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## BUT LIONS DID NOT STAGE WALKOUT AS CONTEMPLATED

### Frame-up to Depart When Fellow Lion Began to Speak Was Foiled; Lions Have Special Visitors at Tuesday Meet.

It was what the tabloid star reporter would headline as "The Episode of the Averted Walkout" or "The Backfire of Sinister Conspiracy," but at any rate Charlie Jones, fast thinking and nimble-footed member of the Lions club, held the key to the situation, as it were, when he threw the bolt of the front door of the Lions' banquet hall to stop the unceremonious departure of his fellow Lions in a body on the heels of the announcement by the toastmaster that said Jones would make a ten minute speech.

It was all in the best of humor, of course, and every one present at the regular meeting on Tuesday enjoyed the occasion to the fullest. In the absence of the appointed toastmaster, Herbert Patterson presided at the meeting and Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation. Singing was led by E. Yates Brown.

Clever speeches were made by three visitors, who were introduced to the members, but one of the visitors, C. W. Delmer, is already a citizen of Merkel, being one of the owners of the Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company, and as a member of this Lions club at Rising Star, his former home, was warmly welcomed into the membership of the local club. Other speakers were H. H. Hester, superintendent in charge of construction and V. W. Agnell, engineer in charge for the General Construction company, who are paving Oak street.

According to the provisions of the constitution, the board of directors submitted a list of nominations of officers for the ensuing six months, as follows: Booth Warren, president; R. O. Anderson first vice-president; H. C. West, second vice-president; Byers Petty, third vice-president; Sam Swann, secretary-treasurer; W. O. Boney, A. T. Sheppard and W. L. Diltz, directors; Hail Lancaster, tail-twister; Dr. H. P. Hulse, lion tamer. J. S. Bourn was elected a member of the Lions club and will be initiated at an early meeting.

Stan Johnson, manager of the Lions baseball team, reported that negotiations were under way for the game with the fireboys, which is to be played Friday afternoon of next week, June 14.

The next meeting will be held at Shannon's Lake on Friday, June 14, instead of the regular Tuesday hour, the local Lions having united with the Boy Scouts in a luncheon at the above place on Flag Day. Several prominent visitors will be present, including the president and vice-president of the Chisholm area trail and Ed Shumway, scout executive.

## Blast Takes Toll of Three Lives at Abilene

Abilene, Teas, June 6.—A triple funeral service was held this morning for the three victims of an explosion in an untenanted half of a duplex dwelling here Tuesday night. Gene Lawler died Wednesday morning from injuries received in the blast that occurred when he struck a match to enable him and his family to see the dwelling which they had contemplated renting. His year-old baby daughter, Doris, died an hour after the explosion and the wife died Wednesday night, only a few hours after she had learned her husband and her daughter had died.

## CONTRIBUTORS TO CEMETERY FUND

Following is the list of contributors and the amount of each to the cemetery fund, as reported to the committee up to Thursday morning, together with the amount previously collected:

Mrs. G. J. Jones	\$5.00
Mrs. M. A. Douglass	5.00
J. M. Toombs	5.00
Total for week	\$15.00
Previously reported	308.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$323.00</b>

## NEW SMALL SIZE BILLS ON EXHIBIT AT MERKEL BANKS

Tuesday for the first time Merkels had an opportunity to see the new small-size currency issued by the United States treasury. Four of the bills, one dollar, two dollar, five dollar and ten dollar bills are on display at both the Farmers State Bank and the Farmer and Merchants National Bank and will remain there until July 10, date for distribution. The initial issue will include all kinds of currency except national bank notes, and all denominations from \$1 to \$20.

In the interest of economy, according to statements from the Federal Reserve bank, banks will continue to utilize their present stocks of old-size currency and will pay out old-size currency fit for circulation concurrently with small size currency, and accordingly replacement of the outstanding old size currency with the small size currency will be a gradual process and, except for the initial issue, will be governed largely by the amount of old size currency on hand fit for circulation.

The new currency is 6-5-16x2 11-16 inches. The bills carry the same portraits as the old, \$1. Washington; \$2, Jefferson; \$5, Lincoln, and \$10 Hamilton. According to latest information released by the United States treasury, there will be 11 denominations of the new, reduced sized currency. All bills of \$100 and under will have engravings of buildings on the back, while the higher bills will have ornate backs.

## Twilight Musicale Is Sponsored by Mrs. Gardner at Abilene

A number of Merkel young people will appear on the program of a twilight musicale to be given Sunday afternoon at the Hilton Hotel in the Crystal Ball room at 5 o'clock, which is being sponsored by Mrs. C. B. Gardner. A cordial invitation is extended to all desiring to attend. Miss Mary Belle Cooper, one of the artists on the program, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cummings. Her home is at Strawn and she has attended National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C.

The program follows:

Shooting the Rapids	R. Wolfe
Duncan Briggs	
Gypsy Rondo	Hayden
Dorothy Cummings	
Ol' Carolina	Frances Cooke
My Curly-Headed Baby	
	George H. Clutsum
	Mona Margaret Jones
My Partner	Mattingly
Celto	Billo
	Clara Frances Largent
La Traviata	Krogman
Reading	Margaret Miller
	Selected
	Mary Belle Cooper
Goldfishes	Heims
	Sara Sheppard
In Those Soft Silken Curtains	
	Puccini
Dawn	Cooke
	Boog Sears
Tarantelle, (C Minor)	Dence
Reading	Selected
	Mary Belle Cooper
Rondo Caprisso	Mendelssohn
	Ailene Hamden

## Taylor Test Shut Down.

After pumping approximately 400 barrels of oil in two weeks from its No. 1 Taylor in west central Taylor county, the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas company is to plug the well as it is said the production was insufficient to make the well profitable.

Mid-Continent owns leases on over 3,000 acres in a block around the Taylor well and will likely drill a new test on the block in the near future it is understood.

The W. G. Clark No. 2 Dickinson, southwest Jones county, is conceded to be dry at 2,501 feet.

Clark is preparing to drill on his No. 1 Newman, to be located 330 feet from the north and east line of the northwest 100 acres in section 52, T. & P. survey, 18, and about a half mile northwest of the No. 2 Dickinson.

Sam Knepley et al's No. 1 Horn, in west Jones county, has drilled through the Noodle Creek lime and is shut down at 2,482 feet. The well is six miles northeast of the Shaheen-Bickley pool.

## For McMurry Commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Rev. T. C. Willett and L. R. Thompson, the latter a trustee of McMurry college, were among those from Merkel at McMurry commencement Thursday.

## FIVE DELEGATES GO GALVESTON STATE FIREMEN'S MEETING

### Chief Dowell, City Fire Marshal Burns and Three Other Delegates Will be Accompanied by Number of Visitors.

Merkel will be represented by five delegates and a number of visitors at the State Firemen's convention, which is to be held in Galveston four days, beginning Tuesday, June 11th, and continuing through Friday, the 14th. The official delegates will be N. A. Dowell, chief of the local fire department; W. L. Burns, city fire marshal, who also represents the city of Merkel; Robert F. Dennis, secretary and treasurer; Morris Horton, foreman, Hose company No. 1 and Carlton Vick, foreman, Hose company No. 2.

All of the delegates will leave here Sunday on the T. & P. railroad except Fire Marshal Burns, who left Thursday night by automobile for Dallas. He and his wife will attend a family reunion at De Soto in Dallas county and he will join the delegation at Fort Worth Sunday night.

Visitors to the convention from Merkel will include Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Allday, W. M. Douglas, A. V. Dye and Joe Owens. Mr. and Mrs. Allday will join Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson in an automobile trip, leaving here Saturday and going via San Antonio.

## CONTRACTS LET SCHOOL REPAIRS

At a meeting of the school board held on last Thursday night, the contract for the heating plant for the Grammar school building was let to J. C. Koriath of Sherman and the general contract was let to H. W. McDaniel of Abilene.

