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SCORE AGAIN IN LIVELY STAGING SECOND COMEDY

Home Talent Players Present "George in a Jam" Before Large Audience; Benefit for Cemetery Association.

Players from the cast that so successfully presented "The Wild Oats Boy" a few weeks ago for the benefit of the Firemen's Fund scored again Tuesday night in their delightful and entertaining staging of "George in a Jam," the Merkel Cemetery association being the beneficiary this time in the sum of \$77.10. The Cozy theatre was filled and the use of fifty or more extra chairs was made necessary to accommodate the crowd that sought admission.

Produced under the direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby, co-director of the first named success, "George in a Jam" was portrayed with all the realism of life itself from the time the curtain rose on George Forbes, played by Raymond Neal, youthful spendthrift, until the happy denouement revealing good fortune to a four-way series of love affairs. In the interim a plot full of surprises and interspersed with laughs kept the audience first thrilled and then convulsed with laughter.

Leading part in the cast fell to Vera Ritchie, whose delineation of the rustic heiress, who floated to the city in the tow of her domineering mother, (Estelle Terry,) and her meek, but easily tempted spouse, (Parker Sharp,) revealed freshness, vivacity and the inherent personality so naturally to be expected of the part. In the character roles of the parents, the mother being not so rustic, Estelle Terry and Parker Sharp turned in portrayals that rivaled their work in "Wild Oats Boy." Opposite Sara Jane Larkins, the equally rustic name of the just heiress, was Herbert Dennis, thoroughly versed and equipped as the young lover but even more clever in his impersonation of the Irish maid, the one that "made" trouble for Pa Larkins.

With his hands full as the youthful guardian of George himself and of another ward, Missy Brown, played by Missie Dye, (supposed to be a mutinous, the program says, but how could Missie be mutinous?) Warren Smith brought a lot of French into play, when in disguise he returned to his own home to observe the proceedings, and, by the way, Smitty's French accent was all there, to say nothing of the studied interpretation he gave to his role. It was a sort of "Daddy Long Legs" story when Cupid had his way in uniting the guardian and his ward. Naturalness and ease of speech as well as evidence of a growing stage presence characterized Missie Dye's counterpart of the mutinous ward, Missy Brown.

Opposite the lead Blanche Simmons, (Continued on Page Two)

SCOUTS TO COOK PARENTS' FEED MINUS UTENSILS

Parents of the members of troop No. 20 will be guests of the Scouts at a supper Friday evening at 6:15 to be spread in Laney's pasture east of town.

The meal will be cooked by the Scouts themselves without utensils. (Don't get alarmed—the Scouts can cook as appetizing a meal this way as anyone could want.) If you doubt it, just glance over the following menu: baked chicken, hot biscuits, mashed potatoes, baked yams, deviled eggs, kobb, (it's good whether you know it or not,) cocoa, and for desert cinnamon twist and baked apples.

A court of honor will be held at 7 o'clock when some twelve Scouts will receive second class badges.

Troop No. 20 is proud to welcome a new Scout, Joe Young, who will receive his tenderfoot badge Friday evening. The Scouts are also glad to report that Benny Sheppard is back with his old troop.

Schedule for Indoor Baseball Leaguers

Two games have already been played in the indoor baseball league composed of teams from the Baptist Sunday School and a series of future games announced. (In reports following the teams will be designated by the teacher's names.)

On Thursday of last week the boys from Byers Petty's class won out over Tom Riddle's players, 36 to 9, and on Tuesday Riddle's team lost again to Clark Munday's aggregation 32 to 9.

Another game is scheduled for Friday of this week: Munday's team vs Petty's class.

All games are played on the high school grounds where a diamond has been laid off.

Schedule for future games follows: Monday, June 13—Riddle's class vs Munday's class.

Tuesday, June 14—Petty's class vs McGehee's class.

Friday, June 17—Munday's class vs Petty's class.

Monday, June 20—Riddle's class vs McGehee's class.

Tuesday, June 24—Munday's class vs McGehee's class.

Friday, June 24—Petty's class vs Riddle's class.

VOLLEY BALL.

Members of the Methodist Sunday School class have cleared off space next to the Sam Butman residence for volley ball contests. Results of the first encounter show Case's team won four games to one for King's team.

Sterling's Manager.

Austin, June 9.—Governor R. S. Sterling Tuesday certified the name of Ernest Alexander of Fort Worth to the secretary of state as manager of his campaign for the democratic nomination for governor.

here a few days and then go to Cleburne where he will take up the same line of work.

Hon. Morris Sheppard, candidate for United States senate, will pay Merkel a visit Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the tabernacle.

My High Wheel auto, good running shape, will sell cheap for cash or trade for horse and pay difference if any. Going to get a new machine. First reasonable offer will be accepted as I wish to dispose of it before going north. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

Merkel is honored at present in the personage of one of the greatest musicians of the country for his age. Master Geo. Leeman, age four years, has been a master of the piano for over a year. Wednesday afternoon he held a crowd wonder-struck at Rust and McCauley's Drug store while he played seven or eight selections including "Dixie" and "Casey Jones." His singing of "My Wild Irish Rose" to his own accompaniment on the piano was undoubtedly the greatest thing of its kind ever heard here.

Master George is here with his mother from Duncan, Okla., on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Judd Sheppard.

CLEAN-UP WEEK JUNE 13-18

We have had lots of rains this spring, weeds have flourished, but we feel that they are detrimental to the health of our citizenship, as they make breeding places for mosquitoes and help hold water in low places until it stagnates. So the City Council in their deliberation decided that we needed a clean up week, and felt sure our citizenship approved of the plan, thereby instructing the mayor to designate a week for this purpose.

So, I, W. M. Elliott, Mayor of the City of Merkel, designate the week beginning Monday, June 13, as a weed cutting and clean-up week and request that all property owners and renters cut the weeds on their premises and all vacant lots that they own or control and from side walks. We feel sure our citizens will be glad to do this, not only from a health point of view, but as a civic pride, thereby making our city a more beautiful place in which to live.

W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The first two carloads of 1932 wheat were sold in Fort Worth Tuesday at the premium figures of 55 1-2 and 54 1-2 cents, respectively.

J. E. Boog-Scott, of Coleman, former chairman of the Texas livestock sanitary board, has announced his candidacy for congressman-at-large, place No. 3.

Betty Deberry, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Deberry, of Brownwood, was killed and five others were injured in an automobile collision at Brownwood Sunday.

John W. Carpenter, of Dallas, was re-elected president of Progressive Texans, Inc., at the annual directors meeting and W. H. Folts of Austin was appointed treasurer.

A mistrial resulted in the "tunnel case" against Edwin A. Rice and Rupert Black, who the state tried to prove had entered a conspiracy to break into the Citizens National bank, Abilene.

Charges of attempted arson were filed Tuesday against Sam Khon, Fort Sam Houston soldier, in connection with recent alleged bombings of the Aztec and Texas theatres in San Antonio.

In having his name placed on the democratic ticket for re-election, Governor Ross S. Sterling listed his occupation as "governor of Texas" and his home as La Porte and not Houston as formerly.

Merger of the Great Southern Life Insurance company, Houston, and the San Jacinto Life Insurance company, of Beaumont, has been announced by L. S. Adams, vice president of the Great Southern.

The number of completed wells in the East Texas oil field Wednesday was 6,033, production of the entire field amounting to 319,374 barrels. Daily average production per well was 54.8 barrels.

Forty-five married women employed in San Antonio schools lost their jobs when the board of education agreed not to reappoint married women whose husbands are making \$2,000 or more annually.

On June 15 American Airways will inaugurate night mail and passenger service over the Dallas-Pacific coast route, the first ship to stop in Abilene to be the westbound plane arriving at 9:45 p. m. on that day.

E. E. Mosley, pilot and George A. (Jack) Fox of Fort Worth were killed instantly Monday when the airplane in which they were flying nose dived while making a turn at an altitude of about 80 feet and crashed in the residential section of Cisco.

J. L. Martin, a newspaperman of long standing, formerly with the Times-Signal of Snyder and recently with the Chillicothe paper, has accepted the post of editor and manager of the Lamesa Reporter, owned by the Hawks-Howe interests of Amarillo.

A suit of fabric woven at Texas Technological college from Texas wool and cotton was presented to Julien C. Hyer, of Fort Worth, president of Lions International, at the state meeting of Lions at Dallas Wednesday. Next year's convention goes to Lubbock.

Four persons, Mrs. A. T. Tidmon, Mrs. O. W. Hamilton, Ester Swick and Jack Hamilton, all of Goose Creek, returning to their home from church Sunday night, were drowned in Cedar Bayou when the small sedan in which they were riding rolled off a ferry into deep water.

ELEVEN FILE IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

Hopkins and Morrow, Entered By Friends at Last Moment, Not Yet Committed.

