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## JULY 31 FINAL LIMIT OF MAKING SCHOOL TRANSFER

### Pupils Transferring From Other Districts Have Until August 1 to Attend to Matter; Regulations As to Free Tuition.

All school transfers from other districts to the Merkel Independent School district should be made by July 31. These can be made either at the office of Mr. W. O. Boney, secretary, or at that of County Supt. M. A. Williams at Abilene. This should be attended to in person by the parent of the child who wishes to transfer. Children who will be seven and will yet be under eighteen on next September 1 are eligible for transfer—from seven to seventeen inclusive. Children may transfer from any district in Taylor county to Merkel, or from a district in another county provided the district joins the Merkel Independent School district.

Pupils transferring from other districts to Merkel and who still reside outside the Merkel district are not entitled to free tuition for the entire term, but only such part as the state apportionment thus transferred will pay for this district. The regulation of the Merkel board in this matter is to allow a high school student three months free, intermediate grades four months and primary grades five months, all paying tuition rates after the expiration of these times. The tuition rates are \$5.00 per month in high school, \$4.00 in intermediate grades and \$3.00 in primary grades.

All students who plan to attend the Merkel schools for next year, and who last spring were not enumerated on the Merkel census roll, due to residence elsewhere, should transfer to Merkel before August 1. This should be done whether the student now lives in Merkel or not, or whether or not the pupil plans to live in Merkel during the next school year. This means all pupils eligible for transfer. If you were not enumerated in Merkel last spring, and are eligible for transfer, you should see Mr. Boney or Mr. Williams before August 1.

Respectfully,  
Roger A. Burgess,  
Supt. Merkel Schools.

### Weak Eyes Cause Crime.

San Antonio, July 23.—Much of the crime of today can be blamed to eye strain in adolescence, according to Dr. Walter G. Kimball of St. Joseph, Mo., trustee of the American Optometric association, which recently held a convention here.

## MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 23, 1909.)

### A QUIET WEDDING.

Wednesday night Mr. H. B. Wheeler and Miss Carrie Hargrove went to the home of Rev. A. A. Baker and were quietly married in his parlor at 9 o'clock. Rev. Baker in a few well chosen words pronounced them man and wife.

This marriage is the culmination of a lengthy and ardent courtship and quite a number of friends who waited at the tabernacle after services to witness the marriage were disappointed, it being reported to take place there.

Burl Wheeler is a man of integrity and his wife is well and favorably known, having been a teacher here in the schools for a number of terms, and both are so well known in and around Merkel that they need no commendations from any one. Mr. Wheeler is a son of Mayor W. W. Wheeler and his wife is the daughter of the late B. C. Hargrove.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended these happy people by the entire citizenship of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler took the midnight train east for an extended bridal tour.

Mrs. E. V. White returned to her home Saturday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Henry Orr and niece, Miss Madeline Addison, have been visiting relatives in Putnam for a few days.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, IS SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH DAY

Plans for Sunday School and Church day on Sunday, August 2, were perfected at a meeting of the pastors and Sunday School superintendents of the city, held at the office of The Mail Tuesday afternoon.

Present at the meeting were Pastors J. T. King of the Baptist church, R. A. Walker of the Presbyterian church and E. L. Yeats of the Methodist church, Superintendents Herbert Patterson, Methodist, W. M. Elliott, Presbyterian, and W. J. Largent, Baptist. E. Yates Brown was also present.

W. J. Largent was named general chairman and an intensive campaign to enlist every household in Merkel in a city-wide observance of Sunday School and Church day on August 2 is contemplated.

## Texas Second State in Export Values in 1930

Washington, July 23.—Raw cotton again led all export commodities from Texas during 1930 with a value of \$301,055,127, against \$426,713,260 in 1929, reports the department of commerce. Total value of all Texas merchandise exported was \$506,083,298, compared with \$657,559,600 in 1929. New York was the only state exceeding Texas in export values, with a total of \$698,659,077.

Value of other leading exports in 1930 was: Gasoline \$79,342,939, wheat \$23,361,046, illuminating oil \$18,182,590, lubricating oil \$12,787,418, crude sulphur \$11,993,758, gas and fuel oil \$11,197,301, crude petroleum \$4,510,081, and wheat flour \$3,740,988. Among other leading export commodities from the state, agricultural commodities included meat products, eggs, hides and skins, barley, corn, rice, oil cake and fresh vegetables.

### Merkel Students Attend Tarleton

According to Lieut. Col. E. W. Scott, a student of John Tarleton A. & M. college at Stephenville, several of the Merkel High School graduates are planning to enter Tarleton next fall. Those from Merkel who have attended John Tarleton are Clinton Bryan, M. V. Chaney, W. L. Chaney, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Ethel Hamilton, Weldon Wells, R. Dee Price and Alice Reed. Tarleton is a co-educational state college, a branch of the A. & M. college of Texas.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott, Trent, Friday, July 17, 1931.

Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weston, residing on Route 5, Sunday, July 19, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore of Dallas, Monday, July 20, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holloway, residing east of Stith, Wednesday, July 23, 1931.

Mrs. M. L. SoRelle returned to Escota after visiting Mrs. M. E. Mackey and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Mrs. T. G. Ferguson and fine daughters, Misses Minnye and Maude, are visiting in Pottsville.

Miss Lois Rogers visited in Abilene this week.

S. O. Shaffer and wife have returned to Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pribble are the parents of a fine daughter born last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Edwards and Misses Ola and Lula Sharp are visiting in and near Midland and will be on the ranch of Mrs. Edwards for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Gate Gazzaway and Miss Gladys Walker have returned from their visit to Robertson county.

N. D. Cobb, county commissioner of this precinct, was in town Monday and made arrangements to have the main street of Trent graded. W. A. Abbott, Albert Moore and S. D. McLeod were appointed to superintend the work and C. R. Hutchison, L. E. Adrian and R. O. Anderson appointed to raise money to pay for grubbing and plowing.



## OLD SETTLERS IN ANNUAL REUNION

### Estimated Crowd of 3,000 Assembles at Buffalo Gap; T. A. Bledsoe Re-Elected.

Officers who have served the Taylor County Old Settlers association for several years were re-elected at the annual meeting held Friday at Buffalo Gap, where a crowd estimated at 3,000 was assembled. T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene is president of the association; James E. Hurt of Ovalo and S. H. Howard of Abilene are vice-presidents and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Tuscola are secretary and assistant secretary, respectively.

### VICTORIOUS FIDDLERS.

At an old fiddlers contest, held immediately after an address by Senator Tom Connally in the afternoon, Buck Koonts of Hamlin was awarded first prize and Ford Smith of Merkel and J. A. Moses of Goldsboro drew second places. Eleven masters of the bow took place in the playing and the committee of judges saw that each received a suitable memento.

The reunion is held regularly on the third Friday in July and that date was announced for next year's meeting. Senator Connally, a master of oratory, paid a fitting and beautiful tribute to the Taylor county pioneers, many of whom came from distant points to attend the reunion. The registrar's list showed names from Arizona, Oklahoma and scores of Texas cities.

Badges identified the visitors as belonging to the 50, 45, and 40 year groups and settlers who came more than 25 and less than 40 years ago were designated as "old settlers." Many of those wearing the badge of half century distinction have retained residence in the county since their coming.

### FIRST COTTON GROWER.

J. L. (Jake) Cythers, now of Lynn county, was introduced as the man who raised the first bale of cotton in Taylor county. "Shoot him," called a white-haired man in the audience, who knew Jake in the eighties.

Mr. Cythers grew the county's first bale in 1880 on his farm in the Mulberry Canyon community and sold it at Coleman the next year for 8 1/4 cents per pound.

In the group were many early settlers of West Texas who have not lived in Taylor county, but who came as guests. Among them was J. M. Johnson of Winters, a resident of Runnels county since 1874, and for 20 years president of the Ex-Open Range Cowmen's association of Runnels and adjoining counties.

As far as was known, the oldest person on the ground was "Uncle" John Clark, who settled at Buffalo Gap about 50 years ago, and who now lives with his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Embree at Tuscola. He is approaching his 89th birthday.

