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PENALTY AND INTEREST ON SCHOOL TAXES REMITTED IF PAID BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15

School Board Makes Quick Bid For Payment of Delinquent Taxes; Will Need Money if System Stays on Cash Basis.

The "New Deal" has brought better times, business is on the upgrade and as a result the Merkel School board expects more school tax payments in the near future. The expenses of the Merkel schools have been cut just as low as they can be, the board believes, and still maintain a good school in Merkel. There is no need of wasting money on a short-term poorly taught school. If we are to maintain a school, it should at least be up to standard. To do this, it will take money. More school taxes must be paid, or the Merkel schools will find themselves in financial difficulties. Due to a nice surplus accumulated in "oil"-boom days and the further fact that the board has greatly reduced running expenses, the schools have been able to operate on a cash basis, a thing which few schools have been able to do. They cannot continue to do this unless more taxes are paid.

The schools now need the money. As an inducement for early payment, the board has released interest and penalty on all delinquent school taxes provided they are paid before September 15. The state apportionment is \$16 again this next year and the school will start in on a cash basis, but the board cannot continue to operate the schools with only 60 per cent of the local taxes paid. Even if they could do so, it would not be fair for some to go ahead and pay their share of the school taxes while others continue to permit their taxes to go unpaid. See the local collector before September 15 and pay your school taxes without having to pay interest or penalty.

To Conduct Revival In Lamar County

According to custom of long standing Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, will conduct a two weeks' revival at Rocky Ford in Lamar county beginning next Sunday.

He expects to leave Saturday and will be accompanied by his son, Ralph, and family, who will visit relatives in East Texas.

Sustains Broken Hip.

Serious and very painful injuries were sustained by Mrs. J. H. Ensminger Wednesday morning when she fell in the kitchen of her home and broke her right hip. She was engaged in making jelly when, as she turned around, her limbs gave way, causing her to fall. Her right knee, as well as right hip, was broken. She was taken to the Merkel sanitarium where she was reported resting as comfortably as could be expected Thursday morning.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 1, 1913.)

Miss Bernadine Freeman came in Monday from a visit with relatives at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and son, Ray, are here from Denton visiting Mrs. Allen's sister, Mrs. W. Parten.

Miss Ezma Allday is visiting relatives and friends at Franklin and Calvert.

Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and Zora West left Monday for an extended visit with the former's parents and family.

Ollie Cordell was a purely personal visitor to Abilene last Sunday.

Emmet Boring returned home Sunday from Big Spring where he has been connected with a shoe store.

Miss Tennie Pope has returned from San Marcos school.

Ernest Rogers of Water Valley, Miss., came in Monday morning to accept a position with the Hamblet & Rogers grocery.

SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 11

Three New Teachers Elected to Replace Those Who Resigned; Burgess Begins 15th Year.

The Merkel public schools will open Monday, September 11. This date was set for the opening of the 1933-34 session at the regular monthly meeting of the school board on Tuesday afternoon.

At the same meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Orpah Campbell and Misses Carrie Coffey and Opal Sloan. Miss Coffey goes to Electra to teach English in the grades and Miss Sloan to Perryton to teach writing.

For these places the board selected the following teachers: Miss Mary Hughes of Merkel for the third grade, Miss F. M. Joyner of Merkel for the fourth grade and Miss Emma Morgan of Abilene for English in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades.

COMPLETE FACULTY.

The faculty for the 1933-34 session is as follows:

First grade—Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash and Mrs. Holland Teaff, both of Merkel.

Second grade—Misses Alzada Pogue and Evelyn Curb, both of Merkel.

Third grade—Misses Vennie Helzer and Mary Hughes, both of Merkel.

Fourth grade—Misses Imogene Hayes and Emma Joyner, both of Merkel.

INTERMEDIATE GRADES.

Writing and drawing—Miss Nell Swann of Merkel.

English—Miss Alma Morgan of Abilene.

Reading—Miss Pauline Pinckley of Merkel.

Geography—Miss Virgilia Welch of Colorado.

History—Ralph Duke of DeLeon.

Arithmetic—Mrs. Len Sublett, principal, of Merkel.

HIGH SCHOOL.

History—Miss Julia Martin of Merkel.

Public Speaking and English—Mrs. Lucy Haynes of Merkel.

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Ex-Service Men Plan Picnic at Shannon's

Ex-service men of Merkel and this territory and their families will enjoy a big basket picnic on the lawn at Shannon's pool next Tuesday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. Plans for the affair were outlined at a meeting held Tuesday night.

A prominent speaker will be secured and a good program of music is being arranged.

A special invitation is being extended to Abilene ex-service men and their families.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Following a long illness, Mrs. R. Q. Lee, wife of the late congressman from this district, died of pneumonia Saturday morning at her home in Cisco.

J. R. (Red) Wright, serving his third term as sheriff of Tarrant county, has been appointed United States marshal for the northern district of Texas.

State officials have indicated that when the automatic tax board meets during the coming week the maximum rate of 77 cents on the \$100 valuation will be required.

Fire following an explosion Monday claimed Dave E. Hope, 45-year-old Dallas advertising man, and his wife, 43, for their victims. Cause of the blast has mystified officers.

A special election has been ordered by Governor Ferguson for August 26 to fill the unexpired term of the late B. Frank Haag of Midland as representative of the 88th district.

Adrian Poole of El Paso, formerly a representative in the Texas legislature and now a member of the state board of control, has been appointed as collector of customs in his home city.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has telegraphed Hugh S. Johnston, administrator of the national recovery act, that she would issue a call for the Texas legislature to meet "within the next two months."

When Fort Worth was visited Sunday with over five inches of rainfall one death resulted when Janie Burton, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton, was swept into a storm sewer and drowned.

First place in the state improved bedroom contest for 4-H club girls was awarded at a banquet held in connection with the annual farmers short course at College Station to Leona Imken of Longworth, Fisher county.

Wayne Thornton, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thornton of Hubbard City, who sustained a broken neck in a motor accident July 6 and for 27 days lay virtually motionless and speechless on a hospital bed, may survive.

In a storm that swept North Central Texas Sunday, climaxing in a tornado which struck the southwestern section of Oak Cliff, Dallas, three persons lost their lives, 30 were injured and nearly 100 homes either destroyed or damaged.

John A. Dann, 35, who was rescued Monday night from a sailing ship which grounded on the beach at Corpus Christi after drifting in a tropical storm for more than a week, has admitted that he is wanted in Florida on federal charges of alien and narcotic smuggling.

Three men, John H. Cunningham, San Antonio attorney, Z. D. Bonner, former president of the Commercial National bank of San Antonio, and Harry N. Royster, aviation enthusiast and oil operator, are under arrest in connection with the sale of \$500,000 government bonds, alleged to have been stolen from a New York bank last November.

Merkel Pro Forces Form Organization

Herbert Patterson was chosen as local chairman of the pro forces in Merkel and vicinity at a meeting of the friends and supporters of prohibition held at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon. Other officers are: R. A. Burgess, vice chairman, and W. O. Boney, secretary.

Judge T. E. Hayden, of Abilene, county chairman, and Rev. W. R. Derr, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Abilene, were present to assist in the organization of the local group and both made speeches.

