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**SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTIONARY.**

"It's a strange world, my masters." The quotation may not be correct, word for word, and we do not now recall the author, probably a dramatist of the Shakespearean time.

But the quotation from Theodore H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, New York City, which follows, is verbatim:

"I have had to do with the commodity markets nearly all my life. I used to think that they were swayed by statistics, but in my old age I have become convinced that it is sentiment or psychology that brings about a change in the public attitude toward economic questions involving an advance or decline in commodity values."

Surely the age-old and unalterable law of supply and demand has not been thrown in the discard by such an authority on economics as Theodore H. Price, a leader in the world of finance for over two decades to the writer's knowledge.

Perhaps psychology in the form of fear in the back of people's minds is responsible for the buyers' strike and the unbreakable deadlock that still holds in its vise the many idle dollars of this rich and glorious country.

It would seem that the famous economist might see some advantage after all to some of the proposals that have been branded as artificial in contradistinction to fundamental laws.

**EXPORT PERCENTAGES.**

While it is frequently asserted that we export only ten per cent of our annual production, the Texas Weekly quotes from Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, the following figures:

"In 1929, more than 54 per cent of American cotton went abroad. More than 41 per cent of American leaf tobacco went abroad. Nearly 40 per cent of American kerosene went abroad. Over 40 per cent of American typewriters went abroad. About 36 per cent of American copper went abroad. Nearly 34 per cent of American lard went abroad. About 31 per cent of American lubricating oil went abroad. About 29 per cent of American printing machinery went abroad. About 28 per cent of American sewing machines went abroad. More than 25 per cent of American farm machinery went abroad."

**WEST TEXAS' COTTON.**

As substantiating the theory that King Cotton is moving his throne steadily westward, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram says:

"The December ginning reports compiled by federal crop reporting board show that the 46 counties of West Texas in which cotton is now being grown had ginned to that date 1,343,394 bales, or one-third the total ginnings for the state. The 45 counties are but 25 per cent of the total number of cotton growing counties in the state."

**BRUCE BARTON**

(Continued from Page One.)

It was the voice of a useless blind beggar.

Jesus stopped.

"Who called my name?"

"Nobody, Master . . . only a blind beggar . . . a worthless fellow . . . Bartimeus . . . nobody at all . . . we'll tend to him," said the disciples.

"Bring him here."

Trembling with hope he was guided forward. The deep rich eyes of the Master looked into those sightless eyes. The mind which had been buried in the greatest problem with which a mind ever wrestled, gave itself unreservedly to the problem of one forlorn human life. Here was need; and he had time. . . . The man was healed.

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**Annual Meet Boy Scouts Postponed**

The annual meeting of Chisholm Trail council, Boy Scouts of America, which was scheduled for January 27, has been postponed until the middle of February, according to announcement furnished The Mail by Ed Shumway, of Abilene, scout executive. The finance meeting, originally scheduled for Stamford on Wednesday night of this week, was also postponed. "New plans are under way," said Mr. Shumway and announcement of the dates of the deferred meetings will be made later.

**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Friday, January 20, 1933.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Saturday, January 21, 1933.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causseaux, Trent, Saturday, January 21, 1933.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Howell, Tuesday, January 24, 1933.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton, Tuesday, January 24, 1933.

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H. G. Wells' "Island of Lost Souls" shows Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3, at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, with Charles Laughton, Bela Lugosi, Richard Arlen, Lelia Hyams and the "Panther Woman" (Kathleen Burke) in the leading roles.

It is a fantastic story of a scientist, Dr. Moreau, who has discovered a means of converting beasts into men. On an isolated island in the South Seas, he conducts his weird experiments, and there has created a strange race of beast-men and one woman, his masterpiece, made from a panther. How Parker, a young adventurer, wanders into the island and is indirectly responsible for ending Dr. Moreau's reign of terror, is told in the course of a tensely exciting narrative.