The installation of the heating plant is the major item in the improvements and extensions to be made to the grammar school, which includes, besides the heating plant, a new roof and a new sewerage system and the painting of the entire building. The Grammar school auditorium is to be seated with opera chairs and the floor of the school auditorium will be raised.

It is contemplated that all improvements will be completed during the summer ready for the opening of the fall session.

## Rev. Parrack Speaker Association Meeting

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church here, was one of the speakers at the workers' conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association at Caps Monday, his subject being "The Essential Features of a Good Sunday School." Lunch was served picnic style and addresses were made by many of the leading preachers of the association.

## Good Progress Being Made McMurry Drive

Henry James of Abilene, member of the executive committee of board of trustees of McMurry college, Dr. E. E. White, presiding elder, were in Merkel Tuesday in the interest of the \$500,000 McMurry College endowment campaign and it is reported that the Merkel district is trying to raise its \$4,500 quota by next Sunday.

## Bill Hart to Return To Screen in Talkies

Hollywood, June 6.—After an absence from the screen of four years, Bill Hart, hero of wild west melodramas, is to return to the films in a western talkie.

The production will be made by the Hal Roach studios. Preparation of the story is already under way and it was said Lambert Hillyer, director of many of Hart's past thrillers, probably would have charge of the forthcoming picture.

## Attends Chiropractors' Meet.

Dr. H. P. Hulse attended the Oil Belt district meeting of Chiropractors held at Sweetwater last Sunday and reports a profitable program, the sessions being held at the Blue Bonnet hotel.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

C. O. Laney, former member of the legislature, died at his home in Dallas as the result of drinking poison.

Watt L. Saunders of Gatesville was appointed assistant secretary of state to succeed R. J. Randolph, resigned.

Vera McRae, 14, drowned while swimming with friends on a picnic at the Jack Hall ranch near Amarillo.

Eastland county's new \$300,000 courthouse, which is a memorial to world war veterans, was dedicated on Memorial Day.

W. E. Merriman, 57, father of Lee Roy Merriman, convicted criminal assaulter, was found dead in bed at his home in Dallas.

E. T. Burleson, 45, who fell from a windmill near Portales, N. Mex., received injuries that caused his death in a Lubbock sanitarium.

Robert D. Cameron, 19-year-old animal trainer, was attacked and seriously injured in Dallas by "Big Boy" giant red-haired African gorilla.

James S. Daley, 57, who for 35 years published the Dublin Progress at Dublin, and former mayor of Dublin, died at his home in Santa Monica, Calif.

Oil operators in the Pecos county field have approved increasing the allowed production of the Yates pool from 30,000 barrels per day to 130,000 barrels per day.

M. Eugene Newsom of Durham, N. C., was named president of Rotary International at the closing session of that organization's twentieth annual convention in Dallas.

187 students of A. & M. college received degrees at the closing exercises of the fifty-third annual commencement. T. O. Walton, president of the college, conferred the degrees.

Two El Paso attorneys, H. D. Oppenheimer and Frank J. Lyons, were shot to death in their office and a 55-year-old native of Santo Domingo, La Rioja, Spain, was held by police in connection with the murders.

Miss Mary Culbertson, daughter of the late U. S. Senator Charles A. Culbertson of Texas, was married in New York Sunday to Alexander E. Robertson, England World War veteran, after a courtship of seven years.

600 young men and women received degrees from the University of Texas at the commencement exercises held in the Memorial Stadium Monday night, the only address being by President H. Y. Benedict.

Five-year-old Morris Raffkind of Amarillo was reunited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Raffkind, after he had wandered about the brakes near the head of Palo Duro Canyon by himself for nearly 24 hours.

Extradition papers have been signed for the return to Texas from Boston, Mass., of Jack Freith, alias Jack Griffith, who left Austin four months ago with Miss Fanny Lee Minter, Texas University student.

Frank H. Gore, business manager of the United States Veterans Bureau hospital at Legion, met death instantly when his roadster skidded off the Kerrville-Junction highway and turned over.

Judge and Mrs. P. D. Sanders of Haskell received invitations from four grandsons to graduating exercises of various schools and colleges, the four schools being University of Texas, Texas Technological College, A. & M. College and Caldwell High school.

George B. Scott, banker of Cross Plains, drowned in the Phillips Petroleum lake near Pioneer, when the rowboat which he and a companion occupied was overturned by the wind-lashed waves and his body was not recovered until six hours after the accident.

Jess Ransom Munsell, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mansell of Richland Springs was killed Sunday night when he came in contact with a live wire during an electrical storm. Young Munsell was linotype operator in the office of the Richland Springs newspaper of which his father is editor.

## Serving as Jurors.

Serving on the petit jury at Abilene for the week were the following Merkel business men: Booth Warren, L. B. Scott, Mark Malone, Lem Dudley and Matt Dillingham.

## LOCAL GOLF TOURNEY REACHES INTERESTING STAGE AS WEEK ENDS

### TWO TRUCKS, TWO CARS IN CRASH

Two passenger automobiles and two trucks figured in a smash-up near the bridge over Big Elm creek near Abilene last Saturday night and two Merkel boys, George West and W. L. Bourn, suffered cuts and bruises that were quite painful for several days. Young West suffered cuts about his face and one arm was bruised, while Bourn sustained injuries to one leg. Two trucks, which were in the line of the crash, were little damaged, but the car driven by George West was damaged considerably and Bourn were going toward Abilene and after passing the first truck their car hit the center of the pavement. The collision sent the West car hurtling into the touring car approaching from the east, in which a man and his wife and five children were riding. No one in the second car was injured.

### Large Number Merkel Folks Join Family Reunion at Glen Rose

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker and their children left Saturday morning for Glen Rose to attend the annual Baker-Watters reunion. Mrs. Baker was Miss Hattie Watters before her marriage. They spent two hours Saturday at noon in a short family reunion at Lover's Retreat, the following being present Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker of Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker and children, Edith and Fred A. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and children, Opal and Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and son, Billie Gene and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, all of Merkel, and Mrs. Ralph McLaughlin of Floydada.

The main reunion was at Glen Rose on Sunday. The morning was spent in getting acquainted visiting old friends. After a short devotional by Mrs. J. D. Goldsmith, lunch was served to the following besides those mentioned above: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wilbanks and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lambin and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trion, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watters and two children, H. W. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ramsey and three children, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Featherstone and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Craven and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watters and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lain and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fain and three children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall and two children, Mrs. G. J. Ball, Mrs. Louise Baker and three children, Mrs. Ieula Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Majors and daughter, A. K. Watters and son, Mrs. R. R. Crawley, Mrs. W. T. Lain, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bates and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Southern and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burton and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hutcheson and three children, Mrs. R. D. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Lain and several others.

The following places besides Merkel were represented: Breckenridge, Floydada, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Cleburne, Morgan, Wellington, Kingfisher, Oklahoma and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It was decided to hold the reunion in Ft. Worth at Forest Park next year.

### Automobile Races at Abilene July Fourth

Abilene, Teas, June 6.—Winners in the annual Independence Day Automobile races to be staged in this city July 4 on the West Texas Fair Speedway, under sanction of the contest board of the American Automobile Association, will divide a guarantee purse of \$2,500 and in addition will get a share of the gate receipts of the program.

D. H. Jefferies, official A. A. A. representative and starter, of this city, is working out the details of the program and will announce the complete list of events for speed classic in a few days.

### Dr. W. A. Buckner Wins Long Distance Drive Contest; Consolation Starts.

All of the second round matches in the first flight of the local golf tournament have been played and all except one of the second round matches in the second flight have been completed. W. L. Diltz won over L. B. Scott in the third round of the first flight by 5 up and 4 to go and is lined up for the semi-finals with the winner of the R. O. Anderson-Claude Dye match.

In the second flight Rufe Tittle and E. Yates Brown are carded for the third round and W. O. Boney will meet the winner of the Durham-Dillingham match.

