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## MERKEL SCHOOLS READY TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 12TH

**Preliminaries Next Week; Examinations, Books Returned, Seniors and New Students Register; Faculty Meets.**

Both the High School and Grammar School buildings are being thoroughly renovated, the athletic house has received a coat of paint, grounds are being improved, and everything is about ready for the opening of the 1932-1933 session of the Merkel schools on Monday, September 12. All preliminaries will be attended to this next week before school opens.

All summer books should be returned during next week. All students who did not attend the Merkel schools last year should report to the superintendent's office during next week and register. These students should bring book-card and report card. Students above the eighth grade should bring a report covering all the work done since leaving the 7th grade.

**ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.**  
Students who plan to enter any grade above the eighth grade and who are coming from a short-term unaccredited school should report on Tuesday, September 6, at 9 o'clock when a schedule for examinations will be arranged. These students should report then and not after school opens.

**SENIORS REGISTER EARLY.**  
All students who have twelve or (Continued on Page Four)

## Armstrong to Speak Here Tuesday Morning

Judge Geo. W. Armstrong of Fort Worth, independent candidate for governor, will speak at Merkel, at 11 a. m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the corner intersection of Edwards street and the highway.

Judge Armstrong is a logical and forceful speaker. He has written several books upon the operations of the federal reserve system and the money question. He was invited to Washington to make an argument as a monetary expert in support of the Patman bill. He will point out a way by which the state can establish its own currency and credit system and thereby restore values and prosperity.

## Potatoes For Oranges.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 1.—Idaho and California are contemplating a swap—potatoes for oranges. The California department of public welfare, in making the proposition to Gov. C. Ben Ross of Idaho, pointed out that both states would have hungry folk to feed this winter. Each state, it was explained, has a large available surplus of its own special food.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 30, 1912)

Harve Paylor, one of our Merkel boys, returned home Friday night last from four years service in the navy.

Dr. George Howard came in from Dallas Sunday to visit his father, J. T. Howard. Dr. Howard will be here several days shaking hands with old friends.

Five reels for Saturday night. One magic, one hand-colored and three regulars, 10 and 20 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pike are entertaining Mrs. Fennie Nugent and Mrs. B. J. Crampett of Dallas.

Thos. Neil of Trent was in Merkel Tuesday on his way to Abilene on business.

Miss Isla McDonald left Wednesday for Cisco where she will visit for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker and Mrs. J. P. Sutphen were visitors in Abilene Wednesday, making the trip through the country in a buggy.

Miss Hattie Bell came in Tuesday morning from Colorado where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Burkhead.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Charles E. Turner was elected mayor of Dallas by the city council to succeed T. L. Bradford, who died August 22.

The city of Wichita Falls has applied to the radio commission for a license to operate a station on 1712 kilocycles, with 50 watts power.

The per well allowable in the East Texas oil field was fixed Wednesday by the railroad commission at fifty barrels for the next fifteen days.

After handing her completed ballot to an election official, Mrs. J. W. Boughman, 67, of Moran collapsed from a heart attack and died a few minutes later.

Judge H. F. Lattimore, Fort Worth, has been appointed associate justice of the circuit court of civil appeals at Fort Worth to succeed Judge R. H. Buck, who died recently.

Dennis Price, a college student, who lives at San Augustine, has been arrested at Nacogdoches on a charge of arson in connection with the burning of a boarding house recently.

Climbing onto the framework around a cistern in pursuit of a pet cat, Clarence Prewitt, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Prewitt of Dallas, fell into the cistern and drowned.

As much as \$10,000,000 will be available for loans to ranchmen in this territory through the branch live stock loan bank which the Reconstruction Finance corporation will establish at San Angelo.

John R. Bigham, of Bell county, who was the first to be acquitted of several Texas sheriffs charged with extortion in connection with collection of fees of office, was defeated for renomination by George Zivley, railroad man.

## Over Four and Half Inches of Rain Here

In the twenty-four hours from 9 o'clock Wednesday morning to the same hour Thursday morning, rainfall in Merkel measured 3 1-8 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Tuesday afternoon and night, 1 1-2 inches had fallen, making 4 5-8 inches for the present spell up to Thursday morning.

Added to the previous figure for the year, 23.72, this makes a total of 28.35 inches for 1932.

While opinions differ, it is generally believed that the current rains are not only highly beneficial to late feed but will add materially to cotton production in this section.

## HOME TALENT TO GIVE REVUE FOR BOY SCOUTS

**Program of Dancing, Instrumental Singing, Reading, Etc., Being Arranged for Presentation September 8.**

Thursday night, September 8, a home talent revue will be given at the Cozy theatre for the benefit of the local Boy Scouts. Popular prices of 10c and 20c will prevail.

The entire program consists of specialty acts by local people, all capable actors and singers, under the co-direction of Tom Gambill and Taylor Tucker.

Between special numbers, Miss Iris Garrett and her orchestra, which made such a hit in the two recent home talent shows, will furnish diversion.

Some of the acts to be presented are listed below:

Specials, by Boy Scouts.  
Banjo solo, T. W. Gambill.  
Mandolin and guitar, Ocie Burns and Clarence Perry.  
Saxophone solo, Taylor Tucker.  
Reading, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

**CABARET SCENES.**

Singing, chorus girls.  
Novelty act, Betty Lou Grimes.  
Solo, Delma Compton.  
Dance act, Irene Jay.  
Comedy act, Parker Sharp.  
Solo, Delma Compton.  
Instrumental numbers, T. W. Gambill and Taylor Tucker.  
Quartette, Olin Lusby, Delma Compton, C. W. Delmer, Harry Barnett.  
Chorus girls.

## Notice

All singers who are interested in entering the Atwater Kent Radio audition will please communicate with one of the following: Mesdames C. B. Gardner, C. H. Jones, E. Y. Brown or Misses Johnnie Sears, Mary Eula Sears or Christine Collins.

An extension of time has been granted to allow the committee more time to seek out more talent. The audition will be held Monday Sept. 12.

Mrs. Gipsy Ted Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grimes, all of Abilene, will be the judges. The opportunity of singing is offered to every boy and girl between the age of 18 and 25. Preference is given the untried voice. Contestants winning will go from here to Dallas October 14th and 15th for state finals.

## City Urges Payment Of Delinquent Taxes

Because of the outlook for better times city authorities confidently expect to collect this fall a large part of the delinquent taxes now owing the City of Merkel. Beginning Saturday, September 10, the firm of York and Camp of Abilene, who are representing the city in tax collection matters, will have a representative at the city hall. This representative will be there each Saturday during September, and the Mail is authorized by these attorneys to state that a determined drive will be made to collect these taxes.

For the welfare of the community it is important that all tax-payers who are patriotic enough to do so should pay their delinquent taxes as soon as possible. If it is impossible to pay these taxes during September, the tax-payer is urged to see these attorneys or the city tax collector anyhow as they will very courteously do their best to work out a satisfactory arrangement.

