THE MERKEL MAIL

AUGUST 12, 1932.

TWELVE RACES

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TAX-PAYERS INVITED TO ATTEND BUDGET MEETING **AT TABERNACLE MONDAY**

Budget for the City of Merkel to Be Studied and Adopted; Co-**Operation of Tax-payers Ask**ed by Members of Council.

In a formal notice issued by Mayor W. M. Elliott, tax payers are invited to be present at the tabernacle next Monday at 8 p. m., which is the time set for the purpose of studying and adopting the budget for the city of Merkel for 1932-33.

The Mayor's statement follows: To the Tax-Payers of Merkel:

in our regular meeting Monday, August 1, the council set August 15 for the purpose of studying and adopting the budget for 1932-33 for the city of Merkel and the taxpayers who desire are invited to sit with the council in their deliberations at this time.

It is the desire of the council and mayor that every tax-payer know the problems we are having to work with and to realize that we are endeavor- 1936. ing to meet the conditions for the best interests of the city and its tax-payers and that we need the co-operation ters, and sanitation in counties borof everyone.

So, by the instruction of the council, I call the meeting to be held at erty owners must vote for such imthe tabernacle Monday evening at 8 c'clock, August 15, 1932.

W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

Merkel Schools to **Open September 12**

At the regular monthly meeting of the school board, it was decided to open the schools for the 1932-33 session on Monday, Sept. 12.

to make the further announcement ble the sale price must be paid to

VOTERS TO PASS ON9 AMENDMENTS

Economy Measures at General **Election In November.**

Austin, Aug. 11 .- Texas voters will have nine proposed changes in the state's constitution to pass upon on general election day, November 8. The amendments are:

(1) To allow the legislature to rebeen due for ten years.

(2) To exempt from state taxation \$3,000 of the assessed taxable value of all resident homesteads.

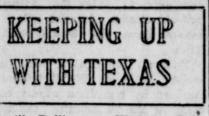
(3) To authorize the legislature to make an appropriation for the proposed Texas Centennial celebration in

(4) To lessen the vote required to vote bonds for seawalls, break-wadering on the Gulf of Mexico.

Now two thirds of all the propprovements. If the constitution is changed as proposed only twothirds of those who participate in the election must vote for bonds.

on a political ubdivision must have rendered property for taxation.

(6) To combine the offices of tax assessor and tax collector. (7) To save court cost in sale of property for delinquent taxes Supt. Burgess has asked The Mail tunity for redemption. Now dou-



MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY,

Orville Bullington, Wichita Falls attorney, was nominated by acclama- Seven State Races Contested in tion as the republican candidate for governor at the republican state convention at Dallas Tuesday. Richard Johnson and

Richard Brown, negro robbers, murderers and terrorists of Wichita Falls, were put to death in the electric chair at Hunts-Two Tax Matters Up Along with ville early Wednesday morning.

Effective Wednesday cotton seed rates in Texas were reduced 33 1-3 per cent as a result of a general application of the rail carriers approved Saturday by the railroad commission. Nathan Adams, democrat, Dallas, is one of five men appointed by President Hoover as members of the federal home loan bank board, of which Franklin W. Fort of Newark, N. J.,

was named chairman. lease delinquent taxes which have Roy Miller of Corpus Christi, formerly editor of the Morning Caller there, has been selected as democratic state campaign manager for Texas and a woman co-manager is to be named in the next few days.

W. T. Savage, flotorial representative from Dallas, Kaufman and Rockwall counties, announced Saturday that he would be a candidate for speaker of the 43rd legislature convening at Austin in January.

R. H. (Bob) Connerly, 67, for 35 years clerk of the third court of civil appeals and one of the leading amateur sportsmen of Texas two decades ago, died at Austin Sunday night, following a paralytic stroke three days before.

As winner of the title of "Miss Personality" over 16 other girls entered (5) To require that those voting in Galveston's annual beauty contest, in elections to fix an indebtedness Miss Billie Elwood, 18-year-old San Antonio girl, just out of high school, received a \$150 check and an air ticket to New York.

While M. G. Massingill, 50, living seven miles south of Gatesville, was sleeping on his front porch Wednesand to provide more liberal oppor- day morning about 4 o'clock, someone came to his home and with a shotgun shot the top of his head aw

TAYLOR BALLOT Run-Off Primary; Commis-

SHOWN ON NEXT

COTTON JUMPS sioner to be Selected in Merkel Precinct on August 27.

Names of candidates in seven state Low Government Estimate, Only races and one district race and 11,306,000 Bales, is Million Balfor two county offices and for two precinct places appear on the official ballot for the second democratic primary election, August 27, in

Taylor county. Certification from the state democratic committee of names entitled to go on the state ballot was received Tuesday afternoon by County Chairman James P. Stinson and he author. ized the printing of the ballot at

Candidates' names will appear in had been and the market's reaction the same order in which they were printed on the ballot for the first to the bullish news was to send donating premiums subscribed. primary. There was no second draw- prices up \$5 a bale in both New York and New Orleans. ing for places.

The absentee voting period, under the law, started Tuesday of this week, but, as explained above, County Clerk Bounds had no ballots on hand at that time. The printing has been completed, however, and ballots are now available for absentees. Tuesday night, August 23, three days previous to the primary, is the closing date for absentee voting.

THE BALLOT.

The Taylor county ballot will read: For Governor: R. S. Sterling of Harris county. board, which with some of its agen-Miriam A. Ferguson of Travis county. cies, holds 3,000,000 bales. For State Railroad Commissioner (6-

Year Term): Lee Satterwhite of Ector county. C. V. Terrell of Wise county.

Foy State Railroad Commissioner (4-Year Unexpired Term): county.

Ernest O. Thompson of Potter taken place. county.

On the "Broadway of America"

\$5.00 PER BALE

es Under Expected Figure.

the principal markets in that com-

The prediction was nearly 1.000 ..

and consequent smallness of plants.

Another factor in the price increase

was a report that banking interests

modity surging upward.

future use.

PRIZE LIST OVER \$110 TO

BE AWARDED FOR FIRST,

SECOND AND THIRD BALES

Bale Must Weigh 450 Pounds or More; Must Be Grown and Ginned in Merkel Territory: Winners Come to Merkel Mail.

5c PER COPY

With subscriptions of cash and merchandise totalling more than \$110.00, Merkel business men and citizens are extending a list of most at-Washington, Aug. 11 .- The de- tractive and serviceable premiums partment of agriculture Monday fore. for the first, second and third bales cast an 11,306,000 bale cotton crop of cotton, weighing 450 pounds, or this year, 5,790,000 less than last more, grown and ginned in the Merseason's production, and thereby sent kel territory.

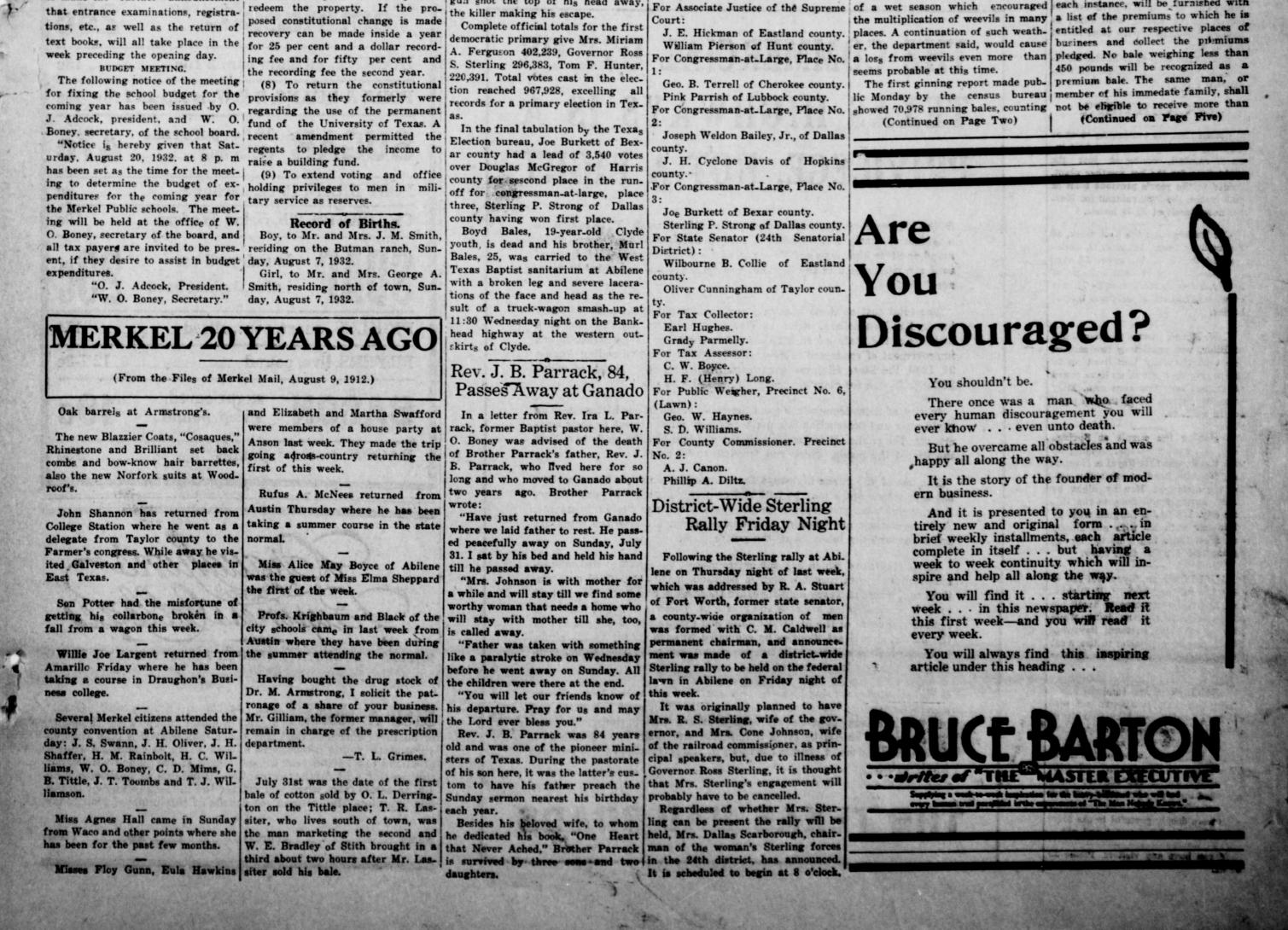
A complete list of prizes for the three bales, first, second and third, appears below. Conditions are fully 000 less than any private estimate stated in the appended statement, to which the merchants and business men