The consolation flight got under way during the week, three matches of which have been played, one is a bye to Hugh Mayfield, and four are yet to be staged.

In the long distance drive Sunday afternoon Dr. W. A. Buckner won the prize of watch fob and golf ball charm with a total of 626 yards, all three balls staying in the fairway. His strokes were 207, 213 and 206, respectively. Van H. McSpadden also stayed in the fairway with all three drives for a total of 468 yards, his distances being 158, 146 and 164 and giving him second place. E. Yates Brown shot two balls in the fairway with a total distance of 373 and Sie Hame came fourth with 365 yards.

Due to the fact that one second round match in the second flight has not been played, it is not likely that the tournament can be finished as planned with the finals on next Sunday.

### SECOND ROUND RESULTS.

The following are the results of the second round matches:

- First Flight:
  - R. O. Anderson eliminated Ed Lancaster, 1 up, (21 holes.)
  - Claude Dye defeated George West 4 up and 3 to go.
  - W. L. Diltz beat Jack Anderson 5 up and 4 to go.
  - L. B. Scott won over Ralph Duke 2 up and 1 to go.
- Second flight:
  - Rufe Tittle defeated Jack West 2 up and 1 to go.
  - E. Yates Brown won over George T. Moore 5 up and 4 to go.
  - Matt Dillingham-Wren Durham match not played yet.
  - W. O. Boney defeated Dr. W. A. Buckner 3 up and 2 to go.

### CONSOLATION FLIGHT.

- Pairings and some of the results in the consolation flights are:
  - Hail Lancaster defeated Jerome Hutcheson 1 up.
  - John West-C. K. Russell, not played.
  - T. G. Bragg eliminated Dr. H. P. Hulse 4 up and 3 to go.
  - Hugh Mayfield, bye.
  - Clesby-Patterson-Booth Warren, not played.
  - Kenneth Watkins-George Woodrum, not played.
  - Dee Grimes-Van MacSpadden, not played.
  - Ted Nichols defeated Sie Ham 1 up.

## BOY SCOUTS PLAN RALLY FLAG DAY

Scoutmasters and two members of each Boy Scout troop in the Chisholm Trail area are being invited to attend a Flag Day Boy Scout rally at Shannon's Lake on Friday, June 14, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Prominent among the visitors will be Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene, president of the Chisholm Trail area; Col. R. L. Penick of Stamford, vice-president and Scout Executive Ed Shumway of Abilene.

The scouts who attend will take part in archery tournament, signal events and will be privileged to swim in the famous Shannon's swimming pool.

The Lions club will dispense with their Tuesday luncheon meeting next week and will join the Boy Scouts in serving the noon dinner on the day of the Boy Scout rally.

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## WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Mobeetie is growing a new town within the radius of the old since the new railroad has been secured. Lots were recently sold at hitherto unheard of price. Plans are made and foundations are being laid for buildings which are to make the town a bigger and better place to live.

Memphis sold a lot of 98 Jerseys in auction last week. They were auctioned by W. A. Nash who lectured on the value and recent progress of dairying in the South Plains. A great number of the cattle were graded, some registered, and all good producers.

Midland has a farmer who makes \$750.00 an acre on his garden. Noah Kinnemore has been growing peas under mulch paper and sells his entire supply to consumers who drive to his truck patch. His dewberries and strawberries are bringing \$500.00 an acre. He intends growing sweet potatoes this year.

The Crosbyton people have no dread of drouths and short crops of cotton and wheat, for they have a good source of income from their chickens. Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Findley's flock of 300 chickens bring from \$80.00 to \$100.00 income every month. The Findleys say that the demand for poultry and poultry products continues to increase every day.

Denton's annual field day at the experiment station showed what progress was made in the experiments on wheat, oats, grain, sorghums, sweet clover, corn, alfalfa, peas and other legumes. Crop rotation and the value of good seed was given attention. Some pure bred sorghum seed was given to those present.

The Rowell-Carlsbad, N. M. road is being put into good shape for the summer travel. The road is being graded up and a gravel trench cut preparatory to surfacing treatment. At the same time the new weed destroyer is having a try-out on the road.

The Portales, N. M. Canning Company is now signing up tomatoes for the coming season and has already secured the output of 300 acres. In 1928 the company canned 31 carloads and shipped 15 carloads of fresh tomatoes. The average for 1927 and 1928 was 500 acres and the 1929 acreage is expected to be larger.

Lubbock's young Texas Tech Chamber of Commerce has for some of its objectives the molding of the traditions of the College while it is still young, welcoming visiting teams to the campus, cooperating with local civic clubs and the offering of a prize for a school song.

Littlefield's Trades Day, Monday, June 3, was a huge success, attended by a large crowd. Reduced prices were offered for contests held during the day and Col J. W. Horn was marshal of the events of the day. A registered Jersey heifer, registered sow, and pen of pure bred chickens were some of the prizes.

Clairmont, county seat of Kent county, wants a gin. It is 17 miles from the nearest cotton gin at this time and offers a good location. Seven thousand acres are being planted to cotton now, with the acreage increasing each year.

Brownfield has 18 boys and girls 4-H clubs with a membership of 350. There are 150 in the pig club. The poultry club members have secured pure bred chickens. Thirteen Jersey calves were shipped in for the dairy club members.

Big Spring entertained the members of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Oil & Gas Bureau Thursday, May 30. W. B. Hamilton, chairman of the Oil & Gas Committee, and H. J. Adair, manager of the Oil & Gas Bureau of the regional organization, were present.

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L. R. Thompson

## Dr. Barton Succeeds Carnes on Board

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—Re-organization of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was completed with Dr. A. J. Barton, superintendent of the church extension work, acting as secretary and treasurer, the office formerly held by Clinton S. Carnes, now serving a prison sentence for embezzlement of the board's funds.

The board has met all outstanding current bills, the annual financial report showed, and \$100,000 has been restored to the building fund. Notes payable have been reduced from \$1,284,000 to \$882,000; the Bottoms fund of \$50,000 has been restored and the board has a balance of \$93,000 in the treasury.

No money has been borrowed since Carnes' defalcation. Most of the money in the treasury came from donations.

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### Bachelors, Old Maids Subject to Penalty In Oklahoma Bill

Oklahoma City, Okla. June 6.—Bachelors and spinsters would pay for the privileges, if any of single blessedness under a bill introduced Wednesday in the Oklahoma House of Representatives by Ralph Busey of Creek County.

All bachelors and maiden ladies between the ages of 30 and 65 would be required under the bill to pay an annual tax of \$100 to the State Superintendent of Instruction. The money would be used to aid indigent school districts.

### Bankhead to Oppose Heflin in Alabama

Birmingham, Ala., June 6.—John H. Bankhead, attorney of Jasper and Birmingham, announced here Saturday that he would oppose United States Senator J. Thomas Heflin in next year's Democratic primary. Senator Heflin announced several months ago that he would seek re-election.

In his announcement, Mr. Bankhead said he had been urged by representative citizens in all parts of the State to make the race. He declared his candidacy against Senator Heflin would give to the people of Alabama an opportunity to "give expression to the type and standard of Senator they want to represent them."

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### Increased Power Load Calls For Extensions

Abilene, Texas, June 6.—The addition of numerous new customers and heavy sales of electrical appliances and equipment have so greatly increased the power load over the properties of the West Texas Utilities that during the latter part of May and the month of June the company is rebuilding distribution systems and extending its lines in many West Texas cities and towns.

The addition of more than 20 electric ranges, water heaters and refrigerators in Sterling City has caused the company to extend its distribution system there to care for the increased load.

To serve new customers of Water Valley the 2300 volt distribution system is being extended.

A three phase 6600 volt primary rural line is being constructed to serve three 20 horsepower 220 volt motors for irrigation. The line will branch off of the Tankersley and Knickerbocker line.

