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ACTUAL PLOW-UP NOW UNDER WAY IN THIS COUNTY

Over 400 Emergency Permits Already Issued; Estimated \$200,000 in Cash to Farmers in Merkel's Territory.

Actual plow-up of cotton acreage began in this county Tuesday after the receipt by County Agent Heald at Abilene of proper blanks. More than 400 emergency permits were issued in Taylor county, while in the Merkel area, handled by the community committee headed by Dave Shelton, 75 emergency permits were issued. This territory turned in 124 contracts, 22 of these contracts have been returned approved and the others are expected at once.

The grand total of the more than 1700 contracts signed by Taylor county farmers provided for the payment of over \$450,000 in cash and it is estimated that approximately \$200,000 of this sum will come to those residing in the territory contiguous to Merkel.

Masonic Leaders Pay Visit Abilene Lodge

For the visit of Wilbur Keith of Dallas, executive secretary of Masonic Education and Service, and Hiram S. Lively, also of Dallas, past grand master, to the Abilene Masonic lodge on Monday night, several members of the Merkel lodge drove over for the special meeting. Among them were: Wrean Durham, Raymond Neal, Tom Allday, John Childress, Bob Fowler, Buck Leach, E. O. Carson and Harry Wood.

Fire Destroys Home Of Clarence Shouse

About 9:30 Friday night fire almost completely destroyed the four-room home of Clarence Shouse in South Merkel. The family were all at the Cozy theatre witnessing the home talent play, "Second Story Peggy," in which the son, Mordell, was one of the principals. Origin of the fire is undetermined. Insurance was carried in the amount of \$800 on the house and \$700 on the furniture and contents.

Record of Births.

Twins, a girl and boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reynolds, Saturday, July 22, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Duncan, of White Flat, Tuesday, July 25, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson, residing in the oil field, Tuesday, July 25, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hudson, residing north of town, Wednesday, July 26, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Henslee, residing south of town, Thursday, July 27, 1933.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 25, 1913.)

W. O. W. GIVE SUPPER—OVER 400 PEOPLE PRESENT.

Friday night was the scene of one of the largest gatherings ever held at this place under the auspices of the local lodge of Woodmen. For some time prior to the banquet the Woodmen had been divided into two companies, chosen at the beginning by Messrs. Ben Merritt and Freeman Rogers. The side championed by Abe Rogers were losers and at once launched into getting their work into shape. During the evening Steward Rogers and his assistants served over 300 people with good edibles and ended by serving a course of cream. As a culmination of the event Mr. Groene of the Airdome tendered the visitors a free show.

The new brick building to be occupied by the Anchor Hardware company is nearing completion and the owners hope to be comfortably installed in their new home by the 15th of next month.

President Jessie P. Sewel of the Abilene Christian College will preach at the North Side Christian church

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The commissioners court of Tarrant county voted Tuesday to put the county on a five-day week.

Clifford B. Jones of Spur has been appointed federal public works administrator for region 7, comprising Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana.

Effective August 1, Dallas banks will close at 2 p. m., instead of 3 p. m., on week days and at noon, instead of 1 p. m., on Saturdays, to conform with the president's recommendation of a 40-hour week.

Mrs. Carrie W. Moeller, 77-year-old Galveston woman, twice beaten and robbed of \$5,000 in cash in the last two years, died in a Galveston hospital from the effects of the second attack July 8.

A 23-year-old Houston youth, Harold Riley, who leaves a crippled mother and whose father died only two months ago, was killed in an explosion of dynamite at the reforestation camp in Cochise county, Ariz.

Mrs. Bessie Sharp was convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment on a murder charge in connection with the poison death of her husband, Telefus Sharp, at their home in Sanderson two years ago.

A 19-year-old Muskogee, Okla., girl, identified by finger prints as Geneva Cantrell, and her escort, A. S. Michael, 33, Fort Worth electrician, were found shot to death Monday morning on a north side Fort Worth street.

A Fort Worth girl, Ruth Josephine Coggins, was married Saturday night to Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the president of the United States, at the estate of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Swiler, uncle and aunt of the bride, at Burlington, Iowa.

While playing about a neighboring fence during a visit at the home of her grandparents, Barbara Jean Shuford, 6, was electrocuted Monday afternoon at Dallas when she laid her hands on a wire netting fence, charged by an electric light wire that had accidentally fallen on it.

Genuine Revival Spirit Evidenced

A genuine revival spirit has marked the Baptist revival that started last Sunday and will continue for two weeks. Rev. C. R. Joyner, the pastor, is doing the preaching in most effective and soul-stirring force, with Tom Hodges of Sweetwater leading the song service.

Beginning Monday morning services have been held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 a. m. at the tabernacle and it is announced that the Sunday preaching services, both morning and evening, will also be held there.

Last Sunday night, the revival gave way for the second of the series of union Sunday night services at the Methodist church. The coming Sunday night, the third and last of the union services, the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations will join the Baptists in their revival.

TRIP THROUGH 25 STATES AND TWO PROVINCES

With Group of 750 People, Merkel Girl Goes Sight Seeing With Omnibus College; Also Visits World's Fair.

(By Mary Kate Campbell.)

The Omnibus College of Wichita, Kansas, conducted a group of about seven hundred and fifty people on an eastern tour which proved very, very interesting. Texas had the greatest representation, more than seventy. Some of the high points on the trip were Memphis, Tenn.; Washington, D. C.; New York City; Plymouth and Salem, Mass.; Quebec and Gananoque, Canada, and Chicago. We went through twenty-five states and two of Canada's provinces.

Many interesting things might be said of the old battlefields; the monuments; the museums; the universities; birthplaces of poets, statesmen and prominent men; our national capital; our largest city and numerous other items, but all this would take much space, so I will confine this article to a few points that were very outstanding to me.

A few miles from Tusculum, Ala., we came to the famous Wilson Lake and Dam, commonly known as Muscle Shoals, on the Tennessee river. There has been much preparation made around the operating plant for a large city, the land blocked off and sidewalks laid, and it does seem to have a future too. A big nitrate plant is located there. The river is able to afford large means of transportation and the valley can produce the products to be shipped but all is yet undeveloped to any great extent.

The name Muscle Shoals is an old Indian name given to the section of the river where the Wilson Dam is located. This name was used by the Indians due to the fact that it requires considerable muscle to row a canoe up stream.

The crisis of the World War brought about the development of this project. The U. S. needed nitrates which were taken from the air but required much electricity. So in 1918 the work was begun on the Wilson Dam but was halted and later finished in 1925. Since 1926 it has been producing power but not to the fullest capacity because of inadequate distributing system. The amount of power available all the year round is about 100,000 horsepower. The Wilson Dam then is scarcely more than a nibble at the wealth of the river.

