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**BRUCE BARTON**

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Moses started out under the same handicap. He tried to be everything and do everything; and was almost on the verge of failure. Then Moses took the advice of his father-in-law and associated with himself a partner, Aaron, who was strong where he was weak. Together they achieved what neither could do alone.

John, the Baptist, had the same lack. He could denounce, but he could not construct. He drew crowds who were willing to repent at his command, but he had no program for them after their repentance. The same thing might have happened to the work of Jesus. Yet because of the fire of his personal conviction, because of his marvelous instinct for discovering their latent powers, and because of his unwavering faith and patience, he molded them into an organization which carried on victoriously. A few decades later the proud Emperor himself bowed his head to the teachings of this Nazareth carpenter, transmitted through common men.

Next Week: The Outdoor Man.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Owing to the critical illness of his mother Mrs. Sarah Bullington, of Weatherford, Orville Bullington, republican candidate for governor, cancelled his speaking date in Merkel for Wednesday afternoon. She was reported better, however, and he resumed his speaking campaign at Anson Thursday.

Slight changes have been made in the schedule of Southland Greyhound busses through Merkel. Westbound busses now leave as follows: 1:59 a. m. (same time); 7 a. m., instead of 7:45 a. m., and 3:30 p. m., instead of 3:15 p. m. Eastbound busses leave at 2:02 a. m., instead of 2:50 a. m., 12:10 p. m., instead of 12:20 p. m., and 10:15 p. m. (same time).

First frost of the season was noted Wednesday morning, although it was very light. Cool weather was ushered in Monday night with a brisk north wind that arrived about 9:30. Clear, cool weather, with the aid of good winds, has put lots of enthusiasm in the farmers and cotton picking is under way on a large scale this week.

Henry Frazier, an old time grocery man, started to work for Bob Martin's Red and White grocery store this week. Those who remember the old days when Henry Frazier was engaged in the same line of work will welcome his return to the grocery trade.

With the weather all settled after so much rain during the month of September, the city grader has been at work this week, levelling up the streets and running gutter lines.

**To Liberalize Crop Loans.**

Washington, Oct. 6.—The agriculture department announced Wednesday it had "agreed to liberalize the terms of crop production loans" in the cotton states by a plan of involving acceptance of cotton as collateral on the basis of 9 cents per pound.

**SERVICE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK**

The Merkel Home Laundry, a home enterprise, appreciates the liberal patronage of all of the people of Merkel. Now that cotton picking time is here and so many have gone to the fields, just remember that we are on the job every day in the week. We call for and deliver. Thank you.

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Tickets are now on sale for this movement but will be good only on Texas and Pacific trains arriving in Dallas on Sunday mornings October 9, 16 and 23, and returning the same night, Mr. Jensen said. In addition to this remarkable rate reduction, the Texas and Pacific is offering other attractive daily and week-end rates to Dallas during the State Fair.

This year's State Fair promises to be one of the most widely attended in history. Not only have many new attractions been added, but prices also have been considerably reduced. Among the stellar attractions are the Dream Girl Follies at the Coliseum, Hoot Gibson's rodeo, the Seminole Indian village, featuring alligator wrestling, the aviation exhibition, and expanded live stock, agricultural, dairy and horticultural, and Texas Manufacturers and other exhibits.

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**Screen's Best Actor Plays at Queen Here**

Lionel Barrymore famous actor and director, will be seen at the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday in "Broken Lullaby," Paramount's superb story of human emotions. Mr. Barrymore was judged the best actor on the screen in 1931 and given the medal of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts. He is supported in this picture by Nancy Carroll and Phillip Holmes, the stars of "Stolen Heaven."

The story, a screen version of the popular play, "The Man I Killed," tells of an American soldier who kills a German and afterwards falls in love with the sister of the man he killed. Be not misled, this is not a war picture. Also on the same program is a screen version of that recent song hit, "Minnie the Moocher."

Watch for "The Miracle Man," a coming attraction at the Queen theatre.

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**Join in Observance Of Jewish New Year**

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hoshannah, was celebrated in Sweetwater during the last week-end by many from other cities joining with those from Sweetwater. Among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger of this city.

S. A. Friedman of Abilene was assisted by Frank Gensberg, in conducting services on the roof of the Blue Bonnet hotel, Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

The Day of Atonement, another Jewish observance, comes on Monday of next week, the service also to be held at Sweetwater.



