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MRS. FERGUSON FORMALLY GIVEN NOMINATION; HUGHES CHOSEN STATE CHAIRMAN

Friendly Convention Officially Declares Woman as Nominee; Platform on Which Mrs. Ferguson Campaign Adopted.

Lubbock, Sept. 15.—Texas democrats in state convention Tuesday gave their party nomination for governor to Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, who already had served the commonwealth as chief executive.

She was presented to the democracy in a demonstration of fervor and enthusiasm for the woman candidate who defeated Governor R. S. Sterling, incumbent, in one of the state's closest primary elections, there being but 3,798 votes between them out of nearly one million ballots counted. (This will be the final total if unofficial returns from Guadalupe county are confirmed.)

James E. Ferguson, impeached governor-husband of the woman nominee, shared the convention's plaudits. He had not been able to be a candidate in his own name because of a constitutional provision that one impeached and removed from state office never again could accept official preferment.

Mrs. Ferguson was chosen governor in 1924 in a campaign in which she sought "vindication of the family name" from odium said to have been placed on it by the impeachment incident.

The Fergusons had implanted themselves firmly in the political saddle of Texas and their friends were in a great throng to see that their feet were properly fitted into the stirrups.

The party adopted a brief platform, which pledged the candidates principally to "a very material reduction in taxes." It endorsed the "ten plank platform" on which Mrs. Ferguson made her successful candidacy.

Mrs. Ferguson was presented to the convention by Col. Alvin Owsley of Dallas, former national commander of the American Legion. The hall went into an outburst of cheering when Mrs. Ferguson stepped forward to speak to the delegates. The demonstration continued for a long period. James E. Ferguson and the gubernatorial couple's daughters, Mrs. George Nalle and Mrs. Stewart Watt, both of Austin, all were cheered as they rose to also cheer for "Ma."

NEW STATE CHAIRMAN.
Maury Hughes of Dallas was made chairman of the new state executive committee, C. C. McDonald of Wichita Falls was temporary chairman and keynoter. John H. Bickett, Jr., of (Continued on Page Two)

STERLING FILES COURT CONTEST

Illegal Voting Is Main Allegation Made in Proceedings Brought in Travis County.

Austin, Sept. 15.—Suit contesting the nomination of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson for governor on the democratic ticket was filed Tuesday in Judge W. F. Robertson's 126th district court.

The suit was filed by Sam McCorkle, district attorney of Mexia, on behalf of the governor as a private citizen of Harris county.

Signing the petition with McCorkle were M. M. Crane, former attorney general; C. S. Bradley of Mexia, S. J. Callaway of Fort Worth, R. A. Stuart of Fort Worth and David A. Triammell of Fort Worth.

The contest was brought on the following grounds:

1. That many thousands of illegal votes were cast in the run-off primary for Mrs. Ferguson.
2. That Mrs. Ferguson is not qualified to hold the office because "at the time of submitting her candidacy she was a married woman, the wife of defendant James E. Ferguson, who is a lawyer qualified to practice law in Texas."
3. Because more than 20,000 illegal votes were cast at the primary for Mrs. Ferguson and included in the returns which gave her a majority of 3,333 votes. The allegedly illegal votes were classified by counties.

Official Tabulation of State Primary Results

Lubbock, Sept. 15.—The official tabulations of the democratic primary results for state offices as announced to the convention:

For governor: Mrs. Ferguson, 477,644; Sterling 473,846.
Railroad commissioner (six year term): Terrell, 536,683; Satterwhite, 356,675.

Railroad commissioner (unexpired term): Thompson, 458,942; Hatcher, 423,947.

Supreme court associate justice: Pierson, 438,792; Hickman, 424,093.

Congressman at large—Place 1, Terrell, 481,374; Parrish, 387,255; Place 2, Bailey, 519,393; Davis, 361,485; Place 3, Strong, 467,393; Burkett, 397,402.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bird, Tuesday, September 13, 1932.

COTTON CROP TOTALS DROP OVER MILLION

Texas Cotton Crop for This Year Estimated at 4,092,000 Bales, As Compared With 5,320,000 Last Year.

Austin, Sept. 15.—The state and federal departments of agriculture have estimated the Texas cotton crop for this year at 4,092,000 as compared with 5,320,000 bales last year.

Crop condition on Sept. 1 was estimated at 61 per cent normal as compared with 67 per cent last year and 52 per cent over the 10-year average.

The estimate is an increase over the Aug. 1 estimate, due to indicated increase in yield in the north-west, north, west and west central portions of the state. The eastern third of the state, from the Rio Grande to Texarkana, shows a lower condition than the five-year average, the bureau reported, but the western two-thirds shows a higher condition.

The percentage of normal condition for various sections of the state was: Northwest 75, north 59, northeast 53, west 79, west central 73, central 57, east 53, south 53, and southeast 44.

Saturday, Oct. 1, Date For WMS Quilt Fair

Saturday, October 1, is the date set for the downtown Quilt Fair, sponsored by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church.

If you have quilts, needlework or canned goods that you are proud of, the ladies would like to have you enter them. Ribbon prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. For any information, call Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Fred Hughes or Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

Boy Breaks Leg When He Falls Behind Car

When he fell behind an automobile as he was running across the highway in front of the Highway service station about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon Coleman Earnest, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Earnest, broke both bones in his right leg. Two little Hickam boys were with him but were unhurt. He was brought by a passing motorist to a doctor's office for attention.

It is thought the accident occurred when the little fellow saw one car pass west and then tried to cross without being aware of another coming east. Red Kelly, a local boy, was driving the car which the boy hit as he fell to the pavement. Harold King was riding with him. By the time they turned around other motorists had picked the boy up and brought him in to town.

Awarded Bachelor Journalism Degree

After studying the past year at the University of Missouri, during which time he had practical experience in editing a newspaper, Sterling Shepard received his degree of bachelor of journalism, returning home Saturday night for a vacation.

Graduating from the local high school in 1928, Sterling attended Southern Methodist university for three years, completing his journalistic course at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Auto Passenger Injured.

James Manning, a baker from Dallas, who was riding with an autoist going home, was injured in several places shortly before noon Tuesday when the car in which he was riding as passenger encountered another car as they were passing a truck. He was brought to a local physician's office for treatment where it was found that he had several bruises on his legs and arms and a cut on his right hand, but no bones were broken.

Undergoes Operation.

Reports Wednesday night from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, where Mrs. George Groene underwent an appendix operation Sunday night, were to the effect that she was resting very well.

TAX REMISSION BILL SIGNED BY GOV. STERLING

Interest and Penalty Remitted On Taxes that Have Become Delinquent Up to Dec. 31; Is In Immediate Effect.

Austin, Sept. 15.—The bill remitting the interest and penalty on taxes that have become delinquent up to Dec. 31, provided they are paid by that time, was signed and filed by Gov. Ross S. Sterling Saturday. It is in immediate effect.

Cities and towns are allowed by vote of their governing bodies to impose the interest and penalties prescribed by the general statute so that those taxing units have virtually the same option they had under the general statute, except that formal action is necessary.

The bill provides for the remission of interest and penalties on delinquent taxes due the state, counties, school districts, road districts and levee improvement district. They also are remitted as to the delinquent taxes of cities and towns unless the governing body by affirmative action decrees otherwise.

This is the first of the three subjects contained in Governor Sterling's proclamation calling the legislature in special session.