### REGISTRATION LIST.

The registration list of those from Merkel, with the year of settling in Taylor county, follows:

G. W. Pruitt, 1883; D. R. Thompson, 1881; Mrs. J. L. Cargill, 1893; Mrs. R. A. Martin, 1890; Mrs. Katy Blackburn, 1900; Mr. and Mrs. John T. King, 1898; J. S. Anderson, 1895; John S. Adkins, 1901; C. A. Higgins, 1889; Mrs. J. T. Perry, 1898; J. D. Jones, 1885; J. M. Brown, 1881; Mrs. G. B. Ward, 1905; Melvin Montgomery, 1906; John Blackburn, 1897; Maurine Carter, 1889; George D. Fichle, 1884; John S. Hughes, 1889; T. A. Blackburn, 1896; Lola Pyle, 1901; Ela Pruitt, 1889; Lige Pruitt, 1889; Mrs. C. N. Crumpler, 1906; Chas. H. West, 1889; B. C. Gaither, (Continued on Page Five.)

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Municipal ownership of the gas system in Fort Worth carried Tuesday by a vote of 8,480 to 6,177, one of the heaviest votes in the history of Fort Worth having been recorded.

A flat price of 40 cents per barrel for all grades of crude oil in the Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas fields was posted Tuesday by the Continental Oil company at Ponca City, Okla.

After submitting to a blood transfusion to save the life of a young lady, Jack Knight, reporter for the El Paso Post-Herald, returned to his office and wrote the story for his paper.

The adoption of an amendment which would have permitted the inauguration of the city manager form of government was defeated at Greenville Tuesday by a vote of 954 to 531.

E. V. Spence, formerly city manager of San Angelo, has accepted a similar position at Big Spring, succeeding V. R. Smitham, who recently assumed new duties as city manager of Wichita Falls.

Injuries received when he struck a rock after diving from a railroad trestle into Kilduggan creek, near Sweetwater, resulted fatally for Cass Shields, 18-year-old Sweetwater High school youth.

Five-year-old Jackie Henbest of Lueders was thrown from his mother's arms and instantly killed Sunday night in an automobile collision two miles west of Eastland on the Bankhead highway.

Thirty per cent of the producing wells in East Texas are owned by ten major companies, which own 24 per cent of the producing leases and are producing 34 per cent of the oil by the latest figures.

A youth, identified as W. Felix Roper, 20, of Memphis, Texas, was killed at Sweetwater Tuesday when he fell beneath the wheels of a westbound freight train, both legs having been severed below his hips.

Miss Edith Cross, 18, (registered from Denton, Texas, was awarded the title of "Miss Summer Session" after a University of Southern California revue depicting bathing suit styles from 1890 to imaginary 1950.

Efforts up to Wednesday night had been unsuccessful in recovering the body of Horace Robinson, 19, of Wheeler county, who drowned in the swollen waters of Clear Fork near Fort Griffin while on a fishing party.

William Sherwood Spotts, 55, prominent Texas editor, a past president of the Texas Press association and publisher of the Bonham Favorite for twenty-five years, died Tuesday after an illness of several months in a Bonham hospital.

A tablespoonful of insect powder, taken by mistake as medicine, proved a fatal potion for Mrs. J. K. Mahon, 81, wife of a prominent pioneer farmer of the Loraine section and mother of District Attorney George H. Mahon of Colorado.

The state board of education Wednesday set the per capita school assessment for the coming year at \$17.50, the same as last year, \$15.00 of this allotment to be supplied from the cigarette tax, which becomes effective August 22.

Thomas Davis, Eastland county youth under a five-year suspended sentence for the slaying of Lucien Shook at a Leeray oil camp near Cisco in 1928, was assessed ten years by a jury in 42nd district court at Albany, which found him guilty of the death of Leon Shook, Lucien's younger brother, shot to death at the same time.

## CITY-WIDE TENNIS TOURNAMENT WILL START ON MONDAY

A city-wide tennis tournament is on the sport calendar for Merkel to begin Monday. It is expected there will be between 20 and 30 contestants.

Competition is open to everybody, 16 years of age or over, and those desiring to enter must register with A. J. Tucker before Saturday night. The entrance fee is 50 cents per player, which includes registration for both single and double events.

The singles will be played off first, starting Monday, T. D. Riddle, who directs tennis at the High school, will have charge of the pairings.

Following the singles championship matches, the doubles will be played.

## Standing Committees Of Lions Club Named

Standing committees for the new term, which embraces the last six months of 1931, were named by President Dillingham at the Tuesday luncheon of the Lions club.

H. H. Jenkins was toastmaster and, after the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown, and the invocation by Rev. E. L. Yeats, little Miss Mary Jo Russell gave clever readings and following luncheon Miss Lucy Tracy entertained with two happily selected and pleasingly rendered numbers.

Besides those on the entertainment program, the only other guest was W. J. Miller of Abilene.

The toastmaster adopted the plan of round table discussion and in the course of remarks by various members several definite objectives were named. One, which is yet to be worked out and which will apply to the 1932 season, was a suggestion of Booth Warren's that the Lions club sponsor and promote a community baseball league next year.

At the proper time, committees will start their plans for such an undertaking, so as to have all details ready before another baseball season looms. J. S. Bourn is to be toastmaster, assisted by Booth Warren, at the next luncheon, which will be Tuesday, August 4.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The president, Mat Dillingham, announced the following list of standing committees for the last six months of the year:

Attendance—Rev. E. L. Yeats, chairman; J. S. Bourn, E. Y. Brown. Membership—Dee Grimes, chairman; Rev. R. A. Walker, Bill Haynes. (Continued on Page Five.)

## PLAN FOR GERMAN AID SLATED FOR ACTION THURSDAY

### Hoover's Views Made Base for Program; 90-Day Reprieve, Extending \$100,000,000 Credit of World Bank Proposed.

London, July 23.—The committee of finance ministers of the seven power conference announced Wednesday night it had decided on a plan for economic and financial aid to Germany and that the plan would be presented Thursday to what, it was believed here, may be the final plenary session of the conference.

The plan, it was understood, would include measures intended to give Germany at least a 90-day "reprieve" in her struggle against financial and economic difficulties.

It includes a proposal for extending for three months the \$100,000,000 credit from the world bank for international settlements and other measures chiefly concerned with prevention of withdrawals of foreign investments in Germany and with general aid for Germany's finances and those of the Reichsbank.

From a quarter close to conference affairs it was learned four resolutions would be presented to Thursday's sessions. These, it was stated, would provide:

First, that the central banks and the world bank for international settlements extend the \$100,000,000 German credit for a further period of three months;

Second, that private banks be urged to leave their credits now in German hands for the present;

Third, that a world bank committee be appointed to consider the questions of short-term loans to Germany and the conversion of existing short-term loans to long-term loans;

Fourth, that the conference "notes with satisfaction" the action of German industrialists in creating a reserve of approximately \$125,000,000 on the German gold discount bank.

It was considered Wednesday night the conference, which has been in session only 48 hours, will have set a new speed record for world diplomacy if, as was anticipated in informed quarters, it approves the plan of the finance ministers' committee and decides to make Thursday's session the last plenary session of the conference. (Continued on Page Five.)



## KILLING THE SNAKE.

A pamphlet issued by one of the big insurance companies tells us how to act in emergencies: how to revive a drowning person; how to bandage a burn; what to do for snake bite.

On this last subject there is an introductory sentence which is set in big type for emphasis. It reads:

### DON'T STOP TO KILL THE SNAKE.

The idea contained in that crisp utterance has far-flung applications. Whether any specific deed should or should not be done depends not merely upon its character but equally upon the circumstances and the time.

Years ago I interviewed Dr. John R. Mott, a great leader, and I asked him his rules for selecting executives.

"I watch a candidate for a long time before I decide," he answered. "I want to satisfy myself on two points: Does he do small things well? Does he do FIRST things FIRST?"

As he spoke I remembered a well intentioned, hard working man who was under my observation at one time. He had a most amazing capacity for doing his work in the wrong order.

He was to meet his boss one day at the Grand Central Station with tickets for Detroit. The boss arrived five minutes before train time and, telephoning the office, found the man still at his desk. His excuse was that he was engaged on a plan which he thought might possibly double the business and he had become so engrossed in it that he had forgotten his watch.

The plan might have been all right, though it turned out not to be, but in dealing with it at the wrong time he caused the boss to miss a train and lose an order.

