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REDECORATED AND WITH NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT QUEEN OPENS AT FIVE P. M.

"One Way Passage." With William Powell and Kay Francis, Feature Opening Picture; Other Big Ones Booked.

It's cool at the Queen theatre, where breezes of washed air serve to make the patron comfortable even though the thermometer ranges above 100 outside.

This is only one of the improvements inaugurated by Frank Benson, new lessee of the Queen, which opens at 5 o'clock this afternoon with new sound equipment and under new home management. The feature picture of the opening program is "One Way Passage," starring William Powell and Kay Francis, a very strong romantic picture with deep dramatic moments.

The new sound apparatus is of the type known as "sound on film" and there is no possibility of picture and sound being out of synchronization. Only a visit to the theatre itself will reveal what a paint brush and redecorations have accomplished.

The opening program will include, besides the feature picture, the following shorts: "Hurricane Express," a railroad serial, starring John Wayne, and the Merrie Melodies cartoon, those funny animals in "A Great Bunch of You." It will start at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon and show Friday night and Saturday beginning at 1:30 continuously until 11 p. m.

ONE WAY PASSAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson, just recently married, by the way, have both seen "One Way Passage" and personally recommend it. It is said to have the most beautiful music score of any picture this year. The story deals with a man wanted for murder in San Francisco and a girl suffering with an incurable heart ailment. From the moment of their meeting in Hong Kong, action, thrills, comedy, pathos and romance follow. In the excellent supporting cast are Aline MacMahon, Frank McHugh and Warren Hymer.

Following their marriage at the Baptist parsonage in San Angelo last Saturday night, with Rev. Mr. Forman officiating, Mr. and Mrs. Benson left immediately for Dallas where they signed up an excellent group of pictures at Warner Brothers and MGM booking offices.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM.

Monday and Tuesday—"Frisco Jenny" with Ruth Chatterton; also "Hot Competition."

Wednesday and Thursday—"Blondie Johnson" with Chester Morris and Joan Blondell; also "Bosco's Drawback."

Friday and Saturday—"Girl Missing" with Glenda Farrell, Ben Lyon and Mary Brian; also "Bosco's Dizzy Days" and second chapter, "Hurricane Express."

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Listed in bookings for the near future. (Continued on Page Two)

FIRST OF COTTON CO-OP RALLIES MONDAY NIGHT

C. O. Moser Will Address Mass Meeting at Bradshaw; Another Meeting at Stith Wednesday Night.

Taylor county is to celebrate the successful completion of arrangements for the new West Texas Cotton Growers association with a mass meeting at Bradshaw, Monday night, with C. O. Moser, vice president of the American Cotton Co-operative association, as the chief speaker. Announcement of the rally plans were made Wednesday from the office of Clyde Daniel, WTCGA organization director.

Mr. Moser will also be present and address a meeting of farmers at the Stith tabernacle next Wednesday night. The committee on arrangements includes Messrs. Ed Vantrees, J. D. Daniels, J. S. Varner and W. C. Church. They are authority for the announcement that barrels of free lemonade will be served and those who attend are assured of plenty of liquid refreshment.

Other counties included in the new set-up are to follow Taylor county with rallies next week. Besides the meeting at Stith, Mr. Moser is to speak at Coleman, Tuesday afternoon; at Hamlin, Tuesday night; at Roby, Wednesday afternoon; at Snyder Thursday afternoon, and at Colorado, Friday afternoon.

There will be no "sign-up" at the meetings next week, said Mr. Daniel, who announced that cotton growers will be given an opportunity to join the association at a later date.

34,833 ACRES IS COUNTY'S TOTAL FOR REDUCTION

Figure is 4,210 Short of Allotment Set. But Acreage Offered Was 44,000, Including Land Rejected.

Taylor county's share in the federal cotton acreage reduction program will be 34,833 acres.

That figure was wired to O. B. Martin, director of extension service at A. & M. college, who late Wednesday sent a communication to county boards to have a definite report of their acreage in by Wednesday midnight. Call for the reports had come direct from the national office at Washington.

Midnight Wednesday was the deadline for accepting contracts.

Contracts of 1,520 Taylor farmers were accepted. The committee turned down the offers of 492 men, who had land which had been in cotton in past years but on which the crop was not growing at this time. Including the land rejected, the total acreage offered was 44,000 acres.

Allotment had been set at 39,043, out of the 134,000 acres which are planted to cotton in the county. The land accepted is 4,210 acres short of the part which the county might have submitted.

County Farm Agent C. Metz Heald and assistants, working until midnight Wednesday, completed the check requested by Martin. They began work Thursday on final details, before submitting the contracts and final reports to the state office Saturday.

TWO STATE OFFICIALS ON PROGRAM OLD SETTLERS REUNION AT BUFFALO GAP

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Lon A. Smith and George H. Sheppard Have Accepted Invitations to Speak at Annual Gathering Friday, July 21.

