, which is headed by teachers from many of the leading schools and colleges in Texas.

**Virginia Author Dies.** Warm Springs, Va., May 14.—Miss Mary Johnston, author of "To Have and to Hold" and other popular historical novels, died Saturday at her home, "Three Hills," in Bath county, Va. She was 65.

## BASEBALL FANS WILL FIND SHADED GRANDSTAND FOR SATURDAY DOUBLE-HEADER

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Senator Morris Sheppard has announced his candidacy for renomination at the Texas democratic primaries on July 25.

A small cyclone that dipped suddenly into Fairview, north of Bonham, killed W. R. McDaniel, 85, late Friday when it wrecked his house and piled tons of debris on him.

Samuel Newton Hargrove, well known taxi driver and resident of Snyder for 23 years, died of a heart attack at 6:45 p. m. Wednesday, while seated in his car in front of a cafe.

Houston was chosen as the next convention city and Jack Burroughs, Jr., Dallas, selected president, during the closing business hour of the state convention of Young Democrats of Texas at Abilene.

S. J. Price, about 33, oil driller of Abilene, was killed instantly early Saturday night when the light coupe in which he was driving alone was in collision with an oil truck on the highway a few miles east of Clyde.

Two convicts, C. W. French, under a two-year sentence for forgery, and Sam Lee Frazier, under a two-year sentence for auto theft, fashioned blankets into a rope to escape from the Hockley county jail at Levelland.

Brownwood was chosen as the 1937 convention city, and Mayor Van Zandt Jarvis of Fort Worth was elected president at the closing session at Amarillo Tuesday of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce's 18th annual convention.

A jury in 104th district court at Anson Saturday found C. C. (Chissy) Humphrey, 46, guilty of murder and assessed life imprisonment against him for killing his neighbor, Bill Jackson, on the night of Friday, the 13th of March.

L. G. Phares voluntarily retired Saturday as director of the department of public safety because of a determined campaign against him conducted by a group of sheriffs. He was succeeded by Col. Horace P. Carmichael, assistant adjutant general. Phares was retained as chief of the highway patrol.

Without regaining consciousness since she was severely beaten last week, Miss Rebecca Coursey died at 10:31 p. m. Wednesday at the home of a sister, Mrs. John Link, in O'Brien. Two men are being held on charges of assault with intent to murder, but it is expected new indictments charging murder will be preferred against them following the death of Miss Coursey.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 19, 1916.)

### BIG BALLOON TO GO UP SATURDAY

Capt. Andrews, one of the foremost aeronauts of America, who has been permanently crippled in this daredevil work by having both lower limbs crushed in a fall from a parachute, will make a sensational ascension and rise to a height of 5,000 feet in a huge gas bag and leap to earth in a parachute dive in Merkel Saturday at 5:30.

**DOCTORS FORM PARTNERSHIP.** Dr. James E. Adkisson and family have recently moved here from Tennessee, where they will make their home. Dr. Adkisson will be associated in practice and have offices in connection with Dr. Miller.

Oscar Buford purchased a new 75 model Overland touring car last week.

Mrs. Jack Barnes is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Edmunson of Gainesville arrived here Wednesday and will make Merkel their home, if possible for them to find a location. All day Thursday Mr. Edmunson was investigating resident places and experiencing some trouble in finding rental property.

No Advance in Price for Privilege; Twin Bill Presents Truby vs Trent for Opener, Noodle vs Union as Second Part.

Not bleachers any more—a full-fledged grandstand with 100 per cent shade is now the privilege of those who wish to enjoy the baseball games from comfortable seats and protected from the hot rays of the early summer sun.

The same price of 10 cents will be charged; two games will be offered each Saturday, the games alternating every other week with the rodeos until July 1, when the first mid-week game in the Inter-Community league is scheduled.

On Saturday of this week the twin bill will present: Truby vs Trent for the opener and Noodle vs Union for the nightcap. First game starts promptly at 1:30 p. m.

All six clubs in the 1936 circuit are strong organizations and the series of games for the \$175 in cash prizes offered by the Merchants Trade Extension association promises keen sport throughout the summer months.

## Merkel Negro Draws Death Penalty in Hutcheson Death

After deliberating less than 12 hours, the jury hearing the case of Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro charged with the fatal shooting of City Marshal Chester Hutcheson, returned a verdict of conviction and assessed the death penalty.

Arguments closed at 9:30 Saturday night and the verdict was brought into 42nd district court at 9:15 Sunday morning.

Motion for a new trial, which was filed Tuesday, was later amended, but up to noon Thursday had not been acted upon by the court.

Sheriff H. A. Reid of Lake Charles, La., who had brought a negro, Bertram Bell, with him for the purpose of possible identification of Lonnie Mitchell as the E. C. Mitchell wanted in Louisiana for a 21-year-old murder charge, stated, when informed of the death penalty assessed in the Taylor county case, that he would not seek the negro's extradition to face prosecution in Lake Charles.

Jurors were: E. T. Thompson, Tuscola; J. E. White, Ovalo; R. H. Middleton, Guion; E. L. McMinn, Abilene; T. H. Hinsley, Abilene; C. H. Ellison, Guion; R. A. Murray, Ovalo; F. I. Willis, Abilene; C. P. Adams, Ovalo; Herman Galle, Abilene; George Harless, Abilene; C. C. Killough, Abilene.

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The Merkel Seniors on last Thursday evening enjoyed a hayride to Blair. The occasion of their going was the closing of the Blair school which has had a most successful year under direction of T. W. Clark of Merkel. The party started early and took their lunch which was spread en route to the satisfaction and enjoyment of all who went along. The members of the party were Misses Willie Valentine, Minnie Coats, Josie Smith, Wilma Garrett, Ruth Howard, Della McLain and Mary Teaff; Messrs. R. D. Allen, Milam Pike, Joe Hartley, Roy Coats, Hobson Robertson, Lee Baker and Frank Armstrong.

**HURT IN RUNAWAY.** Mr. and Mrs. Si Dennis had a narrow escape Thursday when the team they were driving became frightened at some object in the road, presumably something about a mudhole. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dennis were thrown from the wagon and the latter received very painful injuries, it being necessary to bring her here for medical attention on Saturday. Mr. Dennis was considerably bruised from the accident but escaped with minor injuries.