He was forever writing memoranda on matters outside his department while neglecting the routine duties for which he was paid. He was usually late to the office because he had gone out of his way to make a call which he believed might be of benefit to the company.

All of his activities were inspired by a genuine desire to increase the business and so raise his own earning power. But he was a nuisance, and was finally fired.

The human race possesses all the information necessary for the successful conduct of its affairs. Many of its troubles arise because men fail to make a schedule and arrange their tasks in the order of relative importance.

The parade is held up by perfectly good people stopping to do perfectly proper things at exactly the improper time—letting the patient perish while they earnestly kill the snake.



### Stars and Stripes Fly Again Over Ruins Of Famous Old Fort

Pecos, July 23.—The Stars and Stripes waved again over the ruins of Old Fort Davis the other day, just as they did in the days when Robert E. Lee and others guarded its palisaded walls from the attacks of the Indians.

This time, however, the gathering was entirely peaceable. It marked the convention of the Davis Mountain Association of American Legion posts.

Harry Lambert of Pecos was elected district commander of the association. C. D. Barlow of Balmorhea has been named district adjutant. Dewey Richburg is the Pecos committeeman. The association includes the posts of Pecos, Wink, Balmorhea, Van Horn, Iraan, Sanderson, Fort Stockton, Marfa, Alpine, McCamey and Monahans. Next convention time is September 12-13, at Wink.

### Fall Checks in at Santa Fe's Prison

Santa Fe, N. M., July 23.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, convicted of bribery in federal oil leases, Monday night entered the New Mexico state prison to serve a year and a day sentence.

Fall, brought from El Paso, Texas, by easy stages in an ambulance, was taken directly to the prison hospital where he is expected to serve his time.

The usual photographing, finger printing, classification and numbering routine was dispensed with until Fall is reported by the prison physician, Dr. E. W. Fiske, as able to stand these details.

Fall came here from his Tres Rios ranch, 327 miles away in New Mexico. He had stopped there two nights resting from his previous 125 miles trip from El Paso.

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### Deaths Leave Six Vacancies in House

Washington, July 23.—Congressional seats emptied by death have opened anew in six states the political tug of war begun last November for mastery of the house.

Administration forces returned from the last election with a majority of two, but since have seen that margin cut and restored as members of both parties passed on. Today house rolls show 214 republicans, 213 democrats, one farmer-laborite and seven vacancies.

Ohio, with two, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia and New York, with one vacancy each, supply the fields of contest on which control of the house may hinge. Control now is doubtful with groups in both parties forecasting while others disclaim any desire to organize for a session which history may record as one of the most turbulent.

Internal party dissension aggravated by the depression and sectional interests loom large on the horizon and may prove a weightier factor in the outcome than opportunities provided each party to gain strength in the vacant districts.

Already progressive groups have made concrete legislative demands as the price of supporting either party candidate for the speakership and a deadlock has been predicted in some quarters unless these demands are met.

Meantime, death has shown a non-partisan trend, striking in districts with definite political complexions. Of three vacancies caused by democratic deaths, one is in Georgia, and one in Brooklyn, while the Cleveland seat of Charles A. Mooney has a strong democratic record.

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### "Ten Cents a Dance," Based on Song Hit

There is always something new under the sun of Hollywood.

With the advent of talking pictures, a small army of song writers—the pick of New York's renowned "tin pan alley"—advanced upon the studios of California's film capital to add theme songs to feature pictures.

But now something new has come out of Hollywood—a talkie that is based on a song! This unusual romantic screen drama is titled "Ten Cents a Dance" and will show at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday. Barbara Stanwyck is the star.

"Ten Cents a Dance" is based upon the popular song of the same name. Before the film was put in production, Lionel Barrymore who directed it struck upon the novel idea of arranging the action and the scenes to convey the same type of rhythm as the song possessed. This idea, too, is something new under the sun in Hollywood. Barbara Stanwyck portrayed a pret-

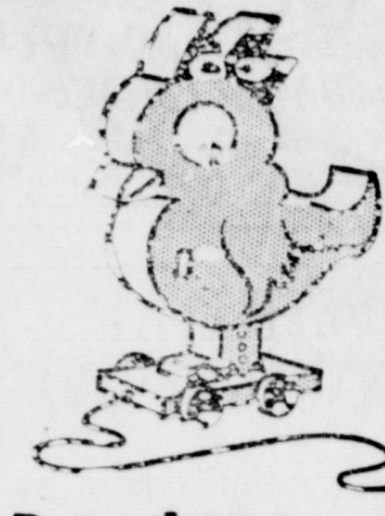
ty dance-hall hostess who finally discovers love among the motley array of men who nightly pay ten cents for the enjoyment of a dance with her.

A superlative cast of players surround Miss Stanwyck in unfolding the colorful drama of the dance-halls where blatant jazz bands and forced smiles so often conceal the note of the blues in hearts that yearn for romance.

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# ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE



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### FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

Rackruff Motors hire Rowena to accompany Peter on a nation-wide tour in their roadster as an advertising stunt. At the last minute Little Bobby is engaged to act as chaperon.

A few miles out Bobby becomes tearful at being parted from her sweetheart and Rowena insists on taking her place in the rumble so that she can ride with Peter and have him to talk to about Carter. Rowena gets Peter to consent to divide the expense money each week as soon as it arrives and astonishes Peter by eating too economically.

The three tourists reach Denver, after passing through Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis. Peter and Rowena have many tiffs on the way while Carter keeps wiring Bobby to return to New York. The morning after they reach Denver, Peter and Rowena discover Bobby has deserted them and returned to New York by train. They are faced with the impossible condition of continuing their trip without a chaperon.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY— "Well, you're not chained there, are you? There's nothing to keep you from getting out, is there? I'm in bed too, but I'm not going to let a mere being in bed interfere with my professional future, am I? I'll meet you down-stairs in ten minutes." And she hung up the receiver.

Now on the whole, no one could have been more practical about things connected solely with business than Rowena. Her clothes were smart, for all their increasing shabbiness, but they were extremely tailored and trim. Her very manners were crisp and business like. But something—she didn't know just what—prompted her to discard her chic sports costume that night. She dived to the bottom of her bag and pulled out a soft and shimmery little dinner gown of enticing line and beguiling color. She put on her highest-heeled silken slippers. She got out tinkling little blue bracelets and earrings and chains. And she accentuated her shimmering sweetness with the flattering lines of a chiffon velvet scarf, deep and wide and ruffled.

When Peter, waiting rather sulkily in the lobby of the hotel, first saw her floating toward him he could scarcely believe it was Rowena of the rumble seat. Her rouge-red lips smiled at his frank amazement and she took his hand in hers, powdery soft to the touch and faintly perfumed.

"Peter, darling," she said. "I have a gorgeous idea."

Peter's sulkiness took instant flight. "Gosh, Rowena, you—you're exquisite! You're just ravishing! You must let me paint you like that. You're simply unbelievable—you're not real!"

"Oh, but this is the real Rowena," she said with seductive sweetness. "You never saw me before. You know only a poor little working girl trying to earn her daily bread!"

"I—I've just got to paint you like that!"

"You shall," she promised, smiling. "I suppose it's too late to do it now—" he began.

"I'm afraid so." Rowena drew a deep, deep breath. Something about it—something about her—made Peter think vaguely of a swimmer standing cold and bold and bare, body poised motionless, for a distance plunge into icy water. "Peter—you—you are very sure you are not in love?"

"I will be," he assured her gallantly, "if you look like this very often."

"I'm serious, Peter."

"No, I'm not in love."

"Absolutely?"

"Absolutely."

"Then Peter, how about this?"

Another deep breath—another preliminary quiver of cold flesh anticipating an icy plunge. "You know, marriage isn't the sweetly sacred thing it used to be. It's only a sort of adventure these days, a matter of expediency, or convenience, or emotional experiment. And besides, business is far more important. Don't you think so?"

"I hadn't really thought of it in just that way," said Peter vaguely.

"Well, you think of it and you'll see I'm right. And as long as we're not in love with anybody else or anything, and nobody cares one way or the other—well, why don't we—why can't we—don't you see what I mean? Why not just go ahead with the trip the way we are, and do the work, and get the money and everything—and just get married? That's all."