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# THE OTHER MAN



by RUBY M. AYRES  
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**SEVEITH INSTALLMENT.**

**SYNOPSIS:** Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, becomes engaged and marries Dennis O'Hara in the belief that their blissful happiness will continue unchanged thru all the years. On her wedding morning she awakens with a strange premonition that maybe love does change, a thought buried in her mind by a letter from her closest friend, Barbara the night before. Pauline adored Barbara who had been married, was the mother of a child which died, but now divorced and living a life which some of her friends could not understand. Between Dennis and Barbara is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Six months after Pauline's wedding, Barbara comes for a short stay. During this visit Barbara confesses to Pauline that there is a man she really loves, but she refuses to tell his name. Barbara decides suddenly to go home and Pauline insists Dennis drive her to the station. Irritated, Dennis drives recklessly, and they are in a crash. Barbara escapes injury, but Dennis' leg is broken. As he returns to consciousness he learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself. Dennis spends several weeks in the hospital. Barbara returns to stay with Pauline, but on one pretext or another fails to visit Dennis with Pauline at the hospital. Pauline plans highly for Dennis' return home. . . . Barbara stays only one day after Dennis' return from the hospital. Much against his will Dennis finds a new attraction in Barbara, who plays the same cool and detached role as formerly. A fortnight after Barbara's return to New York, she receives a letter from Pauline that she and Dennis are coming to New York for a little vacation.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

Then she laughed at herself. There was nothing in the world to prevent Barbara from going off at once, if she so wished. She was as free, and she had plenty of money, but there was nobody with whom she wished to take such a journey. But if she had been married to Dennis O'Hara—she brushed that thought quickly aside, and went hurriedly to her bath.

Jerry Barnett rang up while she was dressing. "Should have rung before," he explained, "only I thought you'd be asleep. Tired myself this morning. Awful!"

"I'm as fresh as a daisy," Barbara told him cuttingly. "And I will have to tell you it's all off for Wednesday."

"Oh, I say!" "Yes; I've got some people coming up from the country," Barbara explained coolly. "And I've got to show them around. Awful bore!"

"Who are they? Didn't know you had any country relations?" "I haven't. It's Pauline and Dennis O'Hara. They're tired of rustication and want a change."

"Well, you'll want a fourth, so what about me?" Barbara hesitated, then she laughed. "Oh, very well. You'll like Pauline, she's pretty and—innocent."

"That's another word for stupid." "You think so? Well, you must judge for yourself. They're going to stay at the Albion—deadly respectable, isn't it? I thought a little supper after a show on Wednesday night. Reserve a table somewhere, will you?"

"All right, but I shall see you tonight? We're going to the Venner's. It seems ages since last night." "All right."

She rang off, frowning. If only Jerry wouldn't be so slavish. No doubt some women would love such devotion, but she found it irritating. She thought to have married a woman like Pauline.

Barbara spent the morning at her dressmaker's. Madame Celeste had some new creations freshly arrived from Paris that morning, so she untruthfully said. She showed Barbara all her most expensive and exotic models, but Barbara would have none of them.

"I'm going to change my style," she said coolly. "Show me something simple—black or white—nothing Oriental."

"But, madame—" Celeste was the picture of grief-stricken amazement. Barbara cut her short.

"You heard what I said—something simple in black or white. If you haven't got anything I can go elsewhere."

"I suppose I'm mad—utterly mad," she told herself as she drove away. "But it's nice to be different sometimes—it's as good as a holiday," and she thought again of Dennis.

If they could have spent a holiday together! For a moment she let her imagination have full play. She and Dennis down by the sea, walking hand in hand along golden sands with the fresh breeze blowing in their faces. They would be young together, with everything else in the world forgotten. She wrenched her wandering thoughts back to sanity. Dennis did not love her and, even if he did, how soon would they grow weary of each other? No, no, it was far better as it was. Pauline was the wife for him.

Pauline was the kind of woman to make a home for such a man as Dennis. And yet it was by his choice that they were coming to town.

Why had he done it? Barbara told herself she did not know, could not guess, and yet—deep down in her heart there was a little fluttering hope that it was because he wanted to see her.

