

The Merkel Mail

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All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1 cent per word with a minimum of 35 cents.

Mrs. Dent Gibson Takes Russell Clubb Leader For Stith Revival Hair Styling Course

Mrs. Dent Gibson, owner of the Modern Beauty shop, is spending two weeks in Fort Worth, taking a course in special hair styling and hair shaping at the Isbell school.

While she is away, Mrs. Ethel Mitchell will assist Mrs. Norman Bond, three days each week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

NOTICE.

Fox's Repair shop has moved 24 inches east at corner of Rannels and Highway. Will carry a full line of new batteries.

New 1947-48 Texas Almanac, 85c per copy. Inquire at Merkel Mail office.

SEE Collins Variety store for floor sanding work.

The Stith Baptist church will engage in a series of revival services beginning Sunday, Aug. 3, and continuing to Aug. 10. Rev. Russell Clubb, pastor of the First Baptist church at Clyde, will do the preaching. The music will be directed by Ira Stanley, with Patsy Dunagin at the piano.



REV. RUSSELL CLUBB.

"We of the Stith church are anxious to have an old-fashioned soul-stirring revival that will result in many people turning to the Lord for salvation," Rev. W. T. Hamor, the pastor, said. "Our people extend a welcome to all who can possibly come."

Hospital Notes.

Patients received since July 21 at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital include: July 21, Mrs. R. L. Newman, treatment; 22, Mrs. John Weaver, Mrs. W. P. Hood, surgery; 23, Mrs. J. V. Hester, treatment; J. E. Jaynes, appendectomy; 24, Deverle Teaff, appendectomy; 25, Mrs. G. N. Reynolds, surgery; 26, Mrs. C. R. Roland, Mrs. R. E. Wilburn, Bonnie Church, treatment; 27, G. N. Duncan, Mrs. A. J. Hill, treatment; 28, B. L. Hobbs, minor surgery, Marshall Cooper, treatment; Mrs. W. J. Skiles, surgery; Mrs. Falkner, surgery; 29, Mrs. John Boyd, tonsillectomy; Mrs. J. S. Grant, treatment; Mr. Mannering, treatment; Maymie Douglas, admitted for surgery; 30, Z. M. Sumpter, Dick Ball, injuries in gin accident; Jerry Gardner, tonsillectomy; 31, Mrs. N. C. Halbert, surgery.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 717 as compared with 671 on the previous Sunday and 677 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Morning sermon at 11, followed by communion. Children meet at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday. D. S. Neel, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor

NAZARENE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:45 p. m. Preaching at 8:15. Prayer meeting at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday.
Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young Folks class and personal work at 3 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m.
Troy M. Cummings, Minister

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 7 p. m.
R. L. Butler, Pastor.

—CLASSIFIED ADS—

WILL BUY your maize; pay best market price. Toombs and Moore.

WILL SHARE ride with two or three passengers to Los Angeles about Aug. 1. Mrs. Ruth Baze Rice, Box 272, Merkel.

WILL PAY highest prices for scrap iron and metal; will pick up with truck. Bowles Plumbing Shop, Ph. 286.

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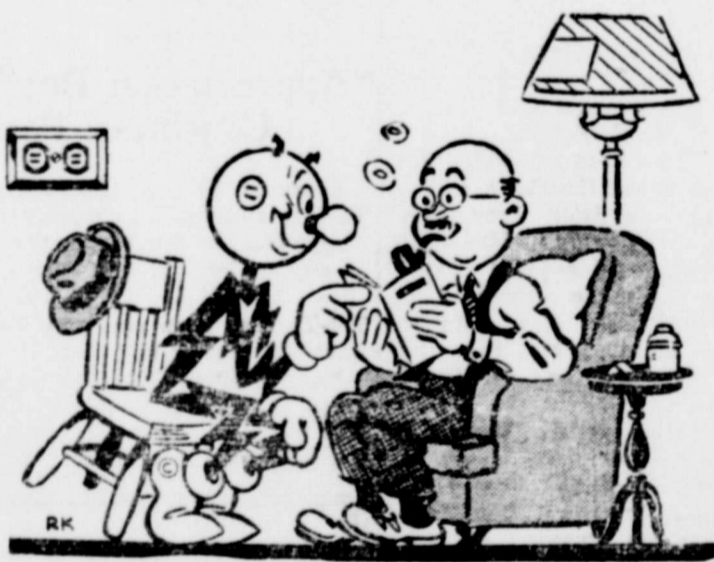


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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Double feature program: Preston Foster and Gail Patrick in "King of The Wild Horses" and Johnny Mack Brown and Raymond Hatton in "Trailing Danger;" cartoon and serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Johnny Weissmuller and Brenda Joyce in "Tarzan and the Huntress;" color cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Laraine Day, Brian Aherne, Robert Mitchum Gene Raymond in "The Locket;" 2-reel musical and sport.