Peter hadn't remotely suspected what she had in mind until she brought the word out, struck him full in the face with it, as it were. And it pulled him up short, shocked and resentful, like a struck man. "Why, Rowena, that's—that's very nice of you—I suppose. But I really had never thought about—being married to you—"

"Well," she interrupted tartly, "if it comes to that I can't think of anything in the world I'd like less than being married to you, either." But she realized at once she was off on the wrong tack and quickly changed her method. "Of course, darling," she added kindly, "I know we don't get along very well together, and that we're anything but in love. But it isn't a real marriage I have in mind. Just to cover the proprieties and let us finish up the trip.—And just think how much more money we can save, not always having to buy manicures and souvenirs for Bobby—I know a judge in New York and he'll annul us as soon as we get back. No harm done."

"Maybe he won't do it."

"Oh, yes, he will. He wants to marry me himself. He'll annul us like a shot out of a gun."

"But, Rowena—" he began wretchedly.

"And, Peter, dear Peter," said Rowena moving prettily in the transparent velvet scarf, "I'm really a terribly nice sort when I'm not working hard and worried about money. Ever and ever so many quite nice people are terribly anxious to be married to me. I dare say as a married couple we shall get along better than most. And we will be careful to get rooms on separate floors of the hotel and make the clerks give us a receipt making a note on it, so we can use it for evidence that we have never—uh—never been—anything, but just—well, married, you know."

"That's enough, if you ask me," said Peter in a troubled voice.

"I'm terribly hungry," said Rowena. "Let's go down to that cunning little place the clerk told us about and have a sandwich or something. And you think it over. I had to think up some way out of it, Peter. We just couldn't chuck it—not here—not right at the very front door of the Rocky Mountains. I couldn't bear it."

So they took a taxicab and went down to the nice little place and Rowena didn't say a word about business, or money, or professions. She talked softly of lovely, lovable things, and smiled, and the beads shone blue on her throat, and stars shone in the blue of her eyes, until Peter declared it was a very good idea of hers and they would get it done first thing next morning.

After breakfast the next morning Peter insisted upon using a small portion of their dwindling expense money to buy a plain wedding ring.

They had no trouble procuring the license, hurried directly to the office of the nearest justice and by twelve o'clock they were married.

Back in the hotel they turned abruptly away from each other as soon as they had their keys from the desk and went up to their rooms by separate elevators. And at one o'clock they were drawing out of Denver, headed north, both a little hushed, a little excited and more than a little nervous.

It was very late that night when they reached Cheyenne. The last twenty miles Peter drove slowly, creeping along as one who dreaded the ultimate arrival and when no amount of slowing down could postpone the inevitable he was plainly on edge.

"It's going to be awkward as the devil," he said moodily.

"Not at all," said Rowena. "Just go right in and ask for two rooms on separate floors."

"You'd better come with me. It will look odd for me to go in alone and then come back for you."

Rowena got out. "J-just be off-hand about it, Peter. Be casual."

"Yeh," he growled. "They're going to think it's very fishy."

Obviously, they did think so. Peter strolled up to the desk with a conspicuous assumption of nonchalance,

Rowena tagging nervously at his heels.

"Got a couple of rooms?" he asked the clerk.

"Yes, sir," said the clerk briskly. "On—er separate floors, I suppose," said Peter hopefully.

"No—connecting," said the clerk. "Er—well—" began Peter, weakening.

But Rowena nudged him. "We'd rather have them—er—on different floors, if you don't mind," he stammered and his face grew red.

The clerk looked up at them strangely. The telephone girl came around from her desk in the corner and lounged within good hearing distance. A large man in slouchy clothes, sauntered over from the cigar stand. Two men sitting near dropped their papers in their laps and one began to rub his glasses.

"Separate floors?" repeated the clerk.

"Y-yes, please," chinned Rowena helpfully. "So—so we won't wake each other up mornings. We—sleep late."

"Um, I see," said the clerk. "Traveling together?"

"Yes," said Peter firmly. "My wife and I are taking a motor trip up to Yellowstone."

The clerk swung the register toward him and handed him the pen. "Will you register?"

"Peter Blande," wrote Peter firmly. "Your—wife, too, please," said the clerk.

Peter hesitated. "Mrs.—Peter—" he wrote slowly.

Rowena leaned over, "I'd rather use my own name, Peter," she said. "For—for professional reasons."

Peter crossed out what he had written and wrote "Miss." Then he scratched that out and wrote "Rowena Rostand." But it did not look just right to him so he carefully inserted "Mrs." over the scratched-out, "Miss."

The clerk studied the name, the telephone girl looking over his shoulder as he did so. The large man in the slouchy clothes studied Peter.

"New York, eh?" said the clerk. "Yes," said Peter.

"Yes, indeed," chinned Rowena. "Motor out together?"

"Yes," said Peter and Rowena in well-timed chorus.

The clerk frowned over the room chart. "I'm afraid we're full up," he said slowly. "Not a thing left."

Peter leaned over the desk and his mild face looked quite grim and ugly. "You said you had two rooms," he said in a low voice.

"We did then," said the clerk evenly. "But just now"—he shook his head—"I'm afraid not."

The telephone girl snickered a little and one of the men sitting near by rustled his paper. Rowena flushed and caught a sharp breath, covering slightly, but Peter suddenly showed surly and efficient.

"Oh, yes, you have," he said. "Two rooms, and we'll take them. We've

got a marriage certificate, if that's what's eating you!"

"Yeah?"

"Rowena, get the certificate!"

Rowena hurriedly took it out of the side pocket of her bag. The clerk read it slowly and handed it to the large man in the slouchy clothes who looked it over and nodded churlishly.

"Denver, eh?" inquired the clerk. "Today, eh?"

"Yes," said Peter.

"Some other people drove out with us," Rowena hastened to explain. "And they were unexpectedly called back to New York—and so—the rest of us—Peter and I—just got married."

"We've got a very nice suite on the second floor," suggested the clerk. "All right," said Peter grimly.

"No," cried Rowena, faint but firm. "Separate floors."

The clerk grinned, not unsympathetically. "All right, all right," he said. "Don't be nervous, lady. We'll put him on the top floor.—Congratulations, Mr. Blande. She's certainly a beauty. She'll get over that nervousness."

Peter muttered unspeakable things deep down in his throat, and the boy came in and took their bags and led them off to separate rooms on separate floors. A loud gust of laughter swept up the elevator shaft in their wake.

In the doorway of the room assigned her Rowena turned and held out an appealing hand.

"G-good night, Peter," she said sadly.

(Continued Next Week.)

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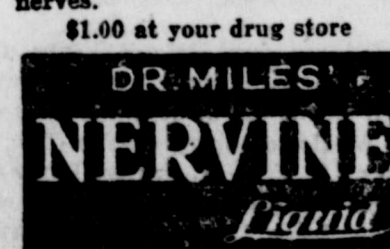
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**ACCIDENTS OF MENTAL ORIGIN.**

Ninety per cent of accidents are of mental origin, according to Dr. Harold S. Hulbert of the department of mental and nervous diseases, University of Illinois.

In an address before the National Safety council, Dr. Hulbert explained that these accidents are the result not of insanity or mental incompetence, but of thoughtlessness or carelessness.

This authority says that a person who is comfortable in mind and body, adjusted to his working and domestic life, and is not ill, perplexed, discontented or fatigued stands but a small chance of becoming the causative factor in an accident.

On the other hand, anger, fatigue, surprise and other such factors are the causes of many accidents, says Dr. Hulbert.

We cannot, of course, cure such emotional disturbances as anger and surprise, nor can we offset fatigue, but the public should understand these causes of accidents and guard against them. A worker who grows tired should become more careful because of it. An automobile driver who is suffering from some slight illness should watch his driving more carefully than when he is in good health. Once we manage to exert some control over the "mental hazard," our accident record will begin to decrease.

It is not often that reward comes in a material way for a simple kindness, but the newspapers the first of the week told the story of how William F. Martin of York, Pa., has become the recipient of \$25,000 in cash and a \$9,000 home, all because he showed a willingness to assist an elderly woman six years ago in Norristown, Pa., who had fallen on the ice and broken her leg. Martin is now a widower with one child and has been out of work for three months; so the bequest from the lady's will comes most opportunely.

