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SEVENTY-SEVEN FIRMS LISTED ON NRA HONOR ROLL

Names of All Signers, Prior to August Fifth, Posted at Local Postoffice; Those Signing Later to Follow on Board.

Seventy-seven business firms of Merkel are included on the honor roll of members of the National Recovery Administration, as listed in the local postoffice. The first group, dated July 31, carries two names; the second, dated August 1, enumerates 40 firms, while the third dated August 5, lists 35 employers, all of whom have signed the president's re-employment agreement that they "are doing their part." Others, who have signed since these three lists were sent in, will be posted later by Postmaster O. J. Adcock, according to the general plan.

The honor roll of 77 names reads: "M" System store, Ed's cafe, The Merkel Mail, Barrow Furniture company, Blake's Dry Cleaners, Blue Front Motor company, Bragg Dry Goods company, E. Yates Brown, J. N. Carson, Case grocery, City Dry Cleaners, Clay Lumber company, Inc., Continental Oil company, Cotton's Sandwich shop, Darsey Furniture company, Dandy Bakery and Confectionery, Ferguson drayage, Fox Wrecking shop, Good Eats cafe, Sie Hamm Drug store, Highway Service station, Bob Martin Grocery company, Floyd McCoy, McDonald Barber shop, J. H. McDonald grocery, Max Melinger, Merkel Ice station, Palace Barber shop, Patterson's Meat market, W. J. Patterson, Perry Bros. Shoe shop, Petty and West, Roy F. Reid, Ernest Rogers grocery, The Sandwich shop, Sharp's Sandwich shop, W. J. Sheppard, Joe L. Speck, Texas Cotton (Continued on Page Five.)

Ferguson In Favor Repeal and Bonds

As one of five speaking dates throughout the state, James E. Ferguson, former governor, will address the citizens of Abilene and West Texas on the federal lawn at Abilene at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the interest of repeal of the eighteenth amendment, the adoption of the amendment to the Texas constitution to legalize the sale of beer and the adoption of the state amendment to authorize a \$20,000,000 unemployment relief bond issue.

He will be introduced by Harry Tom King, one of the seven members of the Texas rehabilitation and relief commission. W. E. Lessing, county chairman of the campaign in favor of the \$20,000,000 bond issue, is to preside for the program. He is also chairman of the arrangement committee, which includes Harry Tom King and E. T. Brooke.

Other speaking dates of Ferguson are: at Fort Worth, Monday, August 21; Greenville, Tuesday, August 23; Tyler Wednesday, August 23, and Temple, Thursday, August 24.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 15, 1913.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts spent Wednesday evening out at the Bland tank fishing. Look out for fish stories.

W. H. Roach, John Briggs and A. C. Boney were transacting business matters in Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaddy and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Grace of Muskogee, Okla., are here visiting the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy.

Roy Bradley came in Wednesday from Abilene.

Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy, Ruth Wheeler and Maurine Angus left Wednesday for Sweetwater to visit Misses Louise and Mildred Hogue.

W. Parten leaves Saturday night for St. Louis to buy his fall goods.

Mrs. Vol Martin and daughter, Maude, left Tuesday for Austin to visit Mrs. E. V. White.

Miss Maggie Wheeler left Sunday

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Crane City, newest incorporated oil town of the Permian basin, will elect a mayor and five aldermen in an election August 25.

Eugene Knox, 58, was killed when struck by the propeller of an airplane from which he had just alighted during an air circus at Vernon.

A cargo of 4,000 bales, the first Texas cotton shipped to China under terms of a \$40,000,000 RFC loan, was loaded at Houston Tuesday by the American freighter Ethan Allen, bound for Shanghai.

On trial on a charge of venue to Graham, Milton Furr was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment by a jury which convicted him of fatally wounding Policeman C. S. Carlisle in a shooting at Wichita Falls last June 27.

John R. Naugle, Randolph field soldier, who twice has been no-billed in connection with the slaying of a former Bexar county motorcycle officer, was found guilty of carrying a pistol and given a 30-day jail sentence.

Out of a total of 2,369 prisoners of the Eastman state prison farm entered in the first annual Texas prison school system spelling and writing contest, Orvil Denny, Pecos, serving two years, is now grand champion speller.

Using its drastic prohibitive powers under the securities act for the first time, the federal trade commission at Washington issued a stop order against the sale of a \$250,000 issue by the Speculative Investment Trust of Fort Worth.

A family of three, Jim Tishner, 45, geologist, his wife, Helen, about 25, and their 10-month-old son, were burned to death Sunday when their home was destroyed by fire which spread to adjoining residences and prevented efforts at rescue.

Harvey Bailey, escaped convict and alleged machine gunner in the Kansas City Union Station massacre, is being held under bail of \$100,000 at Dallas in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, who was taken from his palatial home on July 22 and held for nine days.

New Woodrum to be Stucco Structure

Dirt was broken Wednesday for the erection of the New Woodrum hotel, which is to be a two story stucco structure on the same location occupied so long by this Merkel landmark, destroyed by fire on the night of June 25.

Contract was awarded to A. V. Dye and with favorable weather it is expected within six weeks or two months that the new hotel will be complete.

Several imposing homes have been erected this year in Merkel and the contract for the new Woodrum serves to further augment building activities here.

DECIDE NOT TO HOLD OUT LOANS ON PRODUCTION

Payments to Cotton and Wheat Farmers for Agreements to Curtail Production, Without Requiring Deductions.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Millions of dollars in benefit payments to cotton and wheat farmers for agreements to curtail their production will be freed under a policy made public Tuesday by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., governor of the farm credit administration, after approval by President Roosevelt.

Under it, payments will be made cotton farmers, who agreed to plow up from 25 to 50 per cent of their growing crops, without requiring deductions for amounts they owe the government for seed and crop production loans.

Also would be included feed loans of the regional agricultural credit corporations which do not bear endorsements by third parties and have not been discounted by federal intermediate credit banks.

Morgenthau said a similar policy will be pursued in the case of payments to be made this fall to wheat farmers for agreements to reduce their acreages planted for harvest in 1934 and 1935.

About \$90,000,000 is scheduled for distribution to wheat farmers and \$110,000,000 to cotton farmers, checks for the latter having been held up pending the outline of policy.

Morgenthau said, however, that he is not authorized to waive liens upon crops given the federal land banks and rediscounted by the federal intermediate credit banks, or in cases of loans made by the regional agricultural credit corporation bearing endorsements of third parties and rediscounted by the intermediate credit banks.

He said that a debtor farmer in the case of seed, feed and crop production loans will "be expected, but not compelled" to liquidate "a fair proportion of his debt if his circumstances are such that he can do so."

Dr. Hunt Will Address Pro Rally Friday Night

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, will be the speaker in a rally of the United Forces for Prohibition to be staged at the city tabernacle here on Friday night of this week. The speaking is scheduled to begin at 8:15. R. A. Burgess, as vice chairman of the local committee, will preside in the absence of Chairman Herbert Patterson, who is away on vacation.

Not only Merkel people are urged to hear this excellent orator, but large delegations from the surrounding communities are expected. Delegations are expected from Trent, Blair, Stith and other places.