## Movie Business Booms.

Hollywood, Sept. 1.—Motion picture production is booming on the Fox studio lot at Movietone City. Fifteen hundred new workers were added to the pay rolls of the studio the last few weeks, officials announced.

## Try To Say It Fast!

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1.—A burglar burgled the burglar-proof automobile of W. W. Kerns and stole a burglar alarm valued at \$75.

## Seat Brings \$185,000.

New York, Sept. 1.—Arrangements were made Tuesday for the sale of a New York Stock Exchange seat at \$185,000. This is an advance of \$17,000 over the last previous sale and is the highest price at which a seat has sold in 1932.

## LEGISLATURE STRAYS FROM PATH SET OUT

**House Talks of Road Probe, Senate Wants Authority to Cut State Costs and Salaries; 30 Day Session is Seen.**

Austin, Sept. 1.—The Texas legislature, meeting in extraordinary session to enact tax relief legislation Wednesday strayed from the path hewn for it by Governor R. S. Sterling in his proclamation convening it.

The house devoted considerable time to consideration of a resolution proposing investigation of the state highway department funds and the senate adopted a resolution petitioning the governor to submit the matter of salary reductions of state employes.

The highway investigation resolution, drawn by Representative I. J. Burns of Brady, was referred to the committee on highways and motor traffic with an understanding that group would recommend it be considered by the house sitting as a committee of the whole. The committee later ordered copies of the resolution placed on members desks before action is taken.

The senate favored the salary cut legislation resolution, 18-10, after Senator Walter Woodul of Houston and others argued that the governor should be let alone in his program to have the legislature enact legislation providing for assumption of county and district road bonds by the highway fund, pass other tax relief laws and go home.

The resolution, sponsored by Senators Tom Deberry of Bogata and W. R. Poage of Waco, proposed that the legislature be permitted to consider reduction in appropriations, maintenance costs and the number of employes now on the state pay roll, as well as reduction of salaries. They argued that reduction in salaries and the number of employes would bring about "real tax relief."

## Premiums Awarded 2nd and 3rd Bales

Receipt of the first bale of 1932 cotton raised by G. H. Bryant was reported in The Mail last week. The bale was ginned by F. P. Hamm and bought by the Farmers State bank for 9 cents, over a cent above the market.

The second bale arrived later the same afternoon, (last Thursday.) It was brought in by D. B. Nolan of Noodle and ginned by Jim Toombs. This bale brought 8 1-4 cents, G. F. West being the purchaser.

J. E. Brooks, also of Noodle, brought in the third bale Monday.

Prizes in cash and merchandise totaling over \$110 were given by the merchants and business men of Merkel; the first bale receiving approximately \$57.00 in premiums, the second, \$31.00 and the third, slightly over \$22.00.

## Abilene Legion Plan Two-Day Celebration

Dates for the annual American Legion rodeo and race meet at Abilene will be September 5 and 6, the first day Labor Day, and the place will be the West Texas fair grounds.

Featuring two complete days of horse racing, rodeos, dances, minstrels and barbecues, the affair is being scheduled as one of the biggest of its kind ever held in Abilene, the committee pointed out.

Approximately \$1,500 in prizes are to be given away in the horse racing and rodeo events, and the best performers and horses are to be asked to take part in the attractions. The judges of the races and rodeo will be Frank Rhodes, president of the Cowboy Reunion, and Captain Tom Hickman, Texas ranger.

Legion officials are planning still more forms of entertainment for the host of people expected in Abilene for these two days.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Price, Stith, Tuesday, August 23, 1932.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton, Sunday, August 28, 1932.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walsh, Sunday, August 28, 1932.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Lepard, Tuesday, August 30, 1932.

## GOV. STERLING CLAIMS SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY; WILL CONTEST ELECTION

### PARMELLY, BOYCE COUNTY WINNERS

**Canon Defeats Diltz in Run-Off Race for County Commissioner, Precinct 2, by 105 Votes.**

In the Taylor county run-off primary, Grady Parmelly won out in the race for tax collector over the incumbent, Earl Hughes, by a majority of 754 votes, while C. W. Boyce was victor in the race for tax assessor with a 1,175 majority over Henry Long.

A. J. Canon won the race for commissioner of precinct No. 2 defeating Phillip Diltz by 155 votes.

These were the only contested races strictly concerning Taylor county and this precinct.

Wilbourne Collie of Eastland county was nominated for senator from the 24th district, eliminating Oliver Cunningham, the present holder of the post. Collie's lead is given as 2,748, with a few small boxes to be heard from. Collie led in every county except Taylor and Mitchell. Incomplete totals show Collie 20,115, Cunningham 17,367.

Taylor county went almost two to one for Sterling, the exact figures being 4,559 for Sterling to 2,386 for Ferguson. Sterling also carried the Merkel box almost two to one, the vote being 432 to 222, respectively.

Tables showing the complete vote in Taylor county and in the Merkel box are printed on page 4 of this issue.

### COMMISSIONER'S RACE.

In the race for county commissioner, precinct No. 2, the complete vote by boxes follows:

Merkel—Canon 388, Diltz 282.  
Blair—Canon 35, Diltz 23.  
Trent—Canon 81, Diltz 70.  
Caps-Merkel—Canon 29, Diltz 13.  
Nubia—Canon 48, Diltz 35.  
Tye-Merkel—Canon 26, Diltz 29.  
Total—Canon 607, Diltz 452.

## Merkel W. M. S. Ladies Planning Quilt Show

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church are planning a quilt show for the latter part of September, to be held downtown.

If you have quilts, needlework or canned goods that you are proud of, the ladies would like to have you enter them. Ribbon prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Watch for date, but in the meantime anyone interested may call Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Phone 217, to enter.

**Believes Many Votes Illegal; Issues Statement Will Leave No Stone Unturned; Ferguson's Lead 2,398.**

Austin, Sept. 1.—Gov. R. S. Sterling in a formal statement Wednesday night said there was no doubt but that he had obtained "a substantial majority of all the votes lawfully cast," in Saturday's run-off primary with Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson.

That he had obtained more votes for governor of Texas than his opponent "will be conclusively demonstrated," the governor said.

"I will be declared the nominee for governor of Texas in accordance with the orderly processes of our primary election laws," he said.

He declared his statement was based on "reliable information and advices from all over Texas."

When Governor Sterling made his claim of nomination, the last report of the Texas election bureau, unofficial collection of returns for newspapers, showed Governor Sterling trailing Mrs. Ferguson by 2,398 votes out of 950,000, in one of the closest gubernatorial elections Texas ever has experienced.

Governor Sterling said he believed "thousands of illegal votes were cast, and that gross errors occurred in the count."