"TARZAN AND THE HUNTRESS"

"Tarzan and the Huntress" presents the screen's incomparable and perennial "Tarzan" in another thriller that transcends the previous performances of the stars in this remarkable action series. "Tarzan", "Jane" and "Boy" again join to frustrate their enemies, who this time are greedy despoilers of jungle life. Spectacular incidents and hairbreadth escapes mark the tempo of this absorbing drama, latest saga of Edgar Rice Burroughs' tremendously popular "Ape-Man." Johnny Weissmuller is again the personification of "Tarzan," while Brenda Joyce as "Jane" and Johnny Sheffield as "Boy" complete the trio whose screen appearances are eagerly awaited by their millions of fans.

New Ford Tractor



DETROIT—Good news for the nation's farmers as the new Ford tractor rolls off the production line at Ford's Highland Park plant at the rate of 400 daily. Features include an improved hydraulic system for implement control and four forward speeds. With the new line of Dearborn farm equipment, the Ford tractor is being sold nationally by Dearborn Motors Corporation. Mrs. J. W. Carlsson tries out the new tractor at Dearborn, Michigan, near Clarkston, Michigan.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

TO: Amie Wortham, a Widow. — Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 18th day of August, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before Three Special Commissioners of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of July, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 9948.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Taylor County and State of Texas as Plaintiff, and Amie Wortham, a widow as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To condemn and take for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a public road on the following described property:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and being a part of Lot 6, Block 65, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and being described as follows:

Being a strip of land 10 ft. wide and 50 ft. long off the east side of Lot 6, the west line of said strip being 50 ft. west of and parallel to the center line of a proposed highway, said strip of land containing 500 square feet (0.011 acre) more or less.

Issued this the 3rd day of July, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1947.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, County Clerk, Court, Taylor County, Texas.

