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BADGERS OPEN SEASON WITH PUTNAM

APPLICATION BLANKS READY ON U. S. RELIEF

Distribution of Relief Funds in West Texas to Be Handled By West Texas Chamber of Commerce Directors.

Amarillo, Sept. 29.—Application blanks and detailed information regarding federal relief funds to be distributed in West Texas, are in the hands of the West Texas chamber of commerce directors in 131 counties, Wilbur C. Hawk, president, announced Wednesday.

Personnel of the West Texas organization will assist in preparation of the applications which are to be filed with Governor Sterling who in turn will forward them to Washington. Mr. Hawk urged the various local committees to file their requests with the West Texas chamber of commerce at its Stamford offices, within the next 10 days. The applications must be delivered to Governor Sterling before October 15.

The funds are available for direct relief and needed public improvements through an emergency act of the last congress and are to be distributed through the Reconstruction Finance corporation. An allotment of \$300,000,000 has been made to Texas.

W. O. Boney has been designated as Merkel's representative in the preparation of this city's application for relief funds, and with others he has asked to assist him the plan is being carefully studied.

Receives Injuries in Automobile Accident

Mrs. Morris Bradley of Lamesa, who was en route home from Dallas accompanied by her little 4-year-old daughter, received several scratches and bruises and a scalp wound when her Chevrolet coupe and a truck collided just a block or two east of town on the highway shortly before noon Wednesday.

They were brought to Merkel for medical attention by a passing motorist and then continued their way home. The car was turned over, while the truck was also badly damaged.

Will Preach at Blair.

W. G. Cyfert will preach at the Church of Christ at Blair next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear him.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 27, 1912.)

V. B. Walters reports the sale of two Merkel homes this week.

Mrs. J. S. Barnes is in Trent this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Childers.

It is rumored that Skinny Evans is figuring on a job at Dallas.

Messrs. R. L. Krigbaum and B. D. Black were in Abilene Wednesday on school business.

Homer Easterwood, our local editor, is on the ailing list this week suffering with symptoms similar with a man in love or very bilious.

Doss Sheppard left for Dallas Saturday night where he goes to accept a position with the Trinity River Lumber company of that place.

In a realty transaction made last week between W. Q. Boney and Dr. J. H. Warnick the latter acquired another block of the stock of the Hogue-Hamilton company, one of our oldest mercantile establishments. The block of stock acquired by Dr. War-

SEPT. 16 GINNINGS TOTALED 2,636,530; 1,015,803 IN TEXAS

Washington, Sept. 29.—Cotton of this year's growth gained prior to September 16 is reported by the census bureau to have totaled 2,636,530 running bales, including 51,930 round bales, counted as half bales and 325 bales of American-Egyptian.

Ginnings to September 16 last year totaled 2,092,758 running bales, including 56,458 round bales and 797 bales of American-Egyptian.

Ginnings this year to September 16 were:

Alabama 199,783; Arkansas 257,803; Florida 6,849; Georgia 240,826; Louisiana 262,654; Mississippi 298,500; Missouri 40,683; North Carolina 68,268; Oklahoma 81,602; South Carolina 147,170; Texas 1,015,803; all other states 16,589.

Over Four Hundred Bales Already Here

Cotton receipts for the season to date at the six gins in Merkel and including Blair, Stith and Noodle have passed the four hundred mark, the exact total being 405 up to Wednesday night.

This season The Mail will endeavor to report the ginnings each week, including the season's total, the report in this way being made more complete than the plan followed heretofore. For it will be readily understood that cotton hauled by truck in previous seasons has not been included in the tabulations by The Mail.

Visiting Rebekahs Storm Local Lodge

In observance of the 81st birthday of the Rebekah degree, a delegation of Abilene Rebekahs stormed the local lodge on last Friday night, bringing their luncheon, and after a regular session enjoying a social hour of music and games.

Mrs. Will Patterson, noble grand of the local chapter, presided over the meeting, with Mrs. Mary Alice Dunn as secretary.

Abilenians attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baich, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fredeck, Mesdames H. C. Archibald, H. T. O'Bar, Claude E. Young, L. C. McNatt, Jr., G. L. Francis, Minnie Bradley, Misses Faye O'Bar, Cora Lee Fredeck, Fannie Smith and J. C. Lightfoot.

On Tariff Commission.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Representative Charles R. Crisp of Georgia, the democrat who last session led the unsuccessful battle for a manufacturers' sale tax, Tuesday was appointed to the tariff commission by President Hoover.

nick was that held by Mr. Rister, the rest of the business being owned by J. O. and Seth Hamilton.

Tracey Barlow, our fast type-sticker and assistant job and ad man, visited his grandmother and friends south of Dallas this week.

Miss Juanita Harris visited Miss Annie T. Daniel this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Annis are the proud parents of a fine boy. The young man made his appearance at the home Wednesday of last week.

W. P. Duckett is enjoying a visit from his brother, J. A. Duckett, of Fort Worth whom he had not seen for five years.

Mrs. Chas. Mershon is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Geo. E. Bristow, of Van Horn, this week.

John McDonald returned from Abilene Saturday where he has been for some time.

E. A. Ciek spent Sunday in Abilene.

ANTI-FERGUSON GROUP TO GIVE REPUBLICAN AID

State-Wide Mass Meeting Takes Steps to Endorse Bullington, if Sterling Loses Out in Court Contest.

Dallas, Sept. 29.—The state-wide mass meeting of those opposed to Fergusonism, held here Saturday, decided to endorse Orville Bullington of Wichita Falls, republican nominee for governor, should Mrs. Miriam Ferguson emerge the winner from a court contest of her nomination for governor or brought by Governor R. S. Sterling, her unsuccessful opponent in the August 27 primaries.

The mass meeting in the morning, responding to a call issued last week by thirty persons, most of them active in the Anti-Tammany democrats of Texas movement in 1928, organized itself into the League of Anti-Ferguson Democrats to "exist so long as Fergusonism is an issue in Texas politics."

The league, after withstanding the shock of a bolt by George W. Armstrong of Fort Worth, independent candidate for governor, endorsed Governor Sterling and voted unanimously to support him for election in November should he win his contest of Mrs. Ferguson's nomination. In the event he should lose and Mrs. Ferguson remains the nominee, the group decided, it will throw its support to Mr. Bullington.

The league named a campaign committee of nine, comprising Cato Sells, Fort Worth, chairman; Alvin S. Moody, Houston; J. T. Harrington, Waco; C. M. Caldwell, Abilene; Joe F. Etter, Sherman; Harry Hines, Wichita Falls; J. W. Hurst, Abilene; C. V. Compton, Dallas, and Mrs. Claude De Van Watts, Austin.

