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CITIZENS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF STATE AT RALLY

Gov. Sterling's Speech Sounds "Battle of the People of Texas For Good Government;" Campaign Plans Outlined.

Fort Worth, Aug. 4.—Sounding the note of battle, Governor Ross Sterling was cheered by leading citizens from all sections of Texas when he declared at the good government rally here Monday afternoon, "I will start out Tuesday and cover this state as it has never been covered before."

He said the women will be in the forefront in this fight as they always are when the good name and the integrity of Texas are at stake. "This is your battle; it's the battle of the people of Texas for good government."

The brief address of the governor was the climax of a day of oratory lauding the Sterling administration as unsurpassed in the history of the state and attacking Fergusonism for alleged highway and pardon scandals, proxy government and its impeachment record.

Plans were made to carry the fight into the smallest towns and rural communities. "A school house campaign," was the way Dan Moody phrased it.

"I have no patience with nor sympathy for any man who is not a citizen." (Continued on Page Four)

Representative From Merkel to Attend Firemen's School

As representative of Merkel and the Merkel Fire department, Woodrow Wozencraft will attend the State Firemen's school to be held at College Station August 8-15.

This school is provided by act of the state legislature and the Merkel city council at its regular monthly meeting on Monday night decided to send one of the boys from the local fire department, expenses of the trip to be borne by the city. Selection of the representative was left with members of the department.

Merkel will be entitled to a three per cent credit on insurance rates, if the student attends the school and passes the examination tests.

62 Cars Wheat to Date.

Car loadings for the past week, according to the records of Local Agent J. C. Childress of the T. and P., show that 11 cars of wheat and 3 of oats were shipped, bringing the season's total from Merkel to 62 cars of wheat and 15 cars of oats.

Song Writer Is Dead.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Tom Maley, the man who wrote "I'm Looking at the World Through Rose-Colored Glasses," died in poverty Tuesday in the county hospital.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail August 2, 1912)

Merkel is to have an Airdome, a summer show house erected after the best of plans of moving picture shows and the best of machinery is to be installed and operated by Fred Groene.

The meeting at the Tabernacle that began Saturday night is progressing nicely under the preaching of Brother Sewell, president of the Abilene Christian College.

DUTCH LUNCH.

Mrs. Davenport Gaither honored her husband Friday evening when she served a Dutch luncheon at her home on Rose street. Mrs. Gaither is a charming hostess and it is a treat to be a guest in her home. Those who shared in her hospitality were Messrs. Cote Hunt, Ernest Faucett, Forest Gaither, Davenport Gaither, Miss Gertrude Thornton and the hostess.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER.

Miss Mabel Collins out on Bettis heights served a six o'clock dinner Monday evening complimentary to her house guest, Miss Imogene Norton of Hico.

The dinner guests were Messrs.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

While riding horseback on a highway near Justin, John W. Day, 73, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile. He died in a Fort Worth hospital.

A masked robber, who Roy Key, assistant cashier, said was disguised as a woman, held up the First State bank at Kirkland Tuesday and escaped with more than \$1600 in cash.

While three employees of the newspaper were in the office at the time, a thief walked into the office of the Stamford American Tuesday and robbed the safe of more than \$55 in cash.

National Committeeman Jed C. Adams of Dallas left Wednesday afternoon for New York to confer with National Chairman James A. Farley and other party leaders on the democratic campaign.

Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state, has announced that she will not be an applicant for reappointment when her term expires next January; the place is filled by appointment of the governor.

Miss Mildred Bedford, 18, of Electra was adjudged Miss Texas in the annual bathing beauty revue at Lake Worth Sunday night, which was entered by 40 contestants representing towns in North and West Texas.

While teaching one of his nieces to swim, William Tucker, who had been living on the shore of Lake Dallas, was drowned Monday, it being believed that he was seized with cramps, causing him to sink suddenly.

Mildred (Babe) Didrikson of Dallas, American girl winner of the javelin throw, added her second world record performance when she won the first heat of the 80-meter hurdles in 11.8 seconds at the Olympic meet at Los Angeles.

Miss Annie Russell, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Russell, pioneer residents of Crowell, drowned Sunday night in an artificial lake on her father's home after her fiancé, Milton Calloway, had made a futile effort to save her.

Following the sympathetic walkout of moving picture operators four months ago in San Antonio, when the stage hands declared a strike, union projectionists have returned to work in seven movie houses and stage hands in four of the seven.

A contract providing for the construction of approximately 17 miles of grading and drainage structures for the Ranger-Weatherford cutoff on Highway 1 has been awarded by the Texas highway commission to the Thurber Construction company of Fort Worth.

Miss Jackie Womack, youngest daughter of A. C. Womack, candidate for district clerk of Johnson county who died the night before the democratic primary but whom the voters elected any way, has been given the place on the general election ballot as the nominee of the party.

Homer Easterwood, Lester Ellis, George Ferrier, Oly Sharp, Misses Lulu Thornton, Imogene Norton, Maudie Martin and the hostess. Later in the evening melons were served out on the lawn where games and conversation featured as specialties. A number of social affairs have been planned in honor of Miss Norton, among which is a ranch-house-party for the first of the week.

John Mann, an old time Merkel citizen, now of Eastland, was here Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Belle Kuns of Fort Worth returned to her home Monday after spending a week here with her parents.

Mrs. Arthur Cranston left for Gorman Tuesday where she will visit her mother.

While S. C. Keith was working in his garden last Friday he was stricken with appendicitis at his home on Bettis heights. An auto was procured and he was taken to Abilene where the operation was very successful.

EARLY WARNING GIVEN TO COTTON TRUCK OPERATORS

Chief of State Highway Patrol Gives Instructions to File Complaints for All Violations Hereafter; No More Leniency.

Friendly warning to West Texas cotton truck operators from L. G. Phares, chief of the state highway patrol:

The era of courteous instruction in the law and taking of promises from truckmen "not to do it again" has passed. Says Phares in Bulletin No. 167, addressed to state highway patrolmen.

"Beginning immediately you are instructed to file complaint in each and every instance where you find a cotton truck overloaded, overlength, overwidth, overweight, improperly parked on the highway, speeding, defective brakes, without proper head, tail and clearance lights, without chauffeur's license, without a rear view mirror, and, if hauling for compensation or hire, without a permit from the Railroad Commission, or for any other violation of our highway laws."

The patrol's patience has been strained, Phares admitted. He says: "Each fall for the past three years (Continued on Page Four)

Public Hearing on City Budget Called For Monday, Aug. 15

Monday evening, August 15, at 8 o'clock has been set as the time for the public hearing on the city's budget, the place of meeting to be announced in next week's issue of The Mail, when formal notice from the city council will also appear.

This action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday night at which time the aldermen studied the budget for this year and issued the call for the public hearing.

Provision is made by state law that, after the budget is prepared by members of the city council, it is to be submitted for adoption to a meeting of the tax payers of the city.

To expedite matters, Mayor Elliott has suggested that the tax payers select some eight or ten from their number to go over the budget with the council.

Change in Public Psychology Seen

Washington, Aug. 4.—Roy D. Chapin, chairman of the board of the Hudson Motor company, said after a conference with President Hoover Wednesday he had expressed the belief that "the change in public psychology that everybody has been praying for has taken place."

