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MEMBERS LIONS CLUB IN FAVOR REDUCTION PLAN

Expression of Opinions on Proposed Cotton Remedies; One Member Favors Long Plan; Burgess Tells of Columbia.

With 18 members present, the Merkel Lions club expressed themselves by individual ballot at their Tuesday luncheon on the proposed cotton plans, 12 being in favor of the 50-50 cotton acreage bill, one for the Long plan and three against limitation. The expression was made at the suggestion of the president of the club, who said that the president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce had written to find out the sentiment of members of that body, whose membership is largely confined to the Lions club here.

The summary of this expression of the opinion of the members of the club was mailed to Senator Oliver W. Cunningham and Representative R. M. Wagstaff by the secretary on instruction from the club.

When the meeting was called to order by the president, Mat Dillingham, the club singing was led by C. W. Deller, with Miss Thelma McAninch accompanying. The invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Dee Grimes, the toastmaster, was assisted by Dr. R. I. Grimes, and the special program provided featured instrumental music by the three Yeats, Misses Athelda and Helen and Alice, with cornet, saxophone and violin, respectively, accompanied by Miss McAninch. Their selections included melodious love songs of past and present, each number being greeted with much appreciation.

The club had the pleasure of hearing Supt. Roger A. Burgess review the highlights of his recent trip to New York, accompanied by his wife, including attendance at the summer school of Columbia university, which he described as the world's biggest university. He specialized in the school of school administration, there having been 108 superintendents in the class in which he enrolled, coming from nearly every state in the union, from Maine to California, including four from Texas.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Web Hannah, residing south of town, Thursday, August 27, 1931.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Eaves, residing in the Canyon, Thursday, August 27, 1931.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Perry, residing south of town, Thursday, August 27, 1931.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bozart, Trent, Saturday, August 29, 1931.

Cotton Receipts.

Cotton receipts for the season up to Thursday morning showed a total of 48 bales. This compares with 182 bales up to the same date last year.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 1, 1911.)

Prof. Cox, president of the Christian College at Abilene, was in Merkel the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit have moved to the O'Brian house on Oak street.

Master Harry Merritt is spending the week in the mountains with Master Vestal Hicks near White Church.

Mrs. Proctor of Colorado is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Rose. They will move back to Texas. Her husband will come overland and will be on the road about four weeks.

The Baptist church ladies honored Mrs. J. T. Howard, who recently underwent a successful operation at the sanitarium in Dallas. The ladies together with their husbands and families met at the church Friday evening, each coming with well filled baskets. They went in a body to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard taking them completely by surprise when they began to cover the walk from the porch to the iron front gate with tablecloths and revealed everything good to eat. The compliment was most pleasing to Mrs. Howard, showing how much she

Young Chicagoan Comes to Grief at Sheriff's Picnic

Mundelein Ill., Sept. 3.—Thomas Chissman, a young man from Chicago, went to a picnic Sunday but he didn't have one.

It was the sheriff's annual picnic, sponsored by Sheriff Lester Tiffany of Lake county. Present were numerous deputy sheriffs, bailiffs, policemen and constables, including Constable John Knox.

Knox said he felt a tug at his rear pocket. Turning he seized Chissman and recovered a wallet containing \$200 and marched his prisoner to a platform, where Tiffany was presiding.

"The idea!" said the sheriff, "picking on a constable at a sheriff's picnic."

Then they took Chissman to jail.

Dub Diltz Winner in Medal Score Foursome

Shooting 76, two more strokes than his qualifying score, Dub Diltz won medalists honors in the foursome played last Sunday at the Merkel golf club. Ed Lancaster finished with 83, while Booth Warren and Hale Lancaster tied with 86 each.

Pairings were posted early in the week for tournament play and four of the first flight matches have been completed.

On account of recent illness, R. O. Anderson did not play his match with Ed Lancaster. The latter was victorious in his second round with Ellery Smith of Trent, winning 4 up. This is the only second round play so far.

Results of other first matches in the first flight are:

Ellery Smith of Trent defeated A. R. Archer of Trent, 4 up.

Paul West bested Dr. Zehnpfennig 7 up and 5.

Dub Diltz eliminated Byron Patterson, 4 up.

Mat Dillingham vs. Hale Lancaster, unplayed.

Booth Warren vs. Leonard Reeves, unplayed.

Jack Anderson vs. George West, unplayed.

Dee Grimes vs. J. S. Bourn, unplayed.

Four matches have been completed and four are unplayed.

George T. Moore bested Yates Brown, 1 up.

Wren Durham defeated Ted Nichols, 4 up.

R. E. Dowdy, of Trent, won over W. O. Boney, 4 up.

Ed Gant beat Andy Shouse, 2 up.

Unplayed matches are:

Charlie Jones vs. T. G. Bragg.

George Woodrum vs. Dr. C. B. Gardner.

David Gamble vs. Castle Ellis.

H. H. Jenkins vs. Ollie Dye.

meant to more than 60 friends in the Lord's vineyard.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Leader, Miss Alice Valentine.

Scripture: John 14:15-17, Ben Merritt; Acts 19:1-7, Ben Moore; Rom. 8:1-17, Barney Garrett; John 16:7-11, Miss Fannie Swann; Rom. 8:26-31, Grady Collins; Psa. 95, Walter Picklesimer. Acts: 13-14, Miss Murtice Saffle.

"Resisting the Holy Spirit," Sam Swann.

"Lying Against the Holy Ghost," Miss Maggie Wheeler.

Song, Benediction.

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Fred Groene and family who have been on an extensive trip through the northern states and Canada, returned Wednesday. Fred was a delegate to the National Photographers convention at St. Paul where all the noted picture makers of the world met of whom he was one. He says that the northern states are in fine shape but situated too far from Merkel.

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A card from E. C. Counts, from Vancouver, B. C., states he is on his way home and will reach Merkel about the 5th or 6th. Ernest has been in Honolulu for quite a while and likes it, but Oh, You Merkel.



KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. G. Knight, 54, of Pittsburg is in a Dallas hospital with a broken back suffered from a tree he was chopping fell upon him.

David Neal Kennedy, age 78, former schoolmate and friend of General John J. Pershing, passed away Friday at his home at Cisco.

Stricken as he worked, laying a concrete sidewalk, J. B. Keeling, 73, cement finisher and long time resident of Stamford, died Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

Notices of dismissal, effective October 1, have been given to 30 members of the Fort Worth police department, reducing the force to 193 men, the lowest strength in more than ten years.

Robert Price, 16-year-old Fort Worth youth, died in an ambulance while being taken to a hospital following injuries he sustained in a gravel pit cave in shortly after he had been given a job.

The body of Frank Downs, 28, Binghamton, N. Y., who was drowned when he fell from a speeding motorboat in Lake Worth and sank before companions could rescue him, was recovered early Wednesday.

A former Corpus Christi police commissioner and members of crews from two boats in port at Corpus Christi were arrested in raids that netted federal men more than 100 gallons of alcohol and imported liquor.

After having been arrested charged with automobile theft, a 20-year-old youth escaped from the jail at Maude, near Texarkana, and made a dash for liberty on a horse, which officers who apprehended him said he stole.

R. E. (Bob) Williams, former city marshal at Wink, was shot to death on the highway near London, in Rusk county, by a posse, which was trailing him in the belief that he was involved in the robbery of a Louisiana bank.

Burns sustained Thursday when her dress caught fire from a gas cook stove and burnt to a crisp on her body proved fatal Friday morning to Erma Lorch, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lorch of Sweetwater.

The Abilene State bank, organized in May, 1922, failed to open its doors last Saturday morning. A notice posted on the doors of the institution said it was in the hands of the state banking department, by order of the board of directors.

Capt. R. Emmett White, 86, former mayor of Austin, former county judge and former sheriff of Travis county, died Monday at his home in Cedar Valley near Austin. He was the father of Coley White, present sheriff of Travis county.

Christina B. Christensen, Jr., north Dallas high school football candidate, was killed and three other youths were injured when the car in which they were returning from the season's first workout overturned and struck a tree in North Dallas late Monday.

Pending only permission from the interstate commission, the Texas and Pacific railway stands ready to invest between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 for new construction work in West Texas; it has been announced by T. D. Gresham, its general attorney.

STERLING HOLDS UP PRORATION

Tells Militia to Keep Lid on, After Commission Issues Order on Well Basis.

Austin, Sept. 3.—The Texas railroad commission overrode the wishes of Governor Ross S. Sterling late Wednesday and issued an order allowing each well in the East Texas field to produce 225 barrels daily. Mr. Sterling had opposed a well basis.

Word that the order had been issued spread rapidly about the capitol. Within ten minutes many oil operators were in the office of Governor Sterling protesting its provisions and strongly urging him to keep the field under martial law.

"That order won't go into effect until I put it into effect," Governor Sterling stated, indicating he had no thought of removing the troops immediately. He placed the field under martial law August 17.

The governor withheld comment until he had an opportunity to peruse the order and study its contents.

The order was signed by all members of the commission which was a distinct surprise since it had been expected that Commissioner Pat M. Neff would withhold.

The order was issued to be effective next Saturday. It will be effective in sixty days unless modified.

Martial law in the field must be initial production under the order can become effective since the troops have been ordered to keep all wells closed down tightly. Orders not to open the field were transmitted to General Wolters by the governor by telephone from Austin.

C. V. Terrell, chairman, estimated initial production under the order at 340,000 barrels daily. It had been strongly recommended at the recent hearing that production be held to between 225,000 and 275,000 barrels daily.

Governor Sterling expressed surprise Monday night when informed the commission had agreed on an order allowing production on a well basis. He said it would be unfair to the small operator who could not engage in a competitive drilling race with the major companies and would result in an orgy of drilling.

He conferred with the commission Tuesday morning and issuance of the order was withheld. The governor held hopes Wednesday the commission would change its order to an acreage basis. He indicated earlier he would keep the field closed down until assured any order of the commission would prevent recurrence of chaotic conditions that prevailed prior to the shutdown.

