# THE MERKEL MAIL

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# **BONUS BILL PASSED BY HOUSE; TO FACE** STRUGGLE IN SENATE

Patman Bill, as Passed, Provides GOP PLATFORM IN For Issue of Bonds for Retiring Currency, If Dollar Gets FAVOR SUBMISSION Too Cheap.

Washington, June 16 .- Immediate cash payment of the \$2,400,000,000 soldiers' bonus certificates-demanded by 20,000 former service men, bivouacked in the capital-was approved Wednesday by the house.

The Patman bill passed by the house would redeem bonus certificates, at their face value in new treasury through the federal reserve banks.

Before final approval, the measdollar became too cheap.

Former service men packed the galleries as the vote was taken. The vote for the measure was 209 he would decline even though drafted. with 141 in 1930.

to 176. Here's how the Texas representa- hard fight.

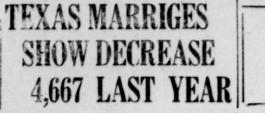
tives voted on the bonus bill: For: Blanton, Briggs, Buchanan, Banker Urges Normal Cross, Dies, Garrett, Johnson, Jones, Kleberg, Mansfield, Patman, Rayburn, Sanders, Thomason, and Williams.

Speaker Garner did not vote.

The measure was received by the senate late in the day and Senator Thomas (Dem., Okla.) asked unanimous consent for it to be taken up at once. Objection was raised, how- doing business with the bank would in 1930. ever, by Senator Smoot (Rep., be urged to maintain advertising ap-Utah), and it was referred to the finance committee.

Smoot, chairman of the committee, promised prompt action, saying his group would be called together which to stimulate buying. early Thursday morning to consider the bill.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1932.



Drop From 45,174 in 1930 to 40,-507 in 1931 is Recorded; Divorces Decrease in State Also In 1931.

Washington, D. C., June 17 .- The bureau of the census announces that, according to the returns received, there were 40,507 marriages perform. Grande at Laredo to recover a yoyo ed in Texas during the year 1931, as belonging to one of the boys, which compared with 45,174 in 1930, repres- had been thrown into the river by an-Chicago Stadium, June 16 .- The enting a decrease of 4,667 or 10.3 per other boy.

party platform, including the prohibi- cent. This decrease is due in part to When a snake crawling across a session Monday, certified the followtion submission plank, was adopted by a change in the marriage laws, effec- 23,000 volt power line was electrocu- ing candidates: For governor, R. S. acclamation by the republican conven- tive June 12, 1929, requiring three ted and left dangling from a cross- Sterling, incumbent who is seeking tion early today after the repeal sub- days notice to be given before the is- arm, electric service in 15 towns ad- re-election to a second term; Mrs. stitute had been voted down. The suance of a marriage license. In 1922, jacent to Marlin was disrupted tem- Ferguson, elected the state's first wonotes distributed to the veterans convention adjourned at 1:17 a. m. there were 61,730 marriages preform- porarily Saturday night.

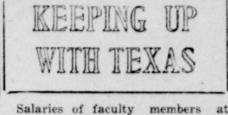
> was sponsoring a move for Dawes for divorces granted. There were 121 marvice-president, but the latter has said riages annulled in 1931, as compared

000. On the basis of these estimates, lier. Advertising Budget the number of marriages per 1,000 of against 7.7 in 1930; and the number Against: Lanham and Summers, should be the first to be put back to was 2.67 in 1931, as against 2.84 work in the opinion of Melvin L. in 1930.

In Taylor county 211 marriage liwith 271 in 1930; divorces in 1931 Straus recently stated that firms numbered 114, while there were 103

## World's Air Giant Glides Over Merkel

He told the senate it was not his business today," Straus said. "If busi. Akron passed over Merkel Sunday af- work is being done were held uncon- A. Seymour of Travis county.



Southern Methodist university have been reduced 20 per cent, effective at the beginning of the fall term. Wright Morrow of Houston and W.

