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BRUCE BARTON

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It was as splendid a picture as ever stirred the pulses of an ambitious man. For only an instant Jesus allowed his eyes to rest on it. Then he saw the other picture—the vast dumb multitudes of men, his brothers and sisters, the blind being led by the blind, their souls squeezed dry of vision and hope by the machinery of formalism. He saw generations born and die in spiritual servitude which nothing could end except the Truth that he had come to declare. To put himself at the head of this army of fanatical patriots would be perhaps to risk his life and his message with it. But worse than the possibility of failure was the probability of success.

In a flash he saw it all and made his decision. Even as the multitude surged forward, he gave a few crisp orders to his disciples and disappeared. The Gospel story puts the dramatic climax into a single sentence: Jesus, therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain himself alone.

Next Week: "What Gaineth It?"

IN MEMORY OF MARION BILLINGS.

(Written for his broken hearted mother and sister, Mrs. Bessie Billings and Beatrice, whom we have tenderly loved for many years.)

In the prime of his young manhood, He was called to his long, long home. His life snuffed out by a murderer's gun, He left us all so sad and lone.

We miss you Marion, everywhere, From the home, the shop and street; We'll miss your greetings and smile, But hope again some day to meet.

We loved you, darling, to devotion, And it crushed our hearts to say farewell;

As they placed your body in the cold, cold grave, Our grief and sorrow no one can tell.

O, gently blow, ye western winds, Over the grave where Marion sleeps; And sing his requiem soft and low, For his loved ones, many, in sorrow weep.

Sleep on, dear Marion, in slumber sweet, No more on earth thy smiling face; Again we'll meet you some glad day, Through God's amazing grace.

Yea, rest in peace, my precious darling, 'Tis sweet to breath thy precious name;

In life we loved you every moment, In death we love you just the same.

E. L. Springer.

Bremond, Texas August 25, 1933.

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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.

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NOTICE TO MY FRIENDS

I have leased the LIBERTY EXCHANGE FILLING STATION On Front Street Will appreciate a share of your business

JAY GREENFIELD

Judge Stinson

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thrustastic supporters, Brisbane wrote in his daily newspaper column:
"Two hundred and fifty thousand women, led by Grover Whalen, head of NRA in New York, marched up Fifth Avenue from Washington Square at the foot of the avenue past the NRA reviewing stand in front of the public library built by Thomas Hastings on the site of the old reservoir, at Forty-second street.

"There were soldiers and police, generals, admirals, politicians, bands of music, a quarter of a million representing all industries and businesses."

Football

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the fans, business men and all alike and promise to show that they deserve it. The price of admission to the game will be: students, 20 cents and adults, 30 cents.

The probable starting line-ups for the Clyde game:

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, Position, Opponent Name, Opponent Position. Includes players like Moore, Tipton, Shelton, Higgins, McAninch, Shannon, Pangle, Gamble, Adeock, Smith, Boaz.

by taking the scores as listed in a Des Moines newspaper's files.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Sam Swann Installs New Gin Equipment

New Mitchell cleaning machines have been installed by Sam Swann at his gin here, following the plan, Sam says in his ad elsewhere in this issue of The Mail, to give the farmers "a new deal."

Speaking of this improved equipment, Sam said: "I have installed new Mitchell cleaning machines, said to be the latest and best cleaning machine ever built for cotton gins. This is the only gin in town equipped with these machines."

Jewish New Year Festival Observed

In observance of Rosh Hashonah, the Jewish New Year 5694, the Max Mellinger store here will remain closed all day Thursday and Friday of this week. Rosh Hashonah begins Thursday, September 21, at sundown and continues until sundown Friday. The date has been reckoned as time for passing of the old year and beginning of the new in Jewish calendar through many centuries.

Saturday, September 30, is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the most sacred day observed by the Jew, and religious ceremonies and other rites are followed to fittingly commemorate the day.

Tax List Next Week.

The list of delinquent tax payers of the city of Merkel, which it was announced would be published in The Mail for three weeks beginning in this issue, will be ready for publication next week.

TEXAS ALMANAC.