Majority of Solons Favor Acreage Bill

Austin, Sept. 3.—A total of 114 members of the house and senate favor a special session of the legislature to enact legislation to control cotton acreage, according to a tabulation of replies announced by Governor Ross S. Sterling.

Of the number favoring the session, 13 were senators and 101 members of the house.

Twenty-three legislators, six senators and 17 representatives have declared against the special session while seven were undecided.

Governor Sterling has said he would not call a special session unless he received sufficient commitments from members of the legislature to insure quick passage of the legislation. A large majority of the legislators favored the 50-per cent reduction plan advocated by J. E. McDonald.

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Dallas Prisoner Answers As Name Called; Walks Out

Dallas, Sept. 3.—Men in jail hold back at giving their names or answering to them, sometimes, but one got out of the city jail Monday by saying "here" when a name was called. It was his name, all right, but the order for release was intended for another prisoner of the same name, who failed to answer.

It resulted in the release of a man booked for a felony who was being held for the county, the complaint being that he was driving an automobile while he was drunk. The intended dismissal was the case of a fellow-prisoner who had been too noisy after a few shots of hooch and was put in jail to sleep off his jag, a night on cement being considered penalty enough for his spree.

The man at large, however, is under a \$200 bond, Judge Calvin Muse said, and the bond will be forfeited in the city court unless the defendant answers the county's complaint.

Merkel Boys Going to Redeem Themselves

After losing Wednesday's game at Abilene by the close margin of 3 to 2, the Merkel ball club will go after the Abilene all-city team with a strong determination to redeem themselves in a second game to be played Saturday at 3:30 at Gardner Park, Abilene. A large crowd will go from here to lend encouragement to our boys.

Bad throws and ragged stops were prime reasons for Merkel's defeat Wednesday, giving the Abilenians all three of their scores.

The home boys scored both of their runs in the second. McLean's double brought in D. Seymore, who had singled. McLean took third on a wild pitch and was safe at the plate when Short Stop Cheek threw low for an attempted fielder's choice.

Tannie Jones kept going good, fanning nine of the Abilene batsmen and yielding only five hits, as compared with five strikeouts and six hits off Byron England.

The score by innings: R H E
Merkel 020 000 0-2 6 4
Abilene 002 010 x-3 5 2
T. Jones and Ashford; England and Nunnally.



GOOD NEWS.

Last summer I went to a white church in a New England town. The preacher for the day was a famous man from a big city, who happened to have a summer home near-by.

The church was only about one-tenth filled. Even this famous name was not enough to pull people away from the cool woods and beaches.

When the preacher arose to announce his text, I thought: "Now we'll catch it. We shall be told these empty pews mean that the world is going to the dogs. We shall hear a half-hour of lament about human wickedness. We few, who have come to church, shall be crucified for the sins of those who have stayed away."

I have listened to many church sermons and I am sick of them.

But I was due for a pleasant surprise. He announced a text from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. He explained that in this passage Paul was really making a plea for a generous collection from the Corinthians for the struggling churches elsewhere. He had an ulterior motive, but that does not change the facts that the whole chapter is full of praise for the Corinthians.

Having told them how kind they are, how courageous, how faithful, Paul concludes by saying, in effect: "Since you have all these many good qualities, I ask you to have also this grace 'which was in Christ Jesus, who being rich became poor for our sakes.'"

In other words, you are great folks; come on, now, and be generous also. The preacher then proceeded to tell us what a grand thing it is to belong to the human race—how good people are, how courteous to each other, how brave under their sufferings, how hopeful in the face of an inscrutable Fate.

He said that God created men and women because He wanted companions, and that He was pleased with His creation.

He made us all proud of our humanity, and sent us out more cheerful and better able to fight the week.

I wondered why there are not more such sermons.

Jesus did very little denouncing and hardly any "viewing with alarm." He came with a joyous message.

"You are sons of God. He said, "destined for eternal happiness."

People liked that sort of talk. They called it "gospel," which is to say, "good news."

NEXT MONDAY IS OPENING DATE OF MERKEL SCHOOLS

Short Program Announced for Nine O'clock at High School; Indications Schools Here Will Open With Good Enrollment.

The 1931-1932 session of the Merkel Public schools begins in earnest Monday morning at nine o'clock. There will be a short program at the High School at nine o'clock, to which the public is invited.

During Thursday and Friday of this week Seniors have been registering, new students enrolling and students who have had books out for the summer have been checking these in. All of these preliminary matters are being attended to before school opens.

FACULTY MEET SATURDAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin have arrived from Austin, other teachers are coming in and all will be ready for the first faculty meeting Saturday morning at ten.

SHOULD ENROLL OPENING DAY.

Many new students have already enrolled, many Seniors have made out their schedules and everything indicates Merkel schools will open with a good enrollment. All students are urged to enroll the opening day. Even where the student must stay out to pick cotton for awhile, it will be better for him to enroll and secure his books and get his assignments.

Awarded Simmons Scholarship.

On the closing day of Camp Tonkawa, the Boy Scout camp near Buffalo Gap, the members of the Chisholm Trail council in special session awarded the Simmons university scholarship to Eagle Scout Benjamin Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, of this city. Benny graduated from Merkel High in the class of '31 and is to be congratulated on his good fortune in being awarded the Simmons scholarship.

Merkel Fats Win.

Counting 11 runs in the fifth inning, the Merkel Fats piled up a total of 21 to win from their Sweetwater opponents in the game last Thursday at Swatter park, Sweetwater, the Nolan county heavyweights not being able to get but 13 men around the bases. The game was staged for the benefit of the Boy Scouts, the proceeds being divided between Merkel and Sweetwater. A large number from here accompanied the players.

Dick Does Best Work In Forty-Sixth Role In "The Last Flight"

Although Richard Barthelmess has been continuously in motion pictures since the days of "Way Down East" he has never had so unusual a role as the one he plays in "The Last Flight," the first national production at the Palace theatre Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday.

This story, adapted from "Nikki and Her War Birds" by John Monk Saunders, deals with the experiences of four war-torn aviators, who drift about from bar to bar in Paris, finally joining with a lonesome and lovely lady, whose mysterious past intrigues them as much as her mysterious present.

Barthelmess, as the leader of this happy-go-lucky band, portrays a young man who cannot get over the excitement of his wartime experiences, but is forever seeking thrills to take its place. It is the exact situation that thousands of war veterans found themselves occupying at the close of the World War, and Barthelmess' portrayal of this character role—the comedy and romance—are suffused with the right undertone of tragedy.

Helen Chandler plays the girl who could "walk faster in red shoes." John Mack Brown, David Manners, Walter Byron and Elliott Nugent play the four buddies of the hero. William Dieterle, directed.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for assistance rendered during the long illness of our dear husband and father and for the many manifestations of sympathy in the time of our bereavement. We appreciate more than words can tell all of these kindnesses, without which our sorrow would have indeed been hard to bear.

Mrs. W. M. O'Brian and Children.

CARD OF THANKS.

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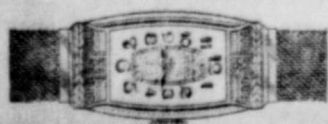
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Chevrolet Turns Out Its 8,000,000th Car

Flint, Mich., Sept. 3.—An antidote for talk of depressions and seasonal stagnation in the automobile industry was uncovered here when the Chevrolet Motor company turned out its 8,000,000th car in its less than twenty years of existence.

The "milestone" car came off the line of local assembly plant shortly before noon Aug. 25, and brings the number of six cylinder cars built by this manufacturer, since the introduction of the large type in 1929, to nearly three millions. Five million cars and trucks have been built in less than five full years.

No ceremonies attended the building of the car—a sport roadster—other than the momentary pause of workmen who watched it gradually take a finished form as it passed down the assembly line.

No exhibition tours or other special arrangements have been made for the car, which is now on its way, along with several thousand others built the same day, for delivery to an unsuspecting owner somewhere in the region served by the Flint plant.

The car followed the seven millionth Chevrolet in a year and three months,

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

To Recall 50,000 Men in September

Detroit, Sept. 3.—The Ford Motor company, which on Aug. 1 sharply curtailed its manufacturing force, Saturday announced that between 15,000 and 25,000 men had been ordered to return starting Sept. 8.

Officials of the company said they expected 50,000 men to be recalled by the middle of September. They said only former employes had been asked to return.

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Facing the Facts

ALL facts are not UNPLEASANT ones. The Calamity Howler who wants you to "face the facts" is merely getting a few unpleasant things off his chest.

Times are not always prosperous, but complaining will not help much. It is up to us all to DO SOMETHING. This Bank is trying to do its full share. We don't sit back and GROAN. We are wide awake to the interest of this community, and are helping in every way we can. There's no better friend in time of need, than a good, strong Bank.



LABOR DAY

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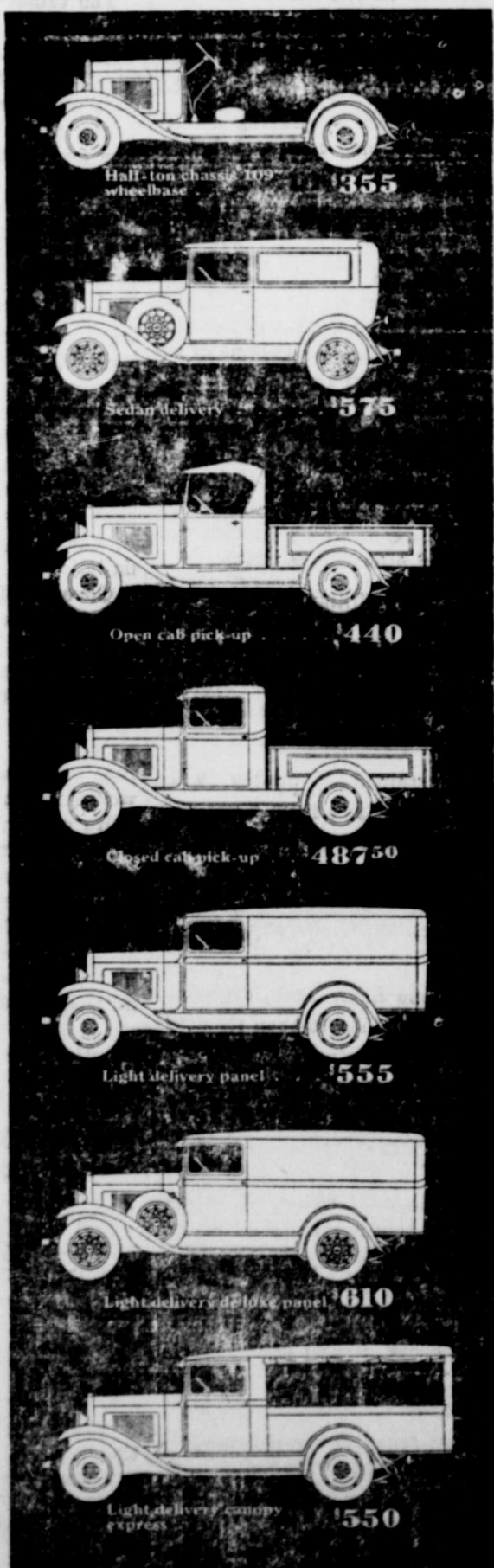
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ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT.
Rackruff Motors hire Rowena to accompany Peter on a nation-wide tour in their roadster as an advertising stunt. At the last minute Little Bobby is engaged to act as chaperon. A few miles out Bobby becomes tearful at being parted 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.