Chapin's conference with the president was of unusual duration. He entered the executive office at 10:30 a. m. and remained more than an hour, delaying for 30 minutes presidential conferences scheduled with Senators Smoot of Utah and Schall of Minnesota as well as Matthew Woll, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor.

Chapin said he told Mr. Hoover business prospects "seem better than at any time since the beginning of the depression."

Roberts No. 1 Swann Good for 100 Barrels

Roberts Oil Corporation's No. 1 Swann, which came in last Saturday, proved good for 100 barrels daily. They struck pay at 2505 and drilled to about 2540.

Another test on the W. D. Swann place, the J. M. Johnson's No. 1, is about ready to be drilled in.

Southern Oil Corporation and Pope and Anderson's No. 1 Tom Spears, had reached 2335 feet, up to Thursday morning, while the same company's well on the T. J. Toombs estate was down 1985 feet.

The Eastland Company test on the Hunter place, southeast of town, is reported about 1500 feet down.

Best Month in 1932.

Detroit, Aug. 4.—Registration of new passenger cars in the United States during June was greater than in any preceding month of the year, according to R. L. Polk and company.

COURT DISSOLVES INJUNCTION ORDER ON RATE REVISION

Revised Schedule in 89 Small Communities to be Placed in Effect; Railroad Commission Hearing Set for Sept. 6.

Austin, Aug. 4.—District Judge J. D. Moore Monday dissolved a temporary injunction granted the state restraining the Community Natural company from placing into effect a revised schedule of rates in 89 small Texas communities.

The state had asked that the company be restrained until a hearing had been held on the proposed revision by the Texas railroad commission. The commission has set September 6 as the date for the hearing.

No action was taken by Judge Moore on the petition of the utility for a counter injunction restraining the state from further interference with the proposed rate revisions.

Approximately 15 towns have appealed to the commission for a ruling on the fairness of the rates. Pending determination of the fairness of the rates by the commission the company has posted bond to indemnify consumers in event the rates are held to be too high.

Company officials said Monday the new schedules were not purely increases but that it was more of a revision whereby rates in the summer would be increased and rates on winter consumption decreased.

Approximately 6,300 consumers are affected by the action.

Local Boy Scouts to Meet Friday Night

Members of Merkel Boy Scout troop No. 20 will meet at 8 o'clock Friday night of this week at the Methodist church to plan a series of summer trips.

It is expected that at this time all will have registered, as the last meeting showed a good attendance and much interest.

Paul Collins Elected Conference President

At the quarterly conference of Methodist young people of the Abilene district held at Baird last week-end, a Merkel boy, Paul Collins, was named president and Evelyn Darden of Abilene, secretary. Albany was selected as the place for the November conference.

St. Paul's delegation of Abilene received the conference award, a banner for the highest standard of efficiency. About 140 young people attended the conference.

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, was the main speaker of the day, preaching on the sermon topic, "Courage and Conviction." Rev. J. T. Griswold, host pastor, led a consecration service; Dan Dodson, president of Young Adults of the Northwest Texas conference, taught the young people's combined Sunday School class; and Alsie Carlton, president of Young People of the Northwestern Texas conference, was present at the assembly.

Cabinet members met under the direction of Alice Yeats of Merkel, retiring president.

Merkel Young People Attend District Meet

Holding their fifth Sunday devotion program, young people of the Abilene district met Sunday afternoon and evening, with the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene as the host church. Gordon Weir, vice president of the State Christian Endeavor organization, presided for the sessions, which included both afternoon and evening programs and a supper.

Those representing Merkel were Jack Patterson, Kennedy Whiteley and Jim Patterson.

Our local Endeavor begins at 6 o'clock and every member is urged to be there. Don't miss next Sunday.

Record of Births.

Twins, a boy and a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mashburn, residing near Stith, Tuesday, August 2, 1932.

TAYLOR COUNTY DEMOCRATS NAME ONLY STERLING MEN STATE DELEGATION SLATE

SMITH LEADER FOR ROOSEVELT

Governor Ely Pledges Himself to Support Roosevelt and Garner.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 4.—Governor Joseph B. Ely, who submitted the name of Alfred E. Smith as the democratic candidate at the Chicago convention and regarded as a strong anti-Roosevelt leader, has thrown his support to Franklin D. Roosevelt and John N. Garner.

In a statement announcing his own re-election, the governor pledged himself as follows:

"Having in mind the broad purposes of my party, and the accomplishment of those things for which it has declared itself, I shall give my support to the Democratic ticket of Roosevelt and Garner."

"It is useless for me to deny the feeling which I have already expressed," Ely said, "that the public mind would more clearly and easily find expression if the democratic party chose as its leader a man of expressed convictions and positive action as a contrast to the republican candidates for re-election. I do not now recede from the position. But my conference in Albany with Governor Roosevelt has convinced me that the platform of the democratic party adopted at Chicago will be carried out by him with earnest and energetic action."

Widow of Bill Sterrett Dies.

Dallas, Aug. 4.—Mrs. Fannie L. Sterrett, 81, widow of the late Col. William Greene Sterrett, nationally known Texas newspaper man, died Tuesday at the Dallas home of her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Staten.

Retail Business Up.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Retail business today is definitely on the upswing, Paul S. Willis, president of the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America, told the convention of the organization.

Exclusion of Six Ferguson Men Is Voted; Only Two Contested Points During Proceedings; W. W. Hair Presides.

Sterling forces dominated the Taylor county convention of democrats held in the district court room at Abilene Saturday afternoon to the extent that an all-Sterling delegation was sent to the state convention at Lubbock in September.

Twenty-nine persons, all presumably favorable to Governor Sterling, were named by the committee on state convention delegates, which consisted of Dallas Scarborough, chairman, R. D. Green, of Abilene, J. D. Harrison of Guion, James Hurt of Ovalo and W. O. Boney of Merkel.

Only two contested points arose during the proceedings, the first of which was a motion by Judge James F. Stinson to include the name of R. W. Haynie on the state delegation in view of his outstanding representation of the 17th district at the national convention in Chicago in June. To this, as chairman of the committee on state delegates, Scarborough objected, voicing the decision of the committee to send only Sterling men.

In time and after spirited debate, it was developed through statement of Mr. Haynie himself that he was a Sterling supporter and, without objection, either from committee or convention proper, his name was added to the list.

The other flare-up followed a motion by Harry Tom King to include a Ferguson minority, six delegates or more, on the state delegation. On a poll of the 30 precincts, the motion was defeated 69.2 to 17.7.

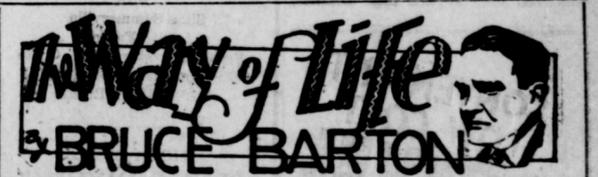
Following announcement of the result of the roll call, the convention adopted the list of delegates presented by the Scarborough committee, with only King voting a loud "No."