This dam is a structure 4,300 feet wide, 142 feet high and equipped with ninety flood gates. It has 58 spillways and can all be thrown open in one minute by 58 men. The transportation is mostly between Paducah and Knoxville.

Harvard University at Cambridge, (Continued on Page Four)

County Will Vote On Beer August 26

An election to determine whether or not 3.2 beer may be sold in Taylor county, in event sale is legalized in the state, is to be held August 26. Formal order for the election will be entered at the next meeting of the commissioners court, August 14.

It will be held concurrently with that on the proposed repeal of the 18th amendment and on the proposed constitutional amendment legalizing sale of beer in the state.

Queen Calendar

A Sunday matinee showing of Richard Barthelmess in "Heroes for Sale" is announced for the Queen theatre, opening at 2 o'clock and closing about 5:30. The same as week-day prices 5c and 15c, will prevail for this showing. Manager Frank Benson has announced these summer bargain prices in effect until September 1.

The program for current attractions at the Queen is as follows:

Friday and Saturday—Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in "Parachute Jumpers"; also third chapter of "Hurricane Express" and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—Richard Barthelmess in "Heroes for Sale"; also Bosco, "Speed King."

Wednesday and Thursday—Wheeler and Woolsey in "So This is Africa"; also comedy.

PRESIDENT'S RE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OKED

Every Employer in Country to Receive Copy of Agreement For Minimum Wages and Maximum Working Hours.

Unanimous approval throughout the entire country has greeted the general voluntary governing code of minimum wages and shorter working hours for American industry as proposed by President Franklin Roosevelt.

The first step of this plan is a general agreement by employers to the president's code, copies of which were expected to be sent out on July 27. Postmaster Adeock, through whose office these agreements are to be handled locally, had not received the supply for Merkel Thursday morning and the exact wording of these pledges is not known. The heart of the plan provides for maintenance of a fixed minimum wage and a fixed maximum work week during the "president's emergency re-employment drive from August 1 to December 1."

Pledging full co-operation with the recovery program dry goods merchants of the city met Thursday morning and agreed, beginning August 1 and for the month of August, to observe the following store hours: week days, 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. and Saturdays, 7:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. These hours may be changed later. Those attending the meeting were T. G. Pragg, Max Mellinger, Yates Brown, Roy Reid and W. J. Sheppard.

While establishments in towns of less than 2,500 population, which employ not more than two persons, are exempt from the provisions of the act, indications are that Merkel business men will back the president's program to the fullest.

Merkel to be Host Singing Convention

The Taylor County Fifth Sunday Singing convention is to be held at the tabernacle of the North Side Baptist church here, beginning at 10 o'clock next Sunday.

Tom Spears, who is president of the convention, has invited all singers to come and bring their latest books. The entire day will be given over to the singing convention.

Warns Against Practice Of Driving Over Hose

Giving a general warning to "take notice," Mayor W. M. Elliott has issued the following statement with reference to interference of vehicles at fires and also to the practice of driving over fire hose:

"Complaints have been made that some, in going to fires and at other times when the fire hose is in use, have either thoughtlessly or maliciously driven over the hose. We have an ordinance against this practice and we feel sure that those who thoughtlessly do so have not considered the damage or cost it may cause. So we are warning you that this ordinance will be enforced.

"It is the desire of your city officials for the fireboys to do their best work in fighting fires and for them to be able to do so we must ask you to stand back a safe distance from the fire. Don't block the streets or alleys with your cars, give the boys plenty of room so they may work most effectively to save and protect your property."

New Beauty Shop To Open Saturday

The Orchid Beauty Shoppe in the old postoffice building will open Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Mrs. M. D. Angus is proprietor and Miss Irene Perry, who has had considerable experience in beauty shop work, is operator.

The building has been completely renovated and redecorated, carrying out the color scheme of the name of the shop. Complete new equipment has been installed and everything is ready to open for business Saturday morning.

Radio Program.

On Wednesday morning, from 10 till 10:30, Miss Helen Heeter will broadcast a program of popular numbers from SWTX, Sweetwater radio station, on a frequency of 920 kilocycles. The interested public is cordially invited to listen in.

PER MONTH PER PUPIL COST IN CITY SCHOOLS REDUCED TO ONLY \$3.63

PERSONALS

Horace Daniel is visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Misses Vennie and Zada Bell are visiting this week in Eastland.

Miss Vera Bates of Hamlin is the guest of Mrs. Floyd Davis this week.

Miss Marzoe West has returned from a visit with relatives in El Paso. Mrs. Marvin Smith has as her guest her aunt, Mrs. F. W. Curtis, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Algie Daniel and daughter, Patsy Ruth, returned Sunday to Fort Worth.

Miss Arlene Willett of Hamlin is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mrs. E. Bradley left Sunday to attend the Farmers Short Course at A. & M. college.

Barney Garrett, a Waco attorney, was here for several days visiting his parents. He returned Tuesday.

Leo Sheppard and family are here from Claremore, Okla., to spend some time with his father, W. A. Sheppard.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox were Mrs. Fox's brother, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Thompson, and baby, of Spur.

Miss Annie Lou Russell left Tuesday to join her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morgan, at Tyler for a trip to the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adeock will attend the state meeting of rural mail carriers at Mineral Wells Friday and Saturday of this week.

Miss Pauline Chinn, who is a student in the John Sealy College of Nursing at Galveston, is home for a two weeks' vacation with her parents.

Mrs. J. E. Hawkins and Mrs. J. D. Jones of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benson Tuesday. Mrs. Hawkins is a sister of Mrs. Benson.

Miss Laura Barnett returned home with her brother and wife, to Ranger. They had been house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett.

Misses Wynona, Norma and Ruby Patton, Fanny Aldredge and Myrtle Thomas have returned from Lubbock where they visited friends and relatives.

Miss Selma Lee Russell, a student nurse of the West-Texas Baptist hospital of Abilene, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner and daughter Helena, returned Wednesday to their home at San Angelo after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh. Mrs. Turner is a sister of Mrs. Reagh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive and children Mary Lou and Bobby Russell, of Big Spring, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell. On their return they were accompanied by Misses Selma Lee and Alice Russell.

Mrs. Frances O'Brian and her daughter, Frances and son Bill, of Riverside, Calif., who are here visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Wm. O'Brian, are spending this week with her sister, in Santa Anna.

Mrs. Edmond Clark and daughter of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter, of the Canyon. Mrs. Clark also visited Tuesday with Mrs. J. C. Walton in Merkel.

