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THE MERKEL MAIL

The TRADE TRIPPERS Are going to Mt. Pleasant next Friday night, June 19. Don't miss this last Trade Trip program.

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TRADE TRIPPERS TO MT. PLEASANT

Ever since the beginning of the big Trade Trip campaign in the spring, the business men of the city have been looking forward with pleasant anticipation, to the day when they would pay a visit to that splendid community to the South of Merkel known as Mt. Pleasant. And on this Friday evening, June 19th, the Trade Trippers, headed by Merkel's excellent orchestra, will visit the Mt. Pleasantites, where for an hour or two they will mix and mingle in a good neighborly and friendly spirit.

From the program committee we learn that a most interesting and spicy program has been arranged, and will be presented to the Mt. Pleasant folks. This is one of the most fertile and profitable farming sections surrounding our city and the people are among our most loyal, and taking these things into consideration the Mail feels certain that a very large crowd from Merkel will make the trip.

The Mt. Pleasant people are making arrangements to give us a royal welcome, exceeded by none, as one of their substantial and progressive citizens puts it. He also intimates something about some "good eats." 'Nough said, the editor will be there.

Box Supper at Hebron June 26th

The Mail has been requested to announce that on Friday night June 26th, there will be a big Box Supper at the Hebron Church. Everybody is cordially invited and urged to come and bring a nice box of good things to eat. The purpose of the occasion is to raise funds with which to buy a piano for the Hebron church.

The Merkel Luncheon Club has been invited and, we are told, have accepted the invitation to attend and contribute to the evening's program. The Merkel orchestra will also likely be present to furnish music. Mr. J. C. Mason will be present and efficiently and capably serve as auctioneer in the disposal of the boxes of good eats.

They Also Like Plains

Messrs. D. O. Huddleston, F. A. Baker and W. N. Farris returned last week from a prospecting trip to the plains. They visited Farwell in Parmer county, and according to those with whom we have talked, they were all highly pleased with that section of the country.

We are informed that the party anticipate another visit to that section, when it is likely they will make some purchases.

Mr. Booth Warren, accompanied by his little son, Don, and mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren, returned first of the week from a visit with relatives in El Paso. Mr. Warren is a known booster for his home town, and incidentally makes it known that "the more he sees of that country the better he likes the Merkel country." On their return they were accompanied by Mr. Warren's sister, Mrs. Kirby Beckett, and her little son, who will spend some time with home folks and friends.

Dr. R. I. Grimes was called to Blair, Oklahoma, yesterday to attend the bedside of his grandmother, who was reported quite sick. He was accompanied by Mrs. Grimes and the children. Mr. T. L. Grimes was already at Blair, having gone there several days previous.

"PA" AND "MA" GRANT 26 PARDONS WEDNESDAY

Austin, June 17.—Another batch of 11 pardons, two conditional, one restoration of citizenship and one parole were granted at noon Wednesday by Governor Ferguson, making a total of 25 pardons granted Wednesday. The first batch of 13 granted early Wednesday morning were to negroes, but the 13 granted later are all to whites.

The above brings the total number, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, up to 515 to this date.

BUFORD & PETTY BUY CITY SHOP

Messrs. Oscar Buford and Byers Petty, popular and well known barbers of this city, who during the recent fire suffered the loss of their barber shop, last week purchased the barber shop owned and operated by Messrs. Charlie West and Bob McDonald, and on Monday of this week took charge of same.

Messrs. West and McDonald are also well known and popular barbers, having been engaged in the business for many years. Mr. West will take a needed rest and vacation, while Mr. McDonald will continue for the present with the new firm.

Return from Plains Trip

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Huddleston returned Wednesday from a trip to the Plains. They visited at O'Donnell, where Mr. Huddleston recently made considerable land investment.

He reports the crop outlook there as being very flattering, and also that he is mighty well pleased with his investment.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, left Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, for Tarkio, Missouri, where they will spend about two weeks visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Sue Thompson, and other relatives and friends. Their daughter, Miss Lynn, is also visiting in this section and will join them on their visit to Tarkio. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson expect to return here about July first.

Messrs. Jasper McCoy and Tom Hail, accompanied by their wives, returned first of the week from an extended trip over the Plains, through New Mexico and down to El Paso where they also visited the quaint old town of Juarez, just over the line in Old Mexico. According to Mr. McCoy, they had a very enjoyable and pleasant trip. He states that they especially enjoyed the fine climate and beautiful scenery in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and son, Sterling, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and daughter, Elizabeth, and neice, Nadine Tippett, drove over to San Angelo last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard returned to this city Sunday evening, while the rest of the party remained for an extended visit with relatives on a ranch some twenty miles west of San Angelo.

Mr. Weston West, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, left first of the week for Dallas, where he accepts a position with the Municipal Engineering Company of that city. Weston recently returned from Trinity University, where he attended school the past term, making a splendid record, and now is given a splendid position with the above firm.

COUNTY JUDGE IN TALK AT LUNCHEON

As was expected and predicted, Mr. W. H. Frazier, Toastmaster for the Luncheon Club meeting on last Tuesday evening, brought forth one of the best and most constructive programs that has been rendered at a similar meeting of the organization. But those who know Mr. Frazier best, know him to be a man who believes in doing any and all things well, and that is what he did upon this occasion.

