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TEXAS COTTON FARMERS RALLY TO PLAN

INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT: COST IS LESS

Gain of 73 in Enrollment of Merkel Public Schools over Last Year; Cost Per Pupil \$8.90 Less Than Last Year.

The annual report for the Merkel Public schools has just been made by Supt. Burgess and accepted by the state department of education. Some of these items should interest the public. The report shows an increase of enrollment from 660 last year to 733 this year. Last year's average daily attendance was 495 as compared to 521 this year. Number of graduates increased from 29 to 33. Number of volumes in library increased from 2402 to 2608. Number of pupils from other districts increased from 40 to 53.

COSTS DECREASE.

The report shows the average teacher's salary has decreased from \$747 to \$651 this year. In 1930-31 this was \$863.07 per year. This average annual salary of \$651 means a monthly salary of \$54.25 based upon a twelve month basis. Teaching costs per year per pupil have come down. The report shows that it costs \$32.64 per year to teach one pupil. This means an average of \$3.63 per pupil per month so far as teaching costs go. The per pupil cost in Grammar school was \$25.57 per year; in High school, \$35.76; entire school, \$32.64. Compared with former years, this shows a marked decrease. The cost in 1930-31 was \$49.80 per year. The cost in 1929-30 was \$52.64 this year. This shows a decrease of \$17.16 per pupil or about 34 per cent; a decrease of about one-third in cost per pupil. Last year the per pupil cost was \$41.54, which was \$8.90 more per pupil than this year.

At some future date it is hoped to make comparison between Merkel's cost per pupil and that of surrounding rural districts, Supt. Burgess said.

World's Cotton Consumption Up

New York, N. Y., June 29.—World consumption of American cotton in May, totaling 1,284,000 bales, was the largest for any month since October, 1929, says the New York cotton exchange service, and was the third largest May aggregate on record, being surpassed in 1927 and 1929 with 1,434,000 and 1,339,000 bales respectively. April consumption was 1,110,000 bales.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 27, 1913.)

Mrs. Austin Fitts and daughter, Mrs. M. L. Henck, of California were in Abilene Tuesday visiting.

Grandma Leeman of Pecos came in Wednesday night to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Templeton.

W. H. Gilliam left Wednesday for Fannin county to visit friends and look after business matters.

Arthur Wiman came in Monday from El Paso to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman.

R. E. Counts, dealer in real estate, was in Abilene Tuesday looking after business.

Misses Clara Moore and Esther Williams returned Sunday from a visit with the former's cousin, Mrs. Belle Kunze of Fort Worth.

J. L. Harris is in Cisco this week on business.

Miss Agnes Hall returned Saturday from an extended visit at Kosse, Waco and Dallas.

Messrs. Emmett and Ennis Grimes left Saturday evening for Vernon where they will spend the summer.

40,000 EXPECTED AT ANNUAL TEXAS COWBOY REUNION

Stamford, June 29.—With the opening of the Fourth Annual Texas Cowboy Reunion still three days off, visitors already are drifting into Stamford in readiness for the celebration which opens Monday, July 3, to continue through the 4th and 5th. Reunion officials are predicting a total attendance of 40,000 this year, an increase of 10,000 over last year's record crowd.

From a small beginning in 1930, the Texas Cowboy Reunion has grown in three years into a celebration which attracts attention throughout the southwest and draws interested visitors from the North and East.

Each city and town has been invited to send a young lady as sponsor, and more than thirty towns have responded. The girls will ride in the big parade and must furnish their own mounts. The sponsor having the best outfit, and showing the best horsemanship will receive a pair of kid riding boots. Second and third prizes will each be a pair of silver-mounted spurs. The sponsors will be honored with a ball on the night of July 3.

Miss Sis Boaz, Merkel's sponsor, has selected D. O. Huddleston of Abilene as her escort. D. O. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Huddleston, who formerly lived here. He is a student at the University of Texas.

Plan Huge Fireworks Display at Carlsbad

Carlsbad, N. M., June 29.—The \$500 night fireworks free display at Carlsbad bathing beach on the evening of July Fourth will be an added attraction to the expected 1,000 visitors to Carlsbad Caverns on Independence day. The display each year is set off from the east bank of the Pecos river to produce beautiful reflections in the bluish green waters of the mineral water bathing beach.

Water sports, fishing and boating, golf and tennis, movies and perhaps baseball games will furnish the celebration program on the Fourth, in addition to exploring America's Carlsbad Caverns.

Sees Continued Advance in Crude

New York, N. Y., June 29.—Increases in crude oil prices are likely to continue until mid-continent crude sells at approximately \$2 a barrel, T. S. Hose, petroleum engineer, forecast Monday.

The depression in the oil industry is definitely ended, Hose declared, and an additional advance of 25 cents a barrel in crude prices should be posted within the next 60 days.

Homer Jobe of Rule was here Sunday visiting relatives and friends. He departed on the noon train.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, June 18th, Mrs. Geo. L. Miller entertained at her home on Elm St. in honor of her guest, Miss Roxie Mount, of Jackson, Tenn.

Promptly at 3 o'clock Daniels Mitchell car was called into service to transfer the guests to this lovely home where they were received by the queenly young hostess, who presented her charming honoree, Miss Mount wearing a beautiful gown of blue brocaded satin entrain with pink rosebud trimmings. Mrs. Miller wore shadow lace over yellow satin with cut velvet trimmings. Delicious punch was served in the hall after which "42" was played at five tables. Mrs. J. W. Daniels winning top score, a beautiful hand-painted plate which in her own graceful way she presented to the honoree with her best wishes. Mrs. John C. Hamm was consoled with a lovely blue feather Parisian fan. At six o'clock pink and white brick cream and angel food cake were served to about twenty-five guests. Mrs. Daniels assisted the hostess in serving.

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Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fuqua, residing south of Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, June 28, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown, Tuesday, June 27, 1933.

MR. COTTON-GROWER

THERE IS A 13 MILLION BALE SURPLUS

REDUCE CROP NOW TO PREVENT TROUBLE LATER



IT'S UP TO YOU!

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Bids for construction of a new post-office at Breckenridge at a cost not to exceed \$127,350, will be opened on July 24 by the treasury department.

Mrs. Paul Fess, 20, was killed when struck by a falling dead limb while fishing on the Sabine river near Carthage.

Jesse Covington of Lubbock, serving an eight-year term for murder, died in the prison hospital at Huntsville after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

James Shaw, who has been state banking commissioner since September 1, 1927, has been appointed Texas director for the home owners land corporation.

A tooth and leg bone of pre-historic animals that lived during the ice age have been dug from a gravel pit on the banks of the San Gabriel river near Georgetown.

Rev. J. H. Burma, president of Trinity university at Waxahachie, has accepted the pastorate of Central Presbyterian church at Sherman and will assume his duties September 1.

A Texas man, J. L. Mapes of the Beaumont Enterprise and Journal, was elected president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers association at its annual meeting in Chattanooga.

Clark W. Thompson, young Galveston business man and democrat, has been elected congressman from the seventh Texas district to fill the unexpired term of the late Clay Stone Briggs.

Dollar wheat made its appearance on the Fort Worth grain market Monday for the first time in three years when ten cars sold for Texas gulf port and common point delivery at \$1.00 1-2 per bushel.

Roland Gray, Jr., 7, and Vernon Claude Pattison, 15, were killed and three other boys shocked badly when lightning struck an outhouse in which they had sought refuge from rain near Pattison.