See Arthur Bland for particulars of annual 4th of July picnic at Blain's tank.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman To Present 1935-36 Class in Recital

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her class of 1935-36 in the following program at the Methodist church at 8 p. m. Thursday, May 21: "Orange Blossoms," (Ludovic), Wilma McAninch. "Bicycle Race," (Holst), Louise Richie and Vernell Sublett. "The Skates," (Ketterer), Evelyn Sears. "The Merry Hornpipe," (Fletcher), Jeannette Neff. "Military March," (Bugbee), Eva Faye Bush and Elna Tucker. "Norwegian Cradle Song," (Morel), Bonnie Church. "Polonaise Op. 40," (Chopin), Doris Clyde Miller. "Silver Elves," (Heins), Anne Blake. "Rose Petals," (Lawson), Sarah Malone and Gwendolyn Sandusky. "The Bluebonnet," the flower of Texas, (Fox), Dorothy Lee Shannon. "La Chatlaine," (LeDuc), Charles Church. "Four Leaf Clover," (Spencer), Vernell Sublett and Yerna Lee Nolen. "La Fountain," (Bohm), Don Wood. "Buzzin' Around," (Barns), Arlie Joe Barron. "The Myrtles," (Wachs), Jannell Black. "Neapolitan Dance Song," (Tschalkowsky), Missie Spurgin and Joyce Fulton. "Scenes of Splendor," (Greenwald), Billie Wood. "Convent Bells," (Bollman), Louise Richie. "Throwing Kisses," (Heins), Eva Faye Bush. Novelty, "Girlie Howdy-do," Anne Blake. "Il Trovatore," from opera, (Verdi), Missie Spurgin. "Dancing Flowers," (Holst), Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes. "La Cascade de Roses," (Ascher), Mary Jo Russell. "Honey Chile," (Adams), Doris Clyde Miller and Bonnie Church. "Texas, Our Texas," (Marsh), Don Wood. "The Magic Flute," (Mozart), Mary Jo Russell, Jannell Black and Billie Wood.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names: R. W. Johnson, B. B. Reynolds, W. L. Blair, Merkel; J. A. King, W. F. Crook, Oscar Sims, W. L. Morris, D. R. Snow, E. M. Whitley, C. W. Logsdon, Phillip Kaufman, M. M. Jones, Boyd King, M. V. Witback, Fred Winstead, R. L. Hay, W. C. Davis, Wm. Ingle, Sr., Paul Hatler, V. E. Bynum, G. W. Grewster, L. Reeves, F. E. Ingram, J. E. Moore, J. W. Jordan, W. T. Woody, P. W. McFadden, Fleming James, E. L. Finley, R. S. Fields, Jr., L. L. Roberts, A. L. Gully, R. B. Williamson, G. E. Cotton, H. E. Tedford, Sam R. Edins, J. O. Shelton, J. S. Knott, Abilene; R. E. Butcher, Buffalo Gap; C. W. Bearden, H. F. Bowman, Ed C. Russell, J. R. Powell, C. B. Swindle, Tuscola; W. G. Drummond, View; J. A. Middleton, Tye; J. H. Bishop, W. A. Hogue, Trent; N. A. Hale, Amon McMillon, Bradshaw.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mother's day was observed with a splendid program at the Methodist church Sunday night. A large crowd assembled at the church to listen to the program. Following the invocation prayer by J. W. Latimer, Supt. E. J. Orsborn gave an interesting talk paying worthy tribute to the mothers of our country. A number of songs and recitations were also rendered, and the manner in which the children recited was very much to be commended.

That the program was such a success was largely due to the patient and tireless efforts of the two teachers, Misses Nina Bell Russell and Elleta Foster. Each child took his turn to rise and stand by his mother and a most impressive prayer by Rev. John Reynolds, paying a sweet and high tribute of love and gratitude to God and Mother, concluded the program.

Mrs. George Clinton and children of Abilene spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors.

Mrs. S. P. Martin of Merkel is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, for the week.

Rev. Roy Audings will preach at the Baptist church Sunday, May 17. Every one is invited to attend these spiritual discourses.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and two attractive children of Red Spring spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Elie Brooks and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and family visited with the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mashburn, of Stith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and family attended the family reunion of their aunt, Mrs. N. E. Myers, of Anson, celebrating her eighty-third birthday. Some twenty-five guests participated in this elaborate affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dean of Clyde recently.

Rev. and Mrs. John Reynolds and

children of Clyde visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes Sunday.

White Church News

Everybody is happy over the nice rain we had last week.

Misses Fern Evans and Gwern Sublett of Sweetwater and Fredia Farmer visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressly.

Beryl Brown made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Windham are proud parents of a baby girl born last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Abernathy and Walter Boden of Merkel visited their sister, Mrs. H. E. Farmer, last Tuesday.

Bailey Frazier of MqAdoo visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier, last week.

Miss Fredia Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressly spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and Miss Fern Evans of Sweetwater.

Miss Lena Mae Patterson spent Friday night with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Rex McLean, of Trent.

M. H. Farmer, Jr., is doing nicely after having accidentally shot himself in the leg last Tuesday.

Miss Aileen Frazier spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks of Butman.

Stanley Connell has gone to Oklahoma, where he is to attend the graduation exercises of a friend.

Mrs. Phillips and Rev. and Mrs. Russell of Abilene attended church here Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Connell.

The sick people of this community are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats near Merkel.

Miss Fannie Vessel of Trent spent the week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Caps, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Patty Melton of Blair

spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, of Sweetwater. Miss Chapman entertained her pupils and their parents with a social at the school house Friday night.

We wish to remind everyone of the cemetery working May 29. Everyone is invited to come and bring dinner.

The Home Demonstration club is to meet with Mrs. Dewey Rodgers on Friday, May 15.

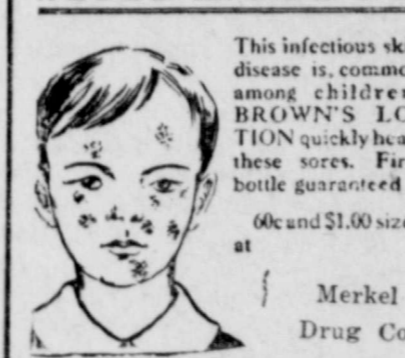
Mrs. John Frazier and Mrs. Maurice Pressly spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Mondel Rogers of Bitter creek.

W. A. Hargison and son, J. W., of Blair, attended church here Sunday.

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Editor-in-Chief—Clifton Bellamy. Society Editor—Eva Faye Bush  
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Joke Editor—Felix Stalls

### DRAMATIC CLUB SAYS AU REVOIR.

The time has come for the M. H. S. Players' club to bid its farewell to the school for this year. The dramatic club is a major social and educational bulwark of M. H. S., and its members will certainly miss the enjoyable activities.

Friday night will mark the last meeting of the club for this—a very successful season. At this meeting the president for the coming year will be elected. The entire club will be served refreshments and entertained by a committee composed of members of the club. That committee is composed of Juanita Huskey, Alice Carey, Stanley Toombs, Annie Fern Jones, Lavena Douglas, Robbie Walker, Lou Ella Hughes, Elvina Doan, Mary Frances Harris, Marvin Berry, Frank Mundy, Victor Joyner, Paul Riney, Margie Melton, Woodrow Clark and Clifton Bellamy.

As president of the M. H. S. Players' club I say good-bye to the entire organization. To my successor I wish even a better organization over which to preside than I had, if that were a possibility. May that person have the same spontaneous cooperation from the other members that I had.

To the club members I give my thanks for making this the most successful year the club has seen.