Rowena suggests to Peter that they make a "companionate" marriage. They are married and go to Cheyenne, where their actions, when they ask for rooms on separate floors, arouses suspicions of the hotel clerk. They finally succeed in getting rooms, but not without exciting the laughter of the hotel loungers. They wire the company they have been married.

They resume the trip the next day and are overwhelmed by a cloudburst in an arroyo and are thrown out of the car. A party of tourist campers gives them dry clothes and food. Spokane is finally reached and the hotel clerk smiles when they register. They find Rackruff Motors have arranged a public reception and dance for them. They are deluged with presents.

After the festivities, Peter angers the hotel staff by leaving his bride alone all night and Rowena tries to console him for the bad opinion he has won by his actions.

They find Bobbie awaiting them in the hotel at Seattle and she travels with them to Los Angeles where they are met by an unfriendly hotel clerk, who summons the police who thereupon place all three under arrest for kidnapping Bobby.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
"See here," said Peter angrily, "what sort of tommyrot is this anyhow? This lady is too old for the Juvenile Court. Why, she is her own mistress. She's twenty-three years old."

"Well, according to the complaint from New York, there is nothing we can do about it. Our orders are to put you under arrest. You'll have to talk to the judge."

"But, Peter," cried Rowena, "are you going to let them arrest us for not being married, when we are married! Look at all the trouble we've had. That's proof enough."

"But why should they say you are only pretending to be married if you really are married?"

"Well, who says so? That's the first question. Where did the complaint come from anyhow?"

"From a gentleman in New York by the name of Carter Wellman—"

"You can fix this up," said the office. "You got influential friends, ain't you? They'll fix you up all right. All they got to do is swear they know all about you and everything's jake and there you are. You just hop down private in your own car with Bill here to show you the way—this is Bill Harmon—fine chap, too—he'll go down with you and introduce you to the judge. He's a swell gent, the judge is. He'll see how things are in a jiffy."

It was the simplest way out, and the officers made it as easy for them as possible, allowed them to walk unescorted through the lobby of the hotel and waited at a respectful distance when Peter stopped to send a telegram, which he wrote with a very firm hand and signaled for Rowena to come and read. It was addressed to Carter Wellman.

"Are you going to marry Roberta Lowell immediately on her return to New York, or are you not? If your engagement is canceled, as she believes, I shall marry her myself immediately. A rolling brown dumpling gathers nothing but trouble for all concerned. Please state your exact intentions."

"But you can't marry her," protested Rowena. "You're married now."

"Well, he doesn't believe it.—And Rackruff, Inc., will pay for that wire if I have to steal a spare tire to get it."

The judge proved extremely sympathetic and agreed with Peter that it was an outrage, no less, the way

people in love embroiled innocent bystanders in the tangled web of their affairs. He had his secretary send off a wire to Denver to verify the marriage, and to Rackruff Motors, Inc., in New York, for details of the trip and complete information regarding Rowena and Peter. He even sent for the local Rackruff dealer, who fortunately turned out to be both a native son and a brother Elk. He was willing to stand entirely responsible for their appearance if required.

Besides seeing to their freedom he made Rowena a present of a friendly little dog which he had found in his showrooms that morning and which Rowena promptly proceeded to call Constantine. Peter grumbled at the addition to their party but was overruled.

And so Rowena had a companion on the rumble seat from then on.

By the salesman's good offices they were enabled to return to the hotel without police escort or surveillance of any kind.

In the early morning Peter read to the girls the answer to his personal telegram.

"Such has been and is my intention," read the telegram. "I am probably the last man living entirely honorable in my dealings with women. Our engagement most certainly is not ended and if you interfere I shall sue. Plan to marry her instant of her arrival. In fact, expect to meet her here with license, ring and minister. Wire what train."

So at ten-ten Peter and Rowena stood side by side under the quaint tiled portico of the Santa Fe station and waved a fond—and not ungratified—farewell to little brown Bobby.

The misadventures of Bobby's return and their legal entanglements in Los Angeles had keyed them to a high nervous tension, but when they had left the limits of the city a sudden quiet restfulness descended upon them. Rowena drooped drowsily against his shoulder.

"Shall I put up the umbrella in the rumble seat?" Peter asked facetiously.

But Rowena pretended she was asleep.

By the time they reached the outskirts of San Diego, Peter as well as Rowena confessed to a complete exhaustion, mental as well as physical.

They pulled up at the U. S. Grant Hotel. There was no boy in sight and Peter, unwilling to waste a moment, himself carried their bags into the lobby and hurried over to the desk. He was surprised at being immediately accommodated with two single rooms.

Their good fortune followed them and they both had a real good night's rest.

Peter had all the bags stowed neatly away in the car the next morning, ready for their start for the East when Rowena tipped out of the hotel, leading the freshly washed Constantine on a brand-new leash attached to a brand-new collar.

"Gosh, Rowena," ejaculated Peter, "what'll we do with the mutt? I forgot about him?"

"Do with Constantine!" she echoed.

"Why, we'll buy him a nice silk cushion to ride on, and get him a fresh bone every day. And charge it all to Rackruff."

Peter did his best picture at Grand Canyon, one which brought him no small amount of praise and profit. It was the Rackruff and Rowena riding through the rainbow fringe, with Constantine's queer, quaint black and white head nodding approbation beside her.

Rowena was not having the best of luck with her work in those declining weeks of their tour. She kept a pencil and note-book constantly at hand, even teaching Constantine to carry them for her on command, but ideas were not coming to her with much frequency. For the first time in her life, Rowena did not feel like writing, did not want to be bothered, and it may as well be added, her writing was far below its usual standard.

They lapsed into comfortable silence. They did not quarrel so much when they were alone—there seemed less point to it. To be sure, when occasion required, they would witter each other with a scathing word, but they never went to the old lengths.

In Albuquerque, when Peter had registered and called for their mail he was handed a half dozen telegrams and two or three letters.

"Nothing for Miss Rostand," said the clerk.

"What!" ejaculated Rowena. "Nothing for me? Not anything? Why, Buddy always—he surely must have written. Oh, please look again! There must be at least one!"

The clerk obligingly ran through the mail again.

"Sorry—not a thing," he said again.

"Dear me," said Rowena thoughtfully. "How—extremely—odd!"

Alone in his own room, Peter took off his coat and settled down to his mail. A quick glance at the letters told him they were of no special importance and he turned to the telegrams. The two that he opened first were from the Company, but the third started off on an odd note.

"Darling, I hate to ask you again," Peter read, his eyes starting with surprise. "Devil's own luck. Lost fifty bucks at craps. Got to have it this week or they will chuck me out. Rush it by wire. Wish I hadn't played." It was signed "Buddy."

To Peter it made no sense at all. He turned it over and scrutinized the address again. Ah! That explained it. It was addressed not to "Mr." but to "Mrs. Peter Blande."

His mind traveled back over the trip. Buddy—that was her brother—Ronald Rostand. Ready for his third year in college and taking summer courses to cut down the time and expense. Rowena had received a letter or telegram from him at every stop en route. He remembered her subsequent counting of bills and rush for a telegraph office—her complete financial stringency—the way she starved herself; eschewing all luxuries—her thousand painful small economies.

Now Peter realized fully what it meant—this thing that he was going to do. Knew quite well that when Buddy wrote back in complaint of this unwarranted outside interference, Rowena's rage would be beyond bounds.

They had talked sometimes of the future when their motor tour was over, thought they would probably be good friends in later years when their business vicissitudes were separate and distinct; and no longer bound up by compulsion in each other's work and wish. But if Peter flung open insult at Buddy—"The sacred cow!" he sneered—all such hopes for the future were null and void. Well, Peter told himself, he didn't know that he cared. After all he didn't get on so very well with Rowena. But she was a good sport—the best sport he had ever seen—and deserved a better break than Buddy was giving her.

Peter's grip on the pen made it a

sword as he gave form to his scathing thoughts.

"Granting to begin with that it is none of my business," he wrote heavily, "nevertheless a friend's great pleasure to tell you that in my opinion you are an unspeakable cad. You may not know—of course you do not know for Rowena is one Rostand who is a rousing good sport and would not throw up her privations to you—that in order to meet your insatiable demands for money, your sister, tired and exhausted as she is by hard work and long driving, has saved money by doing her own laundry in the bathtub at night; has starved herself on soup and coffee and gone without a proper meal for days at a time.

"Better men than you have worked their way through college. For Rowena's sake, I myself am sending you the fifty bucks.

"It is of course quite unnecessary for me to explain that Rowena does not know that you wired for this money nor that I am sending it. Your telegram was handed me by mistake and I opened it under the impression it was for me."

And without an instant's hesitation he endorsed his sentiments with the signature that would one day be worth thousands—"Peter Blande."