"You're a fool!" she told herself pitying again and again, and could only remember that it is better far to be a fool in Paradise than to be wise and have no Paradise at all.

Barbara made Jerry Barnett go with her to meet the O'Haras. It was a pouring wet evening, and New York looked at its worse. Barbara slipped a hand through Jerry's arm as they walked up and down the platform.

"You look very young tonight," he said. He pressed her hand close to his side. "I like you in that get-up. New, isn't it?"

"Oh, I've had it some time!" Barbara said carelessly, but she flushed and wondered what he would say if she told him it was all new and expressly bought for Dennis O'Hara.

She had not slept a wink all night; she had lain awake like an excited girl waiting for the man she loved.

"So absurd!" she scolded herself. "After all the experience I've had of men. Of course, it won't last—it's just another of my fancies." She tried to believe in her own words, but it was difficult. She had loved Dennis for a long—more than a year—and a year was a great time to Barbara. And now Dennis was

coming to New York. In another moment she would see him and read the usual almost angry disapproval in his eyes. She gave a little stifled laugh, and Jerry looked down at her.

"What's the joke? Let's share it!" "I am wondering how you will like my friends."

"Oh, all right, I expect! Storm-away likes O'Hara. I told you."

"Yes—did he say anything about Pauline?" "Only that she was young—just a kid."

"Yes." Barbara's heart contracted. She was so much older than Pauline, in experience if not in actual years. She wondered if she would have stood a better chance with Dennis if she had met him sooner—before her marriage, before she had cultivated this hard, cynical attitude toward life, to hide from the world her bitter hurt and disillusionment.

She had done it so well that everybody accepted it now as her real self—all except Pauline, that is—simple little Pauline who loved her and believed in her in spite of what other people said.

"Here comes the train," Jerry broke in upon her thoughts, and she drew her hand from his arm and hurried forward. Pauline was at the window, smiling and eager. Barbara saw Dennis lay a hand on her shoulder and heard him say: "Wait till the train stops; there is plenty of time."

Then it stopped, and Pauline opened the door and almost fell into her friend's unresponsive arms.

"How lovely to see you again. It seems years. We've brought an awful lot of luggage. I don't believe it will all go on one taxi!"

"I made Jerry bring his car," Barbara said coolly, though her pulses were racing. She introduced them, "Mr. Barnett—Mrs. O'Hara, Mr. O'Hara."

Dennis and Jerry shook hands. "It's very kind of you to have met us," said Dennis, looking at Barbara.

"Not at all. Get a porter, Jerry. I don't call this much luggage, my child," she told Pauline when it was collected.

They got into the car—Dennis in front with Jerry, and the two girls behind.

"We've got tickets for a show tonight," Barbara said; "and we've

booked a table for supper afterward." "Oh, but Dennis ought to rest," Pauline broke out agitatedly.

"Nonsense." There was a sharp note in her husband's voice. "It's not nearly so tiring sitting in a train as it is trying to drag myself about the house."

Pauline's face quivered. "Of course, if you're not tired—" she faltered. They reached the hotel.

"We'll call for you at half-past seven," Barbara said. "No, we won't come in now—you'll want to unpack. So glad you've come."

She blew Pauline a kiss and leaned back with a sigh. "Take me home, Jerry. I feel exhausted."

"You go and dress and come back for me. And don't be late," said Barbara at her door.

He was amazed, when on arriving again at the flat he found her dressed and waiting.

"Great Scott!" he whistled looking her over from head to foot. Barbara laughed. "Do you like me? No lipstick—no earrings—no nothing you've always been used to."

He drew a quick breath. "Love it's not you! But all the same—you're divine."

She swept him a mock curtsy, her eyes bright with excitement.

Jerry took her hand and, bending, kissed it.

"I'm almost afraid of you, and yet—" Suddenly he caught her to him. "Barbara—darling—"

She wrenched herself free from his passionate arms.

"Let me go—beast! Beast!" Jerry Barnett was crimson with anger.