W. W. Hair, of Abilene, served both as temporary and permanent chairman, with T. N. Carswell, also of Abilene, as secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Delegates named to the state convention are:

R. M. Wagstaff, Oliver Cunningham, C. M. Hunt, J. D. Harrison, E. W. Whittle, A. E. Fogle, C. J. (Continued on page Five)



SOMETHING SIMPLE

I wish to ask that no more Plans for solving the economic situation be sent to me. My quota is completed; my files are full. My mental decision to retire from Plan Reading was reached some time ago.

An earnest gentleman with a gleam in his eyes got in anyhow the other day: He asked me to read a book in which a new prophet sets forth a new religion. The gentleman assured me that if only all men and women could be led to think the thoughts of this prophet every difficulty would fold up.

While we talked I turned the pages of the book, and after about a minute I assured him that I should not need to read it in order to know that it would have no influence.

He was aggrieved. "You have a closed mind," he charged. "Not at all," I said. "I happen to know what kind of words move the world. I'll give you an example: 'The Lord is my shepherd,' etc.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers founded on this continent," etc.

"Contrast these simple words with a couple of phrases from your book," I said:

"The definitely 'anticipatory' value of the self-protecting mechanism of covenant obligations . . ."

"Expanding consciousness obtainable through the direct application of the method of cyclic evolution . . ."

"Nobody is going to overturn the world," I concluded, "unless he is able to make his ideas understandable even to a little child. Second-raters are always obscure. But the head man in any department of life, I care not whether it be medicine, theology, science or what, he can make a talk that will fascinate a kindergarden."

John Bunyan explained to his readers that he might have adopted a "stile" much more fancy but he wanted his book to be read by common people everywhere. He has his wish: "Pilgrim's Progress" will live as long as anything in our language.

Lincoln's style grew steadily clearer and simpler as he grew in years and wisdom.

"What harm can a book do that costs a hundred crowns?" Voltaire exclaimed. "Twenty volumes folio will never make a revolution; it is the little pocket pamphlets that are to be feared."

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PERSONALS

S. G. Russell, Jr., and Truett Meeks were in Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Mary Eula Sears is the guest of Miss Madeline Hunt in Haskell this week.

Miss Aileen Childress left Thursday to visit friends in Baytown and Taylor.

J. S. Thomas is visiting his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brown, in Quanah.

Mrs. C. E. Jacobs left Monday for Lebanon, Tenn., where she will visit her sisters.

Mrs. T. F. Compton and Miss Phala Diltz are improving after ten days severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and family have returned from a ten days visit in Arkansas.

Mrs. John Williams of Barstow is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Warren and Miss Johnnie Warren.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned Tuesday from a three weeks visit with her daughter in Knox City.

W. H. Nance and family of Bogata are guests for a few days of their friends, J. S. Stalls and family.

Miss Juanita Shannon of Lubbock is spending her vacation here with her uncle, John Shannon, and family.

E. Q. Warren of Knox City is here for a few days, looking after the harvesting and storing of his wheat crop.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt is enjoying camp life with a party of McMurry teachers on the Concho at San Angelo.

Mrs. D. B. Smith of Prague, Okla., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin, and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Green.

Week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats and family were Brother Yeats' brother, H. A. Yeats, and family of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and family and Mrs. Maud Rogers, mother of Mrs. Durham, are guests of the Tom Durhams.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lancaster were visitors in DeLeon Wednesday, Mr. Lancaster remaining for several days on business.

Mrs. R. C. Turner and little son, Wayman, of Waco are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riddle, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden returned Saturday from Austin where she had visited the summer months with her son, Van McSpadden.

After a visit with her sons, Allan and Ted McGehee, and their families,

Mrs. H. L. McGehee has returned to her home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy of Granbury and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reece of Abilene are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore.

When Mrs. Bob Echols returned to her home in Albany, she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Nelle Durham, who is her guest now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., and little daughter, Peggy Joyce, arrived Wednesday from Brawley, Calif., for a month's visit with relatives.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb and son, Buddie, also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and family were a fishing party at Paint Rock early in the week.

After two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Selma Russell, and sister, Mrs. Bob Dunn, Miss Selma Lee Russell has returned to Abilene.

W. D. Calvert, nephew of Mrs. Bob Martin, returned Wednesday to his home in Sweetwater after a visit of several days in the Bob Martin home.

A quartette of our young men, John D. Coats, Paul Collins, Jim Patterson and Ed Turner, have just returned from a fishing trip to Paint Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jowers had as their guests on Tuesday Mrs. W. E. Dinwiddie and daughter, Miss Blanche of Dallas and Mrs. Hines Briggs of Midland.

After a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton, at Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Horton and son, Robert, of Arlington left Tuesday for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Turner and baby, Bonnie Ralph, Jr., have returned to their home in Amarillo after a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton, on Route 3.

Leaving by auto Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach and their daughter, Miss Thelma, and Clayton accompanied by Buck Leach, will spend the next three weeks in Campbellsville, Ky.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell returned home Sunday after a delightful three weeks automobile trip through five western states and Old Mexico. She accompanied her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porter, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kahrs and Miss Helen Poll of El Paso stopped over for the week-end with Mrs. Kahrs' mother, Mrs. W. L. Barbee. They were en route home from a month's vacation in New York City.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two daughters, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, left Tuesday for Stanton. They were accompanied home by Miss Iris Garrett, who will visit there for some time.

Week-end guests in the J. S. Thomas home were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and family of Sudan, Mr.

and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and children from Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger.

Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, who with Mrs. Tom Melton, accompanied her son, Price Bankhead, of Roscoe, and his daughter, Mrs. Lois Jones, of Sweetwater, to Waco last week, returned Sunday. She is now visiting with her son in Roscoe.

To visit his son, Sterling, who is a student in the school of journalism at the University of Missouri, A. T. Sheppard spent several days at Columbia, Mo., last week. Sterling will finish his course in journalism with the summer session.

When Miss Hallie Pike returned to her home at Bogata Tuesday, she

was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee, also Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and little son and Miss Gertie Lou Pee. In the same party Mrs. Florence Berry and daughter, Miss Margaret, left also to visit Mrs. Berry's mother in Detroit.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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 I do not know what Plan will lead us to new heights of prosperity or whether, indeed, there will be any one Plan. But if there be, it will consist of things that everybody can understand, such as "the less you hamper trade the more trade can expand."

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The State of Texas:
 County of Taylor:

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned, each of whom are known to me to be creditable persons, who after being duly sworn on their oaths respectively deposes and swears that during the four years that Mr. A. J. Canon acted as Manager of the Farm Bureau Gin Company at their Gin Plant in Merkel, Texas, his accounts with the Company at all times came up perfectly square and was not short at any time; and we further state that his services with the company were entirely satisfactory.

Affiants further swear that Mr. Canon left the Company of his accord.

Lynn Stokes, State Manager.
 J. M. Spurgin, President Board of Directors.
 D. O. Huddleston.
 D. I. Shelton.
 H. B. Bertson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named persons this 29th day of July, 1932.

W. W. Wheeler
 Notary Public, Taylor Co., Texas.
 (Political Advertising.)

TO THE PEOPLE OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

I am deeply grateful for the support given me in the first primary. Your expression of confidence causes me to feel that my efforts to serve faithfully and efficiently have not been in vain.