K. Hopkins of Gonzales, both of whose names were entered by friends in the governor's race, have declined to run. Two Mexican boys were drowned State Committee Certifies Ros-Monday when they leaped into the Rio ter of 39 Candidates for Con-

democratic executive committee, in man governor in 1924, who was run-

James M. Shepard, young Dallas ner-up to Mr. Sterling two years ago; ty; J. Ed Glenn of Bosque county; Mrs. D. R. Lee, member of a pion- Frank Putnam of Harris county eer Runnels county family, died early and Roger Q. Evans of Bexar

Tuesday in a Ballinger sanitarium county. The estimated population of the from infection arising from a slight state of Texas on July 1, 1931, was wound caused when a sewing needle who will appear on the ballots with-5,913,000, and on July 1, 1930, 5,853,- was stuck into her leg two days ear- out opposition are Edgar E. Witt of McLennan county, for lieutenant

> Following an explosion of a bomb governor; Charley Lockhart of day night when twelve persons were H. Walker of Hill county, for com-Sunday in two more Publix theatres and F. L. Hawkins of Ellis county, Sunday, one at Waco and another at for justice of the court of criminal Fort Worth. appeals.

> Horace Chilton, 79, the first native Texan to become a member of the United States senate and one of the few houn of Potter county; James V. survivors of that band of valiant Allred of Wichita county; Ernest chieftains that wrested their state Becker of Dallas county. For state superintendent of pubfrom control of carpetbag rule, died lic instruction: L. A. Woods of Mc-Sunday at his home in Dallas. contractors on state government pro- of Walker county.

jects to pay wages equal to the scale | For commissioner of agriculture: The U. S. navy's giant dirigible prevalent in the community where the J. E. McDonald of Ellis county; L.

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# **RESUBMISSION GOES ON SEPARATE BALLOT** DEMO STATE PRIMARY

On the "Broadway of America"

NINE LISTED IN

**GOVERNOR RACE** 

gressman-at-large.

State officers asking re-election

Other candidates certified were:

For attorney general: Clem Cal-

**Executive Committee Votes 16** to 13 to Refer to Voters Question of Repeal of 18th Amendment.

Austin, June 16 .- The Texas state democratic executive committee voted to refer to participants in the July Houston, June 16 .- The state the national congress to submit a proparty primary the question of asking posal to repeal the eighteenth amendment.

> The proposition to refer the matter offered by Carl Estes of Tyler was accepted by a vote of 16 to 13. Two of the 31 committee members were absent and 15 of the 29 votes recorded were cast by proxies for regular committeemen.

lot separate from that carrying the 73 candidates for 15 state offices. Thirty-nine of the candidates are aspirants for the three at-large seats in the national congress.

The democratic state convention which met at Houston recently to select delegates to the national convention in Chicago adopted a resolution petitioning congress to submit the population was 6.9 in 1931, as in the Palace theatre, Dallas, Satur- Travis county for state treasurer; J. the question of repeal of the prohibi-The hoarded advertising dollar of divorces per 1,000 of the population slightly injured, bombs were exploded missioner of general land offices; The proposal to be submitted to the tion amendment to the various states. voters is:

> "For the submission by the 73rd congress of the question of retaining or repealing the 18th amendment to the people through conventions especially elected in the separate states to consider that issue by itself as provided in article 5 of the constitution of the United States." The ballot will also submit Labor statutes of Texas requiring Lennan county; Charles N. Shaver the same question preceded by "against."

## 15 Years in Pen.

Washington, June 16 .-- Gaston B. intension to keep it in committee but ness lacks confidence in itself, how ternoon at 6 o'clock, fololwing the stitutional by a three-judge United For state railroad commissioner, Means was sentenced Tuesday to 15