Without the Lions club, or other civic organization functioning this year, The department gave two main rea- the plan of starting the list and passsons for the startling drop in pro- ing it from one merchant to another duction; first, the boll weevil; sec- 'until the entire town had been soliciond, the lack of the use of fertilizer ted was evolved by Booth Warren, Yates Brown and Dee Grimes late Monday afternoon.

Quick and liberal response brought were looking with favor on the organi- a list of prizes in excess of \$110.00, or zation of a syndicate of mills to pur- more specificially, the first bale will chase cotton at present prices for receive in excess of \$57.00 in cash and prizes, based on the attached list; the Eugene Meyer, governor of the Fed- second bale, over \$31.00 and the third eral Reserve board, has discussed such bale over \$22.00.

HERE'S THE CONDITIONS.

a plan with officials of the Farm The undersigned firms and individuals hereby subscribe the following That old familiar pest of Dixie, cash and or merchandise for the 1st, the boll weevil, has had nature on 2nd and 3rd bales of 1932 cotton, reshis side throughout the present cot- pectively, weighing 450 pounds or ton growing season. The department more, grown and ginned in the Mersaid infestation was general through- kel trade territory and we hereby auout the belt, but particularly in the thorize the Merkel Mail to give exped-W. Gregory Hatcher of Dallas delta lands along the Mississippi lient publicity to these premiums and river where the heaviest planting has finally to announce the respective winners in each division. It being under-The aid of nature came in the form stood and agreed that the winner, in



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Oath Administered by Father's Old Friend

Esco Walter, young Abilene lawyer, home for several weeks. who won a decisive victory in the July 23 primary race for justice of nesday from a visit with his son, T. the peace, place No. 1, precinct 1, S. Christopher, in Austin. was appointed by the county commissioners in their regular session six weeks at Burleson with her bro-Monday to fill the unexpired term of ther and sister, has returned home. M. C. Lambeth, deceased.

Merkel has especial interest in his Fort Worth after a two weeks visit installation in office, as Judge W. W. with her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Bearden. Wheeler, veteran official and life long Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and friend of the young man's father, L. son, Ben Robert, left Monday to visit P. Walter, administered the oath of with Mrs. Hicks parents at Wills office. It was at the request of the lat- Point. ter that the Merkel justice officiated.

Judge Wheeler has served as a spending the week camping and fishjustice of the peace over 35 years and ing at Seven Hundred Springs near has sworn in many officials, including Junction. his son, Burl Wheeler, Taylor county sheriff, recently re-elected for a second term.

Cotton Jumps

(Continued from Fage One.) round bales as half bales, had already found its way to the gins this season. This compares with the abnormally low figure of 7,307 for 1931 and the approximately normal figure of 78,-188 bale: for 1930.

The census bureau report on this year's supply and carry-over of cotton will be made next week. Secre- and Mary Eula Sears. tary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange has estimated the carry-over in this country on July 31 at 12,911,000 bales, as compared with 8,710,000 bales a year ago.

World consumption of United States cotton for the year ending July 31 was estimated by Hester at 12,580,000, as compared with 11,045,000 the previous year.

Exports for this crop year have been nearly 2,000,000 bales more than last year, totaling 8,258,072 for the

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PERSONALS

were visitors Tuesday with Miss Do-

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris of Ar-

J. D. Daniel left Sunday for Hill

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene

was guest of Miss Christine Collins

Messrs. A. J. and Taylor Tucker

arrived Saturday night and will be at

T. H. Christopher returned Wed-

Miss Altie Grayson, who has spent

Rosemary Lassiter is home from

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg are

Miss Melbalea Watts has returned

home after a month's visit with her

sister, Mrs. Clarence Walden, of Fort

Mrs. T. A. Bearden and children

Earnest Daniel and wife of East-

Mrs. C. D. Needham and daughter,

Miss Joyce, of Waco were guests

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton are

spending the week with their son

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, in the

Friends will be glad to learn that

Mrs. Roy Largent, who has been ill

for several weeks at the home of her

mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, is

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nix and family

have removed here from Smithfield

Union Ridge community.

much better.

land have been visiting their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel, of the

from Fort Wordh were recent guests

in the home of her parents. Mr. and

San. Texas.

Mrs. J. N. Teaff.

Stith community

county to visit his brother, Hope Dan-

Baze.

ta Garoutte.

iel, who is sick

the first of the week.

and are being cordially welcomed by Cunningham Leads old friends in Merkel where they formerly lived.

Jo Earl Lassiter is visiting relatives Mrs. D. I. Shelton and daughter, in Fort Worth for a week or ten days. Dorma Lee, and son, Len, have re-Mr. and Mrs. Ira Callihan of Fort turned from Winnawood, Okla., where Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mrs. T. B. Strickland. Mr. and Mrs. Hyman of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son,

and children, Neoma Altie and De- senator from the 24th district of loss, and Miss Lena Webb, visited cher City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. with Miss Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb, at Clyde Sunday.

> Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and children left Tuesday for Plainview where Mrs. Largent and the children will visit her parents. Mr. Largent goes on to Springfield, Ill., to start the show circuit with the Largent exhibition cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, of Burleson have been here for a short visit with Mrs. Hill's parents, | ceived 9,090. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson They were Mr. J. T. Hill, who spent most of his Collic, 1.163; Howsley, 780. time visiting relatives at Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and son, Jo Earl, enjoyed a few days chamber of commerce, Saturday camping party at Lueders with friends August 27, at 10 a. m., with Stinson, from Abilene and Kerrville: Mrs. R. W. Grisham and son, Rufus, Jr., Misses Ruth and Dixie Howard, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard and two daughters, Ann Laurie and Mary George, of Kerrville.

Some improvement was noted Thursday in the condition of Mrs. J. C. Calvert, who has been ill for sometime at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. K. Russell. A daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Tyler, came to be at her bedside, Mr. Morgan having returned home. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cavlert of Sweetwater were also here Sunday to be at her bedside.

Plenty Red Picket Fence on hand. Burton-Lingo Co.

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Collie by 475 Votes Names of Oliver Cunningham of

Abilene, incumbent. and Wilbourne they visited her parents, Mr. and B. Collie of Eastland, were certified Saturday by James P. Stinson, as candidates to enter the August 27 accompanied by Mrs. S. L. Grayson run-off election, for the place of Texas.

Stinson's certification was made on the basis of official tabulations received by him from county chairmen of the 12 counties composing the 24th senatorial district.

Cunningham led Collie by 475 votes, tabulations show. Total vote for Cunningham was 11,763 and for Collie 11,288. Y. L. Thamason of Haskell received 3,846 votes and Andrew M. Howsley of Albany re-

Taylor county official figures are: accompanied here by Mr. Hill's father, Cunningham, 4,077; Thomason, 383;

> Convention of the 24th senatorial district will be held at the Abilene the district choirman, presiding.

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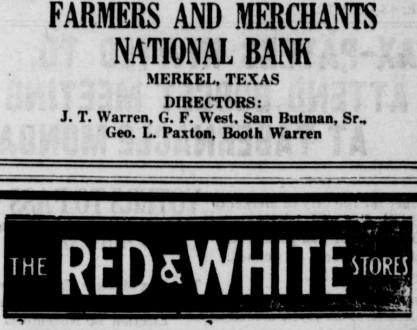
Where It's Cool Showing Today and Sat. "Steady Company" with Norman Foster-June Clyde

Zasu Pitts-Henry Armetta J. Farrell McDonald also

Olympic News-Cartoon-Serial

Mon.-Tues. A Mystery Picture "By Whose Hand" with Ben Lyon-Barbara Weeks Kenneth Thomson Wed.-Thurs. The Wonder Pcture

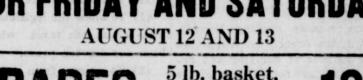
"Hell Divers" Wallace Berry-Clark Gable



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LETTUCE, far	ncy crisp, head	
Apricots peeled, fine for preserving, No. 10 can		
PINEAPPLE,	No. 2 broken slice, 2 fo	or25c
PEAS, No. 2 K	uners Economy, 2 can	s 25c

eleven months ending with June, as against 6,500,868 for the same period a year ago.