The 6600 volt primary line at Wall will be extended to serve new rural customers. Also down near San Angelo the Walker line off of the Knickerbocker will be extended to take care of new customers pulling a motor and lights.

At Ballinger the company is constructing 2300 and 6600 volt lines and transformer racks to serve 75 horsepower motors at the gravel pit about three miles northwest of the city.

Other line extensions include: 900 feet three phase line at Eden to serve motor and lights in the Gulf Refining Company station; primary and secondary line west of Matador to serve range, pump and light customers; 110

volt single phase line at Santa Anna to serve a new addition; single phase 6600 volt primary from Wall rural line to serve an electrified farm; and 2300 volt single phase primary and single phase three-wire secondary in Iraan to serve new range and light customers.

### Valuable Short Story.

H. C. Witwer, author of "Yes Man's Land," is suing Harold Lloyd for only \$2,300,000 in the Los Angeles courts. He declares that he submitted a short story to Lloyd which the film comedian later produced as "The Freshman" without the formality of buying it. Lloyd denies the charges.

### PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Come be with us. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Men's meeting Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Glad to have you in all the services.

Wm. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

### Grandmother Gets Bachelor's Degree At Canyon College

Canyon, June 6.—A grandmother received her bachelor's degree here Wednesday as a member of the 1929 class of the West Texas State Teachers college. She is Mrs. Winnie Wilson, Oklahoma. Her daughter, Mrs. Winnie Stephens, who came to see her graduate, said: "Usually it is the mother who is proud of daughter, but in our family this is reversed, and I am certainly proud of my mother."

Mrs. Davis has taught for many years in the schools of Texas and Oklahoma; she has made history her major study and expects to teach this subject in the public schools when she returns to her work this fall.

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It means something definite when thousands of people who formerly owned and drove far more expen-

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—IN—

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The historical picture of battles won and lost—Action, Thrills and Suspense.  
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MONDAY AND TUESDAY

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—IN—

## "THE FLYING FLEET"

The largest and best aviation picture that ever hit the screen. It is assisted by the U. S. Navy and will be the greatest you have seen—Comedy, Thrills and Pathos.

Also Our Gang Comedy "Noisy Noises" and an International News Reel

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JACK PERRIN

AND

WONDER HORSE

—IN—

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**TOLERANCE.**

With much that the philosophers have to say in the new paper columns about contentment, one may be at variance; one may deny that the man who has attained greatness in business, politics or profession is any more competent than another to define the steps by which that success was attained, but each of us can see the beautiful truth and the gratifying consolation of the practice of such tolerance as is so simply put by the late Judge W. H. Gill in the following words:

"I have lived long and been observant. In my youth and young manhood I found it in my heart to hate, and despise, and to hold some of my fellow men in contempt. But I have long since learned that I have no means of justly judging any man. I cannot know all the facts. I cannot read his heart and perceive his motives. I cannot divine his limitations nor rightly make allowances for his weaknesses. But this I do know—that if those who know a man best like him, or love him, or respect him, or even tolerate him, then I know that in that man is more good than evil. And that is quite as much as can be said for me. For these reasons, I have come to speak no evil of men nor women, nor to repeat any harmful or scandalous rumor. If the rumor is true, still I am not able to pass judgment upon it in all its phases and aspects; and so it is uncharitable to join in its spread. If it is false, or not even wholly true, then both legally and morally it is a crime to repeat it. Remember, Jesus, who spoke all wisdom concerning the minds and hearts of men, said: 'Judge not, lest ye be judged.'"

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All regular services Sunday and during the week with the addition of a class in "Wisdom in Soul Winning" meeting each evening at 8 except Saturday. This class is being held at this time to help a number of our people to be better prepared for our meeting beginning June 16th. Rev. Sam Morris, well known and much loved young minister, of Abilene will do the preaching in our meeting. Those who have heard him will need no urging to hear him in the meeting and others will need to be urged but once as they will hear him gladly when they know his earnest, loving and enthusiastic spirit.

We extend a cordial invitation to the public in general to attend the meeting. Christian workers of any church will be welcomed to our class during the coming week, also to come to the meeting and help win the lost to the Savior. Every service from now till the meeting will be held with a view of getting ready for the meeting. Strangers and visitors are welcomed in all our services.

**FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Let's all go to Sunday school and church next Sunday. The services are always interesting if we make them so. We have special songs and scripture readings that should appeal to everyone interested in the furthering of God's kingdom. Just remember that the excuses you make must be accepted by your friends, your pastor and God. Even good excuses soon wear out, though.

Our Sunday school reports were fine and our lesson very interesting last Sunday.

Mr. Lambert Adams of Rotan visited the Methodist church last Sunday. He is a brother of Mrs. Claude Ogle.

Miss Rosie Laney visited Ft. Worth and Richland Springs last week-end.

Miss Imogene Hayes has returned to Denton to attend school during the summer.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider with her niece, Miss Nadine Tippett, has gone to Houston for a visit.

The Sunday school begins at 9:45 and church at 11 o'clock.

Come, you'll find serving God a pleasure, always.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday school promptly at 9:45. Don't yield to the temptation to sleep late Sunday morning and cut Sunday school and church. Be in your place on time and you will enjoy the rest of the day. The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. A helpful message and a warm welcome awaits you at the Methodist church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**Dora Doings**

The Divide High school has closed for this term. Supt. Dunagan has gone to Commerce to attend summer school. The principal, Miss Laura Fay Wilson, is at home in Cisco.

Miss Gladys Laine is in school at Commerce.

Misses Ellis Shaffer and Modina Whiteaker are at home for the summer.

A large crowd enjoyed the all day picnic last Friday and the ball games, with the Divide team carrying off the honors of the three games.

Jewel Burklow of Canyon spent a few days here with homefolks.

Laura Wallis and Doris Jones left Tuesday for Canyon to attend Summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyrone visited in Abilene Sunday.

Another big rain fell Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ben Jenkins of Merkel returned home Sunday after several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker.

O. Z. Porter is at home from Austin for the summer.

Mrs. Della Perry and children are spending a few days with her mother Mrs. H. West at White Church.

We are sorry to report that Grandpa Jennings improves very slowly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton.

We regret to report that the mother of Jim Henson died Friday at Winters after a lingering illness.

Quite a crowd of youngsters enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. Monty Kitchens' Monday night.

**Will Visit in Tennessee.**

Our good friend, B. C. Gaither, left Monday morning for Lawrenceburg, Tenn., his old home, where he expects to visit for several months. This departure from Merkel is an annual custom with Mr. Gaither and the Merkel Mail joins his friends in wishing him a most enjoyable summer.

Texas' assessed values have increased 50 per cent since 1913. Actual property values in Texas (\$9,850,888,000) are estimated at more than \$12,500,000,000 now. In 1861 Texas assessed values were \$256,784,482.

MacGregor Golf Clubs and Bags, Phillips Drug Store.

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The Best-Rex Golf Balls, Phillips Drug Store.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us.

L. R. Thompson

**Interesting Letter From Mrs. M. J. Evans Now Touring Europe**

Friends of Mrs. Geneva Brown Evans, who at one time lived in Merkel and is the daughter of Mrs. E. N. Brown of this city, will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Evans are making a tour of England, Scotland, France and Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans left their home in Chicago a few days ago and below is part of a letter Mrs. Brown received Wednesday:

"The trip over on the Carmania was delightful. The ocean behaved beautifully and no one has been sick. We arrived at the Cecil Hotel in London last night. London doesn't impress me favorably yet because I can't see anything but drinking. Our American cities with prohibition seem so much cleaner and not so ungodly.

"They can say what they will about prohibition, but where they do not have it proves that it is much worse because of the drunken men and women on the streets. Why, you'd have to be a fool not to see the difference."

Mr. and Mrs. Evans will return home the latter part of the month.