Chief business on the calendar for During the year 1931, there were butcher, who recently entered the race George W. Armstrong of Tarrant ure was amended to provide an eq- Thursday was selection of a presi- 15,788 divorces granted in the state, for the democratic nomination as state county; Tom F. Hunter of Wichita ual issue of government bonds to be dential nominee and running mate. as compared with 16,645 in 1930, re- comptroller against the incumbent, Falls; M. H. Wolfe of Dallas coun- hibition repeal proposition on a balused for retiring the currency if the Hoover's pledged votes assured his presenting a decrease of 857 or 5.1 George H. Sheppard of Sweetwater, ty; C. A. Frakes of Jefferson counre-nomination. The Texas delegation per cent. In 1922, there were 12,527 withdrew his candidacy Saturday.

censes were isued in 1931 as compared

# At Six P. M. Sunday

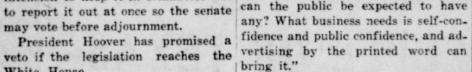
to report it out at once so the senate may vote before adjournment.

White House.

## First Car Wheat Shipped. buyer from Comer Haynes and con- ducing advertising appropriations. signed to Fort Worth. It graded No. 2 and brought 25 cents. Comer Haynes was loading another car Thursday.

## Indoor Baseball Results.

hee's team, 11-7.



**Convention Votes Down Repeal** 

Substitute: Hoover Re-Nomi-

nation Assured.

Indications were Curtis would have a

Straus, vice president of the Straus

propriations at normal levels. News-

paper advertising was recommended

by Straus as the best medium with

"Hoarding of advertising money is

until 11 a.m.

National bank.

Straus said more than 100 national concerns made sales and profit gains The first car of new wheat to be in 1931 by increased advertising. loaded here was shipped Wednesday while many other firms helped to night. It was purchased by an Abilene establish losses for themselves by re-

> Eastland Starts Another Test. Another test by the Eastland Oil Company and Dunagin Tool Supply By Wednesday night the Akron was tien, the date for which has not been company on the A. W. Hunter tract berthed in her hangar at Lakehurst, set.

was started last week and has pro- N. J. In Friday's game Munday's class gressed to around 150 feet. This test nosed out Petty's team, 18-17, and the is west of the discovery producer, in same team won Monday over Riddle's the center of the east line of lot 12, players, 18-10. In Tuesday's game in the south half of the W. R. Willis Petty's class was victor over McGe- survey. The recent test northwest of the Hunter proved a dry hole.

# **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

## (From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 14, 1912.)

paid the Mail office a pleasant call New Caney where he has been spend-Wednesday afternoon. They report ing the winter with his daughter, the rain in the Compere community as the best that ever visited the country at this time of the year.

Baby Show-a fine bracelet or necklace or ring will be given to the finest baby boy or girl under one year at 4 p. m. July 4.

Jim Guitar was in Abilene on busi- visiting his mother. ness Saturday.

has been visiting relatives.

C. L. Barker was in Abilene Wednesday on bank business.

Willie Trabue and W. L. Woodroof left Tuesday for points west to look after business.

Miss Maurine Cobb left last Thursday for Hearne to spend the summer with her grandmother.

James West came in last week from tending A. and M. college the past year.

A. B. Rains and sister, Miss Pearl, J. A. Hamner came in Monday from Mrs. E. A. Qualline.

> F. A. Sanders and Gene Nix spent Sunday in Putnam. They made the trip on motorcycles and returned the same evening.

Cary Touchstone came in Tuesday from Georgetown where he has been in school the past year. He is

Miss Flossie Cypert is fourth in the Mrs. R. A. Rollins returned Sat- Fort Worth Record prize contest. urday morning from Trent where she She is sure to win one of the six pri- road back to good times at the Ameri- on Thursday evening and at the close zes. Votes will be given by Hamblet can Institute of Banking convention of Friday's session cars were provided and Rogers.

> The Ladies of the White House will ica at San Francisco. entertain on the porch and lawn at of about 30 people, music by orchestra. Cake and ice cream free. Moonlight night. Don't miss the fun.

The date of the picnic at Bland's tank has been changed, as Mr. Roscoe Bland's condition will not permit tising, with its constant appeal try to visit Mr. Thomas' mother, and his looking after matters that will in- through repetition," said the College Station where he has been at- terest him but he hopes to be fully Franciscan. "as the backbone of our office Thursday morning and somerecovered to allow the picnic to take 'back to good times' advertising camplace July 19 or 20.

