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J. M. RADFORD SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Resident of Abilene Since 1883,
And Foremost Builder of
Area, Dies Unexpectedly at
Home in Abilene.

Abilene, July 6.—J. M. Radford, 72, Abilene's foremost builder, resident for half a century and founder and head of the large grocery company that bears his name, died early Tuesday morning, following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the home at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Dr. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Although his health, seemingly had been excellent, Mr. Radford learned from his doctors two weeks ago that the time had come when he must slacken his pace. He went to Dallas for his annual clinical examination, and was told that his heart muscles had weakened slightly, doctors advising that he "take it easy" especially in going up stairways. He returned Tuesday, a week before his death.

Mr. Radford was born in 1861 in Fayette county, Texas. He came to Abilene in January, 1883, organizing a small retail store from which sprang the wholesale chain doing a volume of \$1,000,000 monthly in normal times. He was thought to have been one of the wealthiest men of West Texas.

New Sound Equipment, And New Management, Queen Opens July 15

Under new home management and with new sound equipment the Queen theatre will open here about July 15, it is announced by Frank Benson, general manager with the R. & R. theatres with Angelo, who with his associate, Gail Herrington, an experienced exhibitor himself, will move to Merkel and both of whom will devote their entire attention to the theatre.

Mr. Benson has been display artist for the R. & R. people at San Angelo for the past 15 months and already the Queen lobby testifies to his facility along that line.

It is planned to redecorate the house which has been leased for a year from H. T. Hodge, the owner and former operator, and the show will run daily, with the exception of Sunday, with changes of pictures three or four times per week. Only the best pictures will be shown, it is stated, and it really looks as if Merkel is at last to have an opportunity to support a motion picture theatre with daily shows and sufficiently frequent changes.

At an early date Mr. Benson is to marry Miss Carrie Faust, cashier of the R. & R. theatre at San Angelo for the past four years, and they will make their home here, as will Mr. Herrington and his wife.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 4, 1913.)

C. T. Mershon and wife of Terrell have returned to Merkel to make their home after an absence of several months.

Miss Leila Nisbet of Fluvana came in Saturday night, staying over until Monday with her sister, Mrs. Carl Evans.

Mrs. Hibbits left Saturday night for Colorado via Fort Worth where she was met by Misses Jewell Garrett, Maude Jenkins, Willie and Mae Valentine, and from there the crowd goes to Boulder, Colorado, to spend the summer and attend the Colorado Chautauqua.

Miss Pet Sears returned Thursday from St. Louis, Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou, returning home by the way of Paducah where she visited her sister, Mrs. Della Campbell. Miss Sears had been in school at Nashville, prior to her western trip.

Ted Lamar came in from Ft. Worth Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Prof. E. V. White of the department of education at Austin, formerly

Once Thriving Town Of Thurber Closed Up, Streets Vacated

STEPHENVILLE, July 6.—The town of Thurber, once the largest industrial center in Central-West Texas and most populous town in Erath county, was closed up and vacated July 1. Only a few persons remained to operate a garage and care for a warehouse.

The town had seen lively days. With the opening of coal mines in that region almost a half century ago, Thurber was established as headquarters for the T. & P. Coal and Oil company, the population at one time reached nearly 8,000.

Besides the coal-mining industry there the Texas boom town was the site of one of the largest brick manufacturing plants in the state. The mines, the brick factory, the town are all closed, leaving a ghost-like silence on the vacated streets once crowded with noisy wheels.

Thurber always was an unusual town, being company-owned and having only a single business establishment of each type, a drug store, hotel, hardware store, dry goods store, grocery store and garage. Many persons doubtless marveled at seeing only one filling station in the town.

Varying Rains Bring Increased Optimism

The extremely hot weather which has prevailed throughout the South and has been particularly felt by West Texans since June 21, the initial day of summer proper, was broken Wednesday afternoon when Merkel and surrounding sections were visited by varying rains. Right in the city, the precipitation measured only three-eighths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, but as much as 1 1/2 inches was reported as falling in the French pasture the same afternoon and good rains were enjoyed south of town to the mountains.

The Noodle section received a light rain Tuesday morning and was again visited on Wednesday. A strip to the west of town was seemingly still dry, up to Thursday afternoon.

Optimism among farmers, due to the high market price of cotton and the success of the cotton plan was further enhanced by the rains already received and signs indicating still further precipitation.

Last rainfall in this section was reported on May 28, showing the year's total as 6 1/8 inches. With Wednesday's downpour added, the figure now stands at 6 3/4 inches.

Gibson Improved.

Los Angeles, July 6.—Hoot Gibson, cowboy film actor who was injured when his airplane crashed at the National Air races Tuesday, is reported out of danger.

connected with the city schools here, stopped off between trains Thursday to shake hands with friends and relatives.

Duke Evans of Dallas was here the first of the week visiting his parents. From here the former Merkel man intends to stop in Cloudercraft, N. M., for rest purposes.

Mrs. Fred Groene, honored Miss Jessie O. Briant Tuesday evening with a daintily appointed six o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for Misses Elma and Olga Sheppard, the honoree, George Groene, and Mr. and Mrs. Groene. After dinner the host and hostess were joined by their guests in a visit to the Airdome, by appointment the party added Messrs. Cordeil and J. E. Faucett to the joy makers; all were treated to cream and cake.

The devotees of the dance honored Miss Jessie O'Briant Wednesday evening with an informal dance at the opera house.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained with a slumber party Monday night complimentary to Miss Jessie O. Briant.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Edward Williams, 21, of Hamlin was killed five miles west of Hope, N. M., when a 22-calibre rifle accidentally discharged as he was taking it from his car to shoot a rabbit.

Thirty homes and business houses in Fate, five miles east of Rockwall, were badly damaged by a cyclone which struck the town about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Homicides during the first half of 1933 claimed the lives of 173 Texans, a list compiled from news dispatches shows. During the same period of 1932, the total was 197.

Charles B. Murphy, in charge of location for the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer company, Tuesday announced tentative plans to make at least three moving pictures in Brownsville.

Ten-year-old Clinton White, who broke his first bone scarcely more than eight months ago, was carried to Children's hospital, Fort Worth, again Tuesday, this time with his thirty-eighth broken bone.

George W. Saunders, 79, president of the Old Trail Drivers association of Texas and who once drove cattle from grazing lands of the southwest to northern markets, died in San Antonio Saturday after a lingering illness.

Catherine Carrasco, 60-year-old Saragosa farmer, who had prayed for rain to break an eight-months drought in the Pecos section of West Texas, was struck by a lightning bolt when it did rain and was instantly killed.