In the absence of the capable and worthy president of the Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson, the meeting was ably and gracefully presided over by Mr. H. C. West. After introducing the Toastmaster of the evening in a very appropriate manner, Mr. J. A. Buford, who always stands upon the side of progress and development, very ably and enthusiastically told of the growth and progress of Merkel's Community Fair.

The next speaker was Hon. Carlos D. Speck, County Judge of Taylor county, who had been invited by the Toastmaster, and who told of the conditions existing regarding the status of the Million Dollar Road Bond Issue, voted by the people of Taylor county more than a year ago. According to those present, Judge Speck made it plain that while there had been much delay in the starting of this work, he felt sure that in the outcome the taxpayers of the county would be well paid for same, for the reason that much money, thousands of dollars would be saved in various ways. However, he assured his hearers that the work would likely soon start and that both the Bankhead, State Highway No. 1, and State Highway No. 30, running north and South through the county would both be completed from county line to county line.

At this time Mr. J. C. Mason announced that he had been asked to extend an invitation to the Luncheon Club to attend a box supper to be held at the Hebron church on Friday evening, June 26, which the Club accepted unanimously. In connection with his remarks Mr. Mason also suggested the idea of a rousing big picnic for Merkel about the 22nd of July, which was also received enthusiastically.

Following this Mr. H. C. West temporary Chairman of the meeting, gave an interesting address on the progress and benefits of the Trade Trip campaign that has been in progress by the business and professional men of the city for the past several months. Mr. West was very convincing in setting forth facts to substantiate the many benefits derived from these trips. In fact he is always logical and gives facts and figures upon any subject that may be given him for discussion.

While our worthy toastmaster presented the large number attending this meeting with a very interesting and constructive business-like meeting, he did not forget the fact that a little entertainment is always appreciated by every audience, and therefore placed on the program Messrs. Paul West and Delma Compton, who delighted those present with one of their splendid solos. These gentlemen always sing an encore.

Miss May Lassiter returned home Monday morning from a visit to Commerce, Clarksville and Fulbright, Texas. James Richard Lassiter returned home with her to visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

SUGGESTS A BIG PICNIC JULY 22

Mr. J. C. Mason, who always stands willing and ready to foster and promote anything for the good as well as for the amusement of the entire community, has suggested that the people of Merkel and surrounding community have a big picnic one of those old-time picnics where all the town folks and all the country folks come together and bring well filled baskets which may be added to barbecued meats, etc. One of those kind where in between times there is speech-making, singing, readings etc. In fact he proposes that a part of the program be given over to the various communities surrounding Merkel. In other words his idea is that "the program be given by Merkel, Mt. Pleasant, Stith, Compere, Noodle Nubia, Blair, Shiloh, Dora, and other communities.

It seems to the Mail that this is a good suggestion, for surely Merkel and the communities surrounding should all unite in one big day's celebration during the year.

The matter was mentioned by Mr. Mason at the Luncheon Club meeting last Tuesday evening, and met with hearty endorsement from that club, and it is likely that there will be a general meeting in the near future when all plans and details for the occasion will be worked out and announcement made through this paper as to the exact day and time of the big event. In the mean time if you think it a good thing, talk it and boost for it.

VIRGIL TOUCHSTONE BURIED HERE MONDAY

The body of Mr. Virgil Touchstone, prominent and well known business man of Chillicothe, Texas, was brought to Merkel Sunday evening for burial in the local cemetery. Mr. Touchstone succumbed Sunday morning, after an illness of two weeks, following an operation for appendicitis in a Quanah sanitarium.

Funeral services were held Monday evening at three o'clock at the Methodist church, with Rev. W. M. Murrell of Childress, Texas, conducting the services, assisted by Rev. T. J. Rea.

Scores and scores of friends from Chillicothe, and other places came to attend the funeral services of one whom they so highly esteemed. Never was there such an offering of floral tributes paid any one. Flowers of varied kinds and beauty were banked in masses about the altar of the church, and at the cemetery the grave was many times covered. Besides the tributes of praise, love and esteem paid by means of flowers, by the presence of friends, much was said in words from Rev. Murrell, who had been his pastor several years, and who had been a special friend. Much Honor was laid at his feet for his true Christian character, his genuine love of true friendship, his loyal and honest dealings with men, and his devotion and gentleness toward his family.

Following the services at the church, the Masonic brethren took charge of the services at the cemetery. The active pall bearers were Messrs. George Moffat, Ellingsworth, Fennis Grimes, Graham, Irvy Ayer, of Chillicothe, and Dee Grimes, Lige Gamble and George Woodrum of Merkel.

Virgil Touchstone, age 37, was born February 13, 1888, in Coryell county, Texas. At the time of his death Chillicothe had been his home for eight years,

J. C. MASON NOW DIRECTOR IN FARM BUREAU

Mr. J. C. Mason, splendid local citizen and financier, has this week received notice of his election as Director in the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association from this district, which comprises five counties adjacent to Taylor county.