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LOCALS TAKE PAIR FROM ABILENE NINE BUT LOSE TO NUBIA

After taking an all-tar nine from Abilene for a ride in the opening game, 9 to 4, the local team under the management of Ross Ferrier duplicated the feat and took the second game, 6 to 5.

Wilson pitched five-hit ball in the first game, retiring the side in order six of the stanzas pitched.

After Abilene had knotted the count at five-all in their half of the seventh of the nightcap, Merkel came back when Morris, pitching for Merkel, singled to right scoring Wilson for the winning run.

This made a total of 10 victories and two losses for the local club. The score:

	R	H	E
Abilene	4	5	4
Merkel	9	9	6

	R	H	E
Abilene	5	8	4
Merkel	6	10	4

Batteries—Powers and Walter; Morris and Blair.

NUBIA ELEVEN, MERKEL EIGHT.

Ross Ferrier, Merkel's big pitcher, who let only one run in in the first three innings of the game with Nubia Wednesday, lost the contest by an 11-8 score. The backing of both teams was poor. Obe Patterson, manager of the Nubia nine, brought in three runs with a long fly over left field. A return game with Nubia is scheduled for next week.

Roquet Tournament On Fourth of July

The Merkel Roquet club will have an all-day and all-night tournament on their courts in South Merkel on next Tuesday, July 4 and a general invitation has been extended to towns in this territory to participate.

Towns expected to send representatives are: Mansfield, Cleburne, Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, Graham, Breckenridge, Caddo, Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Baird, Abilene, Lawn, San Angelo, Big Spring, Tahoka, Post City, Spur, Lorraine, Wellington, Roby, Hamlin, Sylvester, Hobbs, Roscoe, Snyder, Hermleigh and Stephenville.

Local lovers of the sport are invited to witness the games and a general good time is promised.

PROPOSAL TO CUT ACREAGE IS FAVORED

Estimated 95 Per Cent of Growers in This Community Will Sign; 38 Contracts Embracing 1,478 Acres Signed One Day.

College Station, June 29.—H. H. Williamson, vice director of the Texas Extension service, said Wednesday that midweek reports on the government's cotton reduction campaign from more than 200 counties in the state indicated great enthusiasm on the part of farmers for less cotton at better prices.

"Local and county committees are swinging into the work vigorously," Williamson said, and reported that in the main the farmer's estimate of his probable crop reduction is fair and shows a typical desire on his part to deal conservatively with his government.

No figures on actual acreage reduction are being released from state headquarters throughout the South, but are being tabulated in Washington.

NEARLY UNANIMOUS.

Following a meeting attended by a large number of farmers and business men held Tuesday night at the tabernacle here, the work of signing contracts in the acreage reduction campaign in this local division of the county began Wednesday.

Thirty-eight contracts embracing the surrender of 1,478 acres were completed the first day Wednesday and chairman D. I. Shelton stated that five helpers would be available in assisting the farmers prepare their contracts beginning Thursday. The two local banks are the center of activity, blanks desk and office space and workers being on duty during the entire day. Other members on the local community committee assisting Mr. Shelton are Lee Tipton and R. H. Matthews, Sr.

Principal speaker at Tuesday night's meeting here was C. O. Moser, vice president of the American Cotton Co-operative association and representative of the West Texas Cotton Growers association. He outlined the plan of the cotton acreage reduction campaign and pointed out what it was (Continued on Page Two.)

BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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

NO SUCCESS WITHOUT SINCERITY.

Sincerity glistened like sunshine through every sentence Jesus uttered; sincerity is the third essential. Many wealthy men have purchased newspapers with the idea of advancing their personal fortunes, or bringing about some political action in which they have a private interest. Such newspapers almost invariably fail. No matter how much money is spent on them, no matter how zealously the secret of their ownership is guarded, the readers are conscious that something is wrong. They feel that the voice of the editor is not his own. The public has a sixth sense for detecting insincerity; they know instinctively when words ring true.

It was the way Jesus looked at men, and the life he led among them that gave his words transforming power. What he was and what he said were one and the same thing. Nobody could stand at his side for even a minute without being persuaded that here was a man who loved people and considered even the humblest of them worthy of the best he had to give.

There is no superstition more deadening to a writer than the idea that he can "write down" to his readers. No man was ever big enough to build an enduring success on the basis of insincerity; but many comparatively small men, like Peter the Hermit or Billy Sunday, fired with conviction, have been able to create and sustain a very considerable influence.

Jesus was notably tolerant of almost all kinds of sinners. He liked the companionship of the rough and ready folk who were entirely outside the churches; he was tender toward unfortunate women; he had a special fondness for James and John whose ungovernable tempers had given them the title of "Sons of Thunder;" he forgave the weakness of Peter who denied him; and was not resentful at the unbelief of his near relatives and his native town.

But for one sin he had no mercy. He denounced the insincerity of the Pharisees in phrases which sting like the lash of a whip. They thought they had a first mortgage on the Kingdom of Heaven and he told them scornfully that only those who become like little children have any chance of entering in.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else \$2.00
(In Advance)
Advertising Rates On Application.

All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1c per word.

BRUCE BARTON

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Little children know no pretense. They are startlingly frank. They look at the world through clear eyes and say only what they think. No writer, no orator, or salesman exercises any large dominion in the world unless he can humble himself and partake of their nature.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal," wrote Saint Paul.

Much brass has been sounded and many cymbals tinkled in the name of advertising; but the advertisements which persuade people to act are written by men who have an abiding respect for the intelligence of their readers, and a deep sincerity regarding the merits of the goods they have to sell.

Next Week: To Be Understood.

Pro and Wet Tickets

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presided as temporary chairman and who was the keynoter.

The repealists adopted a resolution pledging "our allegiance in the state and national platforms on this great issue." The resolution stated that "prohibition was foisted upon us while millions of our soldiers were in France and foreign lands."

The prohibitionists adopted a resolution stating that the eighteenth amendment was adopted after nearly 100 years of struggle by the largest legislative and congressional majority ever given an amendment and marked "the most advanced step in the field of moral, economic and constructive legislation that modern statesmanship has ever evolved."

As delegates representing the 24th senatorial district, the dries named Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university, Abilene, and alternate, Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, Abilene.

Milburn McCarty of Eastland and Dick McCarty of Albany were named by he wets as delegate and alternate, by the wets as delegates and alternate, respectively, from this district.

Favor Reduction Plan

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hoped to accomplish by taking cotton acreage out of production.

The response in this city and in other localities throughout the county is so nearly unanimous that only in rare instances are farmers refusing to sign. It is estimated that in this division of the county the response may be as high as 95 per cent.

Tabulation of cotton acreage in Taylor county contracted for retirement under the federal plan began at the Chamber of Commerce in Abilene Thursday morning. The area to be abandoned in Taylor county is estimated from 23,500 to 53,600 acres.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Fri.-Sat.

Richard Barthelmess

CENTRAL

AIRPORT

Here is another picture packed with thrills they said couldn't be made.

Sun.-Mon.

Edward G. Robinson

LITTLE GIANT

He traded his beer fleet for a string of polo ponies and the fun started.

Tues.-Wed.

Bert Wheeler - Robt. Woolsey
in

HOLD 'EM JAIL

Here's another scream by that nutty pair.

Flames Wipe Out
The Woodrum Hotel

One of the most destructive fires in Merkel in many years Sunday night wiped out the Woodrum hotel, long a landmark here and favorably known by traveling men throughout this section for the reputation of its dining room where real home cooking was to be found.