Taylor Tax Rate is To Be Set Saturday

Taylor county's 1932 tax rate and 1933 budget will not be promulgated finally before Saturday. Tom E. Eplen, county judge, said Wednesday. Judge Eplen has been recessing the commissioners court from day to day, awaiting legislative action on Governor Sterling's bond remission plan.

"We will get everything settled except the levy for highway bonds," he said. "That was 29 cents last year. It will have to be higher for next year unless the legislature adopts the remission program, and we feel certain that will be done."

"We expect to adopt the budget and set the tax rate Saturday. An order to that effect will have to be entered this week, under the law."

Home Talent to Give Revue for Boy Scouts

All is in readiness for the home talent revue to be given at the Cozy theatre Friday night of this week for the benefit of the local Boy Scouts.

Fourteen specialties are included in the splendid program to be rendered by local people, all capable actors and singers, under the co-direction of Tom Gambill and Taylor Tucker.

One of the big features will be Miss Iris Garrett and her orchestra, which made such a hit in the two recent home talent shows.

Included in the array of specialties are the following artists: T. W. Gambill, with his banjo; Ocie Burns and Clarence Ferry, mandolin and guitar; saxophone solo, Taylor Tucker; reading Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes; novelty act, Betty Lou Grimes; solo, Delma Compton; dance act, Irene Jay; comedy act, Parker Sharp; instrumental numbers, T. W. Gambill and Taylor Tucker; quartette, Olin Lusby, Delma Compton, C. W. Delmer, Harry Barrett; to which might be added specials by the Boy Scouts and numbers scattered through the program by the girls chorus.

John A. Grimes, 76, Dies Suddenly at Bronte

Dr. M. Armstrong received word late Wednesday of the death of his uncle, John A. Grimes, 76, who died suddenly at Bronte. When his daughter returned to the house, he was found dead in a porch swing.

He was a brother of T. L. Grimes, now living at Nevada, and of Mrs. N. J. Armstrong of Merkel, mother of Dr. Armstrong. Besides this brother and sister, he is survived by another brother and sister, R. A. Grimes of Miles and Mrs. George Swain of Moffett, also four sons and four daughters.

ENROLLMENT ON OPENING DAY SHOWS GAIN OF 61 PUPILS OVER LAST YEAR

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Total of 186 Enrolled in High School, 325 in Grammar School, Totaling 511, as Compared with 450 Last Year.

Joe Hinson, six-year-old Stamford boy, died from injuries received when he stepped into the path of an automobile driven by Col. R. L. Penick.

Two New Orleans Filipinos, one a guitar-playing radio crooner, were jailed by federal officers at Houston after seizure of an opium cache valued at \$9000.

John F. Lehane, Sr., 74, vice president of the St. Louis Southwestern railway and one of the best known railroad men in Texas, died unexpectedly at Fort Worth Tuesday.

Having made a fortune in oil and real estate at Wink during the oil boom a few years ago, P. E. Gardner, El Paso attorney, announced Saturday that he has become a minister.

Ignited by a workman's blow torch, the First Presbyterian church, a landmark in Houston for a half century, was badly damaged by fire, entailing damage to the extent of about \$100,000.

James Brockway, engineer for the international boundary commission, drowned Wednesday when a boat capsized in the flooded Rio Grande between Hidalgo and Reynosa, Mexico.

Doy Arnold, 24, once sentenced to die for criminal assault and who later was pardoned from the Texas penitentiary, beat his ex-wife to death Saturday afternoon on the streets of Breckenridge.

J. V. Sowell, 48, died at his ranch home in the southwest part of Mitchell county Sunday evening, almost immediately following injuries sustained when kicked by a horse he was attempting to catch.

The good government party, of which George W. Armstrong of Fort Worth is candidate for governor, will change its name either to the independent democratic party or to the Jacksonian democratic party.

A one dollar payment on the per capita apportionment due last year will be made Sept. 15, Charles N. Shaver, state superintendent of education, has announced, leaving \$2.50 on last year's apportionment still to be paid.

Judge W. W. Beall, 72, former district judge of the 32nd district and for nearly half a century one of the outstanding legal figures of West Texas, died at the family residence in Sweetwater Monday, following a long illness.

On Monday, opening day of the 1932-33 session of the Merkel Public schools and on Tuesday following, a total of 186 were enrolled in High school, while 325 were enrolled in Grammar school, making a total of 511 at the beginning of school. Last year the figure was 450, showing an increase of 61 students for the new year.

Opening of the new school year was marked by a short program at the High school Monday morning when trustees, former students, parents and other visitors were present along with the students for the year.

After the singing of "America," Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, read scripture and delivered prayer. Special numbers included a piano solo by Miss Thelma McAninch, a reading by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes and vocal selections by pupils of Mrs. Earthman. President O. J. Adcock of the school board extended greetings and talks were made by Coach Irvin and Capt. Mashburn of the Badgers. The program was concluded with a short talk by Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

Teachers are at their posts, students are enthusiastic, classes have begun in earnest, football practice is well under way, the Pep Squad has met and organized and everything seems to point to a most excellent year in the Merkel schools.

GROUND BEING FILLED.
During the week a most badly needed piece of work is being done on the school grounds where the water has been standing so badly. Some four teams have been dragging in dirt for a few days and by another week the grounds should be in a condition such that "no fishing" signs need not be posted every time it rains.

Many '32 Seniors to Seek Higher Learning

Thirteen of the Seniors of 1932 have enrolled in schools of higher learning for the current session.

Of these, Elmer Adcock will attend Abilene Christian college; Misses Wilhelmy Evelyn Beaz and Margaret Canon and H. C. Toombs and Marshall Stall, will enter Simmons, and Miss Lela Patterson and Paul Collins enroll at McMurry.

Isadore Mellinger left Wednesday for the University of Texas, which (Continued on Page Two.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 13, 1912.)

MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. TWENTY-THIRD.

All pupils below the eighth grade, who live in the Merkel Independent school district north of the railroad tracks, must go to the North Side school. All pupils in the High school will go to the South Side school. Also the sixth grade on the south side is ordered moved to the North side. R. L. Krigbaum.

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport, was a visitor in our city the first of the week, stopping on his return home from a vacation at Cloudcroft. He went out to see the 400 acres bought last year and was well pleased. He said: "Now is the time for people to invest in your country and I wish I owned more of it."

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Allen regret very much that they have seen fit to serve their connection with Merkel and to seek a home in Denton where they go to take advantage of the colleges located there. Mrs. Allen, daughter Faye, and son, Dick, left for their new home Friday morning while Mr. Allen remained to look after business.

W. D. Woodroof exchanged a home in Merkel for a Model 17 Buick automobile last week.

T. J. Toombs and family will move into Merkel next week and make their home so that their children may attend the Merkel public schools.

Mayor and Mrs. C. D. Mims are moving into the O'Briant residence on Oak street and the Harris home being vacated by them will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cauthen will move into town next week and occupy their home bought of R. E. Edmison.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden will occupy the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gaither, moving in from their farm for the benefit of the Merkel schools.

Mrs. P. T. Allday and daughter, Miss Erma, were joyfully showered at the home of Mrs. A. D. Templeton Saturday afternoon. Their many friends, wanting to be of temporary assistance to them in the face of the misfortune they had in losing most everything in the home by fire, heaped upon Mrs. Allday and Erma a remembrance in the way of various house furnishings and articles of wearing apparel together with their sympathy and regret.

BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

A MAN COMES OUT.

The days of Jesus' doubt are set down as forty in number. It is easy to imagine that lonely struggle. He had left a good trade among people who knew him and trusted him—and for what? To become a wandering preacher, talking to folks who never heard of him? And what was he to talk about? How, with his lack of experience, should he begin? Who would listen? Would they listen? Hadn't he perhaps made a mistake?

Satan, says the narrative, tempted him, saying: "You are hungry; here are stones. Make them into bread."—The temptation of material success. It was entirely unnecessary for him to be hungry ever. He had a good trade; he knew well enough that his organizing ability was better than Joseph's. He could build up a far more successful business and acquire comfort and wealth. Why not?

Satan comes again, according to the narrative, taking him up into a high mountain and showing him the kingdoms of the world. "All these can be yours, if you will only compromise." He could go to Jerusalem and enter the priesthood; that was a sure road to distinction. He could do good in that way, and have the satisfaction of success as well.

Or he might enter the public service, and seek political leadership. There was plenty of discontent to be capitalized, and he knew the farmer and the laborer; he was one of them; they would listen to him.

For forty days and nights the incessant fight went on, but once settled, it was settled forever. In the calm of that wilderness there came the majestic conviction which is the very soul of leadership—the faith that his spirit was linked with the Eternal, that God had sent him into the world to do a work which no one else could do, which—if he neglected it—would never be done.

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BRUCE BARTON

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Magnify this temptation scene as greatly as you will; say that God spoke more clearly to Jesus than to any who has ever lived. It is true. But to every man of vision the clear voice speaks; there is no great leadership where there is not a mystic. Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside themselves was superior to circumstances. To choose the sure thing is treason to the soul.

If this was not the meaning of the forty days in the wilderness, if Jesus did not have a real temptation which might have ended in his going back to the bench at Nazareth, then the forty days' struggle has no real significance to us. But the temptation was real, and he conquered.

The youth who had been a carpenter stayed in the wilderness, a man came out. Not the full-fledged master who, within the shadow of the cross could cry, "I have overcome the world." He had still much growth to make, much progress in vision and self-confidence. But the beginnings were there. Men who looked upon him from that hour felt the authority of one who has put his spiritual house in order, and knows clearly what he is about.

Next Week: The Voice of Authority.

Off to College

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Ross Ferrier, Jr., will also enter. Miss Elleta Foster has matriculated at the East Texas Teachers college at Commerce, while Miss Helen Yeats is already enrolled at Weatherford college.

Two boys, R. D. Ely and Monta J. Moore, have entered Texas Tech at Lubbock.

SUMPTER-BELLONY.

Too late for mention last week, news was received here of the marriage of Deputy Sheriff W. R. Sumpter to Mrs. Mary Bellony at Bartlesville, Okla., on Monday, September 5. Mrs. Sumpter was at the time of marriage serving as chief of police of Bartlesville to fill out the unexpired term of her deceased husband.

They are expected to arrive in Merkel sometime Friday.

CAR OF HULLS.

Will have car of hulls on track to sell at a bargain. For price see J. M. Garrett.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman

Announces that her studio is again at the home of Mrs. J. E. Boaz this year.

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A WILLARD BATTERY
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Complete stock on hand
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DR. CURLEY'S REPAIR SHOP

Ferguson

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San Antonio was permanent chairman.

The convention called on the new executive committeemen before they were nominated, to pledge themselves to support the nominees of the party "from governor to constable" and to stand behind the national party standard bearers.

Owsley told the convention that "Texas needs Jim Ferguson and Miriam; Texas will be true to them and they will be true to Texas."

"This is a great hour of satisfaction for those who followed them so long and so faithfully," Owsley said.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.
Besides Bickett, chairman, other members of the permanent organization were: vice chairmen, Mrs. John M. Loving of Austin; Frank S. Roberts and Frank Hammond, both of Houston; secretary, Eugene Smith of San Antonio; assistant secretaries, Miss Bertha Kuntz, Mrs. Sol Wolf and Miss Daisy May Humphrey; sergeant-at-arms, Lee Beatty of Lockheart; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Carlton Moore, J. H. Maddox, Geo. M. Defferari, Sam T. Johnson, W. O. Hall, T. W. Hillman, W. F. Sebastian.

Will St. John of Eastland was named new committeeman from the 24th senatorial district.

NOTICE.

My studio for the accommodation of Voice and Piano Students will be in the home of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden this year. See me for class or private lessons. Nice reduction made in tuition for pupils, wanting both Piano and Voice.

Christine Collins.

An old man, believed to have been Jeff D. Roberts, 77, carrying \$226 in currency and a bank draft for \$1,600 in his pocket, fell ill on the Tarrant county courthouse steps, later losing consciousness at a hospital there.

NURSE TELLS HOW TO SLEEP SOUND, STOP GAS
Nurse V. Fletcher says: "Stomach gas bloated me so bad I could not sleep. One spoonful Adlerika brought out all the gas and now I sleep well and feel fine." Merkel Drug Company.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

After spending more than a month in Ranger, A. A. McGehee has returned to take charge of the Dandy Bakery here and his brother, Ted McGehee, with his family, have moved to Ranger to manage the A. A. McGehee Bakery there.

Those with loved ones in Rose Hill cemetery are distressed over the condition of many of the graves where the top soil has caved in, leaving unsightly sunken places on some lots. The sexton, as is well known, does not receive any salary, his only income being from those who pay him to keep up individual lots. Hence, it is up to the citizens to take some steps to restore the cemetery grounds to its usual well cared for condition.

Another location was made this week on the W. D. Swann place, the test to be drilled by the C. C. Julian interests, of which Joe Kingsbury is receiver. The new well is located on the northwest corner of the Julian lease, about 400 feet west of the Pope-Anderson discovery well.

Only a few bales of cotton had been ginned this week up to Thursday morning, but it is expected that by the first of next week many fields will be open and ready for picking. Within two weeks probably, cotton will begin coming to Merkel in large quantities.

J. L. Speck, jeweler and watch repairing, has moved his shop from the Sie Hamm Drug company, to the L. D. Boyd grocery, further out on Front street, where he will be glad to continue to serve his customers.

Having been delayed on account of bad weather in completing the work of remodeling his new location and installing new fixtures, Mack Fowler

R. & R. RITZ
Sweetwater, Texas
Showing Sunday
FOUR MARX BROTHERS
in
"HORSE FEATHERS"

announces that he will open Mack's American Cafe in the Laney building Saturday, September 17. Everything is new and modern, with best of food and home cooking. He will be glad to see his old friends and to welcome new customers.

**Palace at Sweetwater
Opens Tuesday Night**

The re-opening of the R. & R. Palace at Sweetwater after being closed most of the summer is scheduled as a gala affair for next Tuesday night. The opening feature will be "The Blessed Event."

It is announced by the management that all seats will be reserved for the first show, starting at 7:30.

Charged with murder for the death of his adopted daughter, Doris, 16, who died from burns after, her clothing ignited by a blow torch her father was using in the garage, the latter had thrown a can of gasoline on her, thinking it was water, Cal Yarbrough, former city commissioner of Belton, was taken out of the county by Sheriff Bigham for safe-keeping.