Peter was pretty uncomfortable about the whole business. He was not used to any sort of double dealing and was not at all sure but at any moment officers of the law—or perhaps the telegraph company—would hale him away to jail to expiate his unwarranted manipulation of other people's affairs by telegraph.

At El Paso Rowena had two letters. She sat right down in the nearest chair to read them, and Peter stalked moodily from cigar stand to desk and back again, and watched her furtively.

Peter could stand it no longer. "Buddy O. K.?" he inquired anxiously.

"He's entirely too O. K. I'm worried."

"You can't be too O. K.," protested Peter. "Nobody can—What do you mean?"

(Continued Next Week.)

Abilene Doctor Saves Own Life by Leaping From Burning House

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 3.—Flames which destroyed the residence of Dr. W. R. Snow early Saturday forced the doctor to leap from a second-story window to a porch roof and then to the ground to escape. He was treated at a local hospital for slight burns. The home was insured for \$4,000 and furnishings for the same amount. Origin of the blaze has not been determined.

terminated. Mrs. Snow and their children were not at home.

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THE COTTON SITUATION.

Every day sees a new proposal to solve the problem of overproduction of cotton, which is now pressing for relief of an immediate nature.

Governor Ross Sterling has stated that he will call the legislature again in special session only if he can ascertain in advance that some plan can be evolved that would be of material aid to the farmer.

No attempt is made here to give a summary of the various plans proposed or to discuss their merits, but a most accurate summing up of the facts in the case is given by Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the bureau of business research of the University of Texas, in the following statement through the University of Texas Free News Service:

"The price might go a little lower under pressure, but it is considerably below bulk line cost of production and in the long run, a good investment," Dr. Cox said. "A number of factors have contributed to the deplorable situation. The most important of these have been the very bad business conditions which have prevailed for nearly two years, the unprecedented supply which is the result of the coincidence of a record world carry-over of American cotton of 9,000,000 bales and the very large crop of 15,584,000 bales estimated for this year, and finally the uncertainty prevailing in the cotton market itself due to many causes such as the Farm Board and its policy in disposing of its attempt to limit the free operation of markets, and uncertain political conditions in a large part of the world."

"The United States government's estimate of 15,584,000 bales of 500 pounds gross for the United States was perhaps 1,500,000 bales more than was expected. That many traders were of the opinion that the estimate was too high is attested by the fact that the decline in price was not in proportion to the indicated increase in supply over private estimates. The government estimate of production for Texas was 5,018,000 bales, the third largest crop on record for Texas."

S. S. Classes Unite In Watermelon Feast

Members of the Young Business Men's class of the Methodist Sunday School and of the Baraca and Berean classes of the Baptist Sunday School, to the number of 64 strong, enjoyed a watermelon feast at Shannon's pool Tuesday night as the culmination of the summer season which has witnessed a series of baseball games between representatives of the two Sunday Schools.

Besides the feast of watermelons in unlimited quantities, games were played and a royal good time enjoyed.

Committees on entertainment included Forrest Gaither, Andy Shouse and Parker Sharp from the Methodist Sunday School and M. B. Moore, George T. Moore and Orion Tittle from the Baptist Sunday School.

County Files Suit to Condemn 20-Foot Strip

Hearing on condemnation proceedings involving a strip of land, 20-feet wide and approximately 315 feet long, owned by B. F. Yates and lying on the north side of highway 1, just west of Merkel, will be held at Abilene next Monday morning. The strip is sought by the state for highway widening purposes to fill a gap left when the right-of-way was widened to 100 feet several years ago.

Suit to institute the proceedings was filed Monday in county court by the county commissioners, representing the state, and three special commissioners were appointed by Judge Tom K. Eplen to assess damages. They are George L. White, E. O. Carson and B. T. Sublett.

Yates has refused an offer of \$200 for the land, the petition states.

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CHURCHES

Revival Classed As Greatest Since 1914

The two weeks revival meeting, which closed Sunday night at the Methodist church, was declared to be the greatest meeting, according to public opinion, that has been held in Merkel since 1914.

Many were turned away at the evening services in the last week of the meeting and it was estimated that one-fourth of the number that came on the last day were unable to get seats.

Over 70 reclamations and conversions resulted, with 30 joining the Methodist church and the others joining the other churches of the city.

Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene, did the preaching, with Mrs. W. D. Neves of Roby leading the choir.

The forces from all the churches of the city joined together in spirit and labor and by such happy co-operation made the meeting the great success that it was.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Regular services next Sunday with the pastor preaching at both services. Special music at all services. Evening service at 7:45.

Our Sunday School has held a high attendance throughout the summer months with a substantial increase in the last thirty days.

Some fifteen of our young people attended the Abilene district league meeting at Putnam last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Orpah Patterson is district secretary. Alice Yeats was elected president of the district, making two of the chief officers from Merkel.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we thank the members of the other churches and pastors for their great service rendered in the meeting just closed. Such co-operation welds a community together and makes Christianity a vital force.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject, "My Spiritual Code of Honor."

Aim of lesson, "To suggest the principles which belong to the formation of individual codes of honor."

Leader, Margarette Turner.

Introductory remarks by Miss Turner.

Speakers, "My Code of honor," Addie Fae Patterson.

Open discussion of lesson, Tracy Campbell.

DISTRICT LEAGUE MEETING.

Merkel didn't bring any prizes home from the Putnam district meeting but she certainly went over strong. We have two of the biggest officers in the district in our church and we are sure proud of our league. Miss Orpah Patterson is district secretary for Abilene district. She has held this office for the past eighteen months. Sunday evening at the business meeting Alice Yeats was elected president of the district. We also have in our league two Union League officers: Paul Collins, reporter, and Vernon Hudson, president.

Eighteen delegates from the Senior and Intermediate leagues at Merkel attended the district meeting. Twelve stayed Saturday night and six more came Sunday. Brother Yeats conducted the last service Sunday afternoon, the consecration service, and every leaguer is home with a new joy in his work for the Lord.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song. Scripture, by Clyde Sears. League story, by Charles Iddings. League story, by Willie B. Toombs. Discussion period. Benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We were very happy to have the visitors last Sunday. Come again, friends. You always have a warm welcome in our services.

The pastor will preach at both hours next Sunday.

Let all teachers and officers look after their classes for Sunday School, which meets promptly at 10 a. m.

Our B. T. S. meets at 7:15 p. m. and Tom-Riddle is back on the job and will be looking for you.

J. T. King, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance during the summer months has been very satisfactory. Now that we are entering the fall, may we enter the season with a desire to render a greater service.

Preaching at 11 a. m. No evening service, as the choir and pastor will have charge of the service in Rev. Fred Rogers' church at San Angelo.

Later he and his choir will visit us and will have charge of an evening service here.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. Come worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 10 a. m. Lord's day, communion service at 11 a. m., young peoples' program at 7 p. m. and prayer service and Bible study Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

Come be with us at all these services if you can. A cordial welcome awaits you there.

In love, The Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Showing a gain of 13 over the attendance the previous Sunday, there were 858 present at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. This compares with 694 for the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be held at the Methodist church Sunday at 2 o'clock, with Charlie Jones as the leader. The lesson will be the eleventh chapter of Acts. All the men of this city and the surrounding section are invited and urged to attend and take part in these meetings.

Acreage Reduction

(Continued from page One.) commissioner of agriculture, over that advanced by Governor Huey P. Long of Louisiana prohibiting planting of cotton in 1932. The Louisiana legislature has enacted a law embodying Long's plan.

Replies had been received from 144 members of the legislature. There are 150 house members and 31 senators.

Governor Sterling had made no reply to a lengthy telegram from Governor Long Wednesday in which the Texas executive was urged to take immediate action before the current crop left the hands of the farmers. The telegram stated the only plan left to save the cotton farmers was to prohibit cotton planting next year.

Woman Dies of Injuries In Auto Crash at Tye

Injuries received in an automobile crash at Tye Sunday resulted in the death at 6 p. m. Monday of Mrs. H. A. Power of Archer City. She succumbed in an Abilene hospital from a heart involvement precipitated by shock, physicians said. Mrs. Power received a fractured vertebra in the accident.

The body was sent to Archer City where funeral services were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. at the First Christian church. Mr. Power, who sustained a rib fracture and cuts on the hand in the wreck, accompanied the body.

When the collision occurred, Mr. and Mrs. Power and their small granddaughter, Frances Power, were traveling east, en route from Hereford to Abilene to visit her sister, Mrs. L. L. Cheatham. In the other car were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel, Mrs. Algie Daniel, their daughter-in-law, and her small daughter, Patsy Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel live in the Stith community and are parents of Clyde Daniel of Abilene, field representative in this district for the Texas Cotton Cooperative association.

Mrs. Daniel's left leg was fractured above and below the knee and Mr. Daniel received chin lacerations and body bruises. The other occupants of the Daniel's car were unhurt.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

The members of the Presbyterian church choir will be guests of the Presbyterian church at San Angelo, Sunday evening, rendering the following program:

Prelude, Mrs. C. W. Delmer. "Softly the Silent Night," choir. Prayer, Rev. Fred S. Rogers. "Give God the Glory," response. Announcements.

"Beautiful River of Life," choir. Offertory, Mrs. C. W. Delmer. "Be Thou Exalted," choir.

Quartette, A. J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, C. W. Delmer and Harry Barnett.

"Jerusalem the Golden," choir. "A Vesper Prayer," Christine Collins.

"O King Eternal," choir. Sermon, Rev. R. A. Walker. "Now the Day is Over," choir. Recessional, Mrs. Delmer.

Any one wishing to make the drive to San Angelo Sunday evening is cordially invited to join the Merkel delegation. The service will begin there at 8 o'clock.

Recital Notice.

Voice and piano students of Miss Christine Collins will be presented in recital at the Presbyterian church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The interested public is cordially invited to attend.

MUSICAL.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman, assisted by Missie Dye and Anna Lou Russell, entertained the class and their mothers in the Woodrum Hotel parlors last Saturday afternoon. An interesting program was rendered by twenty of her pupils, others being away on their vacations.