Dallas, June 9.—The field of potential candidates in the race for governor was boosted to eleven Monday by last minute filing of petitions naming W. K. Hopkins of Gonzales and Wright Morrow of Houston.

The Morrow petition, registered in the mails late Monday night, was received at the Dallas office of Albert Sidney Johnson, secretary of the state democratic executive committee. It bore the signatures of 27 political leaders from various part of the state.

Hopkins was placed in nomination by a group of 36 supporters from Bexar county who filed their petition at Houston with W. O. Huggins, chairman of the state democratic committee.

They urged voters to drop personal differences and unite for Senator Hopkins in an effort to prevent "biterness, strife and turmoil" they said would follow the campaign between Governor R. S. Sterling and Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson.

While neither Morrow nor Hopkins has said as yet whether he will participate in the race, it was expected that followers of the two would confer prior to the executive committee's meeting next week and reach a conclusion as to which, if either, shall push his candidacy. It was considered certain one would make way for the other, but there wasn't any assurance friends of one would follow the other.

Those named as probable contestants in the governor campaign were R. S. Sterling of Houston, the incumbent; Miriam A. Ferguson of Austin, a former governor; George W. Armstrong of Fort Worth; Tom F. Hunter of Wichita-Falls; M. H. Wolfe of Dallas; C. A. Frakes of Port Arthur; J. Ed Glenn of Kopperl; Frank Putnam of Houston; Wright Morrow of Houston; W. K. Hopkins of Gonzales, and Roger Q. Evans of San Antonio.

Book Lovers to Have Circulating Library

Plans for opening a circulating library in Merkel in the Tedford building on Edwards street to be occupied by W. J. Sheppard have been announced by Mrs. Frank McFarland. Judd Sheppard expects to move his stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes to the building across the street formerly occupied by the Liberty Hardware company, occupancy to take place about the 15th of this month, and Mrs. McFarland will open her library at that time.

Those desiring to take advantage of the fine list of books Mrs. McFarland will have available are offered the choice of two plans: membership of \$1.00 per year, with fee of 3 cents per day for books borrowed, or no membership charge and fee of 15 cents for three days for books borrowed.

The opportunity afforded book lovers by this new venture will likely find many responsive members and Mrs. McFarland is to be congratulated on her enterprise.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond McCoy, Saturday, June 4, 1932.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Camp, Saturday, June 4, 1932.

NEW ALDERMEN ARE SWORN IN; WORK ASSIGNED

Following the installation of two new aldermen, J. A. Buford and John S. Hughes, completing the board to the full quota for the first time since the annual election in April, Mayor W. M. Elliott announced the appointment of committees for the ensuing year's work at the monthly meeting of the city council held Monday night.

C. E. Jacobs had been sworn in, following the April election. Hold-over council members are A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett.

Standing committees named by the mayor are as follows:

Water and sewer: L. C. Sublett, John S. Hughes, J. A. Buford.

Streets: J. A. Buford (north side); C. E. Jacobs (south side).

Purchasing committee: A. T. Sheppard, L. C. Sublett, P. P. Dickinson.

Police: A. T. Sheppard, L. C. Sublett.

Fergusons to Speak Sweetwater June 18

In the interest of the candidacy of Mrs. Ferguson for governor, Hon. James E. Ferguson and his wife, "Ma," will speak in Sweetwater on the night of June 18. It is announced that the place will be the court house lawn but, if the weather is not favorable, the speaking will take place at the city auditorium.

Other Ferguson speaking dates in West Texas include: Wichita Falls, June 16, and Lubbock, June 17.

Insull Resigns as Director of Utilities

Chicago, Ill., June 9.—Samuel Insull announced Monday his resignation as officer and director in the companies of his huge public utility empire extending through twenty-eight states.

Insull's retirement as chairman of the board of the Commonwealth-Edison company, People's Gas Light and Coke company and Public Service company of Northern Illinois was accepted effective immediately at a board meeting in the afternoon.

Named to succeed him was James Simpson, chairman of the board of Marshall Field & Co., great Chicago department store. Samuel Insull, Jr., will be retained as a vice president in the three corporations.

BIG REVENUE BILL IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

New Law to Pour Over Billion Dollars Into Treasury; National Government on Cash Basis July 1st.

Washington, June 9.—The new revenue bill became law Monday, bolstering the credit of the government with the greatest range of taxes ever imposed by this country except during war.

With absence of ceremony, President Hoover transformed this giant legislation into statute by affixing his signature in the presence only of a secretary, less than two hours after the final legislative step had been taken by the senate.

The majority of the new rates, excises, tariffs and stamp taxes will go into effect in fifteen days, or on June 21. The treasury will immediately prepare for their collection. The new high income rates are applicable to the earnings of the current calendar year and will be payable on next year's returns.

The tax law is to pour \$1,118,500,000 into the treasury during the fiscal year which begins July 1, and thus restore the national finances to a cash basis—pay as you go and no more borrowing—aiding to restore the country's economic life to its normal great vigor.

Pertinent facts about the new tax law:

Income tax rates, restoring the high 1921 levies, go into effect on incomes for the 1932 calendar year with first payments due next March 15.

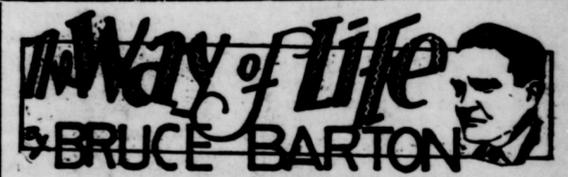
Excise taxes on articles including electric power, cosmetics, automobiles, and candy are effective June 21.

Here are some of the rates: Automobile, three per cent; candy, two; electrical energy, three per cent on sales for domestic and commercial purposes; gasoline, one cent a gallon; checks, two cents each.

First class postage increased to three cents, effective in 36 days.

Tariff levies are imposed on oil, coal, lumber and copper.

Method of collecting the new duties will be announced soon by the internal revenue bureau.



WHY MEN DIE.

Among the men whose friendship I enjoyed was the late C. W. Barron, owner of the Wall Street Journal.

One day in Boston I received a message that he was sick in New York and wished to see me before he died.

I hurried home by the fastest train, but when I reached his hotel I discovered that he had given up all idea of dying. He was in bed, but he was telephoning, dictating, receiving visitors, and having a glorious time.

He had been close enough to eternity, however, so that the experience left a deep impression. When his secretary went out of the room, we talked about Death.

He told me two stories. The first was about a man who accumulated a large fortune, built a house on Fifth Avenue, put his feet on the window-sill, and said: "Now, I am going to enjoy myself." But he was like a watch spring which has been wound up tight for a long time, and, being suddenly released, snaps in pieces. After only a few months of idleness he died.

The second story had been told to Barron by a noted surgeon. A woman, taken to the hospital for a slight operation, died almost before the anesthetic was applied. The surgeon could not understand it. On looking into her history, he discovered that from the minute the operation was decided upon she had begun to prepare for the worst. She had made her will, given away her jewels, and divided her personal property.

The surgeon said: "That taught me a lesson. I shall never again operate until I find out what preparations the patient has made. If any person cares so little about holding on to life that he makes all preparations to let go, then some other surgeon can have the job."

Barron said that by the degree of their courage and faith men themselves determine how long they will live.

I believe that is true—that those live who want to live; that when interest ceases, the heart stops. Montesquieu remarked that "the love of study is almost the sole passion that is eternal in us; all the others fail as this miserable machine which sustains them falls more and more into decay."

None of us can escape the process of decay, but there are many things I want to learn, so many places I want to see, that I hope to fool the old heart and kidneys for quite a while. And so, I trust, will you.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 7, 1912.)

Monday morning several of the Merkel young people took to the river for a weeks fishing and outing. Those going were Misses Maude Martin, Lizzie Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain, Mrs. Eva Perkins, Messrs. Homer Jobe and George Ferrier. They made the trip in George Ferrier's car but he returned as he could not stay for the week.

Mrs. Reed Alsbrook of Sweetwater came in Saturday to visit the family of W. B. Alsbrook.

Seth Hamilton and J. S. Burns were in Sweetwater Monday attending the W. O. W. meeting held at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gentry returned to their home on Monday after a visit to Mrs. Gentry's father.

Mrs. C. C. Shaver of Roscoe was in Merkel last week, the guest of Mrs. Vol Martin and Miss Valentine. She left Sunday to be with Mr. Shaver during the summer normal after which they will go to San Marcos.

M. D. Usery came in from Kennett, Mo., last week where he has been doing singing school work. He will be

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Letters From the People

Editor of the Merkel Mail:

On June 1, the clock struck mid-
night on the cotton market in New
York, the price being the lowest in
the history of the world. This was sur-
prising cotton selling, none of the new
crop is on the market. At the same
time private estimates of this year's
crop shows acreage reduction only 7
per cent below last year's acreage
which produced 17,000,000 bales. No
wonder the slump.

