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ONLY FIVE DAYS SEPARATE DEATHS BELOVED COUPLE

J. N. Shelton, 82, Follows His Helpmate of Nearly Half Century; To Be Re-United In Eternity.

Separated by death only five days from his helpmate and companion of nearly half a century, Jasper N. Shelton, well known retired farmer and one of Merkel's most respected pioneers, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, joining his wife in that celestial realm of the saints less than a week after her departure.

The shock of his wife's death which occurred at 11 o'clock Friday morning of last week, left him in such a state of grief that he felt he had nothing to live for. He waited only for the time of his own going.

Funeral services were to be held at 4:30 Thursday afternoon from the home of his daughter, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. It was from this same home that his wife was buried at 1 o'clock last Saturday. The couple had made their home with this daughter for the past four years.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were devout and consecrated members, conducted the service first for the wife and came from East Texas, driving through the night Wednesday, to conduct the last rites for the husband. (Rev. Mr. Walker had gone to Rocky Ford in Lamar county after the funeral Saturday to lead a revival.)

The body of the husband was to be laid beside his sleeping loved one in the family lot at Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers for Mrs. Shelton's funeral were: L. L. Murray, Jim Douglass, Tom Douglass, W. T. McAninch, B. P. Middleton and Marvin Smith. Pall bearers for the husband's funeral were: L. L. Murray, Jim Douglass, W. T. McAninch, B. P. Middleton, Marvin Smith and G. W. Elliott of Abilene.

Mrs. Shelton was born in Wash county, Ark., on May 23, 1859, being 74 years old at the time of her death. Her husband, eight years her senior, was born May 15, 1851, in Indiana. They were married at Elkins, Ark., in 1884 and in another year would have completed a half century of married happiness and mutual helpfulness. The couple came to Taylor county in 1902, where they had resided more than 30 years.

Two children, Mrs. W. M. Elliott and D. I. Shelton, offspring of his first marriage, survive, both of Merkel. Six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Words are meaningless when an effort is made to pay tribute to these two beautiful characters who walked together along life's rugged highway for so many years and who were permitted to be joined again in such a brief space of time in the blessed eternity of heaven.

They each lived over their allotted three score and ten years. To each (Continued on Page Two)

IMPORTANT COUNTY SCHOOL MEETING AT ABILENE FRIDAY

Friday in the district court room at Abilene the county school board will meet. At this meeting the state department of education will have a representative from Austin to explain all matters concerning the rural aid law, especially the law concerning transportation of high school students whose grades are not taught in their district.

The county board meets at ten o'clock in the morning. The state department representative will speak at two o'clock in the afternoon. The board meeting will interest mainly rural trustees and principals, while the afternoon meeting should be of interest to trustees, school principals and all parents who are interested in the transportation of their high school students to an accredited high school.

The state now will pay \$2.00 per month for each high school student whose grade is not taught in his home district to help defray the expenses of transporting this student to the nearest accredited high school. All interested patrons and the public generally are invited to this meeting Friday, August 11.

16-Year-Old Mexican Accidentally Shot

The accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his 12-year-old brother caused the death at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon of Jim Luna, 16-year-old Mexican boy, residing with his mother in the Noodle community.

The two boys had gone to visit at the home of a neighbor and Jim was sitting in the door of the house. The other brother, Tona, had picked up a gun which was lying on the bed and its accidental discharge struck the other boy full in the back.

Besides his mother, wife of John Luna, who died a few months ago, Jim is survived by nine sisters and seven brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home with interment in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Gulf Refining Company Signs President's Code

The Gulf Refining company has announced that it has signed the president's blanket code pending the final adoption of the oil industry code.

The district sales office of the Gulf Refining company located at Houston has authorized its agents in all parts of the state to sign the agreement with the president through their local committees.

There are more than 6,000 people employed by the sales department of the Gulf Refining company in Texas; several thousand more employees are affected including the refineries of the Gulf Company and the other associated companies including producing and pipe line companies.

19,341 Are Given Jobs.

New York, Aug. 10.—New York Central has employed 19,341 men since June 1, President F. E. Williamson announced Saturday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 8, 1913.)

The news that Merkel is to be on the route of the Southern National Highway, one of the cardinal roads of the American Automobile association, is brought to us this week in the large daily papers. The route from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast is definitely decided and the only condition is the co-operation of the towns and counties in the improvement and building of first class roads.

In the campaign to save Stamford College by the raising of funds to pay an indebtedness of approximately \$65,000, Revs. Young and McCarley, with the assistance of Rev. R. A. Clements and others, over \$1,000 was subscribed by our citizens here Monday.

In a special session of city council to take final action in buying for our fire department some conveyance for the fireboys and their fire-fighting apparatus it was unanimously decided to pay \$500 for a trained team from the fire department of Abilene since they have purchased an auto fire engine. The purchase of a team of black

horses, wagon and apparatus will make possible the extension of our water mains from the Templeton boarding house to the Stallings residence and the extension of a main running south three or four blocks from the corner two or three blocks west of the Methodist church will give water privileges and fire protection to some of our best residence sections, which have heretofore received little consideration.

Judge W. W. Wheeler and T. J. Cross became involved Tuesday afternoon in a very heated debate which threatened serious trouble but for interference of mutual friends. The argument started over the question of "whether or not No. 3 had gone west."

W. D. Woodroof, proprietor, of the W. D. Woodroof & Co.'s general dry goods store, left Wednesday for the eastern markets. In talking of his trip he said that he would be away until about the 20th of August and during his absence would visit St. Louis, New York, Chicago and Boston and would buy the largest line of goods he has ever handled.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Clem Bush, 25, of Denton, was critically injured near Simms when a five-ton gasoline roller he was operating in road work ran over him.

Vice President John Garner took on his first fraternal affiliation when he "road the goat" Monday night for the initiatory degree in the Uvalde Odd Fellows lodge.

Up to Monday night a grand total of 64,600 NRA pledges had been signed by Texas employees, Ernest L. Tutt of the Houston office of the department of commerce announced.

Investigation of violations of the NRA code in the Southwest area will be conducted by a corps of agents under supervision of Clifford B. Jones, regional public works director.

Mrs. Will T. Bagby of Hallettsville, widow of former Representative Bagby, has been appointed superintendent of the Confederate Woman's Home and on Sept. 1 will succeed Mrs. S. J. Thomas.