**Junior League Entertained.**

By way of farewell to her Junior League, Miss Cora Lee Hulsey entertained the members and their parents with a picnic at Laney's pasture on Tuesday evening. Games were played and enjoyed by all after a very appetizing picnic lunch. The members of the League present were: Donald Willett, Kennedy Whiteley, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Buford, Lois Whiteley, Imogene Middleton, Mary Grace Dunn, Wanda Hunter, Nell Hughes, Opal Huskey, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Eloise Manscile, Gene Hulsey, George Hicks Buford, Richmond Buford, Wilbur Willett, John Russell Willett, Marvin Hunter, Janet Hayes, Ina Mae Berryman, Julia Proctor, Odell Hunter, Mollie Frank Touchette and Bill Hulsey.

Others present were: Mrs. Duncan Briggs, Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Hulsey, Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Mrs. L. M. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Mrs. F. C. Willett, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. J. P. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Buford, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay, Joe Rhiney and Cora Lee Hulsey.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**HEBRON NEWS**

Rev. Tatum filled his regular appointment at Hebron Saturday night and Sunday night. Dr. Pender from Abilene preached Sunday at eleven.

Lois Burlerson and Paul Pannell motored to Merkel Sunday.

Miss Anna Mae Harris is home from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. James Harris at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tatum of Merkel were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sharps Sunday, also Dr. Pender of Abilene.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS.**

Only the usual routine business was transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the city council which was held Monday night.

The weekly meeting of the Lions will be held on Friday of next week instead of on Tuesday, which is the regular date, as the Lions have voted to join with the Boy Scouts for their Flag Day luncheon at Shannon's Lake.

Summer school started Monday morning with about twenty-five in attendance, which is considered an unusually good showing. Mrs. Geneva Young and Miss Vera Baker are teaching.

All the dirt work will be completed preliminary to the Oak Street paving by the end of the week, according to H. H. Hester, superintendent of construction for the General Construction company, and curb and gutter work will be started the first of next week.

A large crowd enjoyed the band concert given by the Merkel Booster Band under the direction of Prof. Joe T. Ward last Friday night.

Sam Butman and Sons shipped a car of hogs to Fort Worth on Monday.

**SIGNS**

of quality done very reasonable  
**Merkel Sign Service**  
Front Street

**Duco Demonstration At Liberty Saturday**

A demonstration of the use of Brush Duco will be given at the Liberty Hardware company on Saturday, June 8, by C. B. Dooley, a du Pont expert. Mr. Dooley is prepared to show the customers of the store not only the ordinary use of Brush Duco, but also how to make artistic finishes in line with the new movement of home decoration which is sweeping over the country. In preparation for the demonstration all the latest colors in Brush Duco have been obtained by the Liberty Hardware company. Among

other things there will be a showing of the famous new "pour" method which has awakened such interest among women who use it for decorative purposes. Mr. Dooley will also be prepared to answer any questions as the application of Brush Duco or paint and varnish.

**STAR PARASITE REMOVER**  
Will keep your chickens free of lice, mites, fleas, blue-bugs, healthier and producing more eggs or your money back. Merkel Drug Co.

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COOL AS A CAVE	<b>Majestic</b> ABILENE	COOL AS A CAVE
Now Showing Last times Saturday 2,000,000 readers of Photo-play Magazine were offered \$3,000 for the solution of this mystery. And now it's a Paramount	<b>ALL-TALKING THRILLER "THE STUDIO MURDER MYSTERY"</b> with Neil Hamilton Doris Hill Frederic March We dare you to pick the real murderer in this baffling mystery! To fully enjoy this thriller hear it from the beginning.	4 days only starting Monday <b>Special Midnight Matinee Sunday</b> The idol of Paris, now America's newest and greatest thrill! <b>MAURICE CHEVALIER</b> in <b>"INNOCENTS OF PARIS"</b> All-talking! All-singing! All-dancing! Chevalier, world's greatest entertainer, brought to you through the magic of sound pictures. You'll be gloriously surprised! Also Hear <b>"APARTMENT HUNTING"</b> All-talking comedy <b>"TWO LITTLE CHINESE MAIDS"</b> Delightful singing novelty Fox Movietone News
<b>SOON YOU'LL HEAR "THE DESERT SONG"</b>		

**ADVERTISING SERVICE FREE FOR THE ASKING**

There are but few business men who are not sold on advertising. The fact that more of it is being done throughout the United States day by day and year by year is proof positive that it pays.

Many business men are not regular advertisers because they have not the time and their training is such as to make it difficult for them to put their message in words.

It is to these that this message is directed. The Merkel Mail has among its personnel men who have had extensive training in advertising design and writing. In addition, we have a complete cut service with which to illustrate any advertisement.

We are always glad to render every possible service to our advertisers. The writing of the advertisement and the use of the cuts are a part of our service. All you need to do is to tell us what you want to advertise and we will do the rest.

**PHONE 61**

AND CALL FOR THE "AD MAN"

The Genuine  
**THEDFORD'S**  
**BLACK-DRAUGHT**

Price 25 cents.

Prepared from medicinal herbs and roots of highest quality, finely powdered, carefully combined. Easy to take; dry on the tongue, or made into a tea.  
Costs only 1 cent a dose.

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**CONSTIPATION, INDIGESTION,**  
**BILIOUSNESS.**

**PIERCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

WE DELIVER ANY AMOUNT THE DAY YOU WANT IT

JUST PHONE 288 OR LEAVE ORDER AT THE WALLIS SERVICE STATION

**KEROSENE OILS GASOLINE**

**MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS**

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—Bundle and headed feed; double row cultivator and planter; part time or will trade for cow. T. W. Collins, near Stith.

**A FEW WORK HORSES** for sale or trade. See Bill Haynes at Merkel Motor Co.

**FOR SALE**—15 head high grade young Jersey milk cows with young calves; will sell one or more; cash or good notes. J. J. Steele, Anson, Texas.

## Used Cars with an O. K. That Counts

These cars have been purchased from Brackeen and Hughes Chevrolet Company at inventory price and in order to clear our stock and make room for new cars we are cutting the prices on our used cars to rock bottom prices:

- 1927 Chevrolet sedan
- 1928 Chevrolet coupe
- 1928 Chevrolet coupe
- Studebaker sedan
- Chevrolet roadster, runs like new
- Ford coupe
- Ford touring
- 1927 Ford touring

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CHEVROLET CO.

"Home of Better Used Cars"

**FEW M. JOHNSON** White Leghorn roosters for sale cheap if taken at once. C. A. Hudson, Merkel, Route 4.

**BIRDS FOR SALE**—Good singers, yellow canaries. Phone 213 or see Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

**CHEVROLET COACH** for sale or will trade for cotton. G. L. Bishop, Merkel, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Silvertone Victrola. Phone 176J.

**FOR SALE**—Stephens Hotel furnished, \$7,750.00.

**FOR SALE**—Good maize; also bundle feed. Dr. M. Armstrong.

## WANTED

**WASHING AND GREASING** Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

**WANTED TO BUY**—Clean white cotton bags. Will pay 5 cents per pound. Merkel Mail office.

**HAVE MOVED** to last street southeast of town, four blocks from railroad; laundry work and dressmaking wanted; also one or two rooms for rent. Mrs. Manscill.

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—4 room house. Phone No. 7. Mrs. E. D. Coats.

**FOR RENT**—Two unfurnished rooms and garage. See Miss Addie Holler at Farmers State Bank.

**TWO OR THREE UNFURNISHED** rooms for rent. Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Phone 229W.

## LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

J. A. Patterson, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary.

## Death of Mrs. Isbell.

Funeral rites were held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Sarah Isbell, age 37 years, wife of T. J. Isbell of the Comper community. Mrs. Isbell died at the Merkel sanitarium on Monday. Besides her husband she is survived by seven children. Interment was made in the Merkel cemetery, with W. G. Cypert officiating.