William Dooley, his wife, Mrs. Mattie Dooley, and three of their children were killed when the automobile in which they rode was demolished by a passenger train at a blind crossing near Bivins, about 30 miles southwest of Texarkana.

Texas on July 1, has an estimated population of 6,023,999 it was announced Friday by the bureau of the census, an increase of 198,285 over the official census taken April 1, 1930, when the total population was established at 5,824,715.

While wading with several others on a picnic outing, Mrs. Curtis Eldridge, 24, who could not swim, got into deer water and was drowned at Sowell's Bluff on Red river, 15 miles north of Bonham. Her husband nearly lost his life trying to rescue her.

C. H. Stubblefield, 50-year-old Texas aviator, was killed instantly and Abe Lee, 20, son of Pal Lee, Ozona ranchman, was injured critically in an airplane crash near Ozona where they had been carrying passengers during a three-day rodeo and celebration.

Merkel Boys Wreck Abilene Nine, 18-2, In July Fourth Game

Playing Abilene on their own lot last Sunday, Merkel lost an 11-inning affair, 2 to 1. The first nine innings were scoreless, each team got one run in the tenth and Abilene won the game in the eleventh on a fluke home run, the ball being lost in the dense vegetation in center field.

Wilson, the Merkel ace, pitched 10 innings, allowed only 5 hits and no earned runs. The winning run was scored off Ox Jones, who pitched the eleventh.

The score: R H E
Merkel 1 5 6
Abilene 2 6 4
Batteries—Wilson, Janes and Burleson; Weaver, Claxton, Dunn and Lewis.

MERKEL GETS REVENGE
On Tuesday, the fourth, Merkel wreaked ample revenge by trouncing Abilene, 18 to 2. Poor fielding by Abilene and strong hitting by Merkel were responsible for the runs, the local club gathering 17 solid knocks, including two doubles and two triples.

McGaughey led the offense with a single, double and triple in four official appearances at the platter, batting in half a dozen counters. Morris, a new addition to the lineup, pitched 4-hit ball and got 4 singles in five trips to the plate.

Present plans call for a game with Sweetwater here Sunday.

The score of Tuesday's game:
Abilene 2 4 9
Merkel 18 17 5
Batteries—Powers, Lewis, Cook and Lewis; Martin, Morris and Burleson.

LIST WINNERS AS TEXAS COWBOY REUNION ENDS

Championship Honors to Bill Rucker of Spur, Best Average in Roping Events For Three Days.

STAMFORD, July 6.—Cowmen who had been celebrating here for three days in annual festivities of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, wound up events Wednesday night with selection of the grand champion cowboy and the grand champion of winners in old-timers calf roping contests, horse-cutting and junior steer riding.

Championship honors, awarded for the best average in roping events during the three days, went to Bill Rucker of Spur, along with a hand stamped bride as prize. Sol Wetherby of Sweetwater rated second to win a pair of chaps. Alonzo Mayfield of Aspermont was awarded bits and spurs for third place, and C. C. Miller of Gail went home with an extra pair of boots for fourth best time.

E. H. Bacot, 57-year-old Childress county ranchman who rode horseback 150 miles to attend the reunion, was acclaimed the most typically active cowboy over 55 years of age and Jess Slaughter, sheriff of Howard county, won first honors in a division for men under 55 years of age. Frank Rhoades, Jr., of Throckmorton, 10-year-old son of the retiring president of the Texas Cowboy Reunion association, won a cowboy suit offered the most typical junior cowboy in the Tuesday parade.

Bacot also took first place and the Walter Cousins saddle in an old-timers calf roping contest. His time was 31.2 seconds. Ed Powers of Breckenridge won boots on a 31.8 score, and Lee Olden of Swearingen won spurs for third place.

In horsecutting contests, top honors went to Sheriff Slaughter's Gold Dust and second, to Bob Dixon's Gold Medal, from Spur. Claude Jeffers' High Power from Matador was third and Slaughter's Spade was fourth.

JUNIOR STEER RIDERS.

Young Bobby Estes of Baird was champion of junior steer riders and W. R. (Dub) Sibley, Jr., of Abilene held second honors. Frank Rhoades, Jr., was third. They received cash awards.

Charlie Creighton of Big Spring led the field in calf roping events today with 19.2 seconds, and Frank Miller of Gail made best time in wild cow milking, 23.6. Hoyt Hefner of Wichita Falls was the day's high point man in steer riding and Dan Utley of San Angelo took bronze riding honors.

WINNING SPONSORS.

Rating the best mount, horsemanship and riding acrobaticism among 47 contesting young women, Miss Emma Dean Bingham, Aspermont, was acclaimed winning sponsor after the group had made a grand entry of the arena Tuesday afternoon. Miss Bingham is a daughter of Sheriff Bailey Bingham of Stonewall county, and Mrs. Bingham. Second honors went to Miss Lucille Eddleman of Graham, and third to Miss Margaret Lyles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lyles, Stamford.

Rodeo and Picnic at Butman On July 12th

A rodeo and picnic is announced for Wednesday of next week, July 12, at Butman and prospects point to a large attendance as well as plenty of amusement and entertainment.

With public speaking in the morning and a ball game in the afternoon, other features of the day will be goat roping, steer riding, calf roping, bronc busting and tournament races.

Plenty of fun will be provided in guinea races, fater races, cigar and sack races, with jubilee julsips on the side.

Those with produce to sell are invited to bring their chickens, eggs and cream. There will be a market on the grounds.

Revival Begins at Hope.

With Hubert Derrick of Abilene doing the preaching a revival will begin Friday night at the Hope Church of Christ, to continue for about ten days. Much advance interest has been manifested and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

After 24 Years Street Cars at Wichita Falls Give Way to Bus Line

WICHITA FALLS, July 6.—Twenty-four years ago citizens of Wichita Falls cheered, threw hats into the air and waved when the first street car, described in newspapers as "a handsome green coach" rolled out of the barns and rumbled downtown.

After the trial run, the latest mode of transportation stopped in front of the city hall to pick up a party of notables. Horses reared and tried to run away as the demon of the speed age sped along. A hen hurried her brood off the Ninth street right-of-way.

Wednesday another famous trolley left the barns. It was another special, but this time it was making the last street car run in the city.

Motor busses will be substituted for the trams, as at San Antonio several months ago.

Lester Jones, vice president of the Wichita National bank, who as a lad witnessed that first run, arranged for several prominent citizens to make the last trip. As many as possible who made the first ride were included.