**LIFE INSURANCE MAKES RECORDS.**

No other institution enjoys a larger measure of public faith than life insurance.

During 1930—generally considered to be a "poor year," the people of the United States bought about \$18,500,000,000 of new life insurance—\$1,100,000,000 more than the average for the five preceding record-breaking years, and but 4 per cent less than in 1929 when the high-water mark was reached. The new insurance sold in 1930 was greater than all the life insurance in force in 1911, when it just passed the \$18,000,000,000 mark. At the end of 1930 approximately \$108,500,000,000 was in force in this country, held by 68,000,000 policy holders—55 per cent of our entire population.

Nineteen-thirty was likewise the year in which the high record for payments to policy holders was established—\$2,200,000,000; \$238,000,000 more than in 1929. All these payments were made from available funds, without weakening in the slightest the insurance foundation, in spite of depression and difficulties in the financial world. Life insurance, to the average American, is synonymous with thrift, with wise forethought. It means protection for wives and dependents, security against poverty. There are many times as much of it in force in the United

**CHURCHES**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

The meeting at the Tabernacle continues with increasing interest. Brother Woodriddle is doing some of the finest preaching ever done here. If you have not heard him yet come out and do so. You will not be disappointed when you have heard him, we think.

The day services at 4 p. m. are very plain and practical and are especially addressed to members of the church. The evening services at 8:30 p. m. are fine; especially do we commend the sermons to you as of the highest type and urge that everybody come to these services.

Services for next week are as usual and as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., preaching and communion 11 a. m. to 12 m., preaching services at 4 p. m. and at 8:30 p. m., Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

We extend to you a cordial invitation.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

C. E. Conner is to be the leader for the Men's Prayer service next Sunday, which is to be held at the Presbyterian church. The lesson will be the fifth chapter of Acts. Every man in Merkel and in the surrounding communities is cordially invited to attend these Sunday afternoon services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

The total attendance at four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 775. No report was received from the Nazarene church.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time so as to close to attend church elsewhere. No preaching service, as pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come and worship with us.

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

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

We were delighted to have 141 present in the adult department at Sunday School last Sunday.

We are heartily in sympathy with the move to have a Sunday School and Church day. Let us keep morals and Christianity ever before the mind of our citizenship.

We are glad to make announcement that Rev. J. H. Hamblin, pastor of the First Church, Abilene, will be with us in a revival beginning the third Sunday in August and closing the fifth Sunday. Make your plans to attend this meeting from first to last.

Brother Hamblin needs no introduction.

States as in any other country—and that is one reason for our being the greatest and most progressive, in practical ways, of the nations.

One of the largest taxicab companies in New York City has recently supplied 2,500 drivers with washable uniform jackets made of lightweight tan cotton sheeting for comfortable summer wear. These coats are similar to those furnished by supply service companies to barber shops, restaurants and an increasing number of offices in the cities for a small weekly fee and incidentally add just that much toward the greatly to be desired increased consumption of cotton.

Hailed as another reduction in the price of gasoline in London, following a drop of two cents, it is reported that commodity is now selling at 17 cents, but to this must be added the tax of 12 cents a gallon, making the price to the consumer 29 cents. Considering that our 4 cent tax goes to road building and the state public school system, maybe we should not complain about the present tax on gasoline in Texas.

tion, as he is known to be one of the most sincere and successful pastor-evangelists of our conference and we are indeed fortunate to secure his services.

Regular services next Sunday with a helpful message for all.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE.**

Song.  
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 Story, J. V. Patterson.  
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 Song.  
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**SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

"Under Southern Skies," a missionary program.  
 Scripture reading, Psalm 72.  
 Introduction, Himalaya Swafford.  
 Jacksonville, Fla., Willie Evelyn Boaz.

Cuba, Vernie Derrick.  
 New Orleans, Mary King.  
 Mexico, Lona Bryan.  
 Panama, Margaret Canon.  
 "Home Again," Clara Pilcher.  
 Come to B. Y. P. U. every Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Rev. J. N. Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist church of Henrietta, Texas, will preach at both hours next Sunday.

At the close of the evening service the personal friends of Lake J. Renfro and the general public are invited to come and witness his baptism. Brother Renfro has many friends in Merkel and they are rejoicing over his happy conversion.

Don't forget August 2 is Church and Sunday School day in Merkel. Come and bring your friends and visitors.

All services at regular hours Sunday. Let's give Brother Hunt a great hearing.

J. T. King, Pastor.

**SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

Subject: "Getting Along with Other People."

Song service.  
 Scripture: Prov. 13:10; 26:21; 1 John 4:12; Romans 13:10.

Leader, Orpah Patterson.  
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 "Kindness," Paul Collins.  
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 Business.  
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**Injured Man Lowered By Block and Tackle**

Fort Worth, July 23.—With his right shoulder and hip crushed by machinery on top of a ninety-five-foot grain elevator, Bill Edge, 29, was lowered to the ground by firemen with the aid of a block and tackle and taken to a hospital, where his injuries are believed to be perhaps fatal.

He was working on the gallery of the Kimbell elevator on South Main street Monday when he was caught by a belt and thrown into the machinery, fellow-employees said.

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**SOCIETY**

**PICNIC AND SWIM.**

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**CHEERFUL WORKERS CLASS.**

The beautiful home of Miss Anna Lou Russell was the scene of a merry crowd who assembled in their tackiest garb last Friday evening. Games were enjoyed and stunts were played on the lawn, also music was featured in the evening's entertainment which culminated in the judging of the tacky costumes, prizes being awarded Tracy Campbell as the tackiest boy and Lola Shelton, tackiest girl. Delicious sandwiches and punch were served to Misses Christine Boyd, Thelma McAninch, Opal Patterson, Lola Shelton, Addie Faye Patterson, Imogene Hayes, Athelda Yeats, Zada and Oneda Bell, Mary Collins and Anna Lou Russell. Boys were Foster Watts, Alvis Yeats, Glen Roberts, Weldon McAninch, Fred Baker, L. D. Boyd, Tracy Campbell and several others.

**MCCAIN-PIERCE.**

Friends of Mrs. Molly Pierce and C. McCain will be glad to learn of their marriage which was solemnized at 8:30 Thursday morning in the home of Mrs. Pierce. Only a few close friends were present for the ceremony. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated.

**BAPTIST PREACHER POUNDED.**

A complete surprise awaited Rev. J. T. King and family when they were invited into the basement of the church at the close of the mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening. A table loaded with lovely gifts was presented to the preacher and from another flower-decked table punch was served. An appropriate reading by Miss Lucy Tracy was dedicated to the pastor, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott and talks by E. Yates Brown and W. J. Largent followed. This was in honor of the pastor's birthday which is next Sunday.

**THE WILLING WORKERS CLASS.**

The Willing Workers class met Tuesday, July 14, at the home of Misses Dota and Ollie Garoutte, when an interesting program was given. The devotional was led by Miss Mary Derstine. Plans were made for the Orphans Home box.

During the social hour contests were enjoyed. Ice cream and cake was served to the following guests: Mesdames W. D. Butler, S. A. Derstine, W. M. Elliott, T. M. Smith, W. A. Walker, E. Tucker, James Patterson, L. L. Murray and A. A. Baker; a visitor Mrs. Reagan, and Misses Mary Derstine, Lizzie Kenney, Jennie Kenney, Mollie McCulley and the hostess.

**FAMILY REUNION.**

An enjoyable family gathering was held on Sunday when the children and grandchildren met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King, constable for the Merkel precinct.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. King and sons, J. T., Bobby, Billie, Herbert and Lloyd; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. King and son, Weldon, and daughter Coleen; Mr. and Mrs. George

King, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. King of Wichita Falls and Minter King of Merkel.

**Galli-Curci and John McCormack on Artist Course of Simmons U.**

Abilene, July 23.—Three world celebrities and one of the world's greatest musical organizations will be brought to West Texas during the coming school year, the artist course management of Simmons university has announced.

Galli-Curci, celebrated coloratura soprano, Harry Lauder, character actor-singer, John McCormack, world's most popular tenor, and the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra are the three major attractions scheduled, which are to appear during the school year at the Simmons University auditorium.

Date for the Galli-Curci concert has been set as February 19. It will be her second appearance here. She sang before 2,000 people in 1928.