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Condensed Statement of Condition

**The Farmers and Merchants National Bank**

Close of Business September 30, 1932.

| RESOURCES                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans, Time and Demand            | \$223,241.44        |
| Overdrafts                        | 107.27              |
| Real Estate on Hand               | 13,586.29           |
| Furniture and Fixtures            | 6,250.00            |
| Stock in Fed. Res. Bank           | 2,250.00            |
| 5% Redemption Fund                | 312.50              |
| U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation | 6,250.00            |
| Other U. S. Bonds                 | \$15,750.00         |
| Bills of Exc. (cotton)            | 1,410.17            |
| Cash & Due from Banks             | 61,438.78—78,598.95 |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$330,596.45</b> |
| LIABILITIES                       |                     |
| Capital Stock                     | \$ 50,000.00        |
| Surplus & Undivided Profits       | 15,892.79           |
| Circulation Account               | 6,250.00            |
| Rediscouts, Fed. Res. Bank        | 32,992.60           |
| Bills Payable                     | NONE                |
| Other Borrowed Money              | NONE                |
| Deposits                          | 225,461.06          |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$330,596.45</b> |

The above statement is correct.  
Booth Warren, Cashier.

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# FIRST LOVIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

**FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT**

John Breen, 16 years old, has spent all his life aboard a 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 job, working in New York.

As they sailed Josephine, too, suddenly glimpsed the essential quality of John. In fact, if she was engaged, and piqued, and what not, John might very easily have been a hero in her eyes. That horrible night at the tunnel shaft, and the frightful garlic smell of the acetylene, and the confusion, began to look less crude. John certainly did carry himself with an air of confidence, and—and how easily he had assumed the character of a gentleman! Josephine noted this especially. Of late Gerrit Rantoul had told her a great deal about John's early life on the Bowery and in the Ghetto, and things he had picked up in conversation with Malone. It seems John Breen had lifted himself far above his normal station in life. Fortunately, for Rantoul, Van Horn had no idea of this phase of his conversations with Josephine.

"Rantoul's going over on business," Van Horn remarked to John. "Fine, that's keep Josephine occupied. He's handy." John had no special reason to accept Rantoul as anything but a very agreeable old man.

"When you are married, next spring, I'll have a very important thing to say, John," Van Horn held John's hand, looked steadily into his eyes. Their glances dimmed momentarily.

"Gilbert dear, John's mine, not ours. Give me a chance, please." A sudden mood seized her, there on the deck she hugged John, his arms over her shoulder, their lips met.

Gilbert Van Horn, a smile on his face, stood near them. Suddenly his ashen look seemed to wash away. He became genial, agreeable. He looked at Rantoul, but that distinguished cosmopolitan was busy waving at friends on the wharf. A whistle was blowing. Visitors were hastily leaving the deck of the steamer.

"Good-by, John, good-by."

The business of drilling, exploding and mucking out rock, of punching a long tunnel, miles and miles of it, two and some places four city blocks, straight down in the rock crust of the earth, of lining it with concrete, mixed by machinery, spaded and tamped behind steel forms, of fitting monster bronze gates and valves, of carrying out the magnificent details of conception, all unthought of, unsung, unknown, except in his lists of deaths, occupied John Breen, C.E. through the winter and into the spring of 1912.

A month later, John was visiting Harbord at the University. "I've had a taste of the city work, I'm going to stick. This place," nodding out of the high window, "is so full of big things it's a challenge to a fellow with a grain of kick in him. That bridge off there," pointing to the huge new span of massive steel rising above Hell Gate, "is enough to make a man stick. I've had a taste of this for some time, it's full of chances. Dammit, Harbord, this city is a challenge to a man. You've heard of Hammond, the mining engineer? Well, he said something the other day. 'This is a big man's town,' was his advice. 'Go west, or go anywhere, if you feel yourself to be about the average, but if you have the punch, stick in New York—and win!'"

Gilbert and Josephine were in Paris in early April. Josephine completed her trousseau. Rantoul had gone on ahead to London. Then they were at the Cecil for a few days. Rantoul had preceded them. A letter from John reached Van Horn as they were about to embark for New York. Pug Malone was waiting for his return. He had planned a walking trip through the Berkshires. "A regular Malone hike," John had written. "Pug wants to get away from his work. He's had a rotten winter, Greenough filled with bad livers. I am full of tunnel air and need a change. American dust will do you good. And, Gil, I'm crazy for Josephine, crazy for her again. I never knew what love meant, until now." Poor John! It was spring. Gilbert Van Horn carefully folded the letter and gave a sigh of satisfaction. Thank God they were homeward bound. He cabled Marvin Kelly. "Sailing tomorrow. All well."