Mrs. O. D. Pruitt was taken last week to San Angelo to begin a rest cure. She will stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Richardson. Mr. Pruitt and Mrs. H. E. Snell, who accompanied her to San Angelo, have returned.

Mrs. Mary Garoutte and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garoutte of Dallas were visitors Friday of Miss Dora Garoutte. They had been guests in the Walter Morton home at Snyder and were en route home.

Mrs. A. C. McGee and son, J. J., of Fort Worth returned home Tuesday after a visit with Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum. Mrs. Louie Martin, who accompanied her, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, returning also with Mrs. McGee Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and two daughters, Billy and Becky, left Wednesday for Chicago where they will visit with Mrs. Gardner's mother, Mrs. Brown, and her sister, Mrs. Seth Sims, also enjoying the sights of the World's Fair.

A Decrease of 34 Per Cent as Compared With Two Years Ago; Relative Costs of Surrounding Schools.

Not only has the total operating cost for the Merkel Public schools decreased from \$32,105.69 in 1930-31 to \$25,385.00 in 1932-33 but cost per pupil has greatly decreased. In 1930-31 the cost per month per pupil was \$5.53; in 1932-33 it was \$3.63, a decrease of about 34 per cent. Merkel compares very favorably with surrounding schools in this matter of unit cost. This is made possible, according to a prepared statement by Supt. Burgess, by the simple fact that Merkel is enabled to operate upon a larger scale; this always cuts down the unit cost. It is just as easy to operate a school with 521 average daily attendance more cheaply than one having an average daily attendance of 28 as it would be for Ford to make cars cheaper on the large scale than it would cost for him to have them made in blacksmith shops. Not only would the cars be cheaper when produced under larger scale production, but a better car is produced than if made in a blacksmith shop where one workman or four or five workmen had to do everything. The blacksmith method would give no opportunity for specialization.

SALARY COST PER PUPIL.

Supt. Burgess has secured from the county superintendent's office at Abilene the operating costs of the schools that surround Merkel and has compiled these costs to show comparisons. Let it be said again that the higher per pupil cost in the rural school is no fault of bad management. It is due to the fact that the school is operated on a small scale. When salaries only are considered, the following figures show the cost per pupil per month. In other words, it costs Mt. Pleasant \$8.05 to teach one pupil one month when salaries only are considered.

The following figures show the comparative cost per pupil per month, when salaries alone are considered:

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|--------------|--------|
| Mt. Pleasant | \$8.05 |
| Castle Peak | \$7.30 |
| Union Ridge | \$6.92 |
| Salt Branch | \$5.94 |
| Trent | \$4.58 |
| Blair | \$4.43 |
| Merkel | \$3.63 |

BASED ON EXPENDITURES.

When total expenditures are considered, Merkel again compares favorably with these schools. Total expenditures include not only teachers' salaries, but bond payments, improvements, interest, coal, gas, and so on. Mt. Pleasant spent \$10.50 to teach one pupil one month when all expenditures were considered.

On this basis of total expenditures, the comparative cost per pupil per month is as follows:

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Mt. Pleasant | \$10.50 |
| Union Ridge | \$10.11 |
| Salt Branch | \$9.24 |
| Castle Peak | \$8.58 |
| Trent | \$7.64 |
| Blair | \$6.24 |
| Merkel | \$5.41 |

STILL HIGHER COST.

When high school grades only are considered where the number of pupils per grade in rural schools is always very small, the cost per pupil becomes extremely high as compared to the larger school. Some of these grades often have only one or two students to each grade. One school was found where it cost \$15.00 to teach one high school pupil one month, salaries alone considered. In Merkel it cost \$3.97 per month to teach one high school pupil. In the rural school with a small number of pupils above the seventh grade, it costs many times as much per pupil to teach these pupils as it does in Merkel or in any other school the size of Merkel. "It would amaze you," Supt. Burgess stated, "to figure this sometime for yourself to see how expensive attempting to teach the few in these higher grades really is. And the regrettable thing about all this is that even with this extremely high cost, it is utterly impossible for the student to do the work that is done in a school the size of Merkel. The teacher in such a school probably devotes from one-third to one-fifth as much time to each grade as is done in the school the size of Merkel. One teacher usually handles several grades. (Continued on Page Two)

THE MERKEL MAIL Too Much Realism Says Leo Carrillo

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Leo Carrillo, noted stage and screen star, who has a leading role with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in the Warner Bros. picture, "Parachute Jumper," showing today and Saturday at the Queen theatre, declares that he has never before played in a production in which the director went in for such realistic action.

And, he added, he never cares to again.

The action which he admits sent the cold chills up his spine, was an airplane battle in which he was a leading figure. It took place at the Metropolitan Airport at Van Nuys, Calif., which was engaged for the occasion. The scene was attempted with blank cartridges for the machine guns, for safety sake, but it was found that the guns jammed after the first shot. An arms expert who was consulted about the trouble explained that the discharge of powder in a real cartridge, released a certain amount of gas. This gas, he pointed out, acted as a means of compression to operate the gun for the next shot. With the use of blank cartridges, there was no gas to act as compression. Consequently the jamming of the machine gun.

So Director Alfred E. Green ordered the airport cleared of all employees and spectators. Real bullets were inserted in the guns and the air fairly rained lead. The men at the guns were careful with their aim, but Carrillo declares he felt his hair was turning white before the sequence was finished.

Others in the cast include Bette Davis, Frank McHugh, Claire Dodd, Sheila Terry and Harold Huber.

School Costs

(Continued from Page One.)

instead of just one grade and the term is seldom nine months in length. It is another case of paying more and getting less.

The state of Texas is encouraging in every way it can rural schools to discontinue high school work and have these high school pupils transported to an accredited high school. If the rural school does not attempt these high school grades, the state pays all the tuition at the nearest accredited high school, and under the new transportation act will also help pay the cost of transporting such students by paying \$2.00 per month per pupil for each such pupil transported. "The state is trying to make it possible for the country boy and girl to have just as good an opportunity to attend an accredited high school as does the city boy or girl," Supt. Burgess concluded. "There is no reason why a boy simply because he lives out in the country should not have just as good an opportunity to secure an education as does any boy anywhere."

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Bailey and Miller to Meet in Repeal Debate

Congressman Joseph Weldon Bailey, who had originally been scheduled for a prohibition repeal speech in Abilene Saturday night, has accepted the challenge for joint debate from Judge Otis Miller of Anson, dry chairman of the 24th senatorial district.

The place will be the federal lawn in Abilene, the time Saturday night of this week.

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.

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ACT NOW

The City must have the money and you must pay your taxes. You can save the penalty, interest and cost by attending to this important matter on or before July 31, 1933.