Deserted by her late husband and despondent of life, Mrs. J. H. Gordon of Electra cut the throats of her two children, 8 and 9 years old, respectively, and then killed herself with the same razor.

May Peterson, concert singer and wife of Ernest O. Thompson, member of the Texas railroad commission, sustained a broken leg when she fell from a ladder in her roof garden atop an Amarillo hotel.

Ranger Emmett White of Austin was killed on the highway near Killgore by an automobile that crashed into him as he stood at the roadside searching two negroes he had arrested. One of the negroes was killed and another injured.

Little two-and-one-half year old Carl Mae Ball was fatally injured in a fall from the second floor of a Fort Worth hotel. It is believed that while playing in a window she unfastened the screen and her head was crushed in the 16 foot fall.

Arthur P. Duggan, state senator from the 30th senatorial district, has announced that he will be a candidate for congress from the new 19th congressional district. Judge Carl M. Mullican of Lubbock has already announced for the place.

John D. Hartman, federal district attorney for West Texas, whose resignation was asked for by the department of justice, has announced his resignation effective on appointment of his successor, W. R. (Bob) Smith of Odessa has been recommended by both United States senators from Texas.

J. S. Bickley Quite Ill at Son's Home

Word was received here Sunday of the serious illness of J. S. Bickley, an old time resident of Merkel, at the home of a son, J. M. Bickley of Chatfield. His children, Miss Annie Bickley and Clifton Bickley of Stanton and Rev. C. A. Bickley of Lubbock, are at his bedside.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Bickley died only a few months ago.

Nazarene Church Calls Pastor Another Year

At a meeting of the members of the Church of the Nazarene Tuesday night, a call for another year was extended to Mrs. Ola Bolls, now serving as pastor of the church so faithfully and capably.

Mrs. Bolls will announce her answer to the call at the Sunday morning service.

Methodists to Hold Revival at Stith

Beginning next Sunday, August 13, a revival is to be held at the Methodist church of Stith, with Rev. Woodrow Adecek, of Haskell, conducting the services.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

Texas Cotton Rate Cut.

Austin, Aug. 10.—The Texas Railroad commission Monday issued an emergency order making drastic reductions in freight rates on intrastate shipments of cotton. The reductions ranged as high as 50 per cent.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Suggs, residing north of town, Wednesday, August 9, 1933.

COTTON CROP IS ESTIMATED AT 12,314,000

Only Acreage Reduction Keeps Total From Being One of History's Largest; Condition 74.2 Per Cent.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The unusually good condition of the cotton crop today resulted in a government forecast of 12,314,000 bales this year, as compared with slightly more than 12,000,000 last year.

In making public the estimates, the crop reporting board said the potential crop, if there had been no cotton reduction program, would have been approximately 16,561,000 bales. The board said the amount of cotton taken out of production is around 4,247,000 bales.

The unusual production report despite the approximately 10,304,000 acres plowed under, was attributed to the estimate that the crop on August 1 was 74.2 per cent of normal.

This compared with 65.6 per cent a year ago and a ten-year average of 67.9 per cent.

Government statisticians said the August 1 condition was higher than any other August 1 since 1915, except the 74.9 per cent reported in 1931.

THIS YEAR'S GINNINGS.
Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to Aug. 1 was reported Tuesday by the census bureau to have been 171,254 running bales, counting round as half bales, compared with 71,063 bales to that date last year and 7,307 for the period in 1931.

STATE FACES SHORT CROP.

Austin, Aug. 10.—A Texas cotton crop of 3,541,000 five hundred pound bales is indicated for this year, the federal crop reporting service here announced Wednesday. This is the shortest crop since 1922 when there were 3,222,000 bales.

Pro Rally for Merkel Now Being Arranged

A prohibition rally in Merkel is being arranged for either Thursday or Friday night of next week, probably Friday night, the speaker to be announced later.

As one of the activities of the local committee, of which Herbert Peterson is chairman, the town has been divided into four districts, with a chairman for each, and it is proposed to secure the signatures of all those who pledge to support the prohibition movement. These chairmen are: No. 1, J. A. Buford; No. 2, S. M. Hunter; No. 3, W. W. Haynes; No. 4, W. B. Petty.

The pledge reads: "I hereby pledge myself to support the prohibition movement in my community."

Forest Army Recruits Enjoy Many Outings

A recent letter from Henry L. Perritt, a Merkel boy stationed with the reforestation army at Los Burros, McNary, Ariz., tells of a special trip the boys in camp made to the Mormon Pioneers day celebration at Snowflake, Ariz., on July 24 and 25. Excerpts from the letter read:

"The C. C. C. boys from Camp F 22-A, McNary, Ariz., were rewarded for their service by being given a special trip to the Mormon pioneer day celebration, which consisted of a rodeo and horse races. The first day we had early chow and left camp about 1 p. m., arriving at Snowflake about 2 p. m. We spent the afternoon celebrating, leaving Snowflake at 5 p. m. and arriving at camp about 6:30 o'clock.

"The second day we left camp at 6 a. m. and spent the day, carrying our lunches. Both trips were made in the company's trucks.

"We are assured a trip in the future to each of the following places: Petrified Forest, Painted Desert, Desert Rim, about 75 miles northwest of McNary, and last but not least to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. All preparations have been made for these trips which will be taken in trucks belonging to the company."

Honeymooners in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 10.—Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the President, and his bride, the former Miss Ruth Goggins of Fort Worth, Texas, arrived here Friday and proceeded to a fashionable Santa Monica hotel. They plan to make their home here.

TAX DRIVE NETS APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 TO DATE

A total of \$9,480.42 in cash and signed agreements to pay delinquent taxes before Dec. 31, 1933, was reported by City Tax Collector Juanita Ferguson up to Thursday morning of this week in the drive started the latter part of June by the city authorities on delinquent tax payers.

The drive, in reality, is an inducement largely in favor of the tax payer himself in that, if he agrees to pay all delinquent taxes owing before Dec. 31 of this year, interest and penalty will be waived.

Actual cash collected in the period amounts to \$1,580.91, while signed agreements total \$7,899.51.

Joe Childers, Abilene attorney, who was engaged to assist in the campaign to collect these taxes, has announced that he will be at the city hall each Friday this month. The special offer to remit interest and penalty expires the last day of this month.