I shall look forward in the time to come for details of the progress of this organization. Until that time, au revoir.—Clifton N. Bellamy.

### I WONDER.

(By a Senior.)

The river winds its solitary way for miles and miles,  
As far as eye can see;  
And wide the fertile land it irrigates;  
And many boats it carries out to sea.

It first begins, a shallow mountain stream with many falls—  
Shallow, swift, and free;  
But gains in volume as it flows along,  
And carries boats that soon will be at sea.

We seniors first embarked upon our boats with many smiles,  
And visions of the sea.  
We sailed along the shallow danger zone  
And passed the treacherous falls with laughing glee.

And then we slowly made our way past thickly wooded shores  
Where fruit hung rich and free;  
All might be had for merely taking it,  
And instructors helped us pick it from each tree.

The wise among us took quite freely of the fruit that grew;  
They stored it in their boats.  
Perhaps they knew that river banks soon end—  
Give way to open sea, where only driftwood floats.

The rest of us took only that for momentary needs;  
'Twas really much more fun  
To sit or lie in cool, sweet, grassy shade  
Than work with our companions in the sun.

The river now is widening, growing faster, deeper still;  
The sea is near at hand.  
Our boats are parting with the spreading current,  
The river banks have turned, to glittering sand.

We are eager to embark upon the ocean's wide expanse  
Where waterways are free;  
But I wonder—Did we gather ample fruit  
To sustain us on our trip across the sea?

### LAS CUCARACHAS, ADIOS.

Las Cucarachas have met twice for two very jolly evenings. The end of the year is approaching, and it is impossible to say when we shall all be together again in the same manner, but we hope that the club next year will have such a successful and happy year that they will be as sorry as we are now to say adios. We did not get as much accomplished as we hoped to but who in the club can say that we didn't have a "grand and glorious" time in Spanish club? We wish to thank Mr. Hutto for the cooperation he showed in making it a club that was enjoyed by every member. Also, we wish to pay a word of remembrance to the boys who were so faithful in furnishing the music for the programs: Clifton Bellamy, Winston Polley and Harold Morgan.

Las Cucarachas bids ole M. H. S. adios until next year.

### THE SENIORS SAY GOODBYE.

The Seniors can hardly realize that their time has come to bid farewell to High School life. For some of the Seniors this is the end of their school training; for others it is only one more step in a school career.

After the last diploma is given, after the last farewell is made, the graduating class of 1936 will scatter to the many horizons. Perhaps its members will meet again; surely will their thoughts in idle moments turn back to the events on one short time that they had spent in the institution.

To the Senior class of next year we Seniors leave the customs and traditions.

### CHORAL CLUB.

By the time this article is printed, the Choral club will have made its last tour. On Tuesday of this week, the Choral club is going to Noodle, Stith, Salt Branch and other rural schools.

There can be no question as to the success of the Choral club of 1936. In behalf of the club, I want to thank the girls for their interest in their work throughout the year. Everyone will want to join in expressing his sincere appreciation for the kindly and efficient service rendered so willingly throughout the year.

It has been a pleasure to be in the Choral club this year and to work with such likable girls. I want to express my appreciation to the girls for electing me as your reporter. It has been a pleasure to serve you, and I do appreciate the honor and compliment.

Best wishes to the future Choral clubs of Merkel High school.

Farewell to the members, who are Seniors and will never be in this club again. May success be yours.  
Willie Mae Nelson.

### JUNIOR'S FAREWELL.

In behalf of the Juniors, I want to say farewell to our sponsor, Miss Ater. Miss Ater has made a good sponsor the past year. Each and everyone of us hate to see her leave. We were planning to have her for a Senior sponsor. She has stuck with us through thick and thin. She has brought us closer together and taught us how to pull together. Miss Ater has always taught us to play fair and take a defeat on the chin.

We sincerely hope she gets to sponsor a class next year that loves and appreciates her as much as we do. Although some of us have had misunderstandings we always find that it was our fault instead of hers.

In spite of all this we think lots of her and wish her the best of luck.

We want to say farewell to the Seniors. The Seniors have done much for Merkel High during the past year. Outside of our small differences the Juniors and Seniors have had good cooperation. We hate to see the Seniors leave Merkel High. Some of the best students come from the Senior class. Seniors, when you leave Merkel High, it is like taking on a new life. We wish you the best of success in the future.

As Juniors we will be looking forward to coming back to Merkel High about next September 10. We are not saying farewell for good but just for the summer.

Let's imagine that this is the meaning of farewell to us Juniors.

Adios,

No, not good-bye.

Why not say

Hasta manana

When you go away?

Hasta manana

Isn't forever good-bye.

It's only until tomorrow

Will come by and by.

Hasta Manana.

### SENIOR DAY.

As the beautiful sun rose in the eastern sky to shine o'er Merkel on Friday, May 8, it was far more beautiful than usual to the Seniors of Merkel High school.

Mr. Reid was kept busy for about an hour, selling white caps to Seniors. Yes, it was Senior day! And what a day! About eight forty-five Mr. Jenkins left Merkel with about fifty Seniors.

An enjoyable day was spent by all Seniors. They went first to Buffalo Gap, where some of the boys went swimming. Several baseball games were played; then a delightful lunch was served. Another group took a swim, while about half the class sang some popular songs with Missie playing the piano.

Mr. Burgess then led the way to Abilene lake.

After about an hour the group re-

### Our Seniors

Juanita Huskey.

Here is another very dignified and outstanding Senior.

Juanita has been a student of M. H. S. for four years and in that length of time she has made many friends who will miss her smiles next year, because she is listed among the graduating class.

Juanita is very quiet and works diligently on her studies, but she has a personality that will win friends for her wherever she goes.

In Mrs. Haynes' winning one-act play, Juanita played a leading role. She was chosen for the annual Senior play, but misfortune intervened and introduced her to Mr. "Appendicitis" who forbade her to take a part in the play.

Juanita is back as friendly as ever now and everyone is happy again.

Juanita, we hope everything came out all right and may the waters of the sea of life always be calm for you.

turned to Buffalo Gap for another ball game and iced drink.

A delightful trip was had on the return home. In spite of one flat, every minute was enjoyed. The Seniors parked in front of Abilene High school, while they went through the Rexall exhibition train.

Returning to Merkel about four, the class scattered to summarize the day to their friends.

### SOPHOMORE FAREWELL.

To say good-bye to M. H. S. is something we all hate to say. We want everyone to know that we have enjoyed very much our Sophomore year and are looking forward to being Juniors. We also want to thank Mr. Myers, our sponsor, who has taken great interest in the Sophomore class. We regret seeing the Seniors leave, because we will miss them very much. So—until next year—we bid Merkel High school, farewell.

### FRESHMEN'S FAREWELL.

The "Fish" regret having to say goodbye to their first year in High school. It has been a pleasant one indeed, even though we have been teased and called "Fish" by the upperclassmen.

We wish to express our thanks to Miss Martin for helping us to do what we are supposed to, because for a while we didn't know which way to turn.

