



**BRUCE BARTON**

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With that business anecdote should be published another, which is also a tragedy. It concerns the little hotel in Bethlehem, "the inn."

The mother of Jesus of Nazareth knocked at its doors and could not come in. It might have sheltered the great event in human history, and it lost its chance.

Why? Why was Jesus born in a stable? Because the people in the inn were vicious or hostile? Not in the least. The inn was full, that was all; every room was taken by folk who had affairs to attend to and money to

spend. It was busy. It was so busy that the greatest event in history knocked at its doors—and could not come in.

Next Week: The Master.

**NRA Pledges**

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TO ORGANIZE COMMUNITIES.

Another activity of the local NRA general committee will be centered on organizing the surrounding communities, with a volunteer chairman in each community to secure consumers' pledges.

Merchants and employers who have consumers' pledge cards already sign-

ed in their store are requested to turn them over to Chairman Dee Grimes of the special committee before Saturday night.

**PERSONALS**

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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryar and daughter, Alberta, of Albany were weekend guests of Mrs. Frayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. Two other daughters, Mrs. Hargrove and Mrs. Britain, of Abilene, with the latter's two daughters, Patty and Jane, were also guests this week in the Rainbolt home.

**Grandson of Mrs. Watts Sustains Eye Injury**

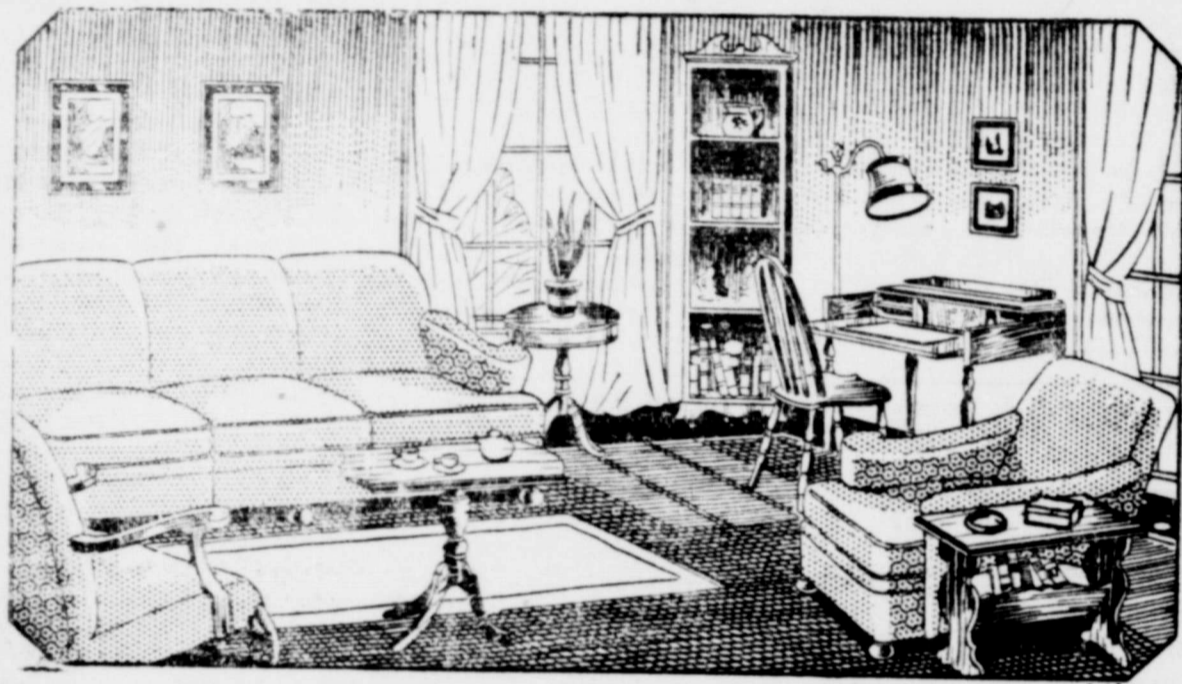
Jimmie Earl Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brown of Hobbs, N. M., grandson of Mrs. L. A. Watts, is recovering in a Lubbock hospital where he was taken last week-end for an eye injury.

While playing on the front porch of his home Friday, he hit a broken piece of a dish with a hammer, a piece entering his eye. His condition is reported favorable and it is thought his vision will not be impaired. He, however, will remain in the hospital for observation.

