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MUST SECURE TRANSFERS BY END OF MONTH

Supt. Burgess Defines Those Entitled to Transfer and How They May Secure Them; New Transportation Law Explained

School transfers must be made before August 1. To be transferred, a pupil must have been enumerated in the scholastic census last spring. Pupils transferring to the Merkel Independent School district will receive credit for the amount of the state apportionment, which last year was \$16.00, and thereafter will pay regular tuition rates. These rates are \$3.00 per month for grades 1-2-3; \$4.00 per month for 4-5-6-7, and \$5.00 per month for high school grades. All pupils who were last spring enumerated in some other district and who this year wish to attend the Merkel schools should transfer. Even if the parents now live in Merkel, if the child was enumerated in some other district last spring the child should transfer. Only children who will be six and under eighteen can transfer. Parents may secure transfer blanks from Co. Supt. M. A. Williams at Abilene, Supt. Burgess at his office in the High School, or W. O. Boney at his office down town. This should be attended to at once.

NEW TRANSPORTATION LAW.

The new transportation law may influence some parents in deciding whether or not to transfer. Under the new Rural Aid law the county superintendent and the county board may set up a system of transportation to be paid for from state funds to care for pupils, both high and grade pupils, who live outside the Merkel district and transfer to Merkel. This law authorizes the payment of \$2.00 per month per pupil for each high school student thus transported and \$1.00 per month for grade pupils. This is for high school pupils whose grades are not taught in the district where the pupils reside. Parents may by arrangement with the county board have the transportation of their children to Merkel paid by the state. Interested parents should see at once either Co. Supt. Williams at Abilene or Supt. Burgess at his office.

Rev. T. S. Knox to Speak Sunday Night

For the second in the series of Sunday night union services, Rev. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Abilene, will be the speaker, the service to be held at the Methodist church.

Last Sunday night, Dr. Tom Taylor, president of Howard Payne college, Brownwood, preached the sermon at the opening union service at the Presbyterian church, in which the First Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations are joining.

The third and last service is to be at the First Baptist church on the night of July 30, which will be in the midst of their revival.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 18, 1913.)

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris and Mrs. J. M. Pate chaperoned a crowd to the dam on Warren Lake. A bunch of the picnickers enjoyed swimming and wading in the lake. Those in the crowd were Misses Lizzie May Freeman, May Derstine, Ezma Allday, Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Ruth Merritt, Bessie Touchstone, Minnie and Almada Harris, Jewel, Pate, Willie Hill, Mattie Hazelwood and Miss Hodge; Messrs. Jessie Ferguson, F. A. Sanders, Ben Merritt, Steve Duckett, Adam Sibley, Oscar Ely, Milton Pate, Olly Cordell and Britton Jobe.

Messrs. Oran Edwards, Choc Jones, Oscar Pate and Misses Ruby Jones, Cora Hodge and Bessie Touchstone were guests of Ben T. Merritt and his sister, Ruth, on Tuesday evening. Croquet and other games were enjoyed until a late hour.

Miss Dorothy Lee Potter entertained with "42" and rook Wednesday evening of last week in honor of Miss Ruby Black. Beautiful ladyheads graced the score cards. Those present were Misses Zora West, Hattie Bell, Genevieve Rust, Gene Rister,

DATES OF BAPTIST REVIVAL, JULY 23—AUG. 6, INCLUSIVE

The date of the Baptist meeting has been changed from the first Sunday in August to July 23—August 6, inclusive. The first service will be held Sunday morning at the First Baptist church, but there will not be any Sunday evening service, the congregation co-operating with the united service at the Methodist church.

The first service at the tabernacle will be Monday at 10 a. m. and services will be held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., during the week. The pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, will do the preaching.

Tom Hodges of Sweetwater will be here to lead in the song service. He has had many years as a gospel singer and Baptist leaders are fortunate in securing his services for this meeting. All singers of the other churches are invited to come and join in having the best singing possible.

Proceeds of Comedy, "Second Story Peggy," To Aid Revival Fund

"Second-Story Peggy," a three-act mystery drama written by Katherine Kavanaugh, will be presented by the Merkel Senior League Friday night, July 21, 8:15 p. m. The setting of the play is Billy Durand's bachelor suite in Mrs. Delaney's Select Boarding house; the time is present.

If you want to forget your troubles and be reminded of your neighborly neighbor, see Margarette Turner as she enacts the role of the boarding house keeper, Mrs. Delaney. You will always remember her "as I was sayin' to Mrs. Montgomery, 'I says, 'Mr. Durand is a whistlin', I says and she says, 'ain't it grand,' she says." Naturally one would be led to believe she is a woman of few words.

Of course, there must be a star boarder and hero for our story. Billy Durand, John D. Coats, is a good-looking young architect who is about to be married when the story opens. However, we find before the play has progressed far that his sweetheart jilts him. Helen Henderson, played by Frances Marie Church, has fallen in love all over again with Kenneth Sterling, Jim Patterson, who is very rich and sophisticated. Before Durand can do anything desperate about this, however, pretty little Peggy, Lona Bryan, climbs up the fire escape and

Merkel Players Win Volley Ball Match

Merkel volleyball players, captained by Doc Vaughn, captured best three out of five games from the Sweetwater Broom company in matched play at the Sweetwater fire station last Friday afternoon. A large number also drove over as spectators.

The players included: Booth Warren, Byers Petty, Olan Lusby, Raymond Neal, Forrest Gaither, Delma Compton, George West, Milton Case, Wren Durham, T. M. Allday and J. H. Cook.

Mable McFall, Eva Calvert, Tommie Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Messrs. Luther Grimes, Freeman Rogers, Ramond Touchstone, James West, Frank Ferrier, Jack Walker, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Emmett Boring, John West and Bill Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose of Fort Worth came in Sunday to visit the family of H. C. Burroughs for about ten days.

Clarence Demere of the Panhandle country was here last week visiting friends.

Oscar Ash is here visiting his brother, E. L. Ash, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus awoke at an early hour Thursday to find their home a mass of flames and only had time to rush from the blazing building.

Dr. R. I. Grimes and wife left Tuesday for Sylvester where the doctor will establish a practice.

Miss Lelia Nisbet came in from Abilene Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Carl Evans.

A MERKEL BOY DESCRIBES LIFE IN FOREST CAMP

Stationed at Los Burrus, McNary, Ariz., Henry Perritt Finds Outdoor Experiences Filled With Interest.

Interesting and novel phases of life in one of the United States reforestation camps are described in the following letter from Henry L. Perritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Perritt of South Merkel, who is doing duty with Company F-22-A, at Los Burrus, McNary, Arizona:

I will try to give a mental picture of the camp and country surrounding.

We have about thirty fly tents in which we live and they are placed in double line. There is the Forest Rangers' camp upon a hill; next is the mess tent, the officers' mess tent, the orderly tent, the infirmary or hospital tent, the supply tents, officers' sleeping quarters and the shower bath. Most of the work that is being done is around the camp, but I have been lucky enough to get to work in the woods.

We are stationed about a mile from a state fish hatchery (Rainbow Trout). They are surely pretty fish. There is plenty of game here; any thing from a grizzly bear to a porcupine. A mountain lion was seen to cross the road about a mile from camp night before last.

We have the name of having one of the best camps in the United States—not a negro in the camp.

About thirty of the boys in camp here are from Taylor county. We have all kinds of athletic equipment. There is a boy starting for home (Ovalo) in the morning as he can't stand the food on account of gallstones. I never felt better in my life than since I have been out here, or up here rather, as the altitude is 7500 feet. It is nearly as cold here at night as it is down there in the winter. They had a six inch snow here the last of May before we arrived the first of June.

In the near future, we are going to visit the Grand Canyon and the Petrified Forest. In fact, we take a sight-seeing tour every week-end. We

2,000 Enjoy Picnic And Rodeo Stunts at Butman on July 12

(By Mrs. Tommie Russom.)

On July 12 many people enjoyed a picnic at Butman. There were estimated between 1500 and 2000 people present and the picnic was a grand success. There were several different types of entertainments and each one contributed to the enjoyment of large groups of people. Children enjoyed the merry-go-round, old settlers and friends enjoyed chats of old times, while men and boys furnished rodeo amusements for scores of people on the side.

Delightful addresses were made by Brother R. A. Walker, pastor of Merkel Presbyterian church, and Brother John Walker, pastor of Baptist church at Blair. Recalling customs and amusements forty or fifty years ago and comparing them favorably with those of today, the latter exhibited an old time soda pop bottle.