A public speaker was to be supplied for 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, but the local committee had not been advised of his name as The Mail went to press.

Two regional rallies of the dry forces of the 24th district are scheduled for next Sunday. One for Jones, Taylor, Haskell, Throckmorton and Shackelford counties to be held on the court house lawn at Anson is to be addressed by Dr. Lee Clark, president of Randolph college, Cisco. At the same time Judge B. D. Sartin, Wichita Falls attorney, will speak at Colorado to people from Mitchell, Fisher, Scurry and Nolan counties.

CITY PROPOSES ANOTHER PLAN TO TAX DELINQUENTS

Will Remit Penalty and Interest, If Tax Payer Signs Agreement To Pay Fifth Part Monthly Beginning in August.

Opportunity to take advantage of the proposal of the city council to waive penalty and interest on delinquent taxes if the person, firm or corporation owing same executes by September 1, this year, an agreement to pay not less than one-fifth of the amount due monthly, was extended to delinquent tax payers of the city at a special meeting of the city council held Tuesday night.

Joe E. Childers, special attorney for the city, will be at the city hall each Friday in August to meet the tax payers.

The resolution, adopted by the council extending the privilege of paying delinquent taxes by complying with the agreement and thereby saving penalty and interest, follows:

NEW RESOLUTION.

Whereas, every consideration has been given to delinquent tax payers; and

Whereas, a plan has been provided heretofore whereby delinquent tax payers could either pay all their delinquent taxes due the city of Merkel or sign an obligation to make regular, systematic and definite payment for a period of time ending December 31st, 1933; and

Whereas, many of the tax payers of this city have taken advantage of the plan offered while others apparently able to do so have failed to avail themselves of the privileges offered them; and

Whereas, it is unfair to tax payers who have made sacrifices to pay their taxes to let others who are able to pay their taxes continue delinquent; and

Whereas, the plan heretofore proposed waives all penalty and interest for those who have taken advantage thereof; therefore

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas:

That all persons, firms, or corporations delinquent in the payment of (Continued on Page Two)

Queen Will Present "The Working Man" as Benefit for Fireboys

As a benefit for the Merkel Fire department the Queen theatre will present George Arliss in "The Working Man," with Bette Davis, as the feature picture for two days, Wednesday and Thursday, August 9 and 10. Added subjects on the program will be Laurel and Hardy in one of their riotous comedies and a cartoon.

The local fire department, which is a source of great pride to all of Merkel's citizens, will get 50 per cent of both the advance sale and of tickets sold at the theatre on both nights of this showing of the Arliss picture. For these two night the prices will be 10c and 25c. Tickets will be on sale at all local stores and also by the fireboys.

Having been referred to by numbers of critics as "the cleanest and best picture of the year," "A Working Man" tells the story of a rich millionaire who is mistaken for a book-keeper and adopted by a brother and sister whose morals and fortune he saves. It is a typical Arliss role and one that is sure to please.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Friday and Saturday—"Somewhere in Sonora," with John Wayne; also Chapter 4 "Hurricane Express" and "Bosco in Dutch."

Monday and Tuesday—Clark Gable and Jean Harlow in "Red Dust;" also "Toy Parade."

Wednesday and Thursday—George Arliss in "The Working Man," with Bette Davis; also Laurel and Hardy cartoon; Benefit of Merkel Fire department.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed, of White Flat, Sunday, July 30, 1933.

Boy, to Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Dowell, Sunday, July 30, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McLean, residing northeast of town, Sunday, July 30, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Hima Jones, Tuesday, August 1, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Red Washburn, of Shiloh, Tuesday, August 1, 1933.

SIXTY-FOUR FIRMS HAVE SIGNED ACCEPTANCE OF BLANKET RECOVERY CODE

STORES CLOSE FOR REVIVAL

Ninety-Two Concerns Close Doors 1 Hour Each Day Through Friday of This Week

Indicating a wholesome spirit of co-operation, ninety-two business firms of Merkel, a 100 per cent representation, agreed to close their places of business one hour each morning this week, from 10 to 11 o'clock, through Friday in order that employers and employees might attend the service of the Baptist revival.

Earnestness and enthusiasm have marked this series of meetings, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, from the initial service and several conversions and additions have already resulted.

The meeting, which is being held at the tabernacle, will continue through Sunday night.

The agreement and names of merchants pledging to close their hours of business for the morning hour follows:

"We, the undersigned business men of Merkel, hereby consent and agree to close our respective places of business for one hour from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m. each morning beginning Monday, July 31, continuing through Friday, August 4, in order that we and our employees may attend the revival meeting:

"Sie Hamm Drug company, Farmers & Merchants National bank, Petty & West, Wheeler & Vaughn, Bob Martin Grocery, Busy Bee Cafe, Merkel Drug company, W. J. Sheppard, Magnolia Filling station, Max Mellinger, Dandy Bakery, Farmers State bank, Bullock Hardware company, J. N. Carson, C. P. Stevens, J. M. Meek, Earl Teague, "M" System, Bob McDonald, Pauline Johnson, H. F. Groene, J. H. McDonald, Mrs. M. D. Angus, Merkel Mail, F. C. McFarland, West Texas Utilities company, Reid Variety store, Barrow Furniture company, Merkel Motor company, American Cafe, J. T. Dennis, West company, Byron Curb, C. A. Higgins, Bert Melton, Corner Garage Service station, F. A. London, Burton Lingo company, Maurine Tipton, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Warren Higgins, Bragg Dry Goods company, Palace Barber shop, Brown's Bargain store, Patterson's market, Ed's cafe, Perry Bros. shop, Ross Ferrier, City of Merkel, secretary's office, Wozzy's cafe, J. L. Speck, O. F. Fox Wrecking company, The Sandwich shop, Mrs. N. A. Dowell." (Continued on Page Six.)

Although Majority of Establishments Here Exempted, Responses Come from All Lines; Store Hours Adopted.

With 64 business firms co-operating, although in a city the size of Merkel a majority of the employers of labor were exempted from the blanket code announced by President Roosevelt, this city has joined in a most effective way in the chief executive's campaign for national recovery.

All of these firms have delivered their acceptances to Postmaster Adcock, but owing to the supply of NRA emblems furnished him being exhausted some of them may not have their Blue Eagles displayed. In most cases, however, one firm was able to borrow from another after the formal acceptance was filed with the postmaster here.

In general the program of shorter hours, additional pay and increased employment has been put into effect here wherever applicable, without any exceptions or restrictions, and with the expected improvement of business conditions within the next few weeks additional employment will be provided for many more workers.

MASS MEETING.

The local NRA movement was launched in a mass meeting of business men held at the Odd Fellows hall Friday night when T. N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, explained the plan as covered in the blanket code submitted by President Roosevelt. Henry West presided at the meeting, which resulted in heartiest support and co-operation being pledged on the part of some 250 present.

As one from out of town but wanting to conform to standards adopted by his competitors in Merkel, Ernest Rogers of Blair voiced the sentiment of those having smaller stores, which was concurred in by representative business leaders from Trent.

On motion of Postmaster Adcock, who had explained his part in the furtherance of the movement, including outspoken support and fullest co-operation, a telegram was ordered sent to President Roosevelt pledging the co-operation of the business people of Merkel in the great nation-wide plan.