Invites Tax Payers to See Him at City Hall

Letters have been mailed during the past few days to all those owing delinquent taxes to the City of Merkel and these parties have been asked to see Joe Childers, Abilene attorney, who has been employed by the city authorities to assist in collecting back taxes and who will be at the city hall here on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week during the month of July.

As the first Tuesday was the Fourth, a holiday, Friday of this week will be the first day that Mr. Childers will meet the tax payers.

The city has announced a most liberal plan for partial payments, with the elimination of penalties, interest and costs, if paid according to the proposed method and within the specified time.

Largest Citrus Crop On Record Forseen

Weslaco, July 6.—With its earliest and largest crop on record in prospect for the coming season, the lower Rio Grande valley is making preparations for the handling of its 1933-34 citrus.

The crop is expected to approximate 15,000 carloads, and the fruit expected to be ready for market the latter part of August. An earlier opening of the shipping season may be sought, according to shippers.

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."

TO BE UNDERSTOOD

Finally Jesus knew the necessity for repetition and practiced it. One of the sons of President Garfield was traveling with him through Ohio, when the President was addressing county fairs. At the close of the day he asked his boy what he thought of his speeches. The boy was embarrassed by the question:

"Why . . . why they were fine, dad," he stammered, "but I felt awfully uncomfortable part of the time. You repeated yourself so often; once you said the very same thing in different words four times over."

Garfield slapped the boy's shoulder with a hearty laugh. "So you thought your old dad was running out of ideas, did you?" he cried. "Well, I don't blame you; but there's a method in his madness. Tomorrow when I reach that passage in my talk, you watch the audience. The first time I make the point, you'll see by the faces that a few folks near the platform get it. But further back there will be noise and commotion; people will be turning their heads to find out who has just driven up, or what sort of a hat Mrs. Jones has on and they won't hear me at all. When I repeat it the first time a few faces in the middle of the crowd will show a response; on the third go, I'll make still more converts, and on the fourth trial they'll all have a notion of what I am talking about. But it takes four shots to land them all; experience with all sorts of audiences has made me sure of that."

It has been said that "repetition is repetition." No important truth can be impressed upon the minds of any large number of people by being said only once. The thoughts which Jesus had to give the world were revolutionary, but they were few in number. "God is your father," he said "caring more for the welfare of every one of you than any human father can possibly care for his children. His Kingdom is happiness! his rule is love." This is what he had to teach, but he knew the necessity of driving it home from every possible angle.

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LEADER SAYS COTTON DRIVE SATISFACTORY

Texas Field Workers Are Urged To Wind up by Saturday; More Blanks Arrive Wednesday For Local Use.

COLLEGE STATION, July 6.—H. H. Williamson, extension service officer in charge of the cotton acreage reduction campaign in Texas, Wednesday notified the several thousand field workers that the campaign would end Saturday, July 8, and that all contracts should be filed with county and local committees by that time.

"There is no intimation from Washington," he said, "that the campaign will be extended past Saturday and farmers should do their part by getting their contracts into the hands of committeemen by that time."

He said that reports received from all sections of the state indicated that "the campaign is going along satisfactorily" and asserted that with few exceptions the counties were well supplied with contract forms.

C. A. Cobb, cotton expert in charge of the national campaign, has issued instructions to have all contracts which appear to contain offers too high checked with gin records next week.

Locally, after an interruption of two days when blanks had run out, the work of signing contracts began anew Wednesday and is proceeding with dispatch. As indicated last week, the plan in this community and section is meeting with almost unanimous consent. Dave Shelton, community chairman, and his assistants have been materially aided by the personnel of both banks in completing the work.

Head of Agriculture Department to Talk To Farmers Saturday

J. E. McDonald, Texas commissioner of agriculture, is to be in Abilene Friday afternoon to conduct a final discussion of the cotton acreage reduction campaign plan. He is to be accompanied by Julius Seligman, business man and farmer.

They are to come to Abilene from East Texas where they have been making addresses this week.

The meeting has been set for 2 o'clock at the city hall auditorium in Abilene and farmers throughout the area are invited to attend the meeting.

St. Louis Heat Kills Four.

St. Louis, Mo., July 6.—Four persons died of heat prostration Sunday as the mercury climbed to a new high for the year—103 degrees at 3:20 p. m.

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BRUCE BARTON

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So in one of his stories God is the shepherd searching the wilds for one wandering sheep; in another, the Father welcoming home a prodigal boy; in another a King who forgives his debtors large amounts and expects them to be forgiving in turn—many stories, many advertisements, but the same big idea.

Because the advertisements were unforgettable, the Idea lived and is today the one most powerful influence on human action and thought. To be sure the work of the advertisements is far from complete. The Idea that God is the Father of all men—not merely of a specially few—has still to penetrate some creeds, and to establish its dominance in society.

Next Week: Founder of Modern Business.

Ned Sparks Picks Own Way of Dying

It took a comedian to change a Hollywood studio's interpretation of how a man reacts when he is shot.

Ned Sparks, noted dead-pan laugh provoker, who plays one of the chief supporting roles in Mary Pickford's "Secrets," showing at the Palace theatre Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, took issue with the "business" in the scenario that called for him to go into a spin and pitch forward on his face when struck by a bullet, and finally persuaded Director Frank Borzage to let him do the scene his own way.

Sparks, it was revealed, is an authority on gun-fighting and old western badmen. He owns one of the largest private libraries in existence dealing with the lives of desperadoes and famous gun-fights in western America during the past seventy-five years. The comedian also is an expert on all kinds of firearms. Guns and gun-fight lore are his hobby.

So when Borzage rehearsed, Miss Pickford, Leslie Howard and Sparks in a scene at the United Artists studios, requiring Sparks to do a heroic fall when supposedly shot by cattle rustlers, the comedian objected to the "dying technique."

"All wrong, all wrong," protested Sparks. "I'm shot through the chest. At the range these gun-men are firing, and with the kind of ammunition they're using, I would cough convulsively and merely slump to the ground. I've been waiting for years to be shot in a scene like this, and I know how it should be done."

Borzage, after listening to Sparks expound at length on shootings and firearms, finally said: "All right, you're to be the wounded man, so be shot your own way."

HOW ONE WOMAN LOST 20 LBS. OF FAT

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Julia Proctor is visiting relatives in Louisville, Ky.

Clyde Foster visited over the week-end with Herman Beene at Comanche. Lankford McCracken of Hamlin spent the week-end with Dan Reidenbach and family.