Fiddlers' Contest Scheduled Saturday, August 19 at Queen

A fiddlers' contest, open to old and young alike, in fact open to anyone who plays any string instrument, whether fiddle, banjo, guitar or what have you, is to be the extra added feature at the Queen theatre on Saturday night of next week, August 19.

Several have already listed their names as contestants with Manager Frank Benson at the theatre.

Winners of first, second and third place will be determined by the applause received, three Merkel business men to be judges. Special prizes will be awarded these three winners, but each contestant will receive a prize.

Program features for the night of the fiddlers' contest are: Laurel and Hardy in one of their comedy riots, "Pack Up Your Troubles," the serial, "Hurricane Express," and a Charlie Chase comedy.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Friday and Saturday—Glenda Farrell in "Girl Missing;" Chapter 5 of "Hurricane Express" and cartoon.

Monday and Tuesday—Jack Holt in "Man Against Woman" and "Sassy Cats."

Wednesday and Thursday—Richard Barthelmess in "Central Airport" and cartoon.

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THAT SECOND MILE.

What did Henry Ford mean, one spring morning, when he tipped a kitchen chair back against the whitewashed wall of his tractor plant and talked about his career?

"Have you ever noticed that the man who starts out in life with a determination to make money, never makes very much?" he asked. It was rather a startling question; and without waiting for my comment he went on to answer it: "He may gather together a competence, of course, a few tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands, but he'll never amass a really great fortune. But let a man start out in life to build something better than it has ever been built before—let him have that determination, and give his whole self to it—and the money will roll in so fast that it will bury him if he doesn't look out."

"When we were building our original model do you suppose that it was money we were thinking about? Of course, we expected that it would be profitable, if it succeeded, but that wasn't in the front of our minds. We wanted to make a car so cheap that every family in the United States could afford to have one. So we worked morning, noon and night, until our muscles ached and our nerves were so ragged that it seemed as if we couldn't stand it to hear any one mention the word automobile again. One night, when we were almost at the breaking point I said to the boys, 'Well, there's one consolation,' I said, 'Nobody can take this business away from us unless he's willing to work harder than we've worked.' And so far," he concluded with a whimsical smile, "nobody has been willing to do that."

What did Theodore N. Vail mean when he said that only once in his life did he set out with the deliberate intention of making money—that all the rest of his fortune had come from work which so gripped him that he forgot about the money? The one occasion to which he referred was his trip to South America where he found a mine that did prove profitable, and doubtless still is. He made that trip because he had lost all his money in an effort to establish a big central heating plant in Boston—to give people better communication. The heating plant failed, and he paid its debts with the South American mine. But the bulk of his fortune came from the achievement for which he will always be remembered—the establishment of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. To that great enterprise he gave everything he had—"threw his life into it," as we say—"lost his life in it," as Jesus said. And it gave him back larger and richer life, and a fortune and immortality.

"Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile," said Jesus, "go with him twain."

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TEXAS VOTES ON REPEAL AUGUST TWENTY-SIXTH.

The question as to whether Texas favors repeal of the 18th amendment to the United States constitution is to be determined at a special election to be held August 26. The ballot will carry the names of two sets of delegates, 31 on each ticket selected from the senatorial districts, one set favoring repeal and the other favoring ratification.

The delegates favored by a majority of the voters will convene on November 24 in Austin and cast formally the Texas decision as to repeal or ratification.

At the same time, but on separate ballot, the people of Texas will dispose of four proposed amendments to the state constitution. These are:

1. To permit the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of vinous or malt liquors of not more than 3.2 per cent alcoholic content by weight.
2. To authorize issuance of \$20,000,000 of state bonds for relief and employment relief purposes.
3. To exempt homesteads from state taxation up to \$3,000 of assessed valuation in counties and parts of counties for which state taxes are remitted, the exemption to begin at the expiration of the remission periods.
4. To enable counties having 62,000 population or more to adopt home rule charters.

The commissioners court of Taylor county has also set this date for a special election, as provided by legislative enactment, to express the decision of the voters of Taylor county whether they favor legalizing 3.2 per cent beer in this county, should the state as a whole vote to legalize beer of that alcoholic content.

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PERSONALS

June Brewer of Clarksville is the guest of Mrs. J. M. Dry and Miss Loyce Dry.

Miss Estelle Clements of Moran spent last week-end with Miss Iris Garrett.

Miss Vera Adams of Bomarton is here for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Ed Turner.

Miss Mildred Stapleton spent Wednesday with Misses Susie Mary and Ruth Hickam.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield and family left Tuesday for a vacation visit with relatives at Slaton.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, who went to Fort Worth Wednesday, were expected to return Thursday night.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Abilene.

Miss Betty Lou Grimes and Robert Grimes, Jr., left Thursday for a visit with relatives in Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. McLean and son, Wayne, accompanied by J. S. Thomas, are visiting Mr. Thomas' son, Byron Thomas, in Fort Worth.

Little Miss Wanda Marie Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gay, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, at Cross Plains this week.

Miss Fay Lowrie of San Antonio and Miss Molly Frank Touchstone of Abilene were happy visitors Wednesday in the home of Miss Dota Garoutte.

Lieut. Guy Garland, stationed with U. S. S. Gilmer at San Diego, Calif., arrived Monday for a week's visit with his father, Jee Garland, and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and two daughters, Misses Wilma and Becky, returned Tuesday from a trip to the World's Fair. They also visited relatives in Chicago.

The J. E. Boaz family moved the first part of the week to their ranch seventeen miles northwest of Merkel where they have built a new home. The Warren Smiths will move into their town house.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith had as guests Monday night Warren's uncle, Dr. W. H. Girdner, and wife, of Abilene. Dr. N. J. Smith and Mrs. Smith of Robert Lee were also passing visitors in this home this week.

Katherine and Tom Coit of Dallas are guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, while Doc Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, is spending a few days with his cousin, Warren Coit, at Dallas.