**Death of Mrs. J. H. Campbell.** Mrs. J. H. Campbell, age 50, wife of Herbert Williams of the Mount Pleasant section died Thursday, May 30, and was buried on May 31 in the Merkel cemetery. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter and one son, besides a brother and other relatives.

## Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Bessie Mae Yarborough of Eastland came in Saturday with her cousin, Mrs. John Good.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bryan have returned from a pleasant fishing trip. C. M. Reese returned Friday from Fort Worth with his bride, who was Miss Williamson of Wichita, Kans. They will reside in the Armour's apartments. We give them a hearty welcome to our town and extend best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement and children of Breckenridge spent the week-end with relatives here. Mrs. Clement will be remembered as Miss Rilla Nalley.

Mrs. Alice Moody of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene came over to spend the week-end with relatives before leaving for Goldthwaite where they will visit with Mr. Pass' parents this summer.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene was the guest of Mrs. Alex Williamson the early part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour and children are off for a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armour of Rock Spring.

W. L. Boyd and daughter, Mary, were week-end visitors at Lamesa and returning they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd and little son.

Miss Grace Washburn and Henry Cooper were married Saturday.

Estelle and Allen Terry, Willie Abbott and Clinton Bryan are home from John Tarleton for the summer.

Mrs. Annie Boone was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Abilene Sunday.

Miss Ruby Johnson is home from C. I. A. for the summer.

E. Howell was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

## The Harmony Club.

On June 3 the Harmony club under the supervision of Miss Mary Pence gave its first picnic of the season, included in the party being Mrs. Harrell and daughter, Lena Fae, and son, Clarence, Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Emma, Mrs. Holden and daughter, Velma Lee, joined by Miss Pence and her mother and Misses Bessie Lou Windham and Zuma Spears.

Parking their cars at the foot of Lookout mountain they climbed to the top to explore the crater which for the time being seemed very much alive and active with the echoes of the jolly picnickers. Lunch was spread under a cedar tree and the invitation to lunch with cold drinks was all that was needed for their ravenous appetites.

Games of musical buzz and musical auction were enjoyed and a story, "Susanna and Her Music," was read by Velma Lee Holden. Everybody reported a wonderful time.

—Contributed.

Texas is the leading Jersey cattle state in the Union, having passed Ohio, which formerly held the distinction.

The Best-Rex Golf Balls. Phillips Drug Store.

## Orphan Boy Reunited With Heiress Sister

Alliance, Neb., June 6.—Having worked his way through high school here by shining shoes, Leon Warren, 18, was on his way to Little Rock, Ark., today, to be reunited with his millionaire-heiress sister, Louise Agnes, 16, who has offered to give her brother a university education at her expense.

Twelve years ago the two, together with another sister, were placed in a children's home at St. Louis after being orphaned by the death of their parents.

Louise Agnes was adopted by the late S. D. Strother, wealthy Oklahoma oil magnate, who left her \$6,000,000. Her brother was adopted by a family of farmers here.

Leon recently discovered that his sister was attending Ward Belmont school at Nashville, Tenn. They communicated and made plans for the reunion after Leon's graduation from high school this spring.

From Little Rock, the brother and sister will motor to the palatial estate of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Worden at Richland, La., guardians of Louise Agnes. They plan to spend the summer together and in the fall Leon will enter a university.

## Junior League Program.

The Parables of Jesus. Song; Prayer; Roll call; Scripture, Matthew 4:25 and Matthew 5:1-2 by leader, Odell Hunter. The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37 by Duncan Briggs. Parable of Gifts, Matthew 7:9-12 by Mildred Richardson. The Mustard Seed, Matthew 13:31-33 by Lois Whiteley. The Parable of the Meal, Matthew 13:33 by Imogene Middleton. The Rich Young Ruler, Luke 18:18-23 by Ima Mae Berryman. The Parable of Treasures, Matthews 6:19-21 by Pauline Lasater. Bearing Fruit, Matthews 7:16-20 by Marie Stanford. League Benediction.

## Memorial Service.

A Memorial Service will be rendered at the Merkel Rebekah Lodge hall on Thursday night, June 13. This service is in honor of our members who have answered the call and all Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are requested to be present.

Evelyn Cox, Noble Grand  
Mary Alice Dunn, Sec'y.

Motor vehicle registrations in the United States for 1928 were 24,493,124, a gain of 5.9 per cent. Texas was seventh among the states with 1,214,297, a gain of 9 per cent. Texas registration fees amounted to \$17,701,251, exceeded by only three other states—Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. In the United States there is one car for every five persons; in Texas one for every four.

AGAIN  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Delicious  
**BANANA SPLIT**  
19c

Phillips Drug Store

## Taylor County Solons Go to Called Session

State legislators from Abilene went to Austin Sunday to attend the second called session of the legislature, which opened Monday.

Senator Oliver Cunningham was accompanied by Mrs. Cunningham and their small daughter, Nancy.

Representative Carlos D. Speck was also accompanied by his family.

## S. D. Campbell, Jr. Passes Away.

Little S. D. Campbell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell, died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, six miles south of Merkel at 6:30 Thursday morning, May 2, 1929. He was born August 18, 1928, and was only eight months and one-half old. About four weeks before his death, the little one took whooping cough and bronchial pneumonia developed, his suffering being intense. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. W. Parton at the Baptist church at Merkel at 5 o'clock on the morning of May 2.



## GOOD SHOE REPAIRING.

We put the finest quality of material in the shoes we repair and for that reason we assure you that our renovating jobs in shoes will give you as long and as continuous service as a brand new pair. Our charges for half soles and healing represent but a small fraction of the cost of a new pair. Let us renovate that old pair now.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

**CTY SHOE SHOP**  
Clarence Perry, Prop.  
KEEP FEET NEAT  
KENT ST.

Burial was made in Rose Hill cemetery. The parents, one little sister, Dorothy Louise, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell survive.

—Contributed.

The sweet potato has the distinction of leading in value the strictly vegetable crops of Texas.

## Singers Invited to Butman.

Every one that is interested in music is invited to meet at Butman schoolhouse tonight, June 7, in the interest of a singing school.

There will be singing at Nubia Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Come and have a feast of songs, is the invitation.

# -G A F T O N-

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### Ray Keech Winner 500 Mile Motor Race Average 95 1-2 Miles

Ray Keech of Philadelphia, daring 28-year-old driver, won the 500-mile motor race at the Indianapolis Speedway while a record-breaking crowd of 160,000 looked on. The race resulted in the death of William Spence, Los Angeles, driver and the injury of five others. Thirteen of the original 33 starters finished.

Keech, going into the lead at 392 miles, reeled off the distance in 5:01:25.42, an average of 97.590 miles an hour.

Louis Meyer, Los Angeles, winner of the 1928 race, finished second, about seven and a half miles behind Keech.

Meyer's time was 5:13:49:21, an average of 95.596 Miles an hour. Jimmy Gleason of Philadelphia finished third.

Gleason's time for third place was 5:20:10:43, an average of 93.699 miles an hour.

Spence, one of 33 crack drivers of the world, competing in the event, turned over on the southeast turn of the two and a half mile brick course, suffering a fractured skull. He was rushed to the track hospital, but died on the way.

Spence was 24 and married. He was a relief driver for William Arnold in the race last year and finished seventh. Spence was a newcomer in major race competition. He had driven about 40 miles over the perilously bumpy brick track when his car tipped over, pinning him beneath it.

Spence's death was the first fatality in the Indianapolis race in 19 years.

### Coolidge's Town is Shocked by College Girls' Bathing Suits

Northampton, Mass., June 6—Seeking relief from the heat four attractive young women, said to be Smith college students, appeared on Main street of Calvin Coolidge's home town here in bathing suits.

Shocked, some of the more conservative citizens looked to Patrolman John J. Meehan, who was close by, to uphold the municipal morals.