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SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17

SPUDS 10 lbs. 10c
CELERY, each 10c
CABBAGE, nice green, pound 3c

Oranges large, dozen 29c
GRAPES, Tokay, 3 lbs. 25c
APPLES, new Delicious, dozen 23c

SUGAR pure granulated, 10 lbs. 43c
CHERRIES, No. 10 can, Red Pitted, each 49c

Pineapple R & W, No. 1 can 10c
TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

SALMON Nile Brand, each 10c Fancy Red, each 19c
WHOLE WHEAT BISCUITS, Kellogs, 2 for 19c
BRAN, R & W, each 10c

SOAP Lady Godiva, towel free, 6 bars 49c
MOUSE TRAPS, 2 for 5c
CLEANSER, R & W or Sunbrite, 2 for 15c

Syrup Uncle Bob's No. 5 can 33c No. 10 can 53c
COFFEE, Sun-Up, pound 20c

Flour, R & W 24 lbs. 59c 48 lbs. \$1.05
BACON, sliced, pound 19c

HAMS half or whole 12½c pound
HAMS, center slice, pound 18c
Cheese Wisconsin, pound 20c

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You'll also appreciate the coolness and cleanliness of modern Electric Cookery. The heat is confined to its job of cooking, so there's no surplus to make your kitchen unbearably hot . . . and with clean electric heat there are no blackened pots and pans to scour or sooty walls and curtains to clean.

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This is same treatment given by Dr. Milling at Putnam and Cisco in past years.

LOCATION—Mrs. Ash's Apartment

FIRST LOVIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

TENTH INSTALLMENT.

Synopsis: Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who has spent all his life aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York City, is made motherless by an explosion which sinks the tug and tosses him into the river. He swims and crawls ashore where starts a new and strange life. He is ignorant cannot read, and knows nothing of life in a great city. . . . Beaten and chased by toughs he is rescued by a Jewish family living off the Bowery in the rear of their second-hand clothing store. . . . Here he is openly courted by the young daughter. Breen fights bullies in self-defense . . . and soon is picked up by an unscrupulous manager who cheats him—until "Pug" Malone at the saloon-fight club, attracted to the boy, takes him under his wing . . . On the other side of the picture are the wealthy Van Horns of Fifth Avenue. There is a Gilbert Van Horn, last of the great family, a bachelor, in whose life is a hidden chapter with his mother's maid—who leaves the home—to be lost in the city life—when Gilbert is accused. . . . It was reported the maid married an old captain of a river tug. . . . rather than return home—and was soon a mother . . . Under Malone's guardianship young Breen develops fast. . . . "Pug" discovers the boy cannot read—starts him to night school and the world commences to open for Johnny Breen. . . . Malone, an old-timer, is backed in a health-farm venture—taking Breen with him. There they meet and come to know Gilbert Van Horn. John attracts Van Horn, who learns of Breen's mother, named Harriet. Learning John's desire for an engineering course at Columbia University—he advances the money. John comes to know Josephine, Van Horn's ward. At school, Breen grinds so hard he verges on a nervous breakdown. Van Horn steps in again to save him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"Mr. Gilbert is coming back to town and is bringing Mr. Breen," Jules announced to Josephine, in bed with her toast and coffee. John had been at the Van Horn home for ten days. He looked remarkably well. His lounge suit, from Van Horn's tailor, fitted him as clothes had never fitted him before.

"You can pay me back when you get out on the job." Van Horn arranged the matter easily. John Breen, apparently without an effort or a thought about the matter, slipped into the mood of his new environment. He was perfectly natural, natural in a way men are natural and simple behind the bar of a Bowery saloon. John, without knowing it, practiced the ultimate in correct behavior; he was completely at his ease, as he saw no reason to be otherwise.

Josephine, after John evidenced no awkward signs of stage fright, and seemed endowed with an inherent gentleness, went to remarkable lengths in the process of his further education. He held her naturally, skillfully, and picked up the latest dance steps with astonishing facility. She took him to the exclusive Desdemona Dance at the St. Botolph. John was accepted everywhere through the introduction of Van Horn.

John's period of rest had come to a close. His last day had been strangely quiet. His nerves were no longer on edge, but in the depth of his being he felt a sinking sensation of loss. Of course John Breen was more than merely interested in Josephine.

Returning from Pagliacci alone with Josephine one evening the car jolted as they swung across Fort-second Street, and Josephine uttered a startled "Oh!" as they skidded on the slippery street when brought to a sudden stop behind a jam, a bus having blocked the crazy, unregulated traffic just as it started moving swiftly northward. Josephine was thrown against John. His arm steadied her. Her long glove was off; he caught her hand as the car stopped. She rested against him, her cloak open at the throat, her bare shoulder beneath his eyes, in the pale light from the arc lamps across the avenue. Neither spoke. Their breathing was intense. An impulse held them, the wild melody of the moment before seemed to reverberate through their minds. The scent of her hair, the compelling thrill of contact, swayed them on a crest of emotion. John pressed her to him with sudden rudeness, kissing her. Jose-

phine, her eyes closed, did more than just receive the imprint of his lips.

The car slid to stop before the house in the middle Fifties. They sat bolt upright. Both were wiser than before.

Back in the dormitory John arranged his work in a methodical way, looked through his books as if coming back to old friends, filled his favorite pipe from his dry tobacco in the humid air, looked out of the window over the roofs of Harlem, looked at himself in the mirror and smiled. Well, after all, he had a great prize ahead of him in the mighty City of New York. On his chifferonier was the likeness of Josephine; in decollete and with a rose in her hair. Visitors to his room would glance at it approvingly. Malone and Harboard were there.

"A kick goes further than a kiss, when you're arguin' with a jackass." Malone swung a polished boot, one leg over the study table in John's room. Harboard was in the big chair by the window and John sat on the couch. "That kid there needed a kick, an' you give it to him, good an' hard." They were holding a post mortem over John's breakdown, and his almost immediate recovery. The city had simply floored him for a few counts and he was again on his feet, better than ever. "What John needs is strong medicine. I've trained him, tended bar 'long side of him, seen him dive in after learnin', seen him follow it like a bloodhound; yes, an' stick, Harboard, stick at it night after night, diggin' on courses, an' stuffin' himself with grammar, history, an' 'rithmetick, an' readin' the guts out of big books, like he was trying to find out somethin' irregular. His trouble, Harboard, is goin' the whole hog, or none. He damn near killed himself when he learned to read, expected he could start right in an' find out everythin' ther was. He was afraid there was not enough for him to learn." Pug looked at John, smiling. He liked a fighter and John was certainly that. "If the women ever get hold of him—Gawd help him, an' them."

John blushed furiously. Malone and Harboard looked at each other. Both glanced at Josephine's picture on the chifferonier; nothing had been said about it.

At last, in the spring, John graduated.

C. E. Civil Engineer! John Breen C. E. John wrote his name again and again, always adding the significant letters for which he had struggled during four years that once seemed so long and then lay behind him like a sudden dream. It had been a fight, it was always a fight in the greater city.

He kept looking at his sheepskin, an elaborate parchment quaintly stating that he was entitled to "all the rights, privileges and immunities thereunto appertaining." He went to Greenbough carrying the precious scroll clutched in his fist. Here was something to show Pug, to prove that his studies had not been entirely in vain. Behind him the last days of the commencement kept recurring, brilliant flashes, intermingled with his dreams of what was to come, with thoughts of Josephine and comfortable interesting problems he would discuss with Gilbert Van Horn. Never had he been so affire with the spirit of youth.