Ample provision is being made to care for the crowd that Dr. Hunt's coming should bring. The public generally is invited to come and hear this question discussed by one of the most able speakers in Texas.

Orders Election for County Vote on Beer

A local option election to determine whether sale of 3.2 beer will be licensed in Taylor county was formally ordered by the commissioners court at their regular semi-monthly session Monday.

The election was set for August 26, the day on which voters throughout the state will ballot for or against a proposed state constitutional amendment to legalize beer, and also an proposed repeal of the 18th amendment.

Members of the court—Judge Camp and Commissioners—Sid McAdams, Luther Webb and R. E. Dillard, with L. R. Thompson, county auditor, and Roy Fuller, county treasurer, were dinner guests of Commissioner A. J. Canon and Mrs. Canon at their home here at noon Monday.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bryant, residing south of town, Wednesday, August 16, 1933.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REVIVAL



REV. RAY N. JOHNSON.

The Young People's revival, sponsored by the Methodist church, will begin next Sunday morning, August 20, and continue through Sunday, September 3.

Rev. Ray N. Johnson will do the preaching. He is the outstanding young minister of the Northwest Texas conference. He was pastor at Pampa and left that pastorate to attend Southern Methodist University. His ability as a revivalist is remarkable. His recent revivals at McMurry college and Snyder are examples.

This revival is for everyone. Though it is sponsored by the young people of the Methodist church, it is for our entire citizenship, old or young. Make it your revival.

Two services daily, 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. All services will be held at the city tabernacle except the Sunday morning services, which will be at the church.

Old Fiddlers' Contest At Queen on Saturday

Entertainment of a rare sort is promised patrons of the Queen theatre in the Old Fiddlers' contest, scheduled as an added feature Saturday night at 9:15 and contestants will compete from the stage. The winners are to be determined by the applause, with three business men as judges. Special awards are offered for first, second and third places, but every contestant will receive a prize.

The regular picture program, including Laurel and Hardy in "Pack Up Your Troubles," chapter 6 of "Hurricane Express" and a short subject, will be shown as usual Saturday night in addition to the fiddlers' contest.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. Friday and Saturday—Laurel and Hardy in "Pack Up Your Troubles;" chapter 6 of "Hurricane Express" and a short subject.

Monday and Tuesday—"42nd Street" and "Young and Healthy."

Wednesday and Thursday—"Devil's Brother" and Charlie Chase comedy.

Largents Win Ten Firsts at Sedalia

Practically all the blue ribbons at the Missouri State fair, Sedalia, Mo.—ten firsts—were won by the C. M. Largent and Sons Herefords this week. This information was conveyed Tuesday in a telegram to C. M. Largent from his son, Willie Joe Largent, which reads as follows:

"Won all bull classes and bull groups. Publican Junior was grand champion. Also won senior calf get of sire and pair of calves, making ten firsts."

From Sedalia the Largent show cattle will be shipped to Springfield, Ill. Other fairs at which they will be shown prior to the State Fair of Texas in October are: at Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Louisville, Ky., and the State Fair of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City.

Local Ginners Attend Area Meet at Abilene

Several local ginners are in attendance at the 18th annual convention of the West Texas Ginners association, holding its sessions Thursday at the Hilton hotel in Abilene.

One of the principal speakers on the program is John C. Thompson of Dallas, whose subject is "Application of the National Recovery Act to Ginning." Mr. Thompson is secretary of the Texas Cotton Ginners association.

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Count Tax Rate of 80 Cents Proposed

A budget of \$222,587.34 and a county tax rate of 80 cents to be levied on a valuation of \$19,000,000 have been proposed for Taylor county for 1934.

Hearing on the proposed budget, which has been completed by Judge John L. Camp and L. R. Thompson, county auditor, has been set for August 28, at 9 o'clock, in the county courtroom.

"The budget, if adopted, will carry the county through 1934 and leave a surplus in all funds at the end of the year," said Judge Camp.

Anticipated revenues, he said, are \$106,400—from an estimated 70 per cent collection of taxes; \$82,000 from automobile registration fees \$11,664 surplus from the 1933 general fund, and additional income from road district taxes, fines, rents and the cigar stand at the county courthouse.

The 1933 budget, as finally adopted, was \$205,649.35; assessed valuation was \$19,600,000 and the county tax rate was 69 cents. The auditor's report of July 1 showed \$155,447.57 on hand.

Budget Meeting Friday

The board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district will meet in the secretary's office at four o'clock this (Friday) afternoon to adopt a budget for the next school year. Any interested patrons are invited to come. The budget proposed for the coming year is practically the same as that for the year just ended.

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BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

THESE MEN AT THE TOP.

Where will a man ever get, you ask, if he delivers twice as much as he is paid to deliver? The answer is that unless he's a fool he will probably get to and stay at the top. I remember once traveling from Chicago to New York on the Twentieth Century Limited. We were due in the Grand Central Station at nine-forty, a nice leisurely hour, and three of us who were traveling together decided to make a comfortable morning of it. We got out of our berths at a quarter after eight, shaved and dressed and half an hour later were making our way back to the dining-car.

A door to one of the drawing-rooms was open, and as we walked by we could hardly keep from looking in. The bed in the room had been made up long since; a table stood between the windows, and at the table, buried in work, was a man whose face the newspapers have made familiar to every one. He had been Governor of New York, a Justice of the Supreme Court, a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and was—at the time—practising law and reputed to be earning much more than a hundred thousand dollars a year.

My companions and I were young men; he was well along in middle life. We were poor and unknown; he was rich and famous. We were doing all that was required of us. We were up and dressed and would be ready for business when the train pulled in at a little before ten. But this man, of whom nothing was actually required, was doing far more. I thought to myself as we passed on to our leisurely breakfast, "That explains him; now I understand Hughes."

I have several times been in the office of J. P. Morgan and Company after six o'clock in the evening. I remember vividly the mental picture which I once had of what such a private banking house must be—the partners coming down in limousines at eleven and leaving at three, after having given their nonchalant approval to a million dollar deal.

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STATE BONDS.

The case of the proposed amendment to the state constitution authorizing the issuance of bonds of the state of Texas, not to exceed \$20,000,000, for relieving the hardships of unemployment and for necessary appropriations to pay said bonds, is very aptly stated by W. E. Lessing, Abilene attorney, who has been named as county chairman to direct the campaign in favor of these bonds. Mr. Lessing says:

"Any reasonable man must be convinced of two things. First, that the federal government is in earnest when it says Texas must either share in this expense, or go it alone. Second, that if we were thrown on our own resources in the matter of taking care of our destitute—say in Taylor county—we would be virtually helpless. Only the federal government can do the job at the present time.

"We hope the emergency will soon pass. We hope that a vote to authorize the legislature to issue up to 20 millions in bonds will not mean any such sum will ever have to be sold. We are simply providing ourselves with the necessary machinery just in case, since the constitution as it now stands, expressly prohibits issues of state bonds for anything less than unexpected calamities."

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. J. Miller has as her guest this week Mrs. D. C. Kinsell of Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton left Tuesday for Fort Worth to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Kyle.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ferguson have returned from a trip to Carlsbad, N. M., and El Paso.

J. M. Rainwater and son, Clyde, of Troy, are visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, this week.

Mrs. M. C. Bagley and three children of Brownwood are visiting her mother, Mrs. R. P. Fields.