We hope we will enjoy our Sophomore year as much as we have this one. So until next September we bid dear ole Merkel Hi—farewell.

### AFTER COMMENCEMENT.

(Willie Mae Nelson.)  
When "High School Days" are over And Commencement has come at last, Will you not think of Senior days? Will you not treasure the past? We like to grumble at times Of the things we have to do, But how we'll treasure these tasks After everything is through. I know when our schooldays are over And we join in the line with the rest We shall never forget to be grateful To Dear Old M. H. S.

### THE END.

So has come the end of another school year and the final chapter in the High School life of your staff. We—the staff—have endeavored to present as interestingly as possible all the major occurrences and many of the less important happenings in M. H. S. We hope that you have enjoyed each edition and look forward to a new staff and more publications of the "Badger Weekly" next autumn. Thus the staff wishes the next staff all the support and cooperation of the underclassmen that some of them gave this year.

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EDITOR DURHAM BACK ON JOB.
Although rather late about it, The Mail chronicles with much pleasure that Tom Durham, former editor of The Mail, is back in harness as editor of the Eunice (N. M.) Enterprise, first number of which was issued Apr. 23.

The new paper has been established in the thriving new oil town of our sister state by Luke Roberts, who is an old friend and former associate of Tom Durham.

With the team of Roberts, publisher, and Durham, editor, the Eunice Enterprise is destined for great work in promoting the welfare of their chosen city. Best wishes, Tom.

Circle Drill Team Practice for Event At District Meeting

At a regular meeting of Merkel Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, held Thursday afternoon, May 7, Mrs. Janie B. Garner, district manager, after being given the honor salute, presided as guardian in the absence of Mrs. Katie Church.

Reports were given by the secretary, banker and reporter. A committee was appointed to send plot plants and cut flowers to the sick members, viz., Mesdames Dowdy, Wheeler and Church, for Mother's day. The Grove also voted to send a handkerchief shower to the mothers and fathers living in the home at Sherman.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church for presenting the quilt and automobile to the team. Captain Mae Seago is practicing the team in preparation for attending the Goldsticker-Garner district meeting which convenes in Abilene on May 27.

The team will present and seat the national officers and will also take part in the pageant to be held that evening. With the proceeds received from the play and the sale of the automobile, the team members were able to buy evening dresses for the occasion.

News Notes From Union Ridge School

Mrs. Oleene Humphreys and Mrs. Andy Shouse have been re-elected as teachers in the Union Ridge school for the coming year. Supt. R. A. Burgess and Mrs. Comer Haynes brought the Merkel Choral club to visit the Union Ridge school on a goodwill tour Tuesday morning.

New Governor. Baton Rouge, La., May 14—Richard W. Leche became governor of Louisiana at 12:42 p. m. Tuesday when he was sworn in by Associate Justice Arche Higgins of the Louisiana supreme court.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth drove out to spend Mother's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter were here several days the latter part of the week, visiting relatives and friends. Earl is now located at Kilgore, connected with the state oil and gas division.

Tom Price, formerly of Merkel and now living at Anson, was among the visitors here Saturday, taking in the rodeo.

Miss Doris Durham, who teaches at Coleman, was here to spend the week-end with the home folks.

Miss Beth Hamm has returned home after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Guy Darsey, in Austin.

Hugh Mayfield, who has been at Sanitorium for several months, returned home Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Tom Wilson and little daughter of Dallas, who had been guests in the T. C. Wilson home since Wednesday, returned home Sunday with her husband, who came to spend the day with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Breckenridge spent the week-end with Mrs. Curtis' mother, Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Mrs. G. W. Hillman of Waco is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles West.

Mrs. George F. West, Sr., had as her guests Sunday night her brother, Milton Wiman, and wife from Tullia. Her mother, Mrs. Emily Wiman, arrived last week to remain for an indefinite time.

Grandmother Stanley continues to improve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson. Among those who have come to see her during her illness are: George Stanley from Bells, J. E. Stanley from Denison and Mrs. Emma Ware and little daughter from El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sloan visited her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dry were over from Abilene Sunday for Mother's day with Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mrs. W. M. O'Brian has returned from an extended visit in California.

Mrs. Milton Case and little daughter, Creta Key, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Key, in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adeock have as their guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Adeock, of Gustine.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and little daughter, Sandra, returned Wednesday from a visit to his mother, Mrs. Lula Sadler, at Montalba in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren went to Dallas for a week-end visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit, Mr. Warren returning Monday and leaving Mrs. Warren for a longer visit.

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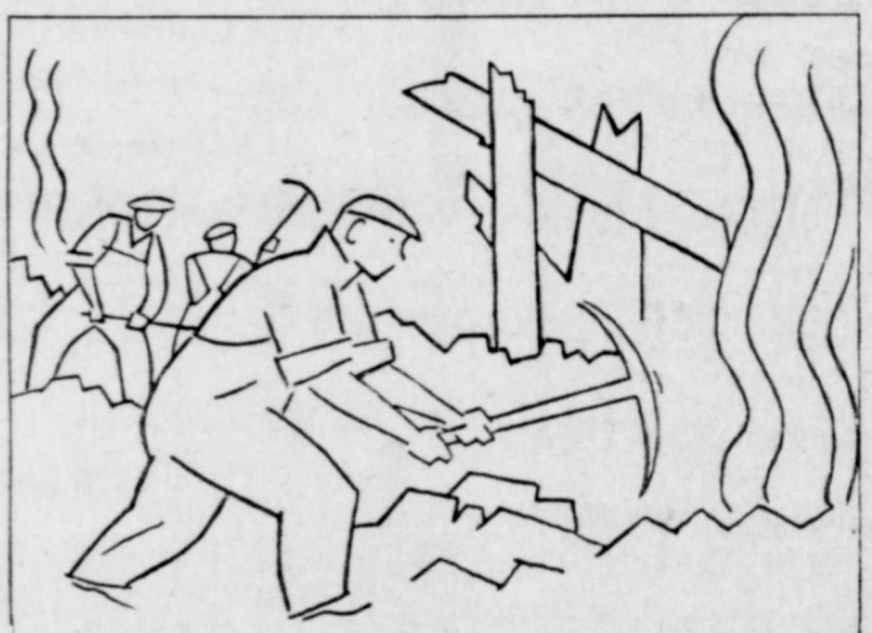
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ROSS L. MILLER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)  
For District Clerk:  
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MRS. IMOGENE HAMPTON.

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:

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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.

years continuous separation, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 5th day of May, A. D. 1936.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
(Seal)

**New Local Manager for Jones Dry Goods Store**

Effective Tuesday of last week, R. A. Hoover became local manager of the Jones Dry Goods company, succeeding W. J. Sheppard, former owner, who sold the store to the Jones company Feb. 1 and who has continued as manager since that date.

Mr. Hoover, who has been associated with the Jones concern at six different stores, more recently at Tahoka, where he had been for the past five years, will move his family here from Abilene as soon as school is out. A cordial welcome is being extended Mr. Hoover both as a new citizen and new business man.