Two state officials—Lon A. Smith, chairman of the railroad commission, and George H. Sheppard, state comptroller—have accepted invitations to speak on the annual program of the Taylor County Old Settlers' reunion, slated at Buffalo Gap on Friday, July 21.

Announcement of the principal speakers and other program plans were made Wednesday by the reunion program committee composed of T. A. Eledsoe, Abilene; Fred Jones, Tuscola, and Jim Hurt, Ovalo.

The Eagle Band of Abilene high school, directed by R. T. Bynum, is to be on hand all day to furnish special music. As an added feature of the program this year two double quartets, singing old time selections in the old-fashioned way are to appear during the morning program. Arrangements for that entertainment are in charge of Z. D. Hailey. A fiddlers' contest is also being scheduled.

Pioneers are to receive their welcome and the speakers are to be heard during the morning. At noon, a basket dinner is to be spread, with the association furnishing an abundance of ice water, bread, onions, pickles and coffee.

All old settlers are to register with Fred Jones, secretary, in order to receive badges, which will denote the period during which they took up residence in Taylor county—50, 40 or 25 years ago.

A large number of out-of-county old-timers are expected to attend. This week, the reunion officials were notified that there will be several representatives here from Phoenix, Ariz., where a Taylor County and Buffalo Gap Pioneers' association has been formed and holds reunion programs twice each year.

Merkel Team Wins at Loraine Roque Meet

Defeating Willis and Willis, Lawn's entries in Loraine's annual roque tournament on Tuesday, Frank Williams and Emerson Derrington of Merkel emerged as champions.

Other teams from this city competing were: Clarence Grayson and Tom Coats, Duncan and Fox, and Gilmore and Conder.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Maimie Walker is visiting in Fort Worth and Paris.

Miss Mabel Caviness is visiting in the T. T. Davis home for a while.

Mrs. J. S. Swann has returned from a visit with a sister at Tulsa.

Miss Artie Pinckley of Denton is visiting her brother, J. S. Pinckley, and family.

Miss Irene Swann, who joined two friends at Dallas, is enjoying the World's Fair.

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, this week.

Fred Guitar, Jr., and J. D. Ashby returned Wednesday from a vacation visit to El Paso.

Mrs. E. H. Jowers has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jim Parker, at O'Donnell.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton and son, Jimmy, of Overton are here for a several weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Mrs. Dub Johnson and little daughter, Mary Fay, of Baird are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harkrider and children of Brownwood have been spending the week with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ozeo and four children of Fort Worth were guests the past week of Mr. Ozeo's cousin, J. L. Tucker, and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Osborn of Pomonca, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Milner of Big Spring were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Laster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker returned Friday to their home in Altus, Okla., their son, Billie, remaining for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

A. H. Brackeen, who was formerly in the automobile business here, was a Merkel visitor two or three days last week. He is now ranching near Mineral Wells.

Rev. C. R. Joyner and two daughters, Misses Emma and Helen, are attending the Baptist encampment at Luaders this week. They expect to remain over Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix and their three children, Horace, Billie and Wayne, left Tuesday night by automobile for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will make their home.

Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess returned Monday from a two weeks trip to the north, including a visit to the World's Fair and attendance on the annual session of the National Educational association. They made the return trip in a new Pontiac, purchased at the factory.

Miss Nell Swann and Mrs. Warren Smith visited recently in San Angelo and returning picked up Master Jackie Smith at Robert Lee, where he had been visiting his grandparents.

Mrs. Raymond Demere of White Church is entertaining her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davidson, and two children, Bernice Fay and Ben, of Loma Linda, Calif.

Mrs. M. L. Holden, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Velma Lee, attended the Hood County Old Settlers reunion at Lovers Retreat, near Mineral Wells, last week, returning Monday.

Mrs. Max Rosser, who is a teacher in the schools at Riviera in the Rio Grande valley, accompanied by her son, Max, Jr., are visiting with her brother, City Marshal Dickinson, and family.

Jack Durham left Sunday for Borger where he has accepted employment with the paper. Mrs. Durham and children returned to McCamey Wednesday and will remain there with her mother for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis spent Sunday in Loraine, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foy and attending to business matters. They also visited Mrs. Davis' sick sister, Mrs. Vines, at Roscoe, and a brother, Don Badgley, at Roscoe. They report crops better there than here, Loraine having had a good rain.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Slayden and two sons, Troy and Fred, have returned from a month's visit in Clarksville, Tenn., with Mrs. Slayden's parents. Mr. Slayden went on to Chicago for a visit to the World's Fair. On their return, they were accompanied by Mr. Slayden's sister, Miss Lela Slayden, who will spend the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brown and little son, Jimmie Earl, of Hobbs, N. M., returned to their home Saturday after a few days visit with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts. They were accompanied on the return trip by Melba Watts, who will make an extended visit with them, and by Mrs. Sherman Lane, of Abilene, who will visit with a sister, Mrs. Clarence Walden, of Big Spring.