Frank Reed enjoyed a visit the past week in the home of his brother, Hardin Reed, at Post City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dry were up from Dublin to spend the Fourth with Lloyd's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell and daughter, Lucile, are visiting another daughter, Mrs. J. G. McFarland, in Friona.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ferguson spent the Fourth at Del Rio and Eagle Pass, returning Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parks of San Angelo, who were recent visitors with Mrs. Parks' sister, Mrs. Dee Bland, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas spent the Fourth at Comanche and Mrs. Thomas remained for a longer visit with her parents there.

Mrs. E. D. Coats and son, John D., have returned for the summer from Providence, R. I., where John D. is attending Brown University.

After a visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Greene, Mrs. W. G. McGarr and two children returned Monday to their home in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenwasser and daughter of Lockhart are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger. Mrs. Rosenwasser is a sister of Mrs. Mellinger's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allen and two daughters, Misses Roberta and Onea, of Royce City, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, returned home Tuesday.

Guy Darsey, returning from a business trip to Chicago and other points, was joined by Mrs. Darsey and little daughter here and they returned to Austin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, and Mrs. Fletcher Mashburn, spent the Fourth with relatives at McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meredith and Miss Pearl Platt of Venus and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith and daughter, Sunny Jo, of Abilene are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt had as their guests the past week Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tucker and son of Berger, Mrs. Thelma Bigham and son, Dean, of Hawley, and Miss Ruth Piqua of Pecos.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney had for their week-end guests Miss Bernice Harte and Marion McClure, both students at Simmons universi-

ty. The latter was Harold's roommate at Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randel of Childress were July Fourth visitors with Mrs. Randel's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John West. They will spend the rest of Mr. Randel's vacation with her parents at Trent.

Roy Tucker, Lewis Tucker and family and Mrs. V. L. Merritt and family, accompanied by their father, C. L. Tucker, enjoyed a family reunion Monday in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. A. P. Hague, of Graham.

Guests for the week of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore are Mrs. Moore's cousin, Miss Irene Green, of Wichita Falls, Miss Lonelle Whitaker of Abilene, and Miss Johnnie Elliott of Abilene, the latter a sister of Mrs. Moore.

Guests for the Fourth of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Woods were Mrs. Woods' mother, Mrs. J. M. Burks, of Abilene, and two sisters, Miss Leona Burks of Abilene and Miss Louise Boyce of El Paso, and an old-time friend of Mr. Woods, Bill Geeters, of Haskell.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter were Mr. Hunter's sister, Mrs. Laura Balch, and two children, Robert and Frances, of Temple. On their return home they were accompanied by Wanda Hunter, who will visit sometime in the home of her aunt.

Robert Mancill, who went from Merkel to a Citizens Conservation camp and who was assigned to a group near Crockett in Houston county, was home this week for a visit with his mother. Some 32 boys from this section came as far as Abilene in one truck.

Miss Annie Laurie Smith, accompanied by her friend, Miss Minnie Mand Cox, left Dallas Saturday for Chicago where they will spend several days at the World's Century of Progress. They also plan a trip to Canada, Detroit and other northern points of interest.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Caple of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple are spending some ten days with relatives in Tennessee.

Claud Watkins of Electra, has been a guest this week of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn. He will return home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett and T. H. Christopher have returned from

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a month's vacation in Los Angeles. Other interesting places visited were the Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon in Arizona and the Yosemite National Park in the high Sierras in California, where the big trees, the beautiful waterfalls and snow-covered mountains were much enjoyed.

M. and Mrs. Allen D. Kin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Burrows and three children, Norma Lee, C. B. and Clifford, of Rotan, camped on the Concho west of San Angelo utility lake from Monday until Thursday of last week, going Friday morning to the Burrows home at Rotan. From there Mr. and Mrs. King and Mr. Burrows left for Seminole where they visited in the homes of Ernest Roscoe and E. C. Eastep.

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4 1-2 and 5 per cent money to worthy farmers and ranchmen, on land, livestock, crops, implements up to 75 per cent normal value; 13 to 40 years. Refinance your loan with joint stocks or others. W. Homer Shanks, Suite 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

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

R & R PALACE Sweetwater

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 Needlecraft . . . 1 yr
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 Country Home . . . 2 yrs
 Successful Farming . . . 1 yr
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 Southern Agriculturist . . . 1 yr
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THREE IN ALL

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AWAKENED WOMAN

by ELINORE BARRY

FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT

Synopsis: Joyce Ashton, poor stenographer, suffered loss of memory in a shuddering 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 her love. At his request they call upon Neil's mother, whom Joyce finds adorable.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"And you live here all alone and write?" asked Joyce.
 "You forget Claud Alfred," replied Ainsworth with a smile.
 Joyce giggled at the fiction of Claud Alfred. Why had she known from the first that there was no Claud Alfred Treymayne?
 She found out, among other scattered items of information, that this shack was his real headquarters, from which he went away every few months to live in San Francisco, New Orleans, New York, St. Augustine, Boston or various middle west cities. He had now been at the shack for three months and expected to stay until he finished his present book, which would probably be about two or three months.
 When she reluctantly decided she must start back to Manzanita, Ainsworth suggested riding part of the way with her, to the point where he would branch off onto the road to Manana. He saddled Rosita and his own, a strong-looking dapple gray, who came to his call from the far end of the corral.
 Drawing rein at the parting place Ainsworth gave her an inquiring look, and Joyce knew that he was about to ask her if he might go to see her.
 "I'll—I'll come out again soon," she said quickly and spurred her horse to a galloping start. She waved her hand without looking back.
 Joyce rode home in a daze. Mechanically she undressed, bathed, dressed again, and ate her dinner. After dinner she retreated to her room and settled herself luxuriously on the couch.
 She lay in her blissful trance. She held both of Robert Ainsworth's books, fingering them, stroking them with worshiping fingers, opening the covers, glancing at the first sentences, tasting, and then putting off the delights of reading.
 She wondered how the shack looked at night, what Robert Ainsworth was doing at that moment while she lay and thought about him.
 Did he sleep on that wide couch under the window, or out of doors in the hammock under the pines with the multitude of stars gravely keeping watch overhead in the deep velvet of the sky?
 As she came to this thought something seemed to grip her heart, and she clenched her hands suddenly.
 She was in love with Robert Ainsworth!
 Thank God, Neil was away. Joyce had never valued the luxury of privacy and undisturbed quiet more than on this particular night. She wanted to forget everything and everybody except Robert Ainsworth.
 During the next day, however, the inevitable reaction occurred. Doubts and fears plunged her down disastrously from the heights of exaltation to frequent moods of black uncertainty and hopelessness. Where could this end, this delightful, this miraculous meeting? She was married to Neil Packard. Yet even as she forced this undeniable fact upon her consciousness, there stole into her mind the disturbing thought, "But that was why I was holding Neil off all this time . . . I was waiting for Robert!" How could she be Neil's wife now? Every heart beat was lifting