I earnestly solicit your further support in the run-off primary, and renew my pledge to use what ability I may have, aided by the experience and knowledge of the affairs of the office of Tax Collector gained through conscientious execution and close study of my work, to give you the very best service possible.

Sincerely,



EARL HUGHES
TAX COLLECTOR
(Political Advertising)

JOHN CAMP'S CARD OF THANKS

I take this means of thanking the good people of Western Taylor county for the confidence shown in me and to especially thank the many, who without hope of reward, worked so faithfully in my behalf. I realize the seriousness of the task before me and earnestly ask the support of every citizen for my platform of reduction of expenses of county government. It will be necessary to have your cooperation.

Sincerely,
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 (Political Advertising)

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by FELIX RIESENBERG

FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who had spent all of his life aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York, is tossed into the river in a terrific collision which sinks the tug, drowns his mother and the man he called father. Ignorant, unschooled, and fear driven, he drags himself ashore, hides in the friendly darkness of a huge covered truck—only to be kicked out at dawn—and into the midst of a tough gang of river rat boys who beat and chase him. He escapes into a basement doorway where he hides. The next day he is rescued and taken into the home of a Jewish family living in the rear of their second-hand clothing store. He works in the sweatshop store—and is openly courted by Becka—the young daughter. . . . The scene shifts to the home of the wealthy Van Horns—on 5th Avenue, where lives the bachelor—Gilbert Van Horn—in whose life there is a hidden chapter. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Gilbert Van Horn was never married or divorced. He never worked, never worried so far as the world knew, and seldom did anything to disturb the social balance of the outer world. Having been born into a prepared position, he agreed with life, and to a large extent life agreed with him. Gilbert Van Horn was considered a typical Van Bibber, a creature utterly unknown to fact, but loved of fiction.

Gilbert was genial. Women were attracted to him; so general was this that the effect became negligible. He had good breeding and common sense and a certain lack of perception. The combination saved him from becoming an utter loss. Had he wished he might have married money but the thought never occurred to him. The daughters of a half dozen of so of the country's richest and hardest-working plutocrats might have accepted him, one at a time, of course.

These hard-working men might even have respected him. Gilbert Van Horn stripped like a heavyweight and had a wide reputation as an amateur pugilist.

But we must go a bit further with the story of this bachelor, prize fighter and general all 'round favorite of fortune.

He was certain of a beneficent providence that looks out for gentlemen. To be a gentleman, as he understood it, was the highest ideal of, well, of a gentleman. He never got beyond that; it was like many of the great fundamental things, it was simply so, and no gentleman could question it, and still remain a gentleman. His code for in those days it was the fashion to have one, included a frank understanding in advance. Whatever hopes he raised were always doomed to disappointment.

Gilbert had no desire to make money, for the frugal habits of his father had left the family fortune fairly well recuperated. It was not a colossal fortune, but it was ample, at least for a bachelor. His funds had been placed in trust and this did much to make him static. He was liberal, in a way, and when the feeling seized him, he could be downright generous, actually crippling himself for months on end to do a good turn for a friend. But the trustees saw to it that his generosity was confined entirely to his income.

At thirty-five Van Horn still believed in the beneficence of his particular fortune. He was growing slightly heavy as his bent for hard exercise slackened and his hair tinged with gray. At forty doubt seized him, doubt that overtakes all men as they approach those middle years when the little question begins to be heard—"What have you done with your precious twenties and thirties?"

What had he done? Nothing in fact. But he did remember a lot of great times, times he was fond of recalling when in company with that wit, Judge Marvin Kelly, friend of his father and big brother to the orphan Gilbert Van Horn. Marvin Kelly, a politician, not unknown in Tammany Hall, a power and a philosopher, smoothed over much rough ground in the mental trail of Van Horn.

"Judge" he said one day as they were in the library smoking and talking. "A distant connection of mine has died, out in Kentucky, a Lambert; Hosea Lambert. He leaves a daughter Josephine. I'm thinking of having her on here. She's my nearest relative, so far as I know," he added, looking out

of the window.

"How old?" Judge Kelly was practical.

"About twelve."

"H'm, safe enough—for a few years."

Josephine arrived in New York, a little girl with a sash and very long legs who rolled a hoop. It was another milestone in the life of Gilbert Van Horn. Aunt Wen, or Mrs. Anthony Wentworth, a decayed lady of quality, to describe her in formula, accompanied Josephine and remained in the Van Horn home. There was no question about her remaining, and Gilbert when he came to consider the matter, was glad enough to have her there. Certainly many matters must arise in the life of young girl requiring the instruction of a gentlewoman. This profound thought came to him quite as a shock. He liked to have Josephine around, liked to have her climb on his knee and make much of him. It was the first bit of honest affection Gilbert Van Horn had ever known.

Having done with the Van Horn myth let us step back for a few years and review the incident that has been slightly touched upon; the incident of the river and of the boy, born to the name of Breen, on the river, but actually begotten by Van Horn.

It was in the summer of 1883 that the great internal and hushed-up scandal of the Hallet-Van Horn household had its beginning at the country place in Astoria, in that fine mansion overlooking Hell Gate. Gilbert, home following his junior year at college, was being sheltered from the vile contacts of the city and the haunts of Brevoort Van Horn. He was studious, but not so much of books as of nature. Mrs. Hallet-Van Horn's maid, a comely, lively girl named Harriet, the most satisfactory handmaid in Mrs. Van Horn had ever enjoyed, stumbled upon Gilbert, at ease in his mother's boudoir, reading Nick Carter. Mrs. Van Horn was in the city shopping. The fact that the maid had stepped from a luxurious bath may have added somewhat to the astonishment of the young man. For the first time he was aware of the fact that female proportions were actual.

Very early the next year a condition of extraordinary difficulty became manifest. Harriet, to be quite plain, was in a family way, a decidedly annoying situation in view of the fact that she alone seemed able to do Mrs. Hallet-Van Horn's hair as it should be done.

At once suspicion hovered about the house. Harriet would not confess the name of the culprit. Harriet supposed, if the truth were known, that she would be imprisoned for life.

Then the eager flicker of suspicion hovered about the house. It rested, in turn, on every male. Even Jules, the page, was under suspicion.

"No, ma'am, it was not him." So Harriet patiently absolved them, one by one, in the daily, hourly inquisition.

"The butler, old Simmons? Lord, no ma'am. Not him, oh, no!"

Could it be an immaculate conception? Mrs. Hallet-Van Horn almost wished her faith was strong enough to believe it, but no, a miracle of that sort might happen to her, but not to that girl.

A month of utter torture followed. The situation became worse. Her husband, Brevoort Van Horn, must be the guilty party. He simply must.

The storming between Lida and Brevoort grew so intense that even the servants were wrought up. Mrs. Hallet-Van Horn became hysterical, to the point of speaking before Simmons.

"Beggin' your pardon, Mr. Van Horn," Simmons lingered outside the door as Brevoort left his wife's apartment. "May I speak sir?"

"By all means, Simmons. Who in hell did it?"

"I hope you will pardon my presumption, sir."

"Simmons, spill it. Was it the parson, or who?"

"It was Mr. Gilbert sir."

"Gilbert!" Brevoort stood somewhat gazed. "Great Jupiter her son. And mine," he added, as an afterthought. "Well I'll be damned!"