This committee was empowered to name a chairman of a state executive committee, which shall consist of sixty-two members, one man and one woman from each of the thirty-one senatorial districts. The chairman, once selected, will himself name the vice chairman, the executive committee and the secretary.

Carr P. Collins, Dallas, former member of the democratic state executive committee, presided over the meeting as chairman and made the keynote address, a vigorous denunciation of Fergusonism. He had been one of the thirty signers of the call for the meeting, which was attended by about 500. Many of these, however, were followers of Mr. Armstrong, and followed him out of the hall when he bolted.

Mr. Armstrong tried to get the mass meeting to endorse him and denounced a deal which he claimed had been made for it to endorse Mr. Bullington. He tried unsuccessfully to stage a debate over the question whether the meeting should endorse him or Mr. Bullington.

Yankees Win Opener.

Yankee Stadium, New York, Sept. 29.—One resounding shot from the Yankees heavy artillery, a home run drive by Lou Gehrig in the fourth inning, cracked the vaunted defense of the Chicago Cubs yesterday, started the speedy downfall of Guy Bush and propelled the American league champions to a one-sided victory, 12 to 6, in the first game of the 1932 battle for baseball's world championship.

Brookhart As Independent.

Washington, Iowa, Sept. 29.—Senator Smith W. Brookhart, for eight years a storm center of Iowa and national politics, returned to the political wars Monday as a third party nominee for re-election. Defeated for the republican nomination by Henry Field, Shenandoah seed dealer and radio station operator, in a searching primary fight last spring, Brookhart announced his candidacy on the Progressive ticket.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

United States Senator Tom Connally will address a democratic rally launching the national financial campaign in the first congressional district Friday night in Texarkana.

Allen W. Robertson, 34, Crockett county ranchman, fell dead after walking a few steps when he was thrown from his horse onto a jagged stump on his ranch, 35 miles southwest of Ozona.

As the result of a triple shooting at Cisco before noon Tuesday, two persons, H. A. Simpkins, 35, and his wife, Lucille, 32, died and Mrs. Link Huntington, mother of Mrs. Simpkins, was seriously wounded.

Wichita Falls began Monday a three day celebration of its fiftieth birthday with four public dances and a historical pageant, it being estimated that more than 50,000 persons took part in the opening celebration.

Two forgery indictments have been returned by the Brazos county grand jury charging H. E. Randolph, until Saturday book-keeper of the extension service of Texas A. & M. college, with improper check transactions.

Fred Tulloss, 36, formerly a patient at Legion hospital, and Miss Cleo McCallum, a nurse at the hospital, were drowned when their automobile was swept away by high water as they started across a bridge over a fork of the Guadalupe river.

Darrell Smart, 20, residing near Farmersville, was killed Sunday night as the result of a collision of a runaway team to a wagon and the car which he was driving, the wagon tongue ramming into the side of the car and piercing young Smart in the heart.

Returning from a farm house where they had just attended the birth of a lusty baby, Dr. Jasper Grimes, 59, of Beaumont, and Mrs. Hazel Lee Berry, 26, a nurse were instantly killed Sunday morning when the sedan in which they were riding was struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train.

Held in connection with the hold-up of the Western Union office at Abilene Tuesday night, Harvey Taylor, 23, of Oklahoma City and J. B. Howell, 22, former Lubbock hotel clerk, and Elizabeth Anderson, red-haired Houston girl, were taken in custody within a few minutes after the robbery. They are also charged with the daylight robbery of the Baker hotel at Mineral Wells Sept. 19.

Clyde Kinsey, 22, Dies Here Tuesday Morning

Clyde L. Jeffrey, age nearly 22 years, adopted son of G. Kinsey and better known as Clyde Kinsey, died shortly before noon Tuesday. Death was due to pernicious anaemia, Clyde having been in a weakened condition from malaria for several months.

When his extreme condition was learned late Monday afternoon, Dr. M. Armstrong carried Clyde to his home and every effort was made to sustain life but to no avail.

When a baby scarcely more than a year old, he was adopted into the home of G. Kinsey, but the latter had been in Sweetwater about two weeks prior to Clyde's death and did not know of his having returned to Merkel.

Funeral services, conducted by Revs. Ernest Dowell and O. D. Pruitt, were held at the cemetery at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Besides his father, Clyde is survived by a sister and brother.

Gain Senate Control.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 29.—The democrats gained control of the United States senate by the margin of one vote with the appointment of Walter Walker, Grand Junction newspaper publisher, to that body to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Senator Charles W. Waterman. On the roll of the upper house now are forty-eight democrats, forty-seven republicans and one farmer-labor member.

DEMO CHAIRMAN DECLARES STATES IN WEST CERTAIN

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Chairman James A. Farley of the democratic national committee arrived in Chicago Tuesday with a declaration that "we have won the west."

Farley accompanied Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, for whom he is campaign manager, on part of his western tours. Both he and the nominee were elated, Farley said, over receptions in every place visited.

"I think the democrats will carry every state in the west," Farley said. The national committee chairman immediately went into conference with Illinois party leaders who told him Roosevelt was "certain to win Illinois." He was guest of honor at a largely attended banquet.

Doors Open for Quilt Fair 10 a. m. Saturday

Saturday, October first, is the date for the Quilt Fair sponsored by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church. The place will be the Mellinger building and the doors will open at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, remaining open until 8 that night, if the interest justifies.

Special prizes will be given for first place in each of the seven divisions: quilts, antiques, needle work, canned goods, cakes, pies and cut flowers, while ribbons will go to second and third place winners.

The entrance fee will be ten cents and the ladies will serve coffee and wafers.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn, residing west of Trent, Friday, September 23, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, Saturday, September 24, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lois McDonald of Trent, Tuesday, September 27, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Borden Perkins, residing four miles east of town, Wednesday, September 28, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Paulk, residing northeast of Stith, Thursday, September 29, 1932.

Asks Extension of Rates.

Dallas, Sept. 29.—The Texas-Louisiana tariff bureau, acting for Texas railways, Tuesday asked the state railroad commission for an extension of the new mixed carload rates on groceries. It also asked for a reduction of the minimum carloading and a slight reduction of rates.

LOCALS OUT FOR REVENGE FROM WILD PANTHERS

It Was Putnam That Handed Home Boys Two Defeats Last Year; Game Starts at 4 P. M. Friday On Local Field.