The occasion seemed to take on the nature of a reunion, meeting of old time friends and there were a number of old people present. Among them were: Uncle Charlie Brown and wife of Sweetwater, Mr. Witt from Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger from Merkel, Mrs. Paul Demere, Uncle Jim Blackburn, Uncle Dan and Aunt Dollie Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey West, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Neighbors, J. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edd Reynolds, Frank Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter and Mrs. Elmora, mother of Mrs. E. L. Frazier, who will be ninety-one years old in August.

The rodeo consisted of goat roping, steer riding, calf roping and bronc riding. All of these were very entertaining while Mr. Clown with his so-called modern conveyance furnished plenty of amusement trying to help.

There was an abundance of delicious drinks, candy, pop corn, watermelons, ice cream and novelties. It will be of interest to know that the concession fees amounted to enough to pay for the new rodeo pen.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Judge W. L. Dean of Huntsville, author of the Dean law, dry enforcement law of Texas, dropped dead Friday night at his home from a heart attack.

Cattle reached a new high mark for the year on the Fort Worth market Wednesday when one load of well finished heavy weight steers sold at \$6.10. Other classes held about steady.

H. L. Reese of Brenham, sheriff of Washington county, was elected president of the Texas Sheriff's association at the annual convention held in San Antonio last week. San Angelo gets the next convention.

Racing with another car as they were returning from a dance at the country club, J. C. (Bud) Cunningham, 22, was killed at Sweetwater shortly after midnight Tuesday in an automobile accident.

At Dallas Wednesday a speeding train ran over a man asleep on the tracks, but he was not hurt. R. L. Smith, 23, was the man's name and he crawled from under the train after it had passed over him.

John Boswell, 35, manager of the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce and immediate past president of the Texas Commercial Executives' association, died in a Wichita hospital after an emergency operation for appendicitis.

F. Frank Haag, Midland attorney and member of the 88th legislature, died in San Angelo from injuries received in a highway accident near Sterling City. Three other prominent Midland men riding in the car received only minor injuries.

Joe Jones, former district attorney at Eastland and county judge there for four terms, and who ran a close race against Tom Blanton last summer for congressional honors, has been appointed an assistant United States attorney for the northern district of Texas.

Sweetwater business men will honor three of their townsmen who have risen high in state ranks with a banquet Saturday evening. The men are: George H. Sheppard, state comptroller; V. Earl Sharp, assistant attorney general, and E. C. Brand, state banking commissioner.

E. H. Linsteder, who has been with the Texas Cotton Co-operative association for twelve years, serving in various official capacities, has been named new general manager of that association and it is understood that he will be Texas representative for the American Cotton Co-operative association.

W. E. Paschall, 42, widely known chain theatre operator, and Miss Ada Mae McCormick, 23, both of Dallas, were killed early Tuesday morning when the roadster in which they were occupying the rumble seat struck a pier of a railroad underpass just out of Dallas. Two other persons were injured in the accident.

Jack Dempsey Weds. Elko, Nev., July 20.—William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion, and pretty Hannah Williams, "cheerful little earful" of the Broadway stage, were married at a surprise ceremony here Tuesday.

N. O. Newspaper Combined. New Orleans, July 20.—The New Orleans States, owned by the estate of the late Colonel Robert Ewing, was purchased Monday by the New Orleans Times-Picayune Publishing company and will continue to be operated as an evening paper along with the morning Times-Picayune.

Queen Calendar

With new sound equipment and the interior well ventilated with washed air and made cool and comfortable, the Queen theatre has proved a most inviting spot since the opening Friday night under new home management.

Manager Frank Benson announces the following program of attractions: Friday and Saturday—"Telegraph Trail," with John Wayne; chapter 2 of "Hurricane Express," also Bosco cartoon.

Monday and Tuesday—"Lawyer Man," with William Powell and Joan Blondell; also comedy.

Wednesday and Thursday—"Three on a Match," with Warren William, Bette Davis, Joan Blondell and Ann Dvorak; Bosco's Woodland Days, cartoon.

M. E. REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT BLAIR ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Secretary Wallace Announces That County Agents May Issue Blanks, But Farmers Must Wait for Approved Permits.



REV. P. E. YARBOROUGH.

A revival meeting is to begin at Blair Methodist church on Friday night of this week and continue ten days or two weeks. Rev. P. E. Yarbrough, pastor of Highland Heights Methodist church, Sweetwater, will assist the pastor, Rev. A. F. Click.

In referring to the meeting, the latter stated that the Blair church was very happy to secure Rev. Mr. Yarbrough, who is prominent in evangelistic work in addition to his pastoral duties and who is a personal friend of Rev. Mr. Click.

Two Southern States Join Repeal Ranks

Repeal of the 18th amendment this year became more than a possibility as two southern states, Alabama and Arkansas, heretofore considered dry, joined the sixteen states that have already voted wet, according to United Press dispatches Wednesday.

It marked the half way point in the battle for repeal. Thirty-six states are needed before the 21st repeal amendment becomes a part of the constitution.

Tennessee, where a state-wide dry law was enacted in 1909 over a governor's veto and has remained in effect since, will vote Thursday on the question of discarding national prohibition.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins, Thursday, July 13, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hathaway, Friday, July 14, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Allen, residing north of town, Monday, July 17, 1933.

BRUCE BARTON

Writer of THE MASTER EXECUTIVE

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the hardened who will find every lesson that paralleled the experience of "The Man Nobody Knows."

THE BUSINESS OF LIFE.

Jesus' hour of boyish triumph at the Temple had not turned his head. He knew how thorough must be his preparation for any really successful work. A building can rise high into the air only as it has sunk its foundations deep into the earth; the part of a man's life which the world sees is effective in proportion as it rests upon solid work which is never seen. Instinctively Jesus knew this. For eighteen years more he was content to remain in that country town—until his strength was at its summit; until he had done his full duty by his mother and the younger children. Until his hour had come.

But what interests us most in the recorded incident of his boyhood at the temple is the fact that there for the first time he defined the purpose of his career. He did not say, "Wist ye not that I must practice preaching?" or "Wist ye not that I must get ready to meet the arguments of men like these?" The language was quite different, and well worth remembering. "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?" he said. He thought of his life as business. What did he mean by business? To what extent are the principles by which he conducted his business applicable to ours? And if he were among us again, in our highly competitive world, would his business philosophy work?

On one occasion, you recall, he stated his recipe for success. It was on the afternoon when James and John came to ask him what promotion they might expect. They wanted to know just what there would be in it for them.

"Master," they said, "we want to ask what plans you have in mind for us. You're going to need big men around you when you establish your kingdom; our ambition is to sit on either side of you, one on your right hand and the other on your left." Jesus answered with a sentence which sounds poetically absurd. "Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister," he said, "and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

NEW PLAN TO RUSH PLOWING UP OF COTTON

Secretary Wallace Announces That County Agents May Issue Blanks, But Farmers Must Wait for Approved Permits.

College Station, July 20.—Prospects that Texas cotton farmers would be permitted to destroy part of their current crop were seen by state extension service officials here Wednesday.

The announced permit blanks to be used by farmers who obtain permission to plow under cotton contracted for in the retirement under the national crop reduction plan program, will reach county agents by Friday.

The announcement followed Secretary Wallace's statement that farmers would not have to await notice of formal acceptance of their retirement contract by the government before going into the fields with their plows.

It was stressed, however, that farmers must obtain the instruction permit from the county agents. Such permits are to be available only to those farmers whose retirement contracts had been approved by county committees and agents.

Complete final figures on Taylor county contracts disclose that 1,711 farmers, with 107,302 acres planted to cotton, have agreed to retire 45,407 acres at an estimated yield of 145 pounds per acre.

Amount to be paid in cash rentals without option, \$284,552.86; rental payments to be given with option on 5,823 bales of government-owned cotton, \$149,729.50. Total, \$434,282.36.

Proposals Asked for Carrying the Mails

Sealed proposals will be received by the postmaster at Merkel until July 29 for carrying the United States mails, including parcel post mails, between the postoffice and the T. & P. Railway, each way, as often as required.

Blank forms for bids may be secured at the postoffice here.

500,000 Employed in June

Washington, July 20.—Secretary Perkins Tuesday estimated that more than 500,000 persons found employment in the United States during June.

Merkel Plays at Buffalo Kap.

The Merkel baseball club will play Buffalo Gap Friday at Buffalo Gap as one of the incidents of the Old Settlers reunion. A return date will probably be arranged to be played here.

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BRUCE BARTON

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A fine piece of rhetoric, now isn't it? Be a good servant and you will be great; be the best possible servant and you will occupy the highest possible place. Nice idealistic talk but nothing to take seriously in a common sense world. That is just what men thought for some hundreds of years; and then, quite suddenly, Business woke up to a great discovery. You will hear that discovery proclaimed in every sales convention today as something distinctly modern and up to date.

Next Week: Service and Success.