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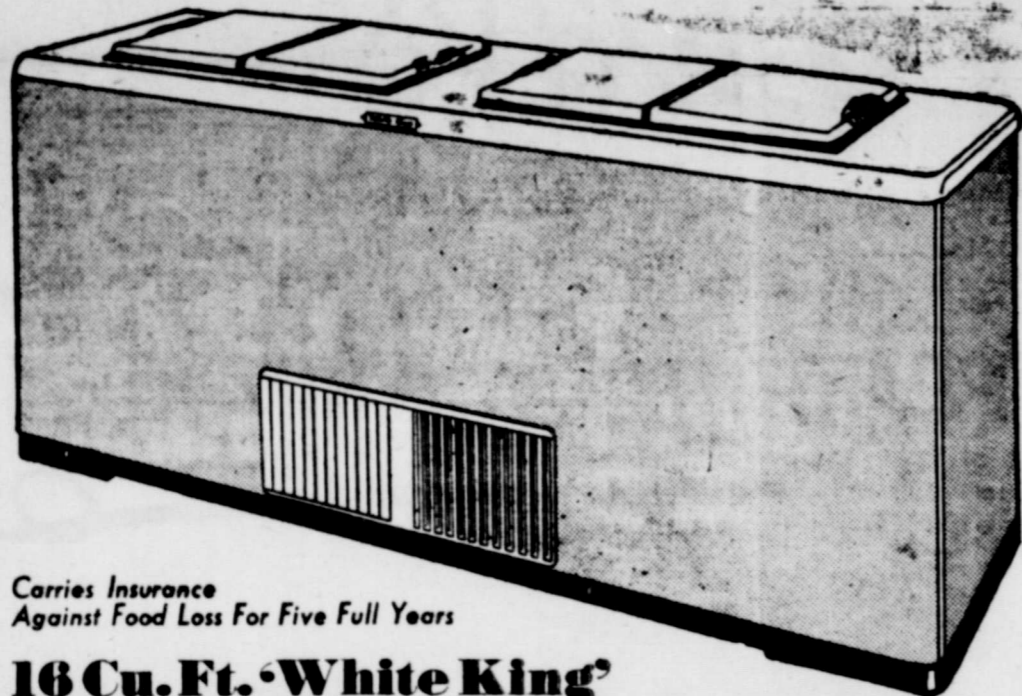
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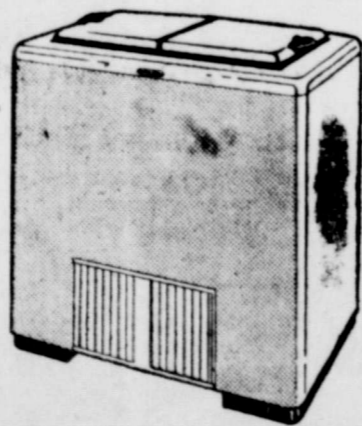
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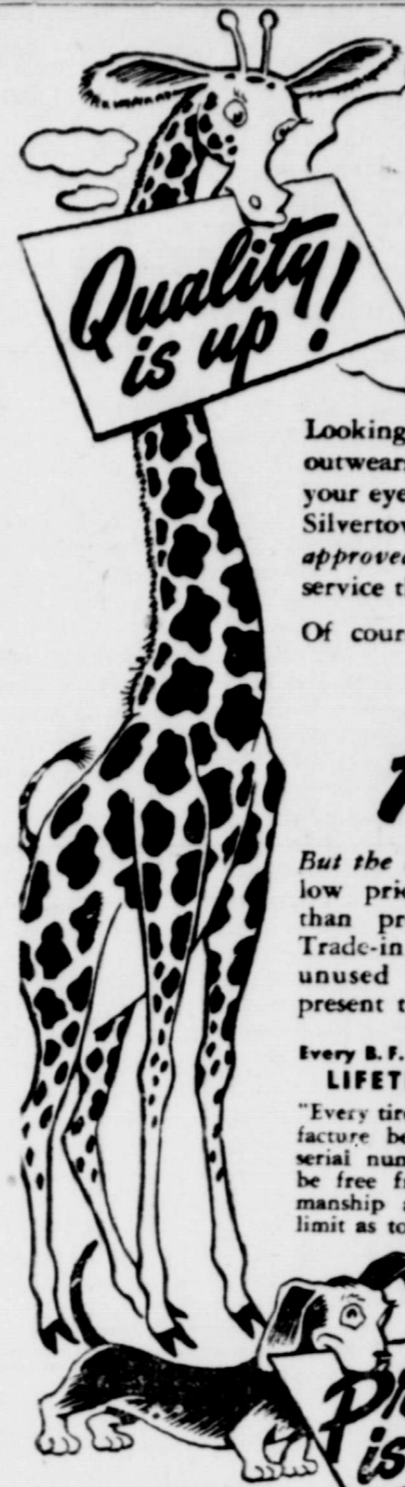
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Here at Harvester we are concerned over the fact that a growing number of our products are appearing on the resale market at greatly inflated prices.

As manufacturers, we try to produce at the lowest possible cost. We cannot set the prices at which our products—tractors, motor trucks, farm implements, refrigeration, and industrial power equipment—are sold. We can and do suggest list prices which the great majority of our dealers adopt as their retail prices.

\$20,000,000 Price Reduction
Our basic price policy was publicly stated in March, 1947, when we announced price reductions at the rate of approximately \$20,000,000 per year on our products. At that time, Fowler McCormick, Chairman of the Board, said: "ANY PRICE IS TOO HIGH IF IT CAN BE REDUCED."

Practically all of our dealers cooperated with this policy and passed on the savings to their customers.

The objective of the price reductions was to make it possible for customers to buy our products, which they need so badly, at lower prices. Naturally, this purpose is defeated when our products are sold by anybody at inflated prices.

IH Production at All-Time Peak
Inflated prices are caused by

the difference between supply and demand. To increase supply, we now have the greatest number of employees in history on our payrolls—almost 90,000 in the United States, as against about 60,000 prewar. Large new plants are getting into production in Louisville, Evansville, and Melrose Park. A fourth will soon be in operation in Memphis. The men and women now employed are turning out the greatest quantities of IH products of all kinds that we have ever made. These are also the finest products we have ever made, and recognition of that fact is an important contributing factor to the demand for them.