Miss Mildred Carothers, who had been the guest for a week of her sister, Mrs. Gail Herrington, returned

Sunday to her home at San Angelo. Her mother, Mrs. Lee Carothers, and sister, Miss Dorothy Carothers, drove over after her.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, who together with Mrs. Case's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Key of Dimmitt, Texas, spent several days in camp at Paint Rock, also visiting their parents at Winters, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Rutherford of Los Angeles, Calif., who have been attending the World's Fair at Chicago, stopped over last week for a visit with Mr. Christopher's father, T. H. Christopher, and sister, Mrs. Len Sublett.

Max Mellinger, who left Sunday on a buying trip to St. Louis and Chicago, was accompanied by his two sons, Isadore and Meyer, also his brother, Victor Mellinger, of Big Spring. They are making the trip by auto and were joined by a brother-in-law, M. Rosen-

waller, at Dallas. The party will enjoy the World's Fair while away.

Beloved Couple

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the Master's "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" may be applied with all the beautiful simplicity of those beautiful words.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to everyone for their words of sympathy and for every kind deed offered in the loss of our wife, mother and grandmother. Also we thank each and every one for the beautiful flowers.

May God's richest blessings be on every one.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton.
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"Roxie knew you better than I did," Neil said slowly, "I guess that's a setback for me all right . . . I was so bowled over by what you told me that day with that Ainsworth fellow that I didn't know what to believe. I began to think I just imagined I'd been married at all!"

Just then Joyce saw Roxie moving capably about the dining-room, and running to her, she flung her arms impulsively about the older woman.

"Roxie, you darling!" she cried, "Sam told me how wonderful you've been—"

Roxie beamed and flushed with pleasure. "I didn't do nothing!" she said confusedly. "But, my, it's good to have you back, Mrs. Packard, we've certainly missed you! And now do come in to dinner if you and Mr. Neil are ready."

"Where's Dickie?" she asked Neil, when they were seated, "I haven't seen him since I got back!"

"Oh, that's right—I must send for him. He's been living with Sam since you left. Moped about the house so dimly that we thought he was going to cash in, poor chap. I couldn't do anything with him. He kept looking at me reproachfully, as if asking what I'd done with you. It gave me the creeps."

"Funny little Dickie!" said Joyce. Conversation lagged, Joyce did not want to ask any questions covering the time of her absence, thinking she might turn Neil's thoughts toward his mother, and cause him pain. She likewise did not want to tell him anything about her life in San Francisco during that time: it now was resuming the unreality of a bad dream, and she had no wish to revive the memories by talking about it. So she ate silently.

All at once she was aware that Neil was regarding her thoughtfully, with brooding stare unlike the matter-of-factness she remembered in him.

"Anything wrong, Neil?" she asked nervously.

"No, dear, I was just thinking how wonderful it was to have you back."

"Oh, Neil, you mustn't say things like that to me! I know it's only your kindness, your natural sweetness—" Joyce's voice choked up, and she left the table. Neil followed her into the living-room.

"Well, we won't go into that just now, Frills, if it bores you." Joyce was about to remonstrate with him for his misconstruction of her words, when he went hastily on. "By the way, I found something that'll probably interest you—a diary kept by you—by Frills—beginning about the time of our arrival home in Manzanita after our marriage."

"Can I see it, Neil?"

"Sure, I'll get it, just a minute." And he went rather wearily out of the room.

Joyce was worried at the change in Neil. He seemed to have lost all his enthusiasm, all his spirit. "I hope he's not really ill," she thought miserably. "Of course his mother's death was an awful blow. Perhaps a little time . . ." Her mind was running along this course when Neil came back.

"May I look at it with you?" he asked, "I didn't read much of it. Somehow it seemed— not quite right. I thought I'd put it away and read it with you—when you came home." He spoke so quietly that Joyce barely caught the words.

"Neil," she said impulsively, pausing before she opened the book, "I do feel at home here!"

He smiled, a sudden sweet flash that warmed Joyce to the heart, and gravely they opened the diary between them.

It was nearly midnight when they laid the book aside. Fascinated, they had read every word of the bold handwriting that danced over its pages, and, fascinated, they had suffered with the curious, lost spirit that had cried out her secret fears in

her journal.

"Oh, Neil, it's so terrible!" cried Joyce, "I knew Frills had been a bad lot, but I never thought of her as suffering somehow—I never thought of her as doing all these things deliberately, in a sort of crazy effort to get back her identity—to remember!"

"Yes," said Neil, "I don't know much about these things, but I should think the medicos might explain that second blow—the time you were thrown from Fire Queen—as a sort of mental snapping, due to the pitch you'd worked yourself up to."

Frills' diary filled in most of the gaps in the story that Neil had gradually pieced out that day for Joyce. From the scattered notes she learned that Frills had been conscious of her loss of memory, but filled with the conviction that all at once, some day, it would come to her whom she was, where she came from—her whole place of life.

"Some deep instinct," the diary said, "kept me from telling anyone. I felt that I must discover it, must work it out, for myself."

And then latter, came an entry that made a very deep impression on Joyce. "I know I did wrong to marry Neil Packard without telling him. He's too good a man to be treated so meanly, but I just couldn't tell it. I couldn't tell him. And I had to marry him—not again in a lifetime am I likely to meet a man so surely possessing that which can be depended on. In this crazy world it's something to know that loyalty of that sort can be secured!"

As the diary went on, the entries became more and more excited. "I'm cheating Neil!" Frills, cried, "He's got a right to a wife who's more than just a unit existing for the time being! I've got to get back my mem-

ory! Perhaps drink will do it. Bring on the wine cups—I'll try 'em!"

" . . . Why do I take so much perverse pleasure in shocking people around here? Maybe when I get back my memory I'll find I was a small-town school teacher, or somebody who never had a chance to express herself! Well, I'm expressing myself all right these days! All I've got to do is think of something reckless and wild, to be seized with an insane desire to do it! . . ."

And then, all at once, "Arthur Maitland—ugh, how I hate him! Why do I endure him around me? God knows! I flirt with him like a common street woman—yet I love Neil! Why do I do it? Sometimes I feel as if it's to try Neil's patience, to see how much he really will stand from me. There seems to be no limit to his affections!"

" . . . I've gone almost the limit and it's done no good! What did I think it would do? God knows! Neil knows—I can see from his face that he knows there's been too much to that affair between Arthur Maitland and me. If he'd only knock me down—a blow, they say a blow will bring back one's memory. But Neil won't—he never will. I'll have to kill myself first. Perhaps that horse, that surly brute Fire Queen. But I have a charmed life—a charmed and a damned one! How is this thing going to end?"