Mrs. Ross Wheeler and daughter, Miss Joyce, left Wednesday for a ten days visit with relatives in Waco.

Miss Lorena Dry is here from San Saba for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, and sister, Miss Loyce Dry.

Miss Mabel Butman has returned from Big Spring where she has been visiting her cousin, Miss Mildred Sloan.

Mrs. Hal Hamilton and daughter, Mary Jane, of Plainview, visited Mrs. R. B. Underwood and daughter, Frances, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell and daughter, Miss Alleyne Riley, attended the West Texas Sheriffs' convention at Midland last week.

Miss Maudie Conklin of Tuscola is visiting Miss Lottie Butman and attending the Methodist meeting that is going on at the Butman tabernacle.

After spending several days with his brother, Elbert Dean, and family, and visiting with old friends, Burtis Dean returned to his home in Dallas Friday.

Miss Eunice Richards, who operated a beauty shop at Rule, Texas, was compelled to give up the work there on account of sickness and has returned home.

Murphy Dye returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth and Blum. He accompanied his aunt, Mrs. C. O. Lynch, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brackeen of Mineral Wells, former Merkel residents, were visitors this week in the Fred Hughes home and with other friends here.

Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess will leave Saturday for Lubbock for a week's vacation. Supt. Burgess expects to be back in his office before the first of September.

T. G. Bragg drove over to Chillicothe Sunday to bring home Miss Betty Lou Grimes and Robert Grimes, Jr., who had been visiting some two weeks there with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis have returned from a vacation visit with Floyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, in Goltry, Okla., also visiting other relatives in Oklahoma City.

R. W. Ennis of San Antonio spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach. Miss Mattie Lee McCrackin of Hamlin also spent Saturday night and Sunday in this home.

Friends of Sam Butman, Sr., will be glad to learn that his condition is as good as could be expected after un-

dergoing a major operation Monday, July 14, in a Boston, Mass., hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook and family attend the reunion of the W. T. Gracely family, (Mrs. Cook's father) held at Caddo Sunday and at which some 74 immediate relatives were present.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and children have gone to visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffie, at Plainview, while Willie Joe is making the show circuit with the Largent fine Herefords.

After a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson, and other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, and Floyd Grayson have returned to their home at Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Riddle have returned from a summer visit in Dallas and Bogota. Mrs. Riddle's sister, Miss Etelle Bell, of Bogota, returned with them and will attend school here this year.

After spending the week-end with Mrs. Beech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peech also visited at Breckenridge before returning to their home at Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blacklock of Ranger were recent guests of Mrs. Blacklock's sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. Young. The latter had also as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Willis of Coahoma.

Returning from Fort Worth, Mrs. M. Armstrong stopped off at Cisco to visit her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, and was expected to return home Friday. She is feeling much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and son, Truett, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson's sister, Miss Nina Fayer, left Saturday afternoon for a vacation visit to Houston, Galveston and San Antonio.

Fred Hughes returned Sunday from a week's trip to New Mexico, looking after ranch interests near Clovis. While he was away, Mrs. Hughes and the two children visited her parents at Trenchmont.

Dee Grimes, of the Bragg Dry Goods company, accompanied by Mrs. Grimes and their daughter, Marilyn Sue, is in Dallas this week for the fall buying season, sponsored by the Dallas wholesale houses.

Miss Margaret Dean was accompanied home from Midlothian by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woodall. The Woodalls are also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Argus Garvin of the Salt Branch community.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither returned Tuesday to her home at San Antonio after a visit here with her mother, Mrs. W. V. Cranford. Accompanying Mrs. Gaither, Miss Pearl Elliott went to

San Marcos to visit her brother and family.

Mrs. A. B. Woody, on her way from San Diego, Calif., to visit her parents at Gorman, stopped over Wednesday to visit her brother, J. J. Barron, and family. The latter, accompanied by his daughter, Dorris Mae, escorted her to Gorman from here.

Mrs. J. W. Barbee and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Briggs at Nubia. Dale McFea and sisters, Ruby and Wanna, of Munday were also visitors Saturday night and Sunday in the Perry home.

W. W. Wood, who was formerly in the grocery business here, has returned with his family, to make this city their home. Mr. Wood, who until recently lived at Big Spring is teaching the singing school now in progress at the Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Sid Cox of Rising Star, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Reynolds accompanied her for a return visit, while Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver also joined them for a short visit with home folks in Comanche county.

Francis Green of Snyder was the week-end visitor of Miss Floy Welles. Mr. and Mrs. L. V. McLean and son, Wayne, of the Mulberry canyon, accompanied by J. S. Thomas, have returned from a ten days visit to relatives in Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Quannah and Paducah.

After a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, Kingsley Williams returned Sunday to his home in Waco. He was accompanied on the trip by a nephew, Fred Dean, Jr., also of Waco, and his brother, Clarence Williams, joined him on his return trip home.

Misses Lucy, Addie Fae and Lela Patterson visited on the Butman ranch Monday. The day was spent on Big Elm. Those enjoying the day were, besides Misses Patterson, Miss Maudie Conklin, Mrs. Joe Swinney and two sons, Herbert and Harold, and Miss Lottie Butman.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson and Roy Griffin, accompanied by Postmaster Royce Dowdy and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Trent, have returned from a fishing trip on the coast near Corpus Christi. Miss Nell Hughes, who had been visiting an uncle, the county superintendent of Nueces county, returned with them.

Miss Anna Lou Russell returned Sunday night from a two-weeks trip to the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago. Going by automobile with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Tyler, Miss Russell also made a trip into southern Canada. Miss Russell is assistant in the office of L.

R. Thompson, county auditor.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers and son, L. B. Rogers and wife, of Santa Anna and Beaumont, Calif., are spending several days in Merkel, which was their former home. They left California on July 13, going first to Phoenix, Ariz., then to visit relatives at Wheeler, Texas, and on to Oklahoma and Chicago. After seeing the World's fair, they also visited Mammoth Cave in Kentucky and then came on to Abilene and Merkel.

BRUCE BARTON

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But on the occasion of one of the visits to which I refer the offices were closed. The clerks and assistants and even the elevator men had gone, leaving only night-watchmen. Night-watchmen, and some of the partners. There seems to be always lights in the partners' offices no matter what the hour.

Of the office force it is required that they travel the one mile which lies between nine o'clock in the morning and five o'clock at night. But the partners travel the second mile; have always traveled it all their lives; and are partners because they have.

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FIRST INSTALMENT.

Old Charley Thane snapped off the ignition with a thick, square finger. Cautiously, the decrepit car rolled forward into the only vacant space on the street and stopped, its front tires snugly against the curb. The curb was painted a faded red; and across the sidewalk was the entrance of the post office. Leaning his big forearms on the wheel, the old man gazed disinterestedly at the sidewalk glaring in the morning light of the Arizona sun. Behind him clattered the street traffic, its progress occasionally interrupted by the loose-jointed ringing of the semaphore suspended above the intersection half a block away.

A pair of legs clad in khaki serge trousers wandered casually to the front of the car. Old Charley's gaze awoke. "Mornin' Chief," he said moodily, lifting his eyes to the other's face.