Distribution to Dealers

But even record-breaking production is not sufficient to give your dealer—and other IH dealers—enough products to meet today's demand. We have tried to make the fairest possible geographical allocation of our products so that every dealer would get a fair share, and we know that dealers, in most cases, have tried earnestly to make the fairest possible distribution to their customers.

But we also know that many of our products—far too many—are being resold at inflated prices. The public criticism and resentment of these resales are of real concern to us, as we know they must be to our dealers, because such reactions en-

danger the good will of both the dealer and the Company in any community.

Distribution to Customers

Experience shows that many IH new products are being resold by users who decide they can continue to make out with their old equipment after they have had an inflated offer for their new equipment. To eliminate this, many dealers are taking measures to be sure that equipment purchased is for their customers' own use and is not to be resold.

Nearly all IH dealers, we believe, are now using the basis of PRESENT NEED as their primary guide for the sale of scarce products. The customer whose need is real and urgent is not likely to resell.

What Price Should You Pay?

While it may take a little more time to get delivery, we urge our customers to consider all of the factors mentioned here, before paying more than the list price for any IH product. Any IH dealer or branch can furnish the suggested list price for any IH product.

We know that the overwhelming majority of IH dealers are as much opposed to inflated prices as we are. In the public interest, we have already asked their cooperation—and are now asking the cooperation of customers—in correcting this situation.

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This refuse and all dead stock are processed into grease which is used in making of shoes and other leather goods and cracklings which are used in the making of poultry and hog feeds.

NOTICE

Mrs. Elma McFarland will have charge of my accounts, at her office on Kent street and I will appreciate it if those owing accounts will call there at your convenience.

Dr. L. C. Zee.

New Ford Tractor Shown at One-Day Sales Conference

Mrs. Owen Robertson, owner and E. L. McLeod, sales manager, of the Merkel Tractor company, dealer for Ford tractors, have just returned from Dallas, where they attended the one-day sales conference of Ford tractor dealers of Texas, at which the new Ford tractor was introduced.

The new Ford tractor features an improved hydraulic system permitting operation of tractor and implement as a single unit with automatic hydraulic control of the equipment. Other major improvements include an automotive-type steering gear, a fourth forward speed to give a wider range of working speeds, a new drawbar height control mechanism, combination running boards and step-plates, a seat that can be tilted back, and a hinged radiator grille for easy cleaning of radiator core.

While major improvements have been made in the tractor itself, farm implements now in use with Ford tractors will operate with the new model 8N Ford tractor.

Merritt D. Hill, Dearborn, Mich., general sales manager, Dearborn Motors corporation, the national

marketing organization for Ford tractors, told the dealers that production of the new tractor was going forward at the Highland Park plant of the Ford Motor company and that approximately 50,000 units would be marketed during the latter part of 1947.

National Rural Life Conference is Being Held in Nebraska

Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the local Methodist church, is in attendance this week upon the National Rural Life conference of the Methodist church which is in session in Lincoln, Nebr. The prime purpose of this conference is to propose and develop a program for the rural churches.

Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, opened the conference on the morning of July 29 with a discussion of the relationship between the fertility of the soil and a stable rural life.

It is expected that there will be 2,000 delegates from over America in attendance with several thousand visitors from rural churches of the mid-west.

In addition to Rev. Mr. Butler, Clark Church, lay delegate from the Abilene district, Mrs. Church, Rev. Orion W. Carter, district superintendent of the Abilene district, and Mrs. Carter, Rev. Darris Egger of Clyde Methodist church and Rev. Doyle Ragle of the Wiley Methodist church are in attendance.

The conference will close on the evening of July 31, and Mr. Butler expects to be in his pulpit here on Sunday morning, Aug. 3.

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No one today questions the fact that the whole future of the United States may rest in the very clouds over your head. And the new, reorganized Air Forces give thousands of eligible young men an opportunity to take an active part in building America's air power... on the ground as well as in the sky.

You may, for example, enlist in the Air Forces for three years. If you have a specialty which will qualify you, you may also be able to enlist in a grade at higher pay.