And the last entry in the book, in sprawling, blotted characters: "I've

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been rotten over that baby of Sylvia's. Of course Neil wants it brought on here. But a child—why should I wreck a poor child's life as I'm wrecking Neil's? It's better off where it is—I'm a lost soul now."

"Neil," said Joyce at last, "Neil, doesn't it help to know that Frills did care about you? She did love you."

Neil did not reply to her question, and Joyce saw that he was trembling like a leaf. "Do you think—do you think, Joyce, that things might come out as mother hoped they would? Do you think you could feel that this was home? I shan't bother you much myself, but we might bring on Lawton's child, and do our best with it, between us."

"Oh, Neil, I feel as Frills said, that in this crazy world it's something to know that loyalty like yours exists! . . . Do you want me, now, knowing all this? It's been a sorry business, and it seems to me you've been the victim!"

"No victim about it," he said shortly, "I mean—I do want you—if, well—what about this Ainsworth?"

"Ainsworth—Robert Ainsworth!" Joyce suddenly had an idea. "Neil," she said, "I think I see now what Robert Ainsworth felt that day! I think he must have felt ashamed of his part in the whole affair—I think he must have seen it all, have realized what a splendid person you were, and have felt that he simply couldn't run off with your wife!"

Neil looked at her sideways. "Sounds like the bunk to me. What on earth makes you think that?"

"Well, you see, Neil, I never saw him after that day in the woods, and you remember he behaved so queerly,

rejecting me by his silence!" Joyce had to swallow hard to keep back the emotion that surged over her at the memory, but she went quickly on.

"I'd always felt so sure that he was an exalted being, somebody finer than the rest of the world, and for him to turn into—into just a cad seemed all wrong. I'd rather be able to think of him without bitterness—and I do feel sure I'm right, that he simply couldn't bring himself to take your wife away . . ."

Neil smiled. "All right with me, darling; think anything you please, as long as you don't think of him too much!"

Joyce regarded him tenderly. "Neil she said softly, "May I make a confession to you? I've fancied myself so superior to Frills, but I wasn't really nearly as—as keen. It's taken me a

terribly long time to find out what she knew all along . . . Neil, dear you're the finest person I've ever known in my life, and I—I love you."
(The End.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Irene Dowdy has returned to her home in Abilene after a visit of several days here with relatives.

Rev. John Reynolds and family of Putnam were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds.

Mrs. Gene Chiles of Dallas was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Mrs. Buster Edwards has installed a brand new permanent wave machine and now has a first class beauty shop at her home.

Miss Mildred Steadman visited friends in Sweetwater last week.

Mrs. Bradshaw and children of Lone Oak and Mrs. Barton of Mentone were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Crain from Sunday to Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Iland and Miss Ethel Iland of Snyder were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale.

Hubert Martin of Stanton was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Renau.

Dave Howell, who has been working at Springfield, Ariz., has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blackmon of Franklin and their two daughters, Mesdames Bowers of Beaumont and R. C. Smith of Port Arthur, and their children are guests of relatives and friends here. Last week-end they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winters to Lamesa and visited relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, old time residents, celebrated their golden anniversary at their home north of town last Tuesday. The children coming from other places were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackmon of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titworth of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lubbock. Children residing here are Mrs. Stanley Armour, Mrs. H. Ogletree and Mrs. S. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor left Tuesday for Mission where they will visit the former's mother for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross, who have been away several weeks, returned home Saturday.

Toots Boone of Hobbs, N. M., is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ann Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Kegans entertained a number of young folks at their home Saturday evening with an ice cream supper.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Bowles and baby daughter of Eastland are guests of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards have as guests this week Mr. and Mrs. McCoy and two daughters from Hamlin.

Miss Beatrice Burleson of San Antonio came Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Dudley.

Mrs. Mary Archer left Saturday for Fort Worth to be with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Falkner, who will undergo an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bishop of Houston spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

Misses Helen and Vera Bright were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bright in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell had as recent guests in their home Mrs. Melvin McCoy, Mr. Bennie Mauldin and Governor Ferguson's secretary, Miss Cora Longsteen, all of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tannie Jones and little son, Linley, of Rule, visited relatives over the week-end. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Jones' father, G. A. McDonald, who will visit there a few days.

Mrs. M. A. Franks of Abilene is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armour. We are sorry to report Mrs. Armour's condition as no better.

Grandpa Adcock has been seriously ill for the past several days.

Miss June Gafford of Hobbs, N. M., is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright spent the week-end visiting in O'Brien.

Mrs. Ben Howell, assisted by Mesdames Stanley Armour and S. Scott, entertained the W. M. S. on July 27. The purpose of the meeting was to make sheets and pillow cases for the West Texas Baptist hospital. Four nice sheets and 12 pillow cases were made, after which music and singing were enjoyed and delicious home made cream and angel food cake were served.

Rev. Bristow of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock and the 3 o'clock hour, the pastor being away in a revival meeting. 61 were in Sunday School. The superintendent, J. B. Winn, urges all who are not in Sunday School elsewhere to come and be with them. The revival meeting will begin next Sunday night,

with the pastor doing the preaching.

Mrs. Lesley Beasley and Miss Maurine Smith were joint hostesses at the O. A. Smith home south of town Monday evening with a quilting party, honoring Mrs. Hale McRee on her birthday with a beautiful friendship quilt. A salad plate and ice tea was served to fifteen guests.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Garrett and children of Randolph college, Cisco, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson last Friday.

Miss Ida V. Estep visited the first Baptist church last Sunday and spent the day with her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Churchwell.

Miss Rome Lee McGehee left Friday for her home in Purdon after a two week's visit with Miss Fama Johnson.

Allen Terry left Wednesday for Lubbock. Brother Robert Gire of Abilene preached for the First Baptist church in the school auditorium Sunday, August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and sons, J. W. and A. C. Jr., and Miss Sarah Julia Johnson attended baptizing at Tye Sunday evening. Brother Jasper Massagee baptized fifteen candidates.

Hodges Happenings.

The M. E. revival here closed Sunday night. Brother Crabtree did some fine preaching, several lost souls were saved and we feel that everyone got a real blessing from the meeting.