**CEMETERY WORKING.**

There will be a cemetery working at White Church on Friday, May 29. Dinner will be served on the grounds and every one is urged to come and help in the work. Eli Cordell and D. D. Coates are trustees of the cemetery.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

There are 70,500 school buses in the United States.

Bids are being asked for construction of a sister ship to the new British liner Queen Mary.

**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Miss Thorpe Nichols was winner in a beauty contest and style show staged at the High School auditorium Monday evening. The show was sponsored by the Home Demonstration club and under the general direction of a committee composed of three women, Mesdames Hosea Winn, C. H. Howell and John Payne.

Miss Nichols won over eight other girls, all being sponsored by local business firms. Miss Doreen Scott was given second place and Miss Opal Freeman, third. Other candidates were: Misses Sallie Freeman, Edythe Hale, Ellen Duncan, Dorothy Martin, Mary Eva Nichols and Louise Allyn. Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, Wrenn Durham and C. J. Glover of Merkel were judges. First place winner will be given a trip to the Texas Centennial to be held in Dallas.

A musical program preceded the show.

Graduation exercises of the Trent High school were held on Wednesday evening at the High school building. Address to the graduates was given by J. Eddie Weems of Abilene. Edgar Lee Mangum won first honors in the graduating class, with Wilson Bright as salutatorian.

Seventh grade graduation exercises were to be held Thursday evening. Leonard Storey is valedictorian of the grammar school graduating class, with Kathlyn Shannon salutatorian.

Mrs. Ben Howell honored her daughter, Betty Lou, with a party on Friday evening at her home. Games afforded delightful pastime for two hours, after which cake and punch were served to twenty guests.

Mrs. Ben Howell will have as her week-end guests Mrs. Elizabeth Stanford and Miss Garnetta Bailey of Fort Worth.

**GARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank the people and neighbors for their sympathy and help during the illness and death of our sweet wife, mother, grandmother and sister. May God's rich blessing rest upon you all.

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**MOTHER'S DAY GUESTS.**

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs had as her Mother's day guests six of her seven children, Charlie Hobbs of Dallas being the only one who was not present.

Dinner was served outside in picnic style to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hobbs and son, Weldon, of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs and son, Robert Dean, of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hall Hobbs and daughter, Joyce Sue, and Miss Ella Hobbs.

Others present, besides the children were: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Reidenbach and daughter, Leola, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas and daughter, Arva Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton and daughter, Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blocker of Menard, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rister of Munday, Mrs. C. E. Thomas of Hamlin, Mrs. Clouch of Pecos and Elmer Moore.

After a very enjoyable day, all said goodbye and returned to their homes.

**UNION RIDGE P. T. A.**

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met in regular session Friday night, May 8. The meeting was opened with the theme song, followed by prayer by Houston Clark.

Report from the P. T. A. conference, which was held at Sweetwater, was given by M. F. Carey and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, also a talk by Mrs. O. E. Harwell on the summer round-up. The school children rendered several Texas songs, which every one enjoyed.

ed. Ice cream and cake was served to a large number.

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Home Demonstration club met Friday, May 8, in the M. L. Douglas home with the president in charge. Hints on household cleaning were given by members.

Cake and ice cream were served to Mesdames Clarence Shouse, J. L. McRee, O. R. Douglas, M. L. Douglas, Misses Mabel McRee and Mary Bell Douglas, members, and Mrs. Clarence Church and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, visitors.

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met with Mrs. W. U. Beene, the president. After the call to order, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley led a round table discussion on "Hints on House Cleaning."

Members present were: Mesdames Lee, Hays, Martin, Pinckley, Beene, Allen, Cox, Hudson, Joe Higgins, Harrell; Misses Celia Hester and Ruth Pinckley, and visitors, Mrs. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Edsel Church, Mrs. Elma Chriswell, Miss Gladys Mashburn.

The club will meet next with Mrs. W. E. Petty on May 21.

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**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

M. L. Estes, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis uptown Tuesday, was reported getting along very well at his home Thursday morning.

Mrs. Clyde Sears returned Thursday morning from a visit to the bedside of her father, Ben Lasseter, of Abilene, who continues seriously ill. He is 83 years old.

Roy Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffman, who fell from a tree last week, sustaining a broken collar bone and cracked shoulder blade, is reported getting along satisfactorily.

E. Hackleman, recently of California, and John Johnson of Comere, but lately of Wichita Falls, have purchased the lunch room on Front street formerly operated by Wm. Vehle. Mr. Hackleman is an ex-showman, having been at one time associated with the Al Barnes circus. He has lived in the Hawaiian islands, Canada, Alaska, Cuba, Mexico and South America and is an experienced cook, having at one time been in the employ of the Harvey house system. His partner is also an experienced cook and restaurant man.

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# THE DIVORCE COURT MURDER

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TWELFTH 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.

Wisely, Miss Edmond made no effort to deny the charge. "Where did you learn that?"

"From Harvey Willard, of course . . . and Mrs. Rowland," Rankin returned provocatively. "They informed me of your entire part in the collusion—how, as secretary, you agreed to pretend an affair with the husband. And how you climaxed the 'intrigue' with the affair at the Inn," he smiled contemptuously.

"As he intended, anger burned in the girl's eyes, as much directed against her erstwhile confederates as against his insulting comments. "They told you that? But it was their plan; I had nothing to do with it and had no interest in it, until I innocently took the job as secretary."

"Just the same, you've conspired to defraud justice and commit perjury under oath," the detective put in coldly.

Jill Edmond's resentment, increasing with her alarm, loosened her tongue.

"I won't be a fool for them." She clenched her fists. "They may have told you a lot, but they left out even more. You haven't heard yet that they tried to double-cross Mr. Rowland. There was a woman he really loved—for whom he wasn't faking an affection; and they attempted to catch him with her—his real mistress."

"His real mistress? What do you mean—he was unfaithful, after all?"

"Yes, he had a mistress; and here is more news to surprise you," Miss Edmond spoke triumphantly. "They didn't tell you her name, either, Mr. Rankin; it was Barbara Keith—Mrs. Mortimer Keith! It was with her, not me, that he went to the Sunset Inn February first, to spend the night!"

"Mrs. Keith!" Rankin ejaculated. "Good heavens, how can that be possible?"

He could hardly credit his ears. He had expected information from the girl, but never, in his wildest speculations, such a startling, overwhelming revelation.

"To clear up this whole business for you, Mr. Rankin," she related, "I had better begin at the beginning. What they said about hiring me and planting the impression Allen and I had an affair is probably correct; they'd have no reason to lie about that. Up to the day

we chose for the final discovery, everything went according to plan. It was arranged to catch us together, Thursday, February second; you know, as secretary, I had every Thursday off and usually spent it with Allen to increase suspicion. He was to write a note, making an appointment to meet me that night at eight o'clock in town. Mrs. Rowland would supposedly discover it, turn it over to her brother and Dorkin, and the three of them would watch our meeting. Then, to produce proofs of our relations, Allen and I were to drive to the Roadside Hotel, thirty miles out along the Lancaster Pike, and there be trapped in a bedroom together."