Mr. Mason is a good citizen, a capable man for this position, is very popular among the farmers of the country, and will no doubt add to the success of the organization of which he is now an official.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS MEET AT AMARILLO

Amarillo, Texas, June 18.—Plans are now being completed for taking care of the largest gathering of Epworth Leaguers ever assembled in the Northwest Texas Conference. The Epworth Leaguers of this city are expecting between 500 and 700 Leaguers from all over Northwest Texas at their annual summer assembly to be held here June 22nd to 26th.

A splendid inspirational and educational program has been arranged which will include such platform speakers as Dr. P. W. Horn, president West Texas Technological College, at Lubbock; Dr. H. K. King, Galveston, Texas, returned missionary from Poland, and others of equally well recognized ability.

One of the unique features of the Assembly will be a picnic given by the Board of City Development in the beautiful Palo Duro Canyon, ten miles south of town.

All leagues sending delegates to this convention have been asked to send a list of the names of such delegates to Miss Llewellen Deason, 1611 Fillmore St., Amarillo, Texas.

New School Superintendent Arrives

Mr. J. A. Summerhill, the new School Superintendent, came in first of the week with his family from Leonard, Texas, and will henceforth make Merkel his home. Besides the fact that Mr. Summerhill comes to Merkel bearing the reputation of being one of the most capable and forward looking school men of the state, he and his family are indeed cultured and fine people, and the Mail joins the entire citizenship of the town and surrounding country in extending to them a royal welcome. They will occupy the A. C. Rose residence in the south part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and daughters, Misses Inice, Sallie, and Madden, returned first of the week from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Robert McBean, at Dallas.

where he was owner and manager of one of the best drug stores of that place. Prior to this time he had made Merkel his home since 1905, moving here with his parents when only a very young boy from Haskell, Texas. On June 28, 1916, he was married to Miss Pet Sears, daughter of Mrs. Frank Sears, and to this happy couple one child was born, a daughter, Molly Frank. Besides a wife and child, the deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alice Touchstone of Dallas, two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Berry and Miss Bess Touchstone of Dallas, and three brothers, Carey, of London, Ky., Raymond and Elbert of Chillicothe, Texas.

MR. JACKSON IS ELECTED PRINCIPAL

Mr. I. L. Jackson, who for the past two years has held the position of Principal in the Merkel High School, having charge of the Mathematics department and also the athletics, was re-elected for another term before the close of the past school term, but, because he was offered a similar position with the Roby High School at a considerable raise in salary for both he and Mrs. Jackson, rejected the offer at that time. But he has now accepted an offer from the Merkel School Board to become Principal again at a raise in salary to meet that offered at Roby, for both he and Mrs. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson made a very fine record for the Merkel school in athletics the past two years, and most especially the last year, and already is making plans to make the next year the banner of all years. His many friends and admirers will be glad to learn that he and Mrs. Jackson, who is known as one of the most capable teachers in the school, are to continue their connection with same for the next year.

State Bank Declares Dividend

Mr. R. O. Anderson, active Vice-president of the Farmers State Bank, informs us that the bank has this week declared and set aside for distribution to the stockholders a five per cent dividend, and also passed an extra \$1,000 to the surplus fund. He states that the above dividend was declared from earnings during the last six months business.

Eastern Star Notice

All members of the Eastern Star are urged to be present at the regular meeting, June 20th at 8:30 o'clock. Important business. Wilma Robinson, W. M. Rossie Robins, Secretary. 1t

The Blue Bird says



Is any law fully enforced? Well, there is the law of gravity. National prohibition will not carry conviction until its violators do. The truth about prohibition is, the rich are getting as good liquor as ever while the poor are getting poorer. Sign in a New Jersey Hospital: No children allowed in the maternity ward. A prominent zoologist says that all animals will soon become extinct. We'll back the mosquitoes to be the very last. There are worse things than being hard boiled—being hard up, for instance. White sheets ought to cost less, because it costs so much to keep them white. Prices prove that there is always plenty of room at the top. Jonah's whale was the first profiteer—he gobbled up all of the profit. Clothes do not make the man, but at present prices they can soon break him. If a man wants his dreams to come true, he generally has to wake up. Copyright 1925, John B. Russell.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sulett left Sunday via automobile for a trip to the state of Colorado.

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Educational Comedy

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MULBERRY NOTES

By Miss Hazel Thomas

The farmers are making use of the beautiful weather for farming.

Health is good in our community for which we are thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelso entertained a few neighbors and friends with music Saturday night, after which delicious ice cream and cake was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh and Mrs. C. E. Thomas and families.

Miss Ethel Bird entertained the young people on Saturday night with music and dancing. All reported a nice time.

Sunday school was fine Sunday, after which we listened to an interesting sermon by Bro. Wilson of Abilene. He was accompanied by Bro. Holt also of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waldon Sunday.

Miss Viola Blair of Sterling City is visiting her cousin Miss Willie Mae Redding.

Miss Raye Arnwine of Abilene spent the week end with home folks. She had as her guest Miss Constance Harris.

Hazel Thomas dined with Miss Ethel Lee Waldon on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh called on Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Guin Sunday afternoon.

Several from our community attended Epworth League and B. Y. P. U. at Stith Sunday night. The programs are always interesting.

WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The health of the community is fine at the present.

The cotton chopping days will soon be over, then vacations come.