Patrolman Meehan was frankly puzzled. He recalled no statute specifically banning one-piece bathing suits from Main street. Finally he telephoned to Police Chief Bartholomew Bresnahan. Said the chief:

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### Ten Million Yearly For Texas Turkey Growers

Ten million dollars for turkeys! That is the sum paid to Texas growers last year for the Thanksgiving bird, G. D. Everett, of Tishomingo, Okla., recently elected president of the Southwestern Turkey Club, said. The figures have been increasing so rapidly that Mr. Everett would not hazard a guess as to returns from the 1929 crop. Texas is out in front in the production of turkeys, and the greater portion of the world looks to the Southwest for this crowning glory of its Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Other officers of the Southwestern Turkey Club are Mrs. Claude Underwood, Denton, vice president; J. M. Martin, Dallas; C. H. Pigg, Waxahatchie; A. B. Harmonson, Justin; Mrs. J. C. Coil, Duncenville; J. O. Skiles, Denton, and E. G. Hillman, Cherokee, directors. These officers will have charge of the 1930 shows to be held at the State fair grounds. These include a national show in January and a Southwestern during the exposition next fall in which five states will participate.

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### Lone Star Gas Co. Celebrates Twenty Years of Service

The Lone Star Gas company celebrates its twentieth anniversary this June with a large expansion program. During the two decades of its history the company has devoted its efforts to the industrial and commercial development of the territory it serves.

Twenty years ago the company was organized in Fort Worth. Here it had an office force composed of about 30 people and one pipe line 100 miles long. Three men of that original force are still with the company, L. B. Denning, president; D. L. Cobb, treasurer, and Grover C. Reed of Bowie, head of the telephone department.

At that time the company's territory was still raw. Few industries had located in Texas, partly because Eastern

and Northern capitalists had not been interested in the state, but chiefly because it was understood there was no fuel supply. The development of natural gas facilities by the Lone Star Gas company has corrected this situation and today no states in the union surpass Texas and Oklahoma in offering an adequate fuel supply to prospective industries.

From its small beginning 20 years ago, the company has expanded into a system with 3400 miles of pipe line serving more than 200 towns and cities in Texas and Oklahoma. It draws gas from more than 21 large fields in these two states.

Its plans for this summer include more than 200 miles of new pipe line, construction of a large compressor station at Gainesville, rebuilding of a gasoline plant at Gordon, construction of a 24 mile private telephone line to tie in with its present telephone

system of 1200 miles, and numerous other improvement projects.

**Senior B. Y. P. U. Program.**  
Subject: Caleb, the Courageous. Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. Caleb, the Courageous Scout, Joe Hartley. When Majority Rule is Wrong, Vera Richie. The Man Who Wanted a Mountain, Oleta Moore. Caleb's Pride in his Physical Powers, Ima Parrack. Caleb—"Who Followed the Lord", Mary Parrack.

All the young people are invited to be out to B. Y. P. U. each Sunday at 7:30. We need each one of you in the services and you need to be there; so let's everyone come out to B. Y. P. U. the young people of Merkel who are not in some service at this hour should Sunday and bring someone with you. Let's try to have thirty present. All come to B. Y. P. U. We will try to have something interesting for you Sunday at 7:30 sharp.

### Sweetwater Theatre Makes Special Offer With Coupon in Ad

In their advertisement in this week's issue of the Merkel Mail, the management of the R. & R. Palace theatre at Sweetwater makes a special offer to their patrons outside of Sweetwater, which will be of especial interest to moving picture lovers in Merkel.

In order to ascertain just how many patrons outside of Sweetwater attend their theatre, the management of the R. & R. Palace has included in their advertisement a coupon which when properly signed will admit two adults for the price of one admission. This offer expires June 12.

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Natural gas... supplied through Lone Star pipe lines to nearly 250 communities and more than a million people... is one of the Southwest's greatest assets. Much of the Southwest's growth in the next 20 years will come from the industrial utilization of this rich fuel resource, and the Lone Star organization will continue to play a big part in this development.

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**JOSEPH WELDON BAILEY  
1901-1913**

Joseph Weldon Bailey was born near Crystal Springs, Copiah county, Mississippi, on Oct. 6, 1862. He was educated in the local schools and while pursuing his studies, in 1880, was temporarily left in charge of the Crystal Springs "Monitor." A gubernatorial campaign was in progress at the time and young Bailey wrote a leader, dropping the candidate previously supported by the journal and substituting another, which sudden reversal of opinion gave rise to much comment. When taken to task for his action he replied that a newspaper should voice the opinion of its editor, and that he was the editor when the article was written.

Young Bailey obtained his training in the office of a practicing lawyer, and was so thoroughly prepared that he was admitted to the bar when only twenty years of age, in 1883. In addition to practicing law he took an active part in politics and soon became a popular speaker, serving the following year as district elector on the Cleveland and Hendricks presidential ticket.

In 1885 Mr. Bailey removed to Gainesville, Texas, and continued his law practice and his activity in politics. He was married at Oxford, Mississippi, in 1887, to Miss Ellen Murray. In 1888, he was an elector at large from Texas on the democratic presidential ticket of Cleveland and Thurman.

When it became known in 1890 that Mr. Bailey would be a candidate for nomination for United States representative from the Fifth congressional district against Judge Silas Hare, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, and one of the shrewdest politicians in the state who had served in the Fiftieth and Fifty-first congresses, many regarded him as presumptuous. He was nominated and elected, but not until his constituents were informed that he did not care to go to congress unless he could remain there for twenty consecutive years. The voters of his district met his wishes half-way by electing him to the Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth congresses.

Although he was the youngest mem-

ber of congress and had been a supporter of Roger Q. Mills in the somewhat bitter contest for the democratic nomination for speaker, Mr. Bailey was placed by Speaker Crisp on the select committee on the alcoholic liquor traffic. During that congress he so well established his reputation as a lawyer that upon the organization of the house of the Fifty-third congress, he was placed by Speaker Crisp on the judiciary committee, notwithstanding the fact that the chairman (Charles A. Culberson) was also from Texas.

In the Fifty-fourth congress Mr. Bailey was retained on the judiciary committee and also served on the committee for the revision of laws and on one of the election committees. He was the democratic candidate for speaker of the house of representatives in the Fifty-fifth congress when Thomas B. Reed was elected. During that congress he served on the committee on ways and means and the committee on rules, two of the most important committees of the house of representatives.

Mr. Bailey was not a candidate for renomination to congress in 1900, and, on January 23, 1901, the state legislature elected him as a democrat to the United States Senate to succeed Horace Chilton, for the term ending March 3, 1907, and he took his seat on March 4, 1901. In the United States senate he was a member of the Canadian relations, census, finances, fisheries, irrigation, privileges and elections, and revision of laws.

Mr. Bailey was one of the most effective speakers in the senate, and no member of the senate ever received more marked attention from his colleagues than when he addressed them. His career in the Fifty-seventh congress was marred by a personal attack upon Senator Beveridge of Indiana, after the close of the session of June 30, 1902, for the reason that Senator Beveridge had characterized some remarks of Senator Bailey's

about the solicitor for the state department as "an unwarranted attack."

Mr. Bailey was reelected to the United States Senate in 1907, serving from March 4, 1907, to January 8, 1913, when he resigned and resumed the practice of law in Washington, D. C. Subsequently, on March 3, 1921, he moved to Dallas, Texas, where he continued the practice of law. He died at Sherman, April 13, 1929, while engaged in the trial of a lawsuit.

**Women's Clubs Rap  
Road Sign Boards**

Swampscott, Mass., June 6.—The 13th biennial council of the general Federation of Women's clubs passed a resolution protesting the use of landscapes for advertising and urging the restriction of all outdoor advertising to commercial districts.

A resolution recommending that club women give consideration to those firms which "do not desecrate the landscape with advertising" also was passed.

It was announced that the biennial session of the federation would be held at Denver, Colo., in 1930.

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This is the first major cattle deal reported here in some weeks. The total price paid for the herd was \$49,500.