At Forest Camp

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went to Fort Apache last Sunday. It is an old army fort that was built about the time of the Civil War, but is an Indian Reservation School now. I guess you read about our camp in the Abilene Reporter as we have one half column reserved in it.

"Mr. Penrod, local man, puts on Fourth of July celebration for the benefit of the C. C. C. boys."

The boys of the C. C. C. camp were entertained the Fourth of July with a rodeo financed by Mr. Penrod, Pine-top, Arizona. We had wild horse riding, steer riding, roping and bulldogging.

The C. C. C. baseball team defeated the White River Indians in a ball game; score, 5 to 1.

We had about fifteen lady visitors from the Silver Dude Ranch. Some of them were from Los Angeles, Chicago, and Portland, Oregon.

"Company 898, Camp F-22, A, Los Burros, has first taste of Forest Fires."

The boys received their first taste of fighting forest fire last week-end. It was ignited from a burning match or cigarette stub, thrown down by some careless person in the dry pine needles. The fire burned about two and one half days. We had to patrol the safety line day and night until all danger of fire was over.

School Transfers

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Burgess at his office in Merkel. Both the transfer and the transportation matter should be attended to at once—before August first.

RURAL AID LAW.

Section II, Transportation Aid. The county superintendent and the county school board are hereby authorized to set up a system of transportation for the purpose of transporting high school students from their districts, where their grade is not taught, to the most convenient accredited high school. The expense of such transportation shall be paid out of funds hereby provided not to exceed \$2.00 per pupil per month.

It is further provided that the districts through which these buses travel may make provisions with the county superintendent and the county school board to have other children not provided for herein transported within and between their respective districts, and said districts may make application for state aid thereon to an amount not to exceed \$1.00 per month per pupil.

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**Superstition Basis
Of Plot for Comedy
"Three on a Match"**

"Superstition," says O. D. Doctor Webster in his huge dictionary, "is a belief founded in irrational feelings, especially of fear, and characterized by credulity; also, any practice originating in such belief; excessive and unreasonable scruples, due to ignorant dread of the supernatural."

With superstition being one of the oldest traits of mankind, dating back to Adam and Eve's suspicion of Evil dogging their footsteps after their eviction from the Garden of Eden, it is not wholly surprising that superstition has at last been dramatized by a motion picture company which uses a common superstition as a basis of plot. The name of the picture is "Three On A Match," showing at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday, July 26 and 27.

The "Three on a Match" superstition is said to have been originated during the world war when any light was taboo in the trenches because of the possibility of drawing enemy fire to the place where the flare of the match indicated the presence of soldiers.

Lighting two cigarettes from one match, it is said, didn't give the enemy enough time to "draw a bead" and get a perfect aim at the flare of light, but lighting a third cigarette gave the enemy the time to aim and fire with a fair degree of accuracy.

Those who contest the claim of the doughboys about the origin of the "tree on a match" superstition have a more interesting and timely explanation of its beginning. They say it was begun as a scheme to increase the number of matches used, and was originated by Ivar Kreuger, consider-

ed to be the greatest swindler of modern times.

As a result, "the match king" was able to boost the sale of his matches by the millions.

"Second Story Peggy"

(Continued from Page One.) establishes herself in the boarding house as Durand's sister.

Any modern, thriving boarding house could not be run without a maid, so in walks Daisy, the stupid, Swedish servant girl, played by Janie Escue. She is "terrible scoured of bugglers," but Murphy, the Irish cop, played by Alvice Yeats, promises to be a protection. Dexter, the plain clothes detective, Mardell Shouse, shows you how really dumb policemen can be.

There are laughs in almost every line, and who wouldn't be thrilled to climb with Peggy up and down the fire escape as she endeavors to avoid the police. Be sure to be at the Cozy theatre Friday night at 8:15 for the most fun you ever got out of 10 or 20 cents. Arrangements have also been made for some entertaining between-acts features.

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**Red and White Stores
Annual Picnic July 26**

Wednesday, July 26, is the date for the second annual Red and White picnic, which will be held at the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap.

Members of the Red and White stores, their employees, friends and customers are expected from a wide area, embracing Big Spring on the west, Wichita Falls on the north, Baird east and San Angelo south.

A program has been arranged to provide for a full day of fun and frolic.

Each person is expected to bring a well filled basket and dinner will be served together in old fashioned picnic style.

Coaches School at San Antonio.

San Antonio, July 20.—Twenty-eight Texas coaches have signified their intention of attending the coaches' school here Aug. 14, which will be under the direction of D. X. Bible, mentor of the University of Nebraska.

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Nash-East 5.00-20	7.53
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Ford-Chevrolet Plym 'th 4.75-19	6.05	Ford-Chevrolet Plym 'th 4.75-19	5.48	Ford-Chevrolet 4.40-21	3.25
Nash-East 5.00-20	6.75	Nash-East 5.00-20	6.07	Ford-Chevrolet 4.50-21	3.85
Studebaker Auburn 5.50-18	8.15	Studebaker Auburn 5.50-18	6.63	Ford-Chevrolet Plym 'th 4.75-19	4.20

West Company
"FIRESTONE SINCE 1914"
Merkel, Texas

**Condensed Statement of Condition
The Farmers and Merchants
National Bank of Merkel**

Close of Business June 30, 1933

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$176,187.62
Overdrafts	117.98
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$ 17,950.00
Cash & Due from Banks	112,623.36
Total	\$335,527.75
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	17,155.44
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscouts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	262,122.31
Total	\$335,527.75

The above statement is correct.
Booth Warren, Cashier

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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—

"Do you know, dear, I haven't had a ride with you in a dog's age. I think I'll cut out the golf today and go with you. Take me on, will you?" Neil spoke with smiling carelessness but the look in his eyes gave him away. "Of course, what time will you get here?" Se spoke casually. Neil would never guess the turmoil of unhappiness under that calm. Did men ever divine things the way women did? One man perhaps... Robert? as the name stabbed her she turned away quickly, scarcely hearing Neil's answer, "I'll come home to lunch, I think. Then we'll have the whole afternoon together."

Even in her pain Joyce heard the change in Neil's voice. That last word was spoken with so touchingly confident and happy a note.

"All right, I'll be ready. Goodbye," and she ran upstairs and shut herself in her room. There she sat down on the edge of the couch-bed and clenched her hands, staring dry-eyed out of the big window to the distant mountains.

Joyce was wrapped in a mood of warm compassion for Neil. She felt she could not add another unkindness to the many that Frills had inflicted upon him. His eyes haunted her, and she felt more utterly miserable than she had at any time since she had awakened to find herself occupying another woman's shoes. She could not contemplate falling Neil and his mother that way.

Riding off with Joyce that afternoon, Neil was in high spirits, with an elation in his manner that filled Joyce with shame. She rode in silence, hardly answering his questions, and not looking at him.

Neil soon fell in with her mood as they rode along and no longer bothered her with conversation. Gradually then she began to feel remorse, and wished she could be less surly with Neil. He tried so hard to please her in everything, to adapt himself to her moods. It struck Joyce suddenly how much of that sort of thing he must have been doing in his married life.

"Sam says McBready has a new lot of horses in," remarked Joyce, "did he tell you there's a man from Salinas who would like to buy Fire Queen?"

"Yeah," replied Neil, eyeing her sideways, perhaps to see if her general expression matched the friendly casualness of her voice. "I said I'd like to get rid of her myself but I'd have to consult you about the matter. I hate the sight of the damn' brute after what she nearly did to you, dear."

A flash of amusement curled the corners of Joyce's mouth for a moment as she remarked, "You needn't consult me. I'm quite satisfied with Rosita, thank you."

"Really? Gosh that's great. Sure relieves my mind."

A little later they dismounted and sat down on a slope overlooking the valley to eat the package of sandwiches and fruit Joyce had brought. To her relief Neil talked about Manzanita topics: his mother's condition, Paul's departure, Sam's progress in the correspondence course, plans for the new subdivision north of Manzanita, and so on.

He finally stretched out on the ground and put his head in her lap. Joyce had just stroked back a lock of hair from his forehead, thinking absently that Neil ought to be doing something about the increasing thinness of his hair, when the thud of a horse's hoofs in the distance caught her ear. She stiffened and glanced up with an apprehensive fear clutching at her heart and stopping its beat for a moment.

There, in an opening between clumps of oak trees about sixty yards away, on the trail they had just left, rode Robert Ainsworth! He did not see her at first. Then his idly roving glance turned to the couple on the ground. His eyes met Joyce's, and a quick smile of recognition spread over his face. Then his look dropped to the figure of Neil lying with his head in her lap. A quizzical shade passed over his face.

"Hello, Joyce!" he shouted. His horse leaped forward under the spur of his heel, and they galloped up the slope. Before Neil could stumble to his feet Ainsworth was drawing rein nearly upon them.