"Howdy, Chet," replied the policeman in a soft drawl. He glanced speculatively at the car and inquired, "How's coughin' Lena a-feelin' her cats these days?"

Old Charley sighed. Leaving the car in gear, for the emergency brake had long ago retired from active service, he eased his unwieldy body to a standing position on the pavement and vindictively slammed the door. "Not so good, Buck. Not so good. Top half of the windshield fell out on the way in."

"A body'd think," remarked the policeman, nodding toward the yellowish stencil on the side of the car, "that so long as Uncle Sam's got his U. S. Mail brand on her he could afford to give the old girl a truss or smethin'."

Old Charley grunted assent and stepped upon the sidewalk. "Seem's like Congress just don't have the time

plete reciprocation with a nod, and left the glaring sidewalk for the somber light of the post office.

The place was crowded. Seven of the crowd had been in Arizona for more than ten years and each of these greeted the old man before he had disappeared behind the door which led through the rear wall of post boxes. One person thought it necessary to shake hands with Old Charley and this man stopped him with, "Hello, Sheriff!" Whereupon an elderly couple at the money order window exchanged a significant glance, and an old-timer—who never lost opportunity to lament the passing of the good old times—opined to a neighbor that when Charley Thane was sheriff of this here county, sheriffs had a heap more to do with posses than foreclosure sales.

When Old Charley returned to the street, carrying a large government mail sack weighted with two letters and a post card, a young couple and a five-year-old boy were standing uncertainly in the strip of shade close to his car. Discomfort and bewilderment enveloped the three as one person. The little boy was tightly moored to his mother's forefinger and the hand of the husband was very near that of his wife. Old Charley's lower lip bunched slightly with his thought of "Pshaw, now!" as he noted the face of the slender young man; he had seen many such faces new to Arizona.

"Are you Ol—Mr.—Mr.—" the young man paused and looked toward the girl at his side.

"Thane," she supplied, "are you Mr. Thane?"

Old Charley smiled, his eyes on the girl. He observed to himself that she was pretty high toned, and mighty warm. "Yes," he said aloud, "I am Old Charley Thane."

A tension relaxed. "We were told by a police officer," said the young man hesitantly, as though expecting his words to be cut short at any moment by a cough, "that you were going to a place called San Jorge, carrying the mail. We were told that you occasionally carry passengers."

Old Charley nodded. "Yes, I can take you out that way. Where 'bouts are you going? San Jorge is a pretty big valley."

The husband laughed shortly. "We are trying to get to a farm and the post office address is San Jorge."

"A ranch, dear, not a farm," said the girl, "a cow ranch—the Dead Lantern ranch."

The eyes of Old Charley narrowed incredulously. He hesitated for a moment. "Are you real certain it's the Dead Lantern you want to go to?"

The young man glanced inquiringly at his wife, then at Old Charley.

"Why, yes—there is such a ranch, isn't there?"

"Yes, there's a Dead Lantern all

right."

"The ranch we want to visit is called the Dead Lantern and the address was San Jorge," spoke the girl; "it was formerly owned by Mr. Harry Grey and a Mr. Snavely. Mr. Grey died recently. Do you know of the place and can you take us there?"

"I go by the front gate, Ma'm."

"Excellent. Perhaps if we start soon we shall be in time for luncheon? We can send in for our luggage later this afternoon, I suppose."

Old Charley did not miss the tone in which this was spoken. Also, he did not miss the fact that she regarded him as a taxi driver. "If you want to go," he supplied, "I'd be glad to take you, but it's eighty-five miles to the Dead Lantern and the road's nothin' to brag on. You can get them to put up a lunch for you in that ice cream parlor over there. And if we can get your baggage on this car we'd better do it. There's no machine on the Dead Lantern and I only make one trip a week."

"Eighty-five miles?" The girl caught her breath. "Surely there must be a train—isn't there a town nearer than this?"

"No'm. There's a spur track from Mexico that runs about thirty miles from the ranch but they only use it at cattle shippin' time."

The young woman looked from her husband to Old Charley. "Do you mean that this ranch is eighty-five miles out in the wilderness and there isn't even a machine on the place?" Her voice was tremulous.

"That's about the size of it, Ma'm."

"But how do they get to town?"

"They don't come in so very often."

"Kenneth—" The girl appealed to her husband with questioning eyes.

For a long moment the two young people faced each other.

Then with a shrug of helplessness the husband turned to Old Charley. "We didn't understand how it would be. I expect we'd better do as you suggest. We only have a small trunk and some bags—they're still at the station."

Old Charley nodded cheerfully.

"Fine. If you'll give me the checks I can be getting the stuff loaded while you folks see about your lunches. I'm sorry I can't take you any nearer the ranch house than the gate, though. Are they expecting you?"

"Oh, yes. We wrote Mr. Snavely some time ago that we intended to arrive today. It can't be so very far from the gate to the house, can it?"

"About five miles, I should judge."

"Good Lord!" The young man glanced curiously at the people on the sidewalk. "Well, then, I suppose we'd better telephone Mr. Snavely and make sure that he will meet us. We've already tried to find his name in the directory—"

Old Charley shook his head. "The line stops about two miles after you leave town."

"No telephone?" The young man's brows puckered. "No—telephone—" he spoke slowly; the idea was quite new to him. "But how do people—"

he paused and became more thoughtful. "Well, but say, Snavely knows all this. Does he know that you are the only means of transportation and that—do you have a regular day for making this trip?"

"Every Saturday."

"Well, then," he continued, pleased with his deductions. "Mr. Snavely knows that we're coming on the same day you bring the mail and I'm sure he'll meet us. We're rather important visitors, you know," he finished with a half-embarrassed smile.

By the time Old Charley had returned with a small steamer trunk lashed on the rack and three bags and a guitar case on the floor of the car, the little family was waiting.

The family rode in the back seat, crowded together in recognition of the strangeness of their surroundings. Shortly after the outskirts of the town had been passed, Old Charley heard the young man's voice raised with forced cheerfulness. "Were you ever on an unpaved road before, (Continued on Page Four)

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Old Charley settled into a physical and spiritual comfort as the miles crawled by.

to get 'round to anything important." The two men remained motionless on the curb. At last the officer slightly shifted his position, then asked, "Anything new over your way?"

Old Charley considered carefully. "Things are mighty dry," he admitted.

His friend of fifty years nodded. "Grass got a bad deal last winter—bad as the year I lost out."

"Bad," corroborated Old Charley. "Dry spring so far, too. Come a dry summer, and us cattlemen'll do well by the buzzards." This burst of conversation had apparently exhausted the two of further talk.

"What do you hear from the boy?" asked the officer suddenly.

Old Charley brightened. "Found a letter when I got in last night. Will's doin' fine, he tells me. Los Angeles real estate's as good a way to make money as any, I reckon. He'll be comin' home in a month or two for quite a spell—thinks he can maybe stay over to help me work the cattle in the fall."

"He's goin' to forget to go back some of these days."

Old Charley's eyes shone, but he said cautiously, "Things might work out that way, sure enough."

The policeman looked into his friend's face. "That sign still up at the Dead Lantern?"

"Still up."