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Scaramouche was a personage of old Italian comedy.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

In addition to students from Merkel who are attending college this year, as reported in The Mail last week, Misses Beth Hamm, Holley Perry and Eulala Deavers and Benny Sheppard and Gerald Derrick have enrolled at Simmons. H. C. Toombs, former Merkel High student, now living at Abilene, is also a Simmons student.

John Pruitt has been added this week to the sales force of the Merkel Motor company. He comes from Abilene and is a brother of Rev. O. D. Pruitt, also a Ford salesman. On Saturdays Mr. Pruitt will be employed at Petty and Buford's barber shop.

Jay Greenfield, a former Merkelite, who has been farming near Colorado, has returned to Merkel with his family and has leased the Liberty Exchange Filling station, formerly operated by Loring Hamblet.

Uncle Harv West, resident of the Canyon for more than forty years, became critically ill Sunday, but reports Thursday morning were that he showed some improvement.

Dan Reidenbach has exchanged his place in town with A. V. Henslee in the Canyon and the latter and his family are now occupying the Reidenbach place while the Reidenbachs have moved to the Canyon.

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Also, for the use of our customers and friends, we have recently installed in our lobby a late model Philco Radio. You are invited to tune in with this set at any time to obtain any of the daily market reports and news of economic or political importance.

Too, you will find here the daily papers, placed there each morning for the perusal of our patrons.

Accept this invitation to make yourself at home in our lobby and keep posted on the trend of the markets.

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# WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



### SIXTH INSTALLMENT.

Synopsis: Ruth Warren, who lived in the East, is willed three-fourth interest in the "Dead Lantern" ranch in Arizona by her only brother who is reported to have met his death while on business in Mexico. Arriving in Arizona with her husband who has ailing lungs and their small child, they learn that the ranch is located 85 miles from the nearest railroad. Old Charley Thane, rancher and rural mail carrier agrees to take them to the "Dead Lantern" gate, 5 miles from the ranch house. As they trudge wearily through a gulch approaching the ranch house, a voice whispers "Go back! . . . Go back!" At the ranch house they are greeted suspiciously by the gaunt rancher partner, Snavelly, and Indian Ann, a herculean woman of mixed negro and Indian blood. Snavelly is difficult to understand but regardless, Ruth takes up the task of trying to adjust their lives to the ranch and its development.

### NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

As soon as supper was over the girl asked Ann if she might help with the dishes. The black Indian eyes flashed to where Snavelly stood in the doorway before her owner replied that "dishes is my work."

But Ruth would not be put off; she was determined to make Ann her friend, or at any rate to get a little behind that protective shell with which the giantess had covered her real self. At times it seemed to Ruth that the real Ann might be more like a wistful little girl than anything else—if she could be found.

So half an hour later Ruth entered the kitchen and asked Ann to come to the adobe as soon as she could and help her with the unpacking. Snavelly had gone down to the corals, and Warren and David were inspecting a newly arrived calf who was wondering aloud on the strangeness of earth, in a gully not far from the oak tree.

Ann soon came to the adobe. "Well, Ann, there really isn't much work but I wanted your advice. I have a dress or two which are rather good—how can I keep them clean—the dust, you know—and, do you have mths in this country?"

Silently, the great woman left the adobe and returned a few minutes later with a roll of wrapping paper. "Splendid!" said Ruth, who had been wondering whether Ann had not left her for good. "That's just what we need—we can make a sort of paper sack around the hanger. . . ."

Slowly the rigidity which always enveloped Ann was softened as the two women busied themselves. The girl chatted away about clothes, shaping her talk by the growing spark of interest in Ann's eyes. Once she carelessly tossed a piece of heavy silk lingerie on Ann's bare arm and went to hang something in the closet. When she looked again, Ann was stroking the silk with lingering fingers. The girl watched silently. "That is nice, isn't it?" she asked, coming forward.

"God, yes—" replied Ann slowly, "I seen flimsy things on cheap girls—notbin' like this—this here's quality, jes' quality."

"I wish it were bigger," said Ruth sincerely.

"What fer?"

"So that you could try it on—you'd look well in it."