The bringing down of Gilbert from college, he was coming anyway for the midyear recess, was an event. He had not forgotten the incidents of the preceding fall. In fact he had a rather lively idea of a renewal of the affair: Gilbert, also, was a simple fellow.

"Your mother wishes to see you,

at once, Mr. Gilbert."

The meeting was in the library. Brevoort stood before the fireplace, shifting from one foot to another. His spats gave him the curious appearance of a man who is standing in a puddle of glue.

Mrs. Lida Hallet-Van Horn reclined in a large cushioned chair, her back to the windows. She was fully and somewhat formally dressed. A shawl of black lace, thrown over her shoulders, intensified her pallor. Husband and wife did not speak. After all he had done then to accuse her own boy!

When young Gilbert came into the rather tense room, his father gave him a look of pity. Mrs. Van Horn, the Hallet for a moment subdued, smiled at him wanly. He bent, and she kissed his forehead. Her cheeks flushed. That handsome boy. Her boy.

Gilbert sensing something unusual, wondered what was up.

"Gilbert," Brevoort tried to get things moving. He was due down at the club, at Twenty-first Street, a beastly drag, at four. "Your mother has asked us here. I have asked you, Gilbert, I mean we, that is your mother and me."

"Not me," Lida Hallet interposed, her voice sharp. "Not me, Mr. Van Horn; you, and, and Simmons." She bowed into her hands; a handkerchief dabbled at her glistening eyes.

"Well, the fact is—" Brevoort was somewhat at a loss. "Let us send for her." He looked pleadingly at his wife. Of course. It was a brilliant idea. "Ring for Simmons."

"Simmons," Mrs. Van Horn spoke with icy coolness. "Have Harriet come up at once." The matter would soon be settled.

They stood for some minutes, eternities, father, mother, son. Gilbert, his eyes on the fire, began to do some thinking on his own account. Had the girl told, of—of— He had not looked at it in that light, as any harm to his parents, you know.

"Harriet can't be found, ma'am," Simmons reported. "She left the house, ma'am, cook says, this noon. She's took her own things. She has apparently left, ma'am."

"Mother—" Gilbert, awkward, nervous, asked. "What, what about Harriet?"

"Son, oh, how can I say it. The awful lies, the horror of it." She covered her face, her head bent down; sobs shook her shoulders. Her delicate white hands trembled, her rings flashing in the firelight. "I simply

can't say it. Deny everything, Gilbert. Tell them they lie."

"Son," Brevoort's quick eyes caught the look of consternation, of realization, in the boy's face. Again he had an uncomfortable feeling that this thing, if told at the club, would meet with roars of mirth. "Mother's maid, Harriet, is about to, that is, to become a mother. We, that is I—"

"Not me, Gilbert, not me," she sobbed and trembled.

"We believe you are responsible for her condition. Is this so?"

Gilbert hung his head for a time, then he looked straight at his father, past his mother who suddenly faced him, her eyes bright and eager for the glad denial, ready, willing, anxious to hear him fling back the vile insinuation, fling it back like a Hallet.

"I suppose I am to blame. I—"

A cry from the chair. Mrs. Lida Hallet-Van Horn had fainted. There

in the library, surrounded by books as unknown as life, books filled with the stuff of dreams and crimes and love, these people enacted a scene. The young man was the least to blame. Mrs. Hallet-Van Horn refused to

see her son. He went back to his studies marveling at the curious trick life had played. How was he to know that things could be so serious?

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Saturday will be a "Red Letter Day" for many vacationists and business men who are planning to take advantage of drastically reduced round trip rates on the Texas and Pacific railway to visit either Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso or certain other points on the T. and P., according to Frank Jensen, general passenger agent. For this special occasion round trip tickets will be sold at a fraction of the usual one-way fare only on Saturday, August 6, and will be good on Texas and Pacific trains leaving on this day only.

In addition to exceptionally low round trip fares this "Red Letter Day" excursion marks a radical departure from the usual reduced rate offer in several respects. Tickets purchased on this occasion provide a ten-day return limit, allowing sufficient time for an enjoyable vacation, an extended visit with friends and relatives or a long business trip. Pullman car fares on the trains on which the special rates apply also have been materially lowered. Children will be carried for half of the reduced adult fare.

This drastic round trip rate reduction is being made in response to a popular demand from those who could not afford to make such long trips at regular rates, Mr. Jensen said. The Texas and Pacific is preparing to care for the comfort of those who take advantage of this exceptional offer and all agents have complete information covering rates and train schedules. Pullman reservations may be made in advance of the day of departure.

Warns Cotton Truckers

(Continued from Page One.) We have been confronted with the cotton truck problem and I think that we have been very courteous in the past in warning and trying to educate this class of operators. Within the next few days many trucks throughout the state, and especially in South Texas, will again start hauling cotton. From our past experience with this class of operators, and their failure to comply with our warning, I am led to believe that you should file a case against each one of these offenders. In the majority of cases the operators of these trucks are hired for the single trip and, of course, they try to make the quickest possible time from the point where the load originates to the point of destination. There have been several cases called to my attention where operators have gone to sleep while driving these trucks. In the past two years several people have been killed, thousands of dollars worth of personal property destroyed and hundreds of miles of highway practically ruined by the careless operation of this class of trucks, and the operator's disregard for our highway laws.

MOORE GRANTS INJUNCTION. The cotton truck situation, clouded heretofore by a series of local injunctions against enforcement of the maximum load law, was considerably cleared Saturday when, in 98th district court of Travis county, Judge J. D. Moore issued a temporary injunction restraining all persons operating trucks on state highways from violating any provisions of House Bill 335, particularly the sections limiting to 7,000 pounds a load carried past a common point loading place, and limiting to 14,000 pounds a load carried between points of origin and common carrier stations.

For example, a 14,000-pound load of wheat may be trucked from Merkel to an Abilene elevator, but only 7,000 pounds of that wheat may be trucked in one load beyond Abilene, which is a common carrier station. Highway patrolmen construe a 13-bale cotton shipment to be within the 7,000-pound limit in most cases, but any truck hauling 14 or more bales will be stopped for weighing; and, if overweight, complaint will be lodged, unless the operator has proper permit.

The cotton movement will not get under way in this territory before September.

Complete line of office supplies at 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.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

HOWELL-PERKINS.

On last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Miss Roena Perkins and Mr. Tilman Howell were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. They were accompanied by an aunt of the groom, Mrs. Bessie Billings. The bride is the charming daughter of Mrs. J. E. Perkins and numbers her friends, by her acquaintances. The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, pioneer family of this county, is a young man of sterling ability. They have many friends who wish for them a long, happy and prosperous married life.

Brother Ted Norton, wife and baby daughter, Mary Beth, of Sterling are guests in the L. E. Adrian home.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and daughter, Miss Winnie, left Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Boots Brown at Fort Worth. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Brown at Goose creek before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear have a real sick baby at this writing.

Rev. Geo. W. Parks of Roscoe was a passing visitor with friends here on Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Norwood and children are visiting in South Texas.

Mr. Milton Sherman and family have returned from Oklahoma where they visited Mrs. Sherman's sister.