IF NECESSARY TO FILE SUIT

to collect taxes it will cost you the principal, interest and costs of court. The City of Merkel is offering a liberal plan and is doing all it can to get you to make this saving for your benefit as well as for the financial interest of yourself and the City.

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AWAKENED WOMAN

ELIMORE BARRY

SEVENTEENTH 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. Later Joyce and Neil, out riding, are come upon by Ainsworth. Cornered, Joyce makes full confession—her loss of memory and its restoration. When Neil accuses Joyce and Ainsworth of being in love, Ainsworth makes a "graceless" exit, leaving Joyce to explain.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"That's true all right, and you had me guessing too. But of course Frills wasn't wild and reckless when I married her—you—say, I don't know who I did marry!"

"That's what I've got to find out, Neil! It's been driving me nearly crazy, and now at last I've had the courage to tell the truth, as far as I know it. Will you tell me, Neil, how you met Frills and all that?"

"Why, at Joe and Maisie Turner's, of course! Don't you really remember, Frills—er, I mean Joyce? Gosh, this gets my goat, I feel as tho we'd all gone absolutely nutty."

"I felt that way when I first woke up and found myself Mrs. Packard," she said gently, "but I've lived with the idea so long, that I've gotten a bit used to it. Tell me about the Turners."

"Why, it was their car that ran into your taxi in Chicago. Joe was running for some political office at the time, and he was very anxious to keep out of the papers in any way that might bring him any unpleasant publicity, so he gave the police a tip, I suppose, and got them to allow you to be taken to his house instead of to a hospital. You were unconscious a couple of days, and when you woke up you were in a dazed condition. I remember Maisie saying they thought you never would say a word, and how queer it made them feel, having some one lying there unconscious, but just looking at the walls without saying anything."

"Fancy! That was me, and I don't remember any more about it than if it had never happened!"

"Joe and Maisie had a time finding out who you were. The doctor said just to leave you alone and you'd come around all right. And, sure enough, that was what happened, or what everybody thought had happened."

"The Turners were lively, entertained a lot, plenty of money and all that, and as soon as you were well they introduced you around to their friends. You made a hit with every one, and that tickled them. My cousin Lawton Packard's wife was a great friend of Maisie, and I'd met her and Joe a number of times in Manzanita, and they'd always told me to look them up if I were ever in Chicago. It struck me to do it one time; I called them up and Joe invited me out to dinner that night,

throwing out a lot of dark hints about a swell girl who was staying with them. I went, and it was you I met—Florence Hilton was the name. I took a terrible tumble, and in a couple of weeks we were engaged."

"I kept stringing out the business in Chicago, and finally—I remember now that it was your own suggestion!—we were married right away, before we left town, and you came back to Manzanita as Mrs. Neil Packard!"

Joyce had been held spellbound by Neil's recital. It was all so queer and unreal, and she felt her head swimming by the strangeness of it.

"Didn't you ask me anything about who I was, and all that, when you wanted to marry me? How did I act? Was I like the Frills I've heard about, or more like Joyce?"

"Well, you see, every one treated you with kid gloves, so to speak, on account of this accident," said Neil. "It was understood that you'd had a great shock, and that you mustn't be pressed. The doctor kept saying, just leave her alone and she'll come around all right. All this mystery was very exciting, you understand—we all got a great kick out of it."

"I remember I wanted to ask you a lot of things when we were first engaged, but you said to me, 'Neil, you've got to trust me. There are some things I can't tell you, and you mustn't ask me about who I am and all that. There's nothing I'm ashamed of, and some day I expect I'll tell you all there is to tell.' A shade passed over Neil's face. "I always thought you would tell me, but you never did..."

Joyce watched him excitedly. The strange story gripped them, so that realities were seen through a haze.

"Oh, Neil, I think I see it all now, don't you? Frills just couldn't remember back! She was trying to remember all the time, and she

couldn't! It must have been awful for her, mustn't it? When did she change, when did she get reckless and wild?"

"I guess that came gradually," Neil answered with puckered brow. "I can't remember any special time when it began. First she took to drinking more than I liked; that really worried me a lot. Then it seemed as if she couldn't do stunts reckless enough, as if she were almost trying to kill herself! She drove her car at a breakneck speed, and got the wildest horse she could find to ride! And then there was Maitland..."

Joyce made a quick movement. "Yes," she said softly, "don't go in to that. Neil I know; and I'll never forget it—"

"But—but—Joyce, you are Frills!" It was Robert Ainsworth speaking, and Joyce and Neil turned to him with a start. In their absorbing interest in piecing together the mystery of Frills, they had almost forgotten that he was there.

"Would you mind telling me," Neil asked Joyce politely, "just where he comes into this?"

Joyce looked at Robert thoughtfully. The air of rather superior insolence with which he had approached them was gone now, and she saw again the Robert Ainsworth she knew. He met her gaze frankly, with disarming friendliness.

"I'm sorry, Joyce," he said, "I didn't understand. Will you forgive me?" He came over and held out his hand, smiling charmingly. He was like a little boy who, having shown his temper unreasonably, makes arrogant claim of a loving parent for pardon.

"Who in the devil are you, anyway?" asked Neil petulantly. "I don't want to crab, Joyce, but

wasn't it a bit thick, letting him hear all this?"

"Robert Ainsworth is the great novelist, Neil. Haven't you ever heard of him?"

Neil shook his head. "Never," he said. "What does he do besides write? And, once more, how does he come into all this?"

"He comes into this, Neil because I happened to have met him since—the accident on Fire Queen, and because I happened to like him rather more than ordinarily."

Neil fixed his gaze on a distant pine tree. "Do you mean that you're in love with him, Frills?"

Instead of answering his question, Joyce said sharply, "I wish you'd make up your mind whether you want to call me 'Joyce' or 'Frills' Neil!" She regretted her ill temper at once, however, and went on more agreeably, "Oh, Neil, I don't know anything any more."

"You are free, if you want to be, Joyce," said Neil, drawing his lips together in the attitude of severe restraint that he assumed when Frills had especially hurt him. "What about Ainsworth?" He turned to the other man. "Did you and Frills fix all this up between you?"