A party enjoying a swim and picnic spread at Shannon's pool Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brown and little son, Jimmie Earl Brown, of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Sherman Lane, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts, Miss Melba Watts, and Earl Watts, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tipton and sons, L. S. Jr., and Wayne, and daughter, Wanda Jeanette, Mrs. Teddie L. Johnson and little son, Teddie Glynn.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 11, 1913.)

J. I. Gilliland of El Paso is here visiting his sister, Mrs. O. F. McMaster. Mr. Gilliland has been looking over the town and will probably locate here; we extend a most hearty welcome to him and trust he will see fit to make our city his home.

Eugene Hargrove was in Abilene Wednesday visiting his sister, Mrs. H. B. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of Hillsboro came in Sunday afternoon to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes. At present Mr. Bragg is in Robert Lee on business but will return to Merkel for a short visit before returning to his home.

Miss Bertie Simmons of Cale is here visiting Miss Rowena Allen and other friends.

A. W. Wisdom was a social visitor in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy Hughes of Blair and grandson, Earl Hughes, left Monday for Benjamin to visit Mrs. Hughes' brother during the next three weeks.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. MARTIN

Wife of Pioneer Grocer Passes Away Wednesday Morning at Home Here.

Mrs. Nona Calvert Martin, beloved wife of R. A. Martin, one of Merkel's pioneer citizens and business men, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning at the family home. She had been in bad health for 15 years and about six years ago had a very severe illness. She was taken seriously shortly after noon last Thursday and with the exception of a short while Friday morning was unconscious until her death.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, of which she was a member, and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, were held at 5 o'clock from the home Wednesday afternoon and a large concourse of friends paid last tribute to this beloved woman, incomparable as wife, mother and sister in her nearly 60 years of living, a large part of which was spent in Taylor county and this city. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery where myriads of flowers made a beautiful setting for her last resting place.

As a mark of respect to the family, all business houses closed during the funeral.

Pall bearers were: Dee Grimes, W. M. Elliott, Forrest Gaither, Eli Case, R. A. Bugess and Kenneth Pee.

Born in Tennessee, September 27, 1873, Mrs. Nona Calvert came to Texas with her parents while a young girl. They settled in Taylor county in 1890. She was married April 2, 1899, to R. A. Martin here in Merkel where they have since resided. Mr. Martin, who first came to Merkel in 1886, entered the grocery business here in 1895 and has been continuously in this line of trade since.

Besides her husband and an only daughter, Miss Julia Martin, Mrs. Martin is survived by a brother, W. C. Calvert, Sweetwater, three half sisters, Mrs. Fred Latham and Mrs. C. (Continued on Page Five.)

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Burris Davis, residing north of town, Thursday, July 6, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lang, Noodle, Friday, July 7, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGaughey, Monday, July 10, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Daniels, west of View, Tuesday, July 11, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, residing south of town, Wednesday, July 12, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lamberto Rossas, Wednesday, July 12, 1933.

Monday evening of last week Miss Zora Coggin served a lovely appointed six o'clock dinner at her home in honor of Miss Jessie O'Briant. Covers were laid for Misses Jessie O'Briant, Mabel Collins and the hostess, Messrs. J. E. Faucett, Homer L. Easterwood and Dee Grimes.

T. B. Lucas stopped off here yesterday after an extended trip in California.

Mrs. A. F. Parks was in Abilene Monday visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Free of Abilene were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff and attending the meeting.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle and Mrs. W. A. Scott left Monday for Durant, Oklahoma, where they will visit Mrs. Scott's sister, Mrs. Mackey.

Will Evans left for Balinger Tuesday to look after business matters.

Mrs. Maggie Morrow is in Dallas this week visiting relatives.

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cards of thanks, etc., are classed as
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at 1c per word.

BRUCE BARTON

(Continued from page One)

He spoke to her with deference, as
always, but in words that did not dis-
pel but rather added to her uncertain-
ty.

"How is it that ye sought me?" he
asked. "Wist ye not that I must be
about my father's business?"

His father's business, indeed, as if
that wasn't exactly where they wanted
him to be. His father owned a pros-
perous carpenter shop in Nazareth,
and that was the place for the boy,
as he very well knew. She was on the
point of saying so, but there was some-
thing in his look and tone that silenced
her. She and Joseph turned and
started out, and Jesus followed them—
away from the temple and the city
back to little Nazareth.

Next Week: The Business of Life

Three Churches Unite
Sunday Night Services

For the remaining Sunday nights
of the month of July, the congrega-
tions of the First Baptist, Methodist
and Presbyterian churches will join
in union services, the first of which
is to be held at the Presbyterian
church the coming Sunday night at
8:30.

The speaker will be announced from
the pulpits of the church Sunday
morning.

On the following Sunday night, the
union service will be held at the Meth-
odist church, the third being sched-
uled for the First Baptist church.

On the first Sunday in August the
Baptists start a revival at the taber-
nacle and following this meeting the
Methodist Young People's revival will
begin. Sunday night services at the
above churches will give way to these
revival meetings in August.