"Me?" Ann's hand tightened upon the silk on her arm and her eyes searched the girl's face. She shook her head. "Quality, such as that, ain't made fer no ox like me."

"Oh, nonsense! You can get them in as large a size as you want—I'm sure you—"

Ann interrupted with a gesture, which included the silk and the dresses in the trunk. "It's me—I ain't fer such as them."

There was a tone in Ann's voice which Ruth could not understand and she made no reply.

Some time later while Ruth was again hanging a dress in the closet, she heard a low sound, a single guttural word, almost a moan. Peeking around the edge of the closet door she saw the giantess crouched before the trunk tray which had been set to one side on the floor. Ann's attitude was almost one of adoration; one huge hand lay upon her breast, the other was outstretched over a compartment in the tray. Slowly the outstretched hand was lowered, softly the fingers came to rest. For a full minute the giantess did not move. The girl watched, fascinated. Suddenly Ann seemed to remember that Ruth was somewhere near. The spell was broken and the giantess arose. With-

out turning her face in Ruth's direction, Ann left the adobe.

The girl hurried to the tray and looked in the corner compartment. She saw that it contained David's first pair of shoes and his first hood of lace and ribbon.

The girl had almost finished unpacking before Ann returned. She handed Ruth a baking powder can. "I went to git these here," she said gruffly.

Ruth opened the can; it contained moth balls. "Oh. That's right, Ann, I forgot about them. Let's see, I suppose we'd better put some in the pockets of Mr. Warren's suits and in that woolen dress. . . ."

The last of hangable things had been taken from the trunk when Ruth came upon her ribbon hoard. She opened the box. "Here, Ann, wouldn't you like some of these? They're just scraps—I don't know why I keep them around."

Ann looked silently into the bright nest of twisted colors, and her eyes shone. Carefully she pulled out a band of golden silk. She felt it between her great thumb and finger, then held it close under the lamp. "Quality," she murmured, "as fine—as fine—like gold hair from a little white girl. . . ."

"Take anything you want, Ann—all of them if they'd be of use to you. They'll spruce up a dress wonderfully."

"I don't never spruce up," replied Ann quietly, "but I'll take a little of this gold one if you want."

"Oh, take it all."

"No," Ann took the scissors and reverently cut about twelve inches from the band.

"Well, if you ever want any more you'll know where to find the box, Ann. What will you do with that piece?"

For the first time since Ruth had known her, Ann smiled. It was the most expressive smile the girl had ever seen. Ann looked toward the door. "Sugarfoot," she called.

The little dog arrived at once, and Ann, still smiling, tied the bright ribbon about his neck. Then she tilted her head to one side. "Aw, Mr. Sugarfoot, ain't you jes' the classiest little dog now!"

Ruth Warren felt moisture in her eyes. "Ann," she said impulsively, "take something for yourself—I know you want to—please!"

Ann's black eyes looked into the earnest hazel ones before her. "No—thank you kindly. . . ."

For Ruth, the next two weeks were days of bewilderment. She could not realize her isolation; it was impossible for her to accept the fact that beyond that distant horizon here was only more horizon.

She wanted desperately to understand her surroundings; she forced herself to study everything which might add to her knowledge of the country and the operation of the ranch. Snavelly was no help. Each morning he rode away very early—to watch the cattle, she supposed—returning late in the afternoon. And when she was able to speak with him his pale eyes regarded her contemptuously and he answered in monosyllables. Only once or twice did he reply at any length and then to dwell upon the discouraging features of the ranch and the dangers of the country to those unacquainted with it.

With the passing of the days Warren's health improved noticeably. At his repeated request, Snavelly grudgingly turned two horses over for the use of the little family, and in the cool of the evening Warren found that he could take short horseback rides with his wife and son.