Halfway across, on her maiden voyage, the Titanic raced through a smooth sea, a flat flexible sea enameled in the deepest indigo reflecting stars, great facts, glinting in the sky. But stars have long been ignored by men, or they have been conjured with, it matters very little to the stars, and few attended them that night. Dinner was over and Gilbert Van Horn busied himself in the smoking room, playing solitaire, a demi-tasse and his pipe keeping him occupied. Aunt Wen had retired to her state room, the night was slightly chill, breath of the outer voids, a touch of the ethereal cold.

Few were out, but Josephine, on the arm of Rantoul, both in ample steamer coats, walked the deck, broad and white, like a lightened avenue in a deserted city. In a spirit of adventure Josephine, nodding at a ladder, pulled her escort. "Let's go up, Monsieur Gerry." How quickly he responded to her mischievous spirit. They were on the deserted boat deck and walked aft, far abaft the funnels. The peculiar spiral of black smoke twisting rapidly over the rims of the huge stacks and curling astern, was the only indication of their speed. They looked down over the steep side, from the rail. A singing white streak of water rushed by the black hull, a seething phosphorescent band of light.

Rantoul knew that time was getting short. He instinctively felt the moment had come. If the heart of Josephine was to be captured he had at last arrived at the final moment of assault. He walked with her in silence, holding her close to him. The rustle of her loose dinner gown, under the folds of her loose warm cloak, the intimate detachment of the sea, her laugh, her evident enjoyment of the night, gave him resolution. He too was being somewhat carried away.

They had walked back and forth for almost a half hour and were leaning on the after thwartship rail

again, sheltered by the bulk of a large life boat, looking down into the sea. A sigh from Josephine, a slight shudder, caused Rantoul to place his arm about her, a thing he had never done except when dancing. She rather yielded to the embrace. She was thinking of the end of such things. John, grubby, hard, unsympathetic, practical John, always dirty and smelly, in the tunnel, would be so different.

Much of this was in the sigh: an implicit answer to the many days of their circumspect intimacy, Rantoul caught her bare hand, with his free arm partly muffled in the warm wide sleeve of her cloak. Words were so inadequate, so unnecessary. He suddenly drew her to him, fiercely nor did she resist. Their eyes flashed a message to each other in the dark above the rushing night, above the blue-black water scarred with fire. She dropped her lids; his eyes burning, eager, were on her own. They seemed to be buoyant, her cloak fell apart and he crushed her to him. Rantoul, utterly out of control, kissed her with the pent-up yearning of months and years of waiting. Passionately their lips met in their warm embrace.

And the stars winked down on them. The floodgates were wide open; they unburdened themselves. A lounge seat, used by shuffle-board players, held them as they gave themselves up to the common things. She clung to him as women cling when they are moved by strong passion. She lifted him beyond all caution, shattering his elaborate defenses; both Rantoul and Josephine paid whatever price their dallying entailed. For an hour they sat quiet, huddled, barely doing

more than murmuring. The night was velvet black; a secret night.

A screaming rocket rose a thousand feet, curving, slow, an increasing topping bend. It burst with a loud detonation. Showers of stars dropped from the black sky, suddenly shutting out the firmament with their closer fire. The boat deck was lit by the falling glare. The speed of the great steamer altered perceptibly. Josephine held to Rantoul, her eyes dilated. What beastly business was this? Already he had begun to wish himself quietly in his bunk. Josephine was a trifle heavy, for one so young and willowy, and all that. Also, it was decidedly cool.

Another disturbing rocket rose above them. Those officious fools on the bridge were signaling, they were always signaling, or something. Rantoul was irritable. Then another and another rocket lifted into the blackening sky. It was late. Josephine was unnerved. A loud shuddering screech of escaping steam thundered above them on the funnels, the shaking white clouds bulging like cotton overhead. Josephine clung desperately to Rantoul. What a terrific strength the girl had! The engines were stopped and safety valves were lifting on the tortured boilers.