The holding of cotton by the dif-
ferent bodies cannot do any good,
unless contemporaneous therewith the
production is reduced sufficiently to
insure a crop less than the amount
of consumption. This can only be
done, as was done with oil, by the
strong arm of the law.

When the new crop is put on the
market this fall and sold together
with a 14,000,000 bale surplus, the
clock will strike zero, and what the
price will be is known to God and to
God alone. The misery that will fol-
low will exceed the misery that fol-
lowed the Civil war. During the Civil
war the South was a solid South and
she will have to be a solid South
again with uniform laws from all
cotton-growing states, limiting pro-
duction, was done with oil.

Let the farmers do the best they
can with the worst possible conditions
on earth, let them stand by their
guns, loaded with ballots and compel
the enactment of laws for the protec-
tion of cotton such as were enacted
for the protection of oil. When this is
done cotton will slowly rise. The
South will return to her former pros-
perity and all of the different lines
of business dependent upon cotton
will likewise prosper.

J. F. Cunningham.

Legislative Race
Confined to Two

Two Abileneans, both former mem-
bers of the Texas legislature, have an-
nounced their candidacies for repre-
sentative from Taylor county. R. M.
Wagstaff, present incumbent, and E.
L. Whitaker, former representative
from the South Plains, each filed on
June 1.

Wagstaff, veteran of the World
War and a graduate of Simmons uni-
versity and the law school of the
University of Texas, is an Abilene at-
torney. He is the present representa-
tive.

Whitaker is a native of Rummels
county and began preaching at the
age of fifteen just prior to beginning
work as a printer and newspaper man.
He has continued the two, being at
present employed at Abilene. During
1930 and 1931 he was pastor at West
Side Baptist church of Big Spring,
reaching his appointments each week
from Abilene. He moved to Abilene in
1929 to enter Simmons university.

Bill to Reduce Rate
Of Interest Vet Loans

Washington, D. C. June 9.—The
Bacharach bill to reduce to 4 per cent
the interest charge on loans against
veterans' compensation certificates
was approved Wednesday by the house
ways and means committee.

Chairman Collier told newspaper-
men the vote was 13 to 9.

The veterans' administration esti-
mated this change in law would cost
\$140,000,000 before the certificates
mature in 1945.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Tells Story Cisco's
Famous Bank Robbery

"Cisco's Amazing Bank Massacre,"
the story of the famous Santa Claus
bank robbery, is told by District At-
torney Joe Jones of Eastland in the
July issue of "True Detective Mys-
teries," now on sale at newsstands.

Jones conducted the prosecution of
members of the notorious gang and,
therefore, has the information that en-
abled him to write the fullest account
that has ever been given of the spec-
tacular holdup in which two officers
and one robber were killed and 10
citizens were wounded and the events
that followed, climaxing with the el-
ectrocution of one bandit and the lyn-
ching of another.

The author is well known in this
county as he is a candidate for con-
gress from the seventeenth district.
The article is profusely illustrated.

"George In a Jam"

(Continued from Page One.)
as Nell Morrow, a school teacher, em-
ployed to tutor the heiress from the
oil lands, brought realism and dem-
ureness to the part, making it no
small wonder that the wayward young
ward, George Forbes by name, de-
cided to settle down.

Two difficult parts fell to Ruby
Johnson, as Odessa, the colored cook,
and Alvin Byrd, a rural "detective,"
but they were equal to said difficult
requirements and completed a well
rounded cast of ten players.

Miss Iris Garrett and her Harmony
Boys played snappy and lively tunes
before the curtain and in the inter-
missions and in accompaniments for
the specialties gained new laurels. In-
cluded in the orchestra were Tom
Gambill, Freddie Baker, Lynn Mc-
McSpadden, Harold Boney, Clarence
Perry, Glenn Roberts and Byron Pat-
terson.

Specialties of a wide variety were
greeted with enthusiastic applause.
Numbered in special acts were: Miss-
es Estelle Terry and Ruby Johnson,
in black face; Mrs. Dot (Wiman)
Gresham, new to a Merkel audience,
in a musical skit; Betty Lou Grimes
in one of her pleasing songs; Blanche
Simmons and Mourine Tipton, also
in songs, with Bob Allen and Lou
Parker, veterans of several Abilene
as well as road shows, capping the
climax in a song and dance skit.

In concluding this review, the writ-
er wishes to add that, while merited
success crowned the presentation, and
the players, director and musicians
all freely and willingly gave their
services, the town of Merkel as a whole
is indebted even more profoundly than
can be evidenced by such liberal sup-
port to all who had a part in the pre-
sentation of these two shows for the
long days and nights of hard work
and study required in preparation and
rehearsals for the show the public wit-
nessed in the space of two hours and
a half.

THANK YOU, FIREBOYS!

Bob Dennis, treasurer Merkel Vol-
unteer Fire department, has handed
to A. T. Sheppard, treasurer Mer-
kel Cemetery association, the sum of
\$77.10, net proceeds of benefit show,
"George In A Jam," produced under
the direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby
and sponsored by the fire department.

The cemetery association is grate-
ful for this much needed boost to its
funds and in acknowledging receipt of
it desires especially to thank everyone
who contributed in any way to the
success of this home talent play.
Particularly does it want to thank
those who gave of their time and tal-
ent in this very worthy cause.

The citizenship, generally, has been
put on notice that the Merkel Fire de-
partment is functioning commendably
in the capacity of the important civ-
ic organization that is and is proud of
the fine spirit of loyalty and co-op-
eration which you have displayed in
this instance.

Merkel Cemetery Association.

Carl Tomlin, 15, was drowned in
the Wichita river near Byers last
Monday when he attempted to swim
across the stream.

Arrests to be Made
On Overloaded Trucks

The state highway patrol of some
120 patrolmen and inspectors began
Tuesday enforcing the 7,000-pound
maximum truckload law as it applies
to any of the 200,000 motor trucks in
Texas.

Since the legislature passed this
law 500 injunctions were granted
against its enforcement, but recent
upholding of the law by the United
States supreme court has resulted in
100 of the injunctions being dissolved.
The attorney general's office at Aus-
tin is seeking to have the remainder
dissolved immediately.

"We will start enforcing the law
against all trucks which are not yet
protected by injunctions and will ap-
ply it to all trucks as soon as the
injunctions are dissolved," L. G.
Phares, head of the patrol, has an-
nounced.

He also announced that beginning
Tuesday full enforcement of another
law requiring permits from the Tex-
as railroad commission before any
truck can be operated for hire will
also be given.

Look what's going to happen.
At 2:30 Saturday Brown's Bar-
gain Store is going to sell two
pairs of Full Fashioned 42-gauge
Pure Silk Hose for \$1.00. Club
with your Neighbor.

McGraw Resigns.

New York, June 9.—John McGraw
has announced his resignation as
manager of the New York Giants after
36-years of leadership, because
of ill health. He will be succeeded
by Bill Terry, the club's first base-
man.

Dawes Says Turning-
Point Now Reached

Washington, June 9.—Charles G.
Dawes Monday resigned as president
of the Reconstruction Finance corpor-
ation.

The colorful Chicago financier pre-
sented his resignation unexpectedly to
President Hoover after months de-
voted to organizing the gigantic cor-
poration set up to inject new life into
the nation's economic system.

In his letter of resignation to the
president, General Dawes said that
now that the balancing of the budget
was assured the turning point toward
eventual prosperity seems to have
been reached.

Blind Girl Gets Degree.

Austin, June 9.—Miss Tina Lou
Wallace, totally blind, received a
bachelor of arts degree from the Uni-
versity of Texas Monday. She got
the warmest "hand" of any of the 684
young men and women graduated
from that institution when her name
was called.



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Jeweler

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ware

Abilene, Texas 209 Pine St.

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NATIONAL BANK**
MERKEL, TEXAS
DIRECTORS:
J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Sam Butman, Sr.,
Geo. L. Paxton, Booth Warren



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of business concerns than any other, has evolved a plan that en-
ables many young people, still in their teens, to command salaries
of \$1,500 to \$2,400 a year in positions that are golden with oppor-
tunities for still further promotion. Hundreds of positions annu-
ally to select from when you master the nationally known Draugh-
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"Make it Four, Father!"

If you once have a taste of the New NuGrape, you always come
back for more. It's just that sort of a flavor—a mysterious some-
thing, born of plump Concord grapes and sunshine. There is noth-
ing anywhere near like it, with its bouquet of dew-ripened grapes,
and its sparkling, dancing life—as of champagne.

Next to impossible to keep the New NuGrape on ice at home—the fam-
ily sneaks in for "just another bottle," even when a case is purchased at
a time. But since Nature and Science brewed it and brought it to its de-
lightful state of appetizing perfection—you can drink as much as you
please as often as you please.

There is no substitute for the New NuGrape.
Accept none, for it would only mean disap-
pointment. The genuine is sold everywhere
for 5¢.



The New
NuGrape

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Abilene, Texas

Baby Chicks

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Abilene, Texas

MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES



TWELFTH INSTALLMENT.