Friday afternoon at four o'clock the football fans and citizens of Merkel will have a chance, for the first time, to witness the Badgers in action. The Badgers will go to battle against the Putnam Panthers on the local field. This game is the initial game for the Badgers.

Under the direction and orders of Coaches Irvin and Duke, the squad has had good workouts in spite of the rain. Turning the lawn into a stadium, the Badgers practiced every afternoon that it was not raining and some when it was; so that now the squad is working like a well-oiled piece of machinery.

Just who the starting line-up will be, Coach Irvin has not decided. All he can say is, that there will be no first string this year. But if "dope" runs true to form and players play true to character, Merkel is holding a handful of aces in her football team.

A sensational game is promised to those who come to this first battle. It will be a fight from first to last, for the Badgers are out to get revenge because of the way Fate dealt its cards last year in the two Putnam games.

The tickets will be on sale the latter part of this week. Be sure to come, and with your loyalty help the Badgers win their first game of the season.

Merkel Men Elected Delegates to Synod

At the closing session of the Abilene presbytery held at Ranger on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, was named as pastor delegate, and James H. West, as elder delegate, from presbytery to the meeting of synod, which convenes in Dallas October 6.

Rev. Jap Manton is pastor of the Trinity church, Dallas, where the meeting of synod is to be held. Rev. I. T. Jones, the retiring moderator, will preach the opening sermon.

BRUCE BARTON

••••• *writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"* •••••

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A LEADER OF MEN.

In any crowd and under any circumstances the leader stands out. By the power of his faith in himself he commands, and men instinctively obey.

This blazing conviction was the first and greatest element in the success of Jesus. The second was his wonderful power to pick men, and to recognize hidden capacities in them. It must have amazed Nicodemus when he learned the names of the twelve whom the young teacher had chosen to be his associates. What a list! Not a single well-known person on it. Nobody who had ever made a success of anything. A haphazard collection of fishermen and smalltown business men and one tax-collector—a member of the most hated element in the community. What a crowd!

Nowhere is there such a startling example of executive success as the way in which that organization was brought together. Take the tax collector, Matthew, as the most striking instance. His occupation carried a heavy weight of social ostracism, but it was profitable. He was probably well-to-do according to the simple standards of the neighborhood; certainly he was a busy man and not subject to impulsive action. His addition to the group of disciples is told in a single sentence:

"And as Jesus passed by, he called Matthew."

Amazing. No argument; no pleading. A smaller leader would have been compelled to set up the advantages of the opportunity. "Of course you are doing well where you are and making money," he might have said. "I can't offer you as much as you are getting; in fact you may have some difficulty in making both ends meet. But I think we are going to have an interesting time and shall probably accomplish a big work." Such a conversation would have been met with Matthew's reply that he would "have to think it over," and the world would never have heard his name.

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BRUCE BARTON

(Continued from page one)
Jesus had the born leader's gift for
seeing powers in men of which they
themselves were often almost uncon-
scious. One day as he was coming in-
to a certain town a tremendous crowd
pressed around him. There was a rich
man named Zacchaeus in town; small
in stature, but with such keen business
ability that he had got himself gener-
ally disliked. Being curious to see the
distinguished visitor he had climbed
up into a tree. Imagine his surprise
when Jesus stopped under the tree
and commanded him to come down
saying, "To-day I intend to eat at
your house."
The crowd was stunned. Some of the
bolder spirits took it upon themselves
to tell Jesus of his social blunder.
He couldn't afford to make the mis-
take of visiting Zacchaeus, they said.
Their protests were without avail.
They saw Zacchaeus merely a dishon-
est Jew; Jesus saw in him a man of
unusual generosity and a fine sense

of justice, who needed only to have
those qualities revealed by some one
who understood.
So with Mathew—the crowd saw
only a despised tax-gatherer. Jesus
saw the potential writer of a book
which will live forever.

**T&P Cuts Round Trip
Rate to Three Cents**

Dallas, Sept. 29.—The Texas &
Pacific railway announced Wednesday
that effective October 1 it will cut
the round trip rate on approxi-
mately 900 miles of its lines in Texas
to three cents.
The company now has a passen-
ger coach rate of one and three-
fourths cents per mile in effect.
The new rate will apply on the
main line between Dallas and El
Paso and from Texarkana to Fort
Worth via Sherman and Paris.
Mileage on which the round trip
rate will apply is the same as that
on which the one and three-fourths
cents rate now applies, including in
its route between Dallas and El
Paso such points as Fort Worth,
Weatherford, Ranger, Eastland,
Cisco, Abilene, Big Spring and Mid-
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sion already has given authority for
the rate change.

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**Will Rogers' Latest
"Down to Earth," Shows
At Paramount Sunday**

Will Rogers, America's "Jester," in
his latest picture "Down to Earth,"
heads one of the season's outstanding
programs at the Paramount theatre in
Abilene. "Down to Earth" will be the
attraction at the Paramount on Sun-
day, Monday and Tuesday. Supporting
the famous comedian is a great cast
that includes Irene Rich and Dorothy
Jordan. The program for these three
days is amplified by two excellent ad-
ded attractions in "Free Eats," an
Our Gang comedy, and Vincent Lopez
and his band playing "Beyond the
Blue Horizon."
On Wednesday and Thursday, "Mil-
lion Dollar Legs," a Paramount com-
edy drama, based on the recent Olym-
pic games, and featuring a cast of
comedians headed by Jack Oakie, Andy
Clyde, W. C. Fields and Lydi
Roberti, will be the attraction. Ad-
vance reports from the critics hail
"Million Dollar Legs" as one of the
season's best comedies.
The week's attractions are brought
to a close by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's
sensational epic of our present day,
"The Wet Parade," featuring an all-
star cast that includes Walter Hus-
ton, Jimmie Durante, Lewis Stone,

Neil Hamilton, Myrna Loy, Dorothy
Jordan and Joan Marsh. "Wet Par-
ade" is a production that sets forth
without favor the pro and con of the
prohibition question. So great has been
the request that this picture be shown
at the Paramount that the manage-
ment plans to take care of record-
breaking crowds during the engage-
ment next Friday and Saturday.
The usual high grade of short sub-
jects that complete each Paramount
program will be seen in connection
with both "Million Dollar Legs" and
"The Wet Parade."