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Saturday. Brown's Bargain
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Bring Us Your Chickens
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Today's price on cream, 20c
Fryers, 2 lbs. and over, colored
10 Cents
(These are same as Abilene's
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John Dunn

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Between 4 and 5 p. m. Wednesday,
the government thermometer at Abilene
registered the summer's record
high of 106. On the day previous 104
was reached, and the continued un-
precedented hot weather, which has
prevailed since June 21, first official
day of summer, seems to show no let-
up.

Two Mexicans, Frank Rebas and
Frank Martinas, taken in custody by
City Marshal P. P. Dickinson Monday
night, were charged with possession
and sale of beer. Rebas made bond of
\$500 in Justice Carl Hulsey's court
at Abilene, while Martinas was re-
leased on \$750 bond in Judge Wheel-
er's court here.

Gail Herrington, operator at the
Queen theatre, was painfully burned
on the fingers Tuesday when he came
in contact with a hot wire while in-
stalling the new sound equipment. He
and his wife are being welcomed as
new residents of Merkel.

The condition of D. W. Perry, vic-
tim of a stabbing near Roscoe Satur-
day night, was reported some better
Thursday morning. He was carried to
the West Texas Baptist sanitarium
Monday night for treatment after
pneumonia developed. He is a brother
of Claud and Clarence Perry and has
five young children. His wife died
about two years ago.

Friday morning of last week, Mer-
kel peace officers were called to Cole-
man to assist in the round-up of two
alleged bandits who had terrorized
Coleman and Runnels county with a
series of hijackings covering a period
of about ten days. City Marshal Dick-
inson, Constable Dowell and Deputy
Stanford all responded and after
securing the wooded hills near Cole-
man when Sheriff Frank Mills of
Coleman county, a deputy and two
citizens surprised the two Trammell
brothers under a bridge on the Abilene
road out of Coleman, killing one
of them. The other surrendered.

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THE MERKEL HOME
LAUNDRY
LENA WEBB, Owner
PHONE 77

Queen Opens

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ture are: "Hold Your Man," with
Clark Gable and Jean Harlow; "42nd
Street," all-star Warner Brothers;
"Today We Live," Joan Crawford and
Gary Cooper; "Heroes for Sale,"
Richard Barthelmess; "Working
Man," George Arliss; "Hell Below,"
all-star cast; "The Devil's Brother,"
Laurel and Hardy; "Picture Snatch-
er," James Cagney, and "Peg O' My
Heart," Marion Davies.

On weekdays, except Saturday, the
theatre will open at 5 p. m., while on
Saturday the show will be continuous
from 1:30 p. m. until 11 p. m.

Will Present "Second
Story Peggy" July 21

A clever three-act play, "Second
Story Peggy", is to be presented by
the Epworth League on Friday night,
July 21, at the Cozy theatre. The cur-
tain will rise at 8:15 p.m.

Directed by Mrs. W. A. McSpadden,
the following talent will appear in the
cast: Mardell Shouse, Jamie Escue,
John D. Coats, Lona Bryan, Margar-
ette Turner, Alvice Yeats, Jim Pat-
terson and Frances Marie Church.
Music, songs and comedy skits will
enliven "between the acts."

It is announced that the proceeds
will go into the fund for the Young
People's revival, which is to start on
August 20, and which Rev. Ray John-
son of Simmons university will lead.

The Cozy theatre will be specially
cooled for this occasion. Admission
prices will be 10c and 20c.

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The Farmers and Merchants
National Bank of Merkel

Close of Business June 30, 1933

RESOURCES table with columns for item and amount, including Loans, Overdrafts, Real Estate, etc.

The above statement is correct.
Booth Warren, Cashier

Changing Banking Conditions cannot alter the funda-
mental principles upon which enduring customer relation-
ship is based. There is a definite upward trend in business
activity that suggests the advisability of carrying your
account with a bank fully able to meet your credit require-
ments and equipped to offer the best personal service. We
appreciate the account of every old customer and invite
new business.

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The advertisement of your Gas Company reproduced below, which
ran several months ago in this paper, was awarded first prize for gas
companies in the Better Copy Contest of the Public Utilities Adver-
tising Association at the recent national convention in Grand Rapids.
This is the third consecutive year that first award has been given this
company. We again present this ad for your attention in the light of
the judges' decision that it tells the plain truth about natural gas serv-
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Will heat enough water for 2 baths
Will operate a living room heater 45 minutes
Will make 33 cups of coffee
Will heat enough water for 14 morning shaves
Will operate a laundry dryer 45 minutes
Will operate an incinerator 15 minutes
Will run a gas refrigerator from 8 to 10 hours
LONE STAR Gas Company

Form B-76 No. 1393

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
HOME STATE BANK

At Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June,
1933, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at
Merkel, State of Texas, on the 14th day of July, 1933.

RESOURCES table with columns for item and amount, including Loans and discounts, Securities of U. S., etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for item and amount, including Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:
We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said
bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the
best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.
Mrs. Floyd Davis,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, A. D., 1933.