We are very glad that Mrs. Copeland is improving, however very slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks of Sylvester visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noal Jones visited Mr. Jones' father and mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones went to Sweetwater Saturday night on an unexpected visit to see her sister, Mrs. J. W. Singleton, who underwent an operation. She is improving nicely.

Misses Vera Jones, Helen McCormick, visited Mrs. Annie Harris Sunday.

Mr. Noel Harvell and Mr. Odis Foster, Misses Rose, Cordie and Willie Ellington went to church at Merkel Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Sunday evening.

Miss Mona Thompson visited some friends at Centerline Sunday.

"HEBRON GOSSIP"

By Mayflower

The farmers are putting up a good fight against the weeds and are killing lots of them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis visited the latter's sister Sunday, who is in the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, where she has just undergone an operation. She is doing nicely at present.

Miss Lillie Davis was the guest of Miss Evelyn Pannell Sunday.

Mrs. Bayless and son, Bill, and daughter, Winnie, visited Mrs. Bayless' daughter, Mrs. George Sherrell at Castle Peak Sunday.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell was the guest of Miss Alma Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell and children motored to Abilene Sunday.

There will be a box supper and ice cream supper at the Hebron church Friday night, June 26th. The proceeds of which will go to buy a piano for the church. Every one come and bring your friends.

COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

The health of this community is very good at this writing.

There was a large crowd out to Sunday School at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. There was Sunday School at the Baptist church Sunday evening and a fine singing Sunday night.

Mr. Warren Ashby spent Saturday night with Mr. Etcyl Spurgin.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin and Mr. Charlie Allred were visitors in Anson Saturday night.

Mr. W. L. Cook was sick a few days last week after having his tonsils removed.

Mrs. Barney Berry has been spending the last two weeks in Merkel with her mother, Mrs. Busbee, who has been sick for some time.

Mr. Vernon Childers spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks and returned to Abilene Sunday evening.

Mr. Raymond Stout and E. C. Tarvin spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Howard Tarvin.

Miss Grace Lee Cranston, who is going to school in Abilene, spent the week end with home folks and friends.

Mr. Childers and family were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. Horten and family motored to Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Deny Ramsey from Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Childers.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin was in Anson Wednesday night.

Mr. Leonard Camp has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Mae Blankenship, the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers and family motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

WARREN NEWS

By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are all very busy chopping cotton and some of them will soon be through.

Mrs. Jim Copeland is some better at this writing.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Saturday night with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Miss Artie McCormick has been sick and is now under the treatment of a doctor.

Those who attended singing at Salt Branch Sunday from Warren were Misses Ollie Hobbs, Willie and Rose Ellington, Aliene Thompson, Messrs. Elmer Criswell, Odis Foster, and Luther Higgins.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. G.

E. Ellington and family and Carl Canon.

Miss Onita Flench is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emmett Patterson, this week.

Grandma Harvell and Bill Harvell and little daughter, Claudene, spent Sunday morning with Mrs. T. B. Hobbs and family and in the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and Family spent Sunday in McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Jones of Anson spent Saturday night with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles West called on Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family late Sunday after-

noon for a while.

Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Jim Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster spent Sunday with her parents of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones and Vela Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Sunday night.

SWEET CREAM—I am now using a cream separator and can furnish you with fresh, sweet cream on short notice, right off the ice. Phone 246, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. tf

Mr. Jack Canon has been having his place in the south part of Merkel improved by adding side walks and curbing.

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Proverbs according to "Old Rubber Ribs"



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Miss Opal Bradley of Abilene spent the past week-end the guest of Miss Rosa Laney.

Mr. Brit Mayfield of Abilene visited home folks and friends last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and children of Abilene visited here last Sunday.

Mr. Deb Gaither of Dawson county is here for a visit with friends and relatives.

Dr. W. V. Cranford will leave Sunday for a visit to his brother in Tennessee.

Messrs. Roscoe Sharp, Osee Burns, Price Banner and Parker Sharp left Tuesday for an outing trip to Paint Rock.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and daughter, Elizabeth, and niece Nadine Tippet, are spending a vacation on Mrs. Harkrider's brother's ranch near San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson left Tuesday for Tarkio, Missouri, for a visit with relatives.

Mr. Ed Turner and son, E. L., Jr., left Wednesday for Franklin, Texas, for a visit with relatives.

Mr. W. W. Campbell and family left Tuesday in their car for a vacation trip to various points of interest in New Mexico, and will probably go on to California.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard of Hamlin, Texas, attended the funeral of Mr. Virgil Touchstone here Monday.

Mr. G. B. Ford of Childress, cousin of Mr. G. J. Jones, was here last week for a visit with the latter, who for many months has been in very poor health.

Early Evidences of Possession of Genius

"Most of the men who have been great writers, artists and musicians particularly, have shown signs of the development of their genius rather early in life," say Doctors Walsh and Foote in "Safe-guarding Children's Nerves."

"A recent investigation of the subject has shown, for instance, that out of some sixty of the greatest artists of history more than forty of them, that is more than two out of every three, gave definite proof of their genius before they were fifteen. Almost the same thing is true as regards the poets. Goethe was only seven when his talent became manifest, Victor Hugo was even younger and was called an enfant sublime, like Pope he lisped in numbers and the numbers came; while Alfred de Musset was under fourteen when he wrote his first verse. Of some sixty poets, thirty-eight displayed their talent before twenty. Of twenty-eight novelists twenty-one had revealed something at least of the genius that was in them before they were twenty."