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TOMATOES , fancy pink, pound	5c
TURNIPS , Rutabaga, pound	3c
GRAPES Tokays	15c
2 pounds	
APPLES , Washington Jonathan, doz.	20c
APPLES , Washington Delicious, dozen	35c
ORANGES , California Red Ball, dozen	25c
SUGAR pure granula- ted, 10 lbs.	39c
PINTO BEANS , 5 pounds for	19c
FLOUR R & W Ready Biscuit, pkg.	39c
1 Biscuit Bake Pan FREE	
CORN , No. 2 can, 3 for	25c
PEAS No. 2 Kuners Economy, 2 for	25c
SALMON , No. 1, tall can	9c
PEANUT BUTTER , quart	25c
Crackers 2 lb. Salad Wafer	19c
PICKLES , quart, sour, sliced	15c
Coffee 1 lb. Sun Up, pkg.	20c
Compound Cream-O-Cot- ton, 8 lb. pail	65c
BACON , 1 lb. silced	19c
Bologna Sausage Lb.	10c
BACON dry salt pound	10c

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homes has been little more than the price of a postage
stamp for a daily letter. Even in cold weather when larger
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of the entire family the gas bill represents only a small
fraction of the winter household expenses.
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by FELIX RIESENBERG

TWELFTH 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, and during his school years falls in love with her. Graduating as a Civil Engineer he gets a job with a great construction company, working in New York. Breen has a rival for the love of Josephine, a rich man of the world by the name of Rantoul. But John wins out. He proposes and Josephine accepts.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.
Rantoul, on learning of Josephine's sudden engagement, found urgent business calling him abroad. He had vast foreign interests, so she gathered from his letters, but he bore no ill-will; he was still her friend and never failed to ask after John. Post cards came to her from distant places, Cairo, Bombay, Singapore, Manila. Apparently he was going around the world. A pathetic word or two, a mere allusion, sometimes a picture of some lone pilgrim, gave her the feeling of a deeper message. Then, after some months, there was the long silence that might mean his return via the Pacific. Josephine found herself wondering when he would return. She did not show these cards to John. He was blissfully unaware of these romantic memories on the part of Josephine.

Meanwhile John's ability to earn the respect of his men by the use of his fists had earned him promotion. He had been placed in charge of Section One, the toughest job on the aqueduct. Gerrit Rantoul returned from his world tour. He arrived at the beginning of the season; all of the fashionable New York, that is the New York capable of paying attention to fashion, was back in the city. He was finer, more considerate, more quietly correct, more distingue than ever. If Josephine had imagined him the least bit difficult, the least bit aggrieved, her fears were entirely removed on his return. Even Gilbert Van Horn was glad to see him. Rantoul was returning at an opportune time for Josephine.

When John Breen had appeared with his fist bandaged. Josephine shuddered a bit at the explanation. "I lifted a bum under the jaw." Perhaps it was anything but accurate, or heroic. Then too it was that Josephine found it more difficult to pit her charms against the insistence of the tunnel. John kept talking about an impossible Mr. Wild, evidently an uncouth and unreasonable person. Night after night he never came up, never came near his own rooms, and when Josephine did see him his eyes were heavy with weariness, his lids brilliant with the gloss of tunnel smoke.

For some months past a change had come over Josephine. She resented the growing place the tunnel was taking

in the mind of her betrothed. Even gentle Marie Bashkirtseff would not have tolerated such lapses of devotion, and Josephine was a sensitive high-strung girl.

Even with the money she some day would have on, the death of Van Horn, life with John Breen might be more or less of a struggle. He would insist on working, would probably want her to go to dreadful places, the Andes, or the Sahara Desert; just what to do there she did not know, but young engineers took their wives to outlandish countries. Rantoul told her of such things, quite casually, of course. She would have to give as well as take.

Josephine found more occasion to find fault with John after his promotion. His heavy responsibilities, as section engineer held him firmer and firmer in the grip of the tunnel. He was on the job hour after hour, day and night, and slept with a telephone at his bedside. He was compelled, time and again, to break engagements, to hurry from her suddenly. He felt restless and ill at ease when away from the tunnel.

"How long will this tunnel job keep going?" Van Horn asked one evening. He and John were in the library smoking for an hour that John forced himself to spare from the work, having had to phone Josephine that he could not accompany her to the Winterwood lecture on "Art, Life's Real Reward." She had already gone with Gerrit Rantoul.

"A year will see the main work done, the tunnel holed through and the lining poured. We are in the man-killing stage now!" John paused.

"I've been watching you — and Josephine," Van Horn continued slowly. "She's difficult, John, you know what I mean. Women demand a lot, I know, John, I know." The older man looked kindly at the young engineer. "This work is making you, but women don't see such things, not all of them, at least. Pug made your body what it is, the schools have helped your mind, but this work, with its damnable demands, is forging character. God boy, I envy you the fight." Van Horn was tense. "But you have still another thing to do, and that is to get and keep your woman—your wife. It means a lot to me, John, more than you know. I wish a day could be set for your marriage; say next June?"

"I'm ready, Gil." John laughed and looked away.

"Josephine can get her trousseau in Paris, I've promised her that. I'll speak to her, a run across will do no harm, winter in the south of France, and back here early in the spring. How about that, John?"

"Things may be easier for me by that time, Gil." John visioned a winter of uninterrupted work. He would "get" the shaft and tunnel by that time; he would master the work, and take his place with the men who counted, the hard true men who worked with him on the job. Never in his life had he expected to have such slavish veneration for human beings as he had for the men of the great rock pressure tunnel crawling beneath the unknowing people of the city.

"By the way," John remarked as he was about to go, "Josephine is coming down to the job some night next week. I've asked Rantoul to bring her down. You've seen the thing. I thought Rantoul might like to see it too. He got me the first appointment, I'll never forget that."

"Good boy. It's something that will open her eyes. Show her the whole works, John; good luck to you."

And the night Josephine came John was in the thick of a big tunnel accident.

Rantoul's gray cushioned limousine drew up silently at the entrance to the shaft enclosure. Josephine Lambert, on the arm of Rantoul, walked gingerly toward the shafthead. Women were crowding about the head-house; weeping, wailing women. Children were crying. She knew the tunnel was a terrible place. But this? It was horror! Something had gone wrong. Rantoul held her arm, and led her toward the office of the section engineer, Josephine trembled. "You stay here," he said, seating her before the desk in the deserted office, brilliant with its clusters of lights above the drafting tables. "Something wrong below. I'll see." He was superbly calm.

"John! I hope he's not hurt." She clung to Rantoul's hand. "Yes! yes!

go! Tell me soon. Go—" she cried. "Don't go!" She was shuddering—white. But he had slipped through the door.