(SEAL)
CORRECT-ATTEST:
G. F. WEST,
A. WILLIAMSON,
T. L. STEVENS.

LONE STAR
Community Natural Gas Co.
GAS SYSTEM

AWAKENED WOMAN

BY ELINORE BARRY

FIFTEENTH 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 her love. At his request they call upon Neil's mother, whom Joyce finds adorable. Later, she met the poet, Robert Ainsworth, and several times stopped for lunch at his cabin when she was horseback riding. One day he started to make love to her.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Ainsworth lifted his head, put his hand under her chin and stared down into her face. Joyce's whirl of happiness filled her so full of emotion that she could not hold it all and a little of it spilled over in tears. Her heart beat in rapid accord with the violent beats which she could plainly feel thumping in Robert Ainsworth's breast. He bent down then and kissed her eyes and her lips. At first, just lightly, almost in playful caress; but again and again, and each time a little harder, a little more intensely—until finally, his mouth crushed down on hers and it was as if she were lifted out of herself and had lost her identity.

After a few moments he released her abruptly. Joyce, so weak, she had to lean against the bookshelves to keep herself from falling, watched Ainsworth walk to the door and stand there with his back to her. She could not speak. It seemed to her that they stood thus for an eternity.

Finally he turned around and smiled at her again. "Well, there it is. And what happens next? Does the Beautiful Belinda depart forever in proud wrath and leave the poor insulting worm to live on with only the memory of his one daring deed or . . ." Leaving his sentence unfinished he took a cigarette and lighted it. Joyce watching, saw his hand shake as he held the match to the tip.

Why did he not come back to her and take her in his arms again? Why did he not tell her he loved her? She had not repulsed him.

"Dickie," went on Ainsworth, sitting down on the step and picking up the dog who was nudging at him for attention. "It should be possible, one would think, for a sweet, beautiful girl to visit a man, even in a lonely place like this without being . . . er . . . man-handled." He smoked furiously. Joyce feeling her knees trembling, sat down on the arm of one of the big redwood chairs and listened silently.

"But, you see, Dickie, damn it, I've been living here all alone for months and months, and a man gets to fooling himself with his smart delusion that he's self-sufficient, that the lid is on good and tight—until, suddenly, along comes a girl, not just an ordinary girl, you know, Dickie, but one with sweetness and beauty and intelligence, one who is a particular joy to be with, and—well, then, bang, everything is off!"

A chill descended on Joyce. She felt a vast sickening fear settle down on her, numbingly over her. What did he mean? Did he—was he sorry for what had happened? A flame of white humiliation burned Joyce with intolerable pain. She must go away quickly and hide herself from this thought.

She stood up and tried to speak in a casual ordinary voice. "I think, Dickie, it's time for us . . . to go."

Ainsworth jumped to his feet, dropping Dickie unceremoniously, and came to her. "Look here, Joyce? Don't go. You're—oh what shall I say?" He took her in his arms and kissed her again and again. Then he looked

into her eyes, met her anxious smile and said softly, "Oh, what is there to talk about. We don't need any words, do we, darling?"

Joyce shook her head without speaking. She was swept back again to the heights of joyous happiness and she clung to him now unquestioning.

At last however, she drew herself away and stood up, straightening her silk blouse with nervous hands and hastily combing her hair, which Ainsworth's caresses had rumpled. As she stood in front of the mirror, he came up behind her and put his arms gently around her body again. His eyes met hers in the glass. He was so much taller than Joyce that his chin rested on the top of her curly yellow head. She leaned back against him, suddenly aware of the fact that she was almost limp with fatigue after the emotional storm she had passed through, and smiled into the mirror. At that, he whirled her around and crushing her to him again buried his face in her neck. "Oh . . . dearest . . . most beautiful . . ."

She put her arms around his shoulders and whispered shyly, "Oh, am I all that . . . to you?"

"And so much more that I can't put it into words!" he murmured, kissing the tip of her ear. . . .

After a while Joyce was able to put on her hat and then, with his arm around her, they set out to walk to her car through the woods.

After she was in the car, with Dickie on the seat beside her, Ainsworth leaned against it with his arms still around her and gave her a final kiss.

"Can't I do the calling next time? We've got some serious talking to do about this situation of ours. Tell me where this mysterious aunt of yours lives!"

Joyce dropped her eyes suddenly. "Oh—please let's leave things as they are!"

All at once she realized the ambiguousness of her position. "I'll come again in a day or two."

She was thankful for the unconven-

tional slant that made him answer cheerfully, "Oh, all right. I have to go up to the city for a day or two. I think it's next Tuesday."

"Oh no, don't . . . don't stay away long," begged Joyce.

"But you'll come before I go? Good Lord, it's four whole days till then!"

Even though she knew it was late, Joyce drove home slowly.

It was maddening to have to go out to dinner at the Carters'. It was to be a more or less formal affair followed by a "theatre party."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carter were devoted to Neil, but their aversion to Frills was only thinly veiled.