The two regarded each other for perhaps a minute. "Well," said the policeman. This single word expressed admirably that the policeman had been very much pleased to see his old friend; also, that he had enjoyed the conversation and hoped to see Thane again soon. Old Charley made com-

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mesdames Roberts, Williamson and Bowers and Misses Leora Howell and Gladys Roberts visited in the home of Mesdames Billings and Rutherford at Abilene last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and Mrs. C. T. Beckham attended the workers meeting at Sweetwater last Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Norwood and sons, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge, motored to Comanche Saturday to attend the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of the parents of Mrs. Norwood and Mrs. Sledge.

Miss Mattie Scott of Abilene is a guest this week of her two brothers, Spurgeon and T. D. Scott, and their families. She is also attending the revival meeting.

Miss Dorene Scott was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Bob Martin, in Abilene.

Miss Bailey of Abilene was the week-end guest of friends here.

Mrs. Hale McRee, who underwent a tonsil operation at the West Texas Baptist hospital at Abilene Friday, is at home and improving nicely.

R. B. Johnson and son, R. B., Jr., were in Dallas the first of the week.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts entertained her Sunday School class and their mothers on last Wednesday afternoon. Bible questions and games were enjoyed throughout the afternoon after which sandwiches and ice cold drinks were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bray and two little daughters of Magallon, N. M., were recent guests of relatives here.

The protracted meeting being held at the Baptist church with Rev. W. H. Howell doing the preaching and Curtis Owens of Abilene having charge of the singing is drawing large crowds with quite a lot of interest being manifested. All are invited to come and help out in the services.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester and son, Mack, spent last week visiting Mrs. Forrester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelley, at Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and two little daughters returned home Monday after spending a week visiting their parents and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Feazel were passing guests last Wednesday of their aunt, Mrs. J. E. Bowers. They were on their way to the Carlsbad Caverns, Colorado and points in Old Mexico to spend their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chambliss of Merkel were here for a short time last Wednesday, greeting old time friends. John A. Woodard, the new manager of the Planters gin here, has moved to town. They are residing in the home near the gin recently vacated by E. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash had as recent guests their daughter, Mrs. L. Storey, and two sons of San Antonio and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe Wash, and children of Hamlin.

Messrs. Bert and Louie McRee left this week for Creed, Colo., for a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kelley of Snyder were Sunday afternoon guests, remaining over for supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massey and children of Jackboro visited friends here Thursday and Friday.

Misses Betsy Whiteman of Brady and Johnnye Watson of Sweetwater were the guests of Miss Sarah Julia Johnson a few days this week.

Rev. N. A. Dowell of Merkel preached at the First Baptist church in the school auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. C. Johnson honored Dr. and Mrs. Otis C. Watson with luncheon Sunday. Other guests were: Mrs. L.

M. Watson and Mr. Sam Parker of Sweetwater and Johnnie Terry of Trent.

Rev. Ernest Dowell has been invited to conduct a revival meeting at the First Baptist church beginning not later than August 23.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Aug. 8, all their children and grandchildren being present except two grandsons. A nice chicken dinner, with all other good things to eat, was served and enjoyed by all. The afternoon was spent in picture making, talking and laughing, each of the children bringing them a nice gift.

In the late afternoon all went to Shannon's for a swim and at 6 o'clock a lovely supper was served. Then all returned to their homes wishing them many more happy years.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackmon and son, James, of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Bernice and Emery of Lubbock, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Tisworth, Jimmie and Peggy of Rankin, Mrs. Pete Coleman, of Irian, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, Willie Jean and Betty Jane, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ogletree and Smithy, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Quattlebaum and Lyndell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner, Tommie and Billy Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson, Bobby, Joe, Sammie, Lois, Mary Ellen and Jimmie Roy, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Armour, Lowell, John Stanley and Don, all of Trent.

ROUND-UP CLUB.

Last Friday evening the members of the P. W. T. club honored Mr. Dekle of Memphis, Tenn., and other friends with a chicken barbecue at the home of Mrs. C. T. Beckham. Roy Stewart and Hubert C. Beckham made ready the pit, and thirteen chickens, 6 pounds of steak, weiners and bacon were placed on the grate over the glowing coals.

J. E. Bowers and Mrs. J. P. Roberts with their assistants saw that the barbecue was done to a golden brown. Had there been a "hobo" passing he would have sniffed the air and would have thought he was in the vicinity of the "big rock candy" region. Coffee, iced lemonade, bread and pickles were served with the meats to the families of J. E. Bowers, M. G. Scott, T. H. Williamson, C. C. Stribling, Alex. Williamson, J. B. Winn, J. M. Strawn, Herbert Poor, J. P. Roberts, L. C. Murray, Frank Allen, Wallace Kelly, Roy Stewart, Misses Opal Freeman, Helen Hogue, Lora Bright, Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Hubert. Games and jokes closed the evening's program.

WATSON-LUNGRUN.

The wedding of Miss Beatrice Lungrun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lungrun of Austin, and Dr. Otis Cleveland Watson, son of L. M. Watson of Sweetwater, took place Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock at

the home of Mrs. G. C. Johnson here, and Mrs. G. C. Johnson here.

The ring ceremony was quietly said by Rev. C. R. Joyner of Merkel.

The bride wore an attractive costume of gray crepe with gray accessories.

Mr. Sam Parker of Sweetwater was best man.

The bride has attended Texas University. Dr. Watson was a graduate of Atlanta Southern Dental college, Atlanta, Ga., of 1933.

The bride and groom will make their home in Sweetwater, where Dr. Watson is engaged in the dental profession.

Others present were Misses Fama and Sarah Julia Johnson, Messrs. Johnnie Terry and Casey Wash.

GOLAN NEWS

The Methodist and Baptist union meeting has been in progress for a week and will continue another week. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us.

Singers from Newman gave a very enjoyable program Sunday afternoon. A singing school is being urged. We hope the committee will succeed in getting all patrons interested.

Mrs. D. M. Hill left Thursday for Hamlin in order to attend the Randolph reunion to be held at Lueders Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Thompson of Noodle attended church here Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams and friends of Trent were Sunday visitors in the H. F. Jeffrey home.

Miss Eldora Hill, who has spent the last three months in Duncan, Okla., returned Sunday and will be at home with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Williams.

Miss Orpha Green has returned from Alpine where she attended Sul Ross during the summer term. She was with her sister, Mrs. Buster of Sylvester, who also attended the summer session.

Mrs. W. C. Hill and son, Alfred, were poisoned by eating ice cream and watermelon Sunday but are improved now.

Miss Sue Bonner, Jones county demonstration agent, donated a National cooker and automatic sealer to the Golan community. The headquarters for the apparatus is at Mrs. L. C. Williams' and those who want to use it will please see her. In behalf of the community we wish to thank Miss Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox of the Plains are visiting A. J. Cook and other relatives here.

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Whispering Rock

(Continued from Page 3.)

Ruth? I don't believe I ever was." For a long time this scrap of conversation lingered in the mind of the old man.

As the miles crawled by, Old Charley settled into a physical and spiritual comfort. Although he never thought about it he always felt so, after the town had ebbed away and the desert flowed in.