The sea had changed, the great ship was sluggish. Peering off into the dark, Rantoul saw a ghostlike wall, a towering apparition looming above them, above the funnels, close aboard and drawing slowly astern. Ice, of course. How lucky they had missed it. Ugh! it was cold. His limbs ached, he shivered. He wished Josephine in hell. Perhaps, he had been a bit hasty. She stired uneasily, she also saw the ice. A feeling of guilty terror seized them. His arms were tired; he was no longer as vigorous as he had been in years past.

Then the boat deck was stirring with men. Far forward on the bridge, lights flashed. It had been in

darkness before. The radio was sending. The steamer seemed to shake. Seamen with axes and knives were running aft. An officer his trousers hastily tucked into short boots, brushed past them. He played his flash lamp on them, momentarily. Josephine thought she saw him smile. But why the rushing about . . . the excitement . . . what had happened?

(Continued Next Week.)

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Black and white spotted Poona goat, tail bobbed, weighs 115 pounds. Reward. Notify Pearl Hollingsworth. Phone 211.

**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 6.—A generally weak, undertone was apparent in packer demand for several classes of slaughter cattle Wednesday, although morning business was transacted mostly on a steady basis. Sales of fed steers, the better grades of fed yearlings and low cutter cows during the morning session suggested steady values, but fat cows, butcher grades, grass slaughter steers and butcher yearlings encountered a bearish demand in most cases. The best fed cattle shown were well finished yearlings and other offerings included numerous car lots of mixed butcher classes.

**Merkel Boy Promoted.**

The many friends of Paul Causseaux, who has been in the employ of the Handy Andy chain stores in San Antonio for the past nine months, will be interested to know that a short time ago he was made manager of one of the smaller stores and he has recently been transferred to one of the 18 larger stores.

**R & R PALACE**  
Sweetwater

**Saturday, Oct. 8**  
Tracy Shannon  
**"PAINTED WOMAN"**

**Sunday-Monday**  
John Boles in Fannie Hurst's great novel  
**"BACK STREET"**

**Tuesday-Wednesday**  
Barbara Stanwyck  
**"PURCHASE PRICE"**  
with George Brent

**Thursday-Friday**  
Walter Huston in  
**"KONGO"**

One of the year's most dramatic pictures.

**"O. K. AMERICA"**  
Is Coming

**Sweetwater Theatre**  
Books "Back Street"

One of the outstanding screen dramas of recent years has been booked for showing at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, according to an announcement today, by Manager Rogers.

The picture is "Back Street," adapted from the widely read novel by Fannie Hurst, with Irene Dunne and John Boles in the featured roles, and directed by the master of human, domestic drama, John M. Stahl.

"Back Street" tells the story of a woman who considered no sacrifice too great to make in the name of love, and a man who gave freely of his love but at the same time retained his social position as a husband and father. The story covers a span of 20 years, and is said to give an especially affecting picture of the trials of two people whose love is outside the law, notwithstanding its sincerity and depth. It is Universal's most ambitious production of the season. "Back Street" presents to Miss Dunne and Boles the most sympathetic roles of their careers.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge had as their guest over the week-end Miss Faye Nichols of Abilene.

Mrs. G. W. Elliott of Abilene was Wednesday's guest in the home of Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mrs. J. D. Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian, also Miss Modyne Sheppard, of Dallas were week-end guests of relatives here.

Mrs. N. Causseaux, who accompanied Mrs. L. D. Gaither on her return to San Antonio, is again at home after a stopover visit by Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, of Dallas, who are just recently married, arrived Wednesday to spend the week-end with Mr. Elliott's parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

S. L. Grayson and children, Deloss and Neoma, accompanied by Miss Lena Webb, spent last week-end visiting Mr. Grayson's son and daughter, Mr. Floyd Grayson and Mrs. Effie Hill in Burleson, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor are now the guests of Mrs. Taylor's parents, pending the opening of the Comper school. After attending summer school at the University of Texas, they visited in Quitman before coming here.

Clifford Garner, who has returned from La Jolla, Calif., where he has been living for sometime, made a business trip to Austin recently. He was accompanied by T. H. Christopher and Oscar Buford. Mr. Garner and Mr. Buford made a hurried trip but Mr. Christopher visited for a week in the home of his son, T. S. Christopher, assistant attorney general.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elder and two daughters, Miss Robbie and Mrs. Ara Elder Walters, of Big Spring, who have been visiting Mrs. Elder's mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, returned home Thursday.