Diana, a young English girl, in love with Dennis Waterman, a married man, undergoes a nervous collapse and is sent to the country to recuperate under the care of Dr. Donald Rathbone, who lives near the cottage where she stays. She finds herself falling in love with the doctor, but still trying to hold Dennis' affection. Linda, Dennis' wife, tells her that she offered Dennis a divorce but he would not accept it; he would have felt compelled to marry Diana. Diana's love for Doctor Rathbone is tempered by jealousy of a woman named Rosalie, who lives in the doctor's house. At last Rathbone finds that he is deeply in love with Diana, but he confesses to her that Rosalie is his wife.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"I was terribly sorry for her, too, and perhaps—flattered that she should think anything of me, but I did not love her, Diana, and we were just friends until . . . until I got an appointment abroad. When I told her about it she . . . it was the first time anything really definite was spoken between us. Perhaps I wasn't very brave, or perhaps I didn't really care for her sufficiently well, but I tried to show her how impossible it was—that I could not . . . There is no need to tell you every detail, and God knows I am not blaming her any more than I blame myself, but without my knowledge she told her husband that she cared for me, and she asked him to divorce her . . . He refused. I have often wondered why, seeing how he had always neglected her . . . Then after a short time, she left him. Diana—if you knew how hard it is for me to tell you this—"

He broke off agitatedly, but Diana did not speak, and after a moment he went on again:

"In the end . . . in the end . . . I agreed to take her away. We thought it would force her husband to divorce her . . . She was so different in those days, gay and reckless, never counting the cost of anything—only living for the moment . . . Then—the night before we were to have gone she was nearly killed in a motor accident. She was driving her own car, and she was alone . . . She was unconscious for days, and when she recovered . . . she was as she is now—like a child. She recognized me, as she still recognizes me, but only as an affectionate child might, and that is all. The rest, everything that has happened in her life, is gone from her."

"I paid a visit to see her husband—she had nobody else who cared or who could have looked after her—and I remember that he laughed in my face. He was a much older man than I and he said to me, 'Well, you've begun to pay already, Rathbone, and you'll go on paying for the rest of your life' . . . It seems that he was right . . . I brought her down here to my house, and Mrs. Farmer came to look after her. Two years later her husband died . . . and I married her, Diana. You see, I'd always promised her that if she was ever free I would. I gave my word, and I felt that I must keep it. There was always a thought at the back of my mind that perhaps some day she might get better—and know! I didn't tell anybody—it wasn't anybody else's business, so she's still always 'Miss Rosalie' to Mrs. Farmer and Hobson—and to the rest of the household. But she is my wife, Diana, though I—we—we've never lived together as man and wife."

"That's all . . . Perhaps I was stupidly quixotic, but I was—fond of her, and besides . . . I had given my word."

She's like a gentle affectionate child—always happy—asking nothing except that people are kind to her. She made very little difference to my life one way or the other till I met you, and then I realized what I had done. . . . Even then I thought it only meant that I should be the one to go on—suffering. You seemed so much younger than I feel—I never imagined you might—might grow to care for me, and when I realized that perhaps—quite unconsciously—you . . . had, I tried my best—a poor best, I can see now—to keep you from realizing the truth. I don't think you will ever know what it meant to me . . . how I . . . when Nero hurt you, and afterwards, when you . . . when you asked me to tell you not to go away with Waterman. I could have borne it for myself, but to know you were unhappy—perplexed . . . that you didn't understand why I should seem so . . . unkind . . ."

CHAPTER XVIII.

He stopped speaking, and Diana said faintly:

"You mean that . . . she—Rosalie . . ."

"Like sweet bells jangled—out of tune," Rathbone quoted grimly. Diana closed her eyes.

There was a little silence; then she said again:

"Perhaps—some day—when we're both quite old—I shall wonder . . . if you have forgotten me. Do you think you will, Donald?"

"I shall never cease to think of you—and love you."

"But you'll send me away from you . . . all the same. I know that's what you mean to do," she said with a cry of pain.

"What else is there for me to do, Diana?"

"I could see you sometimes—couldn't I? . . . Not very often if you didn't want to—but just . . . sometimes! . . . I wouldn't care what people said if you didn't. I'll do anything—anything you want me to do, if only it doesn't mean I shall never see you any more . . . We could just go on—being friends."

"Do you think we could—just go on being friends, Diana?"

She struggled for words in which she could best express herself. "It seems to me that it wouldn't be such a great—wickedness if you and I lived together, even if we can never be married. Don't think all the wrong things about me for saying that. I know quite well what I'm saying. It wouldn't be like going away with Dennis—that was just a sort of bravado—defiance—to try and forget you. I'd made up my mind to drink lots of champagne tonight just so I should not care, but if it had been you . . . I love you just as well every minute of the day as I do now. I shouldn't care if you never kissed me or made love to me at all, if I could just be with you. I've been so silly. You said once that you didn't believe I'd ever met real love."

"I hadn't till you came. I must have been waiting for you. Can you understand that, too?"

"You make me very humble, Diana."

She leant forward a little, trying to see his face.

"And—will you?" she asked.

"Will I what, my dear?"

"Let me live with you?"

Rathbone turned suddenly, groping for her through the dim light and taking her to him with the strength of despair.

"Let me kiss you—let me kiss you." She put her arms around him, and

their lips met and clung together in a first kiss that seemed as if it could never end; Diana could not think, could not reason; she was only conscious of the passionate joy he brought her, and when at last he let her go, she asked with a sob:

"And can you kiss me like that and still want to send me away?" For already she had realized the hopelessness of her appeal.

"I love you so terribly," Rathbone said, but it was no answer to her question.

Diana put up her hand and gently touched his face.

"Donald?"

"Yes, my heart?"

She caught her breath on a half sob.

"How lovely," she whispered. "Nobody has ever said a thing like that to me before."

"Like what, Diana?"

"My heart—isn't that what you called me?"

"You are my heart."

She leaned her cheek against his shoulder, and his arm tightened a little, drawing her closer to him.

"You're such a child," he said with emotion.

She shook her head.

"I'm not—not any more. I think I grew up all in a moment, just now, when you kissed me."

"I ought not to have kissed you."

She laughed at that; she felt that at all costs she must not allow too great a sadness to come between them.

"Why not?" she asked. "Why not—if you love me?"

She turned round, lifting her face to his. "Kiss me again, Donald."

But he would not.

"We've got to face facts, Diana. We've got to realize that we can't go on meeting—like this. I'm not made of stone. We've got to make up our minds that the only possible thing is to say goodbye."

She gave a little cry.

"Don't do that, Diana. Don't cry, for God's sake . . . I can't stand it. I'm to blame for all this—I ought never to have done what I did tonight. . . . You were right when you told me that I only just pretend righteousness."

He took his arm away from her, and with a great effort she checked her tears, though she sat forlorn and shivering without the shelter of his close embrace.

Then Rathbone said heavily:

"I must take you home."

She was silent for a moment; then she broke out:

"If I'm never going to see you any more—"

"I didn't say that, Diana."

"But you mean it, I know it's what you mean," she told him despairingly.

She broke off to ask breathlessly after a moment: "I wonder what you think is to become of me?"

She would go back to London, she thought, tearfully, she would pay

visits, and laugh and flirt, and stay up late, and get sick and weary and bored once again, with no hope of anything better to come.

She said with a last effort:

"If you would only promise me that some day I should see you again—and be with you. Can't I have anything to hope for? Don't you want to be with me too?"

"Every moment of all my life."

She said, with a touch of her old obstinacy:

"If you really meant that you wouldn't send me away. You've often talked to me about being happy."

"Now I've got the chance—a beautiful chance—you won't let me take it."

She was silent for a long moment; then she said wearily:

"Please take me home now."

Rathbone started the car without another word and drove silently back through the quiet lanes.

They were at the cottage gate now, and Rathbone stopped the engine.

Diana moistened her dry lips.

"I suppose this is—goodbye?" she said faintly.

"Let us say goodnight instead, Diana," Rathbone answered hoarsely.

"In my heart you know I can never say goodbye to you."

She said with a sob: "I don't want to be only in your heart. I want to be with you in real life. I want to feel your arms round me—to kiss you."

He did not move for a moment; then, almost roughly, he took her in his arms again, holding her silently, not speaking at all, just holding her, till after a long time he turned her face up to his.

He kissed her many times—on her eyes, her throat, her hair, and then once again on her lips, before, very gently, he put her away.

She stood beside him at the gate, unable to speak, shaken to the depths of her being, her eyes raised to him in mute appeal; then suddenly she turned and fled up the little garden, sobbing as if her heart would break.

CHAPTER XIX.

The following morning there was another letter from Mrs. Gladwyn telling Diana to get ready to return to London on Wednesday.

"Wednesday! That is very soon," the Creature said. "I shall miss you."

"I shall miss you, too," she said quietly. "But I suppose I shall have to go."