Fort Worth-Los Angeles airway in States district court at Austin. its transcontinental flight from Sun- Seven men, including a sergeant, two son of Bexar county; Roy I. Ten- Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean of \$104,nyvale, Calif. Merkel folks in large plain-clothes officers, a retired detec- nant of Bell county; C. V. Terrell 000 in an alleged plan to return the numbers had the opportunity to see tive and three uniformed patrolmen, of Wise county; Lee Satterwhite of kidnaped Lindbergh baby. with their own eyes the world's giant were suspended from duty in the Dal- Ector county.

of the air, which was estimated to be las police department Monday on For state railroad commissioner, traveling at about 60 miles an hour charges that they had accepted pay- four year, unexpired term: Olin when it passed over here. The height ments from negro gambling clubs. Culbertson of Jackson county; W. banking committee Tuesday approved was estimated about 4,000 feet.

tied up at the marine mooring mast at Rogers lacked only 19 votes of obtain-Paris Island, S. C., for the night, ing the necessary majority over his where it remained all of Tuesday on closest opponent, Lon D. Marrs, and acount of adverse weather conditions. the two will meet in a run-off elec-

Moratorium on Farm Debts Not Favored

Austin, June 16 .- Gov. Ross S. Sterling said Saturday that he January, 1931, fixing the term as thought a law extending moratoriums four years, applied to those elected on farm loans would be unconstitu- two years ago. tional and therefore the calling of the

purpose would be unavailing. Senator Walter C. Woodward of Coleman held the same opinion.

Senator Woodward said the United States supreme court has held unconstitutional a stay on debts contracted before the proposed moratorium.

A delegation of South Texas, headfarmers to banks, mortgage compan- P. Harbin of Richardson, secretary; ies and others.

Advertising Will Pave

Los Angeles, Cal., June 16 .- Advertising was described as a lift on the Thursday by Peter Michelson, adver- to transport members and visitors to tising manager of the Bank of Amer-

"If they are to assert the leadership Dr. McMasters' Tuesday night for that people expect of them, bankers benefit of the parsonage. Programme must become articulate," he said. Michelson said if "existing barriers to economic recovery are to be overcome all the recognized and proved forces of modern publicity and ad- the radio, was saved by quick action

vertising must be put to work." "We consider our newspaper adver-San paign."

County superintendents of public instruction, who were elected in 1930, will not be required to become candidates this year, the supreme court of Texas having decided in a test case that the law enacted by the 41st legislature, which became effective in

legislature in special session for that Del Rio Selected For Next Session Texas Press Ass'n

Mineral Wells, June 16 .- Lowry Martin of Corsicana who was elected president of the Texas Press associaed by Representative W. E. Pope of tion Saturday. Del Rio was selected Corpus Christi, Friday asked the gov\_ as the 1933 convention city. Other ofernor to call the legislature to enact ficers elected were Rufus F. Higgs a moratorium law affecting debts of of Stephenville, vice-president; Sam Ben F. Harigel of LaGrange, treasurer; and E. G. Senter of Dallas, attorney. M. B. Smith of Farmersville, Harry P. Hornsby of Uvalde, and A. Back to Good Times G. Mays of Paris, were chosen new members of the executive board.

Entertainment features included a barbecue banquet at camp Wolters Weatherford for a chicken barbecue at Holland Lake club.

Fire Destroys Thomas Home. At 1:40 Thursday morning fire almost completely destroyed the home of Carl Thomas in South Merkel. Some of the household furniture, including of the fireboys. The family was away from home, having gone to the counit was not until Carl came by the postone asked about the fire that he learned his home had been destroyed.

In the election Tuesday to fill the Gregory Hatcher of Dallas county; the administration-sponsored house Late Monday afternoon the Akron mayor's place at Amarillo, Ross D. C. A. Deware of Washington county; bill for the creation of a system of (Continued on Page Four)

six year term: J. J. "Jack" Patter- years' imprisonment for swindling

For Home Loan Banks.