"Anyone would think you'd never been kissed before—what the deuce is the matter? Other times you've never objected. Oh, I say, chuck it, Barbara!" for she had begun to sob, tearlessly, but with infinite pathos.

He had never seen her give way to emotion before, and he was angry and distressed. It was almost as if with her new mode of dressing she had changed her nature too. "Chuck it!" he said again, with a choke in his voice. "I didn't know. I'm awfully sorry. It's not as if I've never kissed you before, or any other man."

"I know!" She struggled in vain for composure. "I know—I'm cheap—second hand!" She laughed violently. "Don't take any notice. Get me a drink."

Jerry brought her the drink. His hand shook a little, and his eyes were ashamed, though he could not have explained why.

"Sorry!" he said hoarsely. "Beastly sorry! I'd rather have died than upset you. Awful!"

"Idiot!" She forced a smile, and drained the glass he gave her. "Forget it. It's too many late nights—my nerves are upset. I'll have to put some colour on after all, I look a sight."

She kept him waiting ten minutes,

and he avoided looking at her as they left the flat together. He was a bungler, but somewhere at the back of his slow mind he realized that he had hurt her intolerably, misunderstood her.

In the car he said: "Would you rather not go? I'll explain to O'Hara."

"My God!" Barbara said violently. "What do you take me for? If you ever breathe a word I'll never speak to you again."

They drove to the Albion in silence.

"You wait. I'll fetch them," Barbara said. She was out of the car before he could stop her. In the lounge she met Dennis.

(Continued Next Week.)

**Farm Mortgage Holiday.** Washington, Jan. 26.—A resolution urging state governors to proclaim a temporary farm mortgage moratorium was introduced in the house Monday by Representative Kleberg (Dem.), Texas. It has the backing of several democratic leaders, including Representative Bankhead (Dem.), Alabama.

**Saturday Special—Good quality bleached domestic 5c per yard at Brown's Bargain Store.**

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C. P. Stevens.

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PERSONALS

Miss Wynona Patton of Abilene is spending the week-end at home.

Mrs. O. Pruitt left Tuesday for Brownwood where she will visit her parents.

Miss Pauline Chinn has been visiting the past two weeks with her brother in Brownwood.

Mrs. J. H. Champion of Austin is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ross Baker, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irwin and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Irwin of Noodle last Thursday.

Mrs. Earl Beech of Henderson, is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, here.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas returned last Saturday from Stanton where she had been visiting her eldest son, W. A. Douglas.

Mrs. W. H. Laney, who was in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium for a minor operation last week, returned home Friday.

Mrs. B. E. Dalton, who, accompanied by her husband, went to Fort Worth for an operation, is reported as recovering normally.

Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Iva Bragg drove over to Brownwood to take Miss Elizabeth Harkrider home. They will visit with Mrs. Roy Largent.

Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and little daughter, Janice Lee, of Loraine, paid a visit to Merkel friends Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Hamilton driving down after banking hours for them.

Miss Dota Garoutte attended the annual convocation of the missionary district of North Texas of the Protestant Episcopal church, U. S. A., in Abilene Sunday and Monday.

Deputy Sheriff Howard Lake of McLennan county, who came to Abilene on official duty last week-end, spent Sunday with his brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs and family have removed to Abilene where they are domiciled at 881 Beech street. Merkel regrets to lose this good family but rejoices that they are moving no farther away.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart and little son, R. A., Jr., of Lamesa were the guests last Sunday of Mrs. Stuart's sisters, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Harry L. McCandless, and father, T. H. Christopher.

Misses Maimie and Velma Walker Tuesday for Paris to visit for the week with relatives. They accompanied on their return by mother, who went to East Texas a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Handel, the latter formerly Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent, were week-end guests of Mrs. Handel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, at Trent, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John West, here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed of Abilene, Mr. Douglas representing the Union Ridge board of trustees at the annual meeting in the high school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis and child, Fort Worth returned home Tuesday after visiting in the home of Mr. Davis' sister-in-law, Mrs. Taylor Davis. Mr. Davis is a former resident of Merkel.