Her frightened eyes took in the fittings of the little office. The place reeked of labor, and the untidiness of working men. A garlic smell from the locker room conveyed a sense of common, uncouth feeding, as she sniffed the gas of damp carbide spilled while hastily filling tunnel lamps. And without, just beyond her sight, she heard the echo of an Homeric struggle rising from the shaft. The screams of women came to her, for the mangled bodies of men were being hoisted out. Why did Rantoul stay so long? Was John killed? Why had she come? Questions crowded upon her. She was dizzy, nauseated. The vile garlic odor was overpowering. She shuddered, sinking breathless in John's chair.

Presently Rantoul returned. "John is all right," he announced curtly. His eyes reflected a hint of things below. "I saw him at the shaft head; he went down again. Some poor fellows were killed—an explosion—God! what a hole!" Rantoul lit a cork-tipped cigarette, snapped the gold case with a click. Suddenly he realized that Josephine was ill. He helped her to her feet; supported her to the open air. "We had better go," he said, quietly, and they walked down the little plankway outside of the enclosure to the waiting car.

John Breen, coming up from the tunnel with the last of the rescue party, ran to the office. A vague scent lingered over his desk, mingled with the aroma of an Egyptian cigarette. He stepped to the outside door and peered into the dark. Down by the curb was the limousine, and he saw Josephine entering the car with Rantoul. She was distant, exquisite, her hair glowing beneath the light in the car. She held Rantoul's hand, a wan smile was on her lips. They rolled silently away.

John was utterly tired as he washed the dirt and grease from his hands, using a gray paste smelling of naphtha and filled with an abrasive grit, a sort of mechanic's scouring pomade warranted to remove the most stubborn dirt. He was loosely jocular, his nerves were under scant control. He suddenly associated his cleansing with Josephine and burst out laughing. John again saw the picture of Rantoul, not the engineer, but the financier (he would always think of him so), handing Josephine into the car. John felt a bitter pang.

The engineers had come up, his assistants were cleaned and gone home, he had noted the events of the night in his official records and



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had again inspected the shaft. The watch was below in the tunnel, the din without had subsided for a while, the shaft was shut down—until midnight. John did not go home, he was too tired, too many matters of moment centered about the shaft, he felt a vague dread of the streets, he wanted to stay where he was sure of his foundations, his surroundings, his thoughts. In a dozen homes women and children were sobbing, sobbing.

A chastened Josephine was leaving for Paris and the south of France. A winter on the Riviera would do her good. John had had a long talk with Van Horn. "I'm beating the tunnel, Gil," John said simply. He looked so capable, so well. John was confident, happy. He was entirely too happy to be safe, especially with a woman like Josephine, who demanded suffering from others.

But Van Horn looked bad, out of condition, yellow. Pug Malone would have shuddered at the sight of him. The fact that Gerrit Rantoul had taken passage on the same steamer, again on urgent business, may have had something to do with the depression of Van Horn. Still, when John and Rantoul stood together on the deck—John was seeing them off—Van Horn compared them and smiled.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Dr. Watkins of Lubbock was attending to business matters here last week.

John Howell and wife of Abilene visited with relatives, also attended to some business here last Tuesday.

After an absence of several days Miss Dorene Scott returned home last Monday from Abilene where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. D. Martin. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Martin who returned the same day.

L. M. Watson and Miss Lola Johnson of Sweetwater visited with the former's aunt, Mrs. Annie Boone, last Sunday afternoon a few hours. L. M. and his brother, Odie Watson, also of Sweetwater, left there last Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga., to enter a dental school.

We are happy to announce the arrival of a beautiful little girl, Barba Deane, who took her abode in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rogers last Monday evening. Mother and babe are both doing nicely at this writing.

Bill Nally and Charley Howell spent a few pleasant hours in Abilene last Saturday afternoon.

Last Wednesday seemed to be a very unfortunate day for some of our people here. Little Doyle Howell accidentally had a pin stick his eye and has been under treatment of an eye specialist every since, having had to have treatment twice daily. Mrs. Abilene at this writing is staying at Abilene with the child. Also on this day Billie Wane Shannon got his arm caught in a washing machine wringer and it is giving him considerable trouble, having to go each day to Merkel for medical attention.

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, attended the funeral of Mrs. Howell's cousin, Mrs. Louise Carlson, which was held at the Christian church at Fort Worth last Thursday. Mrs. Carlson will be remembered here as Louise Bailey. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Slim Messenger is here on a visit with his sister, Mrs. Billingsley, who resides north of town.

Marvin Murdock and family are moving to Sylvester this week.

On last Sunday afternoon Brother Sherrill had the honor of uniting two popular young couples in marriage under the same ceremony: Miss Ruth Fatzler and Fred Horton, also Miss Thelma Cooper and Ike Driggers. These young people are all of the best of families and have the good wishes of us all.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tomlin and family of Arlington arrived last Saturday to visit with Mrs. Tomlin's mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman, and other relatives here and at Abilene for a few days.

Mr. Sam Clinton and children of Falls City, are here for the season. At this time they are with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goode.

Estelle Terry of Merkel spent the week-end with home folks the past week-end.

A large group of Trent women enjoyed an old-fashioned quilting bee Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. Williamson when Mrs. Bill Reynolds and Mrs. Williamson invited friends to assist them in completing four attractive quilts. The sunburst, the morning glory, the square diagonal and the butterfly were the four quilts that furnished the interesting diversion of the day. At noon a buffet luncheon was served, and in the afternoon, coffee, chocolate and cake were enjoyed by Mesdames Ernest Massey, J. I. Leamon, John Strawn, Annie Boone, Ed Burks, A. W. Woods, C. C. Stribling, M. C. Stribling, C. T. Beckham, W. J. Beckham of Lamesa, Lein Churchwell, Herbert Poor, J. T. Daniels, A. Y. Steen, Volle Vessels, Tom Williamson, Hosea Wynn, Reuben Reeves and the hostesses.

Mrs. John Strawn and Mrs. Alex Williamson attended the school of foundation garment patterns, conducted at Abilene by Mrs. Dora Barnes under the auspices of the home demonstration clubs, and as a result of the training received are now ready to conduct classes in garment fitting among the women of the Trent Home Demonstration club.

The Trent Home Demonstration club met Tuesday and enjoyed a lesson on chair upholstering.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Small crowds attended the services at the church last Sunday on account of the rains. We appreciate very much the faithfulness and loyalty of those who weathered the storm and came any way. We had a most interesting service. A cordial welcome awaits you always. Come next Sunday regardless

of the rain or sunshine. You will be abundantly repaid for your coming.