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Friday and Saturday

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**State Is Victor**  
In Truck Fight

Austin, Oct. 6.—The Texas supreme court Saturday held that district judges were without authority to issue writs of injunction to restrain enforcement of the law regulating load limits of motor trucks.

The court ordered L. G. Phares, chief of the state highway patrol, and several of his officers released from custody on charges of contempt of court, made when the officers refused to abide by district court injunctions restraining them from interfering with certain operators who carried loads in excess of that provided by the law.

The law had been held valid by the United States supreme court.

In its decision the court stated the petition upon which the injunctions were issued by the district courts "failed to show that the law in question is invalid and that its enforcement would constitute an invasion of property rights," and that the complainants "were not entitled to protection at the hands of a court of equity."

Phares and his officers had been adjudged in contempt of court. They were arrested but released on writs of habeas corpus issued by the supreme court.

**Seventh Grade Pupils**  
Will Present "False Pretenses" at Chapel

"False Pretenses," a one act play, will be presented by the seventh grade Friday morning as the first chapel program of the school year. The cast includes Sis Gamble, Betty Grimes, De La Vergne Teague, Vernelle Sublett, Pauline McAninch, Jack Sublett, Don Swafford, Arthur Wiman, Stanley Toombs, Lloyd Vick, and Sylvan Mellinger.

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**Breaks Hip in Fall.**  
J. L. Ashford fell off his wagon Wednesday afternoon as he was leaving his field and broke his hip, when one of the wheels of the wagon hit a hole and threw him to the ground. The injured hip was set as soon as medical attention could be summoned and he was reported resting well Thursday morning.

**Capture Third World Series.**  
Chicago, Oct. 6.—Defeating the Cubs in Sunday's game by the record-busting score of 13 to 6, the New York Yankees captured their third world series crown, making the series four straight victories and an even dozen consecutive triumphs over the national league in the combined campaigns of 1927-28-32.

**Belt Strikes Worker.**  
When a belt came off at the North Side gin in Trent Wednesday afternoon, it struck Elton Boone, one of the gin workers, resulting in contused wounds about the thigh. Medical aid was called from Merkel and the injury was given prompt attention.

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**GLENER CLASS PARTY.**

The members of the Gleaner Sunday School class met in the parlors of the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon. The devotional and prayer was led by Mrs. L. D. Boyd. In the business meeting following Mrs. Buck Mashburn was elected assistant secretary and the new flower committee is composed of Mrs. Eli Case, Mrs. W. E. Lowe, and Mrs. Fred Hughes.

At the refreshment hour delicious wafers with tea were served to Mesdames Herbert Patterson, Etzel Church, Doc Vaughn, Buck Mashburn, Eli Case, W. E. Lowe, W. M. Gambill, W. S. J. Brown, L. D. Boyd, Duncan Briggs, J. E. Richardson and V. B. Sublett.

**QUILT SHOW.**

The ladies of the Methodist church, who sponsored the Quilt Show and Antique Display on last Saturday are to be congratulated upon the most interesting collection. Replicas of a past generation in contrast to the most modern works in needlecraft made a beautiful show. In the quilt display Mrs. B. C. Moore's "Star" quilt carried first place and a pretty quilt top was given as a prize. Second place was given Mrs. Stanley King, who entered an "Oak Leaf" quilt. Third place went to Mrs. Della Campbell with a "Flower Garden" quilt. Honorable mention was made to Mrs. J. R. Poe and Mrs. W. S. J. Brower for their entries.

In the canned collection Mrs. Amy Sears was given material for a dress as first place. Her collection contained forty varieties. Mrs. Ted Nichols won second place and Miss Lois Whiteley, aged fifteen years, third place. The "pickled peaches" belonging to Mrs. Ted McGehee, and "watermelon rind preserve," entered by Mrs. Buck Mashburn, warranted honorable mention.

In the collection of antiques a silk quilt, the property of Miss Ona Johnson, won the prize, a bonnet and apron. Mrs. Charlie Curb was second place winner and R. B. Wells, third. Honorable mention was given to a phonograph and stand in the possession of Miss Deta Garoutte. A child's suit, worn by Judge Wheeler when he was a very small boy, was also given much attention.

**Needle Work.**

First prize, 3 cup towels, to Miss Ona Johnson. Her entry was a cut work luncheon set. Second place was given on pillow cases to Mrs. Marvin Smith. Another luncheon set won third place for Mrs. Mollie Sears.