STORE HOURS.

In last week's issue of The Mail, the adopted store hours of the dry goods stores were given, viz.: from 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. on week days and from 7:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturdays.

The grocery stores and meat markets adopted the same store hours. (Continued on Page Six.)

BRUCE BARTON

Writer of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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One afternoon in a Pullman car the late George W. Perkins was talking about the reasons why men succeed and fail.

"I am amazed by some of the young men who ask me to use my influence to get them better positions or increases in salary," he said. "Such an attitude on their part shows an absolute failure to understand the fundamentals of success. In all the years that I was in business I never once asked what my salary was to be, or my title. None of us who made that Company ever wasted time over such questions. We had a vision of extending the Company's service throughout the world."

That sounds sensible—good business sense. But how does this sound?

"If you're forever thinking about saving your life," Jesus said, "you'll lose it; but the man who loses his life shall find it."

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Delinquent Taxes

(Continued from Page One)
taxes be required to pay such taxes
by September 1st, 1933 or execute the
agreement to pay not less than one-
fifth (1-5) thereof monthly beginning
in August, 1933, unless other satisfac-
tory arrangements are made with
Joe E. Childers, provided all of said
delinquent taxes are paid on or before
December 31st, 1933; and

Be It Further Resolved: That any
person, firm or corporation who de-
sires to take advantage of said plan
must do so on or before August 31st,
1933, in which event penalty and in-
terest will be waived; and

Be It Further Resolved: That soon
after September 1st, 1933, as possible,
a list of the delinquents who have not
taken advantage of the plan herein
set out to be published in the Merkel
Mail once a week for three consecu-
tive weeks as provided by law.

Be It Further Resolved: That with-
in the discretion of the City Council,
Joe E. Childers will be instructed to
bring suit for the collection of taxes
now due on both real and person prop-
erty and the foreclosure of liens there-
on unless advantage be taken of the
plan herein proposed and some ar-
rangement in good faith on the part
of the tax payer to pay such taxes is
made with Joe E. Childers; and

Be It Further Resolved: That this
action is deemed necessary and ex-
pedient in the present crisis and is
for the best interest of both the tax
payer and the City of Merkel; and

Be It Further Resolved: That a
copy of this resolution be given to The
Merkel Mail with request that same
be given sufficient publication to no-
tify all delinquent tax payers of the
contemplated action of the City Council
deemed necessary for the stability of
the municipal government of the
City of Merkel.

Passed and approved this the 1st
day of August, 1933.

(Signed,
W. W. Elliott,
Mayor

Attest:
Mrs. Juanita Ferguson,
City Secretary.
Approved as to form before passage:
Joe E. Childers,
Attorney at Law

BRUCE BARTON

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Because he said it and he was a re-
ligious teacher, because it's printed in
the Bible, the world has dismissed
it as high minded ethics but not hard
headed sense. But look again! What
did Perkins mean if it wasn't that he
and his friends buried themselves in
their great undertaking, literally lost
their lives in it? And when they
found their lives again they were all of
them bigger and richer than they had
ever supposed they would be. Would
suc success have come to them if they
had been careful about themselves?

"We mustn't overdo this thing,"
they might have said. "This is a good
company and deserves to grow, but
every man must look out for his own
interests. Just what is there going to
be in it for us?" With such an atti-
tude they might have moved up to well-
paid positions; but never to outstand-
ing success!

Next Week: That Second Mile.

New Teachers

(Continued from Page One.)
Mathematics—Miss Helen Patter-
son of Temple.

Science—Tom D. Riddle of Merkel.
English—Mrs. R. B. Irvin of Mer-
kel.

Spanish—R. B. Irvin, principal, of
Merkel.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess
begins his fifteenth year with the
Merkel schools, his thirteenth as su-
perintendent.

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PERSONALS

Miss Addie Fae Patterson is visit-
ing on the Butman ranch.

Miss Irene Swann has gone to San-
te Fe, N. M., to enter summer school
there.

Miss Lola Faye Brabbin left Mon-
day for a two weeks' visit in Phoenix,
Arizona.

Mrs. Kern Daniel and daughter,
CeVene, left Tuesday for a visit at
Beovillo and Corpus Christi.

Misses Irby Key and Ouida Pente-
cost of Winters were recent guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case.

Miss Hallie Pike and Milam Pike
of Bogota are here for a visit with
their mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort
Worth are paying a vacation visit to
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gaines of
Fort Hancock were passing visitors
with John and Miss Christine Collins.

Miss Velma Lee Holden left Wed-
nesday for Big Spring where she is
expecting to secure employment in a
cafe.

Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mr. and
Mrs. Shorty Holloway and two child-
ren left Thursday for a visit to Har-
lingen.

Miss Mary Eula Sears has return-
ed from a visit of several weeks with
her sister, Mrs. W. H. Eysen, in
Houston.

Herbert Wayne Swinney, four year
old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney,
had the misfortune of getting his
right collarbone broken.

Wilkes Holden returned Tuesday
from McCauley where he has been do-
ing farm work for J. P. Humphreys,
an old friend of the family.

Mrs. O. D. Pruitt returned Monday
from San Angelo after spending some
ten days there. She left Thursday to
visit her parents at Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson, with
their two children, B. Joe and Dana,
were week-end visitors in the home of
H. O. Thompson of Noodle.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugate
and Mrs. Fugate's sister and brother-
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Braswell,
of Dallas, who are on a vacation visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott arrived
Wednesday from Dallas for a few
days' vacation visit with their par-
ents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mrs. Bob Eddins of Sweetwater is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Gultar. She and her husband
have just returned from the World's
Fair.

Miss Dora Garoutte is attending the
sessions of the West Texas Odd Fel-
low and Rebekah association at Sweet-
water this week, also visiting friends
there.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotan Cybert and
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Smith, who have
been visiting their parents, Mr. and
Mrs. W. G. Cybert, have returned to
their home at Lubbock.

Mrs. Sam Rainbolt, who has been a
guest in the H. M. Rainbolt home, re-
turned to Dallas Wednesday. While
here she also visited with the Har-
groves and Britains in Abilene.

Rev. Elmer Landreth and wife of
Memphis and Miss Johnny Lee Ev-
erett of Headley arrived Wednesday
for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Odie
Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus.
Supt. and Mrs. Burgess have this
week moved into Mrs. Harkrider's
home across the street from the Bat-
tist church. Patrons wishing to see
him on business will find him there or
at his office at the High school build-
ing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain, former
residents of Merkel, were shak-
ing hands with friends Friday. Mr.
Britain, who erected the first light
plant in Merkel, is now one of the ov-
erseers of the Goodyear Zeppelin plant
at Akron, Ohio.

Jake Massey and C. V. Shelton,
both connected with the Texas Cotton
Growers Gin company plant here,
have gone to Victoria to work until
the season opens here. Mrs. Shelton
accompanied Mr. Shelton and will re-
main while he is there.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Miss Jessie
Sutphen left Tuesday for Donna for
a two weeks' visit with V. M. Sutphen.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Summers of

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Coryell City, who have been visiting
his sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton,
returned home Monday.

Mesdames Vernie Merritt and J. M.
Williamson returned Saturday from
College Station where they attended
the Farmers Short Course. They re-
presented the Noodle Demonstration
club. They report a registration of
3,500 for the Short Course.