# Furniture Week

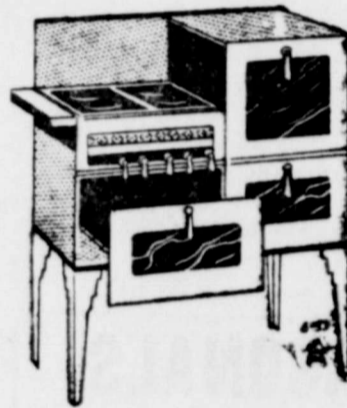
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**DON'T DELAY BUT COME IN THIS WEEK AND MAKE YOUR PURCHASE AND SAVE MONEY**



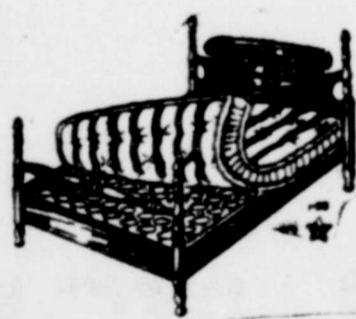
Two Piece Living Room Suits

\$39.50 and up



Four Burner Oil Stoves

\$21.95 and up



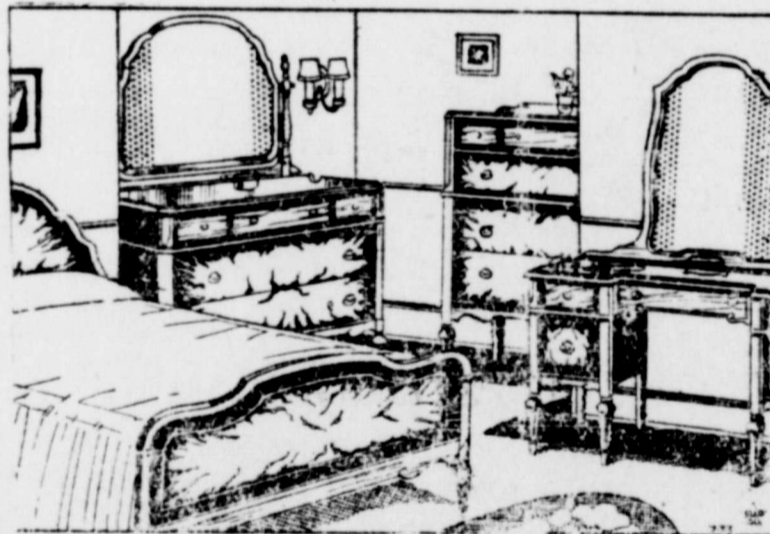
Steel Beds

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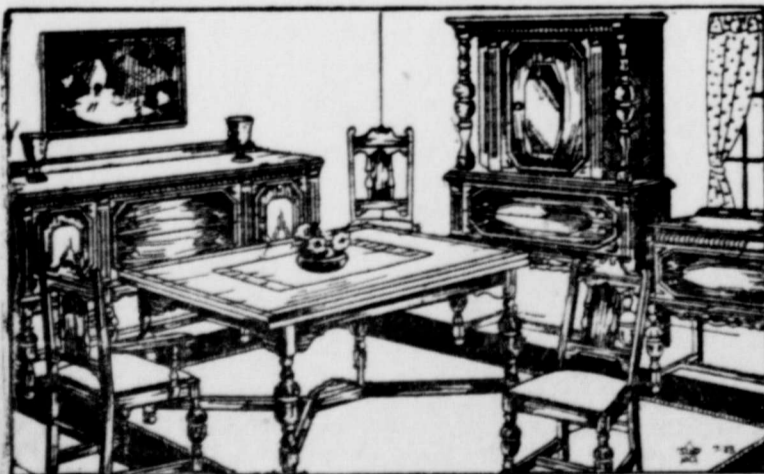
Magazine Racks