He said he proposed "to leave nothing undone that is within my power to secure an honest ballot and an honest count and to eliminate every unlawful vote cast in Texas last Saturday."

"Having put my hand to the plow I will not turn back," he said. "The friends of good government may be of good cheer. I have been nominated and will be re-elected governor."

### LATEST TABULATION.

On the last tabulation to be made prior to the official county canvass Saturday, the Texas Election Bureau reported at 6 p. m. Wednesday that Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson had a majority of 2,398 votes over Gov. Ross S. Sterling in the contest for the nomination for governor. The tabulation accounted for 951,102 votes, with only three counties incomplete out of a total of 254. It was estimated that not more than 150 votes were outstanding, and even if all were cast for Sterling it would not change the result.

Accompanying the tabulation, Manager A. F. Henning of the election bureau made the following statement:

"Because of the closeness of the race, the bureau will ask correspondents to wire the official count (Continued on Page Two.)"

## BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

### THE ETERNAL MIRACLE.

We are quite unmindful of chronology in writing this story. We are not bound by the familiar outline which begins with the song of the angels at Bethlehem and ends with the weeping of the women at the cross.

We shall thread our way back and forth through the rich variety of Jesus' life, picking up this incident and that bit of conversation, this dramatic contact and that audacious decision, and bringing them together as best to illustrate our purpose. For that purpose is not to write a biography but to paint a portrait. We pass quickly over thirty years of Jesus' life, noting only that somehow, somewhere there occurred in those years the eternal miracle—the awakening of the inner consciousness of power. The eternal miracle!

In New York one day a luncheon was tendered by a gathering of distinguished gentlemen to David Lloyd George. There were perhaps two hundred at the tables. The food was good and the speeches were impressive. But what stirred one's imagination was a study of the men at the speakers' table. There they were—some of the most influential citizens of the present-day world; and who were they?

At one end of the table an international financier—the son of a poor country parson. Besides him a great newspaper proprietor—he came from a tiny town in Maine and landed in New York with less than a hundred dollars. A little farther along the president of a world-wide press association—a copy boy in a country newspaper office. And, in the center, the boy who grew up in the poverty of an obscure Welsh village, and became the commanding statesman of the British Empire in the greatest crisis of history.

When and how and where did the eternal miracle occur in the (Continued on Page Two.)

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lives of those men? At what hour, in the morning, in the afternoon, in the long quiet evening, did the audacious thought enter the mind of each of them that he was larger than the limits of a country town, that his life might be bigger than his father's?

Likewise, when did the thought come to Jesus? Was it one morning when he stood at the carpenter's bench, the sun streaming in across the hills? Was it late in the night, after the family had retired, and he had slipped out to walk and wonder under the stars? Nobody knows. All we can be sure of is this—that the consciousness of his divinity must have come to him in a time of solitude, of awe in the presence of Nature.

The western hemisphere has been fertile in material progress, but the great religions have all come out of the East. The deserts are a symbol of the infinite; the vast spaces that divide men from the stars fill the human soul with wonder. Somewhere, at some unforgettable hour, the daring filled Jesus' heart. He knew that he was bigger than Nazareth.

Next Week: Days of Doubts.

**Election Contest**

(Continued from Page One.)  
from each county seat next Saturday. A tabulation of these figures will be given out for publication Sunday morning.

The detailed vote in all state races follows:

Governor.—Ferguson 476,750, Sterling 474,352.

Railroad Commissioner, six years.—Satterwhite 352,529, Terrell 530,073.

Railroad Commissioner, four years.—Hatcher 416,820, Thompson 453,661.  
Supreme Court.—Hickman 419,470, Pierson 433,157.

Congress, Place 1.—Parrish 384,243, Terrell 468,877.

Congress, Place 2.—Bailey 514,420, Davis 354,239.

Congress, Place 3.—Burkett 388,688, Strong 460,115.

**Collie Will Represent Every Part of District**

To the People of the 24th Senatorial District:

The returns of last Saturday indicate that you have chosen me, by a substantial majority, to represent you in the state senate—an honor, yes, but (more than that) a great responsibility, especially in such a time as this.

It is my earnest hope that my endeavors will have a share in bringing about a simplification of government at greatly reduced cost, and a return of prosperity through a realization of Thomas Jefferson's ideal, "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none."

Your expression of confidence in me is very highly appreciated. My constant purpose shall be to be the representative of every part of the district and of every person in it, and to achieve that which will bring the greatest good to the greatest number. I invite your advice, your suggestions and your counsel.

Thanking you for your support, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Wilbourne B. Collie.

**T. & P. Offers Very Low Labor Day Rates**

Very low rates for Labor Day are offered by the T. & P. railway, according to schedules furnished Local Agent J. C. Childress. The round trip rate to Dallas is \$4.00, to Fort Worth, \$3.50, and El Paso, \$7.75.

Tickets are on sale one day only, September 3, for return not later than the 8th.

To all points, a rate of 60 per cent of the one way trip will prevail for round trips.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

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**PERSONALS**

Doyle Garrett is here from Atlanta, Ga., for a few days' visit with the home folks.

Mr. Marvin Smith returned Sunday from a visit with Mrs. S. W. Curtis in Sweetwater.

Miss Clovis Hubby of Brownfield, Texas, is a house guest in the W. H. Laney home this week.

Miss Doris Mae Barron spent Saturday and Sunday on the B. T. ranch, visiting Mabel Butman.

Mrs. Beulah Tipton and son, Charles, are guests of the J. H. Clark and Charlie West families.

Mrs. S. O. Patton and children, Mille, Wynona, Norma and Ruby visited on the Butman ranch Sunday.

Mrs. George Caple has had as her guest since Monday her little sister, Miss Jane Elizabeth Smith of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis were week-end guests of Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. Joe Bickley in Chatfield, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Underwood and little daughter contemplate returning to Plainview within the next few days.

Miss Alynne Riley, who attended summer school at the North Texas Teachers college at Denton, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg and daughter, Lucille, of Palacios are visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson.

Mrs. J. B. Warren, who accompanied Mrs. Amy Sears to Waco last week, remained for a longer visit with her son there.

Mrs. Alice Touchstone, Mrs. Ruby Harris and Miss Bess Touchstone and Miss Laura Carey are here from Dallas visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz and children, accompanied by Mrs. L. L. Williams and children of Abilene, left Tuesday to visit relative in Amarillo.

Mrs. J. S. Swann is expected to return the latter part of the week from Tulla, Texas, where she has been visiting for the past four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie and son, Allan Kimble, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guthrie, spent the week-end in Del Rio, Texas.