When she was ready to go, Joyce sat at her dressing table and stared dreamily at herself, wondering what Robert would think of her now.

"You're looking stunning tonight, Frills!" Neil had come up behind her and interrupted her dreaming.

Joyce started at his words and blushed furiously, partly in a sort of shame at being caught so obviously admiring herself, partly with annoyance at being forced to a realization of Neil's right to so address her. She jumped up and went to the closet to get her evening cloak, remarking casually in a voice of which she tried to keep out all trace of her nervous irritation. "Thanks for the compliment, but the credit is really yours. It's a lovely dress but I couldn't have had

it if you weren't such a generous provider, my dear Mr. Packard."

Neil took from her the luxurious cape of sea-green transparent velvet and they went downstairs together. "By the way, mother telephoned me a little while ago," he said, "the doctor has ordered her to stay in bed a few days and she wondered if you would come tomorrow afternoon and sit with her for a while? She's missed you lately . . . and . . . you know . . . and she's so happy at the way you've been to her . . . I'm worried," he went on, as he laid the lovely cloak about her shoulders and for a moment held her to him, "there's something wrong about it. I wish I knew what to do."

"Oh, I'm so sorry," exclaimed Joyce. "I'll go tomorrow and spend the afternoon with her. I've . . . I know I've neglected her lately."

"Darling, that's sweet of you . . . I wish . . . I wonder . . . Frills, what the devil can I do to . . . win you back? Isn't there any chance for me?"

"Oh, please Neil, don't!" cried Joyce, "don't start that again . . . Come on, we'll be late and you know Mrs. Carter likes to begin on time when she's giving a theatre party afterwards."

Most parties in Manzanita had a way of splitting up into couples, and Joyce found herself taken in charge by her dinner partner when they afterwards set out for the theatre. This happened to be Paul Packard, much to her satisfaction, for his company (Continued on Page Four)

Condensed
Statement of Condition of

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

At Close of Business June 30, 1933.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 85,610.46
Overdrafts	25.79
Banking House	15,000.00
Other Real Estate and Resources	15,677.43
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash and Exchange	\$34,438.23
U. S. Bonds & Warrants	3,900.00— 37,438.23
Total	\$161,251.91

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Funds	12,144.17
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Deposits	109,107.74
Total	\$161,251.91

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

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Graf Zeppelin Reaches Brazil.

Pernambuco, Brazil, July 13.—The Graf Zeppelin arrived here late Tuesday upon its third trip of the season from Germany. It carried official greetings from Berlin Nazis to Pernambuco sympathizers.

Bodies of Slain Men Found in Trinity River

FORT WORTH, July 13. — The bodies of three men, slain Saturday night, officers said, in a dispute over division of \$72,000 loot taken in a depot mail robbery here last February 21, were found Wednesday night half submerged in the Trinity river beneath a bridge east of Riverside section.

The discovery climaxed a four-day mystery marked by the charging of four men with murder, the solving of the mail robbery, and the finding of \$100,000 worth of bootleg narcotics in the palatial home of O. D. Stevens, principal suspect, northeast of Handley.

The slain men were Jack Sturdivant, 23, Eula; Harry (Hy) Rutherford, 28, Abilene, and J. B. (Beefy) Rutherford, 30, Dallas, Harry's brother.

The bodies were bound together in meshed fence wire.

Charged with their deaths are Stevens, W. D. May, M. D. Howard, alias Pettijohn, and M. T. Howard, alias Pettijohn, all of whom are in the county jail in lieu of \$30,000 bond each. The four murder suspects, and Claude Hill and Weldon Routt, the latter in jail in Dallas, also face federal charges in the mail robbery. Bonds of \$50,000 each have been set in federal court.

Deputy Sheriff H. W. Rhodes, on his way home after sheriff's deputies had ended a search of Big Fossil creek near Birdville, discovered the bodies after a stench and the appearance of oil on the surface of the river had attracted his attention.

Widows of six former presidents of the United States are still living.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING.

The Taylor County Singing convention will meet on the Fifth Sunday in this month at the Northside Missionary Baptist tabernacle.

The whole day will be given over to the singers. Singers will begin promptly at 10 o'clock and we urge that all the singers be present on time.

We give especial invitation to all to come, bring your dinner and stay all day. There will be plenty of ice tea.

Singers, the day is yours. Feel at home, for you shall receive a hearty welcome by this church.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.
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(Continued from Page One.)

K. Russell, Merkel, and Mrs. John T. Morgan, Tyler, and her step-mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, who lives with Mrs. Russell here. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan came from Tyler Monday when apprised of her serious illness and the brother and his family of Sweetwater were here when death came.

Among the large number of relatives and friends from out of town who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Martin and family and Mrs. Mollie Parker and son, Marshall Parker, Stanton; John Calvert, a nephew, and his family, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau, Trent; H. O. Wooten, G. H. McDonald and other business associates from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, Mesdames Gene Hargrove, Hal Britain, T. V. Touchstone, Miss Mollye Frank Touchstone, Abilene, and Mrs. Ira Huss of Mer-nard.