As Warren's cough seized him less often, his mind freshened; he became the eager, buoyant, impractical, lovable boy Ruth Grey had eloped with six years before. His old zest for the concocting of dreams, which he believed to be plans, returned. He thoroughly considered the possibilities of the ranch. Calling Ruth's attention to the low hills of the pasture lands, he observed that they looked very like certain hills in Oklahoma where he had seen oil derricks. It might, he thought, be worth while to have a geologist come out and look around. And while the geologist was there, it

wouldn't hurt to have him prospect for gold and other mineral wealth in the mountains—Arizona was famous for mines. There was perhaps only one use of the twenty-thousand acres upon which Warren did not speculate—their use as a cattle ranch.

In her heart Ruth knew that this was the only real value of the land. Just how valuable a ranch it was, or how valuable it could be made, she had no idea. She wished she could talk to Old Charley about it.

Kenneth's schemes about the ranch dwindled and for a day he found nothing to interest him. Then suddenly he discovered the fascination of rhyming. With boundless optimism he gave David over to the complete care of Ruth and went joyfully at the business of a poet.

Ruth was glad. Somehow, poetry suited Kenneth better than anything.

In the evening of the day on which Kenneth Warren became a poet, he fidgeted about until David was comfortably stowed in the section of horse manger, and then produced a sheet of paper. He had not gone riding that afternoon and had been moody during supper. Ruth composed herself to listen to the three short stanzas—she had expected thirty—her face automatically settled into the expression of one who will praise satisfactorily.

Not until his trembling voice had ceased on the last line did Ruth Warren's eyes come back to her husband's face. Warren expected more animation, but he shrugged and smiled apologetically. Then he saw that his wife was crying.

"Why—Ruth—"

"Kenny!" With a rush her arms were about him. "Kenny—Oh, Kenny. . . . Kenny. . . ."

"Wha—what's the matter; it's not a sad poem—just supposed to give a picture of the old oak tree; what it's seen and felt and thinks—"

The clinging girl shook her head violently. "Oh, Kenny!" was all she could manage.

Late that night Ruth Warren lay awake. Her husband—Kenneth—had done something really big. Those three short stanzas—three magic patches of words. . . . It seemed to Ruth that she had always known him to be a poet at heart; his visionary, impractical ideas had a poetical soundness about them, every one.

The next morning after breakfast Warren stopped Snavelly on the way to the barn. "Can I get up on top of that mountain?" he asked, pointing to the tallest of the several peaks which rose to the west.

"D'you mean, can you go horse-back?"

"Yes, of course."

Snavelly regarded him a moment. "What do you aim to do there?"

"I intend to spend the day—look around—may write a little."

"Oh, sure. Yep, old Sanchez'll tote you all right—only, don't push him none—let him take his time."

Warren thanked him, and Snavelly added that he would catch Sanchez while he was getting his own horse and leave him at the saddle shed.

Ruth protested against Warren's trip. But he was sure he could stand the ride and he would have all day in

which to rest before the return journey. He was determined to go—he was going to climb up on that peak where he could see the whole world and he was going to write.

As she watched him ride away she was a little envious of the bundle tied to the back of the saddle, for besides the lunch was a pad of paper, and some of those sheets were going to be very fortunate.

As Ruth worked she was more nearly happy than at any time since coming to the ranch. She even hummed a vague little tune while she stirred the clothes in the tub which sat on two stones over a mesquite fire near the back screen door. Washing in this manner did not seem such a hardship now. She was amused when she remembered the electric washer, wringer, dryer she had once owned, and with which she had had no concern except to make sure her laundry understood how it worked.

The weather was cooler than usual and now and then a silver cloud slid under the sun, bringing a welcome shade. The windmill worked slowly, methodically repeating its squeak and click.

By noon, the sky was solid with white clouds; little rushing winds came and went suddenly; the songs of the birds included a new note, expectant and gay. All the desert awoke from its long sleep in stupefying heat and mingled its fragrant, spicy breath with the little gusts of wind.

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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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FOR RENT—Two south rooms, nicely furnished, all conveniences. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

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WANTED—Salesman for wholesale line of Auto supplies; profitable territory; complete stock. Must own car or truck and be able to make bond. Reference required. Auto Supply Department, Box 458, Merkel, Texas.

### Program Outlined for Parent-Teacher Group

Outline of the 1933-34 program for the Taylor County Council of Parent-Teachers associations was announced Thursday by the president, Mrs. Holland Holt, following an all-day meeting of the council held at her home in Abilene.