The Texas crop is estimated at 3,-826,000 bales, as compared with 5,-320,000 last year.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Cotton showers continuing most of Tuesday morning measured a half inch of rainfall, coming at just the right time for the hot weather plant. Added to the year's previous total of 20.9 inches, the 1932 rainfall for Merkel now stands at 21.49 inches.

Car loadings for the past week, as reported by Local Agent J. C. Childress of the T. & P., were: 13 cars of wheat, 3 cars of oats and one of barely, bringing the season to 75 cars of wheat, 18 cars of oats and one of barley.

J. W. Moore, farmer residing south of Blair, was exhibiting two ears of pop corn Saturday that lived up to the saying that lots of us have heard about, but very few have seen. They were literally popped by the sun right out in his field.

Beginning the circuit at Springfield, Ill., next week and winding up with the Kansas City Royal in November, fourteen head of exhibition cattle were shipped Monday night by C. M. Largent and Sons to the Illinois city. Willie Joe Largent went by Plainview with his wife and family and from there has gone to be at Springfield for the first show.

Alfred Dickinson, 8-year-old son of City Marshal and Mrs. P. P. Dickinson, had the misfortune to break his left arm at the elbow joint, while playing with his brothers Saturday afternoon. He was taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene ios treatment.

Hi-Jacked on Freight. City Marshal Dickinson's aid was enlisted Sunday night by four train riders on a west bound freight, who reported to him that they, with four cothens, had been hijacked on the train. They went to Sweetwater and with the assistance of the officers there searched the riders but could not find the offending party. The complainants were deeply grateful to the Merkel officer for his interest and aid.

If you have any visitors. Pl

THE COMMERCIAL USE OF **TEXAS HIGHWAYS IS A** PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

• The highways of Texas are the property of its citizens. They constitute a system of nearly 200,600 miles of road of which 20,000 miles are designated as State highways and the compainder are county roads. All types of road are represented in this system, less than 5% have co-called "permanent" surface.

The total cost of these highways is unknown but it amounts to many hundred million dollars. From 1917 to 1920, inclusive, counties and road districts of the State issued \$243,592,834 in bonds for the construction and improvement of roads and bridges. In the two-year period ending August 31, 1930, the State Highway Commission expended \$89,032,825, of which \$22,488,426 was for maintenance of the State highways.

In view of these tremendous costs the preservation of our highways from rapid wear and destruction is a matter of very vital interest to their owners, viz., the public. It is especially important that they be made to outlast the life of the bonds, which run from 20 to 30 years.

The use of the public highways for commercial purposes is not a right but a privilege which may be withheld or granted subject to such restrictions, regulations and charges as the Legislature may see fit to impose. Such regulations are intended to promote safety, preserve the highways and safeguard the interests of the public.

Texas Railroads, which pay the entire cost of construction and maintenance of their own roadbeds and, in addition, make substantial contributions to the cost of Texas highways, are thoroughly regulated with respect to their services, rates, methods and practices. There is no good reason why commercial users of the highways, built and maintained at the expense of the public, should not likewise be regulated to such extent as the public interest requires and pay such charges as will represent proper compensation for the privileges granted them.

• The statutes governing highway transportation as enacted by the Fortysecond Legislature represent the wishes of the citizens of this State and express their desire to give equal rights to all and special privileges to none. These statutes should be given a fair trial and their value ascertained. Unless this is done, a chaotic condition in transportation as a whole will

surely ensue.



Tomatoes ^{No. 2 can} 25c
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PORK & BEANS, B & W, med. can 2 for 15c
SUGAR ¹⁰ lbs. pure cane 47c
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Friday, August 12, 1932.

ELIX RIESENBERG

FIFTH 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 truckonly 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. drew these men. Pug Malone, the He works in the sweatshop store- trainer, generally put up a show. Boys and is openly courted by Becka-the and men looked on, with the perpetual 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. That chapter was an affair with his mother's maid, who left the house when he was accused. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Harriet had left with a man, her father or brother. Simmons did not know: They walked down toward Park get her at any price.

As Gilbert left home his father bert, you are a Van Horn, not a Hallet, thank God. The girl may show up take care of herself." The words, then as now, held a familiar ring. "But, let this be a lesson to you."

At the club, Brevoort, in the utmost confidence, pouring out a liberal highball of Sherwood, tossed it off and told the whole story to Marvin Kelly, a gentleman who mingled politics with law. "I recall the girl, Marvin, a hand-

"Wouldn't mind mixing in it myself. Judge, you're a life saver." The two friends strolled up the ave-

nue in the dusk.

For a block or so each way. groups of loiterers, and the curious, talked of the fights. The crowd gradually thickened before the doors of the club. Now and then some notable would appear; the McManus came; then followed the district chief of an adjoining principality in the close feudal system of Tammany; or some sporting celebrity would dash up in a cab. It was more the attraction of the club than any special fame of the contenders that interest of expectation.

Gilbert Van Horn and Judge Kelly. wearing silk opera hats, and with rakish cloaks over their evening dress. stepped from a red wheeled hansom. They had dressed the part, a bit of convention in the old city, for the Bowery, and the bums, expected it of the quality.

As they alighted Sol Bernfeld, holding John by the arm, passed the door of the club and entered the fighter's dressing room. It was crowded Avenue, and beyond, to the river, and | and a maze of talk and smoke greeted. the Cavalier. Tom Breen was glad to John had learned that he need only fight one opponent at a time, and he knew that leather gloves were far less gripped him by the hand. "Well, Gil- damaging than brass knuckles. His point of view was typical of his experience. Generally he got five dollars for again. I suppose she knows how to a fight, not an inconsiderable amount, and here he might earn fifteen.

"But you got to win. Remember it, John, you got to win to cop the big money." John and Sol were being pushed along a narrow aisle to the ringside as Gilbert and the Judge took their seats, chatting with the Mc-Manus. Blue smoke lifted in the air, drifting in flat veils like unsteady me, and a way with her. Think of leaving my boy closeted with that." between the scraps. It was a male au-dience; it was a time of hard heroic ed at him minute of at him minut saucers of mist. A hum of talk rose fighting. A hush fell over the hall as

The Rasper landed again and again, then John, seeing an opening, drove his hard right to the chin and laid bare the lower teeth of the Polack. Dark blood oozed from the cut lip in jaw, partly blocked by the Rasper, spattered blood over both fighters; the gong sounded the end of the round. Cheers rose from the ringside, cat calls and boos mingled with the dim. The stamping of feet and the dust and smoke that lifted above the crowd attested their approval. They were getting blood and action for their money.

Stools were shoved into the ring and the Rasper was rushed to his corner. A towel tosser, gulping large mouthfuls of water from a bottle, sprayed the contents over the face and body of his man, while two others massaged his arms and legs, and advisers from the Greenpoint section whispered breathless instructions for the continuation of the battle. Bets were being laid on their man, and partisan fans shouted encouragement. "Ya got him, Rasp. Kill him in the next! He's white -he is! Plug his wind! Look out for his right! He's a nut-crack 'him!" Fighting Lipvitch also had his adherents. Men yelled and howled as he went to his corner where Manager Sol, and a boy, worked over him in clumsy fashion. Sol Bernfeld had failed to provide his man with proper handlers. John wiped his nose with a towel and gulped from a bottle of water. Then he sat back on his stool, his arms resting on the lower ropes of the ring. He was without the artificial aid for quick recuperation accorded his opponent. An angry murmur arose from the excited crowd, brought to a close by the ringing of the gong for the second round.

The experienced Rasper ducked and dodged in a waiting game to wind and tire his opponent. Hoots and howls of rage greeted these unpopular maned at him, missed, and crashed into

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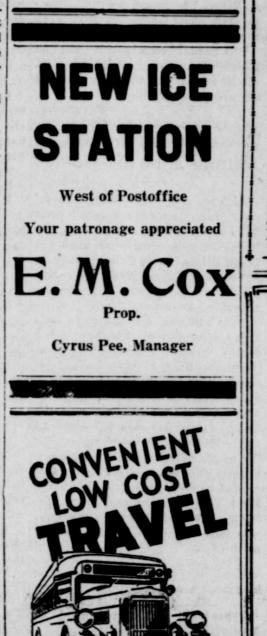
ed with the sudden clanging of the gong.

"Some is natural fighters, same as some is swimmers," Pug Malone was expounding his views in the dressing room of the Samson Sporting Club, years of service. She has the dis- or 61. after the fight. "They just naturally know how to fight, to put steam into a punch, an' kick, when it lands. Why dammit, ninety-nine fighters out of a

hundred hit like windmills. Now, that kd-Breen's his name, not Lipshitz, he's no kyke-that kid's a born natural fighter." The Jorgan-Lipvitch fight, ending

by a clean knockout in the middle of the sixth round, after a mill filled with fight from start to the count of ten, completely overshadowed the main event, in which the mixed-ale a sluggish stream. A quick left to the pugilists, "Red Herring" "Hennessy and Jeff Keegan, floundered around iin clumsy buffeting while the crowd dwindled in disgust.