"This precise situation," he said easily, "demands a galloping retreat on my part, but I'm too inquisitive to be so gallant. I prefer to advance and see what happens instead!"

Joyce's self-possession left her entirely. She stared numbly at the two men, miserably aware that they were both looking to her for explanation, and even more miserably aware that she knew not how to begin.

Neil was the first to come to Joyce's rescue. "I beg your pardon," he said, courteously, "you seem to know my wife?"

The quizzical smile deepened on Robert's face. "No, I seem rather to have made a mistake—" he began. A new, almost insolent note in his voice whipped Joyce into anger. All at once she knew what her course must be. It mattered little to her what the outcome of this meeting was; she was determined not to be led into further deceptions.

"No mistake at all," she said quietly. "Neil, he's lying if he says he doesn't know me—"

She looked from one to the other of the men. Neil's expression was that of the same partly-repressed hurt that he had shown when Maitland's name had been mentioned. She knew at once that he thought Robert had taken Maitland's place in Frills' life, but that his value of decency and dignity was holding him in check. Neil's immediate, unconscious reaction to this situation did not surprise her; he was showing no reversal of his personality.

Robert, however, had suddenly become a stranger to her. Was this her "perfect companion," was this the man whose subtlety and sympathy she had so deliciously counted on? He sat on his horse coolly and looked down on them with an expression of amused cynicism. If this attitude were a cloak for his hurt feelings, Joyce thought

swiftly, it was a less lovely one than Neil's!

These valuations passed through Joyce's mind in one galloping second, while she stood there helplessly, wondering where to begin.

"May I have the pleasure of meeting your husband?" Robert asked, smiling. Joyce looked at him. "Get off your horse, please," she answered, "there's a lot to be straightened out and it'll take some time... Robert Ainsworth, this is Neil Packard, my husband..."

The men acknowledged the introduction, Neil curtly, Robert with the same hard amusement that so offended Joyce.

"Charmed," said Ainsworth lightly.

"Oh, don't talk that way!" Joyce cried. "I don't know you at all in this mood—you're making it terribly hard for me—"

Robert threw back his head and laughed. "Think, Joyce, what a lot I'm going to learn from this meeting! Think of the value of it all to a novelist! Why, I wouldn't be missing it for anything! I only wish I had the pen of

an Elinor Glyn to write it up adequately—"

Neil drew forward. "I don't think my wife and I have time to stop and listen to that sort of damn' drivel from you—" he began hotly, when Joyce interposed.

"Oh, this is all so fantastic! Please, please, don't begin a fight over it, when neither of you really knows a bit what it's all about... Neil, I've been trying to make up my mind to tell you—Robert, there's a good deal due to you, too! I hadn't expected to tell you both at once, but since it's happened this way, for Heaven's sake don't make it so difficult for me! I want to tell both of you the truth!"

She turned to her husband, "Neil, you never heard of Joyce Ashton, did you? Answer me that Neil?"

"You don't mean Joyce Abbott, do you Frills?"

"No, no, I don't... Tell me this, Neil, what was my name before you married me?... Don't look at me as if I were crazy! What was my name before you married me?"

"Why, Frills, this is nonsense! Don't you know your own name? It was Florence Hilton, of course. What's that got to do—"

"Oh, will you please let me tell you? Sit down, both of you, this is going to take a long time. Please don't begin by thinking I'm crazy. You've both heard

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Graham of Caddo Mills spent last week as guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cooper. Mrs. Cooper and little daughter returned home with them for a month's stay.

Miss Opal Clark of Elmdale is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Finley Martin and son, John of Stanton, were guests last Wednesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau.

Elmer McDonald has returned from a month's visit with relatives in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter of Abilene were guests Thursday of last week of Grandma Williamson. Miss Sallie Freeman returned home with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner had as recent guests Mrs. Leffie Rainy and little daughter, Ann, of Woodvine.

Hubert Beckham and mother Mrs. C. T. Beckham, and Mark Williamson visited over the week-end with Mrs. A. Williamson, who is at Mineral Wells. They report Mrs. Williamson as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Falkner, who live in Oklahoma, came Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Falkner's mother, Mrs. Rose Edwards. They in company with Grandpa Thixton are spending part of this week visiting relatives at Big Spring.

John Skillern and son, Jim of Sweetwater, but old-time residents of this place, were here Monday and Tuesday greeting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts and children are home after a vacation of several weeks in East Texas and some of the eastern states. They were accompanied home by a niece, Miss Knott of Louisiana, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huddler and children of Monahan were passing guests of friends here last Thursday. Mr. Huddler was manager of the Burton-Lingo yard here some two years ago.

Maurice Dingle and mother, Mrs. Overmire, of Fort Worth were recent guests of friends here.

Miss Winnifred Davenport of Stanton visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy and she has gone now to visit with her father, Brown Davenport, of Duncan, Okla.

W. E. Hamner is attending to business in South Texas.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene is a guest in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Allen.

Mrs. Joe Nalley had as a recent guest her little niece of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and children of Merkel were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens. The children, Justin, Davis and Gwendolyn, remained over for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhart and son, Kenneth Ray, are spending their vacation on the Plains, visiting relatives. They plan to visit Carlsbad Caverns before returning.

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

Mrs. Mary Archer left the 14th for a visit of about three weeks during which she will visit a daughter at Fort Worth, her two sons, Andrew and Gene of Dallas and a daughter in Robertson county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murdock and little son, Carol, who are now living at Waco, were week-end guests of Mrs. Murdock's father, F. C. Boyd, and other relatives.

Claud Mathis, who has been working in Fort Worth for sometime, came in last week. He with his wife and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sherman.

Hubert Bright of Carlsbad is visiting his grandfather, Jack Bright. He will also visit a sister, Mrs. Abernathy, near Merkel, before returning home.

Mrs. Eva Parker and daughters of Sweetwater attended the funeral of Grandma Steadman Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner and daughters, May and Gladys, visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. T. Kent at Sweetwater.

Ray Freeman is a patient in the Santa Fe hospital at Temple.

T. L. Stevens, J. P. Stevens, Mrs. Reuben Reeves, Mrs. Davis Jones and Mrs. Frank Stevens of Dallas attended the funeral service at Nevada on Wednesday, July 12, of Joe Deverle Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens, who was drowned on Tuesday, July 11, while playing with several little boy friends.

Mrs. John Malone and little son of Dallas are guests in the T. L. Stevens home. Mrs. Malone was Miss Mary Ora Craddock before her marriage.

MRS. S. A. STEADMAN.
Funeral rites for Mrs. S. A. Steadman, who died at the home of a grandson in Fort Worth at 7 o'clock last Saturday evening, were held at 3

o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ here, of which she was a faithful member, with Brother W. G. Cypert of Merkel officiating. Interment was in the Trent cemetery.

Grandma Steadman, as we all called her, was 81 years of age and for the past 27 years had been a resident of this place. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. She leaves four sons: Charlie Steadman, of McAllister, Okla.; Henry Steadman, of Bonham; Clarence Steadman, of Cedar Hill, and Walker Steadman of this place, also a number of grand and great-grandchildren as well as a host of friends to mourn her going.

Pall bearers were five of her grandsons and a grandson by marriage.

SEWING CLUB NEWS.
Our Gang Sewing club met last week in the home of Gene Scott. Sewing, games and music were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour ice tea and cake were served by the hostess to Misses Elizabeth Winn, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Lillian Grace Reeves, Sis Howell, Winnie and Veneta McDonald. New members are invited.

WEDDING BELLS.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Mr. Elmer Hall, of Post, Texas, on May 27.

On last Saturday afternoon Miss Christine Hill and Mr. Claude Freeman slipped quietly away to the M. E. parsonage and were married, with Rev. Mr. Coppage officiating.

Miss Hazel Lane and Mr. Clarence Hill were married in Abilene last Saturday evening.

CLUB PICNIC.
The members of the Home Demonstration club were hostesses to a picnic at Shannon's pool in Merkel Thursday evening. After a dip in the pool picnic delicacies were served buffet style to club members, their families and other guests: Messrs. and Mesdames M. G. Scott, H. R. Poor, Bill Springer, Cecil McRee, Hale McRee, A. W. Woods, W. Kelley, Bill Reynolds, Tom Williamson; Mesdames John Payne, Hosea Winn, Annie Boone, H. Ogletree, Stanley Armour, Buster Edwards, L. E. Adrian, Frank Allyn, Bert McRee, Tom Vessel, Clark Hamner, Ed Burks, A. C. Wash, R. B. McRee; also Alton Boone, Isom Burks, Casey and Dollie Wash, Gene and Doreen Scott, Fanny and Hanley Vessel, Marjorie Adrian, Louise and Freddie Allyn, Billy Payne, Martha Ann and Edwin Earl Winn, Tommy Hamner, Stanley and Don Armour, Inez Parker, Hazel Wanda and Don Williamson, Mack Springer, Virginia Cloe and H. L. McRee, Helen Hogue, Fama Maude Johnson, Mark Williamson, Elizabeth Winn, Lillian McRee, Bob Dennis and Edith Hale.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT.
Miss Fanny Lee Welsh of Sweetwater was again the recipient of a very cleverly planned shower and party Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Buster Edwards, Lillian McRee and Mrs. Bill Springer were co-hostesses for this affair at the home of Mrs. Edwards.