The two story structure was in flames when the first fire signal was given shortly after one o'clock Monday morning and it was burned to the ground, an entire loss, both building and contents being devoured by the flames. The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

At one time occupied by Dr. Leeman as a residence, it was later known as the Walker cottage, having been used as a hotel for the past thirty years. Nineteen years ago it became the Woodrum hotel, being operated first by the late Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, who died about six years ago. Since that time her two daughters, Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, had continued the operation of the hotel.

Members of the family, Mrs. Ada Heeter and daughter, Helen, Misses Sadie Woodrum and Missie Dye, and Frank Woodrum were visiting in Fort Worth at the time of the fire and Harry Woodrum was the only one at home, the editor of The Mail, who lived there, being also out of town.

Plans to rebuild at an early rate are being worked out.

Missie's Floral Shop, formerly located at the Woodrum hotel, will continue in business, the new location being at the Lige Gamble cottage, it is announced.

Supt. and Mrs. Burgess left Monday for Pontiac, Mich., where they will take delivery on a new car. They are purchasing this car f. o. b. the factory and using the freight charges to get a trip. They will drive back via Chicago where they will attend the summer meeting of the National education association from July 1 to 7 and see the Century of Progress.

Supt. Burgess will be absent from his office for about two weeks, returning about July 10.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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Merkel Drug Co., Merkel, Texas
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Will Present Play
"Slabtown Mizzury"

The Hamby club women will present the play, "Slabtown Mizzury," at the Stith tabernacle Friday night, July 7. Admission price 10c for all. Part of the proceeds will go to the Stith club and will be used to send a delegate to the short course.

If you enjoy real comedy, don't miss this play.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas, III.
We are glad to report that Mrs. M. A. Douglas is now on the road to recovery from her recent illness. Relatives from other communities, who were called to her bedside, were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas from Stanton, Mrs. V. P. Sibley from Arlington, J. A. Douglas from Sidney, Mrs. O. E. Skidmore of Golan and Mrs. I. N. Irwin from Noodle.

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CORN, No. 2 cans, sweet, 3 for 25c
RAISINS 2 lb. pkg. 10c
GRAPE JUICE, pints, each 17c
MARSHMALLOWS, per pkg. 9c
RICE, 12 Per Cent Comet, pkg. 5c
SPUDS No. 1, new 19c
10 lbs. . .
LETTUCE, nice firm heads, 4c
TOMATOES, fresh pinks, lb. 5c
LEMONS, PER DOZEN . 15c
Fruit Jars Mason dozen . 75c
CANS, 100 N. 2 \$2.60
SYRUP, Steamboat, per pail 43c
VINEGAR, bulk, per gal. 25c
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since the history-making event which we so patriotically celebrate on the Fourth of July.
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This bank will observe July 4 as a Legal Holiday.
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Performance Counts—Firestone Gum-Dipped Tires hold all world records, on road and track, for Safety—Speed—Mileage—and Endurance.
Don't risk your life or the lives of others on your Holiday trip.
We'll give you a liberal trade-in allowance on your old dangerous tires, in exchange for Firestone High Speed Tires—the Safest Tires in the World. Tire prices must go up. Take advantage of today's low prices.



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Ford Chevrolet 4.50-21 \$6.39
Nash Plymouth 4.75-19 6.85
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Buick Chevrolet 4.50-21 \$5.60
Ford Plymouth 4.75-19 6.05
Nash Studebaker 5.00-20 6.75
Ford Chevrolet 4.50-21 \$8.20
Nash Plymouth 4.75-19 8.20
Studebaker Auburn 5.00-20 9.20

Firestone OLDFIELD TYPE
Ford Chevrolet 4.50-21 \$7.25
Nash Plymouth 4.75-19 6.05
Nash Studebaker 5.00-20 8.15

Firestone SENTINEL TYPE
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Nash Essex 5.00-20 6.07
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AWAKENED WOMAN

by ELLIOTT CLAWSON

THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT.
Synopsis: Joyce Ashton, poor stenographer, suffered loss of memory in a skidding taxicab accident in Chicago. One morning two years later she woke, after a fall from her horse, her memory restored, to find herself as Frills, the wife of Neil Packard, rich California fruit packer. She determined to tell nobody of her predicament but set about learning what she could of her life in the interval. From the conversation of her friends and letters in her desk she gathered that she had been a heartless, pleasure-loving young woman. One letter that troubled her was from a woman signing herself Sophie, blaming Frills for not giving a home to a baby Sophie was caring for. Could it be her baby, Frills wondered! She also found herself involved in an affair with a man named Maitland. In San Francisco, where she went while her husband was away on business, she met Robert Ainsworth, a poet whose work she had always admired. When Joyce returned home, she decided to be pleasanter to Neil than Frills had been. But this line was dangerous, too, for Neil was pathetically anxious to win back Frills' love.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Far in the hills Joyce had found a little group of pines on the edge of a towering redwood grove. When she lay down on her back in the warm sunshine and looked up through the pines at the blue sky, she felt as if she were floating in space.

She lay thinking of Neil, and with a little thrill of satisfaction she decided that he showed no evidence of missing the old Frills.

She had now met practically every one who moved in their circle in Manzanita and had found out enough of their history and circumstances so that she could get by safely in most cases. She had not yet met Joyce, but she was sure she would meet her. She was sure she would meet her. She was sure she would meet her.

First, as to Neil. She had made a number of enlightening and cheering discoveries concerning him. He was devoted to golf but did not care for dancing; he liked liquor but never drank to excess, and he disliked risqué stories more than most of his acquaintances guessed. He believed in taking one's part in the life of the community but he would have been happy to stay at home four evenings out of a week to enjoy the quiet pleasures of private life.

On her return from San Francisco she had once more been forced to face the problem of her relations with Maitland. He had telephoned and called several times the first day while she was out, and on the second morning, just as she was ready for a ride on Rosita, he had appeared and caught her. Joyce let her thoughts dwell dreamily for a moment on Maitland and instinctively she found herself comparing him with scorn to two men—Robert Ainsworth and Neil Packard. Measured by Ainsworth's standards, Maitland had no chance at all—it was almost unfair even to compare them.

Maitland had once or twice attempted to reopen the subject of their love, but Joyce had continued to treat him with such unmistakable coldness that he was baffled and finally let her alone.

In her thoughts she now came back, with a quickening of her pulses, to the problem of her relation with Neil. They had gone out together the evening before and cooked a camp supper

high up on a hillside overlooking the valley. They lingered until it was dark, watching the stars creep out into their places, Joyce, hugging her knees, sat and breathed in the peace and quiet, while Neil stretched out close to her, smoking a pipe and playing gently with Dickie's ear.

Suddenly Neil had rolled over toward Joyce, and, putting his arms around her waist, laid his head on her lap. Joyce leaned back resting her weight on her hands behind her and did not touch him. She had lately avoided every slightest demonstration of affection toward him, for she had come to the disconcerting conclusion more than once that Neil was finding it harder and harder to keep his feelings in check.

She could not help realizing that it was both unwise and unkind for her to slip her hand in his, to smooth back his hair, to lean against him when they sat together, to do any one of the dozens of little caressing things which she found herself, in her liking and pity for him, involuntarily and quite innocently inclined to do.

The slightest motion of this sort sent a flame of hope leaping into Neil's eyes.

How long could this go on? It was becoming more and more difficult for them both. Joyce trembled a little to recall the tenseness with which Neil had finally released his hold on her the previous evening.