If you have had Air Forces experience, you may join the Air Reserve and continue your military aviation training outside of business hours.

Or, you may join the Air National Guard and perhaps become eligible for advanced technical training at special Air National Guard schools.

On Air Force Day, make a point of finding out everything about your Air Forces—especially the new Aviation Career Plan described below. Full details can be obtained at your U. S. Army Recruiting Station.

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Today the Army Air Forces offer high school graduates an unprecedented opportunity to get the finest aviation schooling on earth—and select your school or course before you enlist.

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When you are selected to attend the course of your choice, you enlist in the Army Air Forces for 3, 4 or 5 years. After your basic training period you are guaranteed the education you have selected to make you a specialist in the type of work you want.

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44 ways
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The railroads have received 44 "rules" demands from the leaders of the operating unions... representing engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and switchmen. They say they are seeking only changes in working conditions—not a wage increase.

More Money For Less Work

But what kind of rules are being asked for? Twenty-eight of them would compel railroads to pay more money for the same, or less work; 7 would require additional and unnecessary men to do the same work; the rest would bring about changes in operating practices at increased cost.

For Instance:

The Union leaders demand additional train and engine crews on Diesel-powered trains—one full crew for every power unit in the locomotive. A freight train hauled by a 4-unit Diesel would have to carry 4 engineers, 4 firemen, 4 conductors, and at least 8 brakemen, or a total of 20 men instead of 5.

"Made Work"—Sheer Waste

The Union leaders demand that full-length freight trains be cut to about half their length, even though such trains are most efficient for low-cost service to you. This rule would call for twice as many locomotives, would double the number of trains, and make accidents more likely.

Additional equipment, yards, and other facilities required to take care of these short trains would cost hundreds of millions. What the Union leaders really want is to make more jobs.

The Union leaders demand that when a crew in one class of service perform incidental service of another class, they will be paid not less than a day's pay for each class, even though all service is performed as a part of the same day's



work. The crew would get at least two days' pay for one day's work.
The Union leaders demand that the present basic day for passenger con-

ductors and trainmen be reduced from 150 to 100 miles, which would have the effect of increasing their pay 50%. Such a run often takes only two or three hours!

You Can't Afford This Waste

Demands like these are against the interests of the whole American people, who depend on railroad service for nearly everything they eat, wear and use.

These rules would cost a BILLION DOLLARS annually—a gigantic waste which neither the railroads nor the country can afford.

Railroad workers are good citizens and good employes, with pride in their calling. Their record during the war was outstanding. We do not believe they fully understand the "featherbed" rules which the Union leaders are demanding. We do not believe they understand the harmful results which these rules would have to the railroad industry, to the millions of men and women dependent on railroads for their livelihood, and to the shipping and consuming public.

The great strength of America is in production—an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

For only through greater production can we hope to stop the steady upward surge of living costs.

Surely, if ever there was a time in our history when we needed to work, not waste, this is it.



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SOCIETY

SHOWER COMPLIMENTS MRS. ELBERT CAREY.
Mrs. Elbert Carey, the former Frances Harwell, was honored with a bridal shower on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox, with Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. W. C. Newton and Miss Mabel McRee hostesses.

Patsy Clark played several piano numbers and Mrs. Bernard Clark, accordion music. Charlotte Harwell presided at the guest book. Other young ladies in the house party were: Janice Patterson, Barbara Sandusky, Phyllis Freeman, Della Gilmore and Ann Newton.

From a lace-laid table, frosted punch, with angel squares, was served from a crystal bowl arranged on a reflector enriched by greenery and sweet peas. Summer cut flowers decorated the house throughout.

Invitations were extended to 80 guests.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Owen Robertson on July 17, with Mrs. A. R. Booth co-hostess.

During the business hour the class voted to give \$25.00 to Sadler hospital to help furnish the kitchen. August was set for a month of visiting.

After Mrs. Robertson gave a book review, a delicious refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mesdames Earl Teague, A. R. Booth, Earl Baze, Earl Lassiter, T. J. Bird, Irl Walker, Robert Harris, Ernest Douglas, Booth Warren, W. J. Largent, Clarence Perry, A. D. Fulton and the hostesses.

BAPTISTS W. M. S.