The entertaining suite was a lovely setting for sprays of summer blossoms in swinging baskets of pastel coloring to tone with details of party favors and refreshments. Prizes were awarded the honoree in novel guessing contests. Miscellaneous gifts were then presented after which a delicious refreshment plate was served by Misses Helen Hogue and Viola Smith to Mesdames Annie Boone, P. C. Forrester, G. H. McDonald, Lesley Beasley, Hale McRee, O. A. Smith, Bud Burks, T. G. Hamner H. H. Jones, Laurence Dowdy, Walker Steadman, A. W. Woods, Stanley Armour, Clark Hamner, J. R. Gafford, Frank Allyn, W. Kelley, B. M. Tipton of Merkel, Charles B. Drake of Forney, C. J. Chambliss, Abilene, and Misses Inez Parker, Ima Gene Mangum and Maurine Smith.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.
The Home Demonstration club met in regular session Wednesday afternoon. Official business was first in order, with the chairman, Mrs. A. C. Wash, presiding. The financial report was given by Mrs. T. G. Hamner. Roll call was responded to with the names of one's favorite wild flower. Topics on special growth of Texas wild flowers were given by Mesdames R. B. McRee, Jr., Wallace Kelley, M. G. Scott and L. E. Adrian. About 40 members were present.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.
Formal announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Alton Boone and Fanny Lee Welsh of Sweetwater. The wedding is to be solemnized at the First Baptist church in Sweetwater at 7 o'clock on July 20. Only relatives of the bride and groom will attend, after which a reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welsh in Sweetwater.

A series of pre-nuptial affairs have been planned to honor Miss Welsh. They will make their home in Trent, being at home in the Winn apartments.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.
Mrs. Hosea Winn was hostess to a prettily planned party Wednesday afternoon at her home, naming as her honor guest Miss Fanny Lee Welsh of Sweetwater. Coolest slips were passed among the guests who were told a surprise was withheld in a clever crossword puzzle. In solving this they were words within a square surrounding a heart. These bore the inscription: "Fanny Lee Welsh and Alton Boone are to be married July 20."

After congratulatory remarks to the bride-to-be, a refreshment plate with ice tea was served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. Wallace Kelley, Mrs. Bud Burks and Helen McRee, to the following guests: Mesdames Tom Williamson, R. B. McRee, Sr., A. C. Wash, G. H. McDonald, Ed Burks, M. G. Scott, Roy Stewart, Bert McRee, John Payne, Henry Ogletree, Clark Hamner, Annie Boone, Buster Edwards, Stanley Armour, T. G. Hamner, L. E. Adrian, Cecil McRee, Hale McRee, Cal Hamner, H. R. Poor, Clifford Estep, Cloyds Edwards, A. W. Woods, John Gafford, Bunk Tipton of Merkel, and Misses Dollie Wash, Lillian McRee, Fama Maud Johnson, Mamie Gafford and the honoree.

found out that as well as having gotten Joyce Ashton a good husband and a beautiful home, she had made that husband desperately unhappy, been a cross little beast."

Neil looked up, "Do you mean to tell me you don't remember having married me?"

"Yes, Neil, just that. I'm trying to tell you that I remember nothing between the time of the taxi accident in Chicago two years ago, and the recent accident on Fire Queen!"

"Humph." Neil looked closely at his wife, as if trying to fathom some hidden reason she might have for making a fool of him.

"Neil, haven't you noticed that I've been different lately? Look back

to your return from Chicago that last trip. Haven't I been less reckless, less troublesome generally, than the Frills you married?"

(Continued Next Week.)

DORA DOINGS
With the nice showers coming regularly, the crops are growing pretty. J. T. (Uncle John) Perry continues confined to his room but seems to be holding his own very well after five weeks' illness.

W. O. Oliver has been real sick again for the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker are enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Hunt, of Houston.

Quite a few from here attended the picnic at Butman Wednesday of last week and reported a fine time, with plenty of hot sunshine for a reminder. The ladies missionary society met Monday at the parsonage with a good attendance.

T. E. Clark of Clovis, N. M., came in Monday for a week's visit with friends and relatives.

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of amnesia victims, of course? Did you know you married one, Neil? Did you know that Florence Hilton was a girl without a past, without a life? You've got to help me tell this story, Neil, because I remember nothing before the morning after Fire Queen threw me on my head!"

Neil was staring at her dumb-founded. "You're not serious, Frills? Why—what—when?"

Robert Ainsworth said, "Lord! Tell us what you're driving at, Joyce!"

Joyce suddenly found it possible to talk to these two men. It was as if her mind had for some time been preparing the story it had to tell, so that the words came swiftly, tensely, dramatically. She told them of being born Joyce Ashton, of her early life in New England, of her aunt and uncle, of her work in Philadelphia and then of her start toward the Coast in search of adventure.

"I remember getting into the taxi-cab in Chicago in the snow—that sort of light snow when the streets still aren't quiet wet, but the dirt makes them sticky. The taxi skidded violently there was a crash—and when I woke up I was in a bed, on a sleeping porch, looking out at a tree on which oranges were growing. A man came onto the porch and asked me how I felt! That was you, Neil, whom I in my first appalled state fancied to have been my kidnapper!"

"Why on earth—say, how on earth have you kept this all to yourself? How long ago was all this, Joyce?" It was Ainsworth speaking. Neil seemed too stunned to take in the significance of it all.

"I don't know just how I have kept it all. Of course at first I was so terrified I couldn't think, much less act. Then I've always been awfully reticent—hated scenes—and I usually followed the line of least resistance. Neil was just leaving to go on a business trip to Chicago. He kissed me good-bye while I was still in that paralyzed state, and I was left to figure things out for myself! It was all terrible, of course, but in some ways it was fascinating. Your house, Neil, is so lovely, and the outdoorsness appealed to me—it all was so different from the pinched, dark, meager life I'd been leading in the Philadelphia boarding-house that I hung greedily on. . . . And then, of course, I found out about Frills. . . .

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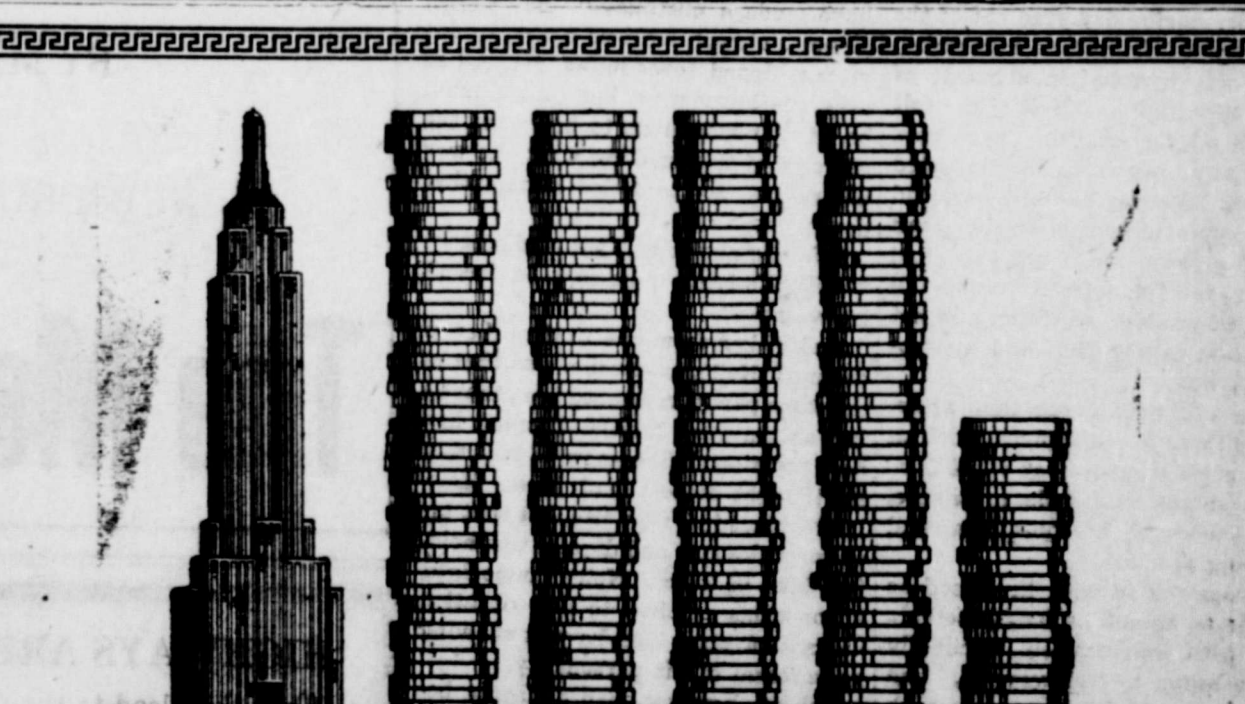
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Two state officials—Lon A. Smith, chairman of the railroad commission, and George H. Sheppard, state comptroller—will be on hand to deliver addresses, the former to speak at 11 o'clock in the morning and the latter in the early afternoon, following the annual basket picnic dinner.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. A. F. Click, pastor of the Methodist church here, assisted by Rev. P. E. Yarborough of Sweetwater, will conduct a revival meeting beginning Friday, July 21. Those who have heard these evangelists recognize them as gifted speakers and devout Christian leaders, whose words are full of the gospel spirit. A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