Claud Elliott, who is teacher of history at the San Marcos academy, and Mrs. Elliott are here for a few days visit with Mr. Elliott's father.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker spent the week-end on the Plains, spending one night with their grandson, Claud M-

Laughlin and wife at McAdoo, and Sunday night with their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dennis, at Matador. They returned Monday. Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin, a daughter, who had been visiting them here, returned with them to her home at McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan and daughter, Mildred, of Big Spring have been recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr.

Misses Lola May and Lois Mabel Duckett of Sweetwater were week-end guests of Miss Ola Ellen Smith. The latter accompanied them home for a visit.

A week-end visitor to the editor was his uncle, A. B. Hughes, of Waco, who also visited his brother-in-law, W. W. Hair, and family in Abilene.

Misses Lillie Belle Martin and Bessie Gay Childress of Abilene spent the week-end in the home of Miss Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, of Noodle.

Robert and Jennie Bickley returned to their home in Chatfield, Texas, last Friday after having spent the summer with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Mr. Homer Laney of Tatum, N. M., is visiting homefolks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guthrie of Nowata, Okla., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie.

Miss Irene Swann, accompanied by Miss Burr Powell, of Anna, Texas, who is her room-mate at Roswell, N. M., left Wednesday for that place where they teach in the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bolls, Jr., left last week for their new home, Wellington, Texas, where Mr. Bolls has employment. Mrs. Bolls will be better known as Miss Ada Mae Stapleton.

Coach Briggs Irvin, principal of the High school, and Mrs. Irvin returned Wednesday. They visited with Mrs. Irvin's parents in Ovalo after the close

of the summer session at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears, who visited in Waco last week-end and who were accompanied as far as Rio Vista in Johnson county by Mrs. Sears' father, Mr. M. L. Estes, returned home Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Dry spent the week-end with her son, Lloyd Dry, at Dublin.

R. R. Buford and family at last report were visiting with Mrs. Buford's sister at Portland, Ore., their destination being Leeburg, Ore.

After remaining in the Marvin Smith home for sometime during the illness of her sister-in-law, Miss Amanda Curtis, who died on Tuesday of last week, Mrs. S. W. Curtis, returned last Friday to her home in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and Miss Hazel Lee spent Friday in Cisco visiting Mr. Rainbolt's brother.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt leaves Friday for San Jon, N. M., to resume her school duties. She teaches home economics there.

After an extended visit with Miss Dora Garoutte and the Sam Butman family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vaughan left Saturday for their home at South Gate, Calif. They were driving through by easy stages, expecting to stop at Big Spring, El Paso and Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King have their nephews, Slim Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fleming of Las Cruces, N. M., this week as their guests and are now entertaining Mrs. Charles King and two daughters, Miss Stella King and Mrs. Charles Word and her two children, of El Paso.

"Be Wise." Consult the Old Owl at Brown's Bargain Store for school supplies.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

**Grady Parmelly Thanks the People**

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the people of Taylor county for the splendid vote I received last Saturday. I would like to see and thank personally every one who helped me in this campaign. I have the kindest feeling for you who did not support me. Gratefully yours,

GRADY PARMELLY  
(Political Advertising).

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WE DO



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

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**THE MERKEL MAIL**

**LABOR DAY**



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This bank will observe Monday, September 5th, as a legal holiday and will not be open for business.

**FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS**

**FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3

SPUDS, 10 pounds ..... 15c

**Lettuce** fresh, crisp 2 heads ..... **9c**

BEANS, green or wax, 2 pounds ..... 15c

**Oranges** dozen ..... **20c**

GRAPES, Malagas, pound ..... 10c

**SUGAR** pure cane 10 pounds ..... **47c**

**Cherries** Red Pitted No. 2 can, 2 for ..... **25c**

PEACHES, R & W, No. 2 1-2 can ..... 15c

HOMINY, Med. can, 2 for ..... 15c

**Tomatoes** No. 2 can 3 for ..... **23c**

SALMON, Nile Brand, 1 lb. can ..... 10c

PORK & BEANS, B & W, 2 for ..... 15c

**OATS** B & W, glass-ware, pkg. .... **21c**

RICE, R & W, 2 lb. package ..... 17c

BRAN, Post's, 10 oz. package ..... 10c

**COFFEE** Sun Up pound ..... **19c**

FLOUR, R & W, 12 pounds ..... 35c  
24 pounds ..... 57c—48 pounds ..... \$1.05

MUSTARD, quart jar ..... 15c

**Shortening** 8 lb. paid, Cream-o-Cotton ..... **65c**

BACON, 1 pound sliced ..... 19c

**JOWLS** dry salt, pound ..... **7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c**

CHEESE, Wisconsin, pound ..... 20c

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# FIRST LOVIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

**EIGHTH INSTALLMENT.**

Synopsis: Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who has spent all his life aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York City, is made motherless by an explosion which sinks the tug and tosses him into the river. He swims and crawls ashore where starts a new and strange life. He is ignorant cannot read, and knows nothing of life in a great city. . . . Beaten and chased by toughs he is rescued by a Jewish family living off the Bowery in the rear of their second-hand clothing store. . . . Here he is openly courted by the young daughter. Breen fights bullies in self-defense . . . and soon is picked up by an unscrupulous manager who cheats him—until "Pug" Malone at the saloon-fight club, attracted to the boy, takes him under his wing . . . On the other side of the picture are the wealthy Van Horns of Fifth Avenue. There is a Gilbert Van Horn, last of the great family, a bachelor, in whose life is a hidden chapter with his mother's maid—who leaves the home—to be lost in the city life—when Gilbert is accused. . . . It was reported the maid married an old captain of a river tug. . . . rather than return home—and was soon a mother. . . . Under Malone's guardianship young Breen develops fast. . . . "Pug" discovers the boy cannot read—starts him to night school and the world commences to open for Johnny Breen. . . . Malone, an old-timer, is backed in a health-farm venture—taking Breen with him. There they meet and come to know Gilbert Van Horn.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

"I'm getting ready to go back to the city. I don't know, it seems to me as if my life was to be there, doing something for the city, not just helping Pug pound money out of fat slob who come up here." John and Van Horn were then resting on a fence rail, under the shade of an oak, looking across the valley that separated them by a mile, or more from Greenbough. They talked idly. Van Horn pulled out a burnt briar and filled it. He drew a puff of smoke.

"You've studied a lot." The older man had a very wholesome regard for John's extraordinary researches.

"Well, yes, I have, Gil. But Pug tells me I'm off the road. He's right. But I want your slant on this. I'm going in for engineering. Mr. Rantoul has sort of set my mind that way, not by saying anything to me direct, but by the way he talks when he's up here. I never saw a more certain man in my life. He's a big man, Gil, as big as his bridges, and now he's going to swing another one over the river."

"A civil engineer?" Van Horn looked sidewise at John. "It's a stiff profession: if you go through the schools."

"I guess it's part of that fight; in the city."

"You've been thinking about this a long time?" It was a question.