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POTATOES, fancy California, lb. 5c

BEANS, fresh green, lb. 15c

Lettuce fresh crisp head 5c

Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. 49c

PINEAPPLE, R. & W. No 1 can, 3 for 25c

PEACHES, No. 10 can 43c

APRICOTS, No 10 can 45c

Pork & Beans B. & W. can 5c

GRAPENUTS, package 17c

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CAKE FLOUR, Swanns Down 24c

Oats R & W 55 oz. Pkg. 15c

TEA, R. & W. 1-4 lb. pkg. 19c

TEA, R. & W. 1-2 lb. pkg. 37c

TOMATOES, B. & W. No 2, 3 for 25c

SPINACH, R. & W. No 1 can 2 for 23c

KRAUT, med. can, 2 for 15c

VIENNA SAUSAGE, R. & W., 2 can 15c

Coffee SUN-UP 1 lb pkg. 19c

FLAV-R-JEL, 2 pkgs. 15c

VINEGAR, R. & W. pure apple cider quart bottle 19c

Gold Dust 2 small packages 5c

SOAP, R. & W. giant bars, 6 for 25c

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. Emory Jones, Mrs. George West and Misses Ola Ellen Smith and Vera Walker entertained with a miscellaneous shower last Friday afternoon in the basement of the Presbyterian church, complimenting Mrs. Ada Heeter, Misses Sadie Woodrum, Missie Dye and Helen Heeter, who lost their home by fire a short time ago.

A musical program was very much enjoyed by the guests: Helen Heeter opened the program with "When I Take My Vacation in Heaven"; responding to an encore, she sang "Just An Echo in the Valley." Alvise Yeats sang "In the Garden of My Heart." Dorothy Lee Shannon sang as her first number "Wake Up" and second "Sweetheart Darlin'." Miss Dora Garoutte gave a most beautiful reading and Anne Lee Blake very appropriately sang "What's the Use of Worrying" and "A Bakery Romance." Miss Christine Collins, playing her own accompaniments, sang "Since You Came" and "Mistress Margarita".

Misses Ola Ellen Smith and Allyne Riley presided at prettily decorated punch bowls.

A beautiful display of gifts were brought in by the "Tiny Tots" in Missie's Sunday School class and presented in a gracious manner by Mrs. Henry West. More than 50 guests were present.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Mrs. George Overton favored members of the Delta-Han Aroun club with a pretty summer party on Thursday afternoon of last week.

The club game of auction bridge was enjoyed until the refreshment hour when the hostess served a delectable sandwich course with frosted ginger ale to Mesdames George West, Ed McCrary, L. C. Zehnpeffnick, Charlie Largent, Johnnie Gresham, Ernest Higgins, Dub Johnson, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Bob Mayfield, Red Alston, Harold Boney, Misses Nelle Durham, Lou Largent, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, and Dorris Durham.

FAMILY REUNION.

The Riney family had their regular reunion at the Old Riney ranch home on the mountains south of Merkel. About sixty relatives were present for the reunion and picnic lunch and dinner Sunday. Those present were: Mrs. E. C. (Grandma) Riney, Joe Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and Daisy Jorene, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins, Bettye Lu and Blanche Simmons of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riney and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hayes of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney and family of Nubia; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith and Bettye Katherine of Mount Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Riney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riney and Bobby June of I. X. L., Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry and LaRose of Dora; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Schenk and Gloria Ailene, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Zihlman and Bernice of Scotland, Texas.

TACKY PARTY.

Mrs. Warren Higgins and Miss Blanche Simmons gave a tacky party Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Jim Morrow of Wichita Falls. Everyone came in gay costumes which caused much merriment.

Blanche Simmons gave a reading followed by piano music and songs by Flossie Campbell and Mrs. Floyd Davis.

Miss Flossie Campbell was presented with a can of beautiful Vienna sausage as prize for the tackiest costume. Sis Toombs and Ruth Steel tied for second place.

Lemonade and cakes were served to Mesdames Floyd Davis, C. S. Higgins, J. O. Steele, Ed Gant, Kenneth Poe, Cecil Guthrie, Jim Morrow, Joe Risinger, Misses Flossie and Virgie Mae Campbell and Sis Toombs and the hostesses.

RAY-NEILL

Miss Nola Neill of Merkel and Mr. Herbert Ray of Abilene were married Thursday, June 29, at high noon in Clovis, New Mexico, Rev. Mr. Morgan, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Roberson of Summerfield were the only attendants. The latter is a sister of the bride.

Mrs. Ray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neill of Merkel. She is a graduate of Merkel high school and was a student of Simmons university and of West Texas State Teachers College of Canyon.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray of Abilene and has made his home there for several years.