News from Mrs. W. F. Armstrong, who underwent an operation recently at the Baptist sanitarium in Fort Worth, is that she is recuperating nicely and will be able to return home within the week.

Her daughter, Mary Joe, who has been visiting her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong here, will leave for Fort Worth the last of the week.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Loring Hamblet, who until the first of the year, had been operating the Sinclair station in the Lowe building, will be manager of the filling station to be opened Saturday by the Exchange Liberty Oil company of Albany in the corner building just east of his old location. Loring says that he will carry a small stock of accessories.

Perry Brothers, who have just opened a shoe shop in the Dunning drug store location on Front street, are offering a prize of a pair of half soles and a pair of rubber heels for the one who suggests that best name for their shoe shop. Suggestions must be received on or before Saturday, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McCormick attended the funeral of Mr. McCormick's brother-in-law, W. A. Ballard, at Eden, on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Ballard was a pioneer citizen of Eden and had been an active member of the Baptist church all his life.

A young negro boy, who confessed to theft of a purse containing \$7 from a negro house on the Joe Winters place, was turned over by City Marshal P. P. Dickinson to Jones county officers Tuesday. The Merkel officer picked the boy up here after being notified of the theft and succeeded in getting the confession.

The Croft and Conner well on the W. D. Swann place, which was at first thought a dry hole, was given an acid treatment the first of the week and swabbed about 5 barrels per hour. It may yet be a small producer.

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Zane Grey Story Shows at Queen

This week's attraction at the Queen theatre is the screen version of one of Zane Grey's most popular books, "Heritage of the Desert." Showing tonight and Saturday. "Heritage of the Desert" is one of the many thrilling stories of the West, but written only as Zane Grey could write it. The picture stars Randolph Scott, a newcomer, with Sally Blane and J. Farrell McDonald. The program also includes one of the thrilling chapters of the "Jungle Mystery" and Betty Boop in "Ups and Downs."

Coming to the Queen next week on Friday and Saturday is one of the screen's most sensational stories, "I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang," starring Paul Muni with Glenda Farrell (the drunk woman of "Life Begins"). Noel Francis (beautiful princess of "My Pal, the King") and Helen Vinson.

The story, which was authored by Robert E. Burns, who was recently recaptured by the chain gang police, shows men driven to desperation by the tortures of the whipping post, poor food, excessive labors in broiling heat and other cruelties. Paul Muni, as the fugitive, makes a sensational escape and crosses into another state. After years of struggling, he makes good under an assumed name, but a woman who discovers his past, betrays him. He is returned to the chain gang only to escape again in one of the most breath-taking episodes of the current season.

There is no more touching figure than this fugitive, a man yearning for love and home, an ex-service man skulking from place to place, not daring to show his face, unable to marry the girl he loves devotedly. Truly, a man without a country. He is vividly and dramatically portrayed by Paul Muni, who left the New York stage success "Councillor At Law" to make "I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang" for Warner Bros.

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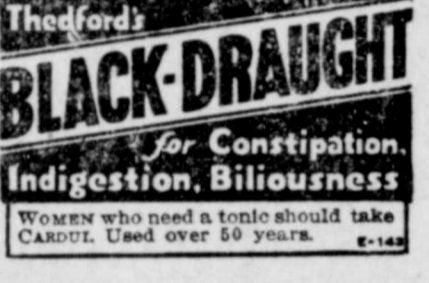
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**TEAFF-JOWERS.**  
A wedding of wide interest was solemnized Saturday in Stamford when Miss Edna Jowers became the bride of N. J. Teaff in a simple ceremony at the First Baptist church. The Rev. Sam Morris officiating.

The ceremony was read at high noon in the presence of only intimate friends. Miss Lillian Jowers, sister, attended the bride and Jack Hays of Merkel was best man for Mr. Teaff. Miss Edna Jowers is the very charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jowers of Tye. She has a host of friends in Merkel who have sincerest best wishes for her happiness. She looked especially lovely in her marriage ensemble of blue crepe with harmonizing accessories.

