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BRUCE BARTON

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Nazareth, where he grew up, was a little town. In the fashionable circles of Jerusalem it was quite the thing to make fun of Nazareth—its crudities of custom and speech, its simplicity of manner. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" they asked derisively when the report spread that a new prophet had arisen in that country town. The question was regarded as a complete rebuttal of his pretensions.

The Galileans were quite conscious of the city folks' contempt, but they bore it lightly. Life was a cheerful and easy-going affair with them. The sun shone almost every day; the land was fruitful; to make a living was nothing much to worry about. There was plenty of time to visit. Families went on picnics in Nazareth, as elsewhere in the world; young people walked together in the moonlight and fell in love in the spring. Boys laughed boisterously at their games and got into trouble with their pranks.

And Jesus, the boy who worked in the carpenter shop, was a leader among them.

Next Week—The Eternal Miracle.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Primary Election, a state holiday, Saturday, August 27, 1932, and Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 1932, a national holiday, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day on both of these days. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly. The Farmers State Bank. The F. & M. National Bank.

Commend Commissioner Diltz.

The Mail has been asked by a number of Trent citizens and business men to express their appreciation of the nice gravel roads constructed in their section under the administration of County Commissioner P. A. Diltz. They want him to know of their appreciation of his road work in their district.

Maryland gave seventy square miles of land and water to form the District of Columbia.

Roosevelt Speaks

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of buying and selling securities and commodities."

4. More rigid supervision of national banks "for the protection of depositors."

5. Discouragement and prevention of the "unrestrained use of bank deposits in speculation, to the detriment of local credit."

6. Separation of investment banking and commercial banking.

BANKING RESTRICTIONS.

7. Restriction of federal reserve banks, whose funds, prior to 1929, "were used practically without check for many speculative purposes."

Of the other two, the governor said:

"Finally, I propose two new policies for which legislation is not required.

"They are policies of fair and open dealing on the part of the administration with the American public.

"In the first place, I promise you that it will no longer be possible for international bankers or others to sell to the investing public of America, foreign securities on the implied understanding that these securities have been passed on or approved by the state department or any other agency of the federal government.

"In the second place, I assure you that high public officials in the next administration will neither by word nor by deed seek to influence the prices of stocks and bonds."

Obituary.

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After the death 17 years ago of her brother, Sam R. Curtis, Miss Curtis went to live with her niece, Mrs. Marvin Smith, whom she had reared from childhood. Mrs. Smith's mother died when she was two years old. Survivors are four nephews, Salem and Charley Curtis of New Mexico, and George and Calvin Curtis of Sweetwater; two nieces, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Horace Hanks, Sweetwater; 16 great nieces and nephews, among them Mrs. Emery Jones and Miss Ola Smith of Merkel; and four great-great nephews.

Miss Curtis joined the Presbyterian church when 15 years old, and had taken an active part in church work, until ill health prevented her participation. She held membership here in the Grace Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence, with Rev. R. A. Walker, her pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, O. J. Adcock, Tom Coats, Sam Derstine and A. R. Booth.

Howard Miller

Funeral rites for Howard Miller.

ago 35, who died at Searchlight, Nev., on Tuesday afternoon of last week, were held at the First Baptist church at Trent, where the family lived for many years, at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, with Rev. Perry King of Rule officiating. Interment was at Trent cemetery.

Active pall bearers were: Alton Boone, T. G. Hamner, Curley Edwards, Ernest Massey, Bud Burks and W. A. Buford of Belton; honorary, Twyman and John Collins of Merkel, Len Dudley of Nubia, Fred Hale, Charles McCurdy, J. R. Gafford and J. T. Vessel of Trent.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller, and three brothers, Ralph, Tracy and Troy, all of Nubia; two sisters, Mesdames John Bruno and Clint Mundy, of Deven, all of whom were present for the funeral.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. Clay Reid and son of Electra, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Reid of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reid of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reid of Merkel.

The Mail joins a large circle of friends in extending sympathy to the loved ones in their sad bereavement.

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Large Crowd Attends Sterling Rally Here

The rally arranged by the Sterling ladies' club of Merkel drew some 250 interested citizens to the tabernacle Tuesday night to hear Judge J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene and President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons university.