The detective's face screwed into a baffled, uncomprehending frown.

"This was set for Thursday, the second? But according to Mr. Willard and the testimony," he objected, "the climax really was acted the day before, Wednesday, February first. And it took place at the Sunset Inn, instead."

Jill Edmond smiled vindictively. "Yes, that's so; that is where the double-crossing comes in. The whole program was advanced one day by Mrs. Rowland's treachery in trying to drag Mrs. Keith into the scandal. She failed only because I was too much for her. At the hearing afterward, she couldn't prove anything against Mrs. Keith, so she, Mr. Willard and Allen had to stick to the story they originally planned and change only the necessary minor details, such as the date and the scene. After all, so far as Dorkin was concerned, he witnessed on Wednesday substantially what we intended him to see on Thursday; and that was the evidence he offered."

Still Rankin wore a puzzled look. "I'm afraid I don't follow at all, Miss Edmond. How can that be if Mrs. Keith went with Rowland to the Inn?"

"It's simple when you know the conversation I overheard Wednesday afternoon, February first," the girl returned. "I came downstairs in the Rowland home about three o'clock and heard Mrs. Rowland on the phone in the living room. She spoke to Mr. Willard, breathlessly and yet so plainly I couldn't help understanding; there was something joyful, almost . . . unholy about her excitement. Curious, I slipped into the conservatory where I could listen still better. First, she said, 'My suspicions were right, after all, Harvey; I have proof at last Allen is seeing that woman tonight! You refused to believe it when I insisted all this time she was his mistress, but now you'll have to admit it.' She then answered a question. 'Never mind how I found out; I'll tell you that when you arrive. Just be here with Dorkin—at nine o'clock at the corner of Jackson and Elder streets.' Then she added, 'He has the audacity to meet her practically in front of my home! Now we won't have to wait for the faked meeting tomorrow night; to prove

he is faithless; tonight we'll catch him red-handed with his real mistress and have honest grounds for a divorce. And with that she hung up the receiver."

She paused, breathless at the vehemence of her own recital.

"So I had to get in touch with Allen and warn him of the trap. Only, I couldn't locate him; I went out and phoned his apartment several times, but in vain. My only hope was to be at the meeting place and if Allen arrived first, warn him and try to stop him. I hired a car, figuring I might need one if any traveling was to be done. At eight-thirty I parked near the corner, careful not to be observed; I watched Mrs. Rowland, Mr. Willard and that detective come at twenty to nine and hide nearby. Fifteen minutes later, Mrs. Keith walked up, and at exactly nine o'clock Allen picked her up."

"Since I could not signal Allen, I followed both cars to wait for a later chance. All the way to the Inn, I trailed behind Mrs. Rowland while she trailed him. At the Inn I drove ahead and parked on the other side. But while Mr. Willard's crowd delayed until Allen and Mrs. Keith were well settled in their quarters, I acted, I could tell from the new light on the second floor, the location of their room. Without stopping to ask at the desk, I entered and went directly upstairs as if I were an expected visitor. When I knocked at the door, there was a dead silence until I announced my name; then Allen opened it cautiously for me and let me in."

"Mrs. Keith was panic-stricken," the secretary proceeded dramatically, "half fainting and trembling in terror; she cried out about being ruined by the scandal, Allen had enough presence of mind to realize that he had to save the reputation of the woman he loved. He sent both of us into the bathroom to exchange clothes. Luckily, we were

about the same size. Then I gave Mrs. Keith the key to my machine and Allen ordered her to drive back to the city immediately."

"Even so, she had barely a moment to spare. As she stepped into the hall, Mrs. Rowland, her brother and Dorkin were already climbing the stairs. To escape them, she had to slip into an open bathroom several doors down the corridor. Then she waited until everyone rushed into our room—before she sneaked out and ran down to my car. She probably just missed meeting Mr. Keith on the way."

The girl flicked away her cigarette ash and shrugged her shoulders carelessly.

"The rest of the story must be fairly clear from the records of the hearing," she concluded. "Allen and I were well compromised by the interruption; we acted dismayed and guilty, precisely as it had all been planned for the next day. Though I almost spoiled it by laughing at Mrs. Rowland's rage and mortification and Mr. Willard's amazement. During the confusion, they searched the room, closets and bathroom for Mrs. Keith. Yet they had to carry out the scene, not daring to demand where she was or question the substitution. That would have given

away their knowledge of the whole secret and admitted the collusion."

After a moment of deliberation, Rankin said:

"I suppose that covers all the ground, Miss Edmond, except for my original question. Do you think Mr. Keith went to the Inn because he suspected his wife would be there with Rowland?"

Again he sensed in her that quick

warnings.

"I'd say it was something like that."

"That's very important," Rankin returned gravely. "You had no reason to shield Mortimer Keith in this business had you?"

The girl looked startled. "Of course not, Mr. Rankin," she answered vehemently.

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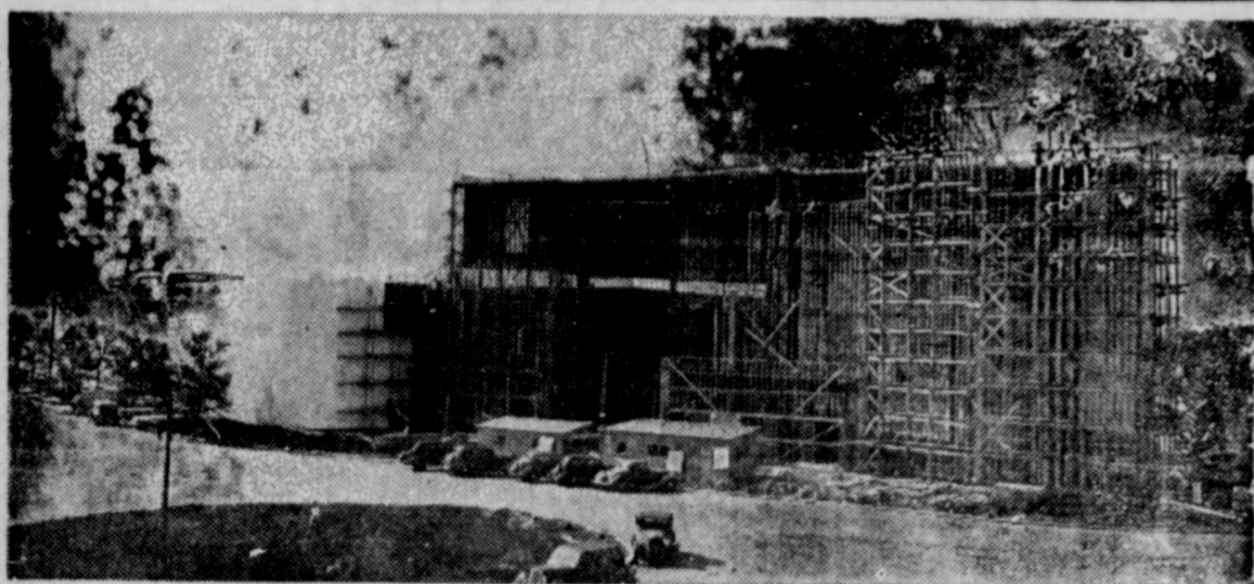
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The huge Ford Exposition building, erected especially for the Centennial Exposition in Dallas, Texas, opening June 6, will be devoted largely to showing how importantly the raw materials of the Southwest enter into the manufacture of Ford V-8, Lincoln and Lincoln-Zephyr motor cars.