(Continued Next Week.)



tinction of having attended all the Woman Mail Carrier Retires. Monroe, Neb., Aug. 11-Mrs. Ruth national conventions of the N A. Kenyon, Platte County pioneer, has retired from carrying her rural

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Doctor or Lawyer.

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He's a Van Horn, all right. here's luck to 'em both."

"How!" and the men tossed off their drink.

The affair never got outside of the Van Horn home. Servants in those days, were loyal; it was still in a time when servants talked, but not for publication. . . .

Gilbert Van Horn, in the fall of 1900, sat in the window of his Fifth Avenue club.

Marvin Kelly, Judge of the State Supreme Court, man about town, gray, genial, came in as the long afternoon shaded into night.

"Gilbert, old boy," Marvin Kelly and hat on a vacant chair. "I'm having a bit of fun tonight, on the Bowery down at McManus' place. What are ing at John Breen-"a fighting Lipyou doing?"

"Having a whiskey sour; what else?"

"All right. Dine with me at Martin's and then for the mixed-ale scrappers. Malone has a string of terriers, he's trying out a couple of heavies."

"All right, Judge-Ah, Josephine. I want to tell you about her." "Yes."

"Well, you know, I'm rather lucky about that. Getting to feel like a family man, home, you know, laughter, and a bit of responsibility. She's entered at the Misses Filters. Sort of has the crowd guessing. Glad, I met her the other day, out walking with a class. Really, I felt as if I was responsible for the whole lot of them. A female gave me a cold stare when I bowed to my ward."

"Gilbert, all you need is a hint, and you'll be a family man yet."

"I'm thinking seriously of getting, an automobile." They talked idly. "Looked at a Panhard the other day, just brought over. The foreign makers are years ahead of us in that."

"It's a dangerous thing." Judge Celly had ordered his drink and was onsidering it. "Joseph Muldoon, a shild of seven, was killed on 51st take any chances, Gilbert."

Judge-here's looking at you!"

out on Fifth Avenue. "Come, Gilbert, let's walk up

Martin's."

Van Horn stood and flexed his arms. gloves pummeling human flesh.

the announcer appeared. John had climbed into the ring, and a million fierce little eyes, terribly close together, in pairs, seemed to be boring at him from all sides of an endless void. Immediately about him, under streaming light, was stark reality. "The next bout, gentlemen, an' I

hope it will be a bout,"-there was a slight pause filled with boos and peers -"is between"-and the stout man under the floodlights in the center of the ring brought a piece of paper closer to his eyes-"is between Rasper Jorgan," he waved his hand toward a corner of the squared circle-a dark-skinned muscular youth rose to drew off his gloves and tossed his cane the introduction, grinning at the crow, "known as the 'Polack Wonder,' and"-his other hand pointed accus-

vitch!"

The fighters had their bandages examined. The gloves were adjusted. The stools were pulled from the corners. All but the referee left the ring. The fighters shook hands. The gong sounded. They were off, shuffling above the resined canvas. The cold white light pelted down on them. Their bodies glistened, like animated specimens on some monster oprating table. The calls of the crowd rose more violent than ever. The Polack Wonder was picked to win. Cries of "Kill the whitewashed kyke! Knock his block off! Bust him up! Mix'er! Kill him!" interspersed with oaths, greeted the senses of John, reeling backward from a hard blow on the nose. The warm salty blood trickling over his lips, sucking into his mouth, filled him with an ungovernable rage. Dancing before his narrowed eyes he saw the thing he was after. a cruel fighter who, in those red moments, epitomized the enmity of man.

During the first minute of the round, as the fighters, by their actions, revealed a lack of science, many of the audience turned their backs to the ring, preferring to discuss matters of greater interest while awaiting Street last April by one of the new the main event of the evening, a much vehicles. There'll be dozens killed touted bout between third-rate heavevery year before we know it. Don't ies. But, as the Rasper drew blood, and the fighting kyke showed spunk, "Depend on me being careful, the fans, alert on the instant, turned back to the ring. The tiered seats and For a while they continued to look the gallery bent over, glued to their chairs and benches. The mephitic air, heavy with stale tobacco and foul with the fumes of whiskey breath, vibrated "I feel like a good scrap tonight." under the impact of tight fighting

the spectators in the opposite ringside seats. A great cheer for John swept through the crowd as his right fist again smashed against the jaw of the dodging Rasper with the hard sharp thud of a perfect blow, rocking his man, for an instant, against the ropes. John responded to the change of sentiment with a burst of speed, landing right and left against the body in quick succession and jumping clear of a furious counter blow. Purple blotchrose under the impact of his fists. Then. after a running minute. a short hook to the wind ended the round. The Rasper staggered to his corner, a look of doubt crossing his battered face. John fell onto his stool, his nose again bleeding, a thick trickle of gore smearing down his throat and over his heaving chest. At a whistle from the trainer two boys from the Samson Club elbowed Sol and his assistant out of the corner, stripped off their coats and began rubbing and blowing water under direction of Pug Malone. A third man swung a towel alternately from his shoulders, fanning air into John's face. They rubbed and kneaded his legs, for fighters tire there first. "Play his wind," was the advice of Malone, "don't step-mind your guard," and the third round was call.

R & R RITZ Sweetwater Sunday 2 and 4 P. M. then Monday Tom Brown in "Tom Brown of Culver" News-Comedy Tuesday-Wednesday Watches_Diamonds_Silver-Carole Lombard **Chester Morris in** Abilene, Texas "Sinners in the Sun" News-Comedy Thursday-Friday "The First Year" with Janet Gaynor-Chas. Farrell Saturday Peggy Shannon in "After the Rain" BLUE FRONT GARAGE NOTICE-August 14 to 20, inclusive is "GO TO SHOW WEEK."

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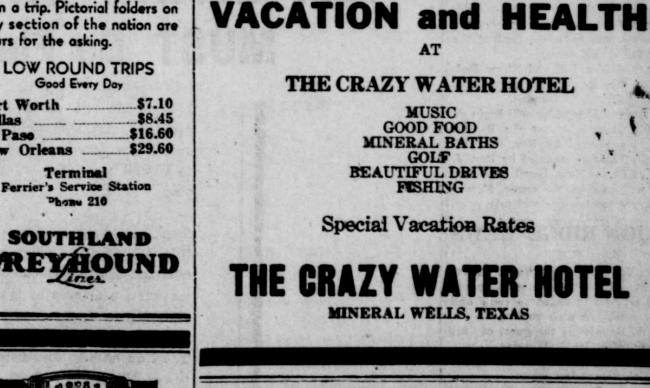
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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. McCombs of Rotan, en route to Abilene for a visit with his son and family, stopped over here Saturday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goode.

John C. Howell of Abilene was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Stanley Armour and family, who have been living at Rankin, have moved here. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and little daughter, Peggy, who visited for a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ozra Steen and little son of Sidney are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Halbrook.

Miss Ida V. Estep is home after a visit at Longview. She was accompanied by her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roggie, who are moving back to Sweetwater.

Messrs, Dalbert Burk and Guy Franklin of Lamesa were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhart.

Miss Jean Terry of Clyde was the house guest of Mrs. J. E. Bowers and visited with other relatives and friends here from Wednesday till Monday.

Marion Billings, who has been in Alabama for the past two months, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood returned Monday from Taft where they were called Thursday to attend the bedside of a little nephew, Sonny Boy Rosson, who is seriously ill with lockjaw.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and Miss Leona Laurie of Abilene visited here Saturday Mrs. Bessie Billings returning with them for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strain and daughters, Dorothy Jo and Willa Dean, went to Greenville Saturday for a visit of a few days with the former's mother.

Miss Medeah Rawlings has returned home after a pleasant visit of several weeks at Pecos with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Biggs.

Mr. Charles Huff of Dora was attending to business here . Saturday. J. T. Bright and wife of San Antonio, who are visiting his brother near Merkel, visited relatives here last Saturday.

RURAL SOCIETY

MRS. J. C. ELMORE CELEBRATES HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. J. C. Elmore celebrated her ninetieth birthday Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Frazier with Mrs. Edgar Bradley. of the Butman community.

All of Mrs. Elmore's children were with her daughter for a number of years. Mr. Elmore died September 2, 1927

All of Mrs. Elmore children were present for a big dinner. In the center of the table was a large birthday cake with ninety candles on it. The children present were George

Elmore of Wichita Falls, Mrs. C. M. Galbraith of Kirkland and Mrs. E. L. Frazier of Mulberry Canyon.

There are twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Those present were Mary Ellen and Morgan Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Fraz-

ier and children. Ailene. Elby, Wallace, Billy and Elma Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Joan, of Mulberry Canyon, Mr. and

Mrs. Willis Evans and children, Fern, Naurville, Florene, Roy and Wayland of Sweetwater and Clarence Elmore

of Wichita Falls. There were a number of friends present. They were Mr. and Mrs. Mose Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown and son, W. L., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye and son, Homer, Jr., and Loyd Matthews of Mulberry Canyon and Mondel Rodgers of Plum

THE STITH HOME DEMONSTRA. TION CLUB.

creek.