Joyce had been curious to see Joyce Abbott, the one woman Neil seemed to like, and the meeting with her had come two days after her conversation with Ethel about the dinner for Rhoda Maitland. It was nearly five o'clock and Joyce, dressed in riding clothes, was waiting for Neil to come home and take a ride with her before dinner.

She had just left the mirror in the living-room when she heard a motor and looking out saw a small, shiny black roadster drive up to the door.

The girl who got out was dressed in white linen with a white felt sport hat

and white buckskin oxfords. She was certainly rather pretty, with her big blue eyes and small neat features. Joyce wondered who she was and nerved herself to the ordeal of meeting another stranger who was not a stranger.

"Sorry to bother you, Frills, but I'm out on business this afternoon," began the girl, smiling in a half-apologetic, half-defiant fashion, "and your name is on the list I had given me to call on. We want to raise a lot more money this year for the Orphans' Vacation Camp up in the Sierras and so the committee is planning a big fair and entertainment. We want to find out what you'll do for it. Will you enter the horse show and take on one of the acts in the evening?"

Joyce listened to this appeal with mixed emotions.

"Of course, I'm . . . I'm interested in it," began Joyce slowly, feeling her way and smiling pleasantly as she spoke, "but I'm not riding any more in shows and I'd rather not take part in any entertainment, but I'm . . . I'd like to help in any other way?"

Her acquiescence was received with gratefully effusive thanks. The girl then rose, hesitated for a moment and said, with a little wistful air which Joyce felt instinctively was not wholly genuine. "I wish we might be friends. I do so like to be friends with every one. If there's anything I can do . . . I'm so sorry."

Who was this girl anyhow? wondered Joyce, slightly exasperated by her meek manner. There had evidently been some unpleasantness between Frills and her. But before she had to speak she was saved by the arrival of Neil.

"Well, look who's here! Hello, Joyce, how are you?" he exclaimed, shaking hands cordially with her. Joyce Abbott, of course!

"Well, why not sit down? What's your hurry?" went on Neil in his

heartiest manner, "what do you know? How's the new car working?"

"Oh, it's just fine! but I must run along now. I just came to ask Frills if she'd help on the affair for the Orphans' Vacation Camp. Good-bye and thanks ever so much."

"Good-bye," said Joyce. She spoke shortly, more because she could not think of anything to say than because she wished to be disagreeable. Neil accompanied the caller out to her roadster. Joyce, watching surreptitiously, was again amused to see the interest with which Neil listened and the appealing little glances Joyce Abbott threw at him from her expressive blue eyes.

"I've got her number," thought Joyce, "she's the ultrafeminine sort who clings and makes the men feel big and strong and masculine."

Thinking over the past month, Joyce was conscious of a baffled feeling of dissatisfaction when it came to her knowledge of Frills' own past.

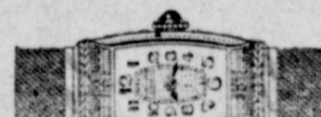
In another direction also Joyce felt herself checked. She was no nearer accomplishing her purpose of getting back her baby than she had been when she received the first letter from Sophie. A second letter had arrived that morning—exasperatingly vague, very short and again minus an address. Joyce tormented herself trying to solve the problem. (Continued on Page Four)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Grandmother Knox, who has been at Christoval for the past five weeks, returned home Sunday, her son-in-law, Elery Smith, accompanied by his daughter making the trip for her. Mrs. Knox reports a most enjoyable trip and feels much improved.

Mrs. Cloys Edwards, in company with Miss Viola Smith, were Abilene visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. Arl Sharp and daughter of Merkel spent the day with Mrs. Ben Howell last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley and daughter of Coleman spent last week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Hub West, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Abilene spent a few hours last Thursday night with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barnhill and baby of Baird were all-day guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, last Monday.

Mrs. Hurley Cogburn and children of Fort Worth came in last Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and daughter, Phyllis, of Stanton were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith.

Mrs. C. R. Shannon and children left Wednesday for Sulphur Springs to visit with her parents and other relatives a short while.

W. I. Decker, an old timer of this place, now of Austin, was in our town one day this week greeting old friends with his friendly handshake and broad smile.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stribling and family, accompanied by their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Tittle, of Wichita Falls, had a splendid outing last Monday and Monday night on Clear Fork, taking their camping outfit and spending the night. They had some fine fish stories to report.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowls and baby of Eastland returned home Monday morning, being accompanied by Miss Opal Freeman, who will visit with them some few days.

Mrs. Arthur Good of Seminole spent last Thursday here with relatives. She was en route to Coleman where she will visit her parents for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lava Good of Rochester one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Thompson are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, making his appearance last Monday. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. John Goode has as her guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seastrunk, of Waco for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed have Mrs. J. C. Yarbrough of Waco as a guest in their home this week.

Mr. Arthur Brown and son of Lamona are visiting relatives here for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards spent a few hours in the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coppage, of Sweetwater last Monday night.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and their daughter, Mrs. Taylor, and their son, J. B. Jr., motored to Buffalo Gap and joined a few of their friends and all spread dinner together picnic-style, the three families: I. M. Preston and family of Ballinger and S. O. Bowman, of Buffalo Gap. They report a fine day.

The meeting at the Christian church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Martin, of Sterling City, continues all this week. The interest is fine and you have a cordial invitation to attend these services.

Last Sunday Mrs. Lois McDonald honored her husband and his little sister, Vaneta, with a birthday dinner, enjoyed by just the relatives. Their birthdays were on Friday the 23rd, but they celebrated on Sunday, the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Little and the latter's mother, Mrs. Travathan, of Wichita Falls were guests in the Beckham home the early part of the week.

Jack Frost, employee of the M. G. Scott grocery here, spent Sunday and Monday with the home folks in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian have Dr. and Mrs. Jim Copeland and daughter of Phoenix, Ariz., visiting in their home for a few days. Dr. Copeland is a brother of Mrs. Adrian and once was a resident of this place. They also had other guests for dinner: their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Norton and baby of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and children of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Swann and children of the Canyon, the latter a sister of Mrs. Adrian, and Mrs. Toliver Walker of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer, formerly of this place, are moving here from Clyde. We welcome them to our city, especially to the business ranks. They are noted cafe people and will open some time this week.

Miss Gladys Hamner spent the last

two weeks with her brother, B. C. Hamner and family of Wink, returning home last Sunday, Mrs. Will Hamner making the trip for her daughter's return. She was accompanied by her other daughters, May and Fay, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Mrs. Joe Reneau visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, of Stanton, recently.

Francis Jones is recovering rapidly after having her tonsils removed last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gafford had as honored guests last week-end, their two daughters, Mrs. Keltz and Hardison, also the latter's sister, Mrs. Atwell, all of Vernon. Tom remained over for a longer visit.

W. C. Nalley of Mission is here for a visit with his son, Joe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Phillips and daughter, Billie Ruth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Turner, of Abilene, last week-end. Mrs. Turner is a sister of Mr. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Whitaker have moved to Merkel, Mr. Whitaker being an employee of the Southtex Oil and Refining company. We regret that they will not continue to reside in Trent.

Mrs. Sam Owens from San Angelo and Miss Maxie Banner of Merkel were guests in the home of Grandmother McLeod last Thursday.

Charley Howell, who has employment at Sweetwater, spent last Wednesday night with home folks.

Floyd Perkins made a business trip to Temple last week.

Brother Ernest Dowell of Merkel, Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter, Winnie, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and son, A. C., made a business trip to Stamford last week.