Special attention was given to hymn and expression of the numbers, among which were numbers by Concene, Beethoven, Mozart and Chaminade. An interesting feature was added by each pupil being given a picture of an ancient musician portraying his birthplace in colors and giving his biography. Refreshments of brick cream and cake in which a color theme of pink and white was featured was served to the following pupils and their mothers: Helen Heeter, Betty Jane Diltz, Margaret Miller, Frances Higgins, Juanita Bishop, Alice Russell, Mary Joe Garland, Mabel Murray, Mary Joe Russell, Mary Zoe West, Thelma McAninch, Ruby Bishop, Kate Digham, A. C. Terr, Mark Williamson, Billie Wood, Don Wood, Billie Bernice Gambill, Fud Gambill and Mollie Frank Touchstone.

MERKEL GIRL WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Miss Thelma McAninch is the happy recipient of an unusual scholarship from the Fine Arts faculty of John Tarleton college, Stephenville. In the recent try-out of six girls for the place as accompanist for the Choral and Glee clubs of John Tarleton, she was awarded the place and given a full-time scholarship in return for her services as accompanist for the forthcoming year. Miss McAninch and her teacher, Mrs. T. T. Earthman, are to be congratulated upon receiving this honor.

ATWATER-KENT AUDITION.

Friday, September 11, has been announced by Miss Collins, chairman of the Fifth National Radio Audition committee of this city, as the date when young singers of Merkel will compete for honor of representing this city in the state audition to be held in October. Many young men and women have already declared their intention of competing and Miss Collins announces that inquiries have been received from many more. She believes the number of local entries may reach fifteen or twenty.

The rules of the audition provide that each young singer must be prepared to sing three songs. The judges, to be announced on the evening of the audition, will select which of the songs the contestant will sing. The judges will then hear—but not see—the competitors. (If this system of judging is agreed upon.) At the completion of the audition the names of the young man and young woman selected to represent Merkel will be announced.

"There is considerably more enthusiasm this year regarding the National Radio Audition in Taylor county than has been shown during the four

previous years," Miss Collins stated, in announcing the date her committee had chosen for the local event. "We are informed by the Atwater Kent Foundation, which is sponsoring the auditions, that this condition exists generally throughout the country. More than a thousand communities are preparing to hold local auditions such as we are having here and reports indicate that at least 50,000 young singers will compete.

"Under the conditions of the contests, all singers who reach the final stage will be assured at least one year of study under the best masters and will also have money adequate to care for their material needs during this period of study.

"We have met with very hearty response so far in our work and are anxious to have every ambitious young man and young woman singer understand that he or she is eligible, if between the ages of 18 and 25, and providing he has accepted no professional engagements. Any member of our committee will be glad to explain the simple requirements and provide candidates with entry blanks."

Christine Collins.

I note that the Atwater Kent Foundation is due to put on their Fifth National Radio Audition in which the opportunity is offered to the best young singers between the ages of 18 and 25 to share in \$25,000 in cash and obtain a scholarship in some great American conservatory of music. I also note that Miss Christine Collins is sponsoring this move in the Merkel community. This, I think, is a great move for any community and it is a move, I believe, our young singers should take an interest in. If they win or who ever wins it means a great opportunity for them. I believe that the Merkel community has as good talent in voice as any place. It was my pleasure to hear a young lady sing last spring that won the 1929 finals of the Atwater Kent contest.

This contest will be held soon in each district and it means that some young lady and young man from the Merkel community will take part in the state contest at Dallas. Young singers, don't miss this opportunity. See Miss Christine Collins at once. It will mean something to you.

W. M. Elliott.

Mayor.

The young people of Merkel, who are interested in a musical career, are offered an extraordinary opportunity in this audition; one that is seldom enjoyed by so small a community. It will be invaluable in that it will afford an opportunity of singing for judges who are capable of recognizing good quality in the singing voice, even where there is no training, thus making it especially encouraging for an untrained singer. It is an opportunity

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LAWN PARTY.

The members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were delightfully entertained on the lawn of Mrs. Sam Swann's home with Mrs. Booth Warren co-hostess on Wednesday afternoon from five till seven.

The devotional was led by Mrs. L. B. Scott and prayer by Mrs. A. R. Booth. After the business session a most pleasant social hour was enjoyed. At the refreshment hour delicious iced melons were served to Mesdames Isenhower of Putnam, G. W. King, Earl Teague, D. Y. Brown, T. E. Collins, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, L. B. Reeves, Earl Lassiter, Bob Conder, A. R. Booth, Wes Derstine, J. J. Toombs, M. D. Angus, Lake Renfro and the hostesses.

no amateur singer can afford to miss, in my opinion.

Mary Deimer.

It is fortunate that Merkel has an opportunity to enter into the Atwater-Kent Audition. In nearly every mind comes at some time the desire to sing. In nearly every throat is the possibility of a song, waiting for a chance.

Who will be the great singer of the South tomorrow?

Let all encourage the youth in Merkel to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

Our high school girls and boys are being given a rare opportunity in the bringing of the Atwater-Kent Audition to our town. So helpful an enterprise deserves Merkel's best.

Lucy Tracy.

Notice.

A get-together meeting for the contestants interested in competing in the Atwater Kent Radio Audition will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Presbyterian church for the purpose of explaining all qualifications, trying out of any voices who wish to be advised and to extend encouragement to the untrained voices who are in the least interested in entering the contest.

Christine Collins.

SCHOOL DAYS WILL SOON BE HERE

Come to

HAMBLETT'S VARIETY STORE

Where you can save money on all your supplies

8-oz. Duck, A grade 11c

9-ft. Pick Sack, extra 8 oz. 85c

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SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, 48 lb. sack, Extra High Patent every sack guaranteed 95c

SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars for 25c



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A few choice pigs, ready for delivery. See or phone Angus Garvin, Warren ranch.

FOR SALE—Good used gas cook stove at a bargain. See Jim West.

BARGAINS in all kinds of Stoves, Tents, Pianos and House furnishings; good 4-room house for rent. City Furniture. Joe Garland, Prop.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—4 room house with lights; 4 room house with lights and gas; 5 room house with all modern conveniences; furnished apartment with all conveniences. S. F. Haynes. Phone 265J.

NICE NEW HOUSES, close in, for school and gin purposes, to rent very reasonable. For further reference see W. O. Boney or John S. Hughes.

FOR RENT—Two large nicely furnished rooms; prices reasonable. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR RENT—5 room house on Kent street; water, lights and gas. J. J. Barron at Blue Front Garage.

WANTED

ALL KINDS furniture repair work and upholstery; work guaranteed. J. T. Darsey Co.

WANTED—A water well dug 60 feet deep will pay 60c per foot; good soil to dig in; not much rock. Sam Butman.

SALESMAN WANTED—To run Heberling business in Taylor county. Many make \$60 to \$75 weekly—year around work—no lay off. Write today for free booklet. G. C. Heberling Company, Dept. 2295, Bloomington, Ill.

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE OF SALE.

State of Texas, County of Taylor: Whereas Cleave Johnson stored with the Blue Front Motor company, a co-partnership, composed of Barron and Son, one Buick Six sedan, highway No. 1-067-092, motor No. 1642952, said car was duly stored with orders to repair same with the Blue Front Motor company on the 8th day of November, 1930, at the rate of \$3 per month with labor and parts added extra, that the said Blue Front Motor company served notice personally and by letter to the said Cleave Johnson of the amount of this claim and demanding immediate payment, but that said Cleave Johnson has failed and refused to pay said storage and claims, or any part thereof, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of September, 1931, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the Blue Front Motor company in the city of Merkel, Taylor county, Texas, the same being the place of business of the Blue Front Motor company, the Blue Front Motor company will offer for sale the above described automobile for the storage, labor and parts due thereon; said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash.

Witness our hands this 20th day of August, 1931.
Blue Front Motor Company.
By J. J. Barron, Manager.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 3.—Although most classes of cattle sold at near steady prices Wednesday, the market was not at all active. Light calves found an outlet at unchanged rates, but heavies, going to packers, ruled at 50c lower. Receipts were estimated at 2,500 head of cattle and 1,000 calves.

Steers moved slowly, and the best were the last to move scaleward. The high range of values was around \$6.45. The low range of prices was down to \$3.75. Cows sold in small drafts at \$3.50 to \$3.75. No choice yearlings were available, most of the supply going at \$5.50 to \$6.50. Bulls were scarce with sales at \$1.50 to \$2.35. Light calves reached \$6.00 and a few choice heavies made \$5.85. Most deals were around \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Rail hogs moved on a steady to 10c lower basis, four loads going at \$6.45. Truckers were 15c to 25c down, the best stopping at \$6.25. Receipts were limited to 500 head.

Although the sheep and lamb market was generally steady, a few lamb sales to small killers at \$5.85 to \$6.00 were a little higher. Several cars of lambs went to packers at \$5.60. About 2,000 head arrived.

Wires are made so fine that it would take 100 to make the thickness of a human hair.

Freedom in Sight For Innocent Man; 22 Years in Prison

Chester, Ill., Sept. 3.—A 48-year-old man, whose gray hair and stooped shoulders made him look 20 years older, prayed today in his prison cell that fate was not playing another joke on him.

Twenty-two years ago this man, whose name is Jesse Lucas, was sent to prison for a murder it now is admitted he never committed.

"I can't believe it's true—and I mustn't let myself believe it until I'm sure," declared Lucas when informed that George R. Pond, a 62-year-old farmer, had confessed before he died that it was he, and not Lucas, who murdered Clyde Showalter in October, 1905.

Eight months after Showalter disappeared, his body was found floating in the Patoka river in Indiana near Vincennes. Showalter, a young stockbuyer, had been killed on the Illinois side, near Mt. Carmel, it was established.

Three years later, in September, 1908, Lucas and his mother, Mrs. Margaret (Lib) Lucas, were charged with the murder. Both were convicted. Lucas was sent to prison in April, 1909.

His mother obtained a new trial and the charges against her eventually were dropped. She has since died.

Just before George Pond died in June he called his wife, Rachel, and Mrs. Anna Smith to him.