The Stith Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Sam Mashburn. Fifteen members answered roll call with a current evtrip to the short course at A. & M. Mrs. Daisy Dwiggins gave an angel food cake demonstration and Mrs. H. O. Miller gave a pound cake demonstration.

Rules were read concerning the use of the pressure cooker, which belongs to the club. Miss Nora Kelso will have charge of the cooker.

A community gathering will be held Mail office.

at the tabernacle the night of August 17. At this time a quilt will be given away. Everyone is invited. At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Mashburn served punch and the cakes which were demonstrated.

-Reporter.

SALT BRANCH CLUB. The Salt Branch Home Demonstra- ther J. E. Stephens of Sweetwater is tion club met Friday, August 5, at doing the preaching. the home of 'Mrs. L. B. McClain. Punch and cake were served to ten is here for the week visiting her sismembers and several visitors. The next meeting will be Friday,

A. Baker. The program will be "Ech- here visiting Mrs. H. T. Mallon Monoes from Short Course" by Mrs. W. C. day. Lee.

Thursday, August 18, at Buffalo Gap. a visit for several days with relatives All club members and their families in Mesquite. are urged to attend.

-Reporter.

Texon Oilers to Meet Simms Nine in 3 Games out.

Abilene, Aug. 11 .-- West Texas most famous semi-pro baseball team will pay its first visit to this part of McCoy, were calling in Noodle Mon-West Texas this week-end when the Texon Oilers invade Gardner park at Abilene for a three game series with the Mose Simms team. The Simms nine also is known as Oilers.

They will play a single game Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and a and family, Ottis Moore, and attenddouble header Sunday afternoon, ing the Methodist meeting. starting at 2:30.

Texon, under the management of Snipe Conley, who starred many sea- gin. sons as a pitcher for Dallas in the Texas league, has won 26 out of 28 starts this year. Its roster includes the names of Flop Harris, Goldsboro Ridge next Friday at 8:30 o'clock. Louise Hudson gave an account of her pitcher who had two years of suc- Services twice daily, 10:30 a. m. and cessful hurling with Coleman in the 8:30 p. m. We want you to come and West Texas league; and Eddie Mc- help us in the work. Come praying, Millian, outfielder from Ballinger, who leads the team hitting with a mark of 425.

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DORA DOINGS

This community enjoyed a nice coolng shower Monday and Tuesday. Miss Ada May Rogers and sister,

The next meeting will be Aug. 19 Mrs. Farrell Boyd, of Abilene are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. C. Rogers, for several days. The Methodist people are conduct-

ing a revival meeting this week. Bro-Mrs. Charlie Whiteaker of Abilene

ter, Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Phillips and

August 19, at the home of Mrs. Fred Miss Edith Hollowell of Caps were

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bryant and The annual club picnic will be Grandpa Moore left last Tuesday for

> Prof. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagin returned home Thursday from Gilmer and several eastern points, where they have been visiting since school was

> Frank Magee and J. B. McCoy made business trip to Clyde Monday. Everett Pool and family, with Mrs. Annie and Harlan Lane and Ruth day and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCain of Merkel were here Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Pete Rape.

Grandmother Moore of Hylton is spending the week here with her son

Messrs. Tatum and Ault of Clyde are here making repairs on the Dora

Union Ridge Revival.

Our revival will begin at Union with faith.

"O, Lord, wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee."

A cordial welcome to everybody. Ural S. Sherrill, Pastor.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

BLAIR ITEMS

The Rev. Mr. Lowery of Abilene, assisted by the pastor, Brother Walker, of Abilene, are conducting the revival at the Baptist church this week. The meeting continus with good in- for several weeks. terest and attendance under inspiring preaching. Be sure to hear these two men, as they will have messages worth hearing.

Mr. Thomas Christopher of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett of Merkel were the interesting visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes recently. Jim Maddera, for several days. Mrs. T. M. Corbin of Breckenridge is staying with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, for an indefinite

Mesdames Alvin Bland and J. M. people to move into our little town. Moore and children of Sweetwater motored over and spent a pleasant afternoon with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, of White Church.

O. L. Mayfield, the past week. Mrs. Tom Melton, accompanied by Frice Bankhead and daughter of of Merkel, visited the former's broth- Howard Brown. er. Will Bankhead, who was seriously

end. Mrs. C. F. Doan. Mrs. Doan and week. daughter, Otis Ray, accompanied them back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks of Winparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks, Rev. Bailey Wilson, will begin a Holirecently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jett Rister and daughter of Tye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan of Clyde have moved into our community recently. We are proud to have this fine young couple with us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mayfield have gone on an extended trip to Georgia and Oklahoma.

Mrs. W. O. Reeves and children of New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs, Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, of Burleson, Delois Graysor of Merkel, Floyd Cogburn of Fort Worth, Tom Maddox of Merkel and Mrs. Pat Patterson of

Trent were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell the past week.

Master John Clovis, the charming little son of Mr. and Mrs. Purl Sanford of Tuscola. is the house guest of his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan,

Mrs. Riley James and daughter, Joan, of East Texas came down last week-end to spend midsummer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McSpadden and children from the Divide motored over and visited their sister, Mr and Mrs.

Mrs. Beall and children of New Mexico have moved here to be with her husband, who is our new Santa Fe agent. We are glad to have these

Melba Hunter spent the week-end with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Mrs. .A M. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Brown, and son, have returned home after two weeks stay Sweetwater and Grandma Bankhead with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Susie Doan has returned home ill at the Dallas sanitarium last week- after two months stay with her two sons at Roscoe and Rotan. She was Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton have re- accompanied back by her daughter, turned home after several days stay Mrs. A. L. Farmer, of White Church, at Clyde with their parents, Mr. and whom Mrs. Doan visited the past

Holiness Meeting.

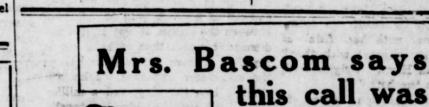
Beginning Saturday, August 20, ters spent several days with their Rev. J. Frank Runnels, assisted by ness camp meeting at the Butman tabernacle, which will last about ten nights. Everybody is invited to come.

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Mrs. Hale McRee and little son, H. L., and daughter, Virginia Cloe, returned home Thursday of last week for a few days visit in Fort Worth with her sister, Mrs. Clay Causseaux, and brother, Rochell McGowen.

Tyman Davenport of Duncan. Okla., is the guest of relatives.

Mesdames Annie Boone and Royce Dowdy left Thursday for a visit of a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander of Hobbs, N. M. Mrs. Alexander and son, Tootisie, are expected to return with them the first of the week for a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Elmer Redding of Deming, N. M., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Duncan.

A protracted meeting will begin on Sunday, August 14, at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Geo. W. Parks of Roscoe, assisted by Rev. J. Perry King of Rule. Ewell Bone and wife will conduct the music. Everyone is invited to come and take part.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The Union Ridge Methodist revival meeting starts Friday night, August 12. Everyone is urged to come and bring some one with you.

J. A. Douglas is the guest of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

Miss Lucille Jones returned to her home at Sidney last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. "Jones of the Goodman community.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes of Merkel were Sunday afternoon visitors in the E M. Dean home.

Mrs. Lee Ponder left last Friday for Rising Star where she will visit her mother.

Miss Marybel Douglas was Saturday night's guest in the home of Mrs. A. C. Boney of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin spent Senday in Merkel.

Miss Louise Mashburn of Stith vicited last week with Miss Gladys Barley.

' Miss Ruth Davis of Merkel was "Saturday night's guest of Miss Lena Fay Douglas. Phillip Skidmore of Golan is visiting in the M. L. Douglas home

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and daughter returned last week from Post City where they visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks. They were accompanied by Mrs. Irvin's brother, Mr. Otha