W. E. Hamner left Monday for a stay of several weeks in South Texas.

Mr. Foy and Miss Mildred Steadman returned Wednesday from a pleasant visit with their aunts, Messdames Kelly and Harrison of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cau-saux and little sons of Austin are visiting the former's mother.

Little Murrell Scott returned home Sunday from a visit of several days in Abilene with his aunts, Misses Cora and Mattie Scott.

C. T. Beckham visited last week at Wichita Falls with his sister, Mrs. Trevathan, who is in ill health.

Grandma Steadman has returned home from an extended visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and son of Lubbock were guests from Friday to Monday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mrs. Volley Vessel has as her house guest Miss Irene Evans of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards had as their guests over the week-end Mrs. Edwards' brother, W. W. Johnson, his wife and three children. Mrs. Edwards and little daughter, La Nelle, accompanied them home for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz and daughter, Miss Clay, and Mr. Eldie Garner were guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford.

Mrs. Buster Edwards went to San Angelo Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Nalley, accompanied by her brother, Cecil Rutherford, of Abilene, spent Sunday at Cottonwood with their father, who has been ill for sometime. They reported him some improved.

PLAY A BIG SUCCESS.

On last Wednesday evening "Saphronia's Wedding," a three act comedy, was presented to the delight of a large audience by a cast of local players including Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mrs. Roy Stewart, Miss Dollie Wash, Mrs. John Strawn, Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Volley Vessel, Miss Maggie Payne, Mrs. Ben Howell, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Mrs. Sam McLeod, Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Mrs. Roger Williams, Mrs. A. C. Wash, Mrs. Ed Burks, Mrs. Clark Hamner, Mrs. Buster Edwards, Miss Lillian Grace Reeves and Miss Betty Lou Howell.

CEMETERY BENEFIT.

On Friday night of this week the Trent Fireboys will present at the High school auditorium another very amusing farce comedy, "The 18 Carat Boob," the proceeds to go to the cemetery fund.

The play lasts two hours and 15 minutes and an enjoyable evening's entertainment is promised those who attend.

The cast of characters reads: Daisy Bell - Maurine Smith; Alice Besnette - Edith Hale; Cora, colored girl - Magaline Payne; Charles, colored chauffeur - Isom Burks.

Billy Kerns - Johnny Terry; Kitty Darling - Sara Julia Johnson; Bella Sparks - Doreen Scott; Harry Carter - Clark Hamner; Lynne Besnette - Bry Burkhart; Raymond Barkville - Bud Burks; Anna, the maid - Mrs. Bud Burks; Jack Merry - Allen Terry.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Two mothers who accompanied their children to an Englewood, Tenn., school received diplomas this spring.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

State Sterling Rally

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pathy for Mrs. Ferguson and I say this as a southern gentleman," Senator Walter Woodward of Coleman declared.

The 11 counties in which he was manager of the Tom Hunter campaign for governor will be won for Sterling, J. L. Lightfoot of Comanche predicted.

Ferguson promised to cut expenses in half in 1924 but did not carry out his pledge and now is making the same old promises, former Congressman Oscar Callaway of Comanche said.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer of Abilene, president of Simmons university and a native of Arkansas, was in Europe when the Fergusons entered the runoff two years ago and to avoid the gibes, he told acquaintances he was from Arkansas, the educator related.

Other speakers included Stewart Smith, Beaumont; E. R. Bryan, Mineral Wells; W. F. Nabor, Fort Worth; George Wallace, Dallas county manager for Hunter in the first campaign; W. F. Nelson, Mineral Wells; Dr. J. L. Ward, Decatur; Mrs. C. M. Pearce, Fort Worth and P. H. Singletary, Huntsville. A telegram was read from Lawrence R. Melton, Dallas, state commander disabled veterans of the World war, pledging his support to Sterling.

Ernest Alexander, Fort Worth, state campaign manager, called the session to order with the declaration that continuation of honesty and responsibility in government was at stake.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Looks Like Hoover; So He Got The Role

It's not every man who can be president for a day.

That honor fell to Tom Hackett, Hollywood character actor, during the production of "The Washington Masquerade," in which Lionel Barrymore and an elaborate cast are playing at the Ritz Theatre, Sweetwater, starting Sunday.

The Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer drama of political life at the national capital includes a vivid reception of the president, with the diplomat corps, high army officers and national and foreign statesmen in attendance. So the problem was to find an actor to play the president.

"Find me a man who looks like Hoover," ordered Charles Brabin, the director. In an hour the casting director produced Hackett, who looks enough like the president to pass for him.

Hackett has been playing small roles in Hollywood productions, usually enacting policemen or detectives. But the prominence given him by playing the president has put him in line for better parts.

The new picture is a vivid story of the "inside" in Washington politics, with Barrymore as a senator and political power who is lured into trouble by a woman lobbyist. A notable cast includes Karen Morley, Diane Sinclair, Nils Asther, Reginald Barlow, William Collier, Sr., William Morris, Rafaela Ottiano, C. Henry Gordon, Burton Churchill and Henry Kolker.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Fergusons High in Campaign Expense

Austin, Aug. 4.—Mrs. Miriam Ferguson expended \$4,614 in her campaign for governor in the first democratic primary, her expense account filed with the secretary of state revealed. Contributions were listed at \$1,216.

Governor R. S. Sterling's expenses were \$3,441.17 and contributions \$1,450 and Tom F. Hunter of Wichita Falls spent \$4,362.36, their accounts showed. Hunter said he did not receive any contributions.

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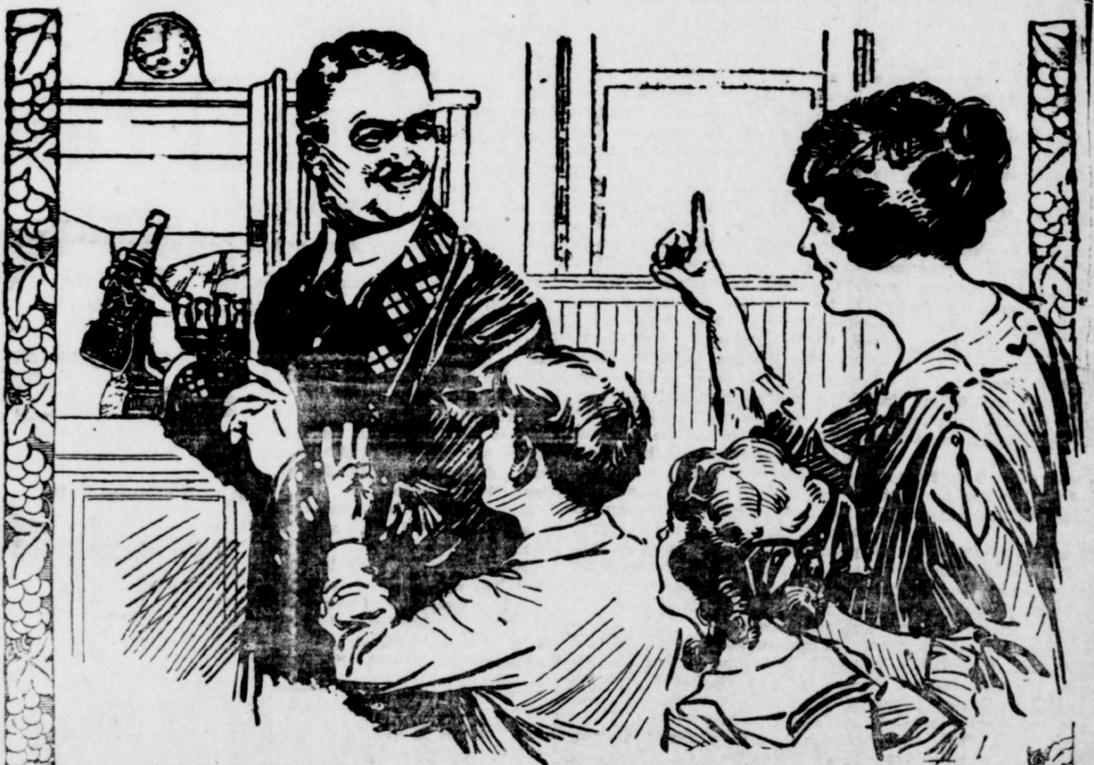
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Demo Convention

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DISTRICT DELEGATIONS.