Before Robert could answer, Joyce broke in. "Oh, no, no, Neil, please—I wasn't quite so beastly as all that. Nothing had been fixed up—we had simply, well fallen in love, and there (Continued on Page Four)

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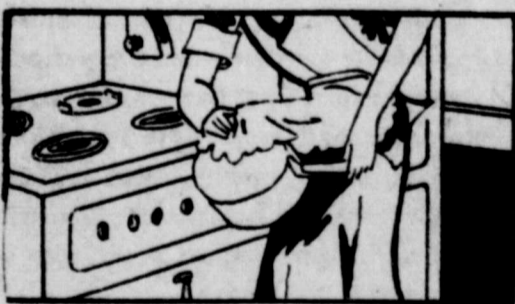
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Carl Black of Merkel was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and sons, Eugene and T. G., spent the week as guests of Mrs. Murdock's parents at Norman, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sorrels and daughters, Misses Estelle and Crencell, of Fort Worth came Sunday for a visit. Mr. Sorrels left Monday morning, while Mrs. Sorrels and the young ladies remained over for a week as guests of relatives here and at Abilene.

Mrs. W. H. Howell and daughter, Miss Leora, were passing guests Monday of friends. They were en route to Roscoe for a few days visit.

Bob Howell and Choc Hutcheson have returned from C. M. T. C. camp where they had been for the past thirty days in training.

Miss Fannie Scott and two girl friends from Abilene passed through Saturday en route to Sweetwater, Lubbock and other points on the Plains to spend their vacation.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman is visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B., and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor attended the encampment at Lueders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and children and Mrs. E. M. Stribling were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. O. Stribling of Sylvester. Dunk and Hubert remained over for a week's visit, while little Miss Evelyn Stribling returned with them for a visit here as guest of Misses Wilma and Wanda.

Hubert Beckham and Miss Naomi Rogers returned Monday from Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod and children returned last Saturday from a visit with Mrs. McLeod's parents at Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Barnes and twin sons, Bobby Joe and Billie James, of Hawley, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Poor made a business trip to Fort Worth and returning Tuesday they were accompanied as far as Mineral Wells by little Miss Helen McLeod, who visited with her aunt, Mrs. A. Williamson.

Misses Ethel Cooke and Aleta Elliott were guests last Friday night of Mrs. James Waters of Goodman.

Miss Forrest Forrester is home from school at Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rosson of Big Spring were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rosson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reid had as recent guests Mrs. Reid's brother, Mr. Yarborough, and other relatives from Waco.

Mrs. P. C. Forrester was a guest over the week-end of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks were week-end guests of friends.

Mrs. A. Williamson returned home last Thursday from Mineral Wells where she had been for the past six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey are announcing the birth of a son, born Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and children are visiting relatives in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian have as their guest the latter's mother, Mrs. Copeland.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts entertained a number of the younger set Thursday

evening at her home with a prettily planned party gaming her niece, Miss Dimple Knott, as honoree.

Miss Helen Bright was hostess to a number of her friends Sunday with a lovely chicken dinner with all the accessories. Those enjoying the hour were Misses Mildred Steadman, Dorene Scott, Elizabeth Winn, Messrs. Foy Elliott, Truitt Walton and Henry and Earl Bright.

Foy Elliott and Earl Bright left Monday for Breckenridge and Fort Worth.

Miss Johnny Watson is visiting Miss Sarah Julia Johnson this week.

Ray Freeman, who is in the sanitarium at Temple, is reported improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and son, A. C. Jr., Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter, Winnie, and Mrs. W. A. Terry, attended the services at the Trinity Baptist church in Abilene Sunday night.

Dr. Otis C. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson recently.

Miss Rome Lee McGehee of Purdon is visiting Miss Maude Johnson.

CHURCH AND B. T. S. SOCIAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn were most gracious hosts on last Wednesday evening with a church and B. T. S. social at their home. The lawn was brilliantly lighted and plenty of comfortable seats arranged where the old and young grouped off and played old time games, chatting and listening to radio music throughout the evening.

At the refreshment hour, home made ice cream and cake was served by twelve Junior girls and boys to about 75 guests. After this, they all came together singing a number of old time religious songs. A rousing spiritual talk was given by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Howell, who also dismissed with prayer. Everyone left saying that they had spent a most enjoyable evening and plans are being made for another get-together meeting in the near future.

METHODIST NOTES.

Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Coppage attended the meeting of the adult workers of the church at Sweetwater Friday, July 21.

Owing to sickness and absence of some of our members who have been away visiting, the W. M. S. of the Methodist church has not had a regular meeting in some time, but we hope to be able to meet soon and begin our Bible study.

On last Thursday we had a quilting at the church and a number carried a covered dish and enjoyed the social hour as well as spending the day in profitable work.

Those attending were Mesdames W. E. Shouse, McWilliams, O. A. Smith, R. B. McRee, Sr., J. O. Hallmark, Algie Steen, T. H. Williamson, R. L. Reeves, J. I. Leamon, S. H. Estep, E. L. Mangum and W. H. Orand, Misses Dorene Scott, Ida V. Estep and Willie Orand were visitors in the afternoon.

Rev. O. C. Coppage will begin a revival meeting at White Flat August 6.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Baptist W. M. S. met in regular session Thursday afternoon, July 20, at 5 o'clock with twelve adults present. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. Burks, the scripture lesson was read by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Howell, followed by prayer by Mrs. W. H. Howell. The meeting was then turned over to the leader for the day, the topic

being "Africa Waiting for the Word," and the following program was given: Song, "Jesus Calls us," by the society.

Scripture reading and comment on Luke, 11th chapter, 1st to 4th verses, Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Prayer, Mrs. Jack Reneau.

"Africa Old and New," Mr. G. McDonald.

"Waiting for the Word," Mrs. W. H. Howell.

Quartet, "Send the Light," Mrs. B. Howell, Mrs. J. B. Winn, Rev. and Mrs. Howell.

"Giving the Word to Negro," Mrs. Winn.

"Wafting the Word," Mrs. E. Burks.

Song, "Let Your Lower Lights be Burning," by the society.

Benediction, Mrs. C. C. Stribling.

SEWING CLUB.

Our Gang Sewing club met with Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson Thursday afternoon, July 19, with the following members present: Misses Elsie Bishop, Lucille Howell, Jean Scott, Dot Steen, Veneta McDonald and Ernestine Massey. Cake and punch were served by the hostess.

Omnibus College

(Continued from Page One.) Mass. had in its biological museum another attraction, the glass flowers.

These imitations, made by Rudolf Blaschka, a German scientist, look as natural as if the real plant were there in the case. The structures and colors were very much the likeness of the original and there were case after case of these valuable plants and fruits.

We were told by one of the attendants that as far as any one knows this man has not revealed the secret of this wonderful art, but we surely hope that some one is holding his secret, for it seems too grand, not only to the botanist but to the entire world to lose.