Washington, June 16 .- The senate more loan discount banks.



## IT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND.

A young man burst violently into my office. His face was somewhat haggard, and his clothes disheveled, as though he had been up all night, which, in fact, he had.

But there was electricity in his walk, and sunshine in his eyes.

"Have you heard the wonderful news?" he cried.

I told him I had not heard any wonderful news since 1929. "Well, you're going to hear some now," he exclaimed. "I have a boy. Yes, sir, seven and a half pounds, born at five-thirty this morning. Think of it . . . me . . . a son."

Whereupon he became almost inarticulate, waving his arms and emitting sounds that were half laughter and half tears.

At length he gained sufficient self-control to impart the information that the baby had blue eyes. (I hadn't the heart to say that all babies have blue eyes. He wouldn't have heard me anyway.) "When I looked down at him the first time, the little rascal looked up and smiled. And he reached out and grabbed my finger, and, say ... well, I don't know how to express it, but when I felt him grip my finger, so trusting and everything .. well, say, if I were worth five thousand dollars to my boss yesterday, I'm worth ten thousand today.'

Did I treat his enthusiasm seriously? You bet I did. Any man who himself has passed through that experience and does not feel a reverent sympathy for a younger brother in the same situation has some serious lack in his soul.

One night in 1856, Thomas Huxley, the great scientist, sat alone in a quiet room waiting the birth of his first child. His spirit was on fire with great new resolves:

"In 1860 I may fairly look forward to fifteen or twenty years," he wrote in his diary, "and with the comprehensive views my training will have given me. I think it will be possible in that time to give a new and healthier direction to all Biological Science.

"To smite all humbugs, however big; to give a nobler tone to science; to set an example of abstinence from petty personal controversies, and of toleration for everything but lying; to be indifferent as to whether the work is recognized as mine or not, so long as it is done-are these my aims? 1860 will show. "Half past ten at night.

"Waiting for my child. I seem to fancy it the pledge that all these things shall be.

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## THE MERKEL MAIL

Publshed Every Friday Morning Glover and Caple, Publishers. TELEPHONE NO. 61

Texas, as second class mail.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES Taylor and Jones counties \_ Anywhere else \$2.00 (In Advance)

Advertising Rates On Application.

All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at the Methodist church, conducted at 1c per word.

## Without Utensils Boy Scouts Prepare Menu

Members of Boy Scout troop 20 entertained for their parents and friends with a picnic dinner prepared without utensils Tuesday night in Laney's pasture. The affair was followed by a court of honor, conducted by Herbert Patterson. Second class badges were awarded Bud Gambill, Murphy Dye, Don Swafford, P. A. Diltz, Jr., Billy Rose, Truett Patterson, Felix Stalls and Sylvan Mellinger. Tenderfoot badges were awarded to Dick West and Joe Young.

The dinner menu included roast chicken, baked apples, camp style baked potatoes, roasted eggs, baked sweet potatoes and lemonade, all prepared without the use of utensils, under the direction of Eagle Scout Benny Sheppard.

Guests of honor were Mesdames Gambill, Herbert Patterson, Ollie Dye, Perry Dickinson, Charles Jones, Jud Sheppard, Misses Lucy Tracy and Billie Bernice Gambill. Members of the honor court were Dee Grimes, Jud Sheppard, Bill Haynes, Ollie Dye, Perry Dickinson, Charles Jones and Dr. W. M Cambill.

Scouth or Patterson was assisted in giving the examination by Chief Executive Ed Shumway of Abilene and Assistant Scoutmaster Riddle.

MORNING SWIM LESSONS. 7 a. m.-7:45 a. m., six days a week, from June 21 to July 2. Inquire at Shannon's

Shoes are all Sacrificed in Price at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

Office supplies-Mail office.