The Baptist revival will begin soon. We will announce the date a little later on.

Boyce, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hudson of Comper, died Sunday, July 30, and was buried in the 5th cemetery Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Huston Scott, assisted by Brother Horn. Besides his parents, the little baby is survived by a sister, Iris Dell, and a host of relatives. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bruton and children are visiting relatives in East Texas at this writing.

Shorty Bruton has gone to Tullia to work.

Mrs. D. H. Thomas and daughter, Patsy, of Blair, are visiting relatives here and at Warren this week.

Mrs. Neely Spradlin is at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Odie Hudson, of Comper, who is sick.

HEBRON NEWS

Miss Ruby Spinks has returned home from Oklahoma after visiting relatives there for several weeks.

Marvin Sharp has returned home from South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and baby Joan and James' mother, Mrs. Lige Harris, and Syble Harris visited Thomas Harris Friday and Saturday at Big Spring.

Mr. Melton and family of Pampa are visiting Ernest Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers and children and Miss Lily Claud Barnett went to Abilene Wednesday for a picnic at the park.

Effiebell and Vedalee Pannell left Saturday for Dallas where they will visit their sisters, Mrs. Kemper Zercher and Louise Pannell, and brother, Andrew Pannell.

Several of the Hebron folks were at Noodle Sunday night for the last service of the Baptist meeting.

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BLAIR ITEMS

The big rain we had the past week made crop conditions mighty good in this immediate section. The crops have been holding up in a wonderful way; cotton has been staying right in there, but some of the feed has fared none too well. The thing that has held them up, of course, was the deep season with which the spring was begun.

Rev. and Mrs. John Reynolds and family of Putnam with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin Scott of Trent were the midweek guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mrs. Purl Sandifer and children of Tuscola were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and children and Mrs. Myrtle Scott of Mt. Pleasant visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Oscar Bennett Walker of Hamilton visited this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield.

Riley Jones of Malakoff visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore. Mrs. James and children accompanied Mr. Jones back home Sunday after several weeks' stay in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins with their two attractive daughters visited with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Price of Trent, last week-end. Miss Frances will remain for the week there.

Elwood Wilkerson of Fluvanna visited with his cousin, Ora Lee Maddera, the past week.

Many of the home folks from here are attending the revival services at Cross Road and White church for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield have returned from Alabama and Georgia after several weeks' visit with their mothers, Mrs. Robb of Roanoke, Ga., who is 85 years old, and Mrs. Blanks of Lafayette, Ala., 81 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield reported crops as fine as ever seen, having also seen some fine fruit, samples of which they brought home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Claxton and family, who have been visiting with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, since spring, left for Corpus Christi recently to visit with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and

children spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard of Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe spent Saturday with their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives here.

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White Church News

The protracted meeting at this church, conducted by Rev. A. F. Click of Sweetwater, is being well attended. Some splendid preaching is being done and people are being saved almost every service. As far as is known at this writing, the meeting is to close Wednesday night. Rev. and Mrs. Click and their little son will leave for Greenville for a few days vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bryan and children attended church at Sandbur last week-end.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier and son, Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hill and Grandmother Elmore of Nubia, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and family of Sweetwater, A. T. Fish and family of Crowell, (Miss Bessie Fish being a former teacher in our school,) Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier and family, Miss Edna Lee Odem and Billie Moore.

Mrs. H. West has been enjoying a visit from her sisters, Mrs. Williams of O'Donnell and Mrs. Randolph of Lubbock. Mrs. Williams' son and daughter were also in the party.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and daughters, Misses Wynona, Ruby and Norma, of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Rossom and Miss Lottie Butman of Butman, R. D. Hunter of Nubia, Louie Martin of Wolfe City, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hensley and daughter of Mt. Pleasant, Ray Satterwhite of Noodle, Hester Reeves and Houston Martin of Butman.

Jack Franks of Wichita Falls is visiting in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Raymond Demere.

Quite a few Blair folks have been attending the meeting at this place among them, J. H. Campbell and fam-

ily, Will Campbell and family, M. P. and J. W. Latimer and families, Mrs. Pat Addison and children, Mrs. Virgil Lee Doan and children and quite

a few others whose names we failed to get.

Elmer Harrison of Abilene visited home folks one night recently.

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Our reasons for adopting an all-steel body were these: A wood-steel body is not much stronger structurally than its wooden frame. In all American climates, wood construction weakens with age. Every used car lot gives evidence of this. Rain seeps in between joints and the wood decays. A car may have a metal surface, and yet not be of steel construction. Under extreme shock or stress the steel body remains intact—dented perhaps, but not crushed.

Steel does not need wood for strength or protection. Wood is fine for furniture, but not for the high speed vehicles of 1933.

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The all-steel body is more expensive—to us, but not to you.

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Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Sandefer St. with the east line of Swenson Avenue for the southwest corner of this lot; Thence north with the east line of Swenson Avenue 140 feet, to an alley, for the northwest corner of this lot; Then east and parallel with the north line of Sandefer St. 67 feet for the northeast corner of this lot; Thence south and parallel with the east line of Swenson Avenue 140 feet to a point in the north line of Sandefer Street for the southeast corner of this lot;

Thence West with the north line of Sandefer Street 67 feet to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of J. Wes Atkinson and wife Bertie S. Atkinson and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1933, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. Wes Atkinson and wife Bertie S. Atkinson.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of August, 1933.

Burl Wheeler, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas. By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

RURAL SOCIETY

FULTON-SPEARS.

Announcements comes from Lubbock of the marriage of Mr. Lowell Fulton and Miss Zuma Spears. The ceremony was performed in New Mexico on July 27.

The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, pioneers of the Blair community. She is a young lady of a charming personality and popular in social circles.

The most cordial good wishes are extended to them by her many friends of the Blair community. The young couple will make their home at Lubbock.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met last Friday afternoon at the Union Ridge school house. After the meeting was called to order by the president, roll call was answered by giving one's favorite pie recipe. Then followed a business session.

We hope some of the club will attend the annual picnic next Thursday, the 17th, at Buffalo Gap. All members are asked to be considering the question, "Do we want a booth at the fair?"

The pies were judged by Mesdames J. L. McRee, S. G. Russell and Pierce Horton. The three pies getting honorable mention were those of Mrs. W. H. Destine, Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Miss Ruby Patton.

Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pie and ice tea, with Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Harwell in charge.

Cotton Plow-Up

(Continued from Page One.) without deducting debts owed to the government.

Only 42 Taylor county farmers have crop production loans, total amount of which is approximately \$5,200, and only \$800 is overdue. Which means that 1,737 of the 1,779 participating farmers of this county would have no deduction from their plow-up checks, even though the ancient law should be held effective.

A Correction.

By error in transcription by typewriter from the list of signatures of firms who agreed to close one hour each morning last week for the Baptist revival, the name of Eli Case Grocery was omitted and The Mail takes this opportunity to call attention to the error.

Famous Song Writer Dies.

London, Aug. 10.—Harold Lake, 51, who wrote the words for the song, "I Hear You Calling Me," died at his London home Friday after a long illness.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all those who assisted in comforting, comforting and lending a helping hand to bury our son and brother, from the least to the greatest deed that was done, this is putting it too mild to say "We thank you."

But may God's richest blessings be upon you and use each word that was spoken and each flower that was plucked for His glory is our prayer.

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July Production of Chevrolet Trebles Same Month in '32

The largest July production since 1929, nearly trebling the output for the corresponding month last year, was achieved by Chevrolet when the company built 80,250 new cars and trucks in the month just ended, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, has announced.

This compared with 32,281 built last July and with 81,562 in June of this year, which was the highest production month since early 1931. Mr. Knudsen stated. The current July was the fourth largest July in the 21-year history of the company.

Not since 1920 has July production come as close to June as this year, Mr. Knudsen said, attesting to much less-than-seasonal slack, now being experienced by the company.

For the first seven months this year this company produced more than 438,000 new cars and trucks as compared with 394,000 for the full twelve months of 1932, the Chevrolet executive stated.

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Sally Eilers at Ease In "Central Airport"

Sally Eilers was selected as Richard Barthelme's leading lady in First National's air thriller, "Central Airport" to be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, partly because of her knowledge of the science of, and experience in flying.

Her histrionic talents received first consideration, naturally, as her part is an extremely important one, and the ability to act was more essential than that she could fly. But the fact that she is a flyer turned the balance to her favor as she is experienced in both.

Miss Eilers received her pilot's license in 1931, shortly after she married Hoot Gibson, who taught her to fly, she is constantly in the air when not working, and frequently goes out for a solo flight.

Consequently she is well fitted for

Queen Theatre

Friday-Saturday Ben Lyon-Mary Brian-Glenda Farrell in

"Girl Missing"

Chapter 5 of "Hurricane Express"—Cartoon

Morday-Tuesday

Jack Holt

"Man Against Woman"

"Sassy Cat"

Wednesday-Thursday

Richard Barthelme's

"Central Airport"

Cartoon

Old Fiddlers' Contest Saturday

Night, August 19

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday

Richard Arlen-Mary Brian "SONG OF THE EAGLE" He had the courage to fight and the strength to win!

Sunday-Monday

Jean Harlow-Clark Gable "HOLD YOUR MAN" Love a la Clark Gable and Jean Harlow—There's nothing like it!

Tuesday-Wednesday

Ben Lyon-Claudette Colbert "I Cover the Waterfront" The drama—love—hate—hideous struggle of the waterfront.

Thursday-Friday

Lew Ayres-Ginger Rogers "DON'T BET ON LOVE" Happiness at stake with fast women and slow horses against him.

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her part in "Central Airport," a role that calls for both flying and parachute jumping.

She takes part in many spectacular air scenes in a picture that is filled with thrills. The scene play by Rian James and James Seymour, taken from the story "Hawk's Mate," by Jack Moffitt, paints in glowing colors the heroic deeds of pioneer commercial flyers.

Other prominent members of the cast include Tom Bown, Harold Huber, Grant Mitchell, James Murray and Claire McDowell. The picture was directed by William A. Wellman, himself an ace.

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BEANS, fresh green, 2 lbs. 15c

Tomatoes fancy pinks pound 9c

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c

Lemons, doz. 23c

ORANGES, Red Ball, dozen 25c

Sugar pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs. 50c

PEACHES, No. 10 can 43c

Pears R & W, No. 2 can 17c

PINEAPPLE, B & W, No. 2 can 14c

Tomato Juice R & W, 2 cans 15c

SPINACH, No. 1 R & W, 2 cans 23c

HOMINY, med. can, 2 for 15c

Pork & Beans can 5c

PEANUT BUTTER, qt. jar 25c

POST BRAN FLAKES, package 10c

JELLO all flavors, 3 packages 25c

INSTANT POSTUM, small size 27c

COFFEE, R & W, 1 lb. 33c—2 lbs. 65c

TEA R & W 1-4 lb. 21c 1-2 lb. 40c

MAYONNAISE, R & W, 8 oz. 17c—16 oz. 33c

Grape Juice R & W pint 17c

OXYDOL, large package 19c

SOAP Thrill Toilet bar 5c

BACON, 1 lb. sliced 18c

Bologna, pound 15c



HOUSE GUESTS COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. Milton Case complimented her house guests, Misses Henslee and Katherine Hill, Joyce Henslee, Norvene Creamer, Ouida Pentecost and Irby Key of Winters, with a most enjoyable early morning party last Friday. A delightful breakfast of fruit cocktail, chicken, omelet, rolls and coffee was served and at the culmination of the bridge games tea and cookies were passed.

The guest list included Misses Irby Key of Winters, Ouida Pentecost, Joyce Henslee, Norvene Creamer, Marie and Katherine Hill, Mrs. J. T. Gardner of Swenson, Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield of Abilene and Miss Ruth Swafford of Kansas City. Misses Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Dorris Durham, Mesdames Johnnie Gresham, Harold Boney, L. C. Zehn-pennig, Ernest Higgins, Bob Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Charlie Layfield, Ed McCrary and the hostess.

JOHNSON-CHAMPLAIN.

Of interest to Merkel people is the marriage on July 29 of Mr. Howard Johnson, son of Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr., to Miss Louise Champlain, of San Antonio.

Mrs. Johnson, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Champlain of San Antonio, is an accomplished musician and a graduate of Brackenridge high school in San Antonio.

Howard Johnson is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and is known for his upright character and business enterprise. Before moving to San Antonio he was employed here in the Merkel bakery.