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Boney, insurance, Cox Ice station, 200 pounds ice. (Subject to the action of the run-Brown's Bargain store, work shirt, ff Democratic Primary August 27:) lons gas; Woozy's cafe, ham and eggs 23 ... 50c; Eragg Dry Goods com- cash 50c; Patterson's market, sausage, 50c; W. O. Boney, insurance, cash 50c; FOR THIRD BALE. merchandise, 41.00; Petty and 75c; Sie Ham, one bottle Baby Percy, Farmers and Merchants National Patterson's market, roast 50c; Sie and drink, 30c; Fox Wrecking shop, for County Tax Collector: merchandise, 50c; L. D. Boyd, mer. Sanitary Barber shop, shave 50c; Nichols Ice company, 300 pounds bank, cash, \$1.00; Merkel Drug com- Hamm Drug company, one bottle and EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) chandise, 50c; Hughes Chevrolet com- a .c. tonic. 30c; Wheeler and Vaughn, ice; Oasis Filling Station (C. O. Pat- pany, 50c; Bragg Dry Goods company, nipple, 40c; Oasis Filling station, (C. GRADY PARMELLY. pany, smoker kit, \$2.50; Sinclair Re- roast, 750; Lob Martin grocery, 1 terson,) one-half gallon Magnolia oil; merchandise, 50c; Petty and West O. Patterson,) can tire patch; Woozy's For County Tax Assessor: fining company, J. D. Porter, agent, "o"nd R. & W. coffee, "Be; W. J. Woozy's cafe, two hambergers and Sanitary Barber shop, shampoo or cafe, 2 hambergers and drink, 25c; C. W. BOYCE. one gallon Opaline motor oil; S. M. Shappard. one pair ladies' and hose, drink, 25c: Fox Wrecking shop, two tonic, 15c; Wheeler and Vaughn, Fox Wrecking shop, one box patching, H. F. (Henry) LONG. Hunter, batteries and tires, battery \$1.00; Mac Mollinger, ait underwear, light globes for your car, 50c; L. D. steak, 50c; Bob Martin grocery, one 25c; L. D. Boyd, merchandise, 30c; For County Commissioner, Precinct re-charged, 75c; Conoco station 55-1, 75c; Merkel Dandy bakery, merchan- Boyd, merchandise, 50c; Hughes carton R. and W. matches, 24c; W. J. Hughes Chevrolet company, can No. 2: (T. L. Hamblet,) 5 gallons gas; High- dise, 35c; Farmers State Bank in Chevrolet company, spark plug, 75c; Sheppard, man's work shirt, 50c; Max patching, 25c; Sinclair Refining com-P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) way Service station, (B. P. Middle- Merkel, cash, \$1.00; Eli Case gro- Sinclair Refining company, J. D. Mellinger, tie, 50c; Merkel Dandy pany, J. D. Porter, agent, can patch-A. J. CANON. ton,) one capsule radiator cement, cery, 1 pound Woman's Club coffee, Porter, agent, one-half gallon Sin- bakery. merchandise, 20c; Farmers ing, 25c; S. M. Hunter, tires and bat-50c; Cotton Owens, hambergers, sand- 35c; Bob McDonald Barber shop, 25c; clair Opaline; S. M. Hunter, tires State bank in Merkel, cash, \$1.00; Eli teries. repair kit, 25c; Conoco Stawiches and coffee, 50c in trade; A. R. "M" System store, 1 pound Maxwell and batteries, radio battery charged. (ase grocery, 1 pound Woman's Club tion 55-1, (T. L. Hamblet,) one pound Sharp, sandwich shop, 25c in trade; House coffee, 35c; Barrow Furniture 50c; Conoco Station 55-1, (T. L. coffee. 35c; "M" System, 1 pound can Conoco cup grease; Highway Ser-Gulf Station 7121, (Morris Horton,) company, merchandise. 75c; J. T. Den- Hamblet,) one quart Germ Processed Vine Cup coffee. 35c; West company, vice station, (B. P. Middleton,) one 5 gallons gas; Wood grocery, 24 nis. sugar, 50c: Merkel Motor com- oil; Highway Service Station, (B. 20x3 1-2 inner tube, \$1.00; Blue Front tire repair, 25c; Cotton Owens place, pound sack flour, 50c; Pence cafe, T- pany, merchandise, 75c; West com- I'. Middleton) 1 pound cup grease: Motor company, 1 change of oil, high 25c in trade; O. R. Sharp, sandwiches, bone steak, 40c; City Dry Cleaners, pany, 48 pound sack Red and White Cotton Owens Place, hambergers and grade motor; Burton-Lingo company, in trade, 15c; Gulf Station 7121, quart suit cleaned and pressed, 50c; F. E. flour, \$1.05; Burton-Ling, company, coffee, 25c; A. R. Sharp Sandwich 1 pint H. S. paint, 75c; Rodden studio, oil; Wood grocery, merchandise, 50c; FOR SALE Church, one gallon lubricating oil; one quart T. and T. paint. \$1.20; shop, in trade 25c; Gulf Station 7121, Fodak finishing, 50c; J. M. Collins, Pence cafe, one order ham and eggs, FOR SALE-Kitchen sink, with fit. Merkel Lumber company, one quart Rodden studio. kodak finishing, 50c; (Morris Horton.) quart oil; Wood Conoco agent. one quart Germ pro- 15c; Merkel Lumber company, onetings and stand. Mrs. Fred Latham. varnish stain, \$1.00; Clay Lumber J. M. Collins, Conoco agent. one quart grocery merchandise. 50c; Pence cessed oil; the Merkel Mail, one year's half pint varnish stain, 40c; Merkel hone 95 company, one box shotgun shells, Germ Processed oil: the Markel Mail, cafe, one plate lunch; City Dry Clean- subscription. \$1.00; Blake's Dry Ice company, 100 pounds ice; E. H. \$1.00; E. H. Jowers, grinding 100 one year's sub-cription. \$1.00; Blake's ers, suit cleaned and pressed, 50c; F. Cleaners, press suit, 25c; West Texas Jowers, grinding 100 pounds feed; **OR SALE-1928** model Chevrolet pounds feed; Warren Higgins, \$1.00 Dr. Clearers, mose ou't. 25c; West E. Church, one-half gallon lubricating Utilities company, cash, \$1.00; City Cox Ice station, 100 pounds ice. roadster, with pick-up body; A-1 conition; good rubber. Phone 9. FOR RENT FOR RENT-One house with all conveniences and two four room houses; 150 acres pasture land, plenty of wat. er, for lease. S. F. Haynes. WANTED WANTED-Reliable man between ages of 25 and 50 to supply old established demand for Rawleigh Products in Taylor county. Other good Che Triumph of localities available. Surety contract required. Company furnishes everything but the car. Good profits for hustlers. Write the W. T. Rawleigh **Beverage Perfection** Company, Memphis, Tenn. Dept. M5-74. 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slaughter cattle and calves was in active and prices were about line with those paid on Tuesday for similar grades. Some sales on cows were about steady with others drawing bids that were weak around 15c lower. Not very many stocker cattle included in the receipts, but morning sales were steady.

Recipts, cattle, 1,500; calves, 700; butcher cows tending weak to lower; other cattle about steady to strong, spots higher on better heavies; good fed steers 6.25; grassy sorts 4.50 down; good fat cows 3.25; butcher grades 2.00; bulls scarce; good stock yearlings 4.60; good heavy fat calves up to 5.00 and 5.25; other weighty averages 4.50 down.

Cotton Premiums

(Continued from Page One.) one of the premiums lists. The names of the firms and the amount of merchandise subscribed follow:

FOR THE FIRST BALL. Farmers and Merchants National Bank, cash, \$2.50; Merkel Drug company, \$1.00; Brag" Dry Goods company, merchandise \$1.50; Petty and West Sanitary Bay er shop, hair cut and shampoo, 40c; Wheeler and Vaughn, roast, \$1.00; Bob Martin Groery company, 10 pounds sugar, 50c; W. J. Sheppard, one pair men's Hawk Brand overalls, \$1.00; Max Mellinger, dress shirt, \$1.00; Merkel Dandy Bak. ery, merchandise, 70c; Farmers State Bank in Merkel, cash \$3.00; A: R. Booth, 24 pounds flour, 60c; G. M. Sharp, 20 pounds meal, 30c; Eli Case grocery, 3 pound can Woman's Club coffee, \$1.00; Bob McDonald Barber shop, 50c; "M" System grocery, 48 pounds Yukon's best flour, \$1.00; Barrow Furniture company, merchandise, 1.00; Merkel Motor company, merndise, \$1.00; J. T. Dennis, work or dress shirt, 79c; West comne pair 200 pound cotton scales, 3.50 Burton-Lingo company, one O. D. enamel, \$1.25; Rodden o, kodak finishing, \$1.00; J. M. ollins, Conoco agent, one quart Germ rocessed oil; Merkel Mail, one year's scription, \$1.00; Blake's Dry eaners, clean and press, suit, 50c; West Texas Utilities company, cash. 2.50; Palace Barber shop, hair cut and shave 40c; Busy Bee cafe Tone steak and drink, 35c; Brown's gain store, one single blanket, 1.00; W. O. Boney, insurance, cash, 1.00; Patterson's market, steak, 1.00; Sie Hamm Drug company,

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. The young people's meeting Sunday night was a great success. Help us to continue to grow and win the lost to Christ.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Young people meetings at 7:15 p. m.

We cordially invite you to worship with us.

J. T. King, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance last Sunday was consider- Mexico and the Panhandle. The speedably off and it is hoped that, with the hot weather broken, interest in Sunday School will be revived. You are missed all around when you are not there, including the poor comparison of the city's total Sunday School grim determination to see the thing attendance.

There will be no preaching, morning or night. This would be the pas- mains deeply imbedded in the Amertor's regular Sunday at Baird, but he continues in the revival at Rocky Ford in Lamar county.

> W. M. Elliott. Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CERISTIAN ENDEAVOR. Subject: "Our Father's World." Songs.

Prayer, Mr. Jones. Songs.

Leader's talk, Mildred Richardson.

"Watte Places," Duncan Briggs. Shannon

"From the Sea," Marie Stanford. "Sharing What We Possess," Ken-

nedy Whiteley.

West. Benediction.