Nim Teaff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Teaff, pioneer residents of Taylor county. He is much liked for his traits of sterling character, popular in all religious and social activities; he is associated with his father in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Teaff are spending their honeymoon in points in North Texas and Oklahoma.

**LUNCHEON.**

Mesdames W. J. Largent and Tom Largent paid their luncheon obligations in a most delightful affair Tuesday in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent. The approaching Valentine season was used as a pretty motif in table and game accessories.

A most delicious four course turkey menu was served at the noon hour while the afternoon hours were pleasantly spent in games of "42" and auction bridge.

Guests invited to this enjoyable affair were: Mesdames Rufus Grisham, L. B. Scott and Luke Huddleston, all of Abilene, Ann Brown, W. S. J. Brown, C. B. Gardner, Earl Lassiter, Charlie Jones, A. R. Booth, S. D. Gamble, Ross Ferrier, Booth Warren, F. C. McFarland, Dee Grimes, Ted Nichols and Miss Mary Eula Sears and the two hostesses.

**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Miss Fannie Belle Boaz was hostess for a birthday dinner complimenting Sis Boaz, Paul Collins and Gerald Derrick.

After the delectable dinner the guests drove to the Chaney ranch for an afternoon of kodaking.

The following enjoyed this happy occasion: Misses Sis Boaz, Margaret Canon, Mary Collins, Ida Derstine, Wanda Hunter and the hostess, Messrs. Gerald Derrick, Paul Collins, Spencer Bird, Elmer Adcock, Marshall Stalls and B. P. Middleton.

**LEAGUE SOCIAL.**

Miss Margaret Turner was hostess to members of the Senior Epworth league at a social Saturday evening at the Methodist church.

A number of interesting games were played after partners had been selected in a unique way. The guests were divided into groups and each group presented a stunt.

Delicious pie and hot coffee were served to: Misses Addie Fae Patterson, Frances Marie Church, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Beesylea Church, Imogene Middleton, Wanda Hunter, Fay Finckley, Lois Whiteley, Marcella Pinckley, Margaret Turner and Messrs. Terrell Mashburn, Paul Collins, Roy Patterson, Johnny Kelly, Harold King, Elmo Collins, Vernon Hudson, B. P. Middleton, Albert Cade and Rev. E. L. Yeats.

**PHILATHEA CLASS ENTERTAINED.**

Members of the Philathea Sunday School class of the Methodist church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Sheppard Tuesday night. The devotional was led by Mrs. Claude Dye. Spirited games followed, at the culmination of which a most delicious refreshment plate, consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, olives, angel food cake and punch was served to: Mesdames Claude Dye, Johnny Dunn, Milton Case, Floyd Newberry, Cecil Guthrie, Denzel Cox, Earl Beetz, Juanita Dowell, Wilbur Thomas, Vel-

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**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

On the afternoon of January 12, Mrs. Browning Graham invited a number of little folks in to help her son, Joe Earl Kimbrough, celebrate his seventh birthday. Games were played on the lawn until 5 o'clock when Miss Nell Swann invited the little guests into the dining room where the gifts were opened and admired. The table was pretty with a color theme of pink and green. Strawberry ice cream, topped with mint whipped cream and cherries, was served with the birthday cake, a large three-tiered cake topped with seven green candles, and packages of treasure hunt candy were served as plate favors to Joe Earl Kimbrough, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Jerry Warren, Robert Jr. Grimes, Dorothy Nell Greene, Betty Joe Moore, Mary Joe Hutchins, Evelyn Sears, George Mack Owens, Johnny McDonald, Lon McDonald, Foy Westenhover, Betty Joe Hassey, Don Wood, Billie Wood, Dorothy Nell Lee and Robert Jr. Lee.

**ANNIVERSARY DINNER.**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in the home of Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Young, last Sunday. A delectable chicken dinner was served to Mrs. Kathleen Wright, Miss Elizabeth Clark, Orville Sudderth, all from Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Browning Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Young.