"By the way," she said as she left

the table, "I can't find the frock you wore when you went away yesterday."

"No," Diana kept her eyes lowered.

"I changed at my aunt's house and left it there. It doesn't matter."

It gave her a queer little feeling to realize that in all probability her carelessly packed suitcase was now in Dennis Waterman's possession, because of course he would have sent for it as they had arranged.

"And what are you going to do today?" Miss Starling asked. "I think it's going to be fine, by the look of it."

Diana glanced towards the window. "I think Mr. Waterman will be

coming presently," she said.

Miss Starling said, "Oh—I see." (Continued Next Week.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester and son, Mack, were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle of Abilene. They also visited little Master Kenneth Kelley, son of Charles Kelley, of Snyder, who recently underwent an operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. They reported the little fellow as doing nicely and he is hoping to be able to return to his home the early part of this week.

Mrs. H. N. Smith and daughter, Mrs. G. W. Minnis, of Fort Worth, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dempsey of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Abilene spent Sunday and Sunday night visiting Mrs. Pat Coyne and Ollie Smith at the home of Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Ciel Dowdy, who is with the T. & P. pile drivers, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy.

Miss Estelle Terry left Wednesday to enter school at Texas Tech.

Mrs. J. P. Stevens and little daughter, Francis Louise, were guests Monday in the T. L. Stevens home.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian and daughters, Mrs. C. McLeod and Misses Lucille and Marjory, were guests last Thursday of Brother and Mrs. Ted Norton of Sterling. Miss Lucille remained for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blackmon of Beaumont, their daughter, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, and their two children, of Port Arthur are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod and other relatives. They will also visit relatives at Lamesa during their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and Mr. Worth Stewart of Logan, N. M., en route to Goldthwaite for a visit stopped over and spent last Thursday night and Friday with their aunt, Mrs. Lela Churchwell, and their uncle, Sam Estep.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene was a recent guest of Mrs. Frank Allyn. Miss Winifred Davenport of Stanton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens, J. P. Stevens, Mrs. Rueben Reeves, Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy and Ciel Dowdy attended the funeral of Mrs. W. C. Cozart at the family residence in Abilene and the interment at Clyde cemetery Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Booser and children of Sweetwater were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. Lester Titsworth and little daughter are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Charles Kelley of Snyder was a passing guest with his sister, Mrs. B. F. Forrester, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Blackmon and little daughter of Lamesa were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod.

Rev. Watson, wife and daughters, Misses Louise and Laverne, of Avery were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Doreen Scott entertained a number of the younger set on Tuesday evening, honoring Miss Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Mesdames A. Williamson and J. B. Winn attended the graduation exercises of Simmons university on last Thursday and in the afternoon went to Clyde for a short visit with friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Mr. and Mrs. A. Steen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and sons, J. H. and Bobby Jo, were recent visitors in the Tom Vessel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogan Stewart and Grandma Stewart of Redburn, Texas, were visiting their brother and son, Roy, the past week-end.

Mrs. W. T. Daniels and little nephew of Vernon are the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Poor.

Mrs. Frank Allyn was the guest of Mrs. Roy Stewart Sunday.

Miss Alice Bigham, who has been teaching in Abilene, attended the graduation exercises here last week-end. She will visit in Lampasas for a few weeks and then return home for the remainder of the summer.

Grandmother Williamson, who has been real sick, is slowly improving. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pass and Peggy Jo were visiting relatives Sunday.

Luther McBurnett, who has been staying with his sister, Mrs. Bill Reynolds, attending school, has returned to his home at Sweetwater.

SUMMER PLANS OF THE TEACHERS.

Supt. and Mrs. Jenkins and son, Bobby, left Saturday for DeLeon. Prof. Roy Elliott has gone to Lub-

bock to enter Texas Tech for the summer. Prof. Garland Franks and wife will be in Austin where he will study in the University of Texas. Misses Nona Burgess and Mary Shepherd are at home in Abilene and they are planning on being in school in Simmons university. Mr. Bill Reynolds plans to be at home for the most part of the summer. Miss Virgie Strawn left Monday with a party of friends by automobile for Denver, Col., where she will visit most of the summer. Mrs. O. L. Reaves will attend school at Commerce.

LAST WEEK'S NEWS.

Mrs. Tolliver Walker honored Mrs. Bud Weiser with a birthday party Tuesday. The honoree was the recipient of a number of lovely gifts and at the refreshment hour ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames Jake Roberts, Clifford Estep, Alex Williamson, Will Reneau, Ed Burks, Ed Sherman, Joe Brown, Milton Sherman, Tom Vessel, Norwood, George Howell, Buster Edwards, Dan Rawlings, Willis McLeod, Grandma Knox, Neill, Volley Vessel, Misses Florene Sherman, Gladys Roberts, Nathalie and Vivian Walker and Winnie Brown.

Trent School News

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The Trent school closed June 3, and the teachers have all left for their homes far and near.

The seventh grade had their graduation exercises Wednesday night, June 1. Those receiving diplomas were: Gladys Hamner, salutatorian, Dorothy Fowler, Vada Gabbert, Vera Bright, Louise Allyn, Ida Mae Estep, Odessa McDonald, John Howell, Edgar Lee Mangum, valedictorian, Wilson Bright, James Cooper, W. P. Scott, Luther McBurnett, George Duncan, Garland Franks was principal of grammar school.

The Seniors receiving diplomas were: Helen Hogue, salutatorian, Gladys Rodgers, Edith Hale, valedictorian, Alton Martin, Freddy Allyn and Fanny Belle Vessel. Their commencement was held Thursday, June 2. Ross B. Jenkins was Supt. of High school.

HOME EC. CLUB.

Our Home Ec. club met Wednesday, June 1, with a joint program. Misses Nona Burgess and Marietta Shepherd were most charming hostesses in honor of the Juniors and Seniors. They had a very interesting program as follows:

"Prophecy of Classes, Joella McLeod.

"Club History," Edith Hale.

"Class Poem," Mildred Steadman.

"Song," Joella McLeod.

"My Four Years in Trent Hi," Helen Hogue.

"Contest," Nona Burgess and Mary Shepherd.

"Club colors, flowers, motto and yells," Fanny Vessel.

"Jokes," Gladys Rodgers.

"Senior Wills to Juniors," Helen Hogue.

"Reading," Sara Julia Johnson.

"Toast to Juniors from Sophomores," Helen Bright.

"Foolish Expressions and Habits of High School Teachers," Victorine Bishop.

Farwell talks, Ross B. Jenkins, Nona Burgess and Mary Shepherd.

At the tea hour delicious cheese nibs, grape juice and candle salad were served to all members of the Home Ec. club, Juniors and Seniors and teachers. Those present were: Helen Hogue, Edith Hale, Fanny Vessel, Seniors, Charley Howell, Sally Freeman, Bob Howell, Victorine Eishop, Johnny Terry and Sara Julia Johnson, Juniors, Helen Bright, Joella McLeod, John Hamner, Mildred Steadman, Jack Perkins and Eugene Murdock, Sophomores, and the following visitors, Jack Bowers, Mary Dean Shepherd of Lamesa, Mary Shepherd, Nona Burgess and Supt. Ross B. Jenkins.

—Reporter.

HOME EC. CLUB.

Subject, "Texas."

Song, "Texas, Our Texas," Joella McLeod and the class.

"Poem," Cullen Tittle.

"Texas Flag," Helen Bright.

"Texas Capital," Mildred Steadman.

"Three Reasons Why I Would Hate to be as Fat as Miss Burgess," Mary Shepherd.

"Texas Poem," Helen Hogue.

"Jokes," Odell Cooper.

"Three Reasons Why I Would Hate to be as Small as Miss Shepherd," Nona Burgess.

"What Are You Thinking About Now?" Novala Hampton.

Gladys Rodgers was our hostess and she had her program and refreshments well planned. She had fortunes that were read during the tea hour,

and Texas maps as favors. She served cake, potato chips and grape juice.

The members present were Helen Hogue, Helen Bright, Edith Hale, Mildred Steadman, Joella McLeod, Victorine Bishop, Nona Burgess, Sara Julia Johnson and Fanny Vessel.

Visitors were Novala Hampton, Mary Shepherd, Idell Cooper, Sally Freeman, Bob Howell, Cullen Tittle and Johnny Terry.

We wish to thank the Merkel Mail for publishing our club news every year and every week. The Merkel Mail has published our high school news free of charge and the High school pupils feel they owe something to the Merkel Mail. Especially, the Home Ec. club, has enjoyed the news every week.

Thank you.

President—Edith Hale.

Secretary—Joella McLeod.

Reporter—Fanny Belle Vessel.

DORA DOINGS

Here we are, almost drowned out. And lost in a wilderness of weeds and grass. Wheat and oats are about ready to cut, if it gets dry enough to risk Beck and Jude in the fields.