Gilbert Van Horn returned to town and spent a week with John and Pug at Greenbough. He had kept away from the commencement. "Not feeling any too fit," was his excuse. In fact Gilbert was getting very close to the point where he would have to make a clean breast of things and take his chances with John—but always hoping against hope that something would turn up, "in a natural way." He kept his thoughts to himself and devoted a larger part of his time to watching Josephine. Gerrit Rantoul, so he began to realize, was making remarkable progress with his ward. Rantoul was a romantic figure, a man with a past shrouded in the glamour of adventure of South American and African enterprises, a man glossed with the polish of an international experience.

But Rantoul was a good chap, as Gilbert had to admit. He secured an appointment for John Breen as Assistant Engineer on the great Catskill Aqueduct. "Subject, of course, to confirming examination."

"Mighty decent of him, John," Van Horn remarked. He felt a bit piqued

that Rantoul should have done it. If he had thought, he could have managed it himself; but it was a compliment to John, and any one who helped John, helped him.

"Jo sends her congratulations, John. You'll be seeing her soon. Then this winter, when you get started on your work, we'll all be in the city together. Think of it, you might have gone west, or to Brazil, on that railroad, or up to Alaska on that survey."

"No, Gil, I'm set on the city. Biggest engineering problem in the world. I expect to be here all my life."

"Well, the Van Horns have always stuck to New York." Gilbert looked at the boy, closely, as he said it. John Breen was thinking of other things, not of the Van Horns.

John came down to the city on a Friday. Reported at Division headquarters, saw huge offices filled with men working at drafting boards, or engaged in calculations. Other men, rough, with mud-splattered boots, some carrying tunnel lamps, came in from a dented car just hauled up at the curb. These were executive engineers, members of the field force.

The walls were covered with profiles with progress markings. A contagious air of intense activity held sway. It seemed to John that he was on the edge of a great field of battle, of life and sudden death, of vast constructions. John knew what thirst was, knew the sickly trickle of the lukewarm Croton water, running brackish and yellow in the deep honeycomb of the city. Here were men working day and night to bring the water down, the clear, cold, sparkling water of the old hills where Rip Van Winkle slept and dreamed. Men were drilling and sinking shafts, were tunneling and mining under the broad Hudson, and now the huge final bore, beneath Manhattan, was to be accomplished, the last deep drift four hundred and more feet in the solid rock of the parching, steaming city. It was a magnificent enterprise, a cause, a crusade, a direct reply to those who give scant honor to the engineer.

His appointment had been accomplished in a moment. These men wasted no time. "Report Section Five, Shaft Eleven, to engineer Hurlbert, Monday, eight A.M." The Division Engineer, named Wild, shook his hand. "Keep your eyes open, and good luck." John was on the street and entering the new Subway at 181st Street.

"Why did he wish me 'good luck'?" he wondered. A man sitting next to John held a paper, he saw the headline TEN MEN KILLED ON AQUEDUCT SIPHON. It was printed in red and further down was listed a long record of other casualties and deaths.

John stopped at the field house marked Shaft XI. He met the gang, Malling, a Penn. man, and Barrow of Boston Tech. These fellows had an extra room in a small apartment near the work. "Sure, come in, it's handy here and you can't hear all the blasts if you're a sound sleeper."

James Malling, C. E., had already been on important work, driving the Pennsylvania tubes. He had the unhealthy pallor of the men who have worked in shields, under pressure. "Come up here for my health. Rather get gunned than doubled with the

bends. Take my tip, Breen, keep out of air." He spoke with the assurance of a man of immense experience.

Everywhere an earnest activity prevailed, the palaverers were not there; these men were doers. They were assembling the machinery for sinking a shaft in Morningside Park. A swearing boss driver was ragging a gang of sullen Polack workmen; several engineers stood about discussing location prints, and Malling, in charge of a new transit, was directing some youths carrying a silvery tape and a plumb bob. He beckoned to John.

"Don't report until Monday," he advised. "They run this job like a war," he added with a certain pride. "You got your orders, see Hurburt at eight, sharp, blue Monday, and then pronto! pronto! pronto!" "Hey, you!" he bent to the eye-piece of the telescope and bawled at his assistants. "Left, dammit, left! Don't you fellows know the signals?" Malling straightened himself with a smile of important disgust. (Continued Next Week.)

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. W. B. Neill gave her mother, Mrs. E. M. Sherman, a surprise dinner at high noon Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neill, Miss Florence Sherman, Robert, Harold and Lena Faye Sherman, Avis, Junior, Virginia and Bettie Joe Neill and Bobbie and Gloria Lorraine Wieser.

Misses Medeah Rawlings and Edith Hale left Sunday for McMurry college which they will attend this winter.

Miss Veda Orand is reported very sick this week.

J. P. Orand was home for the week-end.

R. B. Johnson, Jr., was honor guest for a dinner party Saturday evening in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., in celebration of his seventeenth birthday. Games of auction bridge were played. Out-of-town guest for the affair was Miss June Gafford of Hobbs, N. M. Other guests were Elizabeth Winn, Gladys Hamner, Cullen Tittle and Ed Howell. Mrs. Johnson was assisted in entertaining by her daughters, Miss Ruby Lloyd Johnson and Mrs. John West of Merkel.

Mrs. Payne and daughter, Maggie, were week-end guests of friends in Oplin last week.

Mr. Schuyler Gentry of East Texas was here last week visiting with his mother, Mrs. Jack Bright. On his return he was accompanied by Miss Lena Bright, who will visit with her grandparents a few weeks.

Our rural carrier, Route 1, A. C. Terry, is sporting a new 32 model Ford. It's a beauty, too.

The Methodist people met last Monday afternoon at their church with hoes, rakes and a plow and worked their church yard. They surely made an improvement, too, thanks to one and all who had a part.

C. D. Whatley of Merkel attended church here last Sunday night.

Among our youngsters who went away this week to attend school elsewhere were: Johnnie Terry, Gene Murdock and John Hamner, who will attend Merkel Hi; Jack Bowers, Abilene Hi; Edith Hale and Medeah Rawlings, McMurry, and Marjory Adrian, A. C. C.

Mrs. George Gafford and children of Hobbs, N. M., spent last week-end with relatives here.

Mr. Jack Frost spent last Sunday with home folks in Abilene.

Mr. Adams of Ireland, Texas, is here to visit with his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Scott, for a few months. Mrs. Scott and daughters, on returning from a recent visit with her sister, were accompanied home by her father.

Miss Emma Nalley has accepted a position as matron of Randolph college at Cisco and left Sunday to take charge of same.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde attended church here last Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn.

The vacant houses here seem to be filling up rapidly; this, we are very glad to see. We welcome all the newcomers.

Junior Rutherford of Abilene spent this week with relatives here.

Monday Trent ginned its first bale of cotton, which was brought in by Mr. Wilson and purchased by Alex Williamson of the Star Hardware company. It was ginned by the Smith gin, bringing ten cents per pound and a nice little premium.

Mrs. Maimie Nunnally of Colorado spent last week-end with Mrs. Spurgeon Scott. Mrs. Nunnally was formerly Maimie Miller.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Hightower into our midst and to number her in our business ranks as manager of the cafe.

M. G. Scott attended court in Abilene most of the week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling died last Friday, with funeral services held at the cemetery, conducted by Rev. U. S. Sherrill.