Being in Gananoque Canada on the Fourth of July we celebrated the day by taking a long ride on the St. Lawrence river. Gananoque is known as the "Canadian Gateway to the 1000 islands." We were camped on the bank of the river, so about six o'clock we boarded the "Sun Dance," a boat that afforded room for about forty people. For more than two hours we wound in and out among these many islands viewing the attractive summer homes of people from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and various other places. Some of the channels between the islands were very narrow, and some places were as much as 300 feet deep. We saw the shortest international bridge in the world, a length of twelve feet extending from a Canadian to an American island. The homes on the islands were very picturesque, making an ideal place to spend a vacation. Of course their only means of transportation was by water, so each home was supplied with its own boat and boat shed. After returning from our boat ride the day was finished by a few flashes of fireworks provided by some omnibuser.

Then there was our ride north from

New York City, up the Hudson river, viewing such places as Sleepy Hollow, Sing Sing prison, Tarrytown and finally a two hour visit at West Point. We were honored by being passengers on the Peter Stuyvesant.

For about fifty days we spent from early morning to evening seeing new things and coming in contact with many things we had read of. And I must say, the World Fair was grand.

Awakened Woman

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the matter stood." She looked at Robert and was hurt to find an amused smile lingering about his eyes.

Joyce felt a profound shame creep over her. Neil had just told her she was free, and yet Robert sat quietly, saying nothing, tensely digging holes in the soft ground with his riding crop. Her husband was, in a sense, offering her to her lover—who was making no move to claim her. Was she being rejected by both men? Her nerves, strung tautly under the strain of the entire morning, collapsed utterly, and she felt that she would grow hysterical if she sat there another moment.

She sprang to her feet. "Well, now I've unmasked before both of you!" she cried, her voice trembling close to tears, "Goodbye!"

Neil was after her in a moment. "Here, dear, I'll go back with you."

"No, no, please don't. Please leave me alone. For Heaven's sake, Neil. Let me be for just a little while—"

He fell back, struck by the vehemence of her tone, and she sprang lightly in the saddle and galloped off.

Once in her room, Joyce locked the door and flung herself down on a couch. She felt crushed and hurt as she had at no time since she had found herself Frills Packard. Her disillusionment about Robert Ainsworth was so profound that she felt she had lost all faith in humanity. Every one seemed less noble, all life took on a menacing and ruthless form. Where could she go to find beauty, to find truth, to find fineness, if not in this man whom she had so ardently worshiped?

That he should have regarded the situation at first as one to be treated with cynical levity was a fault that seemed to her graver than the grave.

She did not . . . want . . . Robert Ainsworth.

When she awoke it was a cool evening, and she was shivering. As she collected her thoughts she noticed an envelope lying on the floor under her door. It contained a note from Neil, and she read

"Dear Joyce:—

"When I got back I found a message to go and see Mother. She's not seriously ill, but feeling badly and wanted to see me. I shan't tell her anything about us, of course. We must talk everything over. I thought it might be better if I'd camp out somewhere close tonight. Please go to bed and get a good rest. I'll see you tomorrow."

Joyce read this over, several times, almost uncomprehending. At last, however, she knew what she must do. She knew she must go away—that it was the only thing for her to do.

"I've been wrong to stick it out this long," she thought. "No wonder I've gotten things into such a mess!"

It did her good to have some definite work to do. In less than an hour she had bathed, dressed, and packed two bags with Frills' simplest clothes and belongings.

"It seems like stealing to be taking them," she thought worriedly, "yet what can I do? Neil doesn't want

AYES AND EYES

By DR. O. B. STANLEY

In a recent test Mazda Lamp Division of General Electric made a test between two workmen of equal ability, one under perfect light and the other under poor light, and the man under the better light had only 7 rejects while the one under poor light had 29 rejects. It was just a matter of ability to see. They estimate a lowering of production cost of 15 per cent under controlled light.

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Roxie met her at the foot of the stairs. "Excuse me, ma'am, but Mr. Neil he said you'd be waking up after a time and we should have your dinner ready."

"Very well, Roxie, just serve it quickly in the dining-room, please. And tell Sam I want to speak to him."

Once Joyce had decided to leave, she felt she could not go quickly enough. She could not endure looking about Neil Packard's house, and refelting that she would probably never see it again. Her only salvation was in acting at once. She was grateful for the nonchalance with which Sam received her orders, and for the lack of demonstration on the part of Roxie.

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A splendid program, with a variety of entertainment features, had been provided and a general good time was had.

Those going from the local Red & White stores were John West, his wife and daughter, Doris Gay, including in their party Dick and Jack West, and Paul West, who was accompanied by Hugh Mayfield and Delma Compton.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple for the week are her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeMottier, of Bryan, and her sister, Mrs. E. H. Cobb, of Waco. Melvin Caple of Fort Worth, who is visiting his brother, Elvin Caple, in Sweetwater, was also their guest the first of the week.

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RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met last Friday in the Ed Turner home on Oak street. The house was called to order by the vice president, Mrs. Denzel Cox, following which the report of the council meeting in Abilene on the previous Saturday was given.

At the close of the business session, cake and punch was served. We were glad to have Mrs. Seth Hamilton as a new member.

The next meeting will be August 4

at the Union Ridge school house, the place of all meetings hereafter. Each member is asked to answer roll call with her favorite pie recipe. Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. O. E. Harwell have charge of this meeting. There were 25 present last meeting and we hope there will be more next time.

HEBRON NEWS

Marvin Sharp left last week for the south part of the state where he will work for a while.

Mrs. Jim Williamson, Mrs. Vernie Merritt and Mr. Leo Harris have gone

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| Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof | 3,000.00 |
| Banking House | 15,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 7,500.00 |
| Real Estate owned, other than banking house | 2,360.00 |
| Cash in bank | 6,166.45 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 28,271.78 |
| Other Resources | 12,317.43 |
| TOTAL | \$161,251.91 |

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| Capital Stock | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 10,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, net | 2,144.17 |
| Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days | 102,981.87 |
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C. M. LARGENT, President.

HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, A. D. 1933.

LOU LARGENT

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

CORRECT—ATTEST:

W. L. DILTZ
J. A. PATTERSON, Jr.
J. S. SWANN,
Directors.

Henry Ford
Dearborn, Mich.

IN ANSWER TO A LADY'S LETTER

A lady writes to say that she does not understand why an 8-cylinder car does not cost more to run than a car with fewer cylinders. She refers to my statement that our Ford V-8 develops more power on a gallon of gas than any car we have made.

The use of 8-cylinders does not mean the addition of two or four extra fuel consumers. It is not, for example, a 4-cylinder engine multiplied by two. Our 8-cylinder engine takes the fuel supply of an ordinary 4-cylinder engine and divides it eight ways. And why?