Mrs. Porter Whitaker returned
Wednesday of last week from Nocona
where she has been visiting with her
husband, who is employed there at
present. She was accompanied as far
as Wichita Falls by Mrs. B. M. Wil-
liams and little daughter, who are yet
visiting relatives and friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, who vis-
ited in Temple several days, returned
home Tuesday. They were accompan-
ied as far as Lampasas by Mrs. Sublett's
father, who went over to Austin to
visit his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs.
T. S. Christopher. Returning, they
were joined by Miss Wanda Hunter,
who had been visiting an aunt in Tem-
ple.

Tom Henderson, accompanied by his
three daughters, Mrs. Claude Smith,
Mrs. Clifford Eoff and Miss Ina Faye
Henderson, have just returned from
a two weeks' visit to friends and re-
latives in the eastern part of the state.
They visited at Alba, Wood county,
also Emory and Point and as far east
as Lindale and Tyler, Smith county,
where Mr. Henderson was born and
raised.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr.,
left Wednesday of last week for the
New England states, first visiting a
nephew in Boston where they arrived
Friday morning. From there they will
go to Stratham, N. H., by auto for a
visit with a niece, then to Searsport,
Me., the home town of Mr. Butman,

where they expect to stay a month or
longer. On their way home they intend
to visit the World's Fair.

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With John Wayne
Chapter 4 "Hurricane Express"
and "Bosco in Dutch"

Monday-Tuesday
Clark Gable-Jean Harlow
"Red Dust"
Also "Toy Parade"

Wednesday-Thursday
George Arliss in
"The Working Man"
With Bette Davis
Also Laurel and Hardy and Car-
toon.
Benefit—Merkel Fire Depart-
ment

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Writing to Neil was difficult: "Dear Neil," she finally wrote: "I'm going away—forgive me, but it seems the only thing to do. I know how you feel about facing me after all we've been through today. When you wrote me that you would 'camp out somewhere else tonight' I quite understood. Please don't think I blame you—all the fault is mine from beginning to end—but I couldn't bear to be the cause of making your home repellent to you. Nor could I bear to see you being chivalrous and pretending that you wanted me here when you didn't! You can see there's nothing else for me to do. I'm not going to Robert Ainsworth of course—don't think that. I am now enjoying the bitterness of my mistake about him. I'll go to San Francisco, and perhaps there I can make some plan about my life. I'm taking about \$100 I have in cash, and some day I'll pay you back."

Joyce hesitated when she reached that point. She wanted to tell Neil how awfully much she appreciated his niceness, his kindness, to Frills, but she felt she simply couldn't let herself go on this subject. So she ended briefly, "I'll get in touch with you before long, Neil, because you'll want to be getting a divorce and I shan't stand in your way, Joyce."

Sam was warming up the motor of the Duesenberg; she could hear it purr outside the long French windows.

Joyce flung herself down on the davenport and stifled her sobs in a pillow. "Oh, Dicky," she said as a soft little nose insinuated itself into her clenched palm, "why should I feel so utterly wretched about the only decent thing I've done since I've been in this house? I don't want to go, Dicky, I really don't want to leave at all!"

Joyce had Sam take her to the Y. W. C. A. in which she had previously stayed in San Francisco, but she remained there only over night, feeling that if Neil pressed Sam very hard he might tell her whereabouts, and she preferred to remain in hiding.

"I know Neil will feel that he should make every effort to find me," she thought, "but it'll be better if he doesn't succeed."

Joyce found it harder to get a job than she had supposed. After installing herself in a cheap rooming-house under the name of "Florence Hilton" (to make it easier perhaps for Neil to get his divorce) she set out to find employment.

She took to reading the Want-Ads in the daily papers, but she could get up no interest in the kind of work they offered. She found that the luxury of living as Mrs. Neil Packard had sapped her courage, and left her less able to face hard work and uncomfortable living conditions. Her room filled her with horror; she was acutely unhappy every moment she had to spend in it.

She began to wonder what she would do when all her money was spent.

Somewhat sadly, she let her mind open itself to thoughts of Robert Ainsworth. She had tried to banish him but could not quite; persistently the thought of him would thrust itself up, only to be persistently ignored. She had but one conclusion to reach, and that was that he had failed her, that he had shown himself lacking in chivalry and courage, that perhaps . . . he . . . did . . . not . . . love . . . her.

To Joyce this was too bitter for tears, too bitter for complaint. She could not hold her head up—under the shame of it.

When the hundred dollars was so nearly gone that Joyce was seized with a feeling of sudden panic, she shook off her lethargic mood and, striking out wildly for employment, seized upon a position as file clerk in a large paper concern. The work could not have been less interesting or less profitable, but in her disorganized state its very dullness was beneficial to her. She kept to herself, finding that the other girls were suspicious of her finer clothes. It amused her to wonder what they would think if they knew how she really got them!

One day, less than a week after she had begun her job, Joyce was leaving the office at five-thirty in company with two of the other girls, with whom she was exchanging desultory remarks, when a familiar voice made her tremble.

"Oh, Mrs. Packard, Mrs. Packard!" It was Sam, calling to her from the Duesenberg, which he steered quickly to the curb and stopped. "Gee, I'm glad I found you!" He was out in a moment and holding the door for her, and Joyce,

too befuddled to think of the amazement of the office girls, or even to remember to bid them good-bye, climbed in.

Sam started the car before he spoke further, and Joyce, suddenly overcome, burst into tears and began sobbing uncontrollably.

"There, there," Sam was saying, "it's all right, gee, I'm glad I found you!" . . . and then in a minute when Joyce was calmer, "Shall I make straight for Manzanita, or do you want to get your bags first?"

"Oh, Sam, I mustn't go to Manzanita! You took me so much by surprise that I just naturally got in the car, but I'm not going to be weak-minded as you think! If you don't mind driving me around for a little, until I get control . . ." she sobbed afresh.

"What do you mean, weak-minded? Excuse me, Mrs. Packard, but I think there's a tall lot of explaining to be done somewhere!"

Sam suddenly reddened, and looked at her with a mixture of apprehension and determination. "Maybe it's none of my business, and all that, but—gee, I like you and Mr. Packard both too much—" He stopped confusedly, and then shot at her a perplexing question. "Why didn't you want to come home when Miss Abbott told you Mr. Packard's mother had died?"

Joyce stared at him in such honest bewilderment that he was impressed. "Why, what on earth are you saying, Sam? What do you mean? Has Mrs. Packard died since—since I left? Of course I didn't know! I haven't seen a soul from Manzanita! Tell me—please!" Neil's mother—she knew how fond he was of her—how he would grieve! Of course she must go to him at once.

"Gee, that's funny," Sam answered, "Miss Abbott said—well, you see, it was this way," he paused to collect his thoughts, "guess I'd better go back and tell you all that's happened since you left. When Mr. Neil came the next morning and got your note he was about sick. He was sick anyway, looked terrible, never saw him take on so . . ." Sam stepped on the gas, a grim expression around his usually pleasant mouth. "He sent for me right away, and I don't mind telling you that I told him all I knew. He brightened a bit when he heard I'd taken you to the Y. W. C. A. in the city, and we both went there right away, and missed you by just twenty minutes, the clerk said. We hung around all day, hoping you might come back for something you'd left. Then we came home. Mr. Neil was near crazy, what with worrying about you and worrying about his mother, who really was sicker than he'd let you know . . ."