School closed its term Friday, June 3, with a very successful year. The grades rendered a fine program to a large audience Friday night. The Senior class put on their play, entitled, "Kicked out of College," the Friday night before. It was a really interesting play.

Rev. Howard Hollowell of Sweetwater filled the pulpit Sunday at Slater's Chapel in the absence of the pastor, Brother McDonald.

Mrs. Vance Cotton and children of Albany were week-end visitors here with her sisters, Mesdames E. P. Perry and John Dudley.

Laura Wallis and Jewel Burklow left Monday for Canyon to enter college for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey and children of Shep attended church at Slater's Chapel Sunday, stopping over for the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night at the school auditorium preached by Rev. Tedley of Sweetwater.

The ladies missionary society will present a play at the Divide school Friday night, entitled "The Gate to Happiness." There will be ten cents admission, proceeds going to the society.

RURAL SOCIETY

CLUB MEETING.

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met Friday, June 3, with Mrs. W. E. Petty as hostess. Roll call was answered by new ways to prepare canned food.

The subject for the lesson was "Vitamins," which was discussed by Miss Gladys Petty and Mrs. J. S. Pinkley.

Nine members and six children were present.

Mrs. Petty, assisted by Miss Gladys, served ice cream and angel food and devil's food cake. Plate favors were roses.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. S. Pinkley on June 17 at 3 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

—Reporter.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

In honor of their little daughter, Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys entertained with a party Saturday afternoon celebrating her sixth birthday. Games were played and a candle-lit cake was cut and served with orangeade.

Those present were J. B. Noma Faye and Virginia Averitt, Jack and Bill Russell, I. V. and Charles E. Garrett, Dorothy Mae Coggin, Doris and Thelma Vanlandingham, Troy and Mary Evaline Roland, J. T. Anderson, Troy Lee Tate, Donald Raye and Melbaeene Logan, Clarice Faye Blair and Winnie Merl Click.

Other guests present were Mesdames O. T. Tate, Marion Logan, John Russell, I. V. Garrett, G. B. Vanlandingham, Mary Click, C. R. Roland and Miss Hazel Blair.

MT. PLEASANT CLUB.

The Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, June 7, at the M. E. church. The discussion was whether to buy one large cooker or two smaller ones. The club quilt went to Oklahoma City to welcome Davis. The quilt amounted to \$40.50. The club members are getting up a play entitled "Sophronia's Wedding." Members present were Mesdames F. T. Hogan, J. A. Russell, R. S. Darden, Jr., Craig Humphreys, K. Garrett, C. R. Roland, Etta Roland, Watt Blair, Guy Vanlandingham, H. M. Vanlandingham, Morris Smith, Willie Click.

France has placed a quota on radio imports.

GOODMAN NEWS

Mrs. G. M. Williams of Abilene visited in the home of her nephew, W. N. Williams, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Truitt visited Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Eskota Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Campbell was in Merkel one day this week.

Mr. Walter Phillips has been real sick for the past two weeks.

Miss Bessie Jones returned from Big Spring, where she's been visiting her brother since school closed here.

R. H. McAdams, R. N. Campbell and W. N. Williams made a business trip to Anson Monday.

Bennie Hendrix of Abilene visited Joe Williams one day last week.

Frank Ferrell and Agnes Williams accompanied Georgia to Sylvester Saturday night where she joined her cousin, Miss Scott, and they left for Alpine for summer school Sunday morning.

Quite a few from our community went to Eskota Saturday night to the school program.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis visited relatives in Sweetwater Saturday.

R. H. McAdams and R. D. Williams were in Merkel Tuesday.

J. W. Tiner made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

The P. T. A. met in regular session May 23. There were six members present, with Mrs. Gordon Howell, president for the year of 1932-33, in the chair. Other officers and chairmen for the year are: Mrs. Carl Banneaux, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Seago, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. R. H. McAdams, corresponding secretary; committee chairman are as follows: Mrs. Geo. W. Ferrell, finance; Mrs. Ira D. Waters, program; Mrs. Cecil McGreff, social.

After a very interesting discussion of the various plans for the work of the coming year, it was unanimously agreed to meet once each month during the vacation period in order to keep up the club spirit. It was further agreed that the meeting be held in the homes of the members until the fall opening of school. The next meeting will be on June 27 at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Ferrell.

Our P. T. A. has accomplished some excellent things this year, which, we feel, is much appreciated by the school faculty and the community in general. We want to do more this coming year and we invite the membership and co-operation of each parent and interested person in our community.

The Home Demonstration club members are to meet in the school auditorium June 14 to cut a foundation pattern. All members are urged to be present.

NOODLE NEWS

The farmers of the community are busy harvesting their grain.

Choir practice each Friday night is being well attended. We extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Miss Lucille Justice is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Rhoden, at Ballinger.

Mrs. Cecil Houk and baby are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee.

Little Miss Ada Belle Steel of Merkel is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Tray Sloan, this week.

Mrs. W. T. Walker of Mexico is visiting in our community this week. Boyd Tarpley and family and Dave Tarpley and family of Comperre visited in the E. M. Tarpley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin and Mr. and Mrs. Vessie Justice visited in the Comperre community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring and family of Bishop are visitors in the W. J. Bicknell and D. C. Herring homes this week.

Rather Womack of Dallas is visiting Albert Cade.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlis and family of Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell Sunday.

There will be preaching at the Christian church Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come.

COMPERE NEWS

Hello, folks. We are back again after being absent so long.

The farmers have been busy working in their crops but some are not through planting yet.

Little Robert E. Spurgin is getting along very well after getting his leg broken.

Miss Robbie Horton entertained the young folks with a singing Saturday night.

The young folks of Comperre went on a picnic Monday night and all had a nice time.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin had as her din-

ner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout, Mr. Albert Chancey, Miss Foy Wilburn, Mr. Burton Davis, Miss Vallie Wayne Bond, Mr. Clyde Chancey, Miss Bessie Stout and Miss Robbie Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin has returned home to Barnhart after a week's visit with home folks here.

Next Sunday evening is regular singing at Zion Chapel. All are invited.

BLAIR ITEMS

We are glad to report that Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison are up and doing nicely after two months sickness that confined them to their beds.

We are so busy with our weeding hoes, to keep the garden spots clean, the yard and the cane patches free of weeds, until we don't get around weekly with our "mite" of news like we should. But little cotton and small feed are looking fine, along with the weeds. The small grain crops are being harvested and a fairly good yield is expected. In fact, all the farmers are mighty busy folks at present.

The attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears of Valeria enjoyed several weeks' stay with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mrs. Maggie Hunter and children, accompanied by her father, Mr. Tom Lackey, of Merkel, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey of Post City.

Roy Doan and sons, Troy and Otto, of Rotan visited relatives here Sunday and were accompanied home by

his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, who will remain there for a month's stay.

Postmaster and Mrs. Adcock and Elder Charlie Bankhead of Merkei were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

J. H. Campbell of Caps is staying in Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks' home for the week.

Hurman and Roy Doan, Mrs. Susie Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of White Church. Edward Farmer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Campbell home for several days' visit.

An excellent program was rendered by the young people at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. John Walker of Abilene preached an able sermon at the 11 o'clock hour.

Zeb Moore made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Brown and son of Nubia are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family.

Mrs. George Moore and daughter, Mrs. George T. Moore, of Merkel were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford recently.

Look what's going to happen. At 2:30 Saturday Brown's Bargain Store is going to sell two pairs of Full Fashioned 42-gauge Pure Silk Hose for \$1.00. Club with your Neighbor.

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THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
JUNE 10 AND 11

Strawberries fresh quart	15c
APPLES , dozen	19c
ORANGES , dozen	19c
LETTUCE , head	5c
New Spuds lb.	1 1/2c
BANANAS , pound	7c
SUGAR pure cane, cloth bag, 25 pounds	\$1.10
PINTO BEANS , 5 pounds	15c
WHOLE WHEAT FLAKES , Kellog's,	10c
GELATINE DESSERT , R & W, 2 for	15c
OATS , B & W, glassware	21c
Dried Fruit prunes, peaches apricots, 2 lbs.	25c
FLY SPRAY , 1-2 pint	50c—pint 63c
TOILET TISSUE , Blu-Kross, 3 for	23c
SALT , B & W, 3 for	10c
VINEGAR R & W quart	22c
MAYONNAISE , R & W, 8 ounce	15c
SOAP , Lady Godiva, 3 for	19c
SOAP New giant size, all brands, 5 for	23c
FLOUR	12 lbs., R & W 35c
	24 lbs., R & W 60c
	48 lbs., R & W \$1.05
BACON , sliced, pound	15c
CREAM-O-COTTON	
Compound 8 lb. pail	55c
WEINERS , pound	10c

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.)
JOHN PAYNE.
 For County Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
GRADY PARMELLY.
R. S. (Bob) WALKER.
 For County Judge:
JOHN CAMP.
JOE E. CHILDERS.
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
A. J. CANON.
L. L. MURRAY.
 For County Tax Assessor:
C. W. BOYCE.
H. F. (Henry) LONG.
C. A. COCKRELL.
W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.
 For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
 For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
 For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER, (Re-election.)
 For District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
 For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:
MILBURN S. LONG, (Re-election.)
HENRY L. DEBUSK.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Poland China pigs, ready to take away; can be seen at my farm south of Blair. John S. Hughes.