Misses Dorris Cooper from San Angelo and Johnnie Watson from Sweetwater visited Miss Sarah Julia Johnson a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and sons, Johnnie and A. C. Jr., Miss Sarah Julia Johnson and W. A. Terry visited Allen and Estelle Terry of Lubbock Monday. Mrs. Terry and A. C. Jr., stayed over for a visit with friends there, while W. A. Terry stayed in Post where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Grace Robinson, for a few weeks.

CHURCH REORGANIZED.

Brother J. F. Dew of Trinity church, Abilene, preached Sunday morning in the High School auditorium, and again Sunday night at which time a Baptist church was reorganized known as The First Missionary Baptist Church of Trent. This church adopted the New Testament as its only infallible guide for a New Testament church. Twenty-one gave their names as charter members with the under-

standing that those who come in within the next two weeks will be charter members.

Everyone is welcome to this church and we especially invite all those who do not attend Sunday School elsewhere to be with us at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning at the School auditorium. Come and bring your Bibles.

RESOLUTIONS.

To the Trustees of the Trent Ind. Public School:

Whereas, on the night of June 12, 1933, the school board of trustees met and by a vote of the members granted us the use of the school auditorium as a temporary meeting place of worship,

Be it resolved that we, as the Fundamentalist group of Baptists, on this, the 18th day of June, 1933, take this method of thanking you for this privilege.

We extend to you our deepest gratitude and most sincere thanks. May God's richest blessings rest on each of you.

Be it further resolved that we send a copy of these resolutions to the Merkel Mail for publication, also one to each member of board of trustees.

Winnie Brown, Sunday School Sec. The Fundamentalist Baptist of Trent.

Awakened Woman

(Continued From Page 3) but her determination did not weaken.

Her thoughts swung round again to Neil. What was she going to do? To continue indefinitely living in the same house with him as they had been doing was impossible. She had not known what she was undertaking when she made that decision.

"I suppose I should have gone away in the first place," she thought discouragedly; "I can't realize inside of me that I'm married to Neil Packard and I keep having the feeling that there's something all wrong about living with a man so intimately and yet not really intimately, I'll never lose that feeling of uncomfortable shyness and strangeness, I know, unless—oh, dear!"

There might be among them a few congenial spirits but she did not feel any too hopeful. Yet, after all, what did it matter? She reproved herself sharply for allowing the standards of Robert Ainsworth to influence her. He was nothing to her, she told herself.

As she sat there motionless, she was startled to see a man appear. With a little gasp of amazement Joyce recognized Robert Ainsworth. "Do you remember me?" asked Joyce.

"Oh Lord, how like a woman! Of course I remember you, worse luck!" he added with such profound gloom that Joyce giggled. "You're my public, you know!" He looked at her quickly and broke into a smile. "Here—please let me take your horse and turn her out into the corral."

"But . . . I was just thinking what a nice place this was to eat my lunch," said Joyce doubtfully.

"Oh, but wait till you have tasted my coffee," he protested, starting to lead Rosita away. "I'm just going to eat lunch myself and I really can make good coffee."

He was back in a surprisingly short time and said, "I never eat anything except bread and butter and fruit and coffee for lunch but I have plenty of truck in the shack and I can make anything you like. Orders taken until two-thirty."

"Oh, please don't think of getting anything for me except coffee," protested Joyce quickly, "I have my sandwiches which I really must eat or Roxie's feelings would be hurt."

"Well the coffee will be done in a few minutes. Sit down or stand up or do whatever you feel like doing. Just let me present you with the keys to the city."

He put the coffee pot on as he spoke and Joyce asked, "Do the keys of the city include permission to ask questions?"

"On all free admission days, yes. Except, of course, when Claud Alfred is around. He's just a little bit queer that way. Ever since he threw the mother of five children into the brook because she asked him whether he thought a man's necktie should match his socks, I've had to warn casual visitors not to ask him questions."

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"Oh, I know. You want to ask how I happen to be here. You want to say how extraordinary it is that we should meet here, after meeting in an equally extraordinary manner in San Francisco. You want to get personal. You're perfectly charming. Joyce Ashton, and I'm terrified of you. If I seem to be talking a lot and at random you've only yourself to blame. My well-known poise is shattered—"

He broke off abruptly, and Joyce dropped limply into a chair. Nothing could have surprised her more than to hear Robert Ainsworth talking to her in this manner.

"Well, go ahead and tighten the clamps," he continued. "You've heaped coals of fire on my head by your sunny acceptance of everything—haul me over them!" He smiled, but Joyce knew he was in deadly earnest.

"Sentence suspended!" she gravely retorted. Their eyes met with mutual approval for a moment, and

then Joyce lightly turned the conversation to the world of books. (Continued Next Week.)

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BLAIR ITEMS

The Baptist revival will begin June 30, the preaching to be done by Rev. John Walker, pastor, of Abilene. We urge that our people put themselves wholeheartedly and prayerfully into this revival meeting and we invite strangers and visitors to worship with us.

The presiding elder, Rev. W. M. Murrell, delivered a wonderful message at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, emphasizing how marvelous has been the work of the Lord in the hearts of an humble church and the thought of bringing into other lives a ray of heavenly sunshine.

Mesdames Murray Farmer and Adrian Farmer of White Church and Walter Hunter and Luella Atwood of Butman visited Mrs. Hurman Doan the first of the week. Mrs. Doan has been a mighty sick woman for the past two weeks but is doing fairly well at this writing. We hope for her early recovery.

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene was the distinguished guest of Mrs. Will Campbell in midweek.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stanford and family of Merkel visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone, recently ill by the Phillips of Itaan visit-nich visits, Mr. and Mrs. Sam last week-end.

Mrs. Eula Provine and pretty daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel, were mid-week guests of another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsburn.

M. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and children visited with Mr. and Jack Latimer Sunday. Mr. Latimer attending church services both morning and evening.

Mrs. Oscar Walker and granddaughter, Bettie Joe Balew, of Salt Branch spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman and family of Nubia attended the services at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Barnes with their two charming sons dined with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer Sunday.

Misses McAninch and Dunn of Merkel attended church at this place Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ernest Rogers with her two attractive daughters motored over and spent Monday with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Winters at Anson.

Mrs. Carl Doan and children spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

Pat Addison, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, made a pleasure trip to Comanche county, visiting the latter's relatives at that place the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell and sons left the latter part of the week for Weatherford to visit with relatives at that place. Mrs. Bell and four sons will remain for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera have been entertaining a fine new baby boy since the 14th. The little fellow has been christened Kenneth Harold.

Mr. Dusick, the Santa Fe agent, has moved his family to Blair from Merkel and we are surely proud to have these fine people in our midst.

Mrs. O. L. Mayfield graciously entertained a few of her relatives and friends from Merkel and Abilene with a club dinner on June 21.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

All farmers who are interested in putting up a "Farmers Gin" are requested to be present Saturday afternoon, July 1, at 2 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall, over Darsey's store in Merkel. Come prepared to say what you will do in putting this over. We mean business. Again let us urge you to come prepared to sign up as to what you will do. H. H. Toombs.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet at Mrs. Pierce Horton's on the 7th of July along with our chicken barbecue the same day, meeting at two o'clock in the afternoon, not later. Miss Chambers will be with us.

The club's regular meeting date from now on will be the first and third Fridays of each month. Everybody is invited to join our club.

MRS. PRESSLY ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. B. D. Pressly, Mrs. Lester Shugart and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey were joint hostesses to a prettily planned party in the home of Mrs. Pressly, honoring Mrs. Lynward Harrison and Mrs. Buddle Windham, two recent brides of White Church community.