Other dates have not been set definitely. Lauder will appear in the fall, the Minneapolis symphony will come in late winter, and John McCormack is scheduled for the spring.

This will be the first appearance of either McCormack or the orchestra, in West Texas and the first time any full symphony orchestra has appeared in this section of the state.

The Simmons Artist course has brought to West Texas in the past such attractions as Paderewski, Schumann-Heink, Sousa's band, Whiteman's orchestra, the U. S. Army band, the band of the Royal Belgian Guards, Will Rogers, Galli-Curci, and Mischa Levitski.

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**MATTERS MUSICAL**

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Christine Collins.

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## Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, July 23.—Wednesday's cattle market was more active than usual, and prices on all kinds were fully steady. The estimate was for 2,800 head of cattle and 600 calves.

Fed steers sold up to \$5.50. Several loads of grassers cleared around \$3.25 to \$4.60. A car of strictly choice fed cows made \$4.65. One sale of top yearlings was at \$7.75. Bulls brought \$2.00 to \$3.25. The best calves were taken at \$6.00 to \$6.50.

No quotable change was detected in the trend of hog values, with about 400 head here. Truckers notched \$7.55 and the top in the rail division was \$7.45.

Lambs and wethers were disposed of on a steady to 25c higher basis, lambs reaching \$5.85 and aged wethers \$2.75. Fat yearlings at \$4.00 were steady. Receipts amounted to 3,800 head.

Two More Cars Wheat Shipped. Two more cars of wheat were shipped during the past week, bringing the total shipments from Merkel for the season to 32 carloads.

## Standing Committees

(Continued from Page One.) Finance—A. T. Sheppard, chairman; Booth Warren, C. H. Jones. Civic—S. D. Gamble, chairman; P. P. Dickinson, C. W. Delmer. School Affairs—H. H. Jenkins, chairman; Supt. R. A. Burgess, W. T. Nichols. Fellowship—Rev. R. A. Walker, chairman; Dee Grimes, C. H. Jones. Public Health—Dr. R. I. Grimes, chairman; Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. L. C. Zehnppennig. Activities—Booth Warren, chairman; Rev. E. L. Yeats, C. W. Delmer. Song leader, E. Y. Brown. Club reporter, C. J. Glover, Jr.

## Old Settlers

(Continued from Page One.) 1883; D. J. Gibson, 1885; H. B. Chambliss, 1890; A. W. Hunter, 1886; W. T. Lindley, 1878; Mrs. G. F. Woods, 1893; Mrs. C. S. Curb, 1888; J. L. Banner; W. A. Thornton, 1906; G. B. Brown, 1884; Mrs. E. H. Patterson, 1893; Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, 1890; Mrs. A. W. Hunter, 1886; J. M. Blackburn, 1897; Roy Hunter, 1900; M. A. Hunter, 1900.

S. P. McInnis, 91, pioneer Brown county rancher, who came to Brown county in 1867, and who served four years in the Confederate army, died Tuesday.

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## Reports Show Crops In Splendid Shape

Abilene, July 23.—Crops throughout the territory served by the West Texas Utilities company are reported in splendid shape, according to the monthly business and crop conditions survey conducted by the company and made available from its offices here yesterday. General business conditions during the past month showed a slight increase, according to the report, but trade and collections are still below normal.

Several widely scattered sections were in need of rainfall, but precipitation last week, which was general throughout the properties, was sufficient to satisfy immediate needs. The report indicates that all crops now have sufficient moisture to carry them through to maturation.

Increased acreage planted to feed and grain crops and unusually high production per acre indicate a yield of feed and small grain in the neighborhood of twenty to twenty-five per cent above normal. Although cotton acreage has been reduced throughout the territory, excellent crops will increase the production above normal, according to the report.

Contributing to the slight improvement in general business conditions, wheat and grain harvests throughout the territories have stimulated trade. Territories adjacent to San Angelo and Dalhart—which consistently have been "white spots" on the business map—continue to report the best business of the territory served by the West Texas Utilities company.

Low prices on farm and ranch products, and the unsettled condition of the oil industry are listed as the principal deterrents toward a resumption of normal business conditions.

The monthly business and crop conditions report of the West Texas Utilities company includes reports from all sections of the 45,000 square miles served by the transmission lines of the company. District superintendents, from whom detailed reports are received, are in close touch with the various activities of their respective operating districts and the combined report is considered an accurate indication of the general trend of the territory.

## Aid Plans Settled

(Continued from Page One) The proposed plan, it was said, largely is based on President Hoover's views as communicated to Secretaries Stimson and Mellon at Paris a few days ago, but they have been woven into the general fabric of a European plan for stemming the tide of German collapse.

Each nation represented here has had a share in the plan, it was said, but nobody could forecast whether the measures which probably will be taken will be sufficient to satisfy Germany's requirements.

If the conference adjourns Thursday, the committee of experts which has been dealing with details of the Hoover reparations holiday will continue its work at London, it was said.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

## Leaps Off Bridge To Avoid Officers, Man is Drowned

Fort Worth, July 23.—W. L. Corley, who leaped off the new Lake Worth bridge Monday night when pursued by peace officers, came to his death through "accidental drowning," according to verdict of Justice Bowman of Azle.

When two officers approached who wished to question him, Corley, who was sitting in the rear seat of a car, leaped to the railing of the bridge and over before he could be stopped. His head struck one of the concrete pilings and his body was not recovered until an hour later.

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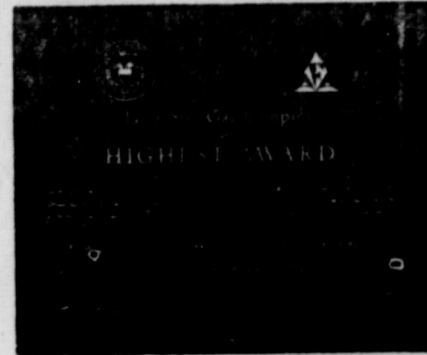
"FOUR YEARS ago, I suffered with heart-burn and bilious indigestion. Whatever I ate disagreed with me. Gas on my stomach made me very uncomfortable. My tongue was coated and my color was bad. I needed a good laxative, and so my mother-in-law gave me some Black-Draught and told me to take it. I found it helped me very much, so I bought it for myself. Seems it was the very thing I needed. It is a fine family remedy, and I use it when I need something for constipation."

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# Southwestern Utility Wins National Recognition in Advertising Competition



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ADDITIONAL national recognition of advertising which was planned, produced and published in the Southwest came to the Lone Star State recently when two newspaper advertisements of a Southwestern public utility company won awards in national competition.

One of these advertisements, entitled "Now Is the Time to Learn How One Match Can Heat Your Home All Winter," appearing last September over the signature of the Lone Star Gas Company in this and other newspapers of this territory, has been awarded first prize in a contest conducted by the Gas News Business Division of the annual Better Copy Contest conducted by the Public Utilities Advertising Association of America. The award carries a handsome engraved scroll detailing the fact that this particular advertising copy was judged the most excellent in its class among the thousands of entries offered by utility companies throughout the United States and Canada. More than 2,000 advertisements were entered. The copy was prepared by George Nash, of Tracy-Locke-Dawson, Inc., national advertising agency of Dallas which serves the Lone Star Gas Company.

The same company also received additional recognition when a local advertisement written by Miss Lois Uppshaw, of the Lone Star advertising department's staff, was given third prize in the institutional division for gas companies. This advertisement was published over the signature of the Dallas Gas Company, a Lone Star subsidiary.

Awards in the contest totalled 36, and only two others, besides those won by the Lone Star advertisements, were won by Southern companies.

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- BACON, salt jowls, lb. 8c
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- MILK, Armour's, baby size, 6 cans 25c
- TEA, Tetley Gold Label, 1-4 lb. 21c
- SOAP, Armour's, Lighthouse, 10 bars 25c
- CAKES, Vanilla Wafers, 1 lb. package, with 1 pkg. Whole Wheat Biscuit free 35c
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# Rural Community Correspondence

## Next Meeting of Salt Branch Club July 31

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met Friday, July 17, at the club house with 22 present. The club began a course in practical nursing with Nurse Favra as teacher. Personal hygiene and communicable disease with their treatment were studied Friday.