Both are strong speakers and presented the cause of Ross Sterling, good government and tax reduction in most effective terms.

Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church here, presided and introduced the speakers.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald, Stith, Saturday, August 20, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dye, Noodle, Monday, August 22, 1932.

Boy, named Leland Hudson, to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy, Wednesday, August 24, 1932.

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SIXTH INSTALLMENT.
SYNOPSIS: Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who had spent all of his life aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York, is tossed into the river in a terrific collision which sinks the tug, drowns his mother and the man he called father. Ignorant, unschooled, and fear driven, he drags himself ashore, hides in the friendly darkness of a huge covered truck—only to be kicked out at dawn—and into the midst of a tough gang of river rat boys who beat and chase him. He escapes into a basement doorway where he hides. The next day he is rescued and taken into the home of a Jewish family living in the rear of their second-hand clothing store. He works in the sweatshop store—and is openly courted by Becka—the young daughter. . . . The scene shifts to the home of the wealthy Van Horns—on 5th Avenue, where lives the bachelor—Gilbert Van Horn—in whose life there is a hidden chapter. That chapter was an affair with his mother's maid, who left the house when he was accused. The lives of Johnny Breen and Gilbert Van Horn first cross when Van Horn sees Breen win his first, important ring battle. Pug Malone fight trainer, rescues young Breen from a crooked manager, takes him in hand, finds Breen cannot read and starts him to night school.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

As he burrowed and grubbed and collected and stored the kernels of fact, he visioned a greater, vaster thing than all of the astonishments of the surrounding city.

Hubert Malcolm, his teacher, met John one Saturday afternoon, quite by accident. They were in Union Square. "John, I live over this way; come in and have tea. Mrs. Malcolm will be happy to see you. I've been telling her of your progress."

It was a flat, so clean and fresh, so simple and pure. John dropped spoons, blushed, stammered. Enid Malcolm seemed like an angel in her gingham dress, and the baby, tucked in a crib, curled its pink hands about his fingers. It had never occurred to John that a baby could be so clean, and could seem so happy.

Malcolm smoked a pipe, and John, like a wild thing, sat tongue-tied.

"Are there many places like this?" he finally asked, his tones harsh. Mrs. Malcolm overheard the question.

"Millions of them," she smiled, "only much nicer than this."

John knew the quiet-voiced woman was a liar. For the rest of the visit he sat mute and ill at ease, and then his friend took him to the Square and walked with him as far as Fourteenth Street. John Breen headed back to the Bowery more bewildered than ever.

John Breen had lost his interest in fighting, in the greater thrill of the fight for that unknown prize, the astonishments always lying just ahead. He was spurred on by curiosity, and not by ambition. He was the primitive climbing to the top of a mountain, not for food or treasure, but for a better view. Honor and prizes, and prosperity, as Pug Malone kept pointing out to John, lay behind the direction he attempted. In several clandestine bouts, John Breen only held his own, in one, with the Philadelphia scrapper Jerry Wilke, he almost lost, until, at the very ragged edge of his downfall, Pug pleaded with him, literally throwing the handlers from the ring, talking and arguing with John who sat sullen and preoccupied.

The bell sounded and John Breen, a sudden light in his eyes, his face battered, stepped into the center of the ring and knocked Wilke cold with a single perfect blow to the jaw. A tremendous howl of approval greeted him; admirers tried to carry him from the ring.

"Leave him alone," Pug cautioned. "That kid was thinkin' of somethin' when he hit Jerry, or he never would of pulled that punch."

"What was you dreamin' about, John, when you soaked that Quaker?" Malone asked as they prepared for bed.

"I was knocking the whole prize fight game in the eye. I'm through, Pug," John smiled sadly.

"I guess you're right," Malone agreed. "That crack was too good to be true. Hell, wish I knew what to do with you!"

"I'll leave," John stood looking out of the window.

"Not if I know it!" Pug jumped up and grasped John's hand. "You stick

around an' finish that school. I won't fight you any more, can't risk it. The next time some low-brow scrapper will trim you good. An' then where will I be?"

So John Breen continued to tend bar during the day, to work in the Samson Club gym, to live with Malone. Another year drew its veil of changes over the face of the growing city.