Many pretty and useful gifts were received by each of the ladies and a dainty refreshment plate was passed to Mesdames P. A. Riggan, H. S. Weston, Lynward Harrison, W. A. Harrison, M. E. Harris, A. C. Windham, D. H. Thomas, W. C. Berry, W. R. Brown, R. E. Windham, Frase Demere, Ada Belle Demere, W. H. Brown, A. D. Barnes, D. W. Rodgers, Effie Demere, Misses Beulah Harrison, Bess Lou Windham, Erma Dell Berry, Lena V. Harrison and Melia Riggan and the hostess.

Music was enjoyed till a late hour when the guests departed, wishing both brides a long and prosperous life.

UNION RIDGE CLUB NEWS.

The Union Ridge Demonstration club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. L. McRee. After a business session the president, Mrs. S. O. Patton, told of the pickling demonstration, which she attended at Abilene June the 12th, and a program and membership committee was appointed.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 14, in the Ed Turner home on Oak street. The chicken barbecue will be held at an earlier date in July at the Pierce Horton home. The committee appointed to select the menu met at the W. A. Harris home Monday afternoon. Members of this committee are: Mrs. Pierce Horton, Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Mrs. W. A. Harris.

At the close of the business session, cake and punch was served to those present.

Hodges Happenings.

After quite an absence on account of the writer's being sick, we will try to write a few happenings again.

Mrs. Ella Haney and daughter, Elma Lee, are visiting their sister and aunt, Mrs. E. H. Bruton, at this writing. Other recent visitors in the Bruton home were Mr. and Mrs. Holly Bruton and children of Midway and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bruton and son of Roscoe.

Mrs. Maud Calloway and Mrs. Coda Thomas of Warren spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh last week.

Sam L. Dricken and family of Abilene called on Mrs. Charles Walker one night last week.

A singing school began Monday night, June 26, at the Baptist church here.

The M. E. meeting will start the fourth Sunday in July. Everyone is urged to remember the date and try to attend.

White Church News

Acreage reduction and the need of rain are the main topics of conversation here.

Mrs. P. R. Demere is not very well at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer and children of Blair were visitors in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Demere had as her guest last week her niece, Miss Dora Palmer, of Belton. Miss Palmer and Mrs. Demere visited Mrs. Pannell north of town Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison and little grandsons, Billy and Dan, recently visited the children's father, Elmer Harrison, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons returned recently from a visit with relatives at Dallas, Greenville and Wolfe City.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley entertained with a musical Saturday night and everyone reported a fine time.

D. W. Rodgers attended the cotton meeting in Abilene last week.

Mrs. P. A. Riggan and daughter, Mrs. Ernest Conley, were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Olive Clinton and sons of Stanton have returned home after having been here some weeks working.

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DORA DOINGS

Threshing is the order of the day. The grain is very light and acreage small, but prices are much better compared with last year.

Miss Mary McCoy has returned home after an extended visit with relatives at Lueders.

Mrs. T. E. Clark and children of Clovis, N. M., came in last week to visit her father, J. T. Perry, who is quite sick, and other relatives.

Mrs. Mollie Oliver of the Baptist sanitarium is visiting her parents for a few days. Mr. Oliver's condition doesn't improve very much.

The Divide baseball club went to Pumphrey Saturday and lost the game, 5 to 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry of Tye were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry over the week-end.

The ladies missionary society met with Mrs. E. P. Perry Monday afternoon with a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy of Merkel were visiting Sunday with Thos. McCoy and family.

T. E. Clark of Clovis, N. M., returned home Saturday after a few days visit here with relatives and friends.

HEBRON NEWS

The farmers are nearly all through work until it rains.

Miss Doralma Palmer of Belton is the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers entertained their friends with a musical Saturday night, with Jack Pannell on the violin and Howard Price on the guitar.

Mrs. Vernie Merritt's group presented an interesting program Sunday night. There were special songs by Bertice, Marvin and Mildred Sharp, with Bertice playing the guitar.

Billy Moore of Blair spent the week-end with the Jack Pannells.

Mrs. Thomas Harris and baby, Gloria Gean, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. Melton and family of Tampa returned Sunday to their home after visiting with Mr. Malton's brother.

181 Credits Given at Annual Encampment

The eighth annual Presbyterian encampment and Young People's conference at Buffalo Gap came to a close at noon Wednesday, 181 credits were awarded to 66 persons who registered for class work at the conference.

Officers installed were Ray Floyd, Brownwood, moderator; Luther Coulter, San Angelo, vice-moderator; Josephine Pinson, Stamford, secretary; Clyde McKee, Abilene, assistant secretary.

Besides those mentioned in last week's paper, others from Merkel who attended the encampment either Sunday or during the week were: Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, Miss Vera Walker, Mrs. Earl Diltz, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald and family, Mrs. L. L. Murray and daughter, Mabel, Jim Patterson, Mrs. Marvin Smith, Emory Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dub Diltz and two children. Their daughter, Betty Jane, remained with the party of campers from Merkel, including Mrs. Emory Jones, Miss Ola Ellen Smith, Miss Phala Diltz and Marvin Estes Jones.

Plans Complete for Scout Summer Camp

Abilene, June 29.—Davis Scarborough, Eagle Scout, son of Judge Dallas Scarborough, and a member of the law firm headed by his father, will direct swimming and Junior and Senior Red Cross Life Saving tests during the Camp Tonkawa program, July 16-30, for the Scouts of the Chisholm Trail council. Alton Witten of the American Red Cross, a prominent Scouter of Coleman, will also be on the Water Front staff. A corps of Junior and Senior Red Cross Life Savers will assist these leaders.

President R. A. Maddox and Camping Chairman Harry Ninde urge all Scoutmasters to go to Camp Tonkawa with their troops as each troop will be kept intact. Troop camping on the divisional plan will again be featured this year at Camp Tonkawa where "the tan is at and the nights are cool."

To Present Play at Noodle. "A Peach of a Family," the comedy which was so cleverly presented by the young people of the Methodist church here a few weeks ago, is to be given at Noodle on Friday night of this week. It will begin at 8:30. The admission price is 10 cents.

TEXAS ALMANAC.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. J. D. Dodd of Mulberry Canyon is spending the week with Mrs. J. N. Shelton.

Miss Dixie Blair is here from San Angelo spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Dallas were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wilson.

Mrs. P. P. Dickinson and sons spent last week in Coke county on her father's, Gid Wilson's ranch.

Bert Freeman of Huntington, Tenn., is a guest in the home of his uncle, F. A. Sanders, and family.

Allen Edwards of Maryneal, who was the guest of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. George White, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Guy Darsey and little daughter, Jane, of Austin are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Elvis D. Richardson is here from Austin visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, for a few days.

Mrs. Clark Jones and baby son, Jerry, of Clinton, Okla., were recent guests of her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Sears.

After a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Owens in Abilene, Master George Mack Owens returned home Monday.

Miss Irene Swann has returned from a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Carson Miles in San Angelo and Mrs. Forrest Sears in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker accompanied by Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. Berry, have gone to Thalia to visit the mother of Mesdames Baker and Berry.

Mrs. Cowan Hudson and little daughter, Doris Jane, of San Angelo are spending this week with relatives and friends. They will return home Sunday.

After a three weeks visit in the home of Mrs. Earl Teague, Mrs. R. M. Robins of Odessa and Miss Marcie Reed of Clyde have returned to their homes.