The following district delegations were appointed:

17th Congressional—Fred Cockrell, Dr. W. R. Snow, R. W. Haynie, R. G. Cogdell, W. A. Minter, Jr.

11th Civil Appeals—A. K. Doss, D. M. Oldham, E. T. Brooks, John Alvis, J. Childers.

24th Senatorial—John Camp, Gray Browne, Tom K. Eplen, H. W. Drummond, T. A. Bledsoe.

42nd Judicial—Dallas Scarborough, Ben L. Cox, Jas. P. Stinson, J. M. Wagstaff, E. M. Overshiner. The same delegation was appointed to the 104th judicial convention.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The most intense heat of the summer was experienced Tuesday afternoon when several thermometers registered as high as 106. The government bureau thermometer at Abilene showed a high of 105. On Monday, the mercury touched 102, while for three days previous the 100 mark had been reached.

Until further notice, Mrs. Frank McFarland announces that the Merkel Rental Library will be open only from 4 to 6 each afternoon, having decided to continue the morning hours. The library is filling a place long needed in Merkel and a great many book lovers are taking advantage of the opportunity afforded for good reading.

Effective the first of the month, Mrs. R. J. Carpenter resumed charge of the Good Eats Cafe on Front Street, which had been leased for some months to Mrs. W. H. Pence. Mrs. Carpenter, assisted by her granddaughter, Miss Clara Melton, assures patrons most appetizing food and the very best of service.

A large number have registered and are taking lessons daily in the swimming class conducted by J. T. Darsey, Jr., and William Sheppard at Shannon's pool. Classes meet each day except Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 9 a. m. J. T. Darsey, as most everybody knows, is a Senior American Red Cross Life guard. Instruction is given in primary and advanced swimming, diving and coaching in life saving.

Mrs. W. H. Pence announces the opening of a new cafe on Kent street at the location formerly occupied by Mack's Cafe. Mrs. Pence will be assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary, who was associated with her while they had a lease on the Good Eats Cafe. They specialize in home cooking, assuring patrons of everything first class.

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IN-HONOR AFFAIRS.

Mrs. Comer Haynes was a most charming honoree for a beautiful party on Tuesday afternoon at the Oak street home of her mother, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, with Mrs. Heizer Teaff and Miss Vennie Heizer co-hostesses with Mrs. McDonald. The house was profusely decorated with lovely summer flowers forming a pretty background for nine tables appointed in pretty colors of pink and green game accessories. A lovely bridal motif was carried out in tallies and score pads; pink and green baskets of pink and green mints and pink and green glasses for iced drinks augmented the color scheme.

The honoree was most becomingly gowned in a fashionable model of Navy Jericho-crepe. Games of "42" progressed happily around the honoree until tea time when the tables were laid in softest shades of pink covers, and centered with marigolds, the bride's table being centered with a miniature bride and groom. A dainty salad and sandwich plate, with grape punch, carrying wrist corsages of pink and green as plate favors was served.

The guest list complete included Mrs. Haynes, Mesdames T. G. Bragg, Fred Gaiter, Ernest Neff, Clyde White, Len Sublett, Erwin Jowers, Earl Teague, R. I. Grimes, Nathan Wood, Bob McDonald, Elmer Lowe, T. E. Collins, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter, T. V. Touchstone, Tom Largent, George White, Ed Gant, John West, Henry West, Jim West, Frank McFarland, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, J. T. Dennis, Cyrus Pee, Kenneth Fae, Ed Turner, Claude Young, Duncan Briggs, J. E. Richardson, Frank Hamm, Bob Martin, Ross Ferrer, M. D. Angus, Ollie Sharp, Bob Iddings, General Jones, W. L. Diltz, Sam Swann, C. K. Russell, Fred Latham, Misses Connie Pogue, Fannie Belle Boaz, Irene Swann, Louise Booth, Christine Collins, Matti Lou Largent, Martha Bird, Vera Baker, Johnnie Sears, Mary Eula Sears, Maxie Banner, Valerie Dye, Ona and Pauline Johnson, Mary Anna Mayfield. Tea hour guests were Mesdames E. N. Brown, Tom Warren, W. W. Haynes, Jim Swann, W. L. Harkrider, Asa Sheppard, Jim McDonald, Jim Boaz, A. J. Canon, Perry Dickinson, E. M. McDonald, Holland Teaff and Miss Vennie Heizer.

Evening Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes were complimented again on Tuesday evening by Mesdames McDonald and Teaff and Miss Heizer. This party was held on the spacious lawn in a natural setting of plants and flowers. Game tables were arranged around a beautiful fish pond; the combined lighting effects and flowers made indeed a lovely setting. Party accessories were in pink and green with game appointments in a bridal motif.

Dainty mints and refreshing drinks in pink and green containers were passed during the progression of games of "42" and at the refreshment hour delicious sandwiches, salads, iced punch with wrist corsages as favors for the ladies and orange blossoms for the men were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Grimes, W. T. Sadler, Yates Brown, Warren Smith, Byers Petty, W. J. Largent, Holland Teaff, W. S. J. Brown, Olan Lusby, W. B. Graham, Earl Baze, T. G. Bragg, Ted Nichols, Bill Haynes, Fred Hughes, Booth Warren, Ernest Old, C. H. Jones, John Toombs, Dean Higgins, Ed McCrary, Mrs. Guy Darsey, Miss Julia Martin, Messrs. Bob and Herbert Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Miss Vennie Heizer.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Stanley Lee Riddle was a most happy honoree on his fifth birthday when his mother invited seventeen of his little friends in to help him celebrate last Monday evening. Many games were played on the lawn from six to eight o'clock when delicious ice cream and cake was served and the many gifts were delivered to the honoree and were very much admired by the little guests.

Those helping Stanley Lee to enjoy his birthday were Dorothy Ruth Meshaw, Billy and Jackie Haynes, Mildred Tarlton, L. D. Barnes, Robert Dean Hobbs, Doris Clyde Miller, Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes, Marvin Estes Jones, Alfred Dickinson, Dave Carson, Teddie Joe and Jerry McGehee, Elmer Ruth Shouse and Ralph Dye.