"Off and on for a year, I guess. I've been worrying, Gil. I'm not satisfied. I'd hate to say it, especially to Pug, after all he's done for me."

"You've told me a lot about the Bowery, John, and a lot about the ast Side. It's the river I'd like to hear about." Van Horn spoke, haltingly.

"Well, Gil, there's not much to tell. My mother was everything on the river. Now that I know more, I realize she was not able to help me, Gil, she was beautiful." John's eyes held a far-away look. "Her name was Harriet, Harriet Jones, of Haverstraw. I know, now, from what I can recall, from things I heard, Breen was not my father." John spoke slowly. He relit his pipe and looked off over the darkening valley; it was late afternoon and cloudy.

Gilbert Van Horn looked off too, far away. He dared not look at John. Gilbert knew more than John Breen.

"My mother was a good woman, Gil. I know that."

"Of course she was, and your father, John, he might be found," the older man still looked away, his voice was very low.

"If I found him, Gil—"

"Yes, John—," the words were expectant. The boy paused intense.

"I'd kill him!" John Breen rose abruptly, his fists clenched, his face flaming.

Then the two men stepped off, at a brisk pace, down the hill toward

Greenbough Farm. Van Horn walked a pace or so behind John; tears were in his eyes, he could not speak. The boy started to dogtrot ahead of him, but he did not follow as was their custom at the end of a hike.

"Hey, Jack." Pug pounded at John's door a few days later. "Charlie's brought up a letter from Van Horn. A special on it, for you." Pug burst into John's room.

"Well?" Pug was expectant, as full of curiosity as Eve.

"Read it, Pug."

"What tha—say, John, I don't know what's it about?"

"Here, let me read it. 'Dear John.' It's about a talk we had the day before he left. 'Dear John, I have been thinking about what you said. I won a lot on you in those scraps, and have been trying to figure a way in which I could use the money. If you will enter Columbia, this fall, I'll see you through engineering. You can pass the entrance, perhaps with a few conditions. I'm placing a credit in Pug's name for five thousand, to pay the way. Don't hesitate to take this. You really earned every cent of it. Merely a little speculation of mine. 'I'm sailing on the St. Louis tomorrow. Will be at sea when you get the letter. Going abroad for a few months with my niece Josephine.'"

Pug sat on the cot, looked around the room, the rickety book shelves, the familiar figure of his assistant. "Great God, John, I knew them damn books would take you, some day."

"Never, Pug, never." Tears stood in the boy's eyes. He rose, put his arm over the bent shoulders of the trainer; the gray head was down. Pug looked at the rag carpet, his own eyes moist. John bent down and kissed the gray hairs of Malone. That tough citizen rose suddenly to make a swipe at him as he ran out and down the corridor to the showers.

For several weeks following his admission to the schools of engineering, after his bout with the entrance examiners, John Breen moved in a strange, imponderable world.

Then came the great day of the flag rush between the freshmen and sophomores and Breen's great strength and superb physique, made him the hero of the school. John caught a glimpse of Gilbert Van Horn waving to him. He stood beside the golden statue. "Boys, let me down." John kicked free and ran across to Van Horn. A great many people stood about. John suddenly realized he was not on the gym floor at Greenbough, that his attire was not only scanty but scandalous; he was practically in rags. One shoe had disappeared in the battle, he had not noticed it until his feet touched the stone steps.

"Josephine, this is John Breen. John my ward, Josephine."

John stood speechless. He held the hand extended to him. Blue eyes, laughing eyes, smiled at his predicament. Miss Lambert was completely aware of the striking situation as she felt the tense grip of the hero of a college moment. Then freshmen rushed up to John and hoisted him clear of his embarrassment. He turned and waved at Josephine and Van Horn. They waved at him in return. The crowd was scattering as Gilbert Van Horn and his ward walked down the broad steps to the curb. Josephine looked at her white glove, soiled by the fingers of John Breen. They were silent on the ride home; Gilbert Van Horn looked out of the window of the car. Josephine still felt the tingling grip of the young man in rags. His smile, his tousled yellow hair and white teeth, and his confusion, and his superb arms and body seemed to fit across her memory, a vivid picture she had expected to see.

That night Gilbert Van Horn sat in the library until long after midnight. Josephine had played for him that evening, she too was in a reflective mood, a romantic girl, a young woman of eighteen. He smoked and dreamed and planned. Gilbert Van Horn was determined upon a course of action in which every atom of cleverness he possessed would be required. At last he had achieved an absorbing occupation.

Gilbert Van Horn, wiser than most men in some matters, left John very much to himself, except at holiday periods when the two friends met at

Greenbough. As for his ward, he arranged things so she saw but little of John Breen. The boy was in training, so Van Horn argued, and to break training was nothing short of bad sportmanship. Long trips, visits to Newport, the social activities of a select few in the great city—these occupied Josephine, and at times she pleased herself by a long look at the full length photograph of Fighting Breen, in ring togs, taken just before his battle with the Quaker. This stood on the dresser in Van Horn's room. But the John Breen of the cold eyes, looking straight ahead, his pompadour as stiff as a shoe brush, was of the past.

"Breen, you're looking stale." Harbord of the graduate schools dropped into the room of the student. It was close to midnight and John bent over his work table, his tired eyes scanning a maze of formulae in theoretical mechanics. "What are you digging at?"

"Usual stuff." John took off his eye shade, evidently with relief. He had plunged into the work of the schools with determined energy. Feeling himself grow stale, he pushed onward with the utmost vigor, actually working himself to destruction.

"I'd like to tell you something." Harbord drew a battered briar from his pocket and tamped down a half-smoked charge of tobacco. He lit this and puffed contentedly. "Four years—" Harbord rolled the words over his tongue—"leading to—"

"The degree of civil engineer," John sensed a question and supplied an answer.

"Leading to complete ossification of the mind." Harbord continued, ignoring John's words. "I've watched you for some time, Breen, especially this last year. I'm studying, or am trying to study, the art of teaching. I came here from a small southern college, you and ninety-nine per cent of those here would not know the place if I mentioned it; one horse all the way through, and poor, poor, my boy, in money." He smoked thoughtfully for a few minutes. "What's back of all this junk," he nodded at the few books, sweeping his pipe over the litter, "what are you going to do?"

For a while the two friends sat in silence. John had tossed his eye shade aside and searched for a pipe. He had no particular answer for the question.

He was going to get through, he was getting through to, well, to do something, but just what he did not exactly know.

"Well, Breen, if the things you are doing are a fair example of the work of our schools of technology, our highest schools of industrial training, driving you at constant overload, I don't wonder at some of the things we see about us. You don't mind me saying this, do you?"

"No." John thought a moment. He had an intense admiration for a great many of his teachers, earnest hard-working men, just, and often woe-folly underpaid. "You said something about the things we see. What, for instance?"