"Judge Kelly says they'll stand for anythin' an' they'll pay—pay well. The McManus looked yellow and flabby in contrast with the trainer. "If you work them guys rough they'll fall for you," and then, looking up at Pug with veined bloodshot eyes, he spoke vehemently. "Kick 'em, beat 'em up, sweat tha liver out of 'em, Judge Kelly's watched you, Pug, knows, what you kin do, an' he's lined up guys who'll pay. But, mind, Pug, you got to turn tha trick, three at a time. If you set 'em up right it means a big thing for you, a damn big thing. I should say."

"What joint did you say it was?"

"Greenbough Farm, a fancy place. I guess, up in Westchester. Kelly owns it; got it handed to him, or somethin'."

"I'll need Breen," Malone spoke as if to himself.

"Take him. Him an' his books. No use fightin' that kid any more—he's a dead pan; a butt. Ain't he, Hannon?"

"Yes, sir, yes, sir," the immaculate Hannon chimed in as Malone left the room. The McManus smiled genially.

"That fixes Kelly on that," he grunted. "And I'll put Patsy in charge of the Corner."

Greenbough Farm consisted of a fair acreage of rocky uneven land upon which a roomy comfortable old house was sinking into gradual decay.

Carpenters from the city, working under directions of Pug Malone, converted the barn into a practical gym-

nasium. A farmer and his wife and son were engaged to run the place, milk the cows, tend the garden, and the chickens, and cook the meals.

The farmhouse itself was given a thorough cleaning. The wall paper was stripped from the place, the plaster sized and coated with washable tint. Floors were painted, and bed rooms were prepared on a model of Spartan simplicity. Canvas cots and stools, without backs, were placed near the windows and a small rag rug was added by way of luxury. Three pegs were driven in the doors for the hanging up of clothes, and all closets were locked and nailed. There were no lights, no mirrors, no pictures. There was absolutely nothing to distract from the business of sleeping, for which the rooms were designed.

Pug also fitted the windows with cleats which prevented them from closing by a foot at the top and bottom, and of course there were no shades.

"There's nothin' *de luxe* about this place," Pug remarked to John when the work had been completed, a labor in which both John and the trainer shared with enthusiasm. The green country was a refreshment to John Breen. In those brief moments, before he dropped off to slumber, he seemed to see a fading city, a vast pile of tenements flashing with lights and the jumbled voices and cries of millions as if he had alighted in the midst of it suddenly, as he had, and as if he were then standing on the rear platform of a train, whirling him away. The quick rumble of the wheels of his ideas lulled him to sleep.

And on Saturday Gilbert Van Horn, Judge Marvin Hart and the great insurance magnate, E. K. Southland, came under the strict regimen and spartan simplicity of Pug Malone's training farm.

Van Horn and Johnny Breen were thrown together and unconsciously,

became strongly attracted to each other.

Two weeks after the arrival of the trio the bags with their elaborate provision for comfort, and fancy knickers, silk pajamas, and fancy knickers, the country togger of city folk, were again on the verandah. The three men, strangely sober, tough and clear-eyed, marched up, took their traps down to the waiting buckboard and then, of a sudden, they rushed back yelling like Indians. They grabbed the trainer, hoisted him on their shoulders, carried him down the field and tossed him on a hay stack.

"Boys, your better'n I expected," Pug shouted, waving at them as they ran for the buckboard, calling "good-by" to John Breen and Pug, while the grin on the face of Charlie and the frantic apron waving from the kitchen doorway, and the expansive face of the driver, told of extraordinary largess by the departing guests.

Pug Malone became sole owner of the farm, for Judge Kelly, impulsive and liberal, sounded the full measure of his worth, and besides advertising it, he made easy terms for the trainer. Van Horn became a frequent visitor, and brought many of his friends; he seemed even more interested in John Breen than in the farm. E. K. Southland said nothing, but sent Malone a check that almost took his breath away.

John was approaching twenty. He was an indefatigable reader, his room, on the top floor of Greenbough, was littered with books, and while the rigid rules turned lights out at nine, John's blazed far into the night as he continued his explorations.