"It is among musicians particularly that very early manifestations of the bent of their genius have been noted. Out of forty musicians, the details of whose lives have been carefully collated with the idea particularly of bringing out how early their talent was revealed, thirty-eight showed a decided taste and actual talent before they were twenty. Curiously enough the greater the genius of the musician, the earlier his genius manifested itself. Mozart, it will be recalled, was only five when he surprised his music-loving family by his musical powers. All the other great musicians of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries followed this rule. Beethoven, for instance, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann, Anber, Weber and Cherubini had all shown very clearly their talent and taste for music before they were twelve years of age."

Loring Hamblet spent last week end in Breckenridge, the guest of his brother.

Miss Nora Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster of route one, who has been attending Abilene Christian College the past term, is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. G. E. Comegys left last week for a vacation trip to Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith returned first of the week from a ten days vacation which they spent visiting friends and seeing the sights in South Texas. Mr. Smith, who is a member of the drug firm of Grimes-Smith Drug Company, reports the Southeast part of the state as having been very dry all year, and crops in that section as being almost a complete failure.

The Girl He Left Behind

By FRANK WALL

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THE old, home town basking drowsily in the warm sunshine, looked good to John MacNeil after his three years in New York. He stood at the corner of the block when he came out of the depot. This was where he had proposed to her, he remembered, his eyes twinkling. It was in the middle of winter and there had been a heavy snowstorm; and just as he stooped for her answer an avalanche of snow slumped off the roof and stretched them flat on the sidewalk.

"And I held her there until she said, 'Yes,'" he muttered. "Cave man stuff, she called it, but she liked it. Gosh! They all do."

And away he swung again down the little street where her firm was located.

He asked the girl at the information desk for Edna Burke. She smiled at his question.

"Miss Burke!" he said again, and there was a snap in his voice this time.

"You mean Mrs. Marshall," she said at last.

"I mean Miss Burke."

"She's Mrs. Marshall now. It's the same one. She used to be Edna Burke."

MacNeil passed his hand slowly across his cheek. He felt as if his face were frozen. "D'ye mean she's married?" he said quietly.

"I guess so. Next, please."

"Thank you," he said mechanically, and he walked out.

Some men would have insisted on seeing her, but what was the use? He called up her firm and asked for Mrs. Marshall, and when he heard her voice he put the receiver back on the hook and went to take up his new job without even speaking to her.

He had planned to surprise her with his return. Well, she had surprised him, that was all.

When he was recently offered the editorship of the paper where he had started his newspaper career as a cub reporter he thought it was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened in his life. His three years in New York had not weakened his longing for the old home town. In all of his letters to Edna Burke he had dwelt on his ambition to make good in metropolitan newspaper work; but all the time—though he was too proud to own it after the way he had reproached her for not wanting him to go—he had just longed to get back.

No, it wasn't that at all, he told himself savagely. It was Edna he wanted to get back to. Manlike, he was twisting the knife in his wound, merely hurting himself to prove he didn't care. He went up the old stone steps of the Eagle with a heart like lead, and walked through the big editorial room, where he had planned to make such a triumphal entry, with his face all white and set.

He entered the editorial sanctum unannounced and nodded grimly to old Lennon, whom he was to replace. The old man greeted him affectionately.

"But you don't look well," he quavered; "I guess New York didn't agree with you."

"I'm all right," said MacNeil vaguely and he began to ask questions about the paper.

Lennon showed him what was necessary and said he was staying on for a few weeks to get him started. He insisted on MacNeil taking the editorial chair by the window and went to a desk at the other side of the room.

Boys were rushing in all the time with proofs. Hooper, the editorial writer, came to suggest a change in one of the editorials in the noon edition. Lennon referred them all to MacNeil and he answered them in his quick incisive fashion, but his face was like a mask over the despair that was gnawing at his heart.

"Then you think this editorial should be changed?" said Hooper.

MacNeil was staring out of the window. He saw Edna coming slowly across the square, her arm linked with that of a good-looking young fellow, at whom she was glancing continually.

MacNeil turned slowly. He hadn't heard a word the other man had said but he nodded vaguely. He couldn't speak just then.

Hooper went out and Lennon went with him to get his lunch. MacNeil slumped back in his chair his face haggard. When the boy presently opened the door, he didn't even look up. He didn't hear the footsteps that came swiftly into the room. It was the sight of a small hand resting on his desk that roused him. He looked up at her, his heart beating wildly.

"You shouldn't be here," he said. "You're married, you know."

And then her arms were round his neck. She was crying and laughing and speaking all at once. "I called myself Mrs. Marshall because in my other place the men were always asking me to go out," she said.

"But that man you were with in the square?"

"It's my brother back from South America. Don't you remember? I told you about him."

MacNeil sat up and pushed his hand through his hair. "Mrs. Marshall," he said, thoughtfully. "I've a new job for you, and this time you may call yourself Mrs. MacNeil."

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J. N. Shelton has been sick for two weeks, but we are glad to report that he is able to be up and about again.