By now all trace of man-made things had vanished. Only the road was left, lying straight to the southwest like a thin wedge, its point in the range of distant mountains which looked as though they had been recently thrown along the horizon by a plow. On either side of the desert lay—a sky-bordered ocean of gray-green and weathered brown. Far to the right jutted a single butt—craggy, barren, utterly alone. The air, thin, unbelievably clear, was a thing of blinding light and quivering heat—a parched

thing which drew moisture from the lips and made the skin like dry paper.

A fence of three strands of barbed wire joined the road from the direction of the butte and followed mile after mile. Then came a gate, and fastened to a post near-by, a wooden box with a tin can on top. Old Charley tumbled from the road and stopped within easy reaching distance



"There's something about all this I like though," said Kenneth.

and reaching his hand into the sack he transferred the post card.

A few miles farther on Old Charley turned to the side of the road and stopped the engine. "Hungry?" he asked, facing around.

"Do you want to eat here?" asked the girl, as she glanced about with eyes narrowed to slits against the brilliant light. "Can't we go on until we come to a stream or a tree—anywhere out of this awful heat?"

"I'm mighty sorry," replied the old man, conscious of a certain quivering under the prettiness of her voice, "but I'm afraid this is the best we can do. There ain't no trees on this road—'ceptin' a mesquite or two—and a stream's plumb impossible. If we kept on in this direction the first water we'd strike would be the Gulf of California."

The girl shrank back in the seat; her eyes darted over the desolate landscape as though imploring it to produce a tree, a house, an animal—anything familiar. She said nothing.

"Well, I can stand a little food," remarked the young man cheerfully, "and Dave here, has already started on the lunch." He spoke to his wife, as Old Charley busied himself with a package of sandwiches. "We're finding things a deal different than we expected, aren't we, Ruth? There's something about all this I like though—" he swept his arm toward the skyline; then opening the door, stepped out and stood beside the car. He faced the distant butte, now slightly behind them. "You know, this air is positively wonderful!" He tried to take a deep breath into his ruined lungs, but choked, and it was a full minute before he could speak again. "Any way," he grinned weakly, "this air was certainly made to breathe."

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HEBRON NEWS

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Charlie Story entertained his friends with a musical Wednesday night, Burtis Sharp playing the guitar and Marvin Sharp on the violin.

Paul Pannell also entertained with a musical Friday night in honor of Misses Veta and Edith Melton of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children and A. L. Rogers were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere at Blair. They also visited in the Dolf Coats home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell and little son, Dan Moody, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger Monday morning. Mrs. Ensminger is recovering from a fall she received several days ago.

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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 District Court for the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and 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, placed 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, by 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;

Then 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.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale, under writ of attachment and judgment issued out of the Honorable Justice

Those Tight Boots

By Albert T. Reid



Court of Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, on the 15th day of Aug., 1933, by W. W. Wheeler Justice of the Peace of said Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of one hundred eighteen and 41/100 (\$118.41) dollars and costs of suit, under an attachment writ of judgment, in favor of Farmers State Bank in Merkel, in a certain cause in said court, No. 420 and styled The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Texas, vs. H. H. Hand, placed in my hands for service, I, N. A. Dowell, Constable, Prec. No. 5 of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 13th day of June, 1933, levy on certain real estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: the S 1-2 of Lot No. 11 and the N 1-2 of Lot No. 10, in Block No. 13, in the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of H. H. Hand, and that on the first Tuesday in Sept., 1933, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the court house door, of Taylor County, in the town of Abilene, Taylor Co. Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment and order of sale, under writ of attachment, levied, 6/13/33, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. H. Hand.

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 15th day of August, 1933.

N. A. Dowell,
Constable Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas.

Warner Baxter's Role As Director Natural

Warner Baxter is right at home in his role of stage director in the mammoth Warner Bros. spectacle, "42nd Street," a dramatic picture of backstage theatrical life, which shows at the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday, for he once acted in this capacity.

It was some years ago, after he had considerable stage experience, that he was playing in stock in Dallas. The director became ill and Baxter was put on to take his place. He continued in this work for some months before he again appeared before the footlights personally.

In "42nd Street," in the role of Julian Marsh, he drills a great chorus of musical comedy players from the inception of the piece to its opening night. The rehearsal of the musical comedy is a show within the main theme of the picture, which is based on Bradford Ropes' novel of the 42nd Street theatrical district.

The picture carries an all star cast which includes, besides Mr. Baxter, Bebe Daniels, George Brent, Una Merkel, Ruby Keeler, Guy Kibbee, Ned Sparks, Dick Powell, Ginger Rogers and Allen Jenkins. It was adapted for the screen by Rian James and James Seymour, and directed by Lloyd Bacon.

The dance numbers and ensembles of the revue were created and staged by Busby Berkeley, the famous New

York director, and the song numbers were written specially for the piece by Al Dubin and Harry Warren, Broadway song writers.

Vacancies Announced In Ranks of Marines

During the month of September there will be a few openings for young men in the United States Marine Corps, provided they have the necessary qualifications, mental and moral, and can pass the rigid physical examination required of all men enlisted in this branch of the service.

Any young man graduated from a high school, who is interested, should write Major P. D. Cornell, officer in charge of recruiting, District of New Orleans, 535 St. Charles street, New Orleans, La., who will furnish full information regarding the service and the duties of a marine, ashore, afloat and in the air, in this, and in foreign countries. The rigid requirements for enlistment also will be explained in detail, for this branch of the military and naval service which is recognized here and abroad as one of the finest in the world, and is the most difficult to enter due to its high educational, moral and physical standards.

Completes Abstracts For Kansas City Firm

Luther Swafford returned to Merkel Wednesday from Alexander, La., where he had been to complete abstracts for the Long Bell Lumber company of Kansas City, in connection with the sale of 40,000 acres of cut-over land to the government.

With Mrs. Swafford and children, who had remained here while he was away, they will return Friday to their home in Kansas City.

WOODMEN CIRCLE

The Woodmen Circle will meet Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Members will please note the change of hour.

Save the tax!!! at Brown's Star Value Sale—starts Saturday.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50

For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate.

NEW FARM LOAN MONEY

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

Seventy per cent of the youths in the civilian conservation camps in the Santa Barbara National Forest had never seen an ocean prior to enrollment.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

NECROLOGY

MRS. M. A. DUNN

After an illness of little more than a week, Mrs. Kindred Elkins Dunn, 30, wife of M. A. Dunn, died at their home here shortly after ten o'clock Monday night.

The body was carried Tuesday afternoon in the Barrow Furniture company's funeral car, to Snyder where interment was made in the family lot in which her father is buried. Funeral services at Snyder, held at the Methodist church, were conducted by Rev. Mr. Storey of Fluvanna.

Pall bearers were: George White, Tracy Campbell, Stanley King and Fred Hughes, of Merkel, and Messrs. Singletary and Moore, of Snyder.

Mrs. Dunn was born Feb. 22, 1903, and was married March 1, 1923. She moved with her husband to Merkel about two years ago where he is foreman of the Hughes Motor company shop.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Irene Elkins, who made her home with her daughter here and two sisters, Mrs. V. O. Dunn and Mrs. Francis Lee, both of Slaton, and both of whom were here during her last illness.