While John was making haphazard progress in learning, the great city to the south, the city that loomed up on clear days and glowed with a cold aura of light on sharp winter nights, added another million to the tally of its inhabitants.

Van Horn, in his own way a lover of the city, took John Breen on long rides through the width of the metropolis in his new high-powered racing car, a second French machine that sped over the poor roads with a soft purr of chains clicking in giant sprockets.

What was this damn thing, the city? Van Horn, in arguments at Greenbough, with men such as Rantoul, the engineer, attempted to fathom its meaning. His ancestors had predicted great things for it, and their faith had been rewarded, but their dreams were already far behind the actuality

that was the city in the year 1905.

"It's simply a natural coming together for cheaper warmth and shelter and food. It's a result of specialization in industry made possible by progress in the mechanical arts." Rantoul looked upon the city as just beginning.

"This building will never stop," Herkimer Pratt, the auctioneer, insisted. "Ten years, twenty, thirty, fifty, a thousand years. It will keep right on until—until—"

"Until what?" asked Van Horn.

"Well, I guess it will continue until all the people of the world are assembled in cities." His vision was of a world cut up in city lots.

John Breen, listening, reading, and appraising, sensed the immensity of the city.

John Breen had come up through the difficult period of life with a rush. His childhood held on into manhood, and his sudden crash from the shell of circumstance found him emerging into a world of delirious earnestness. John was twenty-two, and as he strode beside the rather tall figure of Gilbert Van Horn, on one of their long walks, in early September, a casual observer might have pronounced

ed them father and son. Gilbert Van Horn and John Breen had become friends, close, yet miles and miles apart.

They talked as they had long talked, on many subjects. Van Horn's interest in the prize ring and John's ability and knowledge gave them a common topic. The fights, many of which they saw together, had long ceased to be an absorbing interest with John Breen.

"Gil." He paused for a moment. The older man was puffing as they lifted over a rise of ground. "I'm getting tired of this training game, and I haven't fought in the ring since Pug came up here. Fact is I'm not so sure there is any real fight in the business. Gil, it's a rotten business."

"Right, John."

"I've made up my mind to break this training, Gil."

"I guessed you would, John."

(Continued Next Week.)

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5. The stability, security and orderly conduct of business require reasonable control and regulation of all transportation agencies.

THE TEXAS RAILROADS

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Edna Mayhall of Eula is the house guest of her cousin, Miss Navela Hampton.

Misses Idell Cooper, Jewell Lee Gaffert and Beulah Wilson were Sunday guests of Miss Fannye Belle Vessel.

Miss Artie McCormick of Merkel is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, this week.

Mrs. J. S. Reid and son, Oakey, are visiting relatives at Corsicana.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and daughter of Stanton were guests in the O. A. Smith home Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Howell, David Peazel and Misses Estelle and Crenell Sorrells of Fort Worth were guests of relatives here from Wednesday to Friday.

Mrs. Joe Rollahan and children have returned home after spending the summer with relatives in Hico.

Miss Gene Terry of Clyde was the guest of relatives here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and children of Abilene were guests for a few days last week of Mrs. Pat Coyne.

Maurice Dingle spent several days here recently.

A. C. Terry, rural carrier on route No. 1, underwent an operation last Friday at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. He is reported to have stood the ordeal nicely and is getting along fine at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughters, Misses Doreen and Gene, left Sunday morning for a few days business and pleasure trip on the Plains. J. M. Billings is assisting in the store while they are away.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Parker, at Stanton this week.

Mrs. L. Lester and children of Tulsa are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Berger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buford and children of Belton attended the funeral of Howard Miller here Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Forkner and children of Kanola, Okla., accompanied by Misses Clara and La Mon Lewis, spent several days here visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Rose Edwards.

Bivins Dowdy has returned to his work here after a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy.

Miss Lucille Howell was the weekend guest of relatives in Abilene.

Mrs. M. A. Dowdy and little granddaughter, Elizabeth, of Fort Worth are guests of her sister, Mrs. J. I. Lennon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn had as their guests recently their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, of Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Murdock of Mission are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock.

"ATTENTION YOUNG FOLKS!"