All members are urged to be present at each meeting in order to pass the examinations to be given in October. The next class will be held Friday, July 31, at 4 o'clock. Bring pencils and note books.

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Sam Price and Joy Juanita Doan are on the sick list; also, Mrs. Rex McLain, who underwent an operation sometime ago, is not doing so well at this writing.

Sam Province has gone for several weeks stay with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox, of Clint, Texas. Mrs. Cox reports fine crops in the Rio Grande valley.

Mrs. Hayne Hughes of Abilene and daughter, Miss Lizzie Lou, of Oklahoma City visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore Thursday.

Mr. Tom Spears and daughter, Mrs. Chalmer Patterson, of Lubbock, while guests of Mr. Spears' son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears of Valera, made an extended trip to the Alamo city and points over Texas. Mr. Spears is agent of the Santa Fe there.

Mrs. Susie Doan and daughters, Mrs. Mae Horton of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, had a pleasant visit with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan, and family of Clyde Saturday afternoon and were accompanied back by Mr. Preston Doan, who spent the week-end with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

Rev. and Mrs. John Reynolds and babies of Dripping Springs and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes for the week-end.

A large crowd of people from all over the entire county attended the Taylor county singing convention at the Baptist church Sunday evening. They had a real singing and a good old-fashioned hand-shaking of old friends and neighbors. We invite these fine people back.

Great crowds have been attending the Rev. Marvin Williams' revival at the Methodist church over the week-end. The public is cordially invited to attend this series of meetings. We need your co-operation and want you to feel welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins are happy parents over the arrival of a fine girl, born over the week-end at an Abilene sanitarium. Mother and the little miss are doing nicely at this writing.

## HEBRON NEWS

The meeting starts Friday night. Rev. Sam Morris of Stamford will do the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris visited relatives in the Canyon Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin F. Carey and two children, accompanied by Blanche and Ruby Carey, Norris Barnett and Clements Carey, drove over to Stamford Sunday morning to hear Dr. J. Frank Norris preach.

Misses Anna Mae Harris and Gladys Barley spent Saturday night with Miss Irene Pence.

## RURAL SOCIETY

**MRS. O. L. MAYFIELD HONORED.** Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Hurman Doan acted as joint hostesses at a birthday party honoring Mrs. O. L. Mayfield Saturday afternoon.

Pink and white were the favored colors which delightfully decorated the home of Mrs. Hurman Doan. As the guests arrived the gifts were collected by the charming little 12-year old daughter of Mrs. Hurman Doan who was dressed to represent love. The gifts were presented to the honoree by Mrs. Rex McLain.

After an enjoyable afternoon of games punch, ice cream and cake were served to Misses Vera and Mamie Walker, Catherine Orsburn, Mesdames O. L. Mayfield, O. W. Walker, J. W. Mayfield, Rex McLain, E. J. Orsburn, Claud Doan, John Meeks, Hurman Doan, Hugh Campbell, Jim Campbell and Vergil Doan.

Thanks, folks, for the wonderful response to our Limit Sale. The Sale continues with big specials for Saturday. Brown's Bargain Store.

A giant bridge, planned to cross Golden Gate at the entrance to San Francisco Bay, will be a mile and a half long.

## White Church News

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston of the Brown ranch are the proud parents of twin boys. Mother and boys are doing nicely.

Friends of Ray Brown will be very sorry to hear that he is suffering from a nervous breakdown, having gone to a hospital in Wichita Falls. We hope he will soon be home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson have been at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Rex McLain, in Merkel.

Quite a few from here attended the Old Settlers reunion in Buffalo Gap Friday.

Mrs. George Hunter of Lubbock is visiting in the W. C. Hunter home.

Mrs. B. D. Presley and Baby Jean accompanied her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins, of Rochester on a visit to Levelland, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West have been enjoying a visit from their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bush, of Altus, Okla., and Mrs. H. B. James of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Ray Brown, who has been sick, is better at this writing. Mrs. Brown and little son have been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. D. Coats.

Mrs. A. M. Brown has as her guests her daughters of Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conneley and two sons of Henderson are visiting her mother, Mrs. P. A. Riggan.

## COMPERE NEWS

Crops in our community are doing fine since the good rains.

Threshing has been in progress the past few days. Uncle Joe Higgins of Merkel has been doing the work.

Most all the farmers have finished hoeing and plowing and are now taking "a few days of much needed rest."

Bill Childers and family have moved back to Big Spring where Mr. Childers has employment.

Rev. Mr. Bryant of Anson filled his regular appointment at Zion Chapel Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Ina Mae Childers entertained members of the Epworth League with an ice cream supper last Saturday night. Everyone had a fine time.

Norbin Palmer and family of Chickasha, Okla., have returned to Comper to make their home, after an absence of several months.

Mesdames Chester and Burley Bonds of Trent spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster and children and Edd Breeze were Merkel visitors one day last week.

The Sunday afternoon singing at this place was well attended. Everyone come and bring some one with you.

## DORA DOINGS

Dirt for the new gym at the school is being moved and the building will be well under way the last of the week.

Among those shaking hands at the Old Settlers reunion Friday were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry, John Dudley, and family, Mrs. Della Perry, G. W. Whiteaker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Mrs. J. T. Perry and Mrs. Ruth Perry Jones and children.

G. W. Koerth and daughter, Mrs. Launa Morrow, are visiting in Oklahoma this week.

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and daughter. Mr. Thompson is engineer for the gin. We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Abany and family, who bought the J. L. Jones farm and moved in last week.

Sanford Moore and family of Hylton visited O. S. Moore here Monday.

Mrs. Berta Magee is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Ford Phillips, of Champion.

Mrs. J. E. Porter is visiting on the Plains and in New Mexico for a month.

Mrs. Pape and son were visitors in Merkel Sunday.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hassel and children, Miss Elizabeth and Messrs. Paul and J. W., of Compton, Calif., stopped over Friday for a short stay with friends. They were en route to Cross Plains to visit their daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Garley Williams, and family. On Monday they returned here, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Williams and family, who came this far with them, and were all guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott for the day, spending the night in the home of Walter McElmurry.

Miss Clara Lewis of Vera was the guest of Mrs. Clarence Duncan last Thursday. Mrs. Duncan is home from the hospital and is improving nicely after a tonsil operation.

M. L. Jones, who has been working in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi for the past four months, was home for a visit recently. He returned Monday to his work in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott are announcing the arrival of a baby boy on the 17th, named Forrest. Mrs. Abbott's mother, Mrs. Shipman, of Merkel is visiting them.

Miss Sarah Julia Johnson has as her guests this week Misses Johnnie Watson and Nina Mea Dodson of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour left Monday for a visit with their son, Stanley, and family of Rankin. They will also visit their son, Jimmie Armour, and family at Del Rio before returning.

Mrs. M. B. Bell and daughter, Neda, of Merkel were guests Monday and Monday night of Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Miss Ruby Johnson is visiting her sister, Mrs. John West, in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter of Abilene were guests Monday of relatives here.

Those from here attending the encampment at Lucders last week were C. T. Beckham, who went over Monday and spent the entire week; Mrs. Alex Williamson and her Sunday School class of girls, Misses Helen and Vera Bright, Odessa and Winnie McDonald, Elizabeth Winn, Gladys Alice Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts, Johnnie and Jake, Jr.; Elmer McDonald, going over Thursday and staying until Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family, Mrs. J. B. Winn and Miss Dollie Wash went over and spent the day Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright are home after a pleasant visit in East Texas.

Miss Maurine Smith is visiting in Stanton this week.

Mrs. J. C. Ramsey of Houston is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kading and son of Coleman were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood.

Miss Ruby Richardson of Rosebud is the guest of her cousins, Messrs. Malcolm and Leslie Beasley.

Rev. and Mrs. John Reynolds and children of Dripping Springs are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. Jessie Dudley and children and Miss Beatrice Burleson left Saturday

for a visit with their mother at Linden.

Quite a few from here attended the Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Reeves and daughter, Lillian Grace, Algie Steen and family, Misses Imogene Mangum, Victorene Bishop, Gafford and Steadman Reneau, and others whose names we failed to get.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Norwood of Comanche spent the day Friday in the home of their son, W. E. Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and children of Vernon returned to their home Saturday after spending several days of their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith, and sister, Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walling of Lawton, Okla., were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mrs. Lonzo McElmurry and little daughter, Muriel, returned Saturday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Loss Williams, of Mobeta.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards returned Saturday from a visit of several days at Byers with Mrs. Edwards' parents. They were accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. White.