WANTED

FURNITURE repaired and exchanged. J. F. Campbell and Son, next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.

Will Preach at Noodle.

There will be preaching at the Church of Christ at Noodle next Sunday at 11 o'clock. W. G. Cyfert will do the preaching. Come be with us.

CARD OF THANKS.

W want to express our thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and death of our wife and mother; especially do we appreciate the thoughtfulness of the beautiful floral offerings.
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Personal Mention

Miss Pauline Chinn is visiting her uncle in Brownwood.

Miss Maurine Davis has returned from C. I. A. to spend the summer at home.

Elvis Richardson is home from the University of Texas for the summer months.

Miss Allyne Riley left Saturday to enter the summer school of the North Texas State Teachers college at Denton.

Mrs. J. Willie Moore and Mrs. Maimie Ditty have returned from an extended trip to Houston and Fort Worth.

Mrs. L. L. Murray and children visited last week in Pampa where Dean is employed with the Cities Service company.

Miss Margaret Turner, who attended C. I. A. the past year, is at home for the summer. Her brother, Ed, drove over for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendrix and family of Commerce, recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Hendrix' mother, Mrs. John Bell, have returned home.

Returning from a camp at Seven Hundred Springs near Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat left Monday for a trip through Carlsbad Caverns.

Our good friend and fellow-townsmen R. J. Adcock returned home Wednesday after spending the winter months in Uvalde, Waco and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong of Corpus Christi are visiting Mr. Armstrong's father, Mr. J. O. Armstrong, also his brother, Arnold Armstrong.

Mrs. A. D. Williams returned last week from California where she has been visiting her children. She reported a nice trip and said she saw lots of beautiful country.

Misses Louise Booth and Mattilou Largent, students in C. I. A., Denton, reached home the latter part of the week to spend the summer. Mrs. Largent drove down after them.

Mrs. Tom Durham and Miss Doris Durham are spending several days in Denton and Wellington. At the latter place they will visit Mrs. Durham's mother and two sisters.

Upon his return from Brown county, R. N. Campbell was accompanied by his uncle, J. R. Baker, and Miss Lucille Locks. They are dividing time

between the Campbells and Ross Baker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Whitaker of Nocona visited relatives and friends here the past week. Mrs. Whitaker was Miss Eva Horton before her recent marriage. Mr. Whiteaker is employed by the Southern Oil company.

The latest report from Misses Johnnie Sears and Helen Patterson, who are members of the Omnibus College touring 25 states and two provinces in Canada, is that they were due to arrive in Washington, D. C., Thursday and will remain there several days.

Raymond Earthman, who is employed by Woolworth's, returned to Fort Arthur Wednesday after a visit of several days with his parents here.

Miss Maimie Ellis, who teaches in the Fort Stockton schools, returned the latter part of the week for vacation time.

Pecan Bayou was the scene of a jolly camping and fishing party Thursday and Friday of last week which included Messrs. and Mesdames W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, A. R. Booth and Booth Warren and Mrs. Sam Swann, also the children of several of these families.

Rev. R. A. Walker, Mrs. Walker and Misses Maimie and Robbie, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and children left Monday to visit another son and family in East Texas. Brother Walker also took part in the Presbyterian evangelistic meeting and committee meetings held in Dallas Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell have returned from a trip to Canyon and Amarillo, being accompanied here by Miss Mary Campbell, their daughter, who teaches at Amarillo, and Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, niece of Mr. Campbell who just graduated from the West Texas Teachers college at Canyon.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Citizens of Merkel:

I am deeply grateful for the honor conferred upon me in being selected by you as a member of the board of aldermen. As you are aware, this was unsolicited on my part but, believing it to be the duty of any citizen to serve when called, I shall use my very best efforts to render satisfactory service in the office to which you have elected me.
 John S. Hughes.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JAP W. MARTIN.

Mrs. Jap W. Martin departed this life Tuesday, May 23, 1932, at 8 p. m. Annie Huddleston Martin was born Oct. 16, 1862, in Missouri, moved to Arkansas when quite young where she grew into womanhood and married Jap W. Martin.

In their early married life they moved to Texas; after having lived in several different counties they finally settled in Jones near Merkel. She united with the Shiloh Baptist church about 45 years ago, being one of its charter members.

She was the mother of fourteen children. Three girls and three boys have gone on before. Eight children survive her: three girls, Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Putnam, Mrs. T. E. McReynolds, Patricia, and Mrs. G. H. Walling, Wichita, Kansas; five boys, Lon Martin, Trent, Ed Martin, Merkel; Oscar Martin, Marlow, Okla., Charley Martin, Lenora, and Sammie Martin, Amherst. All were present except Mrs. Walling.

She is survived by 48 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

As a friend she was always loyal and true; as a wife and mother, she was loving, kind, considerate, unselfish and was idolized by her family. Children, she has gone on before to a home not made by hands. May each one of you emulate her life and be prepared to join her in this home beyond the grave.

—A Friend.

On Honor Roll at Tarleton.

Stephenville, June 9.—Ethel Hamilton and Thelma McAninch of Merkel were two of thirty-six students at John Tarleton Agricultural college on the semester and third preliminary honor rolls, according to an announcement from the office of Charlie S. Wilkins, registrar.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Names of Contributors Supporting Ball Team

Members of the Merkel baseball teams are indebted to the following firms and individuals for donations for defraying expenses and wish to thank them for their assistance:

Wheeler and Vaughn, Petty and Buford, Smalley Young, Bragg Dry Goods company, Boston Bargain Store, Patterson's Market, Sie Hamm Drug company, McDonald Grocery, Wozy's Cafe, Wood Grocery, George Woodrum, "Red" Lackey, Booth Grocery, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Eli Case Grocery, West Texas Utilities company, Blake's Dry Cleaners, A. T. Sheppard, Judd Sheppard, Merkel Motor company, J. T. Dennis, Max Mellinger, Dandy Bakery, W. R. Sumpter, W. O. Boney, Blue Front Garage, Tye Sublett, Tom Jenkins, Ches Hutcheson, Burton-Lingo company, Merkel Mail, Hugh Mayfield, David Gamble, Merkel Drug company, Carlton Vick, Clay Lumber company, Warren Higgins, F. A. Diltz, Frank Golladay, Vletas Candy company, Abilene, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, Warren Smith, C. C. King.

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Sees Promising Signs.

Madison, Wis., June 9.—In the opinion of Dr. W. H. Kiekhofler, University of Wisconsin economist, four promising signs of recovery from the depression are: The fundamental economic situation is stronger than in 1922; deflation of wholesale commodity prices is slower; the banking situation in centers is improving; federal reserve banks have entered the

open market with large scale operations.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, June 9.—Slaughter yearlings and calves sold to a fair demand at steady to strong prices on the Fort Worth market Wednesday; trading in steers and cows drew bids that were a little lower, not many stocker cattle arrived, but the better grades in particular sold at steady prices.

Receipts, 2,400; 400 calves; slaughter steers about steady, around 3.00-5.35; better fat yearlings fully steady, 5.60-6.00; including two loads at 5.75; fat cows 3.00-2.25, unchanged; plain butcher grades 2.25 and less; bulls scarce; well bred stock steer yearlings 4.75, strong or slightly higher; slaughter calves steady to strong, heavy Brahmas to 4.00, other good heavy fat calves 4.25 and good vealers 4.50-75.

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CHURCHES

Merkel Sends Two For Entire Assembly

Mr. O. W. Mourner, of Nashville, Tenn., made the statement at the close of the Young Peoples assembly at Abilene last Friday that this was the most constructive in its program of any assembly he had ever attended.

Mr. Mourner was the central office representative and acted as advisor for the dean of the assembly.

Rev. Wallace of Lamesa was the official photographer of the assembly and took pictures without notice, at random throughout the sessions. These pictures will be shown over the conference on a moving picture machine during the year.

Some fifteen of our local young people attended one or more days of the assembly and participated in the activities. Paul Collins and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt attended the entire assembly and took credit.

Mr. Alsie Carleton of Abilene was elected president of the conference young peoples division to succeed Mr. Vance Swinburn of Dodsonville, Texas, who had served for the past two years.

Our people were pleased to have Rev. C. B. Annis with them to teach the training class last Wednesday evening. Rev. Annis was here visiting his mother, Mrs. J. T. L. Annis.

Some fifteen of the ladies of the church gathered at the church Tuesday morning, for well no one knew just why. The dinner that was served was of the type that makes a fellow forget his troubles. The balance of this episode will be revealed Sunday morning.