The Senior Epworth leaguers have re-organized with a new and better spirit for a new start. They have elected a complete line of new officers. The officers are: president, Charley Howell; secretary-treasurer, Frances Jones; press reporter, Fannye Bell Vessel.

The new members are: Victorine Bishop, Idell Cooper, Lora Bright, Frances Jones, Veda and Willie Ornd, Mearl and Bessie Jones, Florence Sherman, Edith Hale, Katherine Tittle, Doreen Scott, Fannye Bell Vessel, Charley Howell, Mitchell and Wadrow Cooper, Henry Bright, L. L. Jones, Henry Lee Tittle, Buck and Pud Statcher, Melvin Horton, Allyn Kayons, Claude and Edd Freeman.

The subject last Sunday was "The Influence of the Bible." The subject for next Sunday will be "Life's Turning Points." Every young person is invited to come and bring some one with you. Let's have a real league in our town.

Fannye Bell Vessel, Reporter.
Rev. U. U. S. Sherrill, Pastor.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Complimentary to Mrs. Bill Springer, a recent bride, Mrs. John Payne and Mrs. Buster Edwards gave a miscellaneous shower and party Friday afternoon. The party was held at the suburban home of Mrs. Edwards. The living room was attractively decorated with pink and green, the bride's favorite colors, and folder pictures of friends. Flowers and greenery were used profusely in the entertaining suite from which fresh pink rosebuds were used as plate favors to correspond with delicious cake and ice cream of delicate colors. Guests wrote wishes and these were sealed in tiny envelopes and presented to the bride in booklet form.

Mrs. Payne directed games and con-

tests of original composition after which lovely prizes were declared a 'fake' and presented to the honoree. These consisted of scrap book, ice ten pitcher and vase of fresh flowers.

Gifts of the guests were presented in a clever way by Mrs. Ben Howell and Joe Alexander. After display of these Mrs. Sam McLeod entertained with popular vocal numbers playing her own piano accompaniment.

Those enjoying this gala occasion were: Mesdames Bud Winter, Homer McLeod, Lesley Beasley, Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, L. E. Adrian, Hosea Winn, Wallace Kelly, Volley Vessel, Ben Howell, Nelson Bright, Sam Jones, Curly Edwards, Bud Burks, Royce Dowdy, Joe Alexander, Hobbs, N. M., J. F. Hayes, Wash, Sam McLeod, Misses Sallie Freeman, Opal Freeman, Nathalie Walker, Dollie Wash, Ruby Johnson, Lillian McRee, Joella McLeod, Maurine Smith, Viola Smith, Imogene Mangum, Helen Hoague, Vera Bright, Helen Bright and the following children: La Nell Edwards, Marshall Thixton, Edwin Earl and Martha Ann Winn and Dorrance Dow Vessel.

White Church News

Rev. Luther Kirk of Abilene filled the pulpit here Sunday in the absence of the pastor who is in a meeting near Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn of Fort Worth are visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Petty of Throckmorton spent the week here last week visiting Mrs. Petty's mother, Mrs. A. M. Brown, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan and little son, Gerald, of Big Spring were guests of Mrs. P. A. Riggan over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley entertained with a musicale Saturday night and everyone reported a nice time.

Quite a few from here were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Miss Maggie Moffitt of Cottle county is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. H. West.

Mrs. Otto Smith of Del Rio is visiting in the D. D. Coats home.

Mr. Charlie Martin and two sons of Wolfe City visited his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, one day last week.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison has the pleasure of having her aged father and mother of Amarillo in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and little son, E. A., attended the funeral of Mr. Hooks' aunt at Haskell last Sunday.

The White Church club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. J. Patterson next Monday afternoon. Every member please be present. Visitors are always welcome.

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

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Niron Spears, who has been real sick since our last letter, is getting along nicely. R. B. Horton and little daughter, Jimmie Nell, also have been on the sick list.

Elworth Bell, who received a painful injury by accident to the eye, is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family attended the funeral of their sister-in-law, Mrs. George Meeks, of Hamlin Sunday. The relatives have the deepest sympathy of friends in their sorrow.

Miss Ona Fay Little, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Little, of Brownfield, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ray of Abilene also were guests of Mrs. Reeves last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears and little son of the Plains will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, for the week.