## Ray M. Douglass

Last tribute of friends and loved ones was paid Ray M. Douglas, 38, Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, former resident of Merkel, when a large concourse followed his remains ment of the birth on June 14 of a son, to their final recting place in Rose named Billie Landis, to Mr. and Mrs. \$1.50 Hill cometery Tuesday afternoon. His W. L. Chaney of Abilene, both well

body, accompanied by a brother, Paul known here, where they formerly liv-Douglass, arrived here early Tuesday cd. Mrs. Chaney will be remembered morning from DeQueen, Ark., where as the former Miss Mary Parrack. he died Sunday from a gunshot wound. Funeral services were held by Rev. I. E. Biggs of Sylvester, as- that parties at different times have sisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist driven over the civ fire hose. This is pastor here.

Reports received here of the incidents leading to his death were to the effect that Douglass, meeting Rais For Dinner Guests Davis in a drug store at Cove, near DeQueen, asked him to repay a small debt and that Davis, calling Douglass

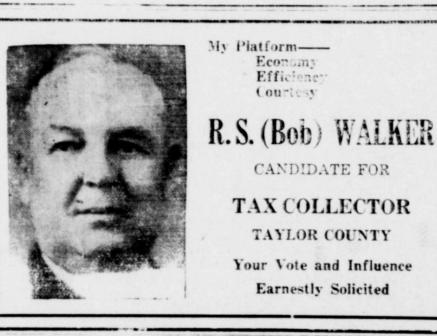
outside, started shooting. Douglass was unarmed. The first shot struck and killed Radford Parsons, a bystander, the second wounding Douglass fatally. Rais Davis stands charged with first degree murder and involuntary manslaughter.

Ray Douglass was born near Merkel and was reared in this community. A contractor by trade, he left Abilene about three years ago and was engaged in farming at his new home in

Arkańsas. He has been away from Merkel for several years.

Besides his wife, the former Miss mie Toombs, chief of the Merkel fire-Floy Oatman of Sylvester, and three boys, left Sunday night for Austin children, he is survived by his moth- to attend the State Firemen's convener, who resides at Sylvester, his fath- tion. The trip was made possible by er of Portland, Texas; four brothers, the generous response of Merkel cti-

P. H. Douglass of Merkel, G. C. and zens to the presentation of the bene-Carl Douglass of Abilene and M. D. fit play, "The Wild Oats Boy."



Douglass of Sylvester, and two sis-

ters, Miss May Douglass of Sylvester

New Arrival Announced.

WARNING.

It has been brought to my attention

erable damage. There is a city ordin-

ance against this and, unless it is

stopped, we will be compelled to see

Also we would like to call to your

mind that there is a city ordinance

regulating traffic ,which some

thoughtlessly or otherwise ignore. So

Saturday will be the Biggest

Bargain Day of the Sacrifice

Sale at Bragg Dry Goods Com-

Attend Convention at Austin.

unteer Firemen's association, and Jim.

Parker Sharp, president of the Vol-

W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

that the penalties are enforced.

be careful.

pany.

Friends have received announce-

and Mrs. J. W. Ward of Munday.

THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Fage One) "Born five minutes after twelve. Fhank God." Every night, somewhere in the

world, hundreds of thousands of men sit waiting for their children. Thoughts come into their young minds, which never were there before. New purposes; new earnestness.

Not all of this impulse is permanent, of course, but a part at least remains of the urge to do something and be something worthy of these children.

It is a greater force than personal very dangerous practice, as it ambition. It makes the world go might burst a hose and cause consid- round.

> A Lot of New Specials on sale Saturday at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

# NEW LOW PRICES ON LOWE BROTHERS

Enamels PAINTS Lacquers Stains Varnishes

High Standard HOUSE PAINT - - Qt. \$3.00 Mellotone FLAT WALL PAINT Gal. \$2.60 Neptunite FLOOR VARNISH - Qt. \$1.20 Quick-Drying ENAMEL - - - - Qt. \$1.25 Prices on all Lowe Brothers products reduced

BURTON-LINGO CO. "Where Quality, Not Price is

Criterion" Phone 71 Merkel, Texas

The Old Established Bank

Friday, June 17, 1932.