Mrs. Abbott is a visitor of Mrs. J. D. Southworth of Sweetwater this week.

Miss Lela Duke and her brother, Clarence, of Brownfield, visited here a few days last week.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene visited with relatives here last week-end.

Mr. Darby of Borger joined his wife and baby here Saturday after having been away on business for awhile. Mrs. Darby will be remembered as Zola Bright.

Carl Edwards made a trip to San Antonio last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and child-

ren of Sweetwater spent last Friday and Saturday with relatives here.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene spent last Tuesday visiting with her mother, Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy of Hamlin are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards. Mrs. McCoy is a sister of Mrs. Edwards.

The new district manager of the telephone company was in our city attending to business matters this week.

Mrs. Mims of Fort Worth arrived here Sunday and will visit relatives awhile.

Elizabeth Winn accompanied her father to Caps on business last Tuesday.

John F. Patterson of Cisco, an old time acquaintance of C. T. Beckham, spent Sunday with him.

Quite a few of our people have been visiting Abilene this week.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel spent last Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mr. E. C. Estep and family, accompanied by Clifford Estep and family, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogge of Sweetwater last Sunday.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his pulpit Sunday after having been away for some two months. We are glad to have him with us again and to hear his soul-stirring messages. He reports fine success in his meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford and little son, Bobby, and Mrs. Cynthia Hall of Merkel were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman part of last week.

Frank Thixton and family visited with his sister, Mrs. Rose Edwards, last week. On their return they were accompanied by their niece, Litta Lee Thixton, who will visit with them awhile.

Mrs. Ted Norton and baby daughter, Mary Beth, of Sterling City, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

RURAL SOCIETY

STITH CLUB.

The Stith Home Demonstration club will meet at Mrs. Bill Dunagin's at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. We wish every lady would make a special effort to be present as we wish to plan our exhibit. The county exhibit will be at Anson Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. Let each lady bring a full report of her canning.

—Reporter.

SALT RANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet Friday, Sept. 16, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Higgins. Old and new members are urged to be present as plans for the booth at the Abilene Fair are to be discussed. The program will be a round table discussion on "Hobbies."

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

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Miss Eietta Foster left this week for Commerce where she will attend college this year.

Those visiting in the M. L. Douglas home Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green and daughter, Imogene, and son, Buster, Mr. Henry Biggs, Mrs. S. C. Ripley of Comanche and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel.

Miss Mary Etta Pace entertained friends with a "42" party Saturday night. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris and daughter, Mamie Lee, and son, A. B., left Tuesday for Levelland. They have been visiting Mr. Harris' parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris.

Mrs. D. I. Shelton and children moved to town the latter part of last week where the children have entered school.

The Union Ridge trustees made a business trip to Abilene during the rainy weather. There will be only two teachers this year, teaching through the seventh grade. No plans have been yet made as to when the school will start.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters were Sunday afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lawlis of the Golan community.

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DORA DOINGS

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Mr. Jim Cook is still confined to his room with a broken leg; his improvement seems very slow.

Mrs. Mitchell of Eastland is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. D. McDonald.

Rev. Chapel Hardy of Stamford was here on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wallis made a business trip to Austin Tuesday.

Miss Wilma Allen of Comanche was added to the teachers staff at Divide this week, taking the twenty-nine beginners.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henson and children visited relatives in Blair Sunday.

G. W. Whiteaker and daughters, Misses Modenia and Novis J., were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Boll weevils and worms are in the cotton very bad, especially in the young cotton. Maize in the shock is damaged considerably and feed that

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Jimmy Off to Europe.
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PERSONALS

Miss Ethel Hamilton left Wednesday for Stephenville to re-enter John Tarleton college.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell left Friday for Amarillo where she will teach again in the public schools.

Miss Lottie Butman spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Wynona, Ruby and Norma Patton.

Q. Brown and daughter, Miss Ima Ruth, were recent visitors with his son, Baylor Brown, at Fort Worth. Rev. Willis P. Gerhart and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Batjer of Abilene were guests Wednesday of Miss Dota Garoutte.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. George Coker and baby from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren spent the week-end in Dallas, visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit.

C. D. Hutchins has returned from the Rio Grande valley where he bought cotton during the season in and around Alice, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield and family returned Sunday night from Slaton where they had spent his vacation visiting relatives.

Roy Patterson and Paul Collins, two Merkel boys who have entered the ministry of the Methodist church, are attending McMurry college this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie F. Gresham, who have been visiting his parents in Fort Worth for the past month, are expected back home Friday or Saturday.

Leon Hughes, brother of Fred Hughes of the Hughes Chevrolet company, has come from Center, Texas, to be with his brother in the automobile business here.

After visiting with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech of Henderson left Thursday for Breckenridge to visit Mr. Beech's folks before returning home.

W. D. Williams, who has been at Wichita Falls for the past several months, returned Wednesday night with his son, Clarence, who drove over to bring him home.

The L. B. Scotts have removed to 3317 South Second street, Abilene, for the present, but Burl says that it will not be long before they will return to Merkel to make their home.

Upon their return from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson were accompanied by Miss Mary Hutcheson, who will teach this year in the Blair schools.

President E. V. White of the Texas Woman's college at Denton, who was superintendent of the schools here in his early career, was shaking hands Saturday with old friends and former pupils.

W. O. Boney, as one of the delegates from Taylor county to the state democratic convention at Lubbock, was accompanied by his son, Harold, and by City Marshal P. P. Dickinson and Claude Derrick.

Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, who has been visiting in Moffett, Crawford and Meridian, will meet Mrs. J. B. Warren, the latter having visited in Waco with her son, in Fort Worth and the two are expected to return to Merkel next Monday.

Miss Ethelda Yeats has entered McMurry college for the coming year.

No news has been received in the past few days from Sam Foster, who went to Fruitvale Sunday night of last week, on account of the serious illness of his mother there.

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

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Modern Marinello Beauty Shop Opens Saturday, Sept. 17

Formal opening of the Modern Marinello Beauty shop in the Merkel Drug company is announced for Saturday of this week by Mrs. Jack Anderson, owner and proprietor.

New and modern equipment has been installed, the interior has been painted and redecorated and nothing has been overlooked in preparations for installing this modern beauty shop.

Mrs. Anderson, who prior to this year has been a teacher in the Merkel Public schools, has completed a course leading to a diploma "with honor" in the Marinello National School of Cosmeticians, Inc., at Dallas. Her training, including every branch of beauty culture, embraced marcel waving, hair waving, hair dressing, shampooing, scalp treatment, scalp massage, bleaching, tinting, hair cutting, permanent waving, finger waving, water waving, facial massage, skin bleaching, eye brow, eye lash, nail glossing and hand molding.

The ladies of Merkel and this section are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to a visit to the Modern Marinello Beauty shop on Saturday.

Children Pay Tribute On Eightieth Birthday

The family and relatives of S. J. Roberts celebrated his eightieth birthday Sunday, Sept. 11. In keeping with the practice of flowers for the living, the children gave expression to their love for their father in the following beautiful words:

"Our Father: This has been our great pleasure, your 80th birthday. In all these years you have always been kind and loving to us in every way.

"Your son and daughters love and adore you. Our husbands and our sons honor you and have great respect for the life you have lived before them.

"With one voice we rise to bless the name of Father and Mother.

"Your Children."