Forty-three thousand of a total of 55,000 square feet in the great air-conditioned structure will house an interesting group of manufacturing and testing exhibits, a pageant of transportation, dioramas showing the use of raw materials in the Ford plants, and an exhibit of the Henry Ford trade school at Dearborn, Michigan.

Displays carrying out the principal theme of the Ford Exposition show how such Southwestern products as cotton, mohair, wool, corn, cattle, soy beans, resin and rice are

employed in the making of Ford and Ford-sponsored automobiles.

Five hundred and fifty-eight thousand acres, producing 160 pounds to the acre, raise the cotton used in each one million Ford units. A working exhibit at the Ford Exposition will show how cushion tops for Ford V-8's are stitched at the average rate of one every five seconds—consuming annually more than 57,000,000 pounds of cotton. How some of the millions of pounds of cotton used by the Ford Company is processed in its final stage at the factory will be shown in the demonstration of the machine known as the "multi-pleater."

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With the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company exhibit in the Ford Exposition building showing another important use of cotton, the making of fabric for tires, it is further revealed that for one million Ford units, 25,000,000 pounds of cotton are required. It has been estimated that in production of Ford units this year, approximately 116,000,000 pounds of cotton will be used.

### Divorce Court Murder

(Continued from page 6.)  
"You also failed to inform me," Rankin pointed out severely, "that, on the afternoon of the murder, Mr. Keith visited the lawyers' offices. He arrived about when you did, two-thirty-five. You couldn't see seeing and recognizing him in the main office, yet you concealed that fact from me."

"Mr. Keith there?" Jill Edmond's attempt at surprise held a false note. "I swear I didn't know, Mr. Rankin; I neither saw him come in or leave."

At the sudden inspiration that occurred to him at that instant, Rankin shook his head savagely.

"Perhaps I can suggest a better reason why you wanted to protect him; you found it profitable to tell him the truth."

The secretary's eyes widened with terror.

"That is called blackmail, Miss Edmond," he went on. "a much graver offense than obstructing justice. You threatened to make public Mrs. Keith's infidelity unless it was made worth your while not to."

"No, no, that isn't what happened at all!" Jill Edmond's alarmed cry interrupted. "I had done him a service he would appreciate; at the cost of my character, I had saved his wife's honor and his from public disgrace. Surely it wasn't too much for me to expect some . . . reward."

"And in that way, profit at both ends for the same thing," Rankin declared curtly. "I went to see him as soon as I got Allen to admit who he was. And he was perfectly will-

ing to let me have the money."

Abruptly the detective rose, his mouth grim and ominous.

"Miss Edmond," he warned her, "this is your only chance; hold your

tongue and be prepared to testify to his knowledge when called to do so."

"Yes, yes, Mr. Rankin," Jill Ed-

mond promised only too fervently.

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Steven and Crawford of Trent are contractors, the construction being supervised by H. L. Crawford of Stamford.

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### Reunion in Honor of Mrs. M. C. Stewart

In honor of their mother, Mrs. M. C. Stewart, a family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart of Trent, a total of twenty-five being present for the occasion.

The following sons and one daughter were present: A. F. Stewart and family, San Angelo; Walter Stewart and family, Mingus; Mrs. Freddie Stewart and son, Mingus; D. H. Mann and family, Mingus, and Francis and J. A. Lenzini, a granddaughter and grandson of Mrs. M. C. Stewart.

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GUITAR-HILL.

The many friends of Fred Guitar, Jr., will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Eldora Hill on May 9 at Roby. The ceremony was read at 8:30 o'clock, the Rev. Elmer Crabtree, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dora M. Hill of Abilene. She attended Texas Tech at Lubbock following her graduation from high school, Abilene. At present she is manager of the hat department at Minor's Women's Wear, Abilene. She was unusually lovely in an aqua sheer wedding costume with accessories of royal purple. Miss Mamie Walker and Comer Patterson served as attendants.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar and a graduate of John Tarleton college at Stephenville. One of Merkel's rising young business men, possessing both personality and ability, The Mail joins in expressing sincerest best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Guitar will make their home at the Groene apartments.

SPRINGTIME RECITAL.

Miss Christine Collins will present her voice and piano pupils in a "Springtime Recital" on Friday evening at the Grace Presbyterian church beginning at 8:15. The interested public is cordially invited to attend.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Miss Christine Collins extended hospitality to members of the Fortnightly Study club on Monday evening. Following a brief business session Miss Stell Ledger presented an interesting resume of the careers of the remaining Texas governors: Moody, Mrs. Ferguson, Sterling and Allred, thus closing the Texas History course undertaken by the club at the beginning of the club year.

Mrs. Henry West gave, in intricate pattern, the life and influence of the great sculptress, Elizabeth Ney, who spent her last years in the interest of Texas.

Miss Emma Joyner, pianist, was presented by Mrs. F. C. McFarland in a piano program. In her own very charming manner she played sacred music and popular ballads, graciously responding with enclosures. The club accepted the invitation of Mrs. Clyde Smith to meet in her home on Monday, May 25.

Members answering roll call were Mesdames Henry West, Sam Swann, R. I. Grimes, Frank McFarland, Johnnie Cox, Tom Largent, C. B. Gardner, W. S. J. Brown, Clyde Smith, Fred Hughes, R. A. Burgess, Joe P. Self, Thos. Durham, Asa Sheppard, S. D. Gamble, A. R. Booth, Misses Dora Garoutte, Evelyn Curb, Alyeen Ater, Stell Ledger, Johnnie Sears and Christine Collins.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Joe P. Self complimented her little daughter, Joy Sue, with a party from 4 to 5:30 on Friday afternoon, May 8, in celebration of her ninth birthday.

After enjoying a series of games, interest was centered in the cutting of the birthday cake, with its nine candles.

Guests were: Lora Pearl Haynes, Cullie Marian McDaniel, Mary Evelyn Perry, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Marjorie Fulton, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Frances Melton, Bettie Jean Perry, Joyce Marie Webb, Mrs. Spencer Bird, and the honoree.

MRS. T. J. TOOMBS HONORED.

The children of Mrs. T. J. Toombs surprised her with a birthday dinner on Wednesday, May 6, in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs. The occasion celebrated the 74th anniversary of the birth of the honoree, for which a huge birthday cake had been provided.