her on an irresistible wave of longing and sweeping her toward the other man.
 Joyce was in bed before Neil got home that night and the next morning, a little ashamed of her cowardice, she remained in her room until he had left for the day, pretending to be asleep when he knocked gently before he finally departed. She got up as soon as she heard his car roll out of the drive, dressed in her riding habit, and ate a hurried breakfast. She pretended to herself that she was simply going for a long ride. She told herself that it was too soon to make another call on Ainsworth and that she had no intention of doing anything so foolish. She certainly did not want him to think she was pursuing him! Yet, somehow, about noon she found herself at the foot of the trail. Suddenly she heard horse's hoofs behind her.
 "Hullo," exclaimed Robert Ainsworth, coming up at a gallop. "I was just thinking as I rode along that I have to eat lunch alone on such a day was enough to make the angels weep."
 Joyce's heart lightened at a bound. Deep gratitude flooded her at this casual but warm reception. She smiled happily, all her doubts dispelled. She was glad, glad, glad that she had come! And during the three hours she stayed with Robert Ainsworth, eating lunch with him, helping him wash the dishes, and listening to his nonsense, she continued to be glad.
 The conversation was kept, as if by mutual consent, light and bantering, impersonal.
 "I've finished Glittering Payments," she remarked in a pause, "but I'm saving The Rose Adobe a little longer. It's such riches to have two books by Robert Ainsworth at once! You can't think how I adore your writing. I wish I could express myself better," hoping he would not think her stupid; "of course, you don't need any praise from me, but I do want you to know how much I enjoy your books. Everything you write is so satisfactory . . . it has such strength . . . there always seems to be something to bite on." She paused, suddenly overcome by the futility of her groping for words and looked at him, appealing to his tolerance and understanding of her difficulty.
 He smiled at her and in his smile there was no trace of condescension nor mockery nor bored disgust. It was a cheerful, completely understanding, even a grateful smile. It warmed Joyce to the tips of her toes, made her feel as if he had accepted her as a friend, an equal, not just a girl who might be flirted with.
 "Nice girl!" he commented briefly. "Strength . . . something to bite on. You couldn't say anything to please me any better than that."
 When she was leaving Ainsworth said, "Do you think you can find the way if you drive out sometime? I'm sort of looking forward to meeting Dickie. You'll bring him sure, won't you?"
 "Oh yes, I can find that back road and I'll bring Dickie. But . . . but I can't help worrying about . . . about interrupting you?"
 "Forget it! While Claud Alfred's away I do as I damn' please in the matter of visitors. I often work at night too, you see. There isn't much else that's more tempting to do out here so I tear off quite a bit each twenty-four hours just whenever I feel like it. No particular hurry, either."
 She dismounted from Rosita just as Neil drove his car into the garage. When he joined her and they turned toward the house together, he said, "Been out long, Frills?"
 "Why, most all day. It was so lovely and I had my lunch so I kept going farther and farther."
 "I was sort of hoping you'd feel like a ride with me but—"
 "Oh, I'm sorry, Neil. But I really am tired. I went pretty far."
 "Want to go over to Paul's tonight?" went on Neil, "he's leaving in a couple of weeks now, he said today. Got most of his plans all made. I'll . . . I'll miss old Paul."
 Joyce bit her lips and frowned as she tried to decide what to do.
 "You go on over to Paul's, Neil. I'm going to be so sleepy from my long ride that I'd yawn my head off, I know, and that would be so annoying to Paul," she said finally.
 Neil did not urge her and at dinner, after his first few attempts at conversation had met with vague, absent-

minded replies, he finished his meal in silence.
 The next morning during breakfast Joyce said suddenly, "Neil, I'm so sick of that hideous yellow Duesenberg. I wish I could turn it and get a different one. Would you mind?"
 Neil grinned. "Well, I never did care much for it myself. Sure, you can do whatever you like about it."
 "If . . . if I drove the Duesenberg up to the city today, do you think I could make the exchange right off without too much red tape?"
 "Oh, yes, don't believe you'd have any trouble. How about running up and taking in a show tonight and driving back tomorrow? I've got a little business to see in the city and I'd like to drive up with you," suggested Neil.
 Joyce sighed inwardly. She did not want to go to a show. She had looked forward to the drive alone, a chance to dream uninterrupted. . . . But after all she owed Neil a debt that seemed to grow greater in proportion to her regard for Robert Ainsworth.
 "All right," she said.
 To her disappointment Joyce found that she would have to wait a couple of days in order to obtain the car she wanted. And when they ran into Ross and Clarice Emery, Neil suggested their staying up in San Francisco a second night and making a party to go to the theatre together.
 The following day they started back at about noon and drove to Manzanita in the new roadster, a beautiful car, but entirely unlike the "Easter Egg," for its mirror-like enamel surface was a deep blue, almost black.
 Three whole days since she had seen Robert Ainsworth! That was the thought which pushed others into the background as they approached Manzanita.
 So impatient was she to see Ainsworth again that it was not yet noon the next day when she arrived at the entrance of the wood road and guided the new Duesenberg carefully down through the pines to the rustic garage.
 When Joyce arrived at the shack she found Ainsworth engaged in giving his horse a thorough currying. He stopped and came to welcome her and Dickie, displaying a most satisfactory amount of enthusiasm.
 After a stick had been thrown for Dickie until the little dog was weary and panting, Robert and Joyce talked. And as usual, the world drifted for Joyce far away from this lonely spot.
 Toward the end of the afternoon they happened to be inside the house for a moment, standing in front of the bookshelves while Ainsworth hunted for a volume of poems which he had mentioned and from which he wanted to read to her.