\$1.95 and up



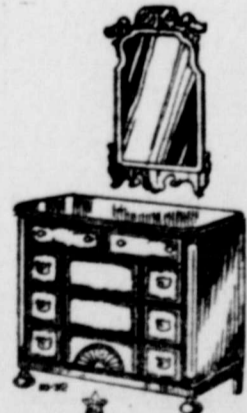
Four Piece Bedroom Suits

\$39.50 and up



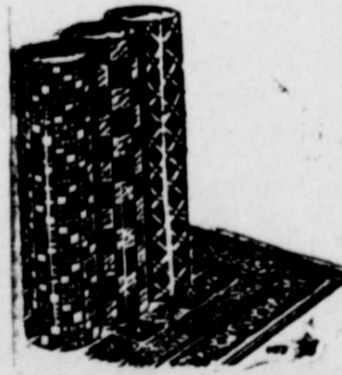
Eight Piece Dining Room Suit

\$59.50 and up



Odd Dresser

\$12.75 and up



Felt Base Floor Covering

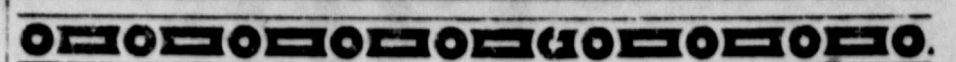
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Merkel, Texas



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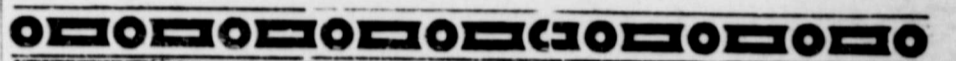
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5.50-19	11.50	12.00	14.50
6.00-18	12.70	13.75	15.75
6.00-19 H.D.	15.00	16.50	21.00
6.50-19 H.D.	17.70	20.10	25.00
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Ford 4.75-19	6.70	Ford 4.75-19	6.05	Ford 4.40-21	3.60
Nash 5.00-20	7.45	Nash 5.00-20	6.70	Ford 4.50-21	4.25
Buick 5.25-18	8.10	Buick 5.25-18	7.30	Ford 4.75-19	4.65
Auburn 5.50-18	9.00				

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# WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



**SEVENTH 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—**  
 "Ann, do you think it's going to rain?" asked Ruth, with an anxious look toward the mountain where Warren had gone.  
 Ann shrugged. "Maybe so. Good thing to have big rain. We can hang the clothes on the porch."  
 But the rain was not a big one. It came steadily all afternoon though not with violence—a penetrating drizzle, oddly cold.  
 Ruth could no longer see the mountains distinctly—they hulked a grayish blur against the dull sky. She knew it would be impossible to find Kenneth and at every moment she expected to see him ride into the clearing. But a little after three she could wait no longer and asked Ann to help her catch and saddle Brisket who had not gone far from the corrals that morning and now waited at the gate for his old crony, Sanchez. Snavelly had not yet come in from riding the lower pasture.  
 Just as Ruth was tying her husband's winter overcoat on her saddle, Warren rode in. His shoulders were drawn up and his smile was distorted by a shiver.  
 "Well, here I am. I had the darnedest time with this old fool of a horse—when it started to rain I went to get him and found that he'd come untied and gone for a stroll. I chased him all over the end of the ranch—never sweat so much in my life—took me an hour to catch him."  
 Ruth put her husband to bed, fed him scalding coffee and piled on all the available bedclothes. By the time Kenneth should have been uncomfortably warm, his teeth chattered so that he could not speak. Then suddenly the chill left and he was too warm. Ruth discovered that her clinical thermometer was useless—hot weather had forced the mercury to a hundred and twelve and it refused to be shaken down again. She sat still and watched the dull red spots on Warren's cheeks grow brighter and expand, utterly helpless even to know how bad the fever was. Periodically, she felt an overpowering impulse to run into the ranch house and telephone a doctor, and periodically she remembered that there was no telephone. It seemed incredible.  
 It was dark when at last she did go into the ranch house. Neither Snavelly nor Ann had inquired about Warren; now Snavelly looked up as though wondering why Ruth was late for supper.  
 The girl spoke. "Some one must go for a doctor!"  
 "Is he that sick?" asked Snavelly, without much surprise.  
 "I'm afraid it's pneumonia—please go!"  
 "Why, there ain't no doctor between here an' town—eighty-five miles."  
 "Then we'll have to go to town for one—please hurry!"  
 "But not having no automobile we couldn't get there for—"  
 "Old Charley!" exclaimed the girl. "Ride over to his place, and he'll go in his car."  
 "The horses is all turned out," complained Snavelly, "an' anyways I don't like to bother no neighbor—they don't bother me none no more an'—"  
 A cold, clear-headed fury possessed the girl. "Listen," she commanded, "you are to start for Thane's this minute and ride as fast as you can! Do you understand that?"  
 Amazement shown in Snavelly's face; a reply came to his lips but he thought better of it. Then with a jump his pale eyes turned on Ann. "Go ahead!"  
 The girl heard the feet of Ann's