By reducing four larger explosions into eight smaller ones, we get engine smoothness and quietness. Eight-cylinders indicate the way the gas is used, not the amount. It is just the difference between going upstairs in four long jumps or in eight ordinary steps.

Two things use up gas—bad engine design and useless car weight. Besides having an engine that gets a high percentage of power out of the fuel, the Ford V-8 has a light, strong body and chassis so that no power is wasted in moving excess weight.

The only extravagance about the new Ford V-8 engine is in the building of it. The extravagance is ours—the economy is yours.

The whole question of car economy needs clearing up. An economical car gives economy all round. Price, operation, upkeep, all play their part. If what you save on gas you lose elsewhere, that is not economy.

As to upkeep, our dealers say that in recent years the improved quality of Ford cars has cut down their repair business 50 per cent.

As to price with quality,—judge for yourself.

As to economy, here is the record of a stock car three weeks out of shop in Oklahoma:

On a run of 10,054 miles at the rate of 1,000 miles a day—the Ford V-8 gave 18.8 miles per gallon of gas. Not a drop of water was added to the radiator. The oil was changed once in 1,000 miles.

That should answer a lot of questions.

July 24th, 1933

Henry Ford

to College Station for the Farmers Short Course.

Charlie Story has returned home after spending several days with relatives in East Texas.

Mrs. Suggs and son of Abilene visited Mrs. Barnett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton and children visited Mr. Melton's brother at Carpenter Gap Sunday.

Group No. 2 presented a very good

program Sunday night. Miss Anna-mae Harris had charge, as Mrs. Williamson, the group captain, was absent. Music for the program included a duet by Burtis and Mildred Sharp and several numbers by Jack Pannell on the harp with Jack, Jr., on the piano, and Burtis Sharp on the guitar.

If you have any visitors. Phone 20 or 61.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JULY 28 AND 29

Peaches fancy Elberta, bushel **\$1.75**

APPLES, new crop, Gravenstein, doz. **35c**

GRAPES, Thompson Seedless, lb. **10c**

ORANGES, dozen **25c**

LEMONS doz. **15c**

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, 2 heads **9c**

BEANS fresh green pound **9c**

Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. **49c**

PINEAPPLE, No. 2 B & W, can **15c**

PEACHES, No. 1, Red & White, can **10c**

Prunes No. 10 can **35c**

PINEAPPLE, No. 10 can **47c**

PORK & BEANS, Blue & White, can **5c**

Post Toasties, pkg. **10c**

COCOANUT, Bakers Southern Style, can **12c**

TAPIOCA, Minute, package **15c**

Coffee Sun Up 1 lb. pkg. **19c**

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

CORN, Red & White, No. 2 can, 2 for **25c**

Tomatoes B & W, No. 2 can, 3 for **25c**

HOMINY, med. can, 2 for **15c**

PEAS, No. 2 can, 2 for **25c**

KRAUT, med. can, 2 for **15c**

MACARONI, 2 packages **15c**

Peanut Butter, full quart **25c**

MUSTARD, full quart **15c**

CATSUP, R & W, 14 oz. bottle **15c**

SOAP R & W, Giant bar, 6 for **25c**

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. **85c**—48 lbs. **\$1.50**

OXYDOL, large package **19c**

Bacon sliced, pound **18c**

JOWLS, dry salt, pound **7 1-2c**



SWIMMING PARTY.

A most enjoyable outing was held at Shannon's pool last Tuesday evening for a group of swimmers. A delicious sandwich course, followed by iced watermelons, was served after the swim to Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nelle Durham, Lou Largent, Messrs Weston, West, Willie Harris and G. C. Farrow of Abilene.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Mrs. Orion Tittle was a most gracious hostess on Thursday afternoon of last week, entertaining in the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, and naming members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club as guests. Games of auction bridge provided diversion for the afternoon and at the refreshment hour ice watermelons were served to Mesdames Milton Case, Htrold Boney, L. C. Zehnpfennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ernest Higgins, Johnnie Gresham, Ed McCrary, Bob Mayfield, Misses Lou Largent, Dorris Durham, Nelle Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and the hostess.

MADY MARTHAS SOCIAL.

The church parlors of the Methodist church were the scene of an enjoyable social on Monday afternoon when Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp were co-hostesses in entertaining members of the young women's missionary society. Mrs. Velma Shelton, who is president of the class, presided and also led the devotional. Miss Anne Lee Blake daintily rendered "Butterflies in the Rain" and graciously responded to an encore.

Games for the afternoon were capably superintended by Miss Dorris Durham and at their culmination the hostesses passed delicious cake and punch to Misses Mabel McRee, Dorris Durham, Christine Collins, Anne Lee Blake, Mesdames Denzel Cox, William Sheppard, Velma Shelton, Dunn, Tipton, Steele, Allday, Sharp and Guthrie.

BAZE REUNION.

With the exception of one son, Lloyd Baze and wife, of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze have had the pleasure of having all their children with them for the past three weeks.

Those present were: Mrs. E. J. Gravelle and daughters, Joan and Suzie, of Los Angeles, Calif., Miss Ruth Baze, also of Los Angeles, Mrs. I. D. Callihan and daughter, Coy Maye, from Idalou, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baze and children, Mary Jane, Kelley and Don of Idalou, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze and son, Billie Morris, of Merkel.

The visitors from Los Angeles and Idalou, Texas, made their departure Saturday.

"VOTA VITA."

A class meeting was held recently in the basement of the Baptist church by former members of the Fidelis Matron class of the young people's department, but lately promoted to the adult department, with Mrs. Bill Haynes hostess.

An inspiring devotional was given by Mrs. Florence Berry. During the business meeting Mrs. Warren Smith presided. The class chose for its name "Vota Vita," meaning "Devoted Life," and for its motto "God first, others second, self last." Mrs. C. R. Joyner is the capable teacher of the class.

At the social hour Mrs. Haynes was leader for a cleverly planned "indoor track meet." Captains were appointed and teams were chosen and decorated with the colors red and blue. Much merriment was had as the teams played "balloon volley ball" and contested in the other hilarious events. A large tin can elaborately wrapped was presented to the winning team as the loving cup they had won for their skill. Delicious apricot cream and angel food cake was served by the hostess to the following class members: Mesdames Jim Mayfield, Dent Gibson, Bill Fugat, Florence Berry, Floyd McCoy, Wilson, Irvin Jowers, Comer Haynes, W. S. Slayden, C. R. Joyner, Warren Smith, Byers Pettey, and one guest, Miss Slayden of Tennessee.

GLEANERS CLASS.