Mrs. Chalmers Patterson and children have returned to their home at Lubbock after a month's stay in the Spears home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone have returned home from Vernon where they visited Mrs. Malone's mother. They were accompanied back by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Boyse who will remain for the week.

Rev. and Mrs. John Walker of Abilene were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer Sunday. Brother Walker filled his regular appointment here at the Baptist church.

Vernon Melton visited his friend, H. C. Dean, of Clyde the past week.

Mrs. Ladene Ballew of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker, Sunday.

Sherman Rossion has returned home from an extended visit in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rossion are enjoying a visit from their nephew, Floyd Owens, of Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton and family came in last week from New Mexico where they visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Pribble.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and their two charming children spent the past week with relatives in Throckmorton county. Mr. Brown's sister returned home with them and then went on a little reunion trip to the Canyon to be with other relatives Sunday.

Sam Proving spent the last week-end with his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, of Merkel.

Miss Mafie Horton of Trent came down and spent a few days with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, this week.

Mrs. J. W. Reynolds of Trent was the recent house guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mrs. Sam Phillips visited relatives in the Canyon last week.

Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene to fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer were charming hosts to the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whisenant, of the Plains recently.

Sherman Melton, Trent, Dolf Coats of Nubia and Bill and Joe Barron of Merkel visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherty Swafford Sunday.

Brother McLaughlin of the Lamar Baptist church in Sweetwater closed a ten day meeting at the Nolan church Sunday. Brother McLaughlin preached gospel-stirring sermons all through the week and everyone that heard him feels that he was a great benefit to each person that listened to him.

School started Monday with a large enrollment. Most of the parents were on hand for the first day. B. E. Dunagan is again our most efficient superintendent, with J. D. Bryant principal and coach. Other teachers are: Miss Ruth Cole of Sterling, Misses Ruth Barton and Iona Boyd, Mrs. Pattie Elliott, Mrs. B. E. Dunagan and Miss Fairy Harris, with Mrs. Herbert Oakley teaching the seventh grade until a teacher is elected.

Miss Addie Mae Rogers returned to Abilene after two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and children came in Thursday from Levelland where they visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richardson.

R. W. Porter and family and mother, Mrs. J. K. Porter, visited her daughter, Mrs. Wiley Burruss and family, near Plainview this week.

Mr. Tatum is getting steam power installed in the Dora gin this week and from the looks of things now there will be plenty of cotton to gin this fall.

Mrs. Daisy Oliver Swanzey of Holland is visiting home folks, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver, and other relatives for two weeks.

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

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DELINQUENT TAXES.

Any owing school taxes who would like to pay same by hauling dirt to school ground see W. O. Boney.

DORA DOINGS

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

The Methodist revival closed Sunday night. There were four conversions, but no additions made to the church. Rev. U. S. Sherrill, the pastor, was assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church.

Miss Aline McAninch of south of Merkel spent a few days with Miss Mabel McRee the latter part of last week.

Miss Lena Faye Douglas spent the first part of the week with her grand-

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and daughter were Sunday visitors in Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charley West of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Douglas' relatives of Clyde. They also attended the "Let's Swap" day in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton have as their guests Mr. Shelton's parents of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and family were also Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox have had as their guest Mrs. Cox's grandmother, Mrs. Pike, of Merkel.

Maize heading is all the go here since the close of the revivals.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

R & R RITZ
Sweetwater

Friday is the Last Day of "DOOMED BATTALION" This picture is as far above war pictures as "Scarface" was above gangster films.

Saturday, Aug. 27
"BIG TIMERS"
With Ben Lyon and Constance Cummings.

Sun.-Mon., Aug. 28-29
"BLONDIE OF THE FOLLIES"
Robert Montgomery is supreme—Marion Davies is exquisite, in a story you'll love.

Tues.-Wed., Aug. 30-31
Claudette Colbert in "MISLEADING LADY"

Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 1-2
Wynne Gibson, Paramount's new star in "STRANGE CASE OF CLARA DEANE"



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Here's a fact that will interest you . . . if you're interested insaving money! And who isn't, durng these times?

Modern Electric Refrigeration soon pays for itself! . . . and then goes on for many years paying big dividends in health, money and convenience.

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