**Cordially Solicits Your Account** 

## FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

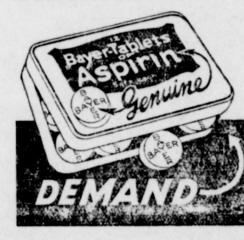
MERKEL, TEXAS

DIRECTORS: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Sam Butman, Sr., Geo. L. Paxton. Booth Warren

# ASPIRIN beware of imitations

word genuine on the package as dote for pains of all kinds. pictured below when you buy Aspirin. Then you will know that you are getting the genuine Bayer product thousands of physicians prescribe.

Bayer Aspirin is SAFE, as millions of users have proved. It does not depress the heart, and no harmful after-effects follow its use.

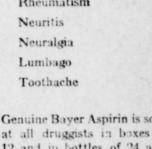


Look for the name Bayer and the Bayer Aspirin is the universal anti-

Headaches Neuralgia

Genuine Bayer Aspirin is sold at all druggists in boxes of 12 and in bottles of 24 and 100 tablets.

Aspirin is the trade-mark of Bayer manufacture of monoaceticacidester of salicylicacid.



Rheumatism

We Have All Helped to Make ELECTRICITY your most inexpensive servant

> The West Texas Utilities Company strives constantly to provide electric service more economically. That's one reason why your electricity is so inexpensive today.

> There is another reason. With the rate schedule arranged so that the unit price is less with each additional use, our customers have reduced their own average rates by applying electricity to more and more of their household tasks.

This working arrangement between customer and company makes electric service constantly more useful and constantly lower in cost. As you make fuller use of the service, your rate is always going down.

West Texas Vilities

# THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS **MUST DECIDE THE FATE OF TEXAS RAILROADS**

THE WELFARE of Texas and Texans has gone and will always go hand in hand with the welfare of Texas railroads. Their dependency upon each other is absolute.

In 1929 Texas railroads gave employment to 82,956 employes, to whom they paid annually \$126,674,543 in salaries and wages. In 1930 this number decreased to 70,739 while the payroll declined to \$109,892,226. In 1931 the number of employes fell to 57,098 and the payroll to \$89,505,918.

This represents a decrease of more than \$37,000,000 in purchasing power in Texas communities. There has been a corresponding decrease in purchase of materials and supplies by Texas railroads. The ability to have maintained railroad payrolls and purchases would have been a very important factor in overcoming the present trying economic condition.

The decline in railroad payrolls and purchases is due only in part to economic conditions. The revenues of the railroads have been affected not only by business conditions but to a very large extent by loss of traffic to trucks and buses using the public highways in competition with the railroads.

> • The time has come when the people of Texas must decide whether the traffic of this state can best be carried by the railroads, using facilities which they built and maintain at their own expense, or by trucks and buses using the highways built and maintained at the taxpayers' expense.

# THE TEXAS RAILROADS

Friday, June 17, 1932.

## THE MERKEL MARL

wyn said with relish. "I always think it is iniquitous, tying a man to a lunatic. That is a case where divorce is really justified-if it ever is," she added righteously.

"Perhaps he didn't want to divorce her," Diana said.

"Well, he is free at last, poor man," her aunt went on. "She died about two months ago, when the Watermans were in America, so I suppose the next thing we shall hear will be that there is a divorce there."

She looked at her niece sharply as she spoke, but Diana's face was indifferent.

> Diana and Mrs. Gladwyn were dining at the Fosters' that night.

Diana had only consented to go under extreme pressure. She disliked Mrs. Foster: she was a "climber" of the most flagrant type who shamelessly "collected celebrities," and who scandalized them as soon as they had

Jonas had written her that Rathbone's house was up for sale, and Donald was going to live in America. Diana permitted erself one moment of anguish.

"Oh. God. I can't bear it any longer," she said aloud.

She greeted her hostess with a vague smile and discovered her aunt comfortably seated in a big chair with a large cocktail and a plate of caviare at her elbow.