Joyce watched him as he bent over the bookcase, his eyes running swiftly over the titles along the shelves. Her heart filled with sudden pain. She loved him! She adored him! This feeling which surged through her was the kind of love she had dreamed about, for which she had wistfully yearned as a young girl. Instinctively, she recognized it. Was love always partly pain? Ainsworth was speaking, but she hardly heard what he was saying.
 "Oh, damn the luck! I must have left it in the city last time. I'll get it when I go up next week if I can remember to. . . . I want to read you the one on the Eucalyptus Grove. You'd like it. . . ." He turned.
 Joyce looked up into his face silently. His expression changed abruptly. Suddenly he put his hands on her shoulders. "Why don't you bring your aunt along as a chaperone?" he demanded. He was smiling but to Joyce's amazement his voice shook. "You . . . you can't expect me to stay impersonal much longer, you know," he continued, now very softly, "Not while you're so . . . while you're such a sweet child! I . . . I can't keep my hands off you, you lovely . . . adorable . . . beautiful—" Very gently his one arm slid about her shoulders, and he drew her close to him. Then he bent his head and laid his cheek against hers as he murmured the last words. His arms tightened around Joyce's yielding form.
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock and children of Big Spring were Saturday night guests of relatives. They were en route to Cross Plains for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansin O'Neal of Morton have returned to their home after a visit of several days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers.

Irvin Burton of Stith visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Burton, here.

Miss Marie Bird, who has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reneau for several months, returned Sunday to her home at Franklin.

Miss Inez Spence of Floydada was the guest the first part of the week of Miss Pete Smith. She will also visit in Abilene.

Leonard Quattlebaum has been called to the bedside of his father who lives at Floyd, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Lamesa were recent guests here of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Mrs. Joe Stewart and daughter, Margie Jo, left Tuesday to visit at Iredell. Before returning they also plan to visit in Houston.

Mrs. Ben Howell has as her guest her aunt, Mrs. Stanford, from Fort Worth.

A number of our citizens attended the Cowboy reunion at Stamford on the Fourth and some spent the entire three days there.

Mrs. Ann Boone, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Alexander, of Hobbs, N. M., has returned home.

Jack Bright left Saturday for a few days visit with his son, Elbert, and family, of Gordon.

We are glad to report that Postmaster Dowdy, who was injured in a car wreck Saturday night, was able to be moved from the hospital to his home Tuesday.

Mrs. John Strawn underwent an operation Monday at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium.

Miss Ruth Coppage, who was operated on at the West Texas Baptist hospital last Saturday, is reported doing nicely.

F. B. Sorrells of Fort Worth was a passing guest of relatives Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Rutherford and baby of Floydada are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Mrs. O. L. Bishop has as her guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Crockett, and her sister Mrs. Annie Gilbert, all of Waco.

Mrs. W. J. Armour, who has been ill for sometime, is improving slowly.

Miss Vera Bright was hostess to a group of young people on last Tuesday evening, honoring Miss Ida V. Estep on her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson and son, Raymond, of Lamesa, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods last Tuesday.

Lee Graham of Eola, Texas, on his way to Crosbyton, visited his sister, Mrs. Joe Brown.

Miss Frances Jones, who had her

tonsils removed last week, is getting fine at this writing.

A. C. Terry and son, Harold, and Misses Maurine Smith and Fama Johnson left Monday for Lubbock where they spent the Fourth of July.

BLAIR ITEMS

We appreciate the messages given by Rev. John Walker in the revival now in progress at the Baptist church. His spiritual fervor and Christly messages are uplifting and helpful and his power as a preacher is working untold good in this meeting. Brother Carl Brabbin is co-operating with a brotherly spirit as the leader of the song service and many visitors from the surrounding towns and communities have been enjoying the old-fashioned gospel sermons. Everyone is invited to these services.

Among those attending services at the M. E. church Sunday evening were: Misses Eleanor Mae Hogan and Mary Click of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellah of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Floyd Cogburn and her four handsome children of Fort Worth were passing visitors over the week-end with Mrs. Hurman Doan, en route to Roscoe. Mrs. Doan, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is convalescing nicely at this time.

Mrs. Myrtle Scott of Los Angeles, Calif., is on an extended visit here with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks. Mr. and Mrs. Meeks and family with Mrs. Scott motored over to Caps last week-end and visited with relatives at that place. Mrs. Scott is with her father, Jim Campbell, at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son of Snyder spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell. Returning home Sunday, they were accompanied by little Miss Annie Clara Doan for a few days visit.

Mrs. Oscar Pollard and children of Sweetwater visited with friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and son, Arthur, left for Corpus Christi on a ten days visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall left the past week for Oklahoma to visit with her son for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle of Trent were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. O. W. Walker.

Mrs. John Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Hague Wood and Berneal Clinton attended the wedding ceremony of Miss Bonnie Fay Matthews to Mr. James Farr of Archer City on June 30th. Miss Bonnie Fae is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burfeind, who formerly lived here, and her many friends will wish her a long and happy married life. They were married at Hollis, Okla.

HEBRON NEWS

Paul Pannell entertained his friends Saturday night with a party, his cousin, Dora Palmer, being honor guest. Special music was furnished by Burtis Sharp on the guitar and Mr. Pannell on the violin.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pannell and baby Barbara Ann and Louise Pannell spent the Fourth with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Mrs. Thomas Harris and little daughter Gloria returned Monday to Big Spring after spending a few days with Gloria's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Several of the younger set had a picnic on the river on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Jones and little son, Charles Freddie, spent the Fourth with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark.

Sing Sing lists a circus contortionist among its convicts. Doubless he has promised that he will go straight when he gets out.

RURAL SOCIETY

MRS. ROY D. WILLIAMS ENTERTAINS.

A surprise shower was tendered by Mrs. Roy D. Williams to Mrs. Ted Washburn at the Goodman school house on Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were decorated in pink and white with lovely shasta daisies and pink roses with ferns. Games and contests were enjoyed throughout the afternoon, the prize winners of each contest in turn presenting their trophies to the honoree. After the games and contests were over many nice and useful gifts were presented the honoree by Mrs. Bud Winters.

Refreshments of chocolate cake and banana ice cream were served to the following: Mesdames Bud Winters, Charles Murphy, Hoyt Barns, Robinson W. N. Williams, Walter Phillips, Frank Hall, Delmer McLeod, W. G. Ferrell, Walling, Dewey Woods, Bert Gaines, R. L. Campbell, Devers, Irene Eoff, J. W. Tiner, Velma Robertson, Mrs. Wilbur Woods of Trent, Misses Agnes Williams, Ora Hill, Aubrey Phillips, Lora Hail, Georgia Ferrell, Anna Williams, Henderson, Ethel Lee Davis and the honoree and hostess.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club will meet at the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell on Thursday afternoon, July 13, the days for meetings having been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Miss Chambers will meet with

the club on the fourth Thursday every other month.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT BLAIR

A crowd of young people enjoyed the hospitality in the home of Miss Harriet Rogers on June 28, when she celebrated her fifteenth birthday.

Little Peggie Mayfield was the honoree of a prettily planned party by her mother, Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, on her fifth birthday, June 27. Many pretty gifts were presented the honoree and a refreshment plate was served.