"Oh, Sam!" Joyce's misery shot her words through with pain.

"Well, anyway, Mrs. Packard died four days afterwards. Everyone felt terrible sorry for Mr. Neil. That Miss Abbott seemed to come around an awful lot. No one knew anything about you, but I guess a lot of gossip went the rounds. Then just two days ago Roxie told me how she'd heard Miss Abbott telling Mr. Neil that she had seen you in San Francisco the day before, that she'd told you about Mr. Neil's mother dying, but that you'd said you were sorry but you couldn't come back to him."

"Oh, Sam! did he believe her? You don't suppose he really believed her?"

"I dunno. It's hard for men to know what you janes are pulling. But Roxie didn't. She said to me, 'Sam,' she said, 'I don't trust that Miss Abbott. I'd have to hear them words from Mrs. Packard herself before I'd believe them, her having changed and got so nice lately, and all—'" Sam paused in confusion.

"Go on, Sam," said Joyce, "It's all right."

"Well, so Roxie she said to me that I was to go to San Francisco and not come back until I found you! So I came, and doggone if I didn't find you the second day!"

"So Roxie believed in me!" thought Joyce, deeply touched. And

aloud she said, "Bless her! I always felt Roxie could be depended on!"

Suddenly she realized that they were more than half way to Manzanita.

Half way home!

A sob caught in her throat.

The house seemed deserted when they arrived, and Joyce, who had been nerving herself for a reception by "the gang," felt tremendously relieved. She wanted a little time before seeing any one, even the faithful Roxie for whom her heart was full of gratitude. She slipped quietly up to her bedroom, and stretched out on the bed, in tense silence.

What next? What next? She had never felt less mistress of the situation since she had found herself Frills Packard.

Gradually, as night drew on, she heard sounds downstairs, and, along with pangs of hunger, she relaxed somewhat and began to consider facing Neil Packard. She took a hasty bath, and dressed herself in one of the pretty frocks that still hung in her closet. It shocked her to notice how worn and haggard she looked; the life she had led in San Francisco had left its mark.

Sam was standing by the door as Joyce came down the wide stairs; he smiled at her with a return of the old friendliness, and then slipped out.

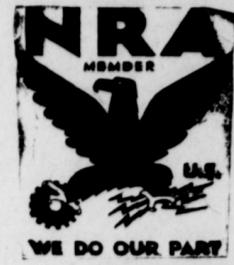
She was left facing her husband. All thought of how she should meet this situation vanished when she saw Neil. Such an intensity of unhappiness brooded over his face that Joyce was instantly stabbed, and without a moment's hesitation she ran toward him. Here was some one of whom she was genuinely fond, in the greatest trouble—no thought but to comfort him! He did not once lose his self-control, but the tragic look in his eyes lightened when he saw her, and his whole tense expression softened.

"It was a lie, Neil!" she said, "It was a lie that I knew! Of course I didn't! Oh, my dear, my dear, forgive me. I'm so terribly sorry. I loved your mother too. No one could have helped loving her."

"I guess I was the dud," he said gruffly, "to have believed Joyce Abbott. Gee, I didn't know women did that sort of thing to each other!"

"Not all women!" said Joyce, "Remember it was Roxie who didn't believe her, and sent Sam to find me!"

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee were guests in the home of the latter's father, E. B. McGowan, of Lamesa, from Friday to Sunday.

Miss Victorene Bishop is home after a pleasant visit with relatives at Waco and Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Collin Perkins have moved to South Texas.

Mrs. Mary Malone and little son, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens for the past three weeks, returned to their home in Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Rogers and two sons, Charles and Jimmie, of Colorado, were week-end guests of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones.

Mrs. Oscar Tomlin and two children of Arlington are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman. John Crain attended the short course at A. & M. college last week.

Misses Powell and Bailey of Abilene were visiting friends here last Wednesday.

Robert Worth and Delbert Miller of Breckenridge were guests in the N. O. Bright home over the week-end.

Mrs. N. C. Bennett of Roscoe visited Mrs. Marvin Murdock last week and on her return home she was accompanied by Mrs. Murdock and her two little daughters.

M. D. Billings, who was killed in Houston last Sunday night, was buried in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. Blue Tittle and daughters, Juanita and Maurine, of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tittle's mother, Mrs. P. C. Forrester. The two daughters have just returned from a visit to Tennessee.

Ewell Bone spent Monday in Trent visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Byron Dingle and Mrs. Joe Boone and their families from Herculais visited their sister, Mrs. E. M. Rogers, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Archer has returned from an extended visit with her children in Fort Worth, Dallas, Robstown and Franklin. Andrew Archer, who lives in Dallas, surprised his mother by introducing to her his newly acquired bride.

Eddie Faulkner of Fort Worth is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Archer.

Dr. Copeland of Wickenburg, Ariz., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Claid Swan and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Norton and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mrs. Nalley, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Gaffard and Mrs. McRee visited Mrs. Billings in Abilene Monday.

Raymond Allen has returned to his home in Kosse.

George Helen Lee is visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and two small daughters and Mr. Nalley's father spent Sunday with Mrs. Nalley's brother, Earl Rutherford, at Putnam.

Dr. D. C. Watson and Mrs. Sam Parker of Sweetwater visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks visited friends here last week.

Ray Freeman has returned home from Temple.

Miss Johnnie Watson of Sweetwater returned home Thursday after visiting her cousin, Miss Sarah Julia Johnson, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and A. C. Terry returned home Saturday night from the two day convention of Rural Mail Carriers at Mineral Wells.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.) J. A. Douglas of Sidney is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. A. Douglas, who has been very ill. We are glad to report that she is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and family attended the Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap Friay.

Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, accompanied by Leo Harris, left Sunday for College Station, where the women entered the Short Course which began Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and sons, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Taylor, were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Suggs and children of Andrews are making a visit with Mrs. Suggs' mother, Mrs. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner and children spent a few days recently with relatives at Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder have had as their recent guests Mr. Ponder's sister, Mrs. J. Dow Scott and baby, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones of the Goodman community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and daughter of Estelline are visiting Mr.

BLAIR ITEMS

(Omitted Last Week.)

The M. E. revival began Friday night of last week, with Rev. Mr. Moody of Sweetwater delivering two wonderful discourses. The song service was conducted by Rev. Melvin Jones of Sweetwater with Misses Ada Galbraith and Catharine Carter as accompanists with violins. Rev. A. F. Click, the pastor, preached Sunday, and Monday Rev. P. E. Yarborough of Sweetwater took charge of the series of services, which will continue through the week. The evangelist is a most able preacher, of convincing simplicity and force.

Carl Brabbin is the song leader with Miss Norma Patton as pianist.

Mr. Ransom Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hester of Post City and Mrs. Claud Walker of Oklahoma visited their mother, Mrs. R. J. Meeks, who has been staying with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, for several months, Mrs. Meeks accompanied her son, Ransom Meek, back to their home at Post City the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Rogers of Snyder were the interesting guests of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dulin, Mrs. Luther Ferrell and son, Thelma Lee Dulin of Rotan, and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and family of Trent were guests during the week of Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors.