Mr. Elmer Lowe and son, Jack, left first of the week for Oklahoma for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble returned last week end from a trip to Fort Worth, where Mr. Gamble attended the Druggists' convention and Mrs. Gamble visited her sister.

Rev. W. M. Murrell was a welcome visitor from Childress, Texas, the first of the week.

Messrs. G. F. West, T. G. Bragg, Ben Jones and John R. West composed a fishing party to the Jim Ned this week.

Misses Mona Margaret Jones, and Melba West, of Merkel, and Ona Fae Rose, of Abilene, are spending the week in Anson, visiting in the home of Mrs. Bill Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy spent last Sunday in Clyde the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman. They brought back some stalks of cotton from Mr. Freeman's field which showed the plant to be about knee high.

Miss Lucille Russell is home from Abilene where she has been teaching the past year.

Miss Imogene Waid, of Paint Rock, is here this week the guest of Miss Lucille Russell.

Mrs. E. N. Brown is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Tippet, at San Angelo.

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"If we are too weak to take charge of our own morality we shall not be strong enough to take charge of our own liberty. If we cannot observe the law, nothing remains but to have some one else govern us, to have the law enforced against us, and to step down from the honorable place of freedom to the ignominious abode of servitude."

It is encouraging to know that the President and many other leaders are beginning to realize the dangers growing out of too much centralization of Government. Modern inventions have changed both our commercial and political life to such an extent that it is necessary to have uniform laws governing commerce and the forms of interstate traffic. This, of course,

could not be foreseen by the framers of our constitution more than 100 years ago. The founders of this Government, however, did not contemplate the shifting of responsibility of citizenship to Government authorities to the extent that has taken place today, nor does the Constitution provide for such a course. Through our political laziness and our indifference has it come about, and only through the awakening of the public conscience to the duties of citizenship can the political power at Washington and at our State Capitals be brought under control.

When cities and counties, through their voters, demand the right of self-government, and the people of the several States quit asking the Federal Government for service which should be rendered through their own state governments, bureaus and commissions will cease to multiply and the cost of Government to increase.—Farm & Ranch.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to every one who in any way aided us during the recent illness and death of our dearly beloved husband and loved one. Your every kindness during this our saddest moments was indeed appreciated. May the Lord's blessings be upon each of you is our sincere wish and desire. Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and daughter, Mrs. Alice Touchstone and children, and Mrs. Frank Sears and family.

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Mrs. Virgil Touchstone and daughter, and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, and Mr. Elbert Touchstone and Miss Odie Campbell left Wednesday morning for Chillicothe.

Woman's Missionary Notes

The Missionary Society will meet next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Bible study, using chapters 10 and 11 in the study book. The remaining Monday afternoons in this month will be used for the study in order to complete the book. The Voice program will be combined with the business meeting on the first Monday in July. Let's have a good attendance next Monday. A good attendance is inspiring to both the teacher and those who are studying the book. Come next Monday afternoon at 3. Publicity Supt.

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Notice is hereby given that hunting and bathing in my pasture is not allowed by any one, and all persons found thus trespassing will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. S. G. Russell.

Miss Watts Hostess at Dinner Party

On Tuesday evening, June 9, Miss Lillian Watts entertained with a dinner party in honor of her guests Messrs. Preston A. Layman and Bill Bonham, of Bristol, Va.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mrs. Amy Sears, Miss Mary Eula Sears, Preston A. Layman and Bill Bonham of Bristol, Va., Jack West and the hostess.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston, among our large land-holders, informs us that he has this week made a visit to all his farms surrounding the city, and finds that the crops are all growing nicely, and he predicts that with good rains between now and July 1st, this country will stand a night's good chance of making a bumper crop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pee and children left this week for a visit with relatives at Bagwell, Texas.

Along the Lonely Road

By ALDEN BROOKS

G EORGE had an almost unnatural sympathy for the weaknesses of others. In any case if anyone came running out to stop the trolley George would always put the brakes on quick and stop. And at the end of the line, way out in the country, where the boys all went bathing in summer, he made a point of waiting two or three minutes after the conductor had changed the bell. As there is always some poor devil late in this world George didn't like to leave him behind. "Come on, hurry!" we used to say to one another: "If it's George, there's still time." And, indeed, often before starting, George would get down in the road himself and take a last look. Naturally everyone knew him. His platform was always crowded. And you stood there behind him, friends all together, because you were each his friend, and talked and laughed, and George occasionally breaking in himself with some new gossip of the road and a merry word for every newcomer.

"Hello, old son! hop on! How's the boy? Yes, it's hot—at least so I hear. And the kids? Say, how many you got now? Well, what's that old girl ahead going to do? Does she want to get on or not? Doesn't seem to know her own mind. Guess I'd better stop, though."

As for aged people and invalids, as likely as not George would step down first from the platform and help them off. But it was with the boys on the afternoon trips back from the lake that he was at his gayest. For them there was always room for one more on the platform, and sometimes he would even allow the nearest to clang the bell with his foot—a solemn privileged office.