"Pray for me," he told them. Then he confessed, they said, that for 26 years he had kept the secret of how he killed Showalter in a holdup and tossed the young stockbuyer's body into the river.

"I've never lost faith, but I can't be too sure—I can't be too sure," sobbed Lucas, when told of what had happened.

"I've been here so long, you see," he added. "The road has seemed hard all the way, but it was always clear. Twice the pardon board promised freedom if I would confess that I did the murder. But I couldn't lie. And I'm so glad I didn't."

In the prison, Lucas is known as convict No. 401. For years he has worked in the penitentiary greenhouse. Only twice has he ever been known to break a prison rule. One of the infractions was singing a hymn in his cell after hours.

"My greatest desire," he said, "is to go back to the friends who remembered and believed me when I said I didn't do it. But my mother—she is gone. How I wish she could have lived to know."

Jumps to Safety as Train Strikes Auto

Earl Henry, local automobile mechanic, had a narrow escape when he jumped from his stalled automobile late Thursday afternoon of last week as the Sunshine Special was bearing down upon it. He sustained a sprained ankle and other minor bruises.

The machine, a Chrysler touring car, was hit broadside by the locomotive and carried 100 feet along the track.

In shifting gears as he pulled onto the crossing, just east of the T. & P. depot, Henry killed the engine of his car. Unable to start the motor he jumped, clearing the track by only a few feet as the train struck the automobile. He was taken to the office of a physician, who treated the injured right ankle.

The train stopped, still carrying the wrecked machine on the engine, and members of the crew assisted in removing the car from the track.

The castle of the Alhambra, in Spain, was originally a fortress capable of holding 40,000 men.

Senate Called As Impeachment Court

Austin, Texas, Sept. 3.—Gov. Ross S. Sterling Saturday issued a proclamation convening the senate of Texas at noon Thursday, Sept. 10, for the purpose of considering and disposing of the articles of impeachment voted by the house against District Judge J. B. Price of Bastrop. The senate will meet as a high court of impeachment.

A certified copy of the articles of impeachment, charging Judge Price with negligence, incompetency and unlawful approval of accounts was delivered to Governor Sterling by the clerk of the house Aug. 20.

The governor in his proclamation said that, "under the provisions of Art. 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas and in accordance with the provisions of Art. 5963 of the Revised Statutes of this State, it becomes the solemn duty of the Governor of Texas, when a certified copy of articles of impeachment have been delivered to him, to call the Senate of the State to meet at a fixed time to sit as a high court of impeachment to receive, consider and dispose of such matters."

Will Re-Open Queen; To Equip for Talkies

S. P. Nesmith, former manager of the Queen theatre, accompanied by Mrs. Nesmith, were in Merkel Monday. They went to Midland where they will be for about two weeks and then will return here to open the Queen theatre.

Mr. Nesmith stated it is the plan of the management of the Queen to install talkie equipment at once.

Merkel Hunters Bring Back 18 Prairie Hens

A trio of Merkel sportsmen took advantage of the opening of the hunting season Tuesday, going up to Lamesa, where they were joined by Jennings Winter, a former Merkelite. In the party from here were Charlie Jones, Booth Warren and W. S. J. Brown. Centering their activity in the sand hills and chinney west of Lamesa, they had the good fortune to bag 18 prairie hens.

Family Reunion.

About 65 enjoyed the Gaston reunion at Buffalo Gap Sunday, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jones and son of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gaston and children of Buffalo Gap, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. King and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. King and children, Mr. and Mrs. George King of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gaston and children of Coryell county, Hunter King of Merkel and Davis Jones of Stamford.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y-Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Jake Kilrain, who fought John L. Sullivan fifty years ago, celebrated his golden wedding in Boston recently. He is 72.

Benjamin Franklin suggested saying prayers when the framers of the constitution were in a seemingly hopeless deadlock.

Mosquitoes are a favorite food of bats.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

Medical Society in Favor Examinations By Family Physician

Suggesting "periodic examinations of the school and pre-school child by the family physician," instead of the clinic method, as previously conducted, the Taylor county Medical society at its regular session August 11 adopted by majority vote the report submitted by a committee, consisting of Drs. Stewart Cooper, J. Frank Clark and Erle D. Sellers, which report read as follows:

"We, your committee, submit the following report:

"The Taylor County Medical society is of the opinion that the method of making physical examinations of school and pre-school children of Abilene and Taylor county is wrong in principle and not to the best interest of the children involved.

"We think that thorough and painstaking search for physical defect and disease cannot be done at the clinic as previously conducted and that the doctor has much better opportunity for study of the individual child in his own office.

"We further would favor such a plan, because the parents will thus be enabled to take their children to the doctor of their choice, namely, their own physician, who will be the proper and most competent one to render an opinion on the health of the child.

"We believe that the old clinic method has given many people a false idea as to what constitutes a thorough physical check-up and that the old method has not been thorough enough

to be of benefit to the child, nor fair to the doctor.

"Therefore, we recommend that the members of the society discontinue their services to these clinics and that we suggest periodic examinations of the school and pre-school child by the family physician. We also suggest that attention be called to the fact that any of us are available for examination of children of parents who are not able to pay, as is the custom of the medical profession.

"We further recommend that the secretary mail to each member of the society, a copy of the action taken by the society in this matter."

Following this action, a motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to meet with the Parent-Teachers association and other authorities to work out a more satisfactory plan for these examinations. Drs. Glenn, Gray and Adams were appointed on this committee.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

I have arranged to carry insurance for the next three months on cotton stored with me in the yard this season. This service is complimentary to the farmers, especially those carry-federal loans and who wish to hold their cotton.

Weighing fee same old price—15 cents per bale.

Houston Robertson, Public Weigher.

FOR SALE.

A few choice pigs ready for delivery. See or phone.

Angus Garvin, Warren Ranch.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Hamlin Bank Rents Temporary Quarters

Hamlin, Sept. 3.—It is "business as usual" with the First National bank here, in spite of Tuesday morning's fire which destroyed the rear end and second floor of the bank building. The institution lost no time in re-opening, having rented temporary quarters in the J. C. Turner building. Its records were not damaged, fixtures also escaping loss, and contract will be let soon to repair the fire damage in the bank building.

Insurance adjustors were here Wednesday checking losses in Tuesday's blaze. Original estimates of \$125,000 still stand. While origin has not been determined, it has been learned the fire started in the rear of the Nobles Dry Goods company store.

To Attend Brother's Wedding.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, joined by her mother, Mrs. A. E. Steadman of Abilene, and her sister, Mrs. A. B. Lewis of Fort Worth, left Wednesday for Amarillo to attend the wedding of her brother, Orion Steadman of Fort Worth, which is to take place at Amarillo Friday. The bride-to-be is Miss Jessie Mae Hayden of Amarillo.

PRIVATE SCHOOL.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden announces the opening of her private school Monday, September 7, 1931, at her home. Telephone No. 115.

Our Big School Sale starts Saturday. Come in and see how much money you can save. Brown's Bargain Store.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- WE NOW HAVE FOR SALE AT OUR OFFICE IN MERKEL**
- Letter Files
 - Hook Files
 - Paper Clips
 - Adding Machine Rolls
 - Second Sheets
 - Legal Forms
 - Shipping Tags
 - Carbon Paper
 - Legal Covers
 - Legal Paper
 - Typewriter Paper
 - Typewriter Ribbons
 - Coin Envelopes
 - Sales Books
- And are prepared to serve you with these office requirements.

The Merkel Mail

Operating Modern Job Printing Department
Telephone 61

Merkel Ice Station
NOTICE, PLEASE

On account of sickness and school beginning soon, I will have some new men to serve you and, of course, we are just as anxious as can be to give you the best service to be had. So if the boys fail in giving you the service you have a right to expect, please call it to my attention and we will soon get straightened out. **YOU MUST BE SATISFIED.**

We appreciate your business large or small.

ALWAYS IN THE MARKET FOR YOUR POULTRY AT HIGHEST MARKET PRICES.

Bring us Your Poultry and let us sell you your Ice.

Come to see us.

Merkel Ice Station
L. L. MURRAY, Prop.

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Friends and relatives were made sad Sunday night when the news went out that Mrs. Tom Neil, age 62, pioneer settler, had died. She was taken ill on the 20th of August and gradually grew worse and on Sunday, the 23rd, she was taken to Alexander sanitarium, Abilene, where all that loving hands and medical skill could do was done. But to no avail. Funeral services were held at the family residence Monday, August 31, at 3 o'clock, with Rev. W. T. Hamner of Winters, her former pastor, officiating. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery, Merkel. Pall bearers were: E. L. Mangum, J. E. Bowers, M. G. Scott, A. W. Woods, A. C. Terry and C. T. Beckham. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Bill and Pete, and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth O'Rear.

Miss Estelle Terry is home from Lubbock where she attended Texas Tech this summer.

Mrs. B. F. Sipe left Friday for Dallas to visit with her daughter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Harris and daughter, Betty Sue, of Seminole are guests of Mrs. Harris' grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Winn.

Mrs. O. W. Steen and little son, Ozro Weldon, of Sidney are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holbrook.

Miss Lewellen Steen of Clyde is visiting relatives here this week. Mrs. Annie Boone has as her weekend guest Miss Fannie Lee Wells of Sweetwater.

Eugene Murdock returned last week from a month's stay at Lamesa with her sons. She was accompanied home by Okley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and baby left last Saturday for Fort Stockton. They plan to be away about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers are moving back to their farm south of town, after being at Buffalo Gap all summer.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Perkins of Rusk were guests Thursday night of Mrs. Perkins' brother, J. E. Bowers. Mrs. Jim Blackmon of Hearne is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mrs. Cecil McRee is in Temple this week.

Andrew Archer of Dallas was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Archer, and his brother, Rodo Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and little daughter of Paint Rock were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep and Mrs. Lela Churchwell.

Jeff Music of O'Donnell was a passing guest of J. E. Bowers last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingee of Fort Worth were recent guests of relatives here. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, of Hermleigh returned to their home with them and Mrs. Boots Brown and little son returned to Fort Worth to join her husband who is working there.