Services next Sunday as follows: Sunday School, 10 a. m., E. L. Mangum, superintendent; preaching, 11 a. m. by the pastor; Junior Missionary society, 5:30 p. m., Victorine Bishop, superintendent; Senior Epworth league 6:30 p. m., Charley Howell, president; preaching, 7:30 p. m., by the pastor.

County Club Women In Successful Meet

The two-day clothing school, conducted by Mrs. Dora R. Barnes for clothing demonstrators of Taylor county's 24 women's clubs, held in Abilene Friday and Saturday of last week, was pronounced one of the best schools in the history of Taylor county extension work.

Twenty-four foundation patterns were cut and instruction given in using the pattern. Special study was given to waist and sleeve Friday, and to skirt and collar Saturday.

Thirty-one women attended from 19 clubs. Those registered were: Mesdames J. E. Taylor, J. R. Harp, C. G. Smith, O. A. Gist, C. F. Hill, Hamby; A. Williamson, R. L. Reeves, J. M. Strawn, Trent; J. A. Farr, Wylie; Will M. Tucker, B. W. Riddle, Ovalo; Jesse H. Morgan, Mount Pleasant; Herman Brewster, Ed Clark, Iberis; Guy M. McCarty, G. O. Priest, J. S. Parker, D. A. Calfee, North Park; Mrs. Retha B. Riddle, Lawn; W. C. Lee, Salt Branch; Henry Antiley, Will Young, Elmdale; Louise Groene, Clint Stewart, Pleasant Hill; T. E. Harber, S. T. McMeans, Abilene; D. E. Moore, Tye; C. B. Tisdale, Tuscola; Albert Peoples, Allen Simmons, Rogers; Oscar Bowman, Opal Talley, Buffalo Gap; T. W. Turner, Frank McBryde, Centerline.

Miss Caroline Chambers, Taylor county home demonstration agent, said accomplishments of the school were highly satisfactory. Miss Fountille Johnson, Nolan county home demonstration agent, attended the school.

Mrs. Barnes, who is clothing expert from A. & M. college, left Sunday for Coleman.

Union Ridge Methodist Church.
Rev. Ural S. Sherrill will preach at the Union Ridge Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We urge everyone in the community to attend the service. Our church is just what we make it. Let's make it a church worthwhile. Only three more preaching dates before the meeting of the annual conference at Amarillo on November 10. Come and bring your company to church, it will do them good.

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The afternoon was climaxed with the presentation and the cutting of a huge birthday cake, decorated in white and gold, which was made by Mrs. W. F. Joiner. The cake was served with ice cream.

Mrs. McCartney and her husband are long time residents of West Texas and Taylor county.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff and sons, DeVerle and Bernal, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McCartney and daughter, Joan, Bill McCartney and son, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCartney and son, Willie D., Misses Lorena and Marie McCartney, J. J. McCartney, N. B. Teaff, Rev. and Mrs. Billie Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Casey, Mrs. J. Lowell Ponder, Mrs. Mary Stevens and Mrs. Mary Jane Neely of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joiner, Mrs. R. W. Holder and children, Julia, Ella, Troy and Charles, Mrs. R. F. England and son, Jack, Mrs. T. J. Amazon, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. R. J. Smith, Mrs. Millard King, Mrs. Walter Hammond, Mrs. Ben Reese, Mrs. Ira Kinney and children, Margie and Dick, Mrs. W. O. Perry, Mrs. Arch Teaff and son, Leroy, Mrs. Clyde Newton and sons, Alton, Arthur Kermit and Clinton, Mrs. Ernest Teaff and children, Bobbie and Harold, Mrs. Fitts and daughter, Dorothy, Misses Ruby and Fay Perry, Una May and Georgie Fay Riser, Lenora Kinney, Sybil Smith and Ethel King.

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There will be church next Sunday afternoon at the usual time. Everyone is asked to come and bring someone with you.

We are glad to report that Mrs. M. A. Douglas is some better after several days of illness. She has as her guest Miss Ruby Skidmore of the Golan community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee had as their Sunday guest Rev. Russell Pike of Rochester, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and two daughters made a business trip to Hamlin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ponder, who have been visiting their son, Lee, returned to their home in Grant, Okla., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and daughter spent Monday in Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr were visitors in the Huston Clark home the first part of the week.

Mr. Aba and Mr. Audy Moore of Rising Star are here visiting their sister, Mrs. Lee Ponder.

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DORA DOINGS

At the time of this letter, Tuesday morning, the sun is shining after a week of steady rain. Roads still very bad, lakes all full and springs running swift.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger announce the arrival of a baby boy Saturday morning. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Mr. Acie Maxfield of Grand Saline visited his aunt, Mrs. L. V. Magee, here the first of the week, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. Monroe Ussery and daughter, Opal, of Sweetwater are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Shelton.

B. E. Dunagin and family visited in Shep Monday and Monday night.

G. W. Whiteaker of Alton made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Frank Sauze and family of Midland are here for a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Pape.

Bull Moore and family of Valley Creek were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Moore Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Finck visited Monday in Abilene with their children, who are attending A. C. C. this year.

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RURAL SOCIETY

ACHIEVEMENT DAY.

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Friday night and Saturday matinee and night the Queen shows the comedy of comedies, "Million Dollar Legs" with a cast of the funniest stars in Hollywood, Jack Oakie, W. C. Fields, Andy Clyde, Ben Turpin, Lyda Roberti, Hank Mann and George Barbier, also Chapter 2 of the "Great Airmail Mystery" and cartoon.

Monday and Tuesday the Queen presents Tallulah Bankhead, Charles Bickford, Paul Lukas and Eugene Pallette in "Thunder Below" (Earthquake). This picture presents a vivid story of the tropics; a beautiful woman living among the natives and two white men fighting desperately for her love. These are pictures everyone will want to see. All shows start at 7:15 p. m.

Bullock Hardware Co. To Open Store Here

The month of October will witness the opening of a new hardware store in Merkel. It is announced that the Bullock Hardware company, owners of a store in Albany, will open a store here on the tenth of the month in the Sharp building, formerly occupied by the Crown Hardware company.

Their stock of hardware and farm implements, previously located at Caddo, is now being moved here, with J. H. Cook to be in charge as manager. Mr. Cook, who has been manager of the Caddo store, has already moved to Merkel with his family, occupying one of the Haynes cottages.

W. H. Bullock, owner of the Bullock Hardware company, is not a stranger to Merkel folks, having been connected with the Anchor Mercantile company several years ago. He will, however, remain with the Albany store, while Mr. Cook will be assisted here by his wife and Tye Sublett, well known Merkel man and thoroughly experienced in hardware lines.