Little Mary Elizabeth Melton celebrated her fourth birthday on July first in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Shorty Swafford, with the hostess' immediate family and a few relatives present. The evening was spent in talking over old times and ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY

On the evening of June 28 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison of Blair, Louise Addison and Billie Campbell had their birthday party together with a large number of their schoolmates and chums present. They had a joyous time together as only children and youth can. The mothers and fathers present shared their pleasure with them. They were each

remembered by their friends with many nice presents. Cream and cake were served for refreshments. The memories of this pleasant evening will live on, for "the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."

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Dallas Zone Manager Cites Increased Sales

Following the trend of increasing prices on commodities—with cotton nearing 10c and wheat better than \$1.00—according to Fred Hughes of Hughes Motor company, the sales volume of Chevrolet automobiles is increasing to the extent that the factories are finding it hard to keep production supplied with raw materials.

Contrary to precedent, according to Mr. Hughes, the Dallas territory—unusually which he operates—sold over 300 cars in May then in April and worked over 800 more in June than in May. Celebrating this increased popularity of their product, H. C. Howrich, zone manager in Dallas, was host to the dealers and salesmen in a radio broadcast Saturday night.

Speaking to Mr. Howard, the depression is over for Chevrolet. He told the dealers that during the last two or three years, when things were blackest, they were courageous, talked prosperously, worked aggressively, and sold merchandise that kept thousands of workers permanently employed.

"The reason of this increased business for Chevrolet," Mr. Howard said, "is not only due to the outstanding features of the car but due to the fact that the thinking of the people in Texas has changed tremendously since March 4th."

"People have regained their confidence—they have an entirely new viewpoint on their business and on themselves—those already employed are no longer fearful of losing their jobs—they see employment and earnings increasing—new projects under way—a guarantee of fair prices to the farmer for his products—and a warranty of better times for the future."

First Governor Dies.

Oklahoma City, July 6.—Charles N. Haskell, 75, Oklahoma's first governor, died at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday in his room at an Oklahoma City hotel, where he had been ill for several weeks.

Home Raised Canned Products

"Home raised and home canned products have meant our very living," Mrs. V. E. Spurgin of Noodle, Spurgin is the demonstrator in the Noodle Home Demonstration club. She says, "my garden is far, though, is fine considering the pests, such as rats and birds. I have had onions, mustard, radishes, carrots and spinach; now I have beans, potatoes, squash, carrots and cucumbers; also I have okra, peas, tomatoes and butter beans coming on."

"In my tomato patch which consists of six rows about 65 feet long I have two rows of tiling which only cost \$1.30. I surely do think it is going to be fine and that it is going to pay. I mean to have my whole garden laid in tile next year."

Mrs. J. E. Rennells of Avoca says that her closet is not the old style closet but is quite improved by the addition of shelves for hats, flat work and shoe racks to keep the shoes off the floor.

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Fort Worth, July 6.—Direct employment for more than 18,000 men will be provided when the \$24,000,000 federal aid highway program gets under way in Texas, government officials closely allied with the program estimated Wednesday.

It further was stated that employment relief in the matter of indirect work provided by the highway improvement likely will affect between 40,000 and 50,000 people.

C. E. Swain, federal district engineer, previously announced that bids probably will be made on the first projects under the improvement program by July 15.

Elected W. C. T. U. Head.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 6.—Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Des Moines, Iowa, clergywoman, Tuesday was elected president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, succeeding Mrs. Ella A. Boole, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Governor John Winthrop brought the first fork to this country in 1633.

"Thunder Beast" Breathes Again at World's Fair



Portion of the Sinclair Prehistoric Exhibit at the World's Fair—the first attempt ever to reproduce out of doors the conditions of life as they existed a hundred million years ago.

CALLED "Thunder Beast" by scientists because the ground trembled under his 40-ton tread, the brawny Brontosaurus will "breathe" and "live again" at the Chicago World's Fair.

How this 70-foot dinosaur and his reptilian kin will appear to visitors to the Sinclair Prehistoric Exhibit is shown in the above picture. The Brontosaurus, largest of dinosaurs, appears to the left in the illustration. In the center, the ferocious Tyrannosaurus Rex, fiercest of dinosaurs, is engaged in a battle with his ancient foe, Triceratops, while a Duck-billed Dinosaur watches the fray from the coolness of a nearby pond. The odd beast in the upper right-hand section of the picture is Stegosaurus who defended himself with the most weird backbone ever known. The Sinclair exhibit will cover nearly an acre of ground. Some idea of the huge size of the dinosaur models, which will

be animated, may be had by comparing them with the people shown in the picture. P. G. Allen, of Fort Wayne and Hollywood, dinosaur-maker extraordinary to the motion-picture industry, was commissioned by the Sinclair Betting Company to recreate these odd forms of life that roamed the earth millions of years ago while Nature was molding and filtering the globe of earth which today's motor cars have replaced.

State Prison System To Reduce Its Cotton

Houston, July 6.—One of the state's largest cotton growers—the state prison system—has indicated the intention of falling in line with the federal plowup program.

Meeting here Monday, the state prison board decided to plow up an amount equal to the amount destroyed by counties in which the prison farms are located.

The system has approximately 14,000 acres in cultivation, a third less than grown in normal years.

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CORN, Red & White, No 2 can, 2 for **23c**

Tomato Juice Red & White 2 for **15c**

MILK R & W 6 small **19c**—3 tall **19c**

SALMON, No 1 tall can, 2 for **23c**

Toasties large pkg. **10c**

JELLO, all flavors, 2 for **15c**

CALUMET baking powder, pound **25c**

SALAD DRESSING, 16 oz. **17c**—32 oz. **27c**

BRAN FLAKES, pkg. **10c**

GRAPE JUICE Red & White pint **17c**

CATSUP, Red & White, bottle **15c**

PORK & BEANS, per can **5c**

COFFEE, R. & W. 1 lb **33c**—2 lb **65c**

Peanut Butter quart **25c**

PICKLES, sweet or sour, jar **10c**

SOAP, Red & White, Giant, 6 bars **25c**

DRANO, per can **23c**

MARSHMALLOWS 8 oz pkg **10c** 16 oz **19c**

Compound 4 lb. carton **27c**

Bacon sliced, pound **19c**

FRIERS, pound **18c**



REUNION IN RAINBOLT HOME.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt was honored with a surprise birthday party on July fourth, with her daughters in charge of the entire affair. The occasion was strictly planned for a reunion with the sisters of Mrs. Rainbolt and her children. A sister, Mrs. W. H. Brunson, and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Zant, of Midland, arrived Monday evening while the others arrived Tuesday morning. The other sisters enjoying the affair were Mrs. R. M. Chalker, of Eolian and Mrs. J. F. Berry of Clyde. This was the first time these four sisters had met in thirty years.