Those present for the happy occasion were: Sam Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tyler and sons, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Jr., and Claud, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Max Roberts, Rex Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cain and three sons, Mr. Alex Champion, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson and two sons and daughter, Mrs. A. C. Boney and Brother W. G. Cypert.

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Baptists Planning To Raise \$600,000

The executive board of the Baptist general convention of Texas meeting in Dallas, September 13, voted to change the date for the meeting of the Baptist convention from November 9 to November 16. The convention voted last year to meet in Abilene in 1932.

Plans were completed for the raising of \$600,000 for missions and benevolences by means of the Every-Member Canvass campaign now in progress among the 490,000 Baptists of Texas. Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of the board, was placed in charge of the campaign, and he has appointed seventeen organizers in as many districts representing every portion of Texas.

The campaign will continue until October 30. The final week, October 23-30, is designated as pledge week, at which time every Baptist in the state will be solicited for a pledge to the \$600,000 fund.

The money raised by this campaign is to be used by the Baptists for their work of missions and benevolences; every Baptist institution is to share in the funds, whether it is in Texas, in China or elsewhere. The proportion of the funds to go to each institution will be worked out at the meeting of the state convention to be held in Abilene November 16.

This Woman Lost 45 Pounds of Fat

"Dear Sirs: For 3 months I've been using your salts, and am very much pleased with results. I've lost 45 lbs., 6 inches in hips and bust measure. I've taken 3 bottles—one lasting 5 weeks. I had often tried to reduce by dieting but never could keep it up, but by cutting down and taking Kruschen I've had splendid results. I highly recommend it to my friends."—Mrs. Carl Wilson, Mantion, Mich.

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Heat Fatal For Two.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Heat caused two deaths and numerous prostrations here Saturday, as the thermometer rose to 100 degrees, the highest since 1913.

One Low That's Favorable.

New York, Sept. 15.—Another decrease in bank closings was reported by the "American Banker" Saturday, suspensions for the past week number only nine, the lowest since last March.

The Chinese cultivated peach trees over thirty-nine centuries ago.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Record Low Rates.

Said to be the lowest rate for Fort Worth and Dallas ever offered from here, tickets will be on sale Saturday and for arrival at destination before 2:30 p. m. Sunday for \$2.75 for the round trip either to Fort Worth or Dallas. Tickets are good returning to reach starting point before midnight of Monday, the 19th. The occasion is the playoff games in the Texas league between Dallas and Beaumont.

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THE MERKEL MAIL



MATINEE BRIDGE.
The popularity of Miss Louise Booth, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth, is exemplified by the many lovely social affairs given in her honor since the announcement of her engagement to J. E. Boaz, Jr.

One of the most enjoyable functions of the season was a matinee bridge shower at the Wooten Hotel, Abilene, on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Claude Young and Miss Opal Dillingham co-hostesses.

Cut flowers decorated the colonial room of the hotel and gave emphasis to a pastel color theme of pink, green and lavender, which colors were stressed in all game accessories for contract and auction in matinee mints and culminated in a delectable refreshment plate of sandwiches and ices with rosebuds, as plate favors.

The honoree was the gracious recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Invitations included Mesdames Booth Warren, J. E. Boaz, A. R. Booth, Lula Sadler, Yates Brown, L. B. Scott, W. B. Dillingham as tea hour guests, Miss Louise Booth, Christine Collins, Lou Largent, Fannie Belle Boaz, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Ruth Holmes, Josephine Holmes, Frances Davis, all of Abilene, Mesdames John Olan Lusby, Ernest Higgins, Carlton Vick, Milton Case, Geo. West, Charlie Largent, Ed McCrary, Browning Graham, Geo. White, W. T. Sadler, L. C. Zehnppennig and Mrs. Paul W. Powers and W. V. Ramsey of Abilene, Mrs. Warren Smith, Miss Opal Dillingham and Mrs. Claude Young.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

Miss Booth was complimented once again on Tuesday when Mrs. George White entertained with an attractively planned bridge luncheon.

The colors, favored in all her pre-nuptial parties, were again daintily employed in party arrangements for a three course luncheon, served buffet style after which games of auction bridge progressed happily around the honoree in rooms decorated with beautiful pink roses.

The hostess' gift to the honoree was a sterling silver jelly server and the high score prize, an assortment of kitchen utensils, won by Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, was graciously presented to the bride-to-be.

Guests on the occasion were Misses Louise Booth, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Fannie Belle Boaz, Mesdames Ernest Higgins, George West and L. C. Zehnppennig and Robert Mayfield.

WEINER ROAST.

A group of picnickers enjoyed an outing at Shannon's pool on Wednesday evening. A huge campfire was soon burning where many hot-dogs barked their swan-song. A sumptuous meal was spread picnic-fashion and served with black coffee after which stories were enjoyed and later games were played at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple. The guest list included Messrs. and Mesdames Ed McCrary, L. C. Zehnppennig, John Olin Lusby, Ted Nichols, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Doris Durham, Johnnie Sears, Maurine Tipton, Christine Collins, Messrs. Wren Durham, Raymond Neal, Ralph Duke, Paul Urban of Abilene, Doyle Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

RADIO AUDITION.

The second district radio audition, sponsored by the Atwater Kent National organization, for Merkel was held on Monday evening at the Methodist church before an appreciative audience.

Out-of-town judges were Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie, dean of Fine Arts, McMurry college, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grimes, also of Abilene. Their ballots read: No. 1, Miss Edith Baker; No. 2, Miss Ethel Hamilton; No. 1 for men going to Alvice Yeats and No. 2 to Harold King. These contestants will sing in Dallas on October 14 and 15. The program, complete, reads:

- "Out of the Dusk to You," Miss Estelle Terry.
- "Villanelle," Miss Edith Baker.
- "I'll Take You Home Kathleen," Miss Lola Shelton.
- "Mighty Lak a Rose," Miss Irene Perry.
- "De Ole Arks a Maver'n," Miss Vernia Derrick.
- "Aria," Miss Ethel Hamilton.
- "My Love's an Arbutus," Miss Holyle Perry.
- "Morning," Alvice Yeats.
- "Sacred Number," Harold King.

JACOBS-SIMPSON.

The marriage of Miss Mary Olive

Simpson and Johnny Jacobs was solemnized in Colorado at high noon on Sept. 8th.

The ceremony was read in the home of Rev. Jim Harvey, Church of Christ minister and school friend of the bride's parents in A. C. C.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were students of Merkel High school last year, Miss Simpson removing with her family to 1442 State street, Abilene, late in August. Mary Olive is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson, a very popular and talented member of the younger set. Johnny is the splendid son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jacobs; having grown up in the cattle business with his father he will continue in this association. The Mail joins in expressing heartiest congratulations.

TURNER-TINER.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Edna Tiner and E. L. Turner, Jr., came as a complete surprise to their many friends here, the wedding having been kept a secret since May. The ceremony was performed on the afternoon of May the 20th in Waurika, Okla., the Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Church of Christ at that place, officiating.

Miss Edna Tiner is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner; she has been for some time proprietor of the Marinello Beauty shop and in this capacity she has won many friends, because of her gracious and charming personality.

E. L. is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner, a graduate of Merkel High school, later attending State university. He is a fine boy and it is with pleasure we learn they are to make their home in Merkel.

MRS. EARTHMAN ENTERTAINS FOR PUPILS.