The wedding is a culmination of

CHURCH SERVICES

Baptists Will Hold Meeting at Tabernacle Starting August 6th

Our meeting came to a close on Sunday night, July 2, with Brother R. E. Day of Big Spring doing the preaching. Brother Day brought some great messages and those who were permitted to attend were greatly benefited. Many of the members and other friends were prevented from attending the meeting because of the busy season of the year, and for that reason the church has decided to have another meeting to be held at the tabernacle, beginning Sunday August 6, with the pastor doing the preaching. We will get some one to help in the singing.

We want to thank all who helped us in the meeting just closed and will appreciate all the help you can give us in this meeting.

C. R. Joyner, Pastor.

SENIOR PREP B. T. S.

"Two Views," Frances Higgins. "Jesus and Cheerfulness," Eloise Mancill.

"What Others Have Said About Cheerfulness," Jessie M. Berry.

"Is It Easy to be Cheerful?" Thelma Mathews.

"The Most Cheerful Christian I Know," Jo Earl Lassiter.

"The Secret of a Cheerful Spirit," Helen Joyner.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our pastor is in a revival at Mt. Pleasant this week, but will fill his regular morning appointment here next Sunday.

Union service at the Presbyterian church at night. We are anxious for a packed house. The speaker will be announced at the different churches Sunday morning.

We will resume our study of Luke at midweek service next week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 953 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. Attendance on the previous Sunday was 878, while the same Sunday a year ago 831 were present.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our revival time is near to hand, beginning Saturday, July 29, at 8:30 p. m. and running over three Sundays with Evangelist Rev. Walter Patterson in charge. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

The singing this week was well attended and was enjoyed by all present. Come each Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. and help out with your presence and singing. Good singers are there each time from Stith, Salt Branch and Blair.

the friendship that began while Mrs. Ray was teaching school near Abilene.

The couple left immediately for an extended trip to points of interest in New Mexico, after which they will be at home to their friends near Abilene, where a new rock home is being built.

THE GLEANER CLASS.

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church and members of their families enjoyed a watermelon feast at Shannon's Tuesday evening. Old-fashioned games furnished amusement for the evening, after which ice cold watermelons were served to the following families: Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Grimes, Mac Buzbee, Will Toombs, Buck Mashburn, W. M. Gambill, S. M. Hunter, Denzel Cox, H. Patterson, Fred Guitar, J. E. Richardson, R. B. Underwood, J. E. Cook, Etsel Church, Doc Vaughn, Fred Hughes, L. D. Boyd, Gid Roberts, G. W. Blake, Earl Stanford, Eli Case, Douglas Harwell, C. E. Shouse, Len Sublett, Thompson, Tom Largent, C. B. Gardner, Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Duncan Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell.

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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 a. m. Despite the hot weather, our attendance is holding up remarkably well.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The Methodist, First Baptist and Presbyterian churches will unite in Sunday night services for the remainder of July and the service this week will be held at our church.

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

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Singing school started with an extra large attendance the first night and there was great interest shown by all who came. The school is free and we welcome all to join us next week.

We wish to give a special invitation to everybody to come in the Saturday night services.

"And the Lord added to the church daily" was the fruit of the New Testament church and when a church ceases to win souls and does not experience the great joy of seeing sinners come home to God, backsliders return and the saved come into the church, that church will die a spiritual death. We praise God for the many consecrated young people who are coming into church. Our hearts rejoiced Sunday night as we listened to the testimony of salvation and a desire to be baptized and let the life shine through the church.

If you do not think our church has the spirit of Christ, come and see. Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

THANKS FOR FIREBOYS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis, whose barn was almost totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, have asked The Mail to express their thanks to the fireboys for their quick response and efficient work. They are especially appreciative for saving their car which was removed from the barn with only small damage.

The geographical center of Texas is in McCullough county, 20 miles north-east of Brady.

MATTERS MUSICAL

Miss Ethel Hamilton sang "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?" at the 11 o'clock service at First Methodist church, Abilene, last Sunday. Miss Edith Baker will furnish the solo, "Some Morning," at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday. Mrs. C. W. Delmer is organist.

Little Miss Anne Lee Blake will broadcast a program of popular song hits from the Sweetwater radio station on next Wednesday morning from 10 to 10:30. Miss Christine Collins will be accompanist. The public is invited to tune in on SWCS, operating on 920 kilocycles.

Special music for next Sunday at 11 o'clock, Grace Presbyterian church, will be a solo "The Stranger of Galilee," by Christine Collins, and Alvise Yeats, pianist, will use "Prelude," by Chopin, and "Consolation," by Mendelssohn, as an offertory.

LADIES! You are welcome to drink our free ice water each Saturday. Brown's Bargain Store.

Will Preach at Noodle. W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour, and at 8:30 in the evening. All are invited to hear him.

Hitler's Name Barred for Babies. BERLIN, July 13.—The name Hitler or any variation in masculine or feminine form as the first name for babies was forbidden in a government order issued Tuesday.

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If you do not call at the City Hall during July and make satisfactory arrangements to pay your delinquent taxes, legal steps will be taken to make collections.

Joe E. Childers will be at the City Hall each Tuesday and Friday during July for the purpose of seeing all delinquents.

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