A crowd of home folks from here attended church services at Compere Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Doan of Clyde is spending several days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and new grandson, Doyl Franklin, who came to brighten this home since July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore left for Wood county to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Riley James, and Mrs. James and children will come home with them and spend the summer months here. Mrs. Fate Scoggins, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Moore, will visit her mother, Mrs. Bankhead, of that place a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield have gone for an extended visit with relatives in Alabama and Georgia.

Mrs. Chalmer Patterson left for her home at Lubbock after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears. Mrs. Patterson was accompanied by her sister, Miss Zuma Spears, for a midsummer visit there.

Annie Clara, pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Doan, returned home Saturday after a two weeks stay with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family and Jim Campbell and fine little son, Jimmie, visited with relatives at Snyder over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Moore of Nubia visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the illness and death of our beloved mother. Their kind words and loving sympathy helped to soothe our sorrow and the beautiful floral offerings were fitting tribute to her beautiful life.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Her Sons and Families.

Praises Wage Law.

Washington, July 20.—The action of Illinois in passing a minimum wage law for women and children brought the highest commendation Tuesday from Secretary Perkins.

PERSONALS

Miss Ruby Grace Jones of Merkel is visiting her cousin in Hamlin.

Miss Carrie Coffey of Electra is the house guest of Miss Johnnie Sears.

Mrs. Ruth Kaines of San Antonio is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Miss Beatrice Rhone of Sweetwater was a week-end guest of Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Sylvan Mellinger has returned after a pleasant two weeks visit with relatives at Big Spring.

Leaving Wednesday Miss Mary Anna Mayfield will spend a two weeks vacation at Ruidosa, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee are spending several days vacationing at Lamesa and other points on the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ranger were week-end visitors with Mrs. Curtis' mother, Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Miss Irma Lee Rhea of Albany, who is the guest of Mrs. Vance McLean at Nubia, was a Merkel visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Algie Daniels and daughter, Miss Patsy Ruth, of Fort Worth, are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Walton, and other relatives.

Miss Nina Belle Russell is attending the second period of the summer term at Northwest Texas State Teachers college at Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove were over from Abilene Sunday to spend the day with Mrs. Hargrove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Velmer Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford have returned from a visit to Carlisbad Caverns. They also visited El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither and two children left Wednesday for Elk City where they will spend their vacation with Mrs. Gaither's mother.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church, leave Monday for a visit to the Chicago World's Fair, a Century of Progress.

Warren Higgins, accompanied by his father, C. A. Higgins, and two brothers, J. E. and Bryan, left Tuesday for a fishing trip at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby and son, Joe Ben, Jr., of DeLeon are making a vacation visit this week with Mr. Ashby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Leaving Friday for San Marcos, Miss Thelma McAninch will attend the South Texas State Teachers college for the second half of the summer term.

J. F. Robbins of Plano was a visitor Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton. He and Mrs. Shelton are old acquaintances, having attended school together.

Mrs. Lucy Childers of Waco, who is visiting her son, Joe E. Childers, of Abilene, is spending a few days this week with her brother, W. R. Sumpter, and family.

Misses Iris Garrett and Margaret Miller left Friday for Stanton where they joined Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and family for a summer visit in Portales, N. M.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger are her brother, G. A. Witt and his daughter, Mrs. Bert Colbert, of Duncan, Okla., and Mrs. Ruth Sapp, of Lewistown, Idaho, daughter of Mrs. Ensminger.

The past week noted the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Talley Holloway and children to Abilene where they will reside at 1758 North Second street.

Mr. Holloway is in the employ of the New Deal Oil and Refining company.

School days fifty years ago at Savoy college in Fannin county were recalled Sunday when Judge Newt Meek of Greenville spent the day with his friend, C. M. Largent. It had been 40 years since the two had seen each other.

J. L. Banner and Miss Maxie Banner drove over to San Angelo Sunday to bring Mrs. Banner home after an extended visit there. They were accompanied home also by R. C. Bates, of that place, a brother of Mrs. Banner, who visited here until Tuesday.

S. E. Richardson from Stephenville, who is attending the Drug Men's convention in Abilene, accompanied by his wife, drove over and spent Wednesday night with his brother, J. E. Richardson and family. On their return home Thursday, they took with them Miss Mildred Richardson for a few days visit.

Visitors from out of town for the opening of the Queen theatre under new home management last Friday were: J. D. Jones, owner and manager of the San Angelo unit of R. & R. and his sister, Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, of San Angelo; also, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, of Iraan, the latter a sister of Mrs. Frank Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Red Alston and little son, Gary Anderson, removed to Abilene Monday and are residing at 1002 Albany avenue, in Elmwood. Mr. Anderson and associates have leased the old Abilene refinery, rechristening it as the New Deal Oil and Refining

company, which necessitated their removal to the sister city. After their long residence in Merkel, they will be greatly missed and it is with much regret that The Mail Chronicles their removal. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson expect to continue to make their home here, although Jack is one of those associated with the New Deal refinery.

Wins Trip to Short Course From Jones Co.

Mrs. J. G. Heald, wardrobe demonstrator, class 1, won a trip to the annual Farmers Short Course, given by the County Home Demonstration Council, as a result of her work with clothing during the year 1932-1933. The decisions were made in the Jones County Clothing and Wardrobe contest held in Anson June 29. Other place winners in Wardrobe Class 1 were Mrs. Harold Bonner of Dowie Home Demonstration club, second place, and Mrs. F. B. Rosebaum of South Hamlin Home Demonstration club, third place.

The demonstrators work for Class II were also judged, Mrs. W. A. Wych of Anderson Chapel won first place with a trip to the short course, Mrs. C. M. Latham of Swans Chapel, second place, and Mrs. H. R. Rainey of South Hamlin, third place.

Each demonstrator in the county had women in the clubs who were co-operators; these ladies were to make a foundation pattern and a dress by it. There were 39 co-operators who exhibited their dresses. Mrs. Walter Love of Anderson Chapel won first place, Mrs. Jasper Gentry of Corinth second place and Mrs. Sam Washburn of Stith third place.

All judging was done by Miss Eileen Partlow, Home Demonstration agent, of Haskell, and Miss Millie Halsey, home agent of Shackelford county.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING. Come to the Fifth Sunday singing at the Northside Missionary Baptist tabernacle. Singing will begin promptly at 10 o'clock and the whole day will be given over to singing. Come, bring your dinner and stay all day. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor. T. H. (Tom) Spears, President of Singing Convention.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF J. N. TEAFF.

We, the deacons of the First Baptist Church, Merkel, feel a keen loss in the home going of Brother J. N. Teaff, a brother deacon and fellow worker.

As we remember his life of service, his joyful spirit, his deep consecration, surely it has been an inspiration to all our hearts and will help us to be more faithful to the cause of Christ.

Brother Teaff was a man of few words. His life told more by his kindly deeds than by word or mouth. He loved the good and hated the evil. He had a conviction as deep as life, yet his conviction was tempered with the mantle of charity and good will toward all.

We would speak in the words of the Apostle John, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, from henceforth they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We wish to commend his family to the One whom he loved and served, for the great comfort He has promised to those who love Him. Done by order of deacons meeting in session July 2, 1933.

TEXAS ALMANAC.

Leave orders for the Texas Almanac with us. Price, 60 cents per copy, postpaid. Your magazine orders will also be appreciated. The Merkel Mail office.