They will make their home in San Antonio where for the past two years Mr. Johnson has been a responsible employee of the Bon Ton bakery.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended this happy couple by the entire citizenship of Merkel.

MUSICAL AT DERINGTON HOME.

The Derington children, Mary Lou, Delbert and Deverl, entertained a group of young people Monday evening with a musicale.

Those present were: Misses Susie, Mary and Ruth Hickam, Dorothy Derington, Clara and Edna Maye Marshall, Lois Perkins, Sally May Salters, Ruby Grace Jones, Alta Grayson, Eula Sumpter, Nell Pruitt, Messrs. Ira and Melvin Marshall, Billy Robins and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derington.

CLASS LUNCHEON.

The Sunday School class enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. L. B. Scott in Abilene Wednesday. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon and the devotional held in the afternoon. Mrs. W. D. Stevens presided at a business session and the singing of the class song, "Our Best," preceded the social hour.

Visitors of the class were Mesdames Luke Huddleston, Abilene, Charlie Jones, Tom Largent and R. O. Anderson. Class members present were Mesdames Lassiter, McFarland, Reeves, Largent, Barnett, Stevens, Teague, Collins, Booth, Warren and Scott.

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CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother C. R. Joyner, the pastor, will preach both services Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. Sunday evening at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. There will be a baptizing Sunday evening at 8:15.

We are all happy over the results of our meeting which has just closed and large crowds are expected at all the services Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 866 present at the 37th reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday. On the previous Sunday the attendance was 881 while on the same Sunday a year ago only 653 were present.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 9:45, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, young people's program at 7:30 p. m. each Lord's day. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. There will be no preaching service morning nor night as the pastor is away holding a revival in East Texas.

No prayer meeting while pastor is away.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our revival is fine, in attendance, in the stirring messages delivered by our able evangelist, and fine in the number getting saved. We had a treat in a special song by Brother McCoy's two little girls from Pampa Tuesday night. Revival closes Sunday night.

Our community singing will continue each Tuesday night, beginning again next Tuesday night. Everyone has a special invitation to come. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching

11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8:15 p. m. A hearty welcome to all to come worship with us if you are not going other places. Come to our Sunday School. We have enjoyed a large increase but we are striving for still more.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Next Saturday night we want every member of our church to be at the tabernacle for a special called conference. We shall preach on "Discipline of the Church." In these last days, "days of perilous times," the devil is working overtime, both inside of the church and outside of the church, throwing stumbling blocks in the pathway of both the just and the unjust. It is a day of all days when everyone who loves the Lord and His church should stand united as one against the evil powers of darkness.

This is no day to play the "Judas" act, betraying the church or "bride of Christ" into the hands of His enemies, and they who do so will, as Judas did, break their own necks and fall to the net they set for the downfall of the cause they should represent.

We wish to welcome everybody to our services. Bible School each Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching every Saturday night. Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

Wall Street took its name from following the line of the wall built by the Dutch along Manhattan's northern boundary.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Some twenty ex-service men and their families enjoyed a basket picnic at Shannon's Pool Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. A. Milliken has received word that her sister, Mrs. S. D. Brown, of Quanah, who was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday, was doing nicely.

Upon receipt of news of the death of an uncle, O. P. Watkins, at Weatherford on Thursday of last week, Mrs. R. A. Walker left on the early morning train Friday to attend the funeral. Besides his wife, Mr. Watkins is survived by three children.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger, who sustained a broken hip in a fall at her home on Wednesday of last week, was sufficiently recovered to be removed Sunday from the sanitarium to her home. She was reported Thursday morning as still improving.

It will be gratifying news to a large circle of friends to learn that some improvement was noted this week in the condition of Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who has been seriously ill for several months.

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

TELLS HOW SHE TOOK 4 INS. OFF HIPS 7 INS. OFF WAIST

In 40 days by taking Kruschen Salts, Mrs. Helga Blaugh of New York City reduced 26 1-2 lbs.—took 4 inches off hips, 3 inches off bust and 7 1-2 inches off waist. She writes: "I haven't gone hungry a moment—I feel fine and look 10 yrs. younger."

To get rid of double chins, bulging hips, ugly rolls of fat on waist and upper arms SAFELY and without discomfort—at the same time build up glorious health and acquire a clear skin, bright eyes, energy and vivaciousness—to look younger and feel it—take a half teaspoonful of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast.

One jar lasts 4 weeks and costs but a trifle at any drugstore the world over. Make sure you get Kruschen because it's SAFE. Money back if not joyfully satisfied.

Billie Bernice Keith Arrives.

Friends here have received announcement of the arrival of a daughter on July 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Keith, 865 Popular street, Abilene. The young lady weighed six pounds and was christened Billie Bernice.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Will Preach at Noodle.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning at the Church of Christ at Noodle. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

Despite the depression, mortgages on 40,000 small dwellings were paid off in the United States in 1932.

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Tomatoes No. 1 can 5c

POST TOASTIES Large Size Per pkg. 10c	PICKLES Sour Quart jar 15c
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Fresh Prunes gal cans 37c

Tea 1-4 lb. can 19c

Salt Table Grade, 3 for 10c

Through the night comes a call for help



THE alarm bell on the switchboard at Miss Freeman's head tinkled as the hands of the clock reached 4 one morning. "Operator? Send Dr. Palmer to the right away. We live four miles west, you know."

Miss Freeman was ringing the doctor when she noticed a reflection against the sky. The doctor didn't answer. What was wrong? Was that a fire in the north of town? She stepped to the window. That shed by the Black place was on fire. It was out by the road away from the house. It would burn before the firemen could get there.

As she tried to ring the doctor again, Miss Freeman realized that his telephone line had burned. Perhaps a life was in peril. She called a neighbor. No answer. At last a sleepy voice, two blocks down the street, said . . . "Hullo?"

"Will you call Dr. Palmer, please. His telephone isn't working. An emergency call. The Bamberger home. Four miles west." *

Miss Freeman smiled at an item in the Hillsdale notes of the local paper at the next week:

"Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bamberger are the proud parents of a 9-pound son, born last Friday morning . . ."

The telephone is ready day or night . . . in case of fire . . . to call the doctor . . . to order a part for a machine . . . to get the price for eggs . . . to visit friends.

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