Elbert Rogers of Lamesa spent Monday in the home of J. B. Winn.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee entertained a number of friends with a bridge party. After five games were played, a delicious salad plate and punch was served to Messrs. and Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Hale McRee, Leslie Beasley, R. E. Dowdy, Clois Edwards, Rodo Archer, little Misses La Nelle Edwards, Virginia Cloe McRee, Mr. Johnson, and the host and hostess.

GOLAN NEWS

All who are not busy canning are heading maize. Some few have commenced picking cotton this week.

Our rain Monday proved to be only light showers.

Mrs. D. A. Hill has been sick for the last week.

Miss Bonner, our county agent, met with the ladies club Wednesday evening and demonstrated watermelon preserves, jam, marmalade and garnishes.

The Baptist people met for conference just after Sunday School to call another preacher, as Brother Williams' health is so poorly.

Our Sunday School seems to be improving and we are going to organize a League soon.

Mrs. D. M. Hill, Rollie and Eldora, of Abilene and E. R. Schroeder of Safford, N. M., were visitors in the home of L. C. Williams Sunday evening and night.

Everyone is glad to hear that Orval Hill is improving some.

Miss Opha Green was taken to an Abilene hospital for an operation Thursday and is doing very well now.

Jerry Tucker, 4, of Chicago, won a job in the movies by his recitation of "Gunga Din."

BLAIR ITEMS

Little Bettie Joe Ballew and Peggy Marie Mayfield, who have been on the sick list, are doing nicely, and Mr. Sam Price, who has also been real sick, is getting along just fine.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell, who has been confined to her bed for some two weeks and is under treatment of Dr. Hulsey of Merkel, is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Rex McLean, who suffered a relapse from a recent operation, is not doing so well at this writing.

Sam Provine has returned home from a several weeks stay with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox, of Clint. Mrs. Cox and son, Jimmie, accompanied her father home and has been the houseguest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan, for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons, Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, Jesse Earl, motored over from Seymour to visit in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks. They also attended the revival being conducted by Rev. Bankhead the past ten days.

Billie Wilson of Red Springs has been visiting relatives and shaking hands with old friends the past week.

Mrs. Tuley and son of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer Monday.

Master C. V. Thornton of Caps had a pleasant week's visit with his cousin, J. T. Meeks, recently.

Mrs. H. E. Farmer of Canyon was the interesting houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer for the week-end. Mesdames Grant Reagan and children of Trent and M. M. Farmer and children of White Church were also visitors in this home Saturday.

D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe visited his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives Tuesday.

Mrs. Claude Doan and children, H. C. and Otis Ray, of Clyde have been visitors in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, for a week, also attending the series of sermons at the Church of Christ, Grandma Bankhead of Merkel was also a charming guest in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips have gone on an extended trip to New Mexico and interesting points in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and children made a pleasant visit to the former's sister at Plainview the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins and children, J. D., Jr., and Mary Theresa, were guests of the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dunkin, of Cisco last week-end.

Marshal Provine has returned from several months stay in New Mexico with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family visited relatives at Mt. Pleasant one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton and family of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pribble of Colorado attended services at the Church of Christ Sunday, making the trip by auto.

Mr. John Fulton and Miss Bell Patterson were united in marriage on August 23rd. Mrs. Fulton is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson. Mr. Fulton the handsome son of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, and the young people are very popular in society circles. Many friends are wishing for them a long and happy married life.

Brother R. A. Walker, pastor of the Baptist church, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, Sept. 6. Everybody is invited to come.

Mrs. Maggie Hunter and children, Willie Jo and Melba, were visitors in the Hugh Campbell home Sunday. Mrs. Claude Doan and daughter, Otis Rae, were also Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

RURAL SOCIETY

MRS. J. H. FULTON COMPLETED.

Mesdames J. D. Sandusky and A. D. Fulton were joint hostesses in the home of Mrs. Sandusky Friday evening, complimenting Mrs. John Fulton, a recent bride. Mrs. Fulton will be remembered as Miss Bell Patterson.

Guests arrived at three o'clock and after games and contests were enjoyed Little Marjorie Joe Fulton asked her auntie to follow her to the end of the rainbow where a pot of gold awaited her. Mrs. Fulton received a number of useful and beautiful gifts.

Ice cream and cake were served to the following: Mesdames Mark Malone, Frank Demere, Carl Hughes, Denzel Cox, O. W. Reid, E. J. Patterson, E. H. Patterson, Irene Fulton, W. T. Cox, Bob Malone, W. R. Sandusky, A. D. Barnes, Tommie Patterson, A. V. Henslee, J. H. Fulton, Misses Mary Hughes, Mabel Cox, Alma Cox, Alice L. Reed, Neva and Sarah Malone, Lou Ella Hughes, Lena Lee Demere and the hostesses.

NOODLE NEWS

Quite a few Noodle people attended the singing at Merkel Sunday.

The Methodist meeting is in progress at Noodle at the present time. Rev. Sherrill, the pastor, is doing the preaching. We have had several conversions and three additions to the church. The meeting will probably run through the week.

Mrs. Davis Wilson and two daughters from Coolidge, Arizona, spent Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wheeler and children from Tulla have been visiting Mrs. Clayton Goode.

Misses Leona and Ruby Blanche Jenkins of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rhoden of Ballinger have been visiting in the O. L. Justice home.

Miss Lucille Jones of Sidney was in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin visited in the Comper community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Beasley of Ropesville have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cade.

Mrs. Lyle Cade and Mrs. Davis Beasley spent the week-end with their mother at View.

Some of the farmers have begun to pick cotton, Mr. Kyle Blair having ginned two bales.

There will be a community prayer meeting at the tabernacle every Wednesday night. Every denomination is urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr of Hebron attended church here Saturday night. Miss Mildred Holt of Hamlin spent the week-end with Miss Wanna Spurgin.

Miss Neva Ely spent the week at the Humble station with Mrs. Nannie Lee Jackson.

Those taking dinner Sunday with Lloyd, Floyd and Monty Reese were Cecil Justice, Wayne and Clive Satterwhite, Juana Ely, Marie Patton and Neva Dee Spurgin.

Herman Rice of Farmersville visited Frank Perrin the past week.

Miss Mary Jo Patton is visiting in Sweetwater this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Warren called on Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ely Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Murphy was called to Breckenridge last week to the bedside of her sister. But we are glad to report she found her sister recovering.

CANYON NEWS

Rain, rain—everyone enjoyed the fine rain we received Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and little son, Billy Wayne, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves announce the arrival of a baby girl named Lena Mae. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Misses Fern and Florene Evans of Sweetwater spent last week with Miss Mary Ellen Frazier.

Mrs. W. O. Johnson of Grow, Texas, and Mrs. A. Y. Jones of Oklahoma are visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean, and other relatives in the Canyon.

Friends of the Perry family in this community were made sad Sunday when the news came that Uncle Willis Perry was dead. He will be remembered as one of the pioneers of the Canyon.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Turner had the misfortune of getting his arm hurt by a wagon passing over it.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance McLean are the proud parents of a baby boy that arrived on the 18th.

Mrs. Emmittie Perkins and children of Trent spent Sunday with W. C. Perkins and mother.

John Meeks and family of Blair visited their son, Ernest Meeks, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn have just returned from a trip to New Mexico. They report a wonderful time and state that they saw some good crops across the north plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and son spent Sunday with Johnnie Frazier at White Church.

Miss Mary Ellen Frazier entertained her friends Saturday night with a musicale, which was greatly enjoyed by a large number.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

I have arranged to carry insurance for the next three months on cotton stored with me in the yard this season. This service is complimentary to the farmers, especially those carry-federal loans and who wish to hold their cotton.

Weighting fee same old price—15 cents per bale.

Houston Robertson,
Public Weigher.

White Church News

Several of our farmers have begun picking cotton.

Mrs. H. West had as her guests recently Miss Oma Rider and a lady friend, who were on their way to Fortales, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Franks and children of Wichita Falls, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere, have returned to their home.

A. D. Barnes attended the funeral of a friend in Mt. Vernon recently. He was accompanied by Miss Bell Satterwhite and Mrs. Fuqua of that place.

Friends of A. V. Henslee gathered at his home Monday to gather his maize crop. Mr. Henslee seems some better at this time.

Mrs. W. C. Hunter visited home folks at Trent Wednesday.

We had a real good league and prayer meeting Sunday night, with G. S. Phillips as leader. E. J. Patterson will lead next Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West attended the funeral of Mr. Perry at Dora Monday.

Mrs. Ray Brown is visiting her sister, Mrs. Perkins, of Trent.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

Subject: "My Code of Honor."
Scripture reading—Jer. 31:31-32; Ps. 24:4-5; Ps. 37:3; Prov. 12:22; 22:1.

Leader, Lottie Butman.
Song, "I Would be True."
"My Code of Honor," Garry Latimer.

"I Will be Clean Physically," Grady Neil.

"I Will be Clean Mentally," Maggie Hunter.

"I Will be Clean Morally," Tommie Russom.

Questions for discussion, Viola Ensminger.

Song, "Just as I am, Thine Own to Be."

League benediction.

Once a month thirty St. Louis barbers go out to Pattonville, Mo., and give the 400 little ones in the home there a haircut, free of charge.

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HEBRON NEWS

Beatrice Sharp was Paul Pannell's dinner guest Sunday.

Anna Mae Harris had Mildred Sharp as her guest Sunday.

Several from Hebron attended the singing at Merkel Sunday.

Rev. Johnny Lowell of Abilene will conduct the services at Hebron Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

Guests in the Jack Pannell home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and son, Roland, of Los Angeles, Calif., Robert Louis and Philip Skidmore of Golan, Mrs. James Harris and baby Joan of Fort Worth, Mrs. Lige Harris and Mrs. Thomas

Harris and little daughter, Gloria, of Union Ridge.

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West Texas Utilities Company

Williams Says Board Not to Buy Cotton

Washington, Sept. 3.—The farm board Monday cast aside suggestions that it buy cotton in an effort to bolster prices.

Carl Williams, board member for cotton, said the board was not considering "the purchase of cotton under any circumstances."