New York has more Italians than Rome.

More diamonds are being imported into the United States than a year ago.

Since June Ford Leads Sales Passenger Cars

Since June, when volume deliveries of the new Ford V-8 cars began, Ford has led all competitors by a wide margin in sales of passenger cars, commercial vehicles and trucks, according to official figures reported today by W. W. Haynes of the Merkel Motor company, local Ford dealers.

Ford took the lead in national motor car sales in June, increased his lead in July, as production of the new Fords mounted, and maintained the lead throughout August, according to reports for that month already received from 34 states, Mr. Haynes declared. In addition to this, the latest reports also reveal that Ford led in sales in the largest cities during the first 10 days of September.

In June, the first month when volume deliveries of the new Ford cars were available, Ford's share of total passenger car sales in the United States reached 35.9 per cent, as compared with 24.9 per cent for its nearest competitor. Ford commercial cars were 50.0 per cent of all such vehicles sold, as compared with 37.6 per cent for its nearest competitor, while Ford trucks represented 35.7 per cent of all truck sales, as compared with 27.6 per cent for the nearest competitor.

Ford sales in July, as revealed by official registrations, mounted over June figures and Ford's share of the business was increased. Ford passenger car sales reached 38.4 per cent of the total business as compared with 24.2 for its nearest competitor. Ford commercial cars were 54.4 per cent of all cars sold, giving Ford a greater percentage of the total business than all other manufacturers combined. The Ford share of national truck sales was 34.4 per cent as compared with 27.1 per cent for its nearest competitor.

The reporting of registrations in August in the various states is not complete, but on the basis of reports thus far received from 24 states, Ford sales again led the field.

Since volume deliveries of the new Fords began in June, Ford has accounted for 40.8 per cent of all new passenger car sales in Texas as compared with 38.4 per cent for its nearest competitor, Mr. Haynes added. Ford sold 5,158 of the total of 12,642 cars of all makes sold in the state in June, July and August.

SMITH-ELLIOTT.

Mr. Harvey Smith and Miss Bertha Elliott of Hasse, Texas, were married at 7:30 Saturday evening at the residence of W. G. Cyfert, with Brother Cyfert officiating. The young couple, strangers here, drove up to the Cyfert home and the nuptial ceremony was simply and quietly performed.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

State Hi Champions vs Sweetwater Mustangs

Abilene, Sept. 29.—Abilene High school, state football champion of 1931, will open its new stadium here Friday afternoon in a game with the Sweetwater Mustangs. The stadium, just completed at a cost of more than \$13,000, has a seating capacity of 7,300.

In celebration of the event, most stores of this city will close from the hours of 3 until 6 p. m. The game is to start at 3:45.

Six members of the championship team will play for Abilene again: Stanley Smith, center; Pug Cox and Very Hughes, guards; Pete Barber, tackle; Glynn Wyatt, quarterback, and Lennon Blackmon, halfback. With exception of Captain Grimsley, tackle, Sweetwater has a new line, but it has a veteran backfield, including Ney Sheridan and Speegle Wood, and Virgil Jones, an end of last season who has been shifted to the backfield. Sam Baugh, star passer, is ill and may not get into the game.

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Witness Films How To Salvage Property

Eleven members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department including Chief Jimmy Toombs, had the privilege of seeing the demonstration of fire fighting and property salvaging as depicted in two talking pictures, four reels, under the general caption, "Municipal Salvagemen," which was shown free at the Paramount theatre, Abilene, on Thursday and Friday morning of last week.

The pictures, brought to Abilene by Ray Poe, fire marshal, show actual firing of a dwelling to demonstrate what can be done by way of salvage. Conservation of property is the big idea. There are, too, 140 slides illustrating work in ventilation, ex-

posures, oil fires, grass and brush fires, public assembly. The showing was accompanied by a running lecture by Fire Marshal Poe.

Others going from Merkel, besides the chief of the department, to witness the exhibition were: Parker Sharp, president of the Firemen's association, Tom Allday, Chester Hutcheson, Howard Laney, Comer Patterson, Virgil Hassey, Raymond Neal, Herbert Dennis, Morris Horton and M. B. Bell.

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CHURCHES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
Rev. W. M. Murrell visited in our city this week.

It was a pleasure to have with us last Sunday morning Rev. George Tyson of Tye. He was unable to get to his appointment at Stith, so he visited our church. Rev. Tyson and Rev. Nowlin swapped places recently.

The sermon of Rev. Russell Pike Sunday night was a sermon of real merit and was surely enjoyed by all present. Brother Pike is one of the finest young men of our conference. His visits will always be welcomed.

Dr. T. J. Barb and wife of Roby were pleasant visitors at the pastor's home Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Barb is chairman of the board of stewards of Roby.

The hymn service we had some months ago has brought many requests for a similar service. So, next Sunday night week, Oct. 9, we will have another hymn service. The Presbyterian organ will be brought back into use once more before we take it home.

Preaching next Sunday morning and evening by the pastor.

HI LEAGUE PROGRAM.
Sundays, 7 p. m.
Leader, Mary Helen Lancaster.
Scripture, by leader.
Songs.
Talks, Milton Shannon, Wanda Hunter, Janet Hayes.
League benediction.
Everybody invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.
Gentry Holmes of Abilene will speak Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour. Mr. Holmes has visited us several times and we remember what inspiring and uplifting messages he brings.

At the evening hour Rev. Lowell Ponder of Abilene will preach. Mr. Ponder comes highly recommended. Let's give him a good hearing.

Sunday School promptly at ten o'clock. We will observe "Promotion Day" Sunday, also the election by the church of all officers and teachers. So we need 100 per cent attendance.

B. T. S. at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Rain that fell steadily Sunday morning and especially during the Sunday School hour cut the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools to only 410 last Sunday, the smallest total for more than a year.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.
Rev. R. B. Williamson of Abilene will preach for us Sunday, beginning a few days revival. Come. Welcome to all.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Evangelist Williamson.

Some one said, "Oh, such a busy time for a meeting." Yes, but people have time and plenty of strength to go other places. So come to the Nazarene church for a few days and nights and feed your lean, hungry soul, get ready to live or die.

A hearty welcome to everyone.
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FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

I crave to meet every member of our Bible School Sunday 9:45 a. m. We begin one of the most interesting and astonishing contests ever staged by mortal man. When the battle is fought and the victory won, everybody who really appreciates the work our church is doing will say "Amen" and the influence of the victory will be felt throughout the land, to the glory of God.

Sunday morning is "overalls day." Every man come to church dressed in overalls. We are not a stiff-necked, high-collared, high-faluting bunch, just common people, so come: you are certainly welcome.