LAWN PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt extended delightful hospitality to a number of friends on last Thursday evening. Tables were spread in the pretty cool backyard and a delectable chicken menu served to Rev. and Mrs.

W. M. Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Boswell and daughters, Helen and Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hargrove and son, Horace, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Britain and daughters, Patty Lynn and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt

SUNRISE BREAKFAST.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class enjoyed a sunrise breakfast on Wednesday morning at Shannon's pool. A brisk swim preceded breakfast which was prepared in the open. A business meeting was presided over by the president after breakfast. The visitors for this happy occasion were Mrs. Ollie Sharp of Fort Worth, Mesdames R. O. Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Tom Warren; class members were Mesdames A. R. Booth, Twyman Collins, Frank McFarland, Earl Teague, L. B. Reeves, E. Yates Brown, W. J. Largent, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter, Ollie Dye M. D. Angus, Hale Lancaster, W. V. Stevens, Lake Renfro, Nat Anderson and Roy Miller.

HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER.

Mrs. Fred Latham, who is removing to Mocona to make her home, was the honoree at a delightful outing on Monday evening at Shannon's pool when members of the Gleaner Sunday School class complimented her with a handkerchief shower.

A watermelon cut was enjoyed at the refreshment hour by Mesdames Latham, L. D. Boyd, F. E. Church, Duncan Briggs, Herbert Patterson, D. H. Vaughn, O. S. Bryan, G. W. Blake, Len Sublett, Vernon Sublett, S. M. Hunter, Mack Buzbee, Fletcher Mashburn, Eli Case and W. E. Lowe.

RESERVE OFFICERS AND WIVES HOLD OUTING.

(Abilene Reporter.)
Abilene Reserve Officer chapter and their wives held an outing Sunday afternoon at Shannon's pool at Merkel. Meeting there at six o'clock, where they were joined by visiting officers from Merkel, Sweetwater and Oklahoma City, and their wives, the group had a swim followed by a picnic supper.

Dr. Stewart Cooper, lieutenant colonel in the medical reserve corps, was speaker for the hour troop school discussing, "Hygiene, Sanitation, and First Aid."

Captain and Mrs. Gerald King, Lieutenant and Mrs. L. A. Smith, Lieutenant and Mrs. Sayon W. Roe, Lieutenant and Mrs. C. N. McCullen, Major and Mrs. Harold D. Austin, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Stewart Cooper, from Abilene, Lieutenant and Mrs. Stuart A. Grimes of Oklahoma City, Major and Mrs. Robert I. Grimes of Merkel and Captain and Mrs. Stevenson, Lieutenant and Mrs. Bullock and Lieutenant and Mrs. Blakeley of Sweetwater, made up the party.

THE ALETHEAN CLASS.

On Thursday, July 28, the Alethean class members met at the First Baptist church. Scripture was read by the president, Mrs. Brown, followed by prayer by Mrs. Stephens. Matters of business were discussed and the class decided to postpone the August meeting and have the revealing and shower for the hospital at the same time in September.

The losing side then served iced watermelon, which was enjoyed by all present.

Audition Chairmen Receive Contest Rules

Dallas, Aug. 4.—Local auditions in the Atwater Kent national audition have been open to applicants for the last two weeks. Mrs. W. E. Kingsbury, chairman for Dallas county, has announced that letters were mailed Wednesday to local chairmen throughout the state containing detailed information as to procedure taken by the local board members and judges for the different counties.

Musicians between the ages of 18 and 25 years are eligible for application, which may be secured from Ray Nesbitt at the First National bank, who is state chairman, or from Mrs. W. E. Kingsbury at Station WFAA, Dallas.

Dallas county auditions will be held on Sept. 7 at WFAA from 2 to 5 p. m. for the girls and from 9 to 11 p. m. for the boys. A blanket rule has been made that no applications will be accepted after Sept. 5. The dates for the North Texas auditions have been set for Oct. 14 for the girls and Oct. 15 for the boys.

The local audition will be held late in August.

Christine Collins, Chairman.

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CHURCHES

Prof. Work to Furnish Music Sunday Night First Baptist Church

Prof. W. J. Work of Simmons university will furnish music for the Sunday night service at the First Baptist church. This announcement should bring a large number for the evening hour.

Next Sunday is "Inspirational Day" at the Baptist church, inspirational in Sunday School and church attendance. Inspirational singing. Inspirational preaching.

The pastor has chosen as his subject for 11 a. m., "Why Do Big Men Go to Church?" At 8:15 p. m., "In Love with Life."

The evening service will be especially for "young people," but all ages are invited. Special music for all services. Come and bring your visitors and friends.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 760. On the same Sunday a year ago, which was a special Church and Sunday School day, 1,011 were present at the Sunday Schools in Merkel.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock will be the only service next Sunday and should be well attended.

There will be no preaching service, morning or night, as the pastor is in East Texas, associated with Rev. L. B. Hogan in a revival at Rocky Ford in Lamar county.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
K. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Aisie Carleton, president of the young people's division of the Northwest Texas conference, will preach Sunday morning.

Rev. C. C. Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church, Abilene, will preach at 8:15 p. m.

Be sure to hear these two men, as they will have a message worth your hearing.

Reports from the pastor, who is assisting in a revival at Baird, indicate a great meeting in progress.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

John Toombs is to lead the Men's Prayer Service next Sunday afternoon. The lesson from the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians will be read by G. R. Green, to be discussed by Alvie Yeats. A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all the men in Merkel and surrounding communities.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a great day. One man, head of a family, was saved at morning service, closing day of July. We are glad to say that, through God's help and power, we have had from one to four saved every month since we came on the work here except the month of June. For that we humbly thank God.

Next Sunday at the morning service the church will call their pastor for another year. Let every member please be present.

On account of so much whooping cough we closed out our revival. Brother Dodd did some real preaching.

Services next Sunday as follows: Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Evening service 8:15 p. m. A hearty welcome to all who do not go to Sunday School other places to come worship with us.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

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"The Second Coming of Christ" to be Subject Sunday Night Sermon

The revival meeting continues with good interest and attendance. Services daily 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m., with the following sermon subjects: Thursday night, "What Must I do to be saved?"

Friday night, "Thousands of folk in heaven that were not baptized—grown, responsible folk—shown by New Testament."

Sunday night, "The second coming of Christ."

Be sure to hear these subjects in the light of God's word.

Bible study Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching and worship 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Young People's training services 7 p. m.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our new tabernacle will be ready for use Sunday. An invitation is extended to everybody to come Sunday and be with us in an all-day service with dinner on the ground. Plenty of good singing and several good speakers have been invited to be with us.

Sunday night we are going to raise \$500 in 20 minutes. People are already sending in and bringing in their subscriptions on the tabernacle. If everybody who comes Sunday will bring 50 cents, the tabernacle will be paid for.

We are praying for a real Pentecostal Sunday. Everybody come determined to let the Spirit lead in all things. We will have service Saturday night in new tabernacle.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

First Wedding Anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett have had as their guests since Friday their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett, of Fort Worth. They were honored Tuesday with a lovely dinner, celebrating their first wedding anniversary. Miss Peggy Barnett presented gifts to the couple.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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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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- 3 PALMOLIVE and 20 giant size Crystal White for 25c
- PORK & BEANS, 3 cans for 20c
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