However, one day the accident occurred at last. And it was just on one of those very trips back from the lake with a raft of boys on board. They were a little late as usual and the old car was rocking and buzzing along, when like a whirlwind out of a cross street came a swell auto, and though its chauffeur instinctively tried to veer round, up the road, over the tracks, bang, bumped the trolley into its side amidst dust and cries and the splinter of glass.

"Yes, I guess it was my fault," acknowledged George guiltlessly, standing in the road in the middle of his friends and the occupants of the car. "I was speeding her up a bit and I ought to have rung. I thought the boy there was going to do it."

As they moved on into town George half hoped the incident might end there. But a few days later he was called up by the superintendent. The owner of the car had claimed damages for some hundred dollars.

"Now, Thompson, between ourselves, exactly how did the accident happen?"

"Well, sir, believe me, we were just coming through the woods there at the foot of the hill and as we were a little late and I was putting on more power to take the hill, all of a sudden—"

"Late! Why were you late?"

"Because . . . because . . . well, often we wait a little for the boys there at the lake. You see, if they miss a trolley, they have to wait a whole other half hour down there."

"Really! And don't these same boys, or whoever they are, sometimes climb all over the front platform and even fool with the bell at times?"

"Well, perhaps—well, yes, they do." "Now, listen, Thompson; for several years you've been in the company's service and your record has been satisfactory. This is your first dismemberment. But an accident has occurred, an accident that might have cost the company a great deal more than it has, and we want nothing more of the kind from you. Another accident, and you're fired."

"Yes," answered George, bowing his head, tears almost in his eyes. "And let me remind you of several things. First, you're there to start on time. Second, you're to remain always at your post and attend to your job. Third, there is a sign over your head. Have you read it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, see that it's obeyed. Just you mind your own business in future and let the people behind you mind theirs. You're the motorman and nothing else. And a good motorman travels on time, says nothing, listens to nobody, and keeps his eyes always fixed on the road ahead. He's an integral part of the mechanism, as it were . . ."

George is back at work, though it's another line, and he's not the same man. Everything is changed. No boys, no friends, never a turn of the head, never a moment's hesitation all along the road. "Ah, old cow, trot if you like and wave your umbrella! If I get fired, a lot you'd care. Get there on time."

All this is as it should be. How could it be otherwise? We can't go back now to leisurely, old-fashioned ways. Still, I have found George's case a sad one, and I haven't been able to prevent myself from writing about it.

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Mr. Stanley King, one of the accommodating Post Office employees, is back on the job this week after his annual fifteen days vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Thompson of Abilene, were here last Sunday, guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson.

Mrs. Thelma Farr, of Oklahoma, is here for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit with their son, Mr. G. A. Hutchins, at Loraine.

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Miss Mossie Sears returned last week end from Chillicothe, Texas, where she attended the bedside of her brother-in-law.

Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, mother of Dr. M. Armstrong, has been quite ill for the past several days.

Mr. C. T. Beckham and family of Trent were visiting in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. Percy Jones and family, Mr. H. L. Propst and family, and Mr. Lee Eason and Family left the latter part of last week on a fishing trip.

Miss Zelma Red of Lamesa was the guest of Miss Mary Campbell last week. Misses Red and Campbell left Tuesday for a two weeks visit with relatives and friends at Austin.

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Following a year or more of feebleness, caused mostly from old age, Mr. Solomon Dean Popham, aged 80 years, quietly and peaceably passed away on June 13th at the family residence in the South part of the city.

Deceased was born November 18, 1845 in Franklin county, Georgia. He came to Texas about 35 years ago and has been a citizen of Merkel for many years, where, by his honesty and good citizenship, had the esteem and good will of every man who knew him.

Soon after the Civil war, through which he served the Confederacy faithfully and efficiently, he was converted and joined the Baptist church, and in which he remained a true and faithful member until the end came on he 13th of June.

Besides a faithful and loving wife, six children are left to mourn his demise. The children are: Mrs. Annie Pinkston, Krum, Texas; Mrs. Mary Ashcroft, San Gabriel, Texas; John Popham, Big Spring; Bill Popham, Troy, Texas; Mrs. W. T. Daniels of Merkel.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday following the death the previous day, by his pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson, with burial immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Sunrise Breakfast and Swim

A delightful morning was spent at Shannon's last Thursday when Miss Mary Eula Sears and Miss Lillian Watts sponsored a sunrise breakfast and swimming party.

After an early plunge, an appetizing breakfast was cooked and enjoyed by Preston Layman and Bill Bonham of Bristol, Va., Jack West, Misses Boog and Mary Eula Sears and Lillian Watts.

Preston A. Layman and Bill Bonham of Bristol, Va., enroute from the Shrine Convention at Los Angeles, Cal., returned home Friday night after spending several days as the guest of Miss Lillian Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley were called to Vernon last Sunday on account of the illness of the wife of their son, Rev. C. A. Bickley, pastor of the First Methodist church of that city. They were accompanied on the trip by their daughter, Miss Annie Bickley, and Miss Genevra Middleton. Mrs. Bickley remained in Vernon to be with the sick daughter-in-law, while the others returned to their homes here Tuesday.

Trent Missionary Notes

The Womans Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, of Trent, met Monday afternoon at three o'clock in the home of Mrs. E. L. Mangum. The Voice program was carried out. Mrs. M. G. Scott presented the Bulletin and Mrs. C. H. Ledger the message from the president of the Mexico conference Missionary Society. All reported an interesting time.