horse on the rocks ten minutes later—there must have been a horse near the corral after all, she thought idly. Kenneth was talking ceaselessly and unintelligibly. She put David to bed without his usual good-night story and seated herself by her husband.  
 Hour dragged after hour. For a time the sick man seemed to sleep. The girl sat immovable, his hot, dry hands in hers, her pleading eyes on his face. Now and again his lips fluttered and she bent down her head. But there was no speech. The silence of the hot night pressed close; the empty miles of motionless desert made themselves felt, as if they, too, were concerned with what took place in the old adobe. All the silent world seemed waiting, waiting . . . Many times, bits of the road to town flashed through the girl's mind; she saw the twists, the hills, sand-filled arroyos, shore stretches where speed was possible. The road was so very long. Twice it would have to be traveled before the doctor came. She knew that at best he could not arrive before six o'clock.  
 Suddenly the man's eyes opened wide; his voice was an imploring whisper, "Ruth! Ruth!"  
 The girl brought her free arm across his breast and laid her cool cheek against his burning one. . . .  
 As a matter of fact, the sun was two hours high before Old Charley and the doctor finally arrived. Ruth Warren, with wide-eyed David in her arms, was sitting like an image of stone on the doorstep of the old adobe—staring at the live oak tree east of the ranch house.  
 Kenneth was dead.  
 In the days which followed close upon her husband's death, Ruth Warren felt that she had separated into two women. The one she had always known went about her tasks almost as before—even smiled and played with David. The other Ruth hovered behind her, a black shadow—a half-crazed thing of grief and utter terror, wailing questions which had no answers. It was only by pretending not to know about this other Ruth that the real Ruth could keep her a little away. But at bedtime David invariably asked, "Mamma, when is Daddy coming home more?" Then the black shadow entered and became her very self.  
 At last, the question of what she must do became as strong and then stronger than the hovering shadow of grief and despair. One day Ruth went to Snavelly, as he was turning out his horse after the day's ride. Since the slight rain both he and Ann were in the saddle most of the day. Ruth had been glad.  
 "Mr. Snavelly," said Ruth quietly, "could I have a talk with you?"  
 "Eh? Al right—go ahead."  
 "I thought we might want the ranch books to refer to," said the girl hesitantly.  
 Snavelly's eyes jumped to Ruth and back to his horse's head in silence.  
 "When they had entered the living room of the ranch house Snavelly silently collected some papers and the old daybook, dumped them on the table, seated himself opposite Ruth and waited.  
 "The first thing I want to talk about," said the girl, "is the ranch earnings."  
 Snavelly nodded.  
 "How much do you think the ranch will earn this year?"  
 "We can figger it pretty close—can't tell exactly."  
 "Well?"  
 "Well, we got about a hundred mother cows an' th' calf crop don't run more'n fifty per cent—" he paused and wrote out some figures. "That'll give us about forty or fifty sellin' calves—that's our increase for the year an' we can't sell no more than that, without goin' down hill. Well, if we get thirty dollars for fifty head that's fifteen hundred dollars."  
 "For the whole year?"  
 Snavelly nodded.  
 "But couldn't a ranch as big as this—twenty thousand acres—accommodate more than one hundred mother cows?"  
 "It could. But cows cost money. Your brother figgured on buying more—that's why he fixed up the windmill an' the tank an' all—but he claimed he could get hold of some capital."  
 "Couldn't we get some? Couldn't we borrow some money to buy cows so that there'd be more calves?"  
 "How?"  
 "Oh, I don't know—people do borrow money. Couldn't we say to some one, 'Lend us so much, to buy cattle