Showing the high esteem in which Mrs. Dunn was held, a number of Merkel friends of her and her husband formed a funeral procession following the hearse to Snyder. Included among these were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wozencraft, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Mrs. Bernie Lang, George White, Jimmie Toombs and Comer Patterson.

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.

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.

TEXAS ALMANAC

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

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 23.

Honor Roll

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Growers Gin company, West company, Inc., Wheeler and Vaughn, Woody's Cafe, American cafe, Blair Service station, E. Bradley Mercantile company, Burton Lingo company, Busy Bee cafe, Wm. P. Carey company, Cavitt cafe, City Furniture, City Shoe shop, E. M. Cox Ice station, Dr. Curley's place, Dowell's Top shop, Exide Service station, Farmers and Merchants National bank, Farmers State bank, Gulf Refining company, (W. F. Golliday,) J. M. Garrett, H. F. Groene, Gulf Service Station, (M. Horton,) Warren Higgins, C. S. Higgins garage, Hughes Motor company, Magnolia Petroleum company, (C. H.

Jones,) Merkel Home Laundry, Merkel Motor company, Merkel Drug company, Oasis Service station, Pence cafe, J. L. Riddle, Rock Garage Service station, Shelton shop, Sinclair Refining company, (J. D. Porter,) Teague Tin and Plumbing Shop, Woodgrocery, Woodrum Filling station.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to our friends and neighbors our appreciation for every word of sympathy and every deed done to lessen our sorrow in the loss of our father and grandfather. We also thank each one for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.
Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton.
Grandchildren.
Great-Grandchildren.

THE RED & WHITE STORES



SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AUGUST 18 AND 19

Grapes Concord 5 lb. basket **12 1/2c**

LEMONS, Sun Kist, doz. **23c**

ORANGES, Red Ball, dozen **25c**

Spuds U. S. No. 1 white, 5 pounds **19c**

CABBAGE, pound **5c**

BEANS, fresh, pound **6c**

Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. **50c**

Compound 4 lb. carton **33c**

APRICOTS, No. 10 can **43c**

Peaches R & W, No. 2 1-2 can **17c**

POST TOASTIES, large pkg. **11c**

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

Coffee Maxwell House 1 lb. can **29c**

PEAS, Kuners Economy, No. 2 can **13c**

Pork & Beans can **6c**

BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25c can **19c**

APRICOTS, new crop, dried, 2 pounds **33c**

SOAP R & W Laundry, 6 bars **25c**

BRAN FLAKES, Red & White, pkg. **10c**

Jowls dry salt pound **7 1/2c**

BACON, 1 lb. sliced **18c**

Cheese Full Cream pound **20c**



CLARKSVILLE BOY COMPLIMENTED.

June Brewer of Clarksville, who was the guest of Miss Loyce Dry last week, was the guest of honor at a supper party at Shannon's pool last Friday evening. A most refreshing swim was the first feature of entertainment preceding a sumptuous picnic supper which was made more enjoyable by a radio orchestra. A murder trial in which all guests took part provided diversion until a late hour when iced watermelons were served. Vocal selections by Messrs. Jack West and Delma Compton concluded a happy evening for Mr. June Brewer, Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfennig, W. T. Sadler, George Caple, Mrs. Johnny Cox of Cisco, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Loyce Dry, Christine Collins, C. J. Glover, Jack West, Delma Compton and Melvin Caple of Fort Worth.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig was a most charming hostess to members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club and a number of guests on Thursday afternoon of last week. The club game of auction bridge progressed through the late afternoon hours and at tea time a delectable sandwich plate and iced drink was passed to Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Milton Case, Ed McCrary, Bob Mayfield, Orion Tittle, Ernest Higgins, Johnnie Grisham, Charlie Largent, Misses Johnnie Sears, Ruth Swafford, Mary Collins, Dorris Durham, Lou Largent, Nelle Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and the hostess.

THE GLEANER CLASS.

The Gleaner class honored Mrs. R. B. Underwood with a swim and sunrise breakfast at Shannon's Wednesday morning. The rain shower only added merriment to the already gay crowd as some were forced to eat breakfast under tables and others to wear paper hats. Before leaving it became necessary to auction off a few lost articles.

Eighteen members and a few visitors enjoyed this outing. A lovely bed spread was presented to Mrs. Underwood in appreciation of her interesting work for the class during the summer.

She in turn dedicated the following poem to the Gleaners:

Nobody knows the work it makes
Of keeping the church from getting
"meaner."

Nobody knows of the efforts it takes
Nobody knows—but the Gleaners.

Nobody listens to all the money woes
And with patience any "keener"
Nobody suffers so much by blows
Nobody—as the Gleaners.

Nobody knows how much fun
Can be had without misdemeanors,
Nobody knows the joys of a swim and
outdoor breakfast
Nobody—only the Gleaners.

No class is so bright and beautiful
No matter whether "fatter or leaner"

Nobody is called upon for "everything"
Nobody—except the Gleaners.

Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the heavenly Father
For the best class in Sunday School
Nobody can—but the Gleaners.

CURB REUNION.

On Wednesday, August 9, descendants of the Curb clan, children and grandchildren of J. R. Curb, pioneer retired Taylor county farmer, gathered at his home to honor his 83rd birthday. The elder Curb was born in Perry county, Ala., in 1850. He was also married there on Sept. 14, 1878. He and his wife moved to Taylor county 33 years ago, settling in the Mt. Pleasant community. They have resided in Merkel since 1918 and on the occasion of the anniversary of his 83rd birthday all the surviving children, with most all of the grandchildren, came to enjoy the sumptuous family dinner provided.

Besides the venerable head of the house and his wife, the following were present: W. T. Curb, wife and son, Byron; C. F. Curb; Miss Sally Curb; Mrs. Betty Sue Berryman and three children, Ward, Ima May and Jessie Claud; John Curb, wife and six children, Irelis, Royce, Loyce, Dwight, Betty Jane and Doris Jean; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse and two children, Marcell and Charles Andy; Mrs. Cora Curb and son, Lois, and his wife and baby. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton and Mrs. Hattie Henry, the latter of Abilene, old friends of the family, and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., and the other two

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were ten more present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday than on the Sunday before. The attendance last Sunday was 876. On the same Sunday a year ago the number present was 762.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

"The Return of the World to Europe and Palestine" was the subject of the August missionary program of the Baptist W. M. S., presented in a meeting at the church Monday afternoon. During Mrs. W. J. Largent's absence, Mrs. Joyner has charge of preparing these wonderful lessons. Mrs. Twyman Collins conducted the devotional. Different European cities were discussed, showing us what has and is being done.

Next Monday is Bible Study day. All ladies are invited to be present and a special invitation is given to the young ladies.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Testing the Conversion Experience."

Introductory discussion, Ida Derstine.

"Some New Testament Cases," Joe Riney.

"Some Types of Conversion," Mildred Hamm.

"What is Essential in Every Experience," Lena Joyner.

"Some Evidences of Conversions," Vennie Heizer.

SENIOR-PREP B. T. S.

Topic: "Storing up Reserves."

"A Picture of Jesus," Vivian Davis.

"Some Body Teachings About the Body," Dot Swafford.

"A Strong Body is Attractive," Thelma Mathews.