The home of Mrs. Etsel Church was the scene of a lovely party for the Gleaner class of the Methodist church, with Mesdames Gambill, Len Sublett and Herbert Patterson, assistant hostesses. The devotional was given by Mrs. Briggs, followed by the Lord's prayer in unison. The class song, "Where Hast Thou Gleaned Today," was led by Mrs. Hughes, with Mrs. Vernon Sublett at the piano.

After the business and social hour, cream, angel food cake and olives with crepe myrtle as plate favors

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
At the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday there were 895 present. This compares with 868 on the previous Sunday and with 773 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching by the pastor at the morning hour. No evening service at our church Sunday night, as the congregation will join in the Baptist revival at that hour.

No prayer meeting Wednesday night on account of the revival.
J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
The pastor and wife, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church, were due to reach Chicago Thursday at noon. Reports from the party en route state that their experiences thus far have been delightful. While in Tulsa, Okla., the Boston Avenue M. E. church, one of the most beautiful churches of the south and middle west, was visited.

Rev. J. P. Patterson of Abilene will preach at the 11 o'clock service Sunday. He is an able and excellent preacher and deserves a good congregation. The evening service, as already announced, will be a union service held at the tabernacle.

Due to the Baptist revival now in progress, there will be no Wednesday evening service.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Our revival with Evangelist Patterson and wife of Dodsonville, Texas, begins Saturday evening, July 29, at 8:15. Location at Nazarene church. A hearty welcome to all.

Singing will continue each Tuesday night as usual, only will meet 30 minutes earlier during the meeting and sing one hour before preaching service. Please come to begin at 7:30 and sing until 8:30. We all surely enjoy good music; it is the life of any community and of any service, too. So let's continue to fill the house each time.

If you are needing help, come to our revival. If you want to work for the Lord, come.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. and during revival each day at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting this week Thursday 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
We appreciate the grand work done by Rev. and Mrs. Sheppard in the singing school and we are asking everyone to continue to study and be in choir every service and put in practice what you have learned.

Sister Pearl Irvin has been elected by the church as our church and Bible School song leader and Sister Pearl Morgan as our church and Bible School pianist. Brother and Sister Carr were elected to direct and train the choir every Sunday afternoon and to see that special songs are

were served to Mesdames Burgess, Briggs, Case, Latham, Vaughn, Hughes, Shouse, Buzbee, Mashburn, Guitar, V. Sublett, Richardson, Jowers and the hostesses.

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ready for each church service. These leaders were unanimously elected by the church and it is the sincere desire of the pastor to see each one take their place and be present for every service, work hard and show an enthusiastic interest in your work. Likewise, we call on all who sing to be at your place in the choir and do your best.
We preached to a fine congregation

of people at White Flat Sunday afternoon.

We rejoiced to see tears of repentance and the return of a prodigal back to the fold last Sunday.

Our Bible School will be on Saturday night at 8 o'clock this week. We are giving whole day Sunday to singers. There will also be preaching Saturday night.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Announcing Opening of Orchid Beauty Shoppe

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Orchid Beauty Shoppe, located in old postoffice building, on Saturday, July 29, 8 a. m. Visit us, examine our equipment and try our work.

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IRENE PERRY, Operator

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The Abilene Mutual Life Insurance Association pays death and accident claims. As an evidence of this, we are giving below the names of a few people on whom we have paid claims recently and also extracts from some of the letters we have received from beneficiaries.

Partial list of claims paid from different groups of Abilene Mutual Life Insurance Association

- Name of insured.
Thos. R. Barker, Clyde, \$1,500.00
Mose D. Oliphant, Fort Worth, \$2,000.00
Mrs. E. W. Hudson, Kansas City, Mo., \$1,500.00
D. G. Robinson, Abilene, \$1,000.00
Jesse H. Burman, Abilene, \$1,000.00
R. B. Compton, Abilene, \$4,500.00
Leonard Burford, Abilene, \$2,500.00-life—\$1,000.00 accident.
Robt. L. Eastis, Elmdale, \$1,500.00
E. M. Hecter, Merkel, \$3,000.00
J. R. Kennard, Clyde, \$3,500.00
F. M. Noland, Ben Franklin, \$2,500.00
Elmer C. Pretz, Baird, \$2,500.00
Robt. L. Stephens, Abilene, \$1,500.00
Jim Strickland, Slaton, \$2,500.00
Hardy D. Shields, Abilene, \$2,000.00
Thos. C. Tabor, Clyde, \$1,000.00-life—\$1,000.00-accident
Mrs. W. A. Forrest, Winters, \$1,000.00
Mrs. A. L. Green, Baird, \$1,500.00
Arch G. Gafford, Abilene, \$1,500.00
J. V. Taylor, Abilene, \$1,000.00
Mrs. Lou Anna Snively, Clyde, \$1,500.00
Sam Reed, Abilene, \$4,500.00
Mrs. Lida Gage, Silver Valley, \$1,500.00
M. C. Graham, Merkel, \$1,500.00

As a reference near you, we suggest the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and the Farmers State Bank in Merkel. These banks are well acquainted with us as much of the Seven hundred thousand dollars we have paid in claims has been paid through them.

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One fourth of their face for the loss of an eye, hand or foot, and full face for the loss of both eyes, hands or feet.

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Tomatoes Fancy Pinks, 2 Pounds **15c**

Lettuce large firm heads **5c**

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| SALT Table Grade 25 lb. sack 27c | SUGAR Pure Cane 25 lb. cloth \$1.30 |
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Fresh Prunes Gallon can **35c**

Lemons large size, doz. **19c**

Oranges nice size, doz. **15c**

Bananas extra nice, doz. **20c**

Compound, 8 lb. Pails **72c**

Pickles sours, qt. jar **15c**

Post Toasties large size packages **10c**

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| FLOUR Primrose 48 lbs. \$1.40 | Pork & Beans, 16 oz. 5c Oats, 55 oz., 2 for 25c Grape Juice, pints 17c Tea, all kinds, 1-4 lb. 19c |
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Extracts from a few letters we have received I mailed in the death certificate and physician and undertaker's statement only day before yesterday and today I have your check in full settlement of policy.
(Signed) J. C. ROGERS
Stamford, Texas.
July 21, 1933.

These policies were paid in the shortest possible time, with the least amount of red tape and I wish to thank the Association for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which this was transacted, and commend this insurance proposition as being worthy of their consideration and patronage.
(Signed) MRS. R. B. COMPTON
Abilene, Texas.
Feb. 6, 1933.

I wish to express to you the thanks from Mrs. Alsbrook, for the prompt settlement of this claim, as I made the report to you this morning, and within three hours you had this check here for settlement of this claim.
(Signed) M. H. PERKINS, President,
First State Bank,
Clyde, Texas.
June 6, 1930.

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