Second division.—Mrs. Floyd Davis was given 3 cup towels as first prize on an "Afghan." Mrs. W. E. Lowe won second with a rug and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown third on a quilt top.

**Cakes.**

First prize, "Yellow Angel Food," won a box of cake flour for Mrs. C. B. Gardner. Second place was given a "Pound Cake," entered by Mrs. L. L. Murray. Third place was given a "Cocoanut Cake" entered by Mrs. Buck Mashburn.

**Flowers.**

Rev. E. L. Yeats was given a pot plant as first prize; Mrs. J. E. Richardson, second; Mrs. J. M. Dry, third.

**Silks.**

Mrs. Massey won first place, a sack of flour, on a silk quilt. Second place was also given a quilt owned by Mrs. Dry, third place was on a robe belonging to Miss Nell Swann.

Admission was 10 cents and delicious wafers and coffee, which were donated by the Woman's Club, Abilene, were served. West Texas Utilities Co. and Community Natural Gas Co. were most gracious in supplying these necessities. Mr. Melling-er donated the use of the building.

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**CHURCHES**

**Attending Sessions Of Synod at Dallas**

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and James H. West, member of the board of elders, left Wednesday night for Dallas to attend the meeting of synod which convenes this week at the Trinity church, Dallas. They were named as pastor and elder delegate, respectively, from Abilene presbytery.

As chairman of the committee on national missions of this presbytery, Rev. Mr. Walker will attend a meeting Thursday morning of chairmen from over the state and at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon a pre-synodical meeting will be addressed by Revs. McDowell and Ward of the board of national missions.

Thursday night Rev. I. T. Jones, retiring moderator, will preach the opening sermon of synod. Another prominent speaker on the program will be Rev. Umphrey Lee, who recently retired as head of the Bible department of Southern Methodist university.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Regular services next Sunday morning. Preaching by the pastor.

At the evening service we have a special treat. The old fashion church organ will play from 7 to 7:30. Many of us still think the organ of the former type to be superior to the piano. This will be a feast for all.

At 7:30 a special group of hymns will be rendered as solos, quartettes and choir songs. Following these hymns Brother Murrell will preach.

**BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.**

Usual services next Sunday at the regular hours: Sunday School at 10 a. m., peaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to all these services.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. You will find it a great help to enroll in Sunday School, if you are not a member, and to attend regularly.

No preaching services Sunday, as it is the pastor's day at Baird. He will, however, be away at the meeting of synod at this time.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Bad weather last Sunday again held down the attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel, with 592 present, but this was a considerable increase

over the previous Sunday when only 410 were present. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 760.

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE.**

Our revival is on this week, conducted by Rev. R. B. Williamson of Abilene. His messages are heart-searching. Come and hear him each evening at 7:30.

In spite of the threatening weather last Sunday we had two fine services. Sunday evening a crowd of Merkel people attended the services at Mr. Will Barnes' near Noodle.

Let's all go to Sunday School next Sunday at 9:45. Preaching by Evangelist Williamson at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Last Wednesday night at prayer meeting there was a fine girl who united with our church. Sunday morning we were made to rejoice as Brother Roy Tucker gave us his hand for membership with us and he is now president of our Sunday afternoon singing. Brother Charlie Price is the vice president. These two, working together, with everybody co-operating as they have always done, will make our singing class grow much faster than in the past.

There will be baptizing Sunday afternoon after the singing.

A plan is now ready for operation that will pay for our tabernacle by December 20, 1932.

Sunday night we will observe the Lord's supper. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Brother Armstrong from Salt Branch will preach for us. Remember preaching Saturday night.

Everybody come to Bible School Sunday 9:45 and bring a new member. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Interesting services are had throughout the week and you are cordially invited to attend with us at any time.

Lord's day we have Bible study at 9:45 in the morning followed by a preaching service at 10:45 and that followed by the communion service which closes about 12:15 p. m. We believe that you will enjoy Brother Fred McClung in his sermons and urge that you come to hear him.

The young peoples' program is for 6:30 Lord's day evening and another sermon by Brother McClung at 7:30. Wednesday evening at 6:30 the lad-

ies meet for Bible study and following that study will be a sermon by some one of the young preachers of A. C. C. whom Brother McClung will bring with him. We have had three of these sermons lately and they have been very fine. They are worth driving miles to hear. All who have not been out on these occasions have missed quite a treat.

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