"Well, if you wish, failure is what we see—the costliest failure in the world. We see prime youth dumped into a machine and sweated and ground and pounded until every original impulse and idea is packed down under a concentrated layer of stupidity. I've made a study of education and have practiced it on others with some results, but what I see here is a farce. The brain is intended for use, not for the stowage of freight. The structure of the mind needs development through action, in thought and reason. Why, dammit, man, they seem to be stuffing you with the accumulated facts of the ages, regardless of how, or why, they were discovered." Harbord paused, filled and relit his pipe while John sat in silence.

"The worst of the while thing is the awful hopelessness after you are through here. You are sweated, you are driven and you survive. But what do you survive for? Well, in the course of time your strained technical brain has to do with the work of men." (Continued Next Week.)

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### Cotton Loan Borrowers Have Margin Left Now

Farmers who have cotton up as collateral on their 1931 government loans may now settle up in full and have a margin left. The cotton was put up on a basis of 8 cents, the borrower to pay or receive the difference in what the cotton brings when sold.

However, collateral cotton cannot be sold until the loan office at Dallas receives notification from the farmer borrower, Charles W. Sherrill, loan director for the state, has announced.

In a telegram, sent in reply to a request for information from several Taylor county borrowers, Sherrill said that regardless of the place of storage—in warehouses here or at other points, or in Texas Cotton Co-operative association storage—the cotton will be sold immediately on notification.

When the cotton was put up by Taylor county farmers on the 8 cent basis, the price was around 6 cents, and had the cotton been sold then borrowers would have suffered a loss. Based on the 6-cent quotation, cotton sold on the present market would bring between \$15 and \$16 more per bale than last fall.

Thirty one loans are yet to be paid in this county. Sherrill stated in his telegram that the secretary of agriculture is anxious to liquidate balances due as soon as possible.

Loans cannot be settled—will still be due—until the borrower gives formal notice for sale of cotton up as collateral, it was pointed up.

### Taylor County Totals

- For Governor: Sterling 4,559, Ferguson 2,386.
- For Railroad Commissioner (6-year): Satterwhite 3,366, Terrell, 3,125.
- For Railroad Commissioner (4-year): Hatcher 2,412, Thompson 4,028.
- For Associate Justice: Hickman 4,473, Pierson 1,279.
- For Congressman-at-Large, Place 1: Terrell 2,094, Parrish 4,279.
- For Congressman-at-Large, Place 2: Bailey 3,370, Davis 3,070.
- For Congressman-at-Large, Place 3: Burkett 2,623, Strong 3,787.
- For State Senator: Cunningham 4,541, Collie 2,233.
- For Tax Collector: Hughes 3,122, Parnelly 3,876.
- For Tax Assessor: Boyce 4,045, Long 2,870.
- For Public Weigher, Precinct 6: Haynes 183, Williams 235.
- For County Commissioner, Prec. 2: Canon 607, Diltz 452.

### Merkel Complete

- For Governor: Sterling 432, Ferguson 222.
- For Railroad Commissioner: Satterwhite 385, Terrell 212.
- For Railroad Commissioner: Hatcher 264, Thompson 340.
- For Associate Justice: Hickman 439, Pierson 153.
- For Congressman-at-Large, Place 1: Terrell 192, Parrish 387.
- For Congressman-at-Large, Place 2: Bailey 295, Davis 340.
- For Congressman-at-Large, Place 3: Burkett 229, Strong 362.
- For State Senator: Cunningham 345, Collie 284.
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"The Dream Girl Follies," will bring a company of more than 100 to the State Fair Auditorium, and has a chorus of fifty, forty of whom are girls. The revue is being produced by Ernie Young, widely known Chicago producer, and changes the style of the State Fair Auditorium productions from operetta to revue.

### HEBRON NEWS

Mrs. Frank Tipton of Wichita Falls is visiting her sister, Mrs. Huston Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sharp were afternoon guests of Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gosey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell visited Mr. and Mrs. Baker Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reese have as their guest Mrs. Reese's brother, Mr. Bill Dean, from Arkansas.

Annamae, Leo and Syble Harris had as their guest Sunday Miss Ruby Spence, Miss Mildred Sharp, Mr. Dale Light, Effiebel and Vedalee Pannell.

Mr. Paul Pannell entertained a few of his friends with a party Saturday night.

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### BLAIR ITEMS

The biggest piece of news this week is the increase in the price of cotton. The fleecy staple is beginning to open and before long there will be quite a bit of picking.

Miss Ada Stanford of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church, while visiting her cousins, Misses Clara Lee and Marvis Petterson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and children of Valera, Texas, came down and visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, in the mid-week. They were accompanied back home by Miss Zuma Spears for a week.

Mrs. Riley James and pretty daughter, Joan, of East Texas visited Mrs. R. B. Horton and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and other friends here the past week, also going to see her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry of Abilene.

Mrs. Buck Moore and daughter, Miss Murrell, of Castle Peak and Emmitt Patterson of White Church attended Services at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ray Brwn and son of San Leon, have moved into our little town, Mrs. Brown wanting to take advantage of the good schools here for her little son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Scoggins of Wood county have moved back into our midst. They say crops have burned up down there and so they have come here where crops look more prosperous.

The Rev. Luther Kess of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams of Abilene motored over in their new Dodge sedan and spent the afternoon with their niece, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford, Wednesday.

Mrs. Marcina Doan is enjoying this week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn and sons and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn and little son of Goodman were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellworth Bell Sunday.

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### RURAL SOCIETY

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN HONORED WITH PARTY.

Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., gave a delightful party in honor of her two charming granddaughters, Loucille and Louise Butman of Long Beach, Calif., on Tuesday of last week before their leaving on Wednesday.

Games were played in the spacious living room of the Butman ranch house, also in the large yard.

Lemonade and cake was served to the following children: Ella Louise Horton, Melba Gladys Horton, Irene, Lorene, Walter Earl and Jack Whisenhunt, James, Jennie Marie, Thomas Leon, Bennie Johnson Helburn, Willie Pearl Matthews, Jimmie Lee Latimer, Mildred and Hollis McLean, Hermon, Opal Mae, Nomie Hicks, Ben Smith, Loretta Pruett, Melba Sugart, Mable, Edith, Nell, Ruth, Jack, Louise, Margaret, Geraldene, Banning, Loucille and Louise Butman, and Mesdames T. L. Hilburn, Manard, W. C. Matthews, Odie Latimer,

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### Sales Show Increase Over Ten Days in July

An increase of sixteen per cent in the sale of new cars and trucks in the first ten days of August over the same period of July was reported by Chevrolet dealers, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company, has announced.

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### School Preliminaries

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more credits will be classified as Seniors and should report next week to register. Any of the above, except the entrance examinations on Tuesday, may be attended to next week or Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, September 6-9, inclusive. Faculty meeting will be held on Saturday.