Mr. Maddox has also sold his spring calf crop to the Shelton estate of Amarillo for delivery in November of this year. The price paid for this stuff was not made public.

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**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

James H. West is in El Paso for some two or three weeks.

Miss Agnes Rister returned this week from C. I. A. at Denton.

Miss Maxie Banner left Wednesday to spend her vacation in Slaton.

Misses Christine and Irene Rister are visiting in Abilene this week.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes and two children have gone to Corpus Christi. Miss Nellie Swann is attending Sul Ross State Teachers college at Alpine.

Miss Ilinice Brown is home from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Overton of Sweetwater were Merkel visitors last Sunday.

Marvin Yarbrough of Cross Plains visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore Tuesday.

Mrs. O. L. Mansfield and baby daughter, Peggy Marie, were guests Thursday of Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Arthur Patterson of Crane was a recent visitor with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Miss Maxine Skidmore of Paris is the guest of Misses Vera and Maimie Walker since Sunday.

E. A. McWilliams of Fort Worth was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

Miss Lorena Dry is at home for the summer after teaching the past session in the Ennis schools.

Tolbert Proctor is at home for vacation from the Texas Technological college at Lubbock.

Miss Maimie Ellis is attending Sul Ross Teachers college at Alpine this summer.

Miss Lola Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, is at home from Simmons University.

Sterling Sheppard arrived home Thursday from Southern Methodist university at Dallas.

Mrs. Will Brown of Anson is the guest of relatives and friends this week.

Miss Evelyn Curb is attending Summer school at the University of Texas, having left for Austin last Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Warren is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Colt, of Richardson.

Miss Eula Milburn of Corsicana is the house guest of Mrs. Harry Cookston this week.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene is the house guest of Miss Christine Collins.

Miss Billie McGarr of San Antonio is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Miss Vennie Heizer left Sunday night for San Marcos where she will do summer study in the State Teachers College.

Warren Smith returned last week-end from Fort Worth where he has been attending the Danforth School of Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Doan of Sweetwater were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Perry have returned from a delightful two weeks' outing at Corpus Christi.

Miss Orpah Patterson, who taught school at Blackwell the past term, is now attending the summer session at Simmons University.

Returning Tuesday from a week's visit to San Antonio were Mesdames George Caple, H. A. Brubeck, H. F. Groene and P. B. Causseaux.

Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell, students in the West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon, have returned home for the summer.

Roy Propst of Abilene was a Merkel visitor Thursday greeting old friends. Roy has just completed a year's work at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell returned Sunday from Canyon where they attended the closing exercises of the West Texas State Teachers college.

Miss Mary Parrack, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack, was one of the 151 to receive a degree from Simmons university Tuesday of this week.

Clyde Mayfield, who has been visiting with relatives and friends since the Simmons closing, has returned to Abilene to enter the summer school at Simmons.

Editor Tom Durham of the Albany News and family were visitors here

last Sunday. Miss Tommye Durham will teach in the Albany schools the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson were in Fort Worth this week being accompanied on their return by Miss Flora Frances Anderson, who attended T. C. U. this year.

Doyle and James Lee Garrett, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, are at home from the University of Texas at Austin and S. B. T. Seminary at Louisville, Ky., respectively.

Mrs. David Wright of Big Spring is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jack Anderson. She will be complimented with a bridge party on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney and Miss Rose Laney were accompanied on their return from Chatfield by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley and two sons, who will spend the summer with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. George White and daughter of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in Merkel Tuesday night on their way by automobile to New York City. Mrs. White is a niece of Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Copeland of Roscoe, Mrs. C. F. Wedenbach is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. G. Wyatt at Levelland. The latter has been the guest of Mrs. Weidenbach here.

Among those from Merkel attending the North Texas Teachers College at Denton are Misses Gladys Middleton, Allyne Riley, Nora Foster, Imogene Hayes, Jesse Rodden and Pauline and Ruth Pinckley.

Miss Melba West left last Thursday for Lampasas where she will be the guest of Mrs. Ed Young at a house party at the country club. This week she will be joined by Miss Evelyn Curb and the two will go on to Austin for the summer term of the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Blackburn and J. L. McLean left Saturday to attend the Reunion of Confederate Veterans at Charlotte, N. C., which holds its meeting this week. Mr. Blackburn is a veteran of the war between the states while Mr. McLean is the son of a veteran. En route home, Mr.



**KITCHEN SHOWER.**

On Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Whiteley the Junior League gave a kitchen shower for Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, who was superintendent of the league. In the roles of bride and groom Marvin Hunter and Comora Hughes brought in the presents which included many pretty and useful gifts. After a delicious refreshment plate of ice cream and cake was served several of the Juniors favored those present with interesting numbers. Those participating in this courtesy were Marvin Hunter, Comora Hughes, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Mary Grace Dunn, Duncan Briggs, Gene Hulsey, Odell Hunter, Alice Church, Imogene Middleton, Nell Hughes, Wanda Hunter, Opal Hunter, Mildred Richardson, Kennedy Whiteley, Julia Proctor, Marie Stanford, Opal Buzbee, Charlie Church, Mrs. Floyd Dowell, Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Mrs. Beene and the hostess, Mrs. W. A. Whiteley.

**BRIDGE GAMES.**

Mrs. Harry Cookston entertained in honor of her house guest, Miss Eula Milburn of Corsicana on Wednesday evening.

Games of bridge progressed as the evening's diversion and at the refreshment hour Mrs. Cookston passed a lovely salad plate with iced tea to Misses Milburn, Edna Marie Jones, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Mesdames David Wright, Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Harry Cookston.

**DINNER BRIDGE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cummings were at home to a number of friends on last Saturday evening. Games of auction

and Mrs. Blackburn will visit relatives in Alabama.

Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess returned Sunday from a week-end visit with relatives in Lubbock. The first of the week they had as their guests, Mr. Burgess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burgess of Lubbock, also his brother, Mr. H. L. Burgess and wife of Lubbock, who were on their way to South Texas points for a summer trip.

bridge were preceded by a delectable three course dinner.

The guest list included Messrs. and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, C. H. Jones, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, R. I. Grimes and Harry Cookston.

**IDLEWISE.**

Miss Christine Collins entertained members of the Idlewise club on last Saturday afternoon.

The rooms were decorated with lovely summer flowers and games of auction bridge progressed until tea time when the hostess assisted by Mrs. T. E. Collins passed a delectable salad and iced drink to Mesdames S. D. Gamble, Robert Mayfield, Harry Cookston, W. S. J. Brown, Warren Smith, Roy Largent, W. T. Sadler, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Iva Bragg, Boog Sears, Lorena Dry.

Every state has contributed to Texas' population, ranging from the 234 from Delaware and Nevada on up to the 115,861 from Tennessee. Outside the South, Missouri with 63,336 leads, but Oklahoma has sent 58,492, Illinois 39,941, Kansas 21,537, Ohio 19,863, Pennsylvania 15, 463 and New York 15,437.

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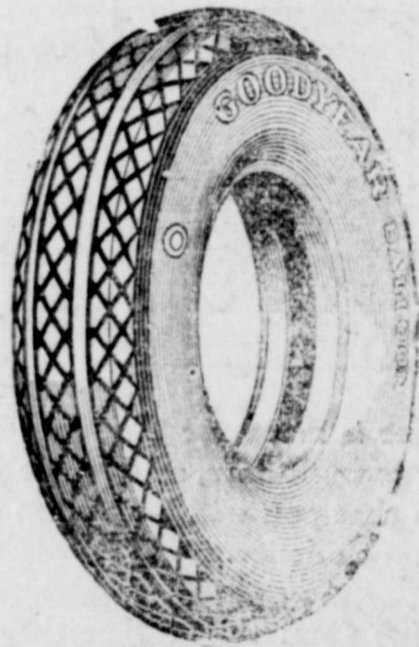
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