Handley Vessels, Clell Dowdy, Delmer McLeod, Chock Hutcheson and Jack Bowers, the boys that attended C. M. C. training camp at Camp Bullis, returned home Monday.

Misses Cora Scott and Fannie Aldridge of Abilene came over Sunday for a visit with their brother, Spurgeon Scott, and family. Miss Fannie left Tuesday for a visit of ten days with friends and relatives at Sweetwater, Lubbock and Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. Ed Burks and Miss Winnie Brown went to Stamford Sunday and heard the Rev. Frank Norris preach.

Mrs. Freeman received the news that her daughter, Miss Katherine, was operated on for appendicitis in a Fort Worth hospital, but did not go, as she was reported doing nicely.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Watkins of Lubbock will be interested to hear of the recent marriage of their son, Minor.

The air passenger rate from London to Karachi, India, the trip being 5000 miles and covered in five days, has been fixed at \$490, in comparison with \$460 for the land and water trip, which requires about 17 days.

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## UNION RIDGE NEWS

The Methodist meeting closed on Tuesday, July 14. Outwardly very little success was recorded, but we know there was some good done to our community.

The Baptist revival at Hebron will begin this Friday night. Rev. O. B. Tatum will be assisted by Rev. Sam Morris, who is pastor of the Stamford Baptist church.

Miss Geraldine Taylor of Fort Worth has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. O. R. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell and son and daughter of Levelland were Sunday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris. When they return from Gladewater they will perhaps stay several days in our community.

Mrs. Angus Garvin and children of Salt Branch and Mrs. Rhodes of East Texas were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey and sons and Blanche and Clements Carey and Morris Barnett motored over to Stamford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family, Mrs. M. A. Douglas and Misses Mildred and Maurine Dean were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas of Noodle.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell has as her guest her mother who lives in Wichita Falls.

Forest rangers in the Northwest have received instructions to bury glass bottles whenever found on the theory that the sun's rays will start fires.

Senator Marcy of New York, in 1832, in the course of a speech coined the phrase, "To the victor belong the spoils."

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## CANYON NEWS

The Baptist meeting is now in progress at the Butman tabernacle. Brother Rankin is doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Barbee and family of Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews Sunday.

Mrs. Leo Lily, who has been very ill, is reported as doing nicely at this writing.

Mr. Earl Pribble of New Mexico was seen in our midst last week.

Mrs. A. B. Eanes and children visited with Mrs. J. L. Perry Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Peterson and son, Bobby Glenn, spent Saturday with Granny Perry of Nubia.

## Payless Vacation.

Chicago, July 23.—Each of Chicago's 25,000 city employees must take a vacation of two weeks without pay, it was announced Saturday in Mayor Anton J. Cermak's latest economy campaign. The city will save \$2,400,000 through the system.

Sir George Grierson, an expert of the British civil service in India, is master of 179 languages and 554 dialects.

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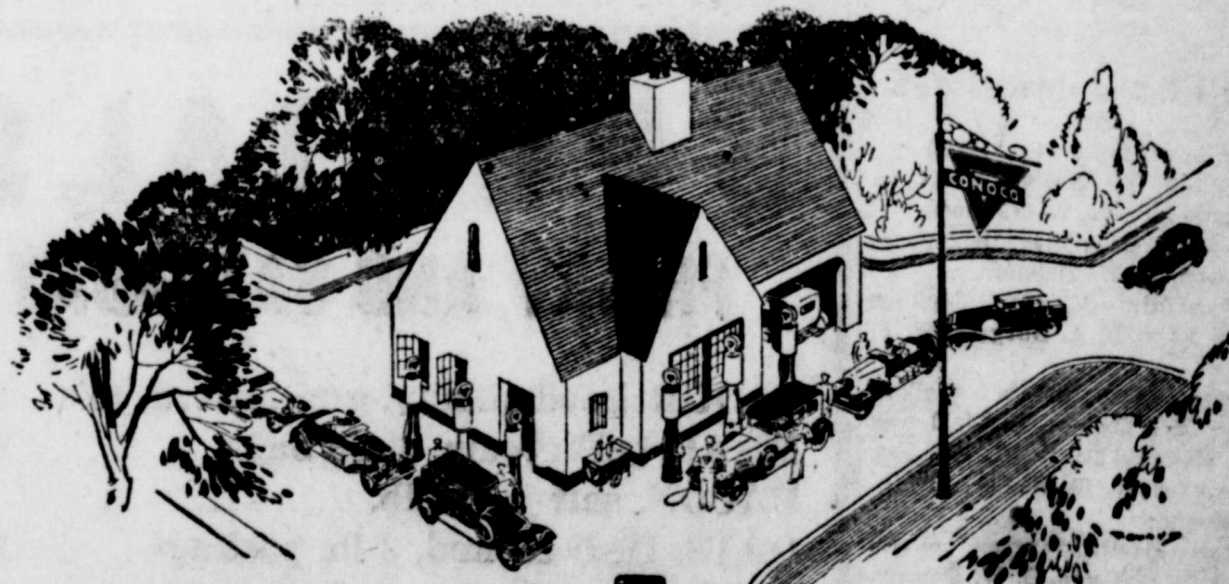
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Dear Mr. Glover:

In my last letter, we were in Washington City. Before leaving there, we made a visit to the White House. We succeeded in seeing the lower floor and the gold room and in seeing Mrs. Hoover.

Leaving Washington, we drove to Philadelphia, a city of some two million people—about eight times the size of Dallas. Driving down Chestnut street, through the narrow lane of skyscrapers, is the most difficult driving I've ever done. Here we saw Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. We saw the very room where the colonial delegates signed the Declaration of Independence.

### OLD CAPITOL

Independence Hall was the capitol from 1789 to 1800. New York City was the first capital, and here Washington took the oath of office. This remained the capital for only a few months, when it was moved to Philadelphia, and then to Washington in 1800, Washington laying the cornerstone. The trowel he used in laying the cornerstone is on exhibition in the Masonic lodge in Alexandria.

### VALLEY FORGE

Then we drove over to Valley Forge where Washington and his army spent the awful winter of 1777-8. Valley Forge is only twenty miles distant from Philadelphia, now only a few minutes drive, but then in winter a rather safe distance from the British, who were wintering in Philadelphia.

At Valley Forge can still be seen the stone building which served as Washington's headquarters. Here may still be seen the lines of entrenchments thrown up, and the hut-holes of the soldier huts. On the grounds is located the Valley Forge Memorial cathedral,

with a set of chimes, each state represented by one bell. Texas is one of the few not represented. This cathedral is a favorite place for weddings now. There were seven scheduled on the day we were there. We saw one. "Here comes the bride," and so on are played on these chimes.

From Valley Forge we drove the short distance to Trenton, crossing the Delaware where Washington did on that bleak Christmas night. We stayed at Trenton.

Trenton advertises that it is the center of a circle with a hundred-mile radius, and that within this circle live one-tenth of the nation's people—twelve million. This circle would include the cities of Philadelphia and New York. We get an idea from this what short distances we have here as compared to West Texas.

From Trenton we drove on to Englewood, N. J., just across from New York. Here we received our "Merkel Mail" and other mail, met Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Tucker, and went over to New York, via the ferry. There are many ferries crossing the Hudson here—no bridge across the Hudson nearer than fifty miles up. The new Hudson River bridge under construc-

tion right at the city will cost \$75,000,000.

We are located in an apartment on the 9th floor of a twelve-story apartment house on the corner of Broadway and 115th streets, just off the campus of Columbia. When located, we found we had driven 3,750 miles and had been en route three weeks.

Columbia University opened on July 6, with 15,000 students enrolled. In the winter session some 30,000 are enrolled—the largest university in America. Almost every foreign nation and state is represented.

Some other time, I want to tell you something about the means of transportation here—subways, elevated trains, busses, street cars, autos, taxis, etc. This morning we drove through the Holland tunnel under the Hudson river—a tube nearly two miles long.

I am getting The Mail regularly now, even if I am away off up here. We all enjoy it.

Very truly,

Roger A. Burgess.

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