Entertaining members of her 1931-1932 music class, Mrs. T. T. Earthman gave a party in the home of Mrs. R. J. Miller Saturday afternoon, 23 out of the 25 being present. Miss Thelma McAninch, a former pupil, was a visitor and took part in the program of instrumental and vocal numbers. Each pupil answered roll call by naming a famous musician.

"A Musical Romance," told in music memory form in which fourteen different songs told of the hero and heroine meeting, names, courtship, place of wedding and where they lived happily ever afterward, proved to be very interesting.

Miss Earthman was assisted by Mrs. Miller and Doris Clyde in serving cream and cake, with pictures of musicians as plate favors, to the following pupils: Billie and Don Wood, Mary Jo Russell, Helen Heeter, Betty Jane Diltz, Mabel Murray, Mary Joe Garland, Doris Diltz, Alice Russell, Opal Buzbee, Lois Whiteley, Julia Procter, Bessieela Church, Margaret Miller, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Billie Bernice Gambill, Mary Zoe West, Lene Mae Moore, Janell Black, Nola Neill, Juanita Bishop, Eva Fay Bush.

LOYAL BAND ENTERTAINED.

The lovely home of Mrs. Velmer Shelton on Oak street was the scene of a gay party Monday afternoon when she entertained the Loyal Band class of the Methodist church.

After a number of games, delicious refreshments of ice cream and fakes were served to the following members and visitors: Opal Buzbee, Aline and Pauline McAninch, Pauline Lassiter, Janet Hayes, Beth Holloway, Lois Whiteley, Imogene Middleton and Melba Taylor.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The King's Daughters class met Tuesday afternoon in social and business meeting. A good attendance and much interest and enthusiasm was manifested by each class member. In the business session officers were elected for the coming year and a vote of thanks extended the outgoing officers and one of welcome and loyalty to the new.

In the social hour, several interesting and instructive readings and discussions were given. A very enjoyable contest was entered into and from the merry laughs of the busy mothers we are sure they each returned to home and duties with a lighter heart and glad to be a member of the Kings Daughters class.

—Press Reporter.

B. T. S. SOCIAL.

Last Friday evening at 6:30 members of the Intermediate B. T. S. met on the church lawn for a social. They played games for a while, then hiked to Margaret Miller's home for refreshments of lemonade, sandwiches and cookies. The evening's frolic culminated in a merry hayride through the city. Those present were Margaret Miller, Frances and Louise Tarlton, Thelma Matthews, Eloise Manscill, Ora and Rodgers Derrick, John A. Jones, Billie Robbins, Bud Gambill, Joe Earl Lassiter, R. T. Blair, Ralph

CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 740, which was 20 more than on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 707.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. School days are here again. Let's be in Sunday School the first day of the week.
Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Come, worship with us.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
K. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject: "Some Other Gods Today."
Thoughts for Discussion: "Separation of Church from State," Mildred Richardson.
"How Superstition Hampered Religion," Imogene Middleton.
"Gods of Fire," Waymon Richards.
"The False God of Ambition," Jack Patterson.
"Worship of Power," Jack West.

Hayes, Jack Davis, L. V. Moore and Vernie Derrick.

GLEASER CLASS.

As hostesses Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. T. G. Bragg to members of the Gleaser class of the Methodist church, Mesdames Dee Grimes, Herbert Patterson, J. E. Richardson, Oscar Buford and Forest Gaitner entertained with a pretty party. Roses and other flowers of rich fall hues graced the spacious living room where the program was given.

The house was called to order by President Mrs. F. C. Church and the devotional on the 18th amendment by Mrs. R. A. Burgess was enjoyed by all.

As this was the time for election of officers and the first fall meeting, much pep and enthusiasm was shown, as plans for the year were made.

The class colors were changed to pink and green and the "Rose" was chosen as the class flower. The motto "Where hast Thou Gleaned today?" was adopted. Mrs. F. C. Hughes was chosen song leader and Mesdames Doc Vaughn and Hughes were to select a class song.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Vernon Sublett; vice-president, Mrs. Edd Gant; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Tom Largent; reporter, Mrs. Duncan Briggs; teacher, Mrs. L. D. Boyd; assistant teacher, Mrs. Len Sublett.

The color theme, orchid and green, was carried out in table appointments. During the social hour much hidden talent as artists was discovered, after which a delicious refreshment plate of orchid and green sandwiches, frozen salad on lettuce leaf and punch with green ice and olives was served to a large number of members and a few visitors.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine, studying the interesting subject of "God's Promises." The devotional was read by Mrs. Ethel Tucker.

Delicious cream and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary Derstine, to the following guests: Mesdames W. D. Butler, John Russell, W. M. Elliott, T. M. Smith, R. A. Walker, Ethel Tucker and Misses Dota Garoutte, Mary, Lizzie and Jennie Keny.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. R. C. Brinkley of Cleburne, Texas, will fill the pulpit at the Baptist church at both the eleven and eight o'clock hours. Rev. Brinkley comes to us as one of the outstanding preachers in evangelistic work in the state and everyone will want to hear him both services.

Special music will be rendered by some visiting young ladies at the morning service and by our own musicians in the evening. Come and enjoy these services with us.
Regular services at the usual hours throughout the week and Sunday.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Our rally Sunday School day comes the fifth Sunday in October, at which time will end our Sunday School contest. Come each Sunday and let's see who gets the prize.
Last Sunday we had two fine services; both morning and evening services were greatly blessed by the presence of the Lord.
Sunday School next Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

We were so proud of our nice crowd of visitors and we're looking for you next Sunday. A big, hearty welcome to "you."
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our Leaguers desire to express appreciation for the splendid congregation that was present at the missionary play which was given last Sunday night.

The people, doubtless, would like to express appreciation to the Leaguers for the play, for it was good, according to the expressions heard.

Mr. Vernon Hudson is our new League president, taking Roy Patterson's place. Miss Margaret Turner takes Paul Collins' place as head of the devotional committee.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 and evening at 8 by the pastor.
Miss Pauline Pinckley will have charge of special church decoration for next Sunday.

EPWORTH HLLEAGUE.

Subject: "Getting the Most out of Your Life."
Leader's talk, Van Roberts.
Songs.

Prayer, Miss Imogene Hayes.
"Knowing the Bible" and "Your Bible," Duncan Briggs.
"Your Approach" and "Your Guest," Wanda Hunter.
"Your Method," Mildred Richardson.

Song.
Benediction.
We start at 7:15 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday night will be "Dollar Night." We are asking that 100 people wave above their heads a dollar bill "to the glory of God," to pay on our tabernacle. If you have made a pledge, this will apply on pledge.

Everybody who wants a place to pick cotton and a way to go there and is willing to let 10c out of every dollar go to tabernacle fund, please see Ernest C. Dowell on corner south of Dr. Armstrong's.

Sunday 4 p. m. Rev. Mr. Rister will preach for us. Bible school 9:45 a. m. Saturday night we are expecting at least five people to unite with our church. Everybody be at singing

Sunday 2:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We think arrangements are made to use Brother Fred McClung for full time during the school year. He will be here to conduct the services next Wednesday evening and will preach for us Sunday week which will be the Fourth Lord's Day in this month. Announcements will be made later for the services that are to follow.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study 9:45 a. m. Lord's Day, communion services 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program 7 p.

m. and prayer service and Bible study 8 p. m. Wednesday.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services throughout the week.

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