May the prayers of the members be disruption of either government or so. for the former president.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 8:15

p. m. Leagues at 7:15 p. m.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

Last Sunday afternoon's meeting Dallas on March 16 of this year, was having been postponed, the same men received by relatives here late that will be in charge next Sunday as night and on Wednesday morning Jim were announced for last Sunday af- Toombs. accompanied by his son, Jimternoon's service. With John Toombs my and two daughters, Mrs. Warren

Gardners Travel 7.000

Dr. C. B. Gardner and family returned Monday evening from an automobile tour of the Pacific coast. The tour was by way of Grand Canyon, Southern California, up the coast to Seattle, back across Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, including a trip through Yellow Stone, then south through Denver and Colorado Springs in Colorado to the northeast corner of New ometer registered approximately 7000 miles for the entire trip.

Dr. Gardner reports that while the depression seemed apparent every where a spirit of good fellowship and through signifies that the old spirit of conquest and to conquer still reican people. Everyone seems to realize the magnitude of the depression ad

that it has features to be overcome that are different than any previous depression but that if each individual will consistently help to the extent of his ability, conditions will eventually right themselves and some progress in the family of human happiness will

have been made.

Places of natural amusement such as parks, zoos and the beaches were crowded with people seeking recrea-"A Busy Earthly Father," Milton tion and amusement but the gambling halls of Old Mexico that were formerly crowded to overflowing are in-

deed sparsely frequented. On the whole life, in the western "Laborers in the Vineyard," Jack part of the United States seems to be riding an even keel with no indication whatever that there will be a ciety, Dr. Gardner said.

> News Comes of Death Of Mrs. Sam Toombs

The sad news of the death Tuesday night of Mrs. Sam Toombs, wife of the late Sam Toombs, who died in miscellaneous shower.

THE MERKEL MAIL



CAUSSEAUX-DYE. The marriage of Miss Missie Dye and Paul Causseaux came as a complete surprise to their many friends Miles Through West here. The ceremony was solemnized at two-thirty Sunday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage. The Rev. J. T. King officiated. Miss Louise Booth

and J. E. Boaz were the only attendants. Missie Dye's popularity is unpar-

alleled in the history of Merkel. Truly, "to know her is to love her." A beautiful blond child, with a most engaging smile for everybody, she grew from childhood to womanhood, the pet of everybody, and it is with sincere man, M. D. Angus, T. D. Riddle; expenditure committee, headed regret we learn she is to make her home anywhere but here.

Paul is the only son of Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, also a graduate of Merke! High school, a fine, capable Johnnie Sears, Irene Swann, Vennie boy, now in the employ of the Handy Andy Grocery Co. in San Antonio. Heartiest congratulations go with

them both. They are at home at 1030 Culebra St., San Antonio.

GARDEN PARTY.

The beautiful lawn surrounding the home of Mrs. Sam Swann provided a perfect setting for her garden party entertaining members of the Fidelis Matrons on Friday evening. Mrs. Dent Gibson led a most inspiring devotional.

At the refreshment hour delicious chicken salad, potato chips, pickles, tomatoes, ice cream and cake were served buffet style at attractive tables to Mrs. Robert Turner of Waco, Mesdames P. P. Dickinson, Warren Smith, Yates Brown, Earl Baze, Oscar Morris of Archer City, Joe Bailey Toombs, Nell Lee, Bill Haynes, E. Neff, W. S. Slayden, Clarence Perry, Virgil Fort Worth and Miss Irene Swann.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

A reception of unusual beauty was given in the home of Mrs. Frank Hamm on last Friday afternoon when Mesdames Guy Darsey of Austin and Byers Petty honored Mrs.

hour. Comer Haynes, who was until her marriage Miss Lucy Tracy, with a

siter, Tom Largent, John Toombs, Kenneth Pee, J. T. Dennis, Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, Len Sublett, C. K. Russell, Sam Swann, T. E. Collins, Ed Gant. Ollie Dye, Jim West, Ervin can Briggs, Earl Teague, P. P. Dickinson, Jud Sheppard, John West, Dub Diltz, Roy Largent, A. T. Sheppard, William Graham, Jim McDonald, Earl Baze, Ted Nichols, W. W. Havnes, F. C. Hughes, Booth Warren, Earnest Old, C. H. Jones, H. C. Harbers, W. T. Sadler, Yates Brown, Warren meeting was due to take place in Abi-Olin Lusby, George White, E. N. two groups, to discuss the budget Brown, Nathan Wood, A. J. Canon, further. W. D. Haynes, General Jones, J. M. Arnett of Anson, H. H. Anderson of Jim Boaz, Roy Miller, T. T. Earth-

Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson, Ocie Hunt, banker of Bradshaw. Maxie Banner, Vera Baker of Abi-Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Heizer, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Fannie, Belle Boaz, Margaret Canon.

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIAL. Mesdames T. V. Touchstone, W. D. Hutcheson and Bishop Hunter were honor guests at a social given Friday evening by members of the Young Feople's Epworth league at the Metho. dist church.

Paul Collins was in charge of a short program dedicated to the honorees

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and a number of games played.

Those present were: Mesdames Hunter, Hutcheson, and Touchstone, Misses Imogene Middleton, Florene Rider, Addie Fae and Lela Patterson, Cohrene Morrison, Pauline and Marie Finckley, Winifred Yancey of Carthage, Mo., Mollie Frank Touchstone. Helen Yeats Marcella Pinckley, Elna Mordell Shouse, Roy Patterson, Faul Collins, Kenneth Cribley, Vernon Hudson, Foster Watts and Alvice Yeats.

HONORED MOTHER.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff on August 5, Mrs. Teaff was the honoree for her 69th birthday in an all day affair, with a delicious and Speakers Heard in bountiful dinner served at the noon

The entire family was present, including Mrs. T. A. Bearden and child-A pastel color theme of pink and ren. Thomas, Robert Edward, Trugreen was given emphasis in all par- man and Mary Evelyn, of Fort Worth, the democratic nomination for gov-Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and son,

Fixing Tax Rate is Deferred to Sept. 12

Taylor county's 1932 tax rate will Jowers, Bob Martin, Ross Ferrier, not be fixed earlier than September Amy Sears, J. E. Richardson, Dun- 12. The commissioners court will wait that long-but no longer-on the legislature, to be summoned into special session next month to consider remission to all counties of bonded debt incurred in construction of state highwayr.

But in the meantime, an important Smith, W. J. Largent, W. S. J. Brown, lene, Thursday morning, including

In one group: Tom K. Eplen, county judge, and the four county Abilene, C. M. Largent, Ed McCrary, commissioners. In the other: the recentl. organized countywide public by

Two Merkel bankers are on this lene, Martha Bird, Julia Martin, committee, C. M. Largent and J. T. Warren. Others on the committee are: L. E. Adrian and M. G. Scott, Trent; J. H. Christian, Shep; S. N. Edenborough, Guion; Jeff Elliott, Moro; M. A. Horton and S. P. Ross, Ovalo; W. L. Kincaid, Tye; T. Y.

Tower and H. O. Wooten, Abilene.

Features Galore for

Double Heart Rodeo

The second annual mammoth cowbey roundup, including a rodeo, barbecue and horse races, is announced to be staged at Double Heart Ranch, 10 miles south of Sweetwater, on Wed-Tucker and Messrs. John D. Coats, nesday and Thursday of next week, Aug. 17 and 18.

The rodeo starts each day at 1 c'clock, barbecue immediately after the rodeo, about 6:30 p. m., and dance starts at 8 p. m.

The rodeo is being promoted by Ol. lie Cox of Sweetwater.

Behalf of Ferguson

Several hundred listened Saturday night to speeches in behalf of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, candidate for rnor, by Harry Tom King, Fred

Official Figures Give. Blanton 3,271 Lead

Fuiday, August 12, 1932.

Official figures of the July primary show that Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene, incumbent, defeated his opponent, Joe Jones of Eastland, b. majority of 3,271 votes in the campaign for congressman in the 17th Texas district.

The certified vote, sent by the democratic chairman in each of the 19 counties to James P. Stinson of Abilene, democratic chairman in the 17th district. gives the Abilene congressman a larger majority than was shown in any of the unofficial tabulations heretofore announced.

Blanton received 32.989 votes and Jones 29,718. The incumbent carried 11 of the 19 counties and Jones carried eight. The total vote cast in the district was 62,707.

The official figures from Taylor county are: Blanton, 3,898; Jones, 2,617.

Culberson Thanks Voters for Support

In as much as it is not possible to Landingham, View; Walter Taylor reach the voters personally I am takand N. J. Tims, Tuscola; Geo. S. ing this method of thanking them for Anderson, C. W. Bacon, R. L. Bland, the support given me in my recent C. M. Caldwell, T. N. Carswell, E. race for railroad commissioner Es-T. Compere, O. D. Dillingham, W. J. pecially do I wish to express my sin-Fulwiler, C. W. Gill, Henry James, cerest appreciation to those who so W A. Minter, J. M. Radford, Dr. energetically worked for me amongst Grady Shytles, W. G. Swenson, P. A. the voters. To such friends and to the voters generally I wish to extend my sincerest thanks.