The Baptist Women's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met Monday for its regular monthly Missionary program in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann. The devotional was led by Mrs. Swann reading Matt. 9:25, from which an interesting conversation was made.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter, president of the class, presided over the meeting and had first part in the discussion of "Missions." Mrs. E. R. Clark had the second part on "China," and Mrs. H. R. Hicks' part was "Cuba Today." Mrs. A. R. Booth talked on "China and Its Needs," Mrs. Irl Walker talked on "Missions in Nigeria" and Mrs. J. O. Castles also made an interesting talk on "Missions." The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, A. R. Booth, E. R. Clark, J. T. Warren, Irl Walker, J. S. Swann and H. R. Hicks.

Y. W. A.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church met Monday night, July 28, in the home of Mrs. G. D. McConnell for their 4th Monday meeting. The meeting was presided over by President English and Gerrie Jinkens opened the program with a prayer. The Y. W. A. song, "O Zion Haste," was sung and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Jinkens, after which Mrs. McConnell brought the devotional, "The Widow's Mite," from the 12th chapter of St. Mark.

The program on China consisted of: "The Road Out of Chaos," Gerrie Jinkens; "China's Red, White and Blue," Lucille English, and "Her Hair

for her Tuition," Betty Joan James. The meeting was closed with sentence prayers by all. The next meeting is to be held Monday night, Aug. 11, in the home of Betty Joan James at 8:00. Everyone is urged to attend.

Delicious refreshments of lead muffins, tea and pineapple cheese crackers were served to those present.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson on Wednesday afternoon of last week. A "thank you" letter from Mrs. W. T. Sadler was read to the club for the donation to the new Sadler Clinic.

Refreshments were served outdoors to Mesdames Sidney Foy, Spencer Bird and Merle Dunbar, of Abilene, as guests, and to the following members: Mesdames Griff Barnett, Lester Dorton, Earle Watts, David Gamble, Horace Boney, Bill Skiles, Riggs Shepherd, Mason Gamble, George T. Moore, Bill Harris, H. P. Crimm, Murry Toombs, Jack Dawson West and the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Horace Boney on Aug. 23.

EASTERN STAR

On Tuesday evening, July 22, the regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star was held at the Masonic hall. During the business session a report was given on the school of instruction conducted at Sweetwater on June 17. From the local chapter sixteen members received B certificates and two received A certificates. In addition to that, two more members received B certificates at Brownwood in July and one member an A certificate. Plans for a year book were discussed and other business matters given attention.

On Thursday, July 24, a called meeting was held to initiate Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hill. There was a good attendance at both of these meetings.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On July 20, Arlton and Ira Farmer were honored with a birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer of Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, Billy and Lena Fae, of Snyder, J. H. Farmer, of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Travis and Fredlyn, Mr. and Mrs. Arlton Farmer and Shirley, Ira Farmer, Dale Doan and the hosts.

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PERSONALS

After visiting with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, the past week, Mrs. Clyde Smith and daughter, Nancy, returned Monday to their home at San Saba and Mrs. June Brewer and son, June, departed Tuesday for their home at Clarksville. Mr. Brewer came out Sunday to drive back with them.

Mrs. Tom Allday of Dalhart is visiting in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Mrs. Vernelle Sublett and two children of Corpus Christi visited last week in the George Crow home and also with the B. T. Subletts. Other guests in the Crow home last week, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Jr., and three children returned Monday to Lubbock.

Dick West, member of the United Press staff, at Miami, Fla., paid a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. West, last week.

Miss Mona Madelyn Rybertson has as her guests, her cousin, Kellar Deene Roberts, and a friend, Vivian Gosney, of Longview.

To Leave for Greece.

Dallas, July 31.—A Texan is preparing for a trip to Greece where he will take charge of the Greek agricultural production for one year. He is R. F. Vance, former Texas director of production and marketing for the United States department of agriculture.

Frank Shepherd Holds Revival at Trent



FRANK SHEPHERD.

Trent, July 31.—Frank Shepherd of Sweetwater will be the speaker during the protracted meeting that will begin at the Trent Church of Christ, Aug. 3. The meeting will continue through Aug. 10.

The song services will be under the direction of Supt. Ben W. Newhouse of the Trent schools.

Services will be held each week day at 7:15 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Sunday services will be at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

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2 tablespoons water few grains pepper
1/2 cup Fat Milk

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