with, and then we'll pay when the cattle make the money—we could give the ranch as security."  
 "No!" Snavelly's voice was a high-pitched shout of protest. "None o' that—none o' that. You don't know what you're getting into when you fool with that sort of thing! You'll lose the whole ranch to some cute sharper—that's what'll happen! No, Mrs. Warren, I don't feel that it would be wise to put the ranch up to borrow on. An' it's the law that both partners has to agree before anything's done with the property."  
 "Certainly, I understand that, Mr. Snavelly; and of course we shall agree on everything." She smiled her best. "We're not children looking for something to squabble about—we're owners of this fine ranch and we want to improve it."  
 "I wasn't complainin' none—that much'll keep me."  
 Ruth summoned all her courage. "But your share would only be a quarter of that amount."  
 "What are you hintin' at?" Snavelly half rose. "Let me tell you that I ain't got all that's coming to me by a long chalk! It takes all the ranch brings in to buy grub. I'm the only partner that's workin' an' I figger my quarter is due me as clear salary."  
 Ruth's heart was thumping. "And I certainly agree, Mr. Snavelly—I think you have done splendidly, and if possible I'll see that you get back your share of the money my brother took when he went to Mexico. That's not the point. We've got to make the ranch earn more, for both of us."  
 "The ranch can't. It'll bring in enough to keep the man that runs it, but it won't do no more without you buy some more stock an' put in a well so's the stock can live after you get 'em here."  
 Ruth fingers drummed nervously on the table top. No one would have guessed how near she was to breaking down. She didn't pretend to know anything about the ranch, nor the business of ranching—she only knew that her interest in the ranch was all she had in the world—that David had no father. . . . She looked up. "But what can we do? We must do something."  
 "You mean you got to do something. I ain't needin' money—I been gettin' along for mo'n fifty years. I don't reckon you can come anywhere near understandin' me when I tell you I don't want no money. The only good money ever done me was to give it to people so's I could get shot of 'em. Well—I'm a long ways from broke right now. You got a claim on this

ranch. The only thing this ranch means to you is money; the only thing it means to me is a place to live by myself. I'll swap you one for the other."  
 "How much is my share worth, Mr. Snavelly; what will you give me for it?" The girl's voice was strained, eager.  
 A gleam of almost insane satisfaction lit Snavelly's face; he leaned forward and would have placed his hand on Ruth's arm had she not withdrawn it. "Now, Mrs. Warren, I think you're gettin' some sense. This ranch ain't no place for a woman an' a baby—it's a wild, lonesome country—mighty strange to you." Suddenly he stood up. "Mrs. Warren, I'll give you every cent I've got for your interest. Then you can git out!" His voice trembling and pitched high, rang weirdly in the small room. "Yes, you can go! You can leave me like you found me—you can go back to the stinkin' mess of people an' their low tricks an' their mean hog lives an' you can leave me be! That's what I want an' that's what I am to have! I can't abide people—don't want no money, I don't want nothin' but peace! There ain't no peace 'mongst people, don't you know that?" His pale, staring eyes bored through the girl. "—you come here 'cause you thought you could have money out of this place. Well, you can—I'll give you every cent I've got, an' it's more 'n this ranch'll earn you in ten years. I'll give you near ten thousand dollars an' I'll give it to you now and you can go tonight! Yes," his voice rose to a scream, "you can go tonight! Tonight— you pore little lonesome thing! You don't belong here—I can't have you."  
 (Continued Next Week.)

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.  
 Legal covers at 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 29.

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**PHONE 61**



A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT TAX LIST FOR THE CITY OF MERKEL.

WHEREAS, the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel have been given two months in which to make arrangements for paying their delinquent taxes; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS;

That the attached list of the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel as certified to as being correct by the mayor and attested by the city secretary, be published in the Merkel Mail once each week for three consecutive weeks, beginning September 29, 1933. The publication of this list is authorized by Article 7323, Rev. St., 1925.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any delinquent tax payer may pay his taxes in full on or before the final publication of this list has been made and that the principal of the taxes plus the cost of this publication will be accepted in full satisfaction of the amount due and that the penalty and interest will be waived.

Passed and approved September 4th, A. D. 1933.

W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

ATTEST: Mrs. Juanita Ferguson, City Secretary.

Approved before passage:

Joe E. Childers, Attorney at Law.

Following is the list of delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel, kind of property, years delinquent and amount:

- List of delinquent tax payers including names like Allday Tom, Angus M. D., Ash Mrs. E. L., etc., with years and amounts.

- Continuation of delinquent tax payers list including names like McConnell J. W., Donald G. H., McFarland W. F., etc.

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BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler was a most gracious hostess on Wednesday, entertaining with a bridge luncheon in her lovely home on Oak street.

A delectable luncheon—fruit cocktail, crab-meat salad course and nut cream with angel food and iced tea—was served at one o'clock.

CLASS PARTY.