Health work will be featured this year by the council, and health is the topic assigned for the opening program in October. Library extension will be studied in November; character education in December. Thrift program will be observed at the January meeting; founder's day will be celebrated in February; an art program will be presented in March; a radio education program in April, and a summary of the work will make up the May program.

To assist in this year's program, precinct chairmen were assigned the following schools:

Mrs. E. D. Thomas, Tye, chairman for precinct 1: Mulberry, Tye, New Hope, North Park, Hamby, Elmdale, Pleasant Hill, Colony Hill, Wylie, Cedar Creek, Caps, and Potosi.

Mrs. John Russell, Merkel, route 5, chairman, precinct 2: Elm Grove, White church, Salt Branch, Castle Peak, I.X.L., Butman, Blair, Union Ridge, Cross Roads, Mt. Pleasant, and Trent.

Mrs. Walter Latta, Tuscola, chairman Precinct 3: Cedar Gap, Buffalo Gap, Iberis, Bethel, View, Tuscola and Hillside.

Mrs. S. C. Parnell, Lawn, chairman, precinct 4: Rogers, Marr, Valley Creek, Bluff Creek, Ovalo, Shep, Lisman, Bradshaw and Lawn.

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### PERSONALS

Frank Tree of Cooper was the week-end visitor of Miss Floy Welles.

Homer Laney from Broncho is here spending a few days with his parents.

John D. Coats left Monday for Providence, R. I., to re-enter Brown university.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Pampa are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins, here.

Little Doris Marie Decker of Stith is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones.

Mrs. Ara Brown arrived Tuesday from San Angelo for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Ms. J. L. Banner.

Miss Juana Ely returned home Monday after a ten days visit with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Brown, at Capitan, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner enjoyed a visit Saturday and Sunday from Mrs. Banner's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson, of Gustine.

Mrs. Clyde A. Wages, of Oklahoma City, who will be remembered as Miss Fay Douglass, is visiting her uncles, Messrs. Tom and Jim Douglas.

Jake Massey has returned from Victoria where he has been employed for the past several months with the Texas Cotton Growers Gin company.

Since their return from Waco Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple have as their guests Mr. Caple's sister, Miss Gladys Caple, and Mrs. Caple's sister, Mrs. E. H. Cobb, both of Waco.

Roger Hamblet and daughter, Miss Tommy Lou, of Crane City, and Miss Venona Hamblet, of Dallas, were weekend guests of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Loring Hamblet, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown and boys of Capitan, N. M., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ely and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, also other relatives and friends. They will return to their home Friday.

Raymond Neal, former local manager of the Community Natural Gas company here and recently transferred to Sweetwater, was made cashier of the company at the Stamford office, effective Monday of this week.

A trio of Merkel young men, Byron Patterson, Max Swafford and Wren Durham, left Saturday in Byron Patterson's car for a visit to the Century of Progress. Returning Wren Durham will drive back a Ford Tudor sedan purchased by Herbert Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Easters, Mrs. Lona Mabry and Henry French of Beaumont and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell of Houston are here visiting their sister, Mrs. George Boyce. Mrs. Boyce, it was reported Thursday morning, is feeling a little better, following her injuries last week.

Files of Iowa State College and the University of Iowa failed to agree on scores of three football games between the rivals played in 1904, 1914 and 1918. A compromise was made.

One species of California mouse has cheek pouches.

The District of Columbia is 70 miles square.

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### WANTED

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### "New Deal" Cotton Plan Announced by Sweetwater Firm

A "new deal" cotton marketing plan for farmers of this area has been announced by J. H. Doscher & Co., Sweetwater cotton exporters, who operated the same plan a year ago to save thousands of dollars for growers over the territory.

Under the plan, as explained by J. H. Doscher, the firm will make advancements on cotton sold to them "on call." Basis on the cotton is fixed on a future month at time of delivery, thereby enabling the farmer to know each day exactly what his cotton will net him. The firm will make no carrying charge at all, no margin calls, and gives the farmer the liberty to fix the final price any day, Mr. Doscher said.