KING'S DAUGHTERS PARTY.

The suburban home of Mrs. Lee Cox was the scene of a lovely party on Tuesday afternoon of last week when Mesdames Cox, Frazier and Tucker were co-hostesses in entertaining the King's Daughters Sunday School class. The program was in commemoration of Mother's Day; Mrs. Armstrong brought the devotional and Mrs. Walker sang an appropriate selection. Mrs. B. M. Williams read a paper on Mother's day.

Delicious ice cream and cake was served at the refreshment hour to four visitors: Mesdames Crow, Walker, Cox and Miss Mabel McRee. An incomplete list of the members included Mesdames Dry, Sears, McSpad-

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NEW CLUB ORGANIZED.

On April 27, the R. I. O. met in the home of Vernelle Sublett for organization. In a brief business session the club elected Vernelle Sublett, president; Robbie Walker, vice-president; Ina Mae Berryman, secretary; Nadine Clack and Opal Buzbee, reporters; and Lucille Crick, chairman of the social committee. Other members, Janet Hayes and Willie Mae Nelson, will serve on the social committee.

On May 5, the R. I. O. club met in the home of Lucille Crick. After a business session, refreshments were served to the following members: Willie Mae Nelson, Nadine Clack, Ina Mae Berryman, Robbie Walker, Vernelle Sublett and the hostess.

On May 12, the R. I. O. club met in the home of Robbie Walker.

Refreshments of all-day suckers were served to Ina Mae Berryman, Lucille Crick, Willie Mae Nelson and the hostess.

THE ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the Baptist church was entertained on Wednesday, May 8, in the beautiful home of Mrs. W. O. Boney, who was assisted by Mrs. Victor Harris as co-hostess.

The class president, Mrs. Charlie West, had charge of a business meeting. Scripture was read by Mrs. Dollic Jones and prayer led by Mrs. J. W. Saffle.

During the social hour, games were played and contests enjoyed, after which a salad plate, daintily arranged with May baskets filled with mints as place favors, was served to Mesdames Charlie West, J. M. Meeks, C. M. Largent, Nannie Causseaux, E. N. Brown, H. P. Allen, W. F. Patterson, F. P. Hamm, J. M. McNiece, Lucy Scott, T. J. R. Swafford, F. A. Polley, R. P. Fields, W. L. Johnson, G. M. Sharp and E. M. McDonald. Visitors were Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Saffle and Mrs. H. G. Eddleman.

PICNIC AT SWEETWATER LAKE.

The Willing Workers of the Methodist church were entertained by a selected committee with an enjoyable picnic at Sweetwater lake on Tuesday night, May 12.

Games of various description were introduced and, after a swim in the lake, the group was served a delicious picnic lunch.

Those attending were: Stell Ledger, teacher; members and visitors, Florene Rider, Terrell Mashburn, Herbert Dunn, Lela Patterson, Imogene Hayes, Woodrow Wilson, Fred A. Baker, Lona Bryan, Maggie Stewart, Lewis Carson, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Elna Tucker, Mary Bell Douglas, Robbie Walker, Ina Mae Berryman, Ward Berryman, Wanda Hunter and Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow.

The class wishes in this manner to thank Tom Douglass for the delicious drink he furnished.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. L. L. Murray on Tuesday afternoon. The devotional was given by Mrs. John Russell and scriptures were read from the Bible on prayer. Mrs. J. R. Walling gave notes on "Life As a Stewardship." Misses Mabel Murray and Dorma Lee Shelton entertained with a duet. Mrs. R. A. Walker gave a meditation entitled "I Refused to Speak," by Thaddeus Elmore Allen.

A refreshment plate of ice cream and cake was passed to the following: Mesdames S. A. Derstine, A. A.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 720 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 715 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 797 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B.T.S. at 7:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, left

Baker, J. J. Russell, W. D. Butler, W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell, Marvin Smith, J. R. Walling; Misses Dora Garoutte, Mary Keny, and visitors, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. Tracy Campbell was hostess for the Merkel Home Demonstration club on Friday afternoon. Each member gave a report on how she had improved her bedroom.

After the business meeting refreshments were served to Mesdames C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, Watt Blair, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Bob McDonald, Tracy Campbell; Misses Clara E. White, Lily Claude Barnett and Thelma Mathews, and Mrs. Eual Allen from Abilene.

MOTHERS-DAUGHTERS' BANQUET.

Willie Mae Nelson was hostess to the Palette club and their mothers and lady teachers Saturday night, May 9, at a Mother-Daughters' banquet. Ina Mae Berryman was co-hostess.

The following menu was served to twenty-two guests: salad, salmon salad, carrots, peas, rolls, sliced tomatoes, pickles, iced tea, ice cream and cake.

After the tasteful dinner, the guests listened to the following program: "Toast to Mothers," Vernell Bland; response, Mrs. Verner Sublett; trio, Ina Mae Berryman, Robbie Walker, Willie Mae Nelson; talk on "Beauties of Life," Nadine Clack; reading, Willie Mae Hudson; trio, by the same girls; speaker, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

La Verne Hughes acted as toast-mistress.

The room was decorated with beautiful larkspurs, rose, poppies and fern.

Green candles and bowls of pink poppies furnished the center pieces on the long table covered with white linen cloths.

Those present were: Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Miss Julia Martin, Miss Maggie Stewart, Miss Stewart of Abilene, Misses La Verne Hughes, Vernell Bland, Vernelle Sublett, Nadine Clack, Willie Mae Hudson, Pauline McAninch, Robbie Walker, Lucille Crick, Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. Crick, Mrs. R. A. Walker, Mrs. Clack, Mrs. Verner Sublett, Mrs. McAninch, Mrs. P. H. Douglas, Mrs. Bland, and the hostesses.

Mrs. Leon Scott and Misses Dorma-Lee Shelton and Mabel Murray served as waitresses.

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"Three on the Trail"  
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Tuesday for St. Louis to meet with the Southern Baptist convention. While there he will also attend the Northern Baptist convention which meets in St. Louis at the same time.

Dr. Collier of the Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, will preach here Sunday morning and Brother Ted McGehee will preach Sunday night. All church services as usual during the pastor's absence.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 7 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The juniors of our church presented a beautiful and touching Mother's day program Sunday morning, followed by a message on "Christ and Mother" by the pastor. Those present will never forget that service, as we sat together in heavenly places and mingled our tears together.

We are looking forward to a great day next Sunday. Our subject for Sunday night will be "Why Rich Men Go to Hell." Hear this powerful sound, scriptural, bold message. Come and hear the young fearless preacher that preached his first sermon in the church he now pastors.

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Cabbage, big firm heads, lb. ... 4c  
Burmuda Onions, per pound ... 4c  
Celery, large and well bleached ... 15c

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Salad Dressing, Elfood, quarts ... 33c

Peanut Butter A good one 2 lb. qt. jar ... 29c  
Tea White Swann Schilling 1-4 lb. ... 19c

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