We are planning to have our new pews installed the latter part of this month. The young ladies are planning a minstrel to be given soon for the benefit of our church. Let all members be present Monday, June 22 for that is the time to pay our dues and make our quarterly report.

Our Bible lesson for June 22 is the fifth lesson in our study book, "The Prophecy of Halakuk.

Organize Club

A club was organized Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Flora Frances Anderson. The initials of the name of the club are: W. L. G. The name of the club is to be kept a secret.

Interesting games were played and fudge candy was passed to the guests. After a drawing contest, in which Miss Christene Christopher won the prize, refreshments consisting of lemonade and cake were served.

Reporter.

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Five O'clock Tea

On Thursday afternoon, June 11th, Miss Lillian Watts entertained the members of the Philathea class of the Methodist Church with a five o'clock tea at her home on Bettis Heights.

The reception and dining room was decorated with cut flowers and ferns. Games and contests were enjoyed. In the "Girl's Name contest" Miss Johnnie Sears proved to be the most efficient and was awarded a dainty little bathing bag containing a powder puff. In "The Age contest" Mrs. Geo. Smith was awarded a small dice of perfume and Mrs. Underwood a vanity. Miss Christene Collins and Miss Ruth Watts gave vocal numbers.

Ginger ale float was served to Misses Jess Sutphen, Willie Toombs, Lorena Dry, Mary Eula Sears, Julia Martin, Madden Brown, Martha Bird, Iva Bragg, Christene Collins and Mrs. Roy Largent, class members, and Mrs. Geo. A. Smith, Miss Mae Collins, Johnnie Sears, Boog Sears, and Mrs. Underwood of Texarkana, Texas, invited guests. Those assisting in the entertaining were Misses Martha Bird, Iva Bragg, Christene Collins, Ruth Watts and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

Misses Elsie Sharp and Deci Sharp, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Haggard and children, left last week for a vacation trip to South Texas. Mr. J. P. Sharp received word from the party at Rockport stating that they were having a fine time.

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"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord" Ps. Remember that it is just two more Sundays until our meeting.

T. J. Rea, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. All B. Y. P. U.'s at 7:30.

The Adult Department of the Sunday school has been making good progress since Mrs. Chas. West was made superintendent some six months ago. This department has attained all the points for the Standard. The application was sent in to the state Headquarters in Dallas a few days ago. The following is a quotation from a letter received from Mr. Phillips, our state secretary: "I was delighted to have the application of the Adult Department of your Sunday School asking for recognition as Standard. It is the first and only one that has ever made application in this state." We are indeed proud of the work that is being done in the Adult department of the Sunday school. Over ninety percent of the teachers and officers of the entire school hold the Normal Diploma, quite a number have the blue seal, and several have the gold seal diploma. We are glad to have such a goodly number of men in attendance each Sunday morning.

The B. Y. P. U. work is taking on new energy and life. The Intermediates are making an exceptionally good showing.

W. H. Albertson.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. Subject: "God's Call to Service."

Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m.

A special Children's Day service will be held at 8:30 p.m. A meeting of the Session will be held Monday evening at 8:30. All officials of the church are urged to be present at this meeting. Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

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Just Arrived—a nice assortment of Ladies Kid Sport Hats. Jones Dry Goods.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

The Intermediates had charge of the opening service last Sunday morning. They rendered a good program. The orchestra played several excellent numbers. We are planning for the orchestra to play again Sunday at five minutes to 10 o'clock. Come out and hear them. If you are missing the opening services you are missing something good.

Next Sunday in the adult department we study about Peter's deliverance. Golden Text: "The Angel of Jehova encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them." Psalm 34: 7. Come let us study God's dealings with man.

All officers and teachers are urged to be there not later than 9:45. Members promptly at ten o'clock. Visitors are cordially invited. Bill Haynes, Supt.

Senior B. Y. P. U.

Leader, Flossie Campbell. Introduction by Leader. 1st part, Mrs. Warren Smith. 2nd part, Stella Wilson. 3rd part, Autry Porter. 4th part, Floyd Dowell. 5th part, Ola Sharp. 6th part, Bill Haynes. 7th part, Ray Garrett.

Junior B. Y. P. U.

1. Song. 2. Prayer. 3. Song. 4. Business, taking in new members, etc. 5. Record. 6. Group in charge. (1) Peter Follows Jesus, Mabel Pilcher. (2) Jesus is tried, J. D. Ashby. (3) Jesus is taken to calvary, Eris Ash. (4) The last words of Jesus, Mary C. Cummings. (5) Jesus is buried, Ethel Allison. (6) Jesus rises from the dead, Walter Allison. (7) Poem, Louise Booth. 8. Leader in charge. (1) Leader ten minutes. (2) Drill on memory work. (3) Closing song and prayer.

Among those out of town attending the funeral of Mr. Virgil Touchstone were: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis, of Abilene; Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe, Messrs. Glen Chambers, Ennis and Luther Grimes of Chillicothe, Mr. Z. S. Oswald of Chillicothe, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and family of Paducah, Arthur Sears and family of Abilene, and Mr. Bud Sears and family of Menard.

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