The company handled about 4,000 bales this way for farmers last year, with the additional revenue to those farmers over the price they would ordinarily have sold for, being estimated at \$50,000.

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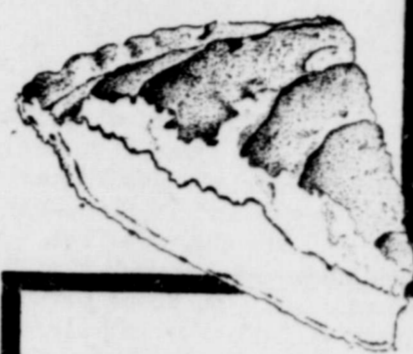
### Machinery All Set For New Gin Here

Machinery for the new Farmers Co-Operative Society No. 1 gin, erected east of town, will be all set this week and it is expected that the first bale will be ginned Saturday.

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**Question No. 2** If a member of your family is seeking employment, do you need a telephone so that employers may locate you quickly when a vacancy occurs? YES  NO

**Question No. 3** When sudden sickness comes to some member of your family... do you need a telephone to call the doctor in a hurry? YES  NO

**Question No. 4** When your wife is alone, and a thief is heard trying to open a window... wouldn't a telephone be a godsend? YES  NO

**Question No. 5** When a water pipe bursts, or the lights fail, isn't a telephone useful in meeting the emergency? YES  NO

**Question No. 6** Insurance tables reveal that a high percentage of all accidents occur in the home. Should a member of your family suffer an accident, wouldn't a telephone be worth its weight in gold? YES  NO

**Question No. 7** Isn't it worth a lot just to know that you can lift the receiver of your telephone and call your friends or receive calls from them? YES  NO

**Question No. 8** Doesn't it lighten the wife's duties if she has a telephone to order groceries, ask the cleaner to call, or run other errands? YES  NO

If you have more "Yeses" than "Noes" our suggestion would be... a telephone. The cost is moderate, the value is all you wish to make it. Get in touch with the business office. Say: "I want a telephone."

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## THE RED & WHITE STORES



## SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23

LETTUCE, head 5c

CABBAGE, pound 4c

APPLES, Jonathan, dozen 19c

Grapes, Tokays, lb. 10c

ORANGES, School size, dozen 19c

Spuds U. S. No. 1, Idaho, 10 lbs. 25c

PEACHES, No. 10 can, each 45c

Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. 53c

BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

PEARS No. 2 can R & W, each 17c

GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, each 10c

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

SPINACH, No. 2 can, each 10c

TOMATO JUICE, R & W, 13 1-2 oz., 2 for 17c

Pickles sour or dill, quart 19c

TOILET TISSUE, Blu-Kross, 3 rolls 23c

Post Toasties, 2 for 23c

GRAPE NUT FLAKES, package 10c

INSTANT POSTUM, small size 26c

COFFEE, R & W, 1 lb. 33c—2 lbs. 65c

SOAP Palmolive 3 bars 20c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 99c—48 lbs. \$1.95

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**FIDELIS MATRONS.**

Mesdames Harold Boney and Charles Largent were co-hostesses on last Tuesday afternoon in entertaining members of their Sunday School class, the Fidelis Matrons, in the home of Mrs. Boney. The house was profusely decorated with zinnias and lantanas augmenting a color theme of orange and red.

The devotional was brought by Mrs. Virgil Hassey, after which the president, Mrs. Ted McGehee, presided over a business meeting. A delightful hour of games preceded the refreshment hour when delicious ice cream and cake was served to Miss Valerie Dye and Mesdames T. E. Collins, Deb Dunn, Harold Boney, Charles Largent, Louis Rister, Virgil Hassey and Ted McGehee.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met in an all-day meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19, in observance of "Week of Prayer" program. An interesting program on "State Missions" was rendered and each one expressed themselves as having received a great blessing from this study.

Lunch was served at the noon hour. The total present was thirty. At the close of the evening session, a good offering was made to State Missions. Those who desire to help with this offering can do so by seeing Mrs. Earl Lassiter before next Monday evening.