> Two years from now it shall be my privilege to again ask consideration at the hands of my friends and supporters.

> > Sincerely, Olin Culberson.

Joins F. & M. Staff.

Clark Mundy, for several years clerk in the postoffice, began his new duties as book-keeper at the Farmers and Merchants National bank Monday morning,

Plenty Red Picket Fence on hand. Burton-Lingo Co.

New Secretary of Commerce. Washington, Aug. 11 .- Roy D. Chapin of Detroit was sworn in Monday as the new secretary of commerce. Chapin, a prominent automobile manufacturer, succeeded Robert P. Lamont, who retired last week to ter private business.

Buster Keaton Divorced.

Hassey, Charlie Higgins, Dent Gibson. Ted McGehee, George Caple, Sam Swann, Miss Coy Mae Callihan of

as leader, the lesson from the 12th Higgins and Mrs. Ed. Gant, left to chapter of 1 Corinthians will be read attend the funeral, which was held at by G. R. Green and it will be discus- 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Dalsed by Alvice Yeats.

FUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. for sometime and was confined to her With no report from the Nazarene bed at the time of the death of her church, attendance at the five re- husband. She was the daughter of porting Sunday Schools in Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackburn, pioneers dropped to 653 last Sunday, as comof the Butman community, who on pared with 760 on the previous Sunaccount of advanced age were unable day. to attend the funeral. She is sur-

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST ters. CHURCH.

Regardless of threatening weather. we had a large crowd at our all-day service Sunday in our new 50x75 foot tabernacle. B. W. Lovell was with us

and preached a powerful sermon on "The Church." Brother Shepherd, pastor at Sweetwater, preached a soulstirring sermon on "Living a Separate Fresbyterian encampment grounds Perfect Love" and Christine Collins Life." Brother Murdock, Miss Tripp at Buffalo Gap. More than 40 sang "Because" and "A Love Story guests attended. and several young people from Abi-The first annual reunion of the lene and Brother and Sister Shepherd

derful messages in songs.

in song by Brother and Sister Bolls host; in 1925 the group met with and their daughter of the Nazarene Steve Staggs of Abilene, and in 1926 a delectable plate reflecting the parchurch.

We surely had a great day and the For the past six years the meetings which wedding bells were moulded Lord blessed us with a good dinner have been held on the first Saturday pink angel food squares and olives. and enough left for supper. Sunday and Sunday of August at Buffalo Green glassware further augmented night we raised in pledges over \$300, Gap.

together with woluntary pledges made | Taking part in this year's meeting zer presided over the gift display and after service and money handed us were the following guests and their adieus were said by Mrs. Byers Petwe reached the \$500 goal. Everybody families: De Garrett J. Townsend ty. who wishes to have a part in this of Lampasas, C. C. Hawkins of Rotan, worthy cause, please send to Ernest Guy Hawkins of Tuscola, Harvey C. Dowell, Merkel, Texas, whatever Hoosier of Big Spring, Garrett Haw- from four to six-thirty p. m. amount you can now.

Sunday night Brother Gage from J. S. Bird of Merkel, H. F. Roberds and two united with the church.

a fine message Sunday afternoon. Let Miss Williams of Brownwood. all who love the Lord bless His holy name for the work He is doing Allen McGehee Buys through our humble church.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Getting Along Nicely.

Reports Thursday following an abdominal operation at the West Tex. as Baptist sanitarium in Abilene were received here to the effect that Miss Phala Diltz was getting along nicely.

len McGehee, but The Mail is glad to note that Ted, his brother, who has Typewriting and carbon paper at been associated in the Dandy bak. Mail office.

ery here for sometime past, continues with us and will be in active charge Adding machine rolls at Merkel of the local bakery. Mail office

ty appointments and in green floor baskets containing crepe myrtle and buds

Mrs. Guy Darsey greeted guests at Mrs. Tocmbs had been seriously ill the door, introducing the bride's mother, Mrs. E. M. McDonald. The hon- hens. Haynes and Mrs. Holland Teaff com- Three Merkel Teams oree came next in line; Mrs. W. W. pleted the receiving line. Miss Julia Martin presided at the guest book. An artistic program was opened with a pianologue, given by little Miss in the two-day roque tournament at having been critically ill the past ten vived by five sons and three daugh-Marilyn Sue Grimes, with Mrs. Ann Brown accompanist. A clever reading, of last week, including three teams appropriate to the occasion, was in- from Merkel. Two host city teams

terpreted by little Miss Lora Pearl were in the finals. Haynes, which was followed by two

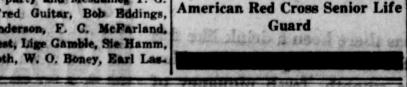
their tenth annual reunion, at the Abilene sang "At Dawning" and "O Garrett.

from Old Madrid." Miss Johnnie Sears and Mrs. Brown played piano from Sweetwater gave us some won- family was held in 1923 at the home selections during the refreshment Effective Monday, August 15 at of Mrs. S. M. Bird of Merkel. In hour, Guests were seated in the din-We greatly appreciate the message 1924 C. C. Hawkins of Rotan was ing room by Mrs. D. Grimes and Miss. es Mildred and Beth Hamm served with Dr. C. J. Townsend of Lampasas. ty colors in green brick creams in

the favored colors. Miss Vennie Hei-

come-and-go-affair during the hours

kins of Quanah, O. R. Bird of Clyde, The honoree was especially lovely in a gown of orchid crepe. No bride Including the fee for Swimming Abilene preached for us on "The Judg- of Silver Valley, Jasper Townsend of has ever had a larger cortege of ment" and several united with our Tuscola, P. E. Bird of Merkel, Perry friends to do homage to her popular. church. Monday night at our Bible Townsend of Lampasas, Joe Robinson, ity; the guest list complete includes study there was rejoicing as a fine of Tuscola, W. A. Hawkins of Bon- the house party and Mesdames T. G. boy gave his heart and life to Christ ham, B. F. Bird of Abilene, Roy Bragg, Fred Guitar, Bob Eddings, Shanks of Rotan, Felix Bone of Ros R. O. Anderson, E. C. McFarland, Brother John Toombs brougt us tan, Mildred Swafford of Merkel, Henry West, Lige Gamble, Sie Hamm, A. R. Booth, W. O. Boney, Earl Las-



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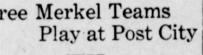
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rose baskets of lovely hot house pink and two children, Jo Earl and Rosemary, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and two children, Minnie Alice and

Jimmietta, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Step-



Twenty-eight teams were entered Post City on Thursday and Friday days with pneumonia.

Those participating from here vocal numbers by Miss Bettye Lou were: Everett Williams and Bob Grimes, Mrs. Brown again at the Conder, Frank Williams and Clarenfamily met Saturday and Sunday in piano. Mrs. Mona Margaret Old of ce Grayson, Lloyd Gilmore and Ike

> SHANNON'S POOL I Will Conduct Three SWIMMING CLASSES Daily (except Sat.-Sun.) (7 to 8, 8 to 9 and 9 to 10 A. M.) Also Coaching in LIFE SAVING (1:30 to 2:30 P. M.) Invitations were extended for a The Exceptionally Low Rate of 75c PER WEEK ENROLL NOW-See J. T. DARSEY, JR.

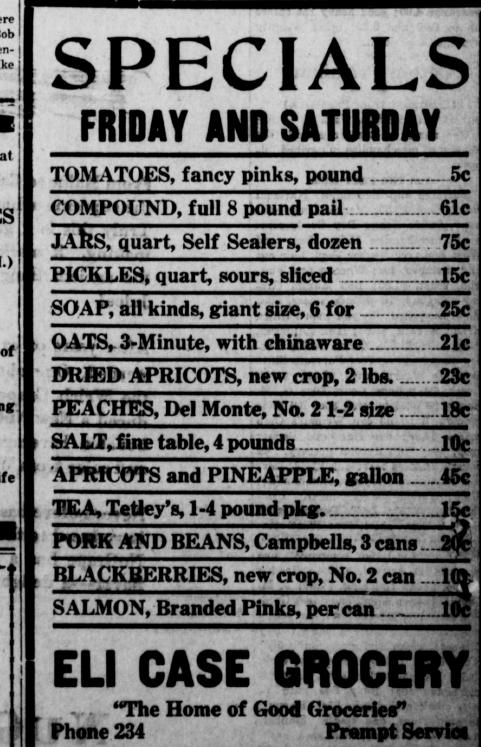
John A., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter Cockrell and Tom Bledsoe at the first from Joseph Francis (Buster) Keapolitical rally in state politics in Mer- ton, film comedian, whom she charged kel this year.

in front of the F. & M. National bank, Keaton, who testified he neglected her. the speakers making themselves Mrs. Constance Talmadge Netcher,

Thought Out of Danger. It is thought that Jim Patterosn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr., has passed the danger point, he before you buy. Burton-Lingo Co.

Los Angeles, Aug. 11.-A di with mental cruelty, was awarde The speaking was held on the street Monday to Mrs. Natalie Talmade heard from the bed of an auto truck. former film actress and sister of Mrs. Keaton, corroborated her testimony.

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Has 10th Reunion

Members of the C. C. Hawkins