### LARGE ENROLLMENT ANTICIPATED.

The census last spring was the largest in years, there have been forty-three transfers into Merkel, many students in high school grades who do not have to transfer have signified their intention to attend Merkel this year, and all indications point to a record enrollment. Last year the high school grades enrolled more than any time in the history of Merkel High school.

Superintendent Burgess urges all students who plan to attend the Merkel schools this year to enroll on the opening day. Even if it is necessary to stop and pick cotton later, it will be better to enroll, get books and get lined up anyway. If it is necessary to be out of school and work, it would be much better for the student to use the first two or three days to get lined up in his work.

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5.25-21	8.15	15.82
5.50-18	8.35	16.20
5.50-19	8.48	16.46
6.00-18 H.D.	10.05	20.06
6.00-19 H.D.	10.85	21.04
6.50-19 H.D.	12.30	23.86
7.00-20 H.D.	14.65	28.42

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4.50-20	3.89	7.58
4.50-21	3.95	7.66
4.75-19	4.63	9.00
4.75-20	4.70	9.14
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WANTED TO BUY a gas range. D. I. Shelton.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE for elderly people, ages up to 85; maximum \$2,500. Write Postoffice box 764, Abilene, Texas.

MOVED—J. F. Campbell and Sons Furniture Exchange have moved to building on Kent St., next door to Wood Grocery.

**LOST AND FOUND**

STRAYED OR STOLEN—8-year-old Jersey cow, also 8-year-old white face cow with No. 2 on horn; if stolen, will pay \$25.00 reward for information leading to recovery. Tom Largent.

**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF SALE.**

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
Whereas Bert Gardner stored with the Blue Front Motor Company, a co-ownership composed of Barron and one Marmon-74 sedan, highway No. 82-8255, motor No. 933D, serial No. 215338; said car was duly stored with the Blue Front Motor Company on the 17th day of March, 1932, at the rate of \$3.00 per month; the said Blue Front Motor Company has served notice to said Bert Gardner by letter to address given by said Bert Gardner for the amount of this claim but that said Bert Gardner has failed and refused to pay said storage or any part thereof; notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of September, 1932, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the Blue Front Motor Company in the city of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, the Blue Front Motor Company will offer for sale the above described automobile for storage, labor, parts, due thereon; said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash. Witness our hands this 31st day of August, 1932.

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By J. J. Barron, Manager.

**PAYNE-MARTIN.**

Mr. R. O. Payne and Miss Hazel Marie Martin, both of Noodle, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Payne is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Less Payne and Miss Hazel is next to the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin.

Those present for the wedding and remaining for the supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Less Payne and two daughters, Misses Leda Faye and Mozeal, Mrs. R. O. Caffey, Mrs. Less Hopper and two children, Misses Mayfield and Ida B. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Merkel, Brother Tatum of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin of Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, Misses Eula Mae and Lola Martin, Mr. J. C. Jack, William and Bobbie Jean Martin and the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin.

The young couple will make their home west of Noodle for a short time where they are receiving best wishes of a host of friends.

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# CHURCHES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 805, exceeding that of the previous Sunday by 28. On the same Sunday a year ago, the attendance was 858.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

A word of praise should be extended our young people by our entire church. But few groups of young people have the principles of Christianity so zealously established as to sponsor a revival campaign. The meeting was a great success and we are proud of them.

Regular services next Sunday, pastor preaching at both morning and evening hours.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Our church being pastorless, we feel sure each member will feel more keenly his individual responsibility and we will have the same co-operation we have always had in carrying on the Lord's work.

On next Sunday, Sept. 4, Brother H. B. Ramsoure, who is supply pastor for the First Baptist church in Brownwood and who is visiting in Merkel, will fill the pulpit at both morning and evening hours.

Sunday School begins promptly at 10 o'clock. Bring someone with you. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

W. W. Haynes, Acting Supt. of Sunday School.

**INTERMEDIATE B. T. S.**

Poem, "Looking to You," Margaret Miller.

"A Personal Standard of Excellence," L. V. Moore.

"Seek New Members," Mary Helen Lancaster.

"Program Preparation," John A. Jones.

"Read Bible Daily," Don Swafford.

"Study to Serve," Louise Toombs.

"Give Regularly," Winston Polley.

"Attend Preaching Services," Thelma Matthews.

"The End in View," Frances Tarlton.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m., as usual, but there will be no preaching service, either morning and night, as the pastor continues in Baird in a revival at the church there.

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

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.**

Sunday, September 4, 6 p. m.

Subject: "What is Our Attitude to Work and the Worker?"

Song service.

Prayer.

Scripture, Van Roberts.

Leader's talk, Van Roberts.

"A Battleground of Business," Paul Collins.

"A Mud-Spattered Capitalist," Jim Patterson.

"Even the Ox," Grisham Dowell.

"Good Examples," Wanda Hunter.

"Something to Think About," Imogene Middleton.

All C. E. members are urged to be present Sunday. We have a good program prepared, also some business to attend to. Come and bring your friends.

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE.**

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. Let everyone who does not go to Sunday School elsewhere meet with us next Sunday.

Our Sunday School lesson is "Evils of intemperance," found in Isaiah 5:1-30. Golden text, "Drink no wine nor strong drink." Lex. 10:9. A cordial invitation to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The pastor will be absent from our church services Sunday morning and Sunday night to preach at the Trinity Baptist church in Abilene, while Brother Lovell is at Happy in a revival.

Rev. Loris G. Sheppard, pastor at Sweetwater, will preach here Sunday morning and Sunday night. He will also be at singing Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. E. C. Summers will preach Sunday 4 p. m.

The pastor is at Sweetwater with Brother Sheppard in a revival meeting. Remember us in your prayers.

In our absence Sunday we hope and pray that every member of our church and Sunday School will be present at Bible school and preaching services.

We need only \$40 now to be able to put windows and doors in our tabernacle. So we are asking 40 people

to hand \$1 extra to pledge to Brother Reagh Sunday.

Everybody welcome to our services. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

New stop buttons were placed this week at the intersections of Lamar, Edwards and Kent streets with the highway and a new button, "no U-turn" at the intersection of Edwards and Elm streets, as well as new slow signs for approach on the highway on both sides of town. These signals are of permanent construction and the city dads are to be congratulated on their installation.

Four cars of wheat were shipped from Merkel the past week, bringing the total for the season to 82. Increases in the market price have had a tendency to bring some out of storage, but large quantities are still being held here.

On Thursday night of last week City Marshal P. P. Dickinson was able to assist Sweetwater officers in their chase of six boys, who left a filling station in Sweetwater without paying for their gasoline. They were traveling east and were said to have been from California. The Merkel officer detected them and gave chase, holding them for the Sweetwater officers. The boys are said to have paid the gasoline charges promptly when the Nolan county officers arrived.