"A Strong Body Needed in the Crises of Life," Victor Joyner.

"How May We Build Strong Bodies?" Sarah Sheppard.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service, morning nor night, as pastor is in a revival meeting in East Texas.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.

R. A. Walker, 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. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Is the NRA the mark of the beast?" will be the subject to be discussed next Sunday night. We will let the Bible clearly answer such questions as: who is the beast, what is the mark of the beast, who receives the mark, what will be the destiny of those who receive the mark of the beast. We shall discuss this question because so many are saying, "I believe the NRA is the mark of the beast."

Next Saturday night we preach on, "Will the preacher be thrown overboard, or will the preacher overthrow the board?" Sunday 11 a. m. subject, "Doing the Impossible."

Our aim for next Sunday is 150 in Bible School. Everybody bring a new member. Be there at 9:45 and hear the accordion play.

The pastor of this church will begin a revival at Trent next Wednesday night. The Lord is blessing our labors. Last Sunday we had more in Bible School than for several Sundays. Sunday night another good family was moved by the spirit of God to come into our fellowship. Thank God; though enemies may oppose, "God

children of the Senior Smiths were callers.

Bring Us Your Chickens Cream and Eggs

Best Market Prices.

Heavy Hens, 7 Cents, and Light Hens, 5 Cents. Fryers, 9 Cents. No. 1 Hides 4c.

MERKEL PRODUCE CO.
John Dunn

gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ."

We welcome you to all our services.
Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The revival was the best the Merkel church has enjoyed for some time. The entire membership was renewed and encouraged greatly. 19 praying through, 8 were baptized, 10 joined the church with others to follow. We re-organized a young people's society with 39 members, with George Smith as president, Mrs. Stapleton vice-president, Miss Ineta Bolls, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Lois Henry, choir director.

We gladly accepted the call as pastor for another year. We love the people of Merkel, both inside and outside the church they have shown us much courtesy and respect, for which we highly esteem them.

Singing each Tuesday evening. Come. Also the singing school is doing fine each day, 9 to 12 a. m. and 7:45 to 9:45 p. m.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Welcome to all who will attend our services.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

First Bale

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dress auto top; Bob McDonald, \$1.00 bottle of hair tonic; Joe Garland, jug; City Dry cleaners, clean and press suit; Good Eats cafe, T-bone steak; Wood grocery, \$2.00 in merchandise; Joe Patterson, \$1.00 in labor or merchandise; Magnolia Filling station, \$1.00 grease job. Total, approximately \$40.00 in cash and merchandise.

FOR SECOND BALE.

Barrow Furniture company, cash \$1.50; American cafe, \$1.00 cash; Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, \$1.00 cash; Merkel Drug company, cash \$1.00; Houston Robertson, 50c cash; Clay Lumber company, \$1.50 in merchandise; George Woodrum, bucket of cup grease; Pence Cafe, T-bone steak; City Shoe shop, pair of rubber heels; City Dry Cleaners, clean and press pair of pants; Merkel Ice station, 100 lbs. ice; Riddle's garage, 50c labor; Petty and West, \$1.05 in barber work; Curley's Repair shop, charge battery; Rock Garage Filling station, 5 gallons of gas; J. T. Dennis, 2 pounds Aladdin coffee; Reid's Variety store, \$1.00 in merchandise; Case grocery, 24 pound sack of Primrose flour; Merkel Mail, one year's subscription; Blake's Dry Cleaners, clean and press pair of pants; J. N. Carson, 50c in merchandise; A. R. Booth, \$1.00 in merchandise; Nichols Ice company, 100 pounds of ice; Ed's Cafe, two plate lunches; C. H. Jones, can of Socony polish and package of polish rags; Hughes Motor company, grease job; W. J. Sheppard, \$1.00 in merchandise; Quality bakery, 8 loaves of bread; Good Eats cafe, T-bone steak; Merkel Lumber company, \$1.00 in merchandise; Bob Martin grocery, \$1.00 in merchandise; Wheeler and Vaughn, \$1.00 in merchandise; Blue Front Motor company, drain crank case and refill with Bay-

Queen Theatre

Friday-Saturday
Laurel and Hardy Feature
Comedy

Pack Up Your Troubles
Chapter 6, "Hurricane Express,"
also Short Subjects
Extra Added Feature—Old Fiddlers' Contest Saturday night

Monday-Tuesday

"42nd Street"

"Young and Healthy"

Wednesday-Thursday

"Devil's Brother"

Charlie Chase Comedy

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Penetrates! Soothes!

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oil. Total approximately \$27.00 in cash and merchandise.

FOR THIRD BALE.

F. & M. National bank, cash \$3.00; West company, cash \$2.00; City Dry cleaners, clean and press pair of pants; Blake's Dry cleaners, clean and press pair of pants; Quality bakery, 4 loaves of bread; Merkel Ice station, 100 pounds ice; Bell and Buford, 75 cents barber work; Brown's Bargain store, \$1.00 in merchandise; Perry's Shoe shop, pair of rubber heels; John Shannon, free swim; Fox Wrecking company, 50c in merchandise; Sandwich shop, 50c merchandise; Sublett garage, \$1.00 in labor; Cotton Owens, 50c in merchandise; A. R. Sharp, 50c in merchandise; J. M. Collins, 5 gallons bronze gasoline; J. M. Meeks blacksmith, 50c labor; Woody's cafe, 50c eats; Frank Golliday, 5 pound bucket cup grease; Floyd McCoy's barber shop, hair cut and shave; Warren Higgins, \$1.00 in blacksmithing; Thompson and Risinger, 5 gallons blue gasoline; Max Mellinger, \$1.00 in merchandise; Good Eats cafe, T-bone steak; Merkel Mail, one year's subscription. Total, approximately \$19.00 in cash and merchandise.

Save the tax!!! at Brown's Star Value Sale—starts Saturday.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Don't Suffer From Sour Stomach, Indigestion

Indigestion, acidity, heartburn and sour stomach often lead to serious stomach trouble. Dr. Emil's Adla Tablets counteract these conditions. Give quick relief. Merkel Drug Co.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Now located at Lige Gamble cottage—same phone number

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Added Western Union Service for Patrons

At an early date Merkel citizens will be provided with Western Union service from early morning until a late hour at night, in addition to the pres-

ent hours of service through the depot telegraph system.

Wire connections are being made this week from Abilene preparatory to the installation of a Western Union teletype at the Sie Hamm Drug store.

Try a Classified Ad for Results.

Office supplies—Mail office.

ELI CASE GROCERY

"The Home of Good Groceries"

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Prompt Service

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Lemons, large, doz, 19c

Yams, new crop, lb, 5c

SUGAR Pure Cane	COMPOUND
25 lb. cloth \$1.30	8 lb. pail 72c

Oranges, med. doz, 15c

Post Toasties large size per pkg, 10c

JARS Quarts	PORK & BEANS Campbells
Per doz. 75c	16 oz. can 5c

Tomatoes No. 1 size 5c

Cheese full cream lb. 19c

Soap Coco Hardwater each 5c

Pickles, sour, qt. 15c

TEA, 1-4 lb. 19c | K. C., 25c size 18c

LEST YOU FORGET

WE DO



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

PHONE 61

THE MERKEL MAIL