Mrs. Roberts and two daughters of Abilene and Mrs. O. W. Walker of Merkel were visitors the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora L. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle and daughter, Miss Catherine, of Trent spent a pleasant day with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, with their two charming daughters, Mary Lou and Carlene, visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and children and H. E. Addison motored over and visited with the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Brownwood of Sweetwater, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walker of Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and family and Mrs. Riley Jones and two children visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry of Abilene the past week.

The Planters Gin company is installing a round bale system at their plant here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family left the past week for Corpus Christi where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin and daughters, Edith and Mrs. V. H. Patterson, spent the week-end in Plainview where they visited Mrs. W. S. Cooper, another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Akin.

White Church News

Everyone here is all smiles over the real good rain of Monday evening.

Brother Click, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Moody of Sweetwater, is conducting a revival at this place. We would be glad to have everyone come and enjoy these services.

Friends of H. West will be glad to hear he is improved some at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson attended church at Blair last Sunday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats visited their daughter, Mrs. John Barbee, of Merkel, and attended the singing.

Quite a few of our young people attended the singing at Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips and daughter attended the meeting at Blair last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and two sons, Woodrow and Doyal, and cousin, Louise Martin, of Wolfe City, have returned home after a two weeks' vacation which carried them to Carlsbad, Loving and Portales, N. M., and Corpus Christi. They were accompanied on the trip to Corpus by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer and children and Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer, all of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henstee and little daughters, Luclean, Dixie and Ruby Nell, are visiting in Fort Worth.

Miss Oma Lee Hathaway of Merkel is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. H. West.

Mrs. B. D. Pressly and Mrs. W. A. Harrison were shopping in Merkel Monday afternoon.

and Mrs. Lige Harris and other relatives of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Inman spent Sunday with friends at Union.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. The subject of the program was "Cakes and Cake Making." The roll call was answered by "My favorite cake recipe." Mrs. J. E. Higgins demonstrated the baking of an angel food cake in her pressure cooker. The icing was made by Miss Gladys Petty. Miss Marie Pinckley made a gold cake.

During the business session the club sealer was auctioned off by the president to Miss Celia Hester.

The cakes and iced drinks were served to the following: Mesdames Roy Harrell, J. E. Higgins, Guy McClain, Will Higgins, Nim Teaff, W. E. Petty, Hobart McClain, W. C. Lee, Luther Land, J. L. Jones, Angus Garvin, Miss Celia Hester, Miss Salena Teaff and Miss Ruth Pinckley, members, and Misses Lena Fay Harrell and Gladys Petty, visitors.

The annual picnic of the Home demonstration clubs of the county will be held August 17 at Buffalo Gap.

They do not hold the regular meetings in August.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ENTERTAINED.

Saturday afternoon, July 29, Mrs. Blanch Campbell entertained a few of her pupils from the Senior classes of both Baptist and Methodist churches, with a social at the Methodist church.

Refreshments were ice cream and cake. Those present were Misses Katharine Osborn, Frances Seoggin, Neva Malone, Sarah Malone, Norma Patton, Anna Addison, Clara Lee Peterson, Little Jimmie Nell Horton and Melba Hunter, and Mr. Collen Whately, Ray Osborn and Hugh Campbell. A nice time was reported by all.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Honoring her sister, Rubie Bright, on her birthday, Mrs. Herman Abernathy was hostess for a surprise party at her home on last Thursday evening. After music and games were enjoyed, the guests were invited into the dining room where a candle-topped birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream.

The honoree received a number of lovely gifts. Those present were Jarrett Pinckley, Pete Petty, Jack, Bill and Paxton, Hays, Hayden Walker, Elmer Adcock and Hubert Bright, of Carlsbad, N. M., Misses Berdell Adcock, Nora Foster, Gladys Petty, Fay and Marie Pinckley, Laura May Jewers and Estell Ayers of Tye, Icellee Walker, of Clyde, and the honoree and hostess.

HORTON REUNION.

On Tuesday, July 25, the children of W. P. Horton met in his home to surprise him with a bountiful dinner. Kodaking was the pastime for the afternoon. Those present for this gay occasion were: Hollis and Clarence Horton and families of Merkel, Odie Horton and family of Trent and

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SALT BRANCH 4-H CLUB.

The Salt Branch 4-H club met Tuesday, August 1, at the home of Miss Gladys Petty. After singing, the club songs, a friendship quilt made by the club girls was presented to the sponsor, Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

A sing-song was enjoyed, also piano numbers by Miss Zelma Smothers of Abilene.

"Echoes from Short Course" were given by Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. W. E. Petty demonstrated the making of rolls. The rolls, jelly, butter, ginger-snaps and punch were served to the following club members: Lela, Lorena and Pauline Higgins, Annie Dee and Evelyn Garvin, Gladys Petty, Marie, Marcella and Fay Pickley, Geneva Sheppard, Nollie Jaynes Evelyn Robertson, Lena Faye Harrell and Mrs. Robertson and about fifteen visitors.

The next meeting will be Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, on August 15, at the home of Miss Annie Dee Garvin. Roll call will be answered by "The kind of dress I am going to make."

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DORA DOINGS

Plowing up cotton is in full swing now and next we will be expecting the checks.

Claud Jenkins and family and Everett Pool and family have returned from a ten day fishing and camping trip. They report lots of fish to eat and a real nice time while gone.

The members of the Christian church at Divide laid the foundation for their church building Monday.

We regret to report Mrs. K. Corley very sick at the Sweetwater sanitarium.

Charlie Ware is resting nicely at the Baptist sanitarium in Abilene, following an appendix operation last Wednesday.

Beginning Friday, August 4, there will be a two day picnic and rodeo at Dora on the old school campus. Both days will be filled with excitement and amusement. One of Friday's features will be a ball game at 9:30 a. m. between Buffalo Gap and Divide. Both teams have a strong record for the year and a most interesting game is expected. Speaking is scheduled from 11 to 12 and lunch from 12 to one o'clock. Events for the rest of the day include: turney racing at 1 p. m.; cigar racing at 1:30;

goat roping at 2; bronc riding at 3; calf roping at 4; wild cow milking at 5, and last at 8:30 p. m. a fiddlers contest that will be a real treat to hear. On the second day all contestants and ties will be played off, with a full day of amusement throughout. Come and bring your navajo and camp on the ground. Plenty of free water and camp grounds.

Monday evening and night this section received a splendid rain that will make the feed and cotton grow nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Trent, last week.

Edwin Oliver of Mineral Wells spent the week-end here with his brother, W. G. Oliver, and family.

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WANTED—Two good milk cows; dry stock to trade. W. E. Petty, Merkel, Texas, Route 4.

WANTED—Some one to go near Birmingham, Ala., with me for two weeks. Will leave Monday or Tuesday. See me at City Barber Shop. E. W. Pesnell.