Diana looked around the room with. out interest. The same old crowd one to one or two of them and refused a cocktail. People were still arriving, a starchy footman announcing their after her arrival, of the sea beating names at the door in stentorian tones. "Sir William and Lady Marley."

Lady Marley had been a chorus girl, and there had been a violent love affair with a minor prince to her credit before she caught old Sir William on the brink of the grave and suddenly became respectable.

"Dr. Donald Rathbone-" (Continued Next Week.)

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time. lower rates; plenty of money; never come She had not seen Dennis Waterman due, W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y .- Treas., again but she had been told that he Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, had followed his wife to Paris. Poor Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.



Instinctively you feel that it's a pleasure for us to serve you.

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Service is what counts, and we constantly bend every effort to render a friendly, helpful service of the broadest possible scope.

> SAFETY -SECURITY-SERVICE

# FARMERS STATE BANK **IN MERKEL**

Capital \$40,000.00 Paid-in Surplus \$10,000.00

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with Dennis Waterman, a married sessed-body and soul-and it hurt man, undergoes a nervous collapse and her unspeakably to know that he was is sent to the country to recuperate so unworthy-even of her; he told under the care of Dr. Donald Rath- herself whimsically. bone, who lives near the cottage where After a moment she looked at him nis' wife, tells her that she offered dinary. Dennis a divorce but he would not accept it; he would have felt compelled "And I shall never run back any more, to marry Diana. Diana's love for Dennis." Doctor Rathbone is tempered by jealousy of a woman named Rosalie, who speak, but he could find no words. lives in the doctor's house. At last Then suddenly he went down on his Rathbone finds that he is deeply in knees, encircling her with his arms, love with Diana, but he confesses to hiding his face against her. her that Rosalie is his wife.

He had married her out of sympathy, when her husband had been kil- want-anything in the wide worldled in the war. But Rosalie was hope- if only you won't send me away." lessly insane. Diana and Rathbone part, and a letter comes from Aunt her. Gladwyn calling Diana back to London.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY-

She could not quite fathom the relationship between Diana and the goodlooking man whose voice made sick, ashamed feeing that was almost her own lonely heart turn over with such wistful memories. She had once thought . . . but, of course, that was too absurd; Rathbone would never to one another-all they would yet be. seriously consider a child like Diana, though it was quite possible that she She felt that it was more than she might have taken a wilful fancy to could bear; she felt as if he were trycases where patients had temporarily ing to cover and protect her, as Rathfallen in love with the doctor who bone would have done. looked after them, but it seldom came to anything.

Diana went out into the garden. She was full of curiosity to know what Dennis would say to her; she grasping it as a sign that he was to supposed cynically that there would be forgiven; he made the fatal mistbe more lies and pretense. He came quite early.

The smart two-seater raced up the the width of the little room between road and came to a standstill at the them, staring at him with wild eyes. gate where last night . . . Diana could "Don't touch me-don't ever dare not pursue that memory. Last night to touch me again!" she stammered.

was like some live creature waiting They stood looking at one another

THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT. There had been a time when she would masseuse who, so she declared, alone Diana, a young English girl, in love have given him everything she poscould cure it; sco after all they had not gone to Scotland. Six weeks ...

she stays. She finds herself falling in again; in the last few minutes he love with the doctor, but still trying seemed in some unaccountable way to to hold Dennis' affection. Linda, Den- have lost stature-to have grown or-

MAN MADE THE TOWN 64 RUBY M. AYRES

"So I ran away," she said again.

She saw his lips move as he tried to

"Don't send me away, Diana . . . I love you so . . . I'll do anything you Diana tore his hands from about

"It's too late," she said again, and then, breathlessly. "Don't make me hate you, Dennis."

He stood up, his face convulsed with agitation, but now she no longer pitied him: she was only conscious of that physical.

He went on pleading, imploring, reminding her of all they had been Diana put her hands over her ears. him. The Creature had known other ing to strip her naked instead of try- the neighboring cottages.

She said at last, brokenly:

"If you only knew