Monday, Sept. 25, we will meet in our regular Bible study at 3 p. m., with the pastor teaching our lesson in Revelations.

**THE GLEANERS.**

Members of the Gleaners class of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. W. E. Lowe, with Mrs. Vernon Sublett and Mrs. Forrest Gaither as assistant hostesses. The devotional, "Hospitality," was given by Mrs. R. A. Burgess, after which officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. J. E. Richardson; vice president, Mrs. John Shannon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. F. Mashburn; reporter, Mrs. Duncan Briggs; teacher, Mrs. Len Sublett.

As a token of appreciation to the outgoing president, Mrs. Fred Guitart, a friendship quilt of the Gleaner class was presented to her by Mrs. Vernon Sublett.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, milk and frozen salad was served to Mesdames Burgess, Gambill, Herrington, Cox, Sears, Hughes, Iddings, Richardson, Church, Harwell, Len Sublett, Tom Toombs, Mashburn, Case, Douglas, Turner, Brown, Cook, Gardner, King, Patterson, Sherrill, Boyd, Vaughn, Shannon, Briggs, Gaither, Lowe and Vernon Sublett.

**"FORTY-TWO" GAMES.**

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox extended informal hospitality to a number of their friends Tuesday evening in their suburban home south of Merkel. Games of "42" proved happy diversion for the evening and at the refreshment hour delicious ice cream and cake was served to Mesdames J. P. Sutchen and J. M. Dry, Misses Athelda Yeats and Lovée Dry, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

In addition to the number mentioned in last week's paper, who are attending college from our church, John D. Coats has returned to Brown university and Miss Ethel Hamilton has returned to John Tarleton as student-instructor. This makes a total of sixteen young people of our church attending college.

Sunday morning our pastor will preach. At 7:45 p. m. Rev. W. M. Murrell will preach.

Rev. Ben Hardy, pastor at Anson, visited the parsonage this week. He makes good reports of the Anson church.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service, morning nor evening, as the pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

There were 830 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 871 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 761.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Last Sunday morning a former pastor, Brother J. W. Saffle, preached for us. He has been living in Plainview for twenty years but is remembered and loved by many people here.

Our own pastor, Brother Joyner, gave us a wonderful message Sunday night on "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Tuesday we had our all day meeting of the W. M. S. There were inspirational and educational addresses given by the ladies and we enjoyed a talk by Brother Joyner on "The co-operative program."

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. T. S. 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday

evening at 8 o'clock. We give a hearty welcome to you to worship with us.

**SENIOR-PREP B. T. S.**

Topic: "Come over into Macedonia and help us!"

Introduction, Joe Earl Lassiter. "The Macedonian call today," Thelma Matthews.

"Answering the call in Rumania," Cohrene Morrison.

"Answering the call in Spain," Victor Joyner.

"Answering the call in Jugoslavia," Pauline Joyner.

"Answering the call in Hungary," Dot Swafford.

"Answering the call in Russia," Frances Higgins.

"Answering the call in Italy," Jessie M. Berry.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Brother W. B. West, Jr., who is doing his senior year's work at A. C. C. will have charge of the preaching service on Sundays and the Wednesday evening program. Come hear him.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's program at 6:45 p. m. each Lord's Day. Prayer service and Bible study each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all and a hearty welcome awaits you.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:15 p. m. Singing Tuesday evening. We are expecting some one to fill the pulpit Sunday, so come and be with us.

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Saturday night at the tabernacle we preach on "If a man die, shall he live again?" or "The immortality of the soul." The Bible nowhere teaches that "God only hath immortality."

Sunday morning and Sunday night the pastor will preach at Trent.

Singing Sunday 3 p. m. Bible School 9:45 a. m. As we obey the scriptural command, "withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly," we are made to rejoice as we see other good people glad to come into our fellowship. We welcome all to come to our services.

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**GRAPES**, Tokays, per pound **10c**

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**Compound** 8 lbs. **58c**

**PICKLES**, sours, whole, quart jar **17c**

**Hams** Armour's Picnic pound **12c**

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