Tells How She Lost 15 Lbs. of FAT

Rheumatism Gone Too

Here is a woman who was rapidly putting on weight and who was troubled with rheumatism too. Read her letter:

"I started taking Kruschen Salts because of the good it had done for a friend of mine who had been crippled with rheumatism. At the end of the second bottle I was weighed and find I am now only 148 pounds (original weight 163 lbs.), at which I am so pleased. But I have also felt my rheumatism much less, which has been so troublesome in my knees. I must say I think Kruschen a splendid weight reducer." (Miss) E. L. P.

Overweight and rheumatism poisoning often go together. The six salts in Kruschen assist the internal organs to perform their functions properly—little by little that ugly fat goes; slowly, yes—but surely. You feel wonderfully healthy, youthful and energetic—more so than ever before in your life!

Kruschen Salts is obtainable at all drug stores—a jar lasts four weeks and costs not more than 85c.

Lone Star Gas Ad Wins First Award - For Third Year

For the third consecutive year, the Lone Star Gas System has won first prize in a national advertising copy contest among the major gas companies of the country. The winning ad, entitled "Natural Gas Is Your Lowest Priced Domestic Servant," was judged the best piece of copy among all advertising placed in newspapers by gas companies of the United States in the year 1932. Public Utilities Advertising Association, which conducts the contest, announced the award at its annual meeting held in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The prize ad appeared in this newspaper and more than 200 other Texas and Oklahoma papers in February last year. Copy was prepared by Willard C. Wiegell, assistant advertising manager of the Lone Star Gas System. Will C. Grant is manager of the advertising department. Western Newspaper Union set the type and made the stereotype plates and mats for the ad. Lone Star also won first prize last year in the same contest with an ad written by Mr. Wiegell and received first honors again in 1931.

The nation's best gas advertisement was a simple, direct statement of how much gas service a penny will buy. It stated that one cent's worth of natural gas service will cook a good dinner for three people, operate a bath room heater for two hours, heat enough water for two baths, operate a living room heater for 45 minutes, make 33 cups of coffee, heat enough water for 14 shaves or run a gas refrigerator for eight hours.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Filling a long felt want, an innovation at Shannon's pool that will bring joy to a large number of patrons is the completion of a canvas canopy, covering about 40 feet of the pool. It can be gathered in after the sun goes down.

Work of refinishing the building is about completed and fixtures and equipment will be installed at an early date for Mrs. Mac Angus' new beauty parlor located in the building next to The Mail office, formerly occupied by the postoffice.

Riddle's Garage is now located in the Dunn building on Kent street in connection with the Conoco filling station, having moved from the Porter building on Edwards street last week.

The big drop in wheat prices Wednesday brought the Merkel market down to around 85 cents. The largest local sale at near peak prices was made by Robertson Brothers who sold 833 bushels Saturday to Douglas and Mayfield for 94 cents. Buyers bid as high as \$1.00 for other small lots before the crash.

D. W. Perry, victim of stabbing at Roscoe some ten days ago, was sufficiently improved to be moved last Sunday to the home of his brother, Claud Perry, here.

Monday and Tuesday about thirty men were busy at work cutting weeds and cleaning alleys and vacant lots in the business district under the direction of City Marshal Dickinson. Funds were provided out of the RFC allotment for Merkel.

Wheat Pit Gets Busy.

Chicago, July 20.—More than 400 option clerks, shipping clerks, car record clerks, telegraph operators, stenographers and office boys have been re-employed by grain firms with offices in the Board of Trade building—location of the famous "wheat pit"—within the past six weeks.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

ANNOUNCING

Removal of

RIDDLE'S GARAGE

to

DUNN BLDG. ON KENT ST.

In connection with the Conoco

Filling Station

Your patronage appreciated

First class work guaranteed



Merkel Drug Co., Merkel, Texas E. B. Johnson, Trent, Texas

95 Enjoy Adcock Reunion Dinner

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and Mrs. Adcock and three sons and R. L. Adcock and two daughters had the pleasure of joining with others of the Adcock family in their annual reunion at Gustine Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week. Of the immediate family, 46 were

present, including the father, R. A. Adcock, five other sons besides the two from Merkel and two daughters. Ten other relatives brought the number to 96. On Sunday there were 95 to enjoy the picnic dinner on the beautiful grounds on the banks of the Leon river.

Our 2 Cent Sale starts this Friday morning. Brown's Bargain Store.

THE RED & WHITE STORES SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JULY 21 AND 22. LEMONS doz. . 15c. ORANGES, dozen 25c. Peaches fresh Elberta dozen 25c. WATERMELONS, pound 1c. BEANS fresh green pound 12 1/2c. LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c. Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. 49c. BLACKBERRIES, No. 10 can 39c. PEACHES, No. 10 can 43c. PEARS, Red & White, No. 2 1-2 can 22c. Peaches Red & White No. 2 1-2 can 17c. GRAPE NUTS FLAKES, pkg. 10c. COFFEE Maxwell 1lb. can 29c House 3 lb. can 85c. POST BRAN FLAKES, pkg. 9c. TUNA FISH, 1-2 lb. flat can 20c. Crackers 2 lb. Salad 33c Wafer. MAYONNAISE, R & W, 8 oz. 17c-16 oz. 30c. Pickles quart 17c sour. OLIVES, quart Queen 35c. POTATO CHIPS, 2 packages 9c. GRAPE JUICE, Red & White, pint 17c. Coffee Sun Up 1 lb. pkg. 19c. SOAP, Red & White, Giant Bars, 6 for 25c. SOAP, Lady Godiva, bar 5c. Toilet Tissue Blue Cross 3 rolls 23c. PAPER NAPKINS, pkg. of 60 for 10c. Bacon sliced, pound 18c. JOWLS, dry salt, pound 7 1-2c. BOLOGNA SAUSAGE, pound 15c.

C. O. Moser Tells of Advantages From Collective Effort

C. O. Moser, vice president of the American Cotton Co-operative association, who addressed a mass meeting of farmers at Stith Wednesday night, was a visitor in Merkel for a short time early Wednesday afternoon.

He was accompanied by V. A. (Pete) Taylor, who arrived in West Texas this week from Memphis to take charge of the classing and financing details of the association in the territory covered by the new West Texas organization.

"There is no problem for farmers but can be solved by collective effort," Mr. Moser said in addressing the Stith assembly, and he called the West Texas movement to set up local marketing associations a "revolution" that will point the road for success to future marketing associations throughout the cotton belt.

Clyde Daniel, Abilene, who has been in charge of this district of the Texas Cotton Cooperative association for several years, was announced this week as manager of the new West Texas association. G. Y. Lee, Eden, was elected to represent the new association on the board of directors of the American Cotton Cooperative association.

West Texas Druggists End Sessions Thursday

Following the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year, the West Texas Pharmaceutical association was due to close its three day annual convention in Abilene at noon Thursday.

Nominations for the new official slate were to be submitted by a committee composed of W. A. Williams, Vega; John B. Ray, Abilene, and John A. Weeks, Ballinger. The Sweetwater delegation is bidding for the convention.

Feature of the convention was an address Wednesday afternoon by J. M. Penland of Dallas, president of the Southwestern Drug corporation, who explained the objectives of the Drug Institute of America, which he said would lead the druggist to better working conditions and fairer profits.

NECROLOGY

MRS. W. H. SORELLE. Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Louise SoRelle, 89, pioneer West Texan, who died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, in Phoenix, Ariz., are to be held at Abilene Thursday afternoon and burial will be made beside the grave of her husband, the late W. H. SoRelle, early day rancher in this section, who died more than 20 years ago.

Besides the daughter, Mrs. Mackey, who formerly lived in Merkel, other survivors are two daughters: Mrs. Sam H. Kyle of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. W. A. Scott of San Diego, Calif., and three sons: W. O. SoRelle, Beaumont; E. K. SoRelle, Sweetwater, and T. O. SoRelle, Jayton.

EDWARD L. HUNTER. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter left late Wednesday afternoon of last week for Fort Worth immediately upon receipt of the sad news of the death of Bishop's brother, Edward L. Hunter, 61, who suffered a heart attack while pumping up an automobile tire at his home near Birdville. The high temperature of the day previous was given as a contributory cause of his death.

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the residence and burial was in Mount Olivet cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Bradford of Fort Worth; three sons, J. E. and C. L., both of Fort Worth, and G. R. Hunter, of Dallas; five brothers, Joe and R. A. Hunter, both of Fort Worth, Bishop Hunter of Merkel, Harvey Hunter of Dallas and Jim Hunter of Weatherford, and one sister, Mrs. Laura Balch of Temple.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends who so kindly assisted us in the illness and death of our dear loved one. The many acts of thoughtfulness, the words of consolation and the beautiful floral offerings have helped to make our sorrow lighter.

May God's richest blessings be with each one.