The Cheerful Workers Sunday School class of the Methodist church were entertained with a party at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Briggs Irvin.

Games of "42" and dominoes were enjoyed throughout the evening. Miss Thelma McAninch gave several popular selections on the piano.

Those present were: Imogene Hayes, Pauline Pinckley, Mary Hughes, Thelma McAninch, Marcella Pinckley, Imogene Middleton, Athelda Yeat, Ida Mae Derstine, Marie Pinckley, Weldon McAninch, B. P. Middleton, Johnny Kelly, A. B. Hughes, Roy Patterson, Weldon Coats, W. A. Whiteley and Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Irvin.

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More Than 4,500 Bales Already Ginned Locally

Reports compiled Wednesday by The Mail show that in the seven local gins and the three at Noodle, Blair and Smith a total of 4,509 bales had been ginned to date this season.

The new gin erected by the Farmers' Co-Operative Society No. 1, of Merkel, turned out its first bale at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, making the seventh plant in operation in this city.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Reports from the six Sunday Schools here show there were 823 present last Sunday, as compared with 830 on the previous Sunday.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

We are approaching the end of another church year—only seven weeks more. What we do must be done quickly.

Communion service next Sunday morning. Pastor preaching at both the morning and evening service.

Let each one do his best to make the closing Sundays of the church year the very best.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home.

Strangers are cordially invited to all of these services.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had splendid services both morning and evening Sunday. Our pastor is untiring in his efforts to make us realize that the fate of the nation depends on the sincerity of the Christian people.

As cooler weather approaches our B. T. S. is growing. Come out and join us; there is a place for all, both young and old; you will enjoy it.

Sunday School 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. B. T. S. at 8:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

If you are a Baptist and have just moved to town, come and be with us, for we have a place for you.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Monday was our regular Bible study day and Brother Joyner taught our lesson in Revelations on "The opening of the seven seals."

Next Monday we will have our regular monthly business session at 3 o'clock at the church.

SENIOR-PREP B. T. S.

The story, Ruth Davis. "The need for tarrying." Dot Swafford.

"The results of tarrying." Howard Carson.

"The ministry of the Spirit." Vivian Davis.

"The doctrine of the Trinity." Helen Joyner.

"Our relation to the Holy Spirit." Jessie Margaret 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 services on Sunday and the Wednesday evening programs. Come hear him.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's program at 7 p. m. each Lord's day.

Bible lesson at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, conducted by Brother West. A sermon by one of the young preachers from A. C. C. at 8 p. m., following the lesson by Brother West.

A cordial invitation is extended to all and a hearty welcome awaits you.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Singing every Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

Sister Forbes, pastor at Buffalo Gap, preached a fine sermon last Sunday, her subject being "A Refreshing Christian."

We are expecting our pastor with us Sunday. We give you a cordial invitation to come be with us.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Now concerning the collection—"upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." 1 Cor: 1-2.

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I surrendered my time on the streets last Saturday to an out of town speaker. So Saturday I will preach a sermon on "The NRA in the fulfillment of prophecy."

Our Bible School attendance showed a good increase Sunday. Preaching Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday night. Everybody welcome.

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.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method to thank each one who helped us in any way in bearing our grief at the death of our little babe and also to express our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson and Family.

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SMITH-BREWER.

At 10:15 Monday morning, Mr. Ernest Smith and Miss Bernice Brewer, popular young couple of Trent, were united in marriage by Rev. Ted McGehee.

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.

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Baptist Association At Abilene Oct. 5-6

The annual meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist association is to be held with the University Baptist church in Abilene on Thursday and Friday of next week, October 5 and 6.

Two Merkel men are on the program. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, is scheduled to report at the second day's morning session on "Civic Righteousness."

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock has received a shipment of 10,000 of the new NRA postage stamps, which are of the three-cent denomination.

To serve as second nightwatchman during the fall season, Chester Hutchison has been appointed by the mayor and city council.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Sr., celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary on Thursday of last week, were showered with congratulations of friends and neighbors.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money.

Attend Basket Picnic Supper. The Taylor County Rural Carriers' association enjoyed a get-together

meeting and basket picnic supper at Buffalo Gap on Saturday. Two of the members from Merkel attended: J. Ben Campbell with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and two daughters, Misses Berdelle and Frances and Mrs. Adcock's two nephews, Dutton and Bob Williamson.

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