The volley ball game Tuesday evening ended up as follows: King team one game, Case team four games.

Herbert Patterson was ruled out of the game because he stood towering above the net and played on both sides. This had a tendency to offend and he went home leaving his hat and other belongings on the court. It is understood that apology is being demanded by Mr. Patterson. That will come up later.

Let those that forgot to bring flowers to church last Sunday bring them next Sunday.

Preaching by the pastor at both services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A total of 834 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 756 on the previous Sunday and 692 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

E. H. Fulton will read the scripture lesson from the 4th chapter of 1 Corinthians at the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service next Sunday and A. D. Barnes will discuss the lesson. There will be an inspiring song service and a profitable meeting is assured for all who attend.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptists are beginning to open their eyes now and see the danger that threatens. The Baptist ranks are becoming alarmed and there is a great turning back to the "Old Time Religion." Talk about dynamite. You will think that a lot of nitro-glycerin has been exploded next Sunday night after you hear the following subject discussed: "Baptist Machine Hurling in to Catholicism, which will Culminate in the Anti-Christ."

The time has come when no well informed Baptist will cleave to an organization whose leaders defend infidelity, modernism, atheism; who deny the inspiration of the Bible and the virgin birth of Christ. Saturday night we will preach on "Sanctification."

We now have 168 in Bible school. Everybody bring one new member. We have some very, very good news for the future. The Lord is going to do the most marvelous work soon that has ever been done in Merkel. "Through faith we overcome the world." I am asking every real genuine Fundamentalist child of God to have faith in God, doubting nothing and pray three times each day that Christ will pour out His spirit in a marvelous way on the town of Merkel. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Attend Odd Fellows Session.

For the June session of the Taylor County Federation of Odd Fellow lodges, which convened with Abilene lodge Tuesday night, Merkel was represented by L. L. Murray and Charlie Higgins. A social hour followed work in the initiatory degree and refreshments were served.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Baptists in 2-Day Session at Lueders

The Lueders Baptist encampment programs are off the press and ready for distribution. All reports indicate a large attendance. The usual number of classes will be maintained in all lines of work—Sunday School, training service and woman's missionary association.

The grounds are in splendid shape, and every attraction possible will be made. The afternoon will be devoted to rest and recreation. Various sports will be offered, such as tennis, volley ball, indoor baseball, swimming, etc.

Lueders encampment grounds are adjacent to Lueders, Texas, 14 miles east of Stamford.

A copy of the program may be had by addressing Mrs. J. E. Burnam, secretary of the encampment, care of Simmons university, Abilene, Texas.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The place where you are welcome." We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Green into the fellowship of our church last Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Evening worship at 8:15 p. m. B. T. S. meets at 7:15 p. m.

Come and worship with us. J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "What Shall We Do on Sunday?"

Introduction, "What Shall I Do With Sunday?" Mary Parrish.

Discussion No. 1, "The Sabbath, Its Establishment," Harold King.

Discussion No. 2, "The Sabbath, Old Testament Teachings Regarding It," Sis Boaz.

Discussion No. 3, "The Sabbath, Christ's Attitude Toward it," Leonard Reeves.

Discussion No. 4, "The Sabbath, the New Testament Substitute for It," Fanny Belle Boaz.

Discussion No. 5, "The Lord's Day, a Physical and Spiritual Necessity," Comer Haynes.

Discussion No. 6, "The Lord's Day, Its Observance," Ida Mae Derstine.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. A fine attendance last Sunday. Let's keep the good work up. There is no need for summer time to interfere with Sunday School attendance.

There will be no preaching service Sunday, morning nor night, as the pastor will be at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

W. M. Elliott, Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a fine day for us. We had a good morning service with a special song by the Bolls mixed quartette, one of the boys being a visitor here from Borger.

In the afternoon a good crowd from Merkel attended the service at Nubia. We met a fine crowd of people there and the service was greatly enjoyed.

Singing next Sunday at 3 p. m. at the church. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. program at 7:30 p. m., sponsored by Mr. George Smith. An invitation is extended to all to come. Preaching 8:15 p. m. Prayer service Thursday 8:15 p. m.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

Candidate for Senate.

Y. L. Thomas of Haskell, who is a candidate for state senator from this district, was meeting the voters here Tuesday and called at The Mail office.

SERVICE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK

We want the citizens of Merkel to know that right here in your midst you have a home institution that is on the job six days every week, ready to do your laundry work. Send the washing and ironing out and give the housewife a vacation next week.

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SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald was the scene of a happy party on Saturday afternoon, May 21, when Mrs. Holland Teaff entertained for Billy Clyde Haynes in honor of his seventh birthday.

Birthday gifts were opened and admired after which outdoor games were enjoyed on the lawn where kodak pictures were also taken of the happy group.

Delicious chicken sandwiches, olives and strawberry cream were served with the lovely birthday cake which was cut by the honoree who was wished many happy returns of the day and the recipients of the cake emblems were either congratulated or consoled according to their luck.

Guests were Billy Clyde Haynes, Ralph Dye, Mickey Diltz, Wayne Haynes, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Jack Haynes, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie and Becky Jewel Gaither, Jerry Warren, Wanda Demett, Mildred Tarleton, Ikey and Abie Turner, Freddy Lee Hughes, Janet Neff, Cheatham McFarland, Doris Clyde Miller, Forrest Glen Barnett, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Billy Tom and Don Hutcheson, Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., Minnie Alice and Jimmie Etta Mayfield.

PICNIC SUPPER.

Miss Lucy Tracy entertained members of her Junior Speech class on Friday afternoon of last week with a most enjoyable outing at Shannon's pool. The playground furnished inspiration for various outdoor games and stunts and at the refreshment hour a delicious picnic lunch with cream and cake was served to the following members of the class and visitors: Billy Haynes, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Doris Clyde Miller, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Mildred Tarleton, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Becky Jewel Gaither, Bettye Grimes, Jack Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Miss Vennie Heizer, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Miss Lucy Tracy.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

On Friday afternoon members of the Fidelis Matrons class of the Baptist church were welcomed in the home of Mrs. Ted McGehee, with Mrs. Slayden as co-hostess. After the devotional led by Mrs. Byers Petty, a Bible contest was the center of attention. The house was decorated with lovely orchid petunias and at the refreshment hour ice cream and cake, topped with orchid icing, was served to the following members and guests: Mesdames Warren Smith, Perry Dickinson, Tom Riddle, Virgil Hassey, Byers Petty, George Caple, Griswold, Slayden, Ted McGehee, Allen McGehee, J. M. Ashby, and Miss Agnes Sanders, of Sacramento, Calif.

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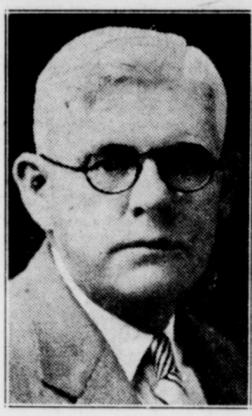
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Chapman Impanels 104th Grand Jury

Sid Peyton of Abilene is foreman of the grand jury impaneled in the summer term of the 104th district court Monday morning. Others on the panel are: Wayne Hunt, Jasper Bush, W. O. Lackey, I. B. Duck, John West, C. B. Tisdale, W. C. Bursleson, Harry Drummond, C. E. Summerall, H. H. Jones and W. E. Hughes.

After three days of investigation they recessed Wednesday afternoon, reporting 15 indictments to Judge W. R. Chapman. One bill, charging robbery with firearms, was returned Tuesday.

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To the Voters of Taylor County:

I have lived 52 years, 40 of it in Texas, 26 in West Texas, 9 in Taylor County. I have tried to be an honest, upright and useful citizen.

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Never ask for office before.

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Rail Service Delayed Monday By Washout

A cloudburst Sunday night, which sent a flood of water crashing through the dam of an old reservoir near Olden, held up traffic on the Texas & Pacific lines west for about twelve hours up to noon Monday. Earlier reports were that the Cisco dam had broken.

A rain of six inches within a short time, the heaviest precipitation in

that part of West Texas since 1908, caused the dam of a T. & P. reservoir between Olden and Ranger to give way, inundating the right of way and washing out the tracks. Repairs were made rapidly, however, and trains were back on schedule Monday afternoon and night. The reservoir was an old water supply for locomotives.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- STRAWBERRIES, quart boxes 15c
- CORN, fresh, per dozen 25c
- COMPOUND, full 8 pound pail 55c
- FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds 95c
- COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs. 27c
- DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prunes and apples, 2 pounds 23c
- OATS, 3 Minute, with chinaware 20c
- SYRUP, Old Plantation, gallon 55c
- PICKLES, sour, quart jar 15c
- APRICOTS and PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 size 15c
- CRACKERS, 2 pound Saltines 23c
- WHOLE WHEAT FLAKES, Kellogg's, large package, 2 for 19c
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