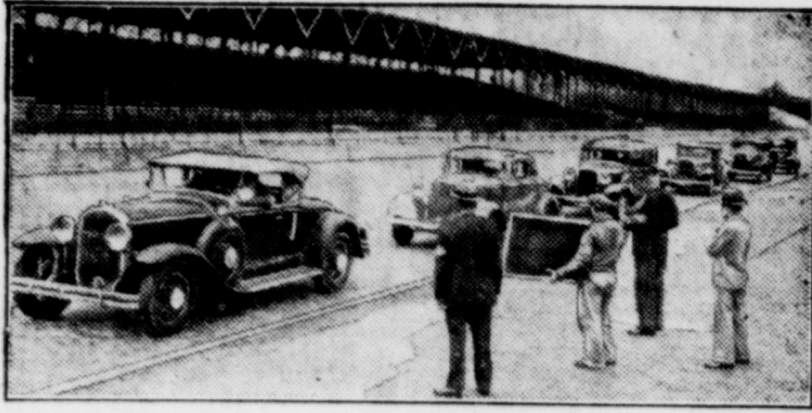
R. A. Martin. Julia Martin. Her Mother, Brother and Sisters.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

IF YOU SMOKE TOO MUCH WATCH YOUR STOMACH

For quick relief from indigestion and upset stomach due to excessive smoking try Dr. Emil's Adia Tablets. Don't stop smoking, just use Adia Tablets. Merkel Drug Co.

Advances in Oil Refining Result in Higher Mileage



Cars picked at random from the streets, lined up on Indianapolis Speedway before starting four-day test of new high-mileage motor oil.

BECAUSE the average motorist is becoming more and more concerned with motor oil performance, the refining industry has recently been turning its attention to improved refining methods designed to meet the public's demand for better lubrication from the medium-priced lubricants.

For years the main problem confronting the industry was reduction of carbon deposits, and like matters, but today the important problem is how to provide better lubrication.

Very definite and satisfactory progress has been made along this line, as shown recently in mileage tests conducted at the Indianapolis Speedway under supervision of the Contest Committee of the American Automobile Association. These tests showed that a new high-mileage oil, produced by the Gulf Refining Company, gives 28.5 per cent more miles to the quart than any of the other three popular, medium-priced oils tested against it.

The cars used in the test were low and medium-priced autos picked at random from the streets of Indianapolis. Each car was run 450 miles with each of the four brands of oil, the test lasting for four days, during which time each car covered 1,800 miles.

Oil consumption was carefully checked by contest officials of the A.A.A., and it was found that the new high-mileage oil was 28.5 per cent cheaper to use, the figure being an average based on the oil's performance in all the cars used in the test.

SOCIETY

LARGENT-McCLUSKEY.

A wedding of wide interest to West Texans was solemnized at high noon Saturday when Miss Larue McCluskey became the bride of Joe Sutphen Largent in Moran. The ceremony was performed in the home of Eugene Snyder, friend of the groom, in the presence of only a few intimate friends. Rev. Marvin Williams, pastor of the Methodist church of Moran, officiated.

Miss Larue is a very charming and popular member of Sweetwater's younger set, having attended Sweetwater high school and having taken a leading part in all social activities.

Joe Largent is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, prominent West Texas family. After graduation from Merkel High school he attended Kemper Military school at Booneville, Mo. He is at present manager of the Jack Frost ranch at Blackwell. Joe is the possessor of sterling business attributes and an affable personality that predict for him a splendid future as a promising young cattleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Largent will make their home at Blackwell.

HOUSE PARTY AT STAMFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson of Stamford entertained last week-end with a house party for a group of old friends from Merkel. Those enjoying this lovely affair were: Misses Sis Boaz, Mary Collins, Mary Hughes, Venice Bell, Martha Bird and Fannie Bell Boaz, Messrs. Spencer Bird and Dean Murray.

Other guests present were: Mrs. Jackson's niece, Miss Helen Oment, Messrs. Pete Cole and Jack Moore of

Stamford and Mr. Dick Lumbert of Tuscon, Arizona.

Come in and see what 2 cents will buy at our Sale—Brown's Bargain Store.

The street cars of San Francisco handle about 55,000,000 passengers a year.

LIGHT-DEEN.

On Sunday, July 9, Miss Ethel Deen and Mr. Dell Light drove over to the home of Brother W. G. Cypert and were united in marriage. Both of the contracting parties are deservedly popular and The Mail joins many friends in extending best wishes for a long and happy married life.

ELI CASE GROCERY

"The Home of Good Groceries" Phone 234 Prompt Service

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Tomatoes Fancy Pinks, 2 Pounds 15c

LETTUCE Nice and Crisp Per head 5c BANANAS Yellow Fruit Per doz. 20c

Oranges Per Dozen 15c

Tea All Kinds 1-4 lb. can 19c

POST TOASTIES Large Size Per pkg. 10c PICKLES Sours Qt. jar 15c

Compound, 8 lb. Pails 72c

Coffee Maxwell House 3 lb. can 79c

CRACKERS Saltines 2 lb. box 28c SUGAR Pure Cane 25 lb. cloth \$1.30

Fresh Prunes Gallon can 35c

FLOUR Primrose 48 lbs. \$1.40

Salt, Ice Cream, 5 lbs. 2 for 19c

Pork & Beans, 16 oz., 5c

Salt, 1 1-2 lb. table 3 for 10c

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday there were 868 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel, as compared with 953 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, the attendance was 792.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. If you are not attending Sunday School elsewhere, you are cordially invited to join one of our classes.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The congregation will join in the union service at the Methodist church Sunday night where Rev. T. S. Knox of Abilene will preach.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Through the courtesy of the church, our pastor and wife will leave Monday morning for Chicago and upon return will be engaged in a revival at Eula. So next Sunday will be the last time he will fill the pulpit for several Sundays. Let us have a full house and an enjoyable time for everyone.

Rev. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Abilene, will preach Sunday night at our church. This will be the second union service and the Presbyterian and Baptist churches will be with us.

Our third quarterly conference convenes Thursday evening, July 20, at 8 p. m.

Miss Eleanor Mae Hamilton will have charge of the church decorations for Sunday. If you like it, tell her so. Miss Lola Brabbin will sing for us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Fifth Sunday Singing is near at hand and our church will give the whole day over to singers. A hearty welcome awaits you.

Saturday night we preach on "Dwarfs in the Kingdom of God." Sunday morning, "Heaven;" Sunday night, "Kingdom of God, Church of

Christ and Kingdom of Christ." We discuss such questions as when did the church begin? what is its name? who named it? are all the saved in the church? how do you get into the church? is there any difference in church and kingdom?

We had the joy of baptizing four more fine young people last Sunday. Everybody welcome to our services. Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Singing Tuesday night was hindered in attendance on account of clouds. Be sure to come next Tuesday night or you'll miss a special treat. We had some real good quartette numbers and expect more quartettes and a better crowd next Tuesday evening at 8:15. Come.

Our revival is near, beginning Saturday evening, July 29, at 8:15. Remember to pray for a great, real, old-time revival, such as we all need in this time of discouragements.

Sunday School next Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8:15 p. m.

Our revival and place will be announced more fully in next week's paper. Don't fail to read it. Mr. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1933

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Loans and discounts (\$176,187.62), Overdrafts (117.98), United States Government securities owned (24,200.00), Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned (5,036.39), Furniture and fixtures (6,250.00), Real estate owned other than banking house (13,585.29), Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank (18,514.43), Cash and due from banks (91,322.54), Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer (312.56). Total ASSETS: \$335,527.75.

Table with columns for LIABILITIES. Liabilities include Circulating notes outstanding (\$6,250.00), Demand deposits (198,722.70), Time deposits (53,671.70), Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding (9,727.91), Capital account: Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share (\$50,000.00), Surplus (10,000.00), Undivided profits—net (7,155.44), Reserves for contingencies (67,155.44). Total, Including Capital Account: \$335,527.75.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. BOOTH WARREN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, 1933. Mrs. Floyd Davis, Notary Public.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, SAM BUTMAN, Directors.

CITY TAXES

Delinquents who do not see Joe E. Childers on or before July 31, 1933, and make arrangements to pay their delinquent taxes will not receive the benefit of the penalties and interest being waived. The city will permit you to pay part of your taxes during July and pay the balance in monthly payments, provided final payment is made on or before December 31, 1933.

A list of all delinquents who do not make some arrangement to pay their taxes, as above set out, will be published in the Merkel Mail once a week for three consecutive weeks. This publication is proper before suits are filed.

When you pay your taxes you are helping your city and also increasing the value of your property.

Call at the office of the City Secretary and Mrs. Juanita Ferguson will give you any information you desire about paying your delinquent taxes.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP. Now located at Lige Gamble cottage—same phone number. Will Continue in business. "Flowers for all occasions."