Messages were received from a brother in Littlefield and a sister in Lovington, N. M. Many happy reminiscences were recalled and most of the day was spent in "talking."

At noon the guests were seated at a long table and a bounteous meal was served. The cutting of the huge birthday cake afforded much pleasure. The group remained also for the evening meal, departing about ten o'clock for their homes.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Mrs. Jack Zant, Mrs. W. H. Brunson, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry, John Berry, Clyde; Mrs. P. M. Chalker and children, Merle, Inarine, and Derwood, Eolian; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rainbolt and sons, Billy and Jack, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and children, Betty Ann and Jimmy Pat, Big Spring; Mrs. C. A. Fryar and daughter, Alberta, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and son, Horace, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Britain and daughters, Patty Lynn and Jane; Mrs. Jesse Moody, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and Miss Hazel Rainbolt.

SUBLETT REUNION.

The annual reunion of the Sublett family was held at the City Park, Sweetwater, on July 4th.

The youngsters enjoyed seesaws, slider, swings and swimming. At noon all enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bishop and baby, and Lola Sublett, Copperas Cove; Mrs. Mollie Starkey, Mrs. Henry Hicks, Verner Sublett, Geo. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Tye Sublett and three children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks and three children and Sampie McGeebe of Merkel; Mrs. Pearl Sublett and five children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hedrick and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown and three children, Dorothy Phillips and Vera Harris of Sweetwater.

CLASS REUNION.

Members of the Senior class of '26 enjoyed their annual get-together, making this year on Elm creek with in the government reservation on Sunday, June 25. The serving of a sumptuous spread, picnic fashion, was the high point in the day's activities of outdoor sports. Guests were Mrs. Grace Thomas, Misses Emma Tombs, Edith Baker, Mary Hutchison, Flossie Campbell and Mrs. Ernest Spurgeon, class members; others going were Messrs. Wilbur Thomas, Irvin Thompson, Buck Leach, Andy Shouse and Howard Windham.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club were complimented with a most enjoyable morning party in the home of Mrs. Ed McCrary last Thursday.

Games of bridge were employed as diversion and at their culmination a delectable salad plate was passed to Miss Marybel Brennan of Colorado, Mrs. Sidney Foy, Baird, Mesdames Bob Mayfield, George Overton, J. E. Boaz, Jr., L. C. Zehnpfennig, Milton Case, Harold Boney, George West, Orion Tittle, Ernest Higgins, Johnnie Gresham, Charlie Largent, Misses Nelle and Dorris Durham and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

SWIMMING PARTY.

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CHURCH SERVICES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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No church service, morning or evening as this is the pastor's day at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 792 on the previous Sunday and 527 on the same Sunday a year ago. The number in attendance last year was cut owing to rain.

SENIOR PREP B. T. S.

Topic: "Back to Jerusalem."
"Leaving Galilee," Ruth Davis.
"Jesus Appears in Jerusalem," Sarah Sheppard.

"A Great Invitation and Its Effect," Clara F. Largent.
"A Sinful Woman Forgiven," Dot Swafford.

"Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind," Vivian Davis.
"The Parable of the Good Samaritan," Coehre Morrison.

"A Visit in a Bethany Home," Victor Joyner.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

We announced previous to our revival that we were going to begin a revival that shall never close. And we praise God the revival spirit is still going in our church. In the last eight days, there have been six fine people whose hearts were revived and who came into our church to join us in carrying the glorious message of the gospel. There were two who came for baptism and some by letter last Sunday.

We baptized last Sunday and will baptize next Sunday.

On account of unavoidable interference singing school was moved up to begin next Monday night. We are having some fine singing every Sunday afternoon. Come sing with us next Sunday.

We observed the Lord's Supper last Sunday night according to the scripture, "to show forth the Lord's death"

Han-Aroun club participating and at the same time complimenting Miss Marybel Brennan of Colorado, house guest of Miss Harold Boney. The guest list included: Mesdames Harold Boney, Sidney Foy, L. C. Zehnpfennig, George West, George Overton, Bob Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ernest Higgins, Johnnie Gresham, Charlie Largent, Orion Tittle, Milton Case, W. T. Sadler, Misses Marybel Brennan, Lou Largent, Nelle Durham, Dorris Durham and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

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Two Clarences Winners Of Roquet Tournament

Two Merkel players, Clarence Grayson and Clarence Perry, proved the champion team in the July Fourth roquet tournament held here, with representatives from some ten or more towns present.

The Butler brothers, also Merkel players, were their opponents in the finals. Semi-finalists were Tom Coats and Ollie Fox.

Tournament play started at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning and the finals were completed at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Plans for New Farmers Gin Here Being Pushed

A large number of farmers and others interested in a "Farmers Gin" for Merkel gathered last Saturday afternoon at the I. O. O. F. hall and responses at the meeting and in the succeeding days have netted more than 100 members. Subscriptions of farmers to date amount to something like \$13,000, according to those sponsoring the movement.

With subscriptions of the latter, added to the above, work is still continuing and it is expected to complete the preliminary organization so that actual work can be started next week.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Billington, residing near Trent, Saturday, July 1, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston, residing south of town, Monday, July 3, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hickey, Sandbur, Tuesday, July 4, 1933.

WEBSTER-SALTERS.

At 10:30 Friday evening, June 30, Miss Irene Salters and Mr. Charlie Webster were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Ernest C. Dowell, who also officiated. They will reside on a farm near Warren school and a host of friends join in wishing them much happiness and success.

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Pint Bottles Grape Juice **19c**
Solid Pack Peaches, gal. **37c**
Quart Size Fruit Jars, dz. **75c**
Full Cream Cheese, lb. **19c**

Salad Dressing W. P. 16 Oz. Jar **19c**

Pure Cane SUGAR Cloth Bags
25 lbs. **\$1.30**

Primrose FLOUR
48 lbs. **\$1.30**

Pickles Sours Quart Jar **15c**

Crackers Saltines 2-Lb. Box **23c**

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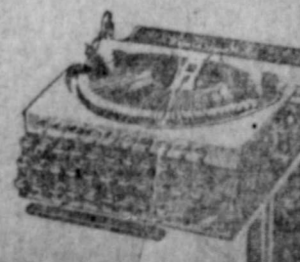
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