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 28th day of July, 1933, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 104th District Court for the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty one & 60/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The Life Insurance Company of Virginia a Corporation in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1743-B and styled The Life Insurance Company of Virginia, a Corporation vs J. Wes Atkinson and wife Bertie S. Atkinson, do hereby sell, in my hands for service, I Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of August, 1933, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. 67, of one hundred forty feet, being lot No. 8, in Block No. 6, of University Place, an addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, according to the map thereof recorded in Vol. 1, page 276 of the map records of Taylor County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Sandefer St. with the east line of Swenson Avenue for the southwest corner of this lot;
Thence north with the east line of Swenson Avenue 140 feet, to an alley, for the northwest corner of this lot;
Thence east and parallel with the north line of Sandefer St. 67 feet for the northeast corner of this lot;
Thence south and parallel with the east line of Swenson Avenue 140 feet to a point in the north line of Sandefer Street for the southeast corner of this lot;
Thence West with the north line of Sandefer Street 67 feet to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of J. Wes Atkinson and wife Bertie S. Atkinson and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1933, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. Wes Atkinson and wife Bertie S. Atkinson.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of August, 1933.
Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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League Extends Thanks For Fans and Other Aid

The League extends its heartiest thanks to the following firms who furnished us with fans: F. and M. National bank, Farmers State bank, Judd Sheppard Dry Goods Co., Barrow Furniture Co., Bragg Dry Goods Co., Hughes Chevrolet Motor Co., and Mr. J. E. Richardson of the Carey Lumber Co. We also wish to thank the West Texas Utilities Co. for furnishing the lights, the Farmers State bank for the use of the building, the Merkel Mail for its bargain rates and all other merchants and individuals who loaned us properties and who cooperated with us by advertising in order to make our play as successful as it was.

To Mrs. McSpadden, our faithful director, to the members of the cast, John D. Coats, Lona Bryan, Marguerite Turner, Mardell Shouse, Janie Escue, Alvice Yeats, Frances Marie Church and Jim Patterson; to the contributors of the between act entertainment, Alice Church, Ethel Hamilton, Mrs. Earthman, Anne Lee Blake, Christine Collins Jettie Escue and Alvice Yeats and to Roy Patterson, advertising manager, we offer thanks.

The money that was received from presenting this play will be used to sponsor a Young People's revival held August 20. We hope that you will attend this meeting and enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed putting on this play.

The Maager and the Stage Director.

Increased Sales Last Two Months Notable

Detroit, Aug. 3.—A decided increase in the use of eight-cylinder engines for haulage units is shown in the sale of Ford V-8 commercial cars and trucks in the United States since the first of the year. The increase has been most pronounced during the last two months.

The sales of Ford eight-cylinder commercial cars and trucks during June showed an increase of more than 60 per cent over May. The production schedule for July provided that of the total four and eight-cylinder units to be produced during the month, approximately 75 per cent would be eight-cylinder types.

NOTICE.

Effective as of August 1, the following beauty parlors changed their price on finger waving from 15c to 25c. Prices on Permanents range from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Orchid Beauty Shoppe.
Tiner Beauty Shop.
Modern Marinello Beauty Shoppe.
Alma Dye's Shop.

Fishes that live near the surface of the water have large eyes; those in deep water have small eyes and poor eyesight.

Murder Mysteries Take High Place In Film Writing

The day has long since passed when the murder mystery story hides itself in shame among the penny dreadfuls and dime thrillers. It has taken its place with other fiction as a high example of the craft of writing.

"Girl Missing," a Warner Bros. First National murder-mystery picture, featuring Ben Lyon, Mary Brian and Glenda Farrell, which comes to the Queen soon, was written by Carl Erickson and Don Mullaly, adapters of "The Mystery of the Wax Museum," as a result of which they have been called the Poes of Hollywood.

But even greater names may be listed among those whose favorite reading is the unpretentious murder mystery. Woodrow Wilson read little else for relaxation. The late Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Al Smith have all expressed their admiration for the intricacies of this brand of fiction. Thomas A. Edison would read little else.

By a curious coincidence, however, one of the leading players in "Girl Missing," Glenda Farrell, cannot be induced to read a murder mystery of any sort. She doesn't mind playing in one, but she won't read one. They keep her awake.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Rainfall was fairly general over this section late Monday, accompanied by thunder and lightning. In Merkel the precipitation was 1.1-8 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. As much as three to five inches was reported from Blair and the rainfall was even heavier toward the mountains. Merkel's total so far for the year is 7 5-8 inches.

Four fishermen left early Tuesday morning for several days outing on the San Saba. In the party were Booth Warren, W. S. J. Brown, Warren Smith and Tom Largent. They expected to return Friday.

Work of remodeling of the Stanley King home is well under way. Two rooms are being added and improved.

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ments include a new roof as well as general remodeling.

Cyrus Pee is leading the singing for the revival at the Oak Street Methodist church in Abilene, of which Rev. Elmer Crabtree is pastor. The meeting, which is to last two weeks, is under the leadership of Rev. Raymond Van Zandt, pastor of the Clyde Methodist church.

Up to Thursday morning, 15 contracts of farmers in the plow-up movement in the territory in charge of the Merkel local committee had been completed and the owners of these contracts are in line to receive checks at an early date. There were 128 contracts in this group.

Mrs. Armstrong Much Better.

Friends of the family will be glad to learn that Mrs. M. Armstrong was much improved Thursday morning. On Wednesday her condition was considered so serious that Dr. Armstrong wired his son, Dr. Frank Armstrong, at Fort Worth, who came at once with his wife and baby. The daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox, had already arrived earlier in the week from Cisco.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

The mother of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was a descendant of Priscilla, the Puritan maid.

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Saturday
Loretta Young in
"SHE HAD TO SAY YES"
—because she couldn't say no.

Sunday-Monday
Constance Bennett
"BED OF ROSES"
She could get any man she ever saw—Except the man she loved.

Tuesday-Wednesday
James Dunn-Gloria Stuart
"THE GIRL IN 419"
More action than a cyclone.

Thursday-Friday
Barbara Stanwyck in
"BABY FACE"
The most dangerous man menace at large today.

NECROLOGY

J. T. PERRY.
On July 22 J. T. Perry died at his home on the Divide after seven weeks' illness of heart trouble. He was 67 years, 6 months and 12 days old. A native of Tennessee, but for 35 years a resident of Taylor county, he was well known and loved by a large circle of friends and neighbors.

He leaves a widow, six children and twelve grandchildren, four nephews and two nieces and their families to mourn his going. He was laid to rest in the Dudley cemetery at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Brother Thomas Young of View conducting the service at the graveside.

Just a few days before his death, he enjoyed a visit from his brother-in-law, John Hewett of Lynnville, Tenn., and Steve Turner and Joe Walker, boyhood friends. He talked and laughed with them at childhood tricks of

long ago just a few days before the end.

M. B. BILLINGS.
Funeral services for M. B. Billings, former Taylor county resident, who was fatally shot in a Houston hotel room early Sunday, were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the home of his mother, Mrs. Bessie Billings, 2326 Simmons avenue, Abilene. Rev. W. T. Hamor, pastor of the First Baptist church of Winters, conducted the service and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery here.

John S. Howell, of Abilene, uncle of the slain man, went to Houston and accompanied the body to Abilene.