Returning from a brief visit to Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid and daughter, Betty Joe, were accompanied by Miss Thelma Clower, who is their guest this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger visited relatives in Big Spring Sunday and on their return were accompanied by their nephew, Sidney Mellinger, who is now visiting in their home.

Mrs. Ada Heeter and daughter, Helen, and Misses Sadie Woodrum and Missie Dye, accompanied by Frank Woodrum, spent the week-end with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. S. L. Owens of San Angelo has been a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner, and was accompanied on her return home by her mother for a summer visit.

Urban Shannon, in the railway mail service between Sweetwater and Amarillo, making his home at Lubbock, is spending his vacation here with his father, W. J. Shannon, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. Ruth Sapp of Lewiston, Idaho, accompanied by Mrs. Vivian, also of Lewiston, are guests of Mrs. Sapp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger. They have been recent visitors to the World's Fair and made this visit as they were returning home.

Misses Madge and Lilly Dean, who have been guests of their brother, Elbert Dean, and family and also of Miss Christine Collins, this week, returned Tuesday to their home in Dallas. Miss Margaret Dean, their niece, accompanied them and will visit in Dallas.

Miss Mary Bell Brennan of Colorado accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney home after the latter spent the week-end with Mrs. Boney's parents there. O. D. Craig of Colorado, who was also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney this week, left Tuesday for Eldorado.

Mrs. Bill Sheppard and daughter, Miss Modene, who were week-end guests of Mrs. S. W. Sheppard and Mrs. Frank McFarland returned Tuesday to their home in Dallas. They were accompanied by Miss Marian Sheppard, who was returning home after an extended visit with relatives here.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

I have bought the Merkel Home Laundry from Clarence Grayson, effective as of Thursday, June 29, and will continue the business as heretofore at the same location. I have been connected with this laundry for the past three years and am thoroughly experienced. Your continued patronage will be appreciated. Best of service assured.

Lena Webb.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I wish to thank the good people of Merkel for their liberal patronage of the Merkel Home Laundry during our ownership and to bespeak for the new owner a continuation of your laundry work. You will find Miss Webb entirely capable and she will appreciate your business very much.

Clarence Grayson.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNE 30-JULY 1

- SPUDS No. 1 grade 10 pounds 19c
LETTUCE, fresh crisp, 2 heads 9c
TOMATOES, Texas pink, lb. 7 1-2c
CHERRIES lb. 17c
LEMONS, Fancy, dozen 25c
ORANGES, Red Ball, fancy, doz. 15c
CORN fresh home raised dozen 23c
PEAS, fresh blackeye, 3 lbs. 10c
Sugar cloth bag beet, 10 pounds 46c
PINEAPPLE, Red & White, No. 2 can 15c
APRICOTS No. 10 cans 43c
PEACHES 10c
PEAS, Kuners Economy, No. 2, 2 cans 25c
Asparagus Picnic Size 15c
TOMATOES, Blue & White, No. 2, 3 for 25c
SPINACH, No. 2 can 10c
Bran Flakes Posts pkg. 9c
CERTO, bottle 29c
JELLO ICE CREAM POWDER, 3 pkgs. 25c
SALMON, Fancy Red, can 19c
COFFEE Sun Up, lb. 19c
TEA, Red & White, 1-4 lb. pkg. 19c
PICKLES, sour or dill, quarts 17c
PORK & BEANS, Blue & White, per can 5c
Crackers 2 lb. Salad Wafer 28c
POTTED MEAT, Red & White, 6 cans 25c
ICE CREAM SALT, 5 pounds 9c
SOAP R & W, Giant Bar 5 for 19c
SOAP, Lady Godiva, per bar 5c
BAKING POWDER, 10 Strike, 1lb. can 10c
Compound 4 lb. carton 27c
FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 73c—48 lbs. \$1.25
BACON, 1 pound sliced 19c
HAMS Picnic, pound 12c
WEINERS, 2 pounds for 25c
JOWLS dry salt pound 7 1/2c

CHURCH SERVICES

Baptist Revival to Close Sunday Night

The second week of the Baptist revival under the leadership of Rev. R. E. Day, pastor of the First Baptist church of Big Spring, has been marked by earnest and consecrated work of the church members and leaders and a spiritual awakening which has spread beyond the church congregation itself to the entire city.

The meeting will draw to a close next Sunday night, July 2. Large numbers are in attendance at each service and during the remainder of the week services will be held twice daily, just as they have been since the beginning of the revival.

Those who have heard the evangelist recognize him as a gifted speaker, a devout Christian leader, whose words are full of the true gospel spirit, and his power as a preacher is working untold good in this city.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Mrs. Collins gave an interesting review of our Missionary Study book last Monday, then the meeting was turned into a prayer meeting for the success of our revival and the saving of lost souls.

Next Monday is our regular monthly business day. All chairmen are asked to have their reports ready.

THE VICTORY B. T. S.

All you members of our Victory B. T. S. should be present next Sunday. Our special for next Sunday will be a song at opening of the service by three young ladies, Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret Canon and Sis Boaz. Come and enjoy the service with us. You will get a blessing from each service. Subject: "Open thine eyes."

First part, Mr. Reid; second part, Mrs. Perry; third part, M. Snell; fourth part, Mrs. Gibson; fifth part, Mr. Green.

SENIOR PREP B. Y. P. U.

Topic: "What makes a nation great?"

"Is the sword the secret of greatness?" Helen Joyner.

"Is pride?" L. V. Moore.

"Not gold, but men," Pauline Joyner.

"They worked while others slept," Thelma Matthews.

"Blessed by trust in God," Caribel Mansfield.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

No Sunday School or other service was held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday, so only five Sunday Schools are counted in this week's tabulation of attendance, which was 792. On the previous Sunday 870 were present. The same Sunday a year ago showed an attendance of 793.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

We appreciate the messages given by Rev. Day in the Baptist revival now in progress at the Baptist church. His spiritual fervor, brotherly spirit and Christly messages are uplifting and helpful.

Last Sunday the Methodist congregation presented their pastor with the funds for a trip to the World's Fair. There is a question as to the time of leaving, possibly Friday and possibly

Monday. In either case, be sure to attend the morning service Sunday. If the pastor is absent, a visiting minister will speak.

Six people absented themselves from Sunday School last Sunday. If they had attended as they should have, we would have had 300. Expecting "every man at his post" next Sunday.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Singing was well attended Tuesday night. Glad to have some good singers from Stith, Blair and other places. Uncle Tom Spears will have charge next Tuesday night. Come and enjoy good singing. We will have a good quartette.

Brother Williams gave two good messages last Sunday.

Our revival begins the Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in July, with Rev. Walter Patterson of Hodsonville as evangelist.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting 8:30 p. m. Thursday. Welcome to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 9:45, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, young people's program at 7:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, ladies Bible lesson at 7:30 p. m. and preaching at 8:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Strangers and visitors are especially invited to attend all of these services.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Singing school for everybody will begin Monday night, July 3, at our tabernacle. Brother Sheppard from Sweetwater will teach the school and he knows how to teach. We wish to extend to everybody who is interested a hearty welcome to attend this school.

All who did not attend singing Sunday afternoon missed a real treat. We are planning to have some special singing every Sunday afternoon.

"Enemies of the church who are in the church," we name them one by one Saturday night. This message will be a sensational exposure of those having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.

Sunday at 11 a. m. Brother Armstrong will bring a message on "Why I am a Baptist."

Sunday night's subject will be "The Millennium," answering such questions as "when will it begin," "where will it be," "will all the saved have part in it," "will people be saved in it."