Mack Fowler, popular cafe man, has leased the Laney building and he began repairs and remodeling the first of the week. He will occupy the entire building and will put in a modern restaurant. He expects to be ready for business at an early date.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

To all of those who extended so many kindnesses by friendly visits, personal interest and assistance and by comforting words and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved aunt and sister-in-law, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks. We appreciate more than words can describe the evidences of love and esteem for her and shall always remember you in our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and Family.  
Mrs. S. W. Curtis and Family.

**THANKS TO VOTERS AND FRIENDS.**

I wish to sincerely thank my friends and the voters who in any way worked in my behalf in the election of last Saturday.

Although not getting enough votes to re-elect me for another term, I want to say that I can assure you that I have nothing but the best regards for those that saw fit to vote for Mr. Canon.

I will endeavor to carry on the work of the office and plans that I have been working on in the same manner the rest of my time in office as if I had been re-elected and at that time or any time later I will be only too glad to co-operate with Mr. Canon in any way possible.

P. A. Diltz.  
(Political Advertising.)

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many, many friends, who assisted in any way in the loss of our dear son and brother, Howard, for words spoken, deeds done and the beautiful flowers. Also do we thank Mrs. Leamon for her kindness. May God's richest blessings be on each of you in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller.

**Death of Mr. Estes' Sister.**

M. L. Estes received the sad news Tuesday of the death of his sister, Mrs. M. F. Simons, age 75, at Rio Vista. He had just returned Monday from a visit there. Besides the brother here, Mrs. Simons is survived by three sisters.

**Woman Editor of Photoplay.**

New York, Sept. 1.—Katherine Dougherty, for 12 years secretary, treasurer and business manager of Photoplay magazine has been chosen to succeed James R. Quirk, recently deceased publisher and president. Miss Dougherty became associated with the magazine 17 years ago as bookkeeper at \$15 a week. She will retain the office of treasurer.

Gatun Lake in the Panama Canal is the largest artificially-formed lake in the world. It has an area of 164 square miles.



**CORBUSIER-MOORE.**  
(San Antonio Light.)

Coming as a surprise to their many friends is the announcement made today by Mrs. Elma Moore Bittle of the marriage of her daughter, Eleanor Moore, to William Henry Corbusier, son of Colonel and Mrs. Philip W. Corbusier, which took place at noon Monday at the Saint Boniface chapel in Comfort, Texas, with the Rev. George Delsey performing the ceremony. They were attended by Mrs. Clifford Lawrence and Charles Salley.

Mrs. Corbusier, who is a popular member of the college and society sets of San Antonio, is a graduate of Arlington Hall in Washington, D. C., and attended Sullins college in Bristol, Va. The past year she was a student at the University of Texas.

Mr. Corbusier is a graduate of Yale university.

Following the ceremony, the young couple left for a motor trip to Monterey, Mexico, and upon their return the latter part of the week will be at home at the Lincoln apartments, 127 West Craig place.

Eleanor is well known and loved in Merkel, having visited in the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. H. Jones, since she was a little girl. Always a popular guest because of her gracious and charming personality, she has a host of friends here who will be more than happy to learn she and her husband are to be here for a brief visit very soon.

**JULY WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED.**  
(Albany News.)

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Louise Fryar of this city to Mr. Jesse C. Moody of Abilene, the rites being said by the Rev. W. M. Murrell, at the Methodist district parsonage in Abilene, on July 23.

Mrs. Moody is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryar, who moved here from Abilene three years ago. She is a graduate of Abilene high school and was a student at McMurry college during the past year.

Mr. Moody, also a graduate of the Abilene high school, received his B. A. degree from McMurry college this week. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moody of Guion.

The wedding was the culmination of a romance begun in college when they were both students at McMurry.

The above is of special interest in Merkel since the bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

**Canon Thanks Voters, Pledges Best Efforts**

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:  
You have honored me with election as your county commissioner and I want here to renew my pledge to you of the very best and most conscientious efforts to serve you than I can put forth. I appreciate deeply the support of my friends in the two primaries, without which I could never have won the victory, and will endeavor to live up to their expectations when I enter office in January.

In the meantime, I am busy at the South Side gin getting ready to handle the coming crop and will appreciate a share of your ginning business.

A. J. Canon.  
(Political Advertising.)

**Q. Brown to Lecture.**

It is announced that Q. Brown will deliver a lecture on the streets here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the subject, "Make your calling and election sure." Everyone is invited to hear him.

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**Three Are Injured In Auto Accident**

When the automobile in which they were riding skidded on slippery pavement and plunged into a guard rail of the bridge over Mulberry creek, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Andrews of Abilene and Mrs. Andrew's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Darr, of Los Angeles, Calif., were severely injured Tuesday afternoon, but were reported resting well Thursday morning.

The three, together with Ralph Darr, husband of Mrs. Darr, and their daughter, Vendell, were coming to Merkel to visit J. T. Warren, a brother of Mrs. Andrews, the Darrs being on a visit to the home of Mr. Darr's mother in Abilene.

The machine, an Oldsmobile sedan, driven by Mr. Andrews, skidded at the approach to the bridge, and then careened from one side rail to the other. The violent impact and shattered glass caused the injuries. Mrs. Darr received a scalp wound and a fracture of the left arm, just below the shoulder. Mrs. Andrews' nose was severely injured and her husband received a bad cut at the wrist.

Mr. Andrews was brought to a Merkel sanitarium, but was removed to Mr. Warren's home Wednesday, where Mrs. Andrews had been removed following the accident. Mrs. Darr was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. Mr. Darr and his daughter were unhurt.

**The Hugheses Extend Thanks.**

Through the columns of The Mail we want to thank everyone of our friends for their loyal support in furthering the candidacy of our son, Earl, for county tax collector and we want you to know that we appreciate

the splendid vote he received. While he failed of re-election this time, you have honored him many times before and such loyalty of friends of the family and of his personal friends will be long remembered by us.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes.

"Be Wise." Consult the Old Owl at Brown's Bargain Store for school supplies.

## SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

TOMATOES, fancy pinks, pound	5c
COMPOUND, full 8 lb. pail	65c
SOAP, all kinds, giant size, 6 for	25c
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds	95c
DRIED APRICOTS, new crop, 2 pounds	23c
COFFEE, pure Peaberry, 2 pounds	27c
K. C. BAKING POWDER, 25c size	18c
SALAD DRESSING, Kraft's 16 oz. jar	19c
APRICOTS, PLUMS AND PEACHES, No. 2 1-2	15c
SOAP, Cocoa Hardwater, 3 bars	10c
STRAWBERRY PRESERVES, pure, 12 ounces	15c
PORK & BEANS, Campbells, 3 for	20c
SALMONS, Branded Pinks	10c
OATS, full 55 oz. package	15c

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