We especially invite all who have just moved to our town. We are located two blocks north of the Church of Christ in a 50x75 foot tabernacle.

Sunday morning sermon, "Jesus, a friend for the common people." Sunday night, "Pepper and Salt." At the right of front south door will be located a little box Sunday night. Everybody is invited to give the pastor a "letter shower." Write whatever you feel like writing and drop it in the box.

Remember Saturday night service and Wednesday night prayer meeting. Singing also Sunday 2:30 p. m.
Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

'Chandu,' Another Film Of Mystery Drama, at R&R Palace Next Week

Adapting "Chandu The Magician" to the screen from a popular series of radio broadcasts proved to be a graphic demonstration of the greater descriptive powers of the motion picture camera over the spoken word.

Whereas much of the nightly fifteen minutes of the radio time was given over to describing the setting of the mystery drama, the screen version gets this across in one flash of the camera eye, and with far more realism and effectiveness. Thus, in the Fox feature film, showing Thursday of next week at the Palace, Sweetwater, the radio episodes of over a year are presented in tense, dramatic form that is said to be thrilling entertainment.

"Chandu," he of the hypnotic eyes and command of Egyptian wizardry, the beloved "Uncle Frank" of the story, is portrayed by Edmund Lowe, who once before, in "The Spider," gave a splendid performance as a magician.

Princess Nadji, Chandu's beloved, is played by Irene Ware, New York "Vanity" beauty who makes her screen debut in the picture. Roxor, whose diabolical scheme to destroy the world motivates the plot, is enacted by Bela Lugosi, whose lead in "Dracula" earned him the title of "King of All Screen Monsters."

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BUCHANAN-TINER.

The marriage of Miss Edrie Tiner and Floyd Buchanan of Putnam was solemnized Saturday at Baird. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tiner, uncle and aunt of the bride, were the only attendants at the wedding.

Miss Edrie Tiner is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner, who has just received her B. A. degree from Simmons university where the romance of this popular young couple began.

Mr. Buchanan attended both McMurry college and Simmons university.

A host of friends offer best wishes for a happy married life.

OATES-MORRISON.

Mrs. E. Hall of Graham announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Bettie Morrison, to Dr. Kenneth D. Oates. Miss Morrison is a member of a pioneer Graham family, her grandfather, Jno. E. Morrison, having been one of the early settlers who helped to develop the country. Dr. Oates will be remembered most kindly here in Merkel, he and his mother having resided here for a short while before removing to Graham to make their home.

Many Merkel friends will want to send congratulations to Graham after October the 4, the date of the wedding.

PERSONALS

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was this week's guest of Miss Christine Collins.

J. W. Shannon returned Thursday from a three weeks' visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Moore, in Dill, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and two daughters of Breckenridge were week-end guests in the J. S. Thomas home.

Mrs. R. H. Garrison has returned to her home in Denton after visiting several days with her niece, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Lieut. R. G. Vaughan and family, who have recently removed from Tucson, Ariz., to Abilene, visited his aunt, Miss Dota Garoutte, Sunday.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess went over to Roby Wednesday afternoon to attend a meeting of school superintendents of this district, being accompanied by Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Roy Largent, on her return to her home at Bownwood and will remain there for some time. During her absence from Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis have leased her home.

Miss Marie Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hughes of Mt. Pleasant, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium on the 15th of the month, was sufficiently recovered to be removed to her home on Tuesday of this week.

Blanton McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean, residing in the IXL school district and who received his B. S. degree from Sul Ross State Teachers college this summer, leaves Monday for Longworth in Fisher county where he has been elected principal of an 8-teacher school.

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Now you will know the pleasant way to lose unsightly fat and you'll also know that the 6 salts of Kruschen have presented you with glorious health.

But be sure for your health's sake that you ask for and get Kruschen Salts. Get them at any drugstore in the world and if the results one bottle brings do not delight you—do not joyfully satisfy you—why money hack.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Approximately 3200 head of sheep were unloaded here Tuesday from Big Lake, Texas, out of a lot of some 28,000 belonging to Jess Elrod of that place. W. T. Nichols took about 2,000, while the remaining 1600 went to Hob Robertson on a specially arranged contract covering the feeding and marketing of the animals.

From Wednesday morning of last week until Monday morning of this week, 3 1-4 inches of rain fell here, according to Grover Hale's gauge. Of this figure 1 7-8 inches were included in last week's report up to Thursday morning. The precipitation of 1 3-8 inches since that time brings the year's total now to 43.10 inches.

The Dunagin Brothers Hunter No. 3 came in last week as a small producer, averaging about 45 barrels daily.

Under plans of re-arranging fixtures and other interior improvements, the cashier's desk and wrapping counter in the Max Mellinger store have been more conveniently located near the center of the store. Beginning the fifteenth of the month, Miss Maxie Banner was added to the Mellinger sales force.

An additional room adjoining his ice house has been constructed by Mack Cox, affording space for handling milk and cream, chickens and eggs at a later date.

While Bob McDonald is unable to perform his duties, owing to trouble from an infected foot, Clifford Garner, of California, well known here where he formerly lived, is taking care of Bob's barber shop customers. Clifford and his family are here visiting for awhile.

Miss Nell Boswell and J. J. Russell will join the sales force of the Bragg Dry Goods company beginning the first of October and continuing through the busy season.

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Death of Little Weldon Huff.
Weldon Huff, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff on the Divide, died at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning at an Abilene hospital. The child, suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis, was carried to Abilene late Tuesday, arriving at the hospital about 8 o'clock that night. Physicians were unable to perform an operation.

The little boy was one of the younger children in a family of eight.

Kitchen ranges in a variety of bright hues are shown in London.

American motorcycles are becoming popular in Latvia.

Office supplies—Mail office.

SPECIALS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COMPOUND, full 8 pound pails	65c
CABBAGE, mountain grown, per pound	3c
CRANBERRIES, quart	19c
SOAP, all kinds, giant size, 6 for	25c
RICE, extra fancy, 4 lbs.	25c
DRIED APRICOTS, PEACHES AND APPLES, 2 pounds	23c
OATS, 3-Minute, 5 lb pkgs.	25c
SALMON, Branded Pink, 2 for	19c
PORK & BEANS, 3 cans for	20c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. Saltine 19c—3 lb. box	28c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lb. quart jar	25c
MUSTARD, Prepared, quart jar	15c
PICKLES, sours, quart jar	15c
CATSUP, full 14 oz. bottle	15c
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