Several southern senators, among others, had urged that the board take this step.

Williams turned to wheat with the comment the estimated 12 per cent reduction in the winter wheat acreage "was not enough."

As a means of further reducing the wheat acreage, Williams suggested that farmers living below the belt of 25-inch rainfall let half of their land lie idle this fall.

He said "summer tillage" was practiced to a considerable extent now below the 25-inch belt, adding that "summer tillage" was cultivating the soil and keeping it free of weeds without planting it to any crop.

Williams said portions of Kansas and the Dakotas, the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana were below the rainfall belt he mentioned.

The clarification of a phase of the cotton situation came after conferences with southern senators last week and followed immediately a three-hour discussion with members of the cotton advisory committee.

This group, provided for by the law that set up the board itself, came here in response to a call from Williams.

He said at the beginning of his press interview that it was "only one of the committee's regular meetings" but later added that various relief plans had been discussed.

Hall Caine, World's Richest Novelist, Dies

Douglas, Isle of Man, Sept. 3.—Sir Hall Caine, noted novelist, once described as the wealthiest writer in the world, died Monday night after an



illness of several weeks. He was 78 years old.
 Lady Caine and his two sons, Ralph Hall Caine and Derwent Hall Caine, and Attorney General Moore of the Isle of Man, were at the bedside when the end came in Geeba castle, one of the finest residences on the island.
 Born in poverty, he was educated by foster relatives to be an architect but never took to it. He was a journalist for a while until D. G. Rossetti, poet-painter, summoned him

to London to become his secretary and companion.
 For fifty years he produced literature for the reading public, the stage

and the screen. "Deemster" and "The Manxman," tales of life on the Isle of Man, were among his first successes. "The Eternal City" and "The Woman Thou Gavest Me" came later.

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GREEN BEANS, pound	9c
POTATOES, white, No. 1, 10 pounds	19c
LETTUCE, fancy crisp, 2 heads	15c
COFFEE, Maxwell House, old style, 1 lb.	27c
SUGAR, brown, 1 lb. package, 2 for	17c
SUGAR, powdered, 1 lb. package, 2 for	17c
APRICOTS, No. 2 1-2, Red & White	23c
PEACHES, No. 2 1-2, Red & White	19c
SALMON, 1 lb. can	10c
SARDINES, American, 2 cans	9c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
SUGAR, 10 lbs. pure cane, cloth bags	50c
SALT, R. & W. Free Running, 2 pkgs.	15c
PINTO BEANS, 5 pounds for	19c
FLOUR, Red & White, 24 lb. sack	58c
FLOUR, Red & White, 48 lb. sack	98c
CRACKERS, Graham, 1 lb. pkg.	15c
COMPOUND, White Cloud, 8 lb. pail	75c
JOWLS, dry salt, lb.	7 1-2c
CHEESE, Wisconsin, lb.	21c
BACON, Dexter, sliced, lb.	21c

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ALLOW \$7.50 PER BALE, PLUS SEED

After This Allowance on Federal Loans, Farmer Will Probably Have One Dollar Margin.

Farmers who borrowed from the federal government for this year's crop production will be allowed an exemption from the federal mortgage on their cotton of \$7.50 per bale, plus seed, it was announced here Friday by United States Department of Agriculture. He was accompanied on his visit to Merkel by County Farm Agent C. Metz Heald.

The allowance is a boost of \$2.50 per bale, the loan administration office having announced previously the per bale exemption would be \$5.

Ellis announced the increase in allowance on receipt of a letter from R. H. McElveen, administration officer in charge of the St. Louis loan office. McElveen quoted a letter from G. L. Hoffman, chief of the loan administration.

Ellis is in West Texas contacting some farmer borrowers, county loan administrators, and others, with the intent of stimulating activity in disposing of the feed-seed debts. "We simply want to encourage direct remittance on loan payments," Ellis said, "to enable the farmer himself to take care of his debt to the government. Many loans are being paid, and books at the St. Louis office show some farmers have paid off in full.

"Farmers are notified to send their checks as they realize money from crop production, making the checks payable to 'Disbursing Clerk, Department of Agriculture.' Immediate payment means the farmer will be returned a check for unearned interest."

Ellis cited figures showing the farmer, allowed \$7.50 per bale and seed, off the government mortgage, will have a margin of probably one dollar. Cost of ginning and picking is figured at \$11 per bale. Figuring \$4.50 for seed and the \$7.50 allowance, the \$1 margin is shown.

Ellis said farmer-borrowers would be notified to sell surplus feed, being allowed to supply sufficient to take care of the farm's livestock and family need.

The Department of Agriculture representative is on a tour through Texas, investigating crops of farmers who secured aid from the government for seed, feed, fertilizer and food, making a check of the farms and the use of funds obtained from the crop.

He has been in Texas since the last of June, contacting loan administrators and some borrowers at the rate of a county per day. He expects to conclude his work in Texas about September 10, and said a government representative, to contact the loan work more closely would be stationed in Abilene probably about September 15, serving from four to six counties.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are grateful to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during our sad bereavement in the loss of our beloved wife and mother. Their many thoughtful ministrations and their loyalty and devotion will always be held in tenderest memory and mere words are not sufficient to express our appreciation. We also wish to thank those whose thoughtfulness was expressed in flowers to make beautiful her last resting place. J. W. Neil and Children.

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Personal Mention

Misses Voncile Gilbert and Thelma Leach spent the week-end in Stanton. Miss Lala Hays of Denton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hays.

Mrs. Earl Beech of Gladewater is spending several days here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene were Sunday visitors in the S. F. Haynes home.

Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess spent the week-end in Lubbock, returning Monday.

Miss Lorena Dry was here from San Saba for a visit with her mother early in the week.

Mrs. J. B. Warren has returned from a month's visit with her son, T. A. Warren, at Waco.

Miss Vera Ritchie has returned home from an extended visit with relatives in El Paso.

Miss Flossie Campbell left Saturday for El Paso where she has a position in the public schools.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler has returned from a visit with Mrs. Cookston and Mrs. Cummings at Odessa.

After a visit with her brother in Chillicothe, Miss Iva Bragg has gone to Glen Rose to visit relatives.

Miss Johnnie Elliott of Abilene is spending the week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian, are spending the week with his parents and relatives.

Mrs. Harry Cookston was a passing visitor this week with Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. The Cookstons are now located at Tyler.

Miss Doris Durham left Wednesday for Crane City where she is teacher of physical education in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee, Miss Opal Buzbee and Miss Thelma McAninch spent Thursday in Stephenville on business.

Bragg Stockton and Miss Dorothy Stockton of Glen Rose were guests in the Bragg home for a few days the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morton and

family of Snyder visited their cousins, Misses Olive and Dora Garoutte, Monday afternoon.

Misses Reta Tarpley of Hawley and Joyce Harvey of Newcastle were guests of Miss Athelda Yeats the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine of Roby were guests Wednesday of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats. Mr. Laine was formerly county agent of Fisher county.

Bob Beasley and family of Ropesville are visiting friends and relatives here. Miss Verna Tee Beasley is the guest of Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble, accompanied by her father, David Gamble, Horace Nix and Genevieve Cox, drove over to Dallas Sunday, bringing Sis Gamble back on their return.

Miss Vera Baker of Abilene was here for several hours Saturday. She attended summer school at the University of Texas and later this month will resume her school duties at Houston.

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott attended the closing services of the Presbyterian revival at Baird last Sunday night. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. A. Walker and daughter, Robbie, and on their return brought Brother Walker back.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach had as their visitors this week Mr. and Mrs. P. Leimore of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Christmas of Silver City N. M., Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith of Abilene and Mr. C. H. Christmas of Cheyenne, Wyo.

L. B. Pipes and two sons of Dallas spent the day Sunday in the W. D. William home. This was the first time Mr. Williams and Mr. Pipes had met in 55 years. Mr. Pipes, it will be remembered, ran a dry goods store here about 20 years ago.

Recent guests in the L. L. Murray home were Mrs. Murray's sisters, Mrs. Girtha McConnell, and sons, Russell and Earl, of Pampa and Miss Willie Stalls of Dallas. Upon the return of Mrs. McConnell to Pampa, she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. D. Stalls, who goes to spend the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Riddle and little son have returned from a three

weeks vacation in East Texas where they visited with relatives at Bogota, Detroit, Dallas and Fort Worth. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Riddle's grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Neill, of Brady and her aunt, Mrs. Artemas Bell, of Bogota.

Mrs. Nannie Causseaux and H. F. Groene, Miss Missie Dye and Paul Causseaux returned Wednesday from several days in San Antonio. Mrs. W. L. Johnson, who drove down with them, remained with her son there. Mrs. Groene had the pleasure of being with her son, George, who came from Mexico to see her.

Elvis Richardson left Wednesday for Austin where he will enter the University of Texas this year. Elvis was valedictorian of the 1931 class of Merkel High school and received a scholarship to this school. He was accompanied to Austin by his mother, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, his sister, Mildred, and Leo Tucker, who will return Saturday.

Little Hamilton Child Ill.

Janice Lee, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton of Lorraine, former Merkelites, is reported very ill at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. Their many friends are earnestly hoping for a favorable change in her condition.

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Pioneer Settler of County Passes Away

Funeral service for W. C. Perry, resident of Taylor county for 45 years, was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning, from the Baptist church at Elm Grove. Burial was in the Dudley cemetery, beside the grave of his wife, who died six years ago.

Mr. Perry, 77, succumbed in an Abilene hospital at 5:40 a. m. Sunday, following an illness of three weeks. He entered the hospital August 17, later undergoing a minor operation.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Perry came to Texas in 1886, settling in the Elm Creek community in southwest Taylor county. At the time of his death, he still held ownership in the Perry ranch, including land he purchased upon his arrival in Tay-

lor county. He was a member of the Baptist church at Elm Grove. Surviving Mr. Perry are four sons, Joe Perry of Clyde; Oscar Perry of Tye; Elisha Perry of Merkel, and Ernest Perry of Divide; and one brother, John C. Perry of Dora.

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