We are praising the Lord for the fine services he gave us last Sunday. Three more fine people came into our fellowship, one for baptism. We are expecting to have some special songs every Sunday night.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor



DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Mrs. Bob Mayfield graciously entertained members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, on Oak street.

Games of auction bridge progressed throughout the afternoon hours until tea time when a delicious salad and sandwich plate was served to the following guests: Mrs. Claude Young, Abilene, Miss Marion Sheppard of Dallas, Messdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., W. T. Sadler, Charlie Largent, Ernest Higgins, Milton Case, Ed McCrary, L. C. Zehpfennig, Johnnie Gresham, George Overton, Misses Nelle Durham, Lou Largent, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Dorris Durham and the hostess.

LAWN PARTY.

On Monday afternoon a large number of little folks enjoyed a pool party on the lawn at Shannon's pool, assembled to honor little Bonnie Lou and Jimmy White, who are visiting here from California, guests of Mrs. George White. A red, white and blue Fourth of July theme was employed in all party appointments. Outdoor games were played and at the refreshment hour clever red, white and blue baskets containing picnic lunches and iced punch with red balloons were passed to little Misses Nedra Swafford, Joyce Renfro, Gwendolyn Renfro, Dorris Clyde Miller, Dora Mae Gaither, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Dorothy Nell Lee, Annie Leonard, Joy Bland, Betty Joe Hassey, Mary Margaret Boden, Bonnie T. McAninch, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Johnnie McDonald, Becky Gardner, Margaret Sharp, Maurine Steele, Joyce La Verne Jenkins, Dorothy Jean Jenkins, Helen Heeter, Masters Don Hutcheson, Teddie Joe McAninch, Forest Glen Barnett, Frank Jr. McFarland, Jerry Warren, Jack and Billie Haynes, Freddy Lee Hughes, Dwight Swafford, Robert Lee, Wesley Owen, Roy Owen, Carroll Pete Bland, Billie Joe White, Billie Tom Hutcheson and Jimmy and Bonnie Lou, the honorees.

Mrs. White was assisted in planning games and serving by Messdames Virgil Hassey, Ludie Sanders and Ross Wheeler, Misses Agnes Sanders, Luna White, Dot Swafford and Joyce Wheeler and Mr. Bert Freeman of Huntington, Tenn.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

A pioneer West Texas family met in happy celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens at their home on last Saturday evening. A sumptuous dinner was served at eight o'clock in true Costephens hospitality and many personal tributes were brought out in reminiscent conversation of the early days.

Mr. and Mrs. Costephens originally settled in the Mulberry Canyon shortly after their marriage in Abilene, June 24, 1883. In this and surrounding communities they are much loved and respected and a host of friends join the following children in wishing them many happy returns of the day: R. W. Costephens, wife and daughter, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Costephens of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Costephens, Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs.

J. E. Costephens, Roscoe, Miss Eva Mae Johnson, granddaughter, Sweetwater, whose parents were unable to be present on account of the illness of G. H. Johnson, George A. Smith, wife and two children of Merkel. Other guests were Miss J. P. Sutphen and Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats.

Pick Fifteen Tough Lookers for Support

When Director Roy Del Ruth ordered "the fifteen toughest guys in Hollywood" to make up the beer mob of "Bugs" Ahearn, the Chicago underworld king played by Edward G. Robinson in "The Little Giant," which comes to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, the First National casting office took the request not only seriously, but literally.

More than 400 actors—all qualified to play gangster types and all with several gang and underworld pictures to their credit—were mobilized at the studios.

It took Roy Del Ruth an hour and a half to pick the fifteen men who looked tough enough to qualify as big-time mobsters. When they were finally selected and assembled in one group, they looked like a crime wave all by themselves. In reality, they were without exception respectable hard-working actors. In appearance, they looked as if they ought to be wanted by the police of a dozen cities. The lightest of them weighed less than 135 pounds. The biggest "gorilla" tipped the scales at 200.

Eddie Robinson looked them over as they walked into the set representing his palatial California mansion.

"You can pick 'em, Roy," he said to Del Ruth. "This gang is so tough they'd make the old Capone crowd look like a flock of sissies."

Russell Hopton has the role of Robertson's trusted lieutenant in "The Little Giant" and Mary Astor, the leading feminine part. Others in the cast include Helen Vinson, Shirley Gray, Kenneth Thomson, Donald Dillaway and Berton Churchill.

The screen play is the work of Wilson Mizner and Robert Lord, based on the latter's original story.

Tax Payers Asked to See Joe Childers

Following announcement of the effort to be put forth by the city of Merkel for the collection of delinquent taxes, Joe E. Childers, Abilene attorney, who has been employed to put the plan into operation, has prepared a letter to be sent to those owing back taxes.

He will be in Merkel at the city hall

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each Tuesday and Friday during the month of July, except the first Tuesday, which will be July 4, and unless otherwise announced through the Merkel Mail and those wishing to do so may see him during the hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. July 4th being a holiday, he will not be here next Tuesday, Friday following, the seventh, being the first time he may be seen.

Damage Suits From Auto Crash Settled

Three damage suits totaling \$72,000—the aftermath of an automobile crash in which Mrs. Arminta Howard was fatally injured here February 23—were settled by agreement Tuesday. The judgments, totaling \$6,000 for relatives of Mrs. Howard against the Lydick Roofing company, were entered in 104th district court where trial of one of the cases had started Monday.

Five minor children of Mrs. Howard were awarded \$4,000; Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Howard's father and grandfather of the children, was awarded \$1,000 and a similar amount was awarded Joe Hayhurst, brother-in-law of Mrs. Howard, for injuries received by his wife.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

A yield of 26 11-13 bushels per acre is reported by Comer Haynes from wheat harvested in the French pasture, considerable surpassing expectations.

While carrying passengers for pleasure rides at McKinney last Saturday, the tri-motored plane of Lieut. R. G. Vaughan came to a forced landing, with no injury to any passenger nor to the pilot. A foreign gas substance caused all three motors to cut off.

The same prices as paid in Abilene for cream are announced this week by John Dunn of the Merkel Produce as the result of efforts on his part to establish this policy. It will mean a better price for cream to those who bring their supply to Merkel to market and will serve to bring others here. The market price for cream is now quoted at 18 cents, for eggs 7 cents.

SUMPTER-MARTIN.

At 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Rev. Ted McGehee performed the ceremony, his first by the way, uniting in marriage Miss Lillie Belle Martin and Mr. Zebbie Sumpter, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, east of Noodle. The bride attended school in Merkel and was graduated from the High school. Both young folks are very popular and have a host of friends who wish them much happiness and success. They will reside on Mr. Martin's farm at Noodle.

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Sugar Pure Cane Cloth Bag, 25 lbs. \$1.30

Large Yellow Fruit Bananas, doz. 20c

A Ball of Juice Oranges 15 for 15c

Fancy Winesaps Apples, 15 for 15c

Extra Nice Lemons, doz. 19c

Campbells Pork & Beans

Tall Can Salmon 10c

3 Minute—55 ounces Oats, 2 for 25c

Sunmaid Raisins, 4 lbs. 29c

Lipton's Tea Yellow Label 1-4 lb. can 19c

SOAP Cocoa Hardwater 6 oz. bars 5c

Baking Powder Clabber Girl 2 lb. can 21c

Mayonnaise Elfood 8 oz. jar 17c

COMPOUND 8 lbs. 55c

Pickles quart jar 15c

POST TOASTIES

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