The deceased, who was 26 years old, was born and reared in Trent. He moved to Abilene several years ago with his mother. For the past few months he had been at Conroe, where he was employed as a welder. Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Rutherford, also of Abilene.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AUGUST 4 AND 5

Bananas, doz. 15c

LEMONS, dozen 25c

ORANGES, dozen 25c

Green Beans lb. 10c

LETTUCE, head 5c

CABBAGE, pound 6c

Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. 50c

DRIED APRICOTS, 2 pounds 33c

PINEAPPLE, R & W, No. 1 can 10c

PEARS, R & W, No. 1 can, 2 for 25c

CORN, R & W, Golden Bantam, No. 2 can 14c

TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

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

PEAS, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

Grape Nuts Flakes with spoon pkg. 10c

CERTO, bottle 29c

ICE CREAM POWDER, 3 packages 25c

Coffee Sun Up 1 lb. pkg. 20c

CORN FLAKES, package 10c

Pickles Quart sour 17c

SOAP, Red & White, 6 bars 25c

SOAP, Lady Godiva, bar 5c

COMPOUND, 4 lb. carton 35c

BACON, sliced, pound 18c

Cheese Full Cream pound 20c

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DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Mrs. George West was this week's hostess for members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club and a number of guests outside the club. The entertaining rooms were attractively decorated with summer flowers where tables were appointed for games of auction bridge.

At the tea hour delicious refreshments of ice cream and angel food were served to Misses Irby Key and Ouida Pentecost of Winters, Missie Dye, Mildred and Beth Hamm, Nelle and Dorris Durham, Lou Largent and Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Harold Boney, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Charlie Largent, George Overton, Milton Case, Ernest Higgins, Ed McCrary, Sidney Foy, Bob Mayfield, Henry West and the hostess.

LARGENT REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent were made happy last Sunday when all of their children and grandchildren met at their home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, son Joe and daughter Lou; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, daughter Frances and son Billie; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Largent, Jr., and son, Charlie III, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and sons, Rusty and Stevie of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and daughters, Ruth and Doris of Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Largent's sister, Mrs. Ruth A. Baines, of San Antonio, was present also.

MISS PIKE COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. Cecil Guthrie entertained her sister, Miss Hallie Pike, of Bogota and every one enjoyed the music and readings and the good times of "the good old days." Sandwiches and iced tea were served the following guests: Mesdames Kenneth Sharp, Cyrus Pee, Florence Berry, Floyd Davis, Denzel Cox, Kenneth Pee, J. O. Steel, Warren Higgins, Misses Hallie Pike, Blanche Simmons and the hostess, Misses Sis Toombs and Flossie Campbell were early evening guests.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A joint birthday party was given little Miss Dana Thompson and Udell Camp Monday afternoon in the home of Udell's parents.

Only a few little friends were present, but they enjoyed the cream and cake as well as the games played afterward.

Those present were: Charles Escue, Jr., and June Morrison, B. Joe and Dana Thompson, Othelle and Udell Camp.

CLASS PARTY.

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. Eli Case with Mesdames Case, Will Toombs and Fred Hughes as hostesses.

Mrs. R. A. Underwood gave a book review of "Forgive us our Trespasses" which everyone enjoyed, as her talent for "story telling" is greatly appreciated by members of the class.

Sunday will be Gleaner day as the lesson is on "Ruth The Gleaner" and every member is urged to be present.

Pink and green table covers were laid with pink rosebuds for center and pink and white brick cream with angel food squares with letter "G" were served to Mesdames Gambill, Latham, Underwood, Roberts, Guitard, Vaughn, Herbert Patterson, Boyd, Gaither, Briggs, Toombs, Hughes and Case.

SHOWER.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse complimented them with a shower soon after their home burned, as an expression of their sympathy in the loss of their household furnishings. The shower, sponsored by members of the adult Sunday School classes of the Methodist church, was held in the parlors of the church but many friends of the family outside of the church participated in presenting a lovely display of useful gifts.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson presided at the guest book and after a delightful musical program a refreshing punch was served to fifty guests.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Gratifying Interest Already Manifested In Nazarene Revival



REV. WALTER PATTERSON.

The summer revival of the Nazarene church began Saturday night with Rev. Walter Patterson of Dodsonville, Texas, as the evangelist and Miss Zuma Cozy of Stamford as the pianist. Brother Patterson is accompanied by his wife and little daughter. The fine attendance and alert interest already manifested promise a wonderful meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services which are held at 8:15 o'clock each morning and at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

—Reporter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
The attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 881, just a little short of the previous Sunday when 895 were present. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 760.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service morning or night, as the pastor will be holding a revival in Lamar county.

On account of his absence, prayer meeting will not be held Wednesday evening.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our revival meeting which is now in progress will close Sunday night.

All services Sunday will be held at the tabernacle. Preaching Sunday morning at 11. Sunday School at 10. B. T. S. Sunday evening at 7:15. Preaching Sunday evening at 8:15.

Revival

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ell, Hughes Motor company, J. D. Porter, T. L. Hamblet, S. M. Hunter, Woods and Wozencraft Filling station, S. O. Owens, Morris Horton, Nichols Ice company, Jimmie Toombs, A. R. Sharp, J. F. Campbell, Wood grocery, Pence cafe, City Shoe shop, City Dry Cleaners, J. L. Riddle, L. L. Murray, E. M. Cox, J. T. Darsey, Woodrum Filling station, J. T. King, W. J. Patterson, John Dunn, Jr., Merkel Lumber company, Joe Garland, A. R. Booth grocery, Floyd McCoy, Blake's Dry Cleaners, Thompson and Risinger, Clay Lumber company, City Parber shop, B. P. Middleton, Blue Front Motor company, W. H. Dunning."

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Revival Starts at Salt Branch Church

Rev. S. J. T. Williams, assisted by his wife, will begin a revival meeting Friday night at the Salt Branch Baptist church. The meeting is scheduled to run through Sunday night, August 13. Friday night is to be roll call night and all the members of the church are expected to be there. Mrs. Williams will sing at this service that old song, "Pray."

Saturday night the subject will be "Witnessing" and the scripture lesson will be the first chapter of Acts. Sunday night the subject will be "What is the Gospel?" Preceding the sermon a twelve minute talk will be made by George Anson, the boy preacher of Abilene. Monday night the male quartette from Immanuel Baptist church, Abilene, will sing and the sermon subject will be "Must." Tuesday night M. Shaw and the choir from the South Side Baptist church, Abilene, will furnish the music.

Full Co-Operation

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cluding an agreement not to open on Sundays.

The hardware stores of the city will also observe these store hours.

The furniture stores will follow the schedule of from 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m., week days and Saturday.

The barbers adopted working hours of from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. on week days and from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturdays. They also standardized prices of 35c for hair cuts and 25c for shaves.

The dry cleaners will be open from 7:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. on week days and from 7:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturdays.

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A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Three thousand people attended the singing convention at our tabernacle Sunday. Many who have attended all the singing conventions say that it was as good as they ever attended.

We certainly appreciate the honor of having the convention meet with us and wish to extend an invitation for it to meet with us any time.

Brother Tom Spears, president of the convention, knows how to preside over a large group of singers, giving due courtesy to all who sing.

Each Sunday there are those who were excluded from our church coming back with tears of repentance.

Next Sunday night we preach on "Sin and Where It Leads," a plain talk uncovering the blackest of sins committed in Merkel. Bible School 9:45. Everybody welcome.

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