**DESTINE-VICK.**

On Saturday, Jan. 14, Miss Opal Vick became the bride of Mr. W. J. Derstine. The ceremony took place at the Methodist parsonage at Anson with the Methodist pastor officiating.

Mrs. Derstine is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Vick and was a student of Merkel High school.

W. J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Derstine. He also attended Merkel High and was a member of the Badger team for two years.

A host of friends wish this young couple all success and happiness throughout their married life.

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**CHURCHES**

**Presbyterians to Begin Revival Next Monday**

Revival services to be conducted by Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Winters and Tuscola, will begin Monday evening at the Grace Presbyterian church here. The hour for the first service is 7:15 p. m. Rev. Mr. Joiner is one of the most able evangelistic leaders in West Texas, having held several meetings here at the Presbyterian church and having also conducted the union revival here a year or two ago.

The services will continue each night throughout the week, announcement to be made at the Monday night service as to the hour of the day service.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance so far in the New Year has been fine! Let's keep it up.

Prayer service at 11 a. m. but the evening service will be given over to a continuance of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Christian Endeavor.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

A still further increase in Sunday School was noted when the total for last Sunday was tabulated from the five reporting Sunday Schools, showing an attendance of 775. On the previous Sunday there were 738 present.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Brother C. R. Joyner, pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. and B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. The midweek prayer service meets at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

Please, all officers and teachers, meet our superintendent and pastor in the T. E. L. class room at 9:45. You are urged to be on time. —Reporter.

**BAPTIST W. M. U.**

W. M. U. met Monday afternoon at

**Christian Endeavor in Fifth Sunday Program**

Members of the local Christian Endeavor will be hosts for the Fifth Sunday meeting of the district at the Presbyterian church here next Sunday.

A splendid program, beginning at 3 o'clock, has been arranged. A group from Abilene will come by automobile for the meeting.

The evening service at the Presbyterian church will give way to the closing program of the Endeavor convention.

2 o'clock in their regular monthly study hour. Mrs. Causseaux taught the first chapter of our study book, "Great Joy," which proved very interesting and brought to us many customs of the foreign countries.

Next Monday is social day. An interesting program is being planned by our social chairman, Mrs. O. R. Dye. Every lady of the church is invited to be present and bring some one with you.

The W. M. U. of the Sweetwater association will meet here Feb. 2. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock and a program will follow.

**SENIOR B. Y. P. U.**

Subject: "Southern Baptists Need Jesus."

Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. "Southern Baptists need Jesus in personal living," Carrie Coffey. "Southern Baptists need Jesus in

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their churches," Maxie Banner. "Southern Baptists need Jesus in their world-wide missionary program," Ida Derstine.

**INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.**

Program:  
First part, Joe Earl Lassiter.  
Second part, Margaret Miller.  
Third part, Helen Joyner.  
Fourth part, Vivian Davis.  
Fifth part, Murphy Dye.  
Sixth part, Horace Boney.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Last Sunday night a full report of the work done for the year was read and adopted. On account of unavoidable interference, we did not have the song, "Romish Lady," as announced, but we will have it next Sunday night.

Rev. Johnny Lovell, pastor of Trinity Baptist, Abilene, preached to a full house in our tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Brother Lovell

is doing a work in his church that is surpassed by no one; the growth of his church is indeed phenomenal.

Our church has received into membership in the last 12 months about 140, received for baptism 54, received by letter 86. Everybody be present for Bible School promptly at 10:15 Sunday morning.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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BACON, dry salt, strictly No. 1, per lb.	7c
COMPOUND, 8 pounds	47c
CABBAGE, nice firm heads, per pound	2c
DRIED FRUITS, all kinds, 2 pounds	21c
FLOUR, Morning Call, 48 pound sack	67c
SYRUP, Cane Crush, gal. size	59c
MARSHMALLOWS, 1 pound package	19c
RICE, fancy whole grain, 4 lb. pkg.	21c
SALMONS, 2 cans for	19c
ONION SETS, white or yellow, per gal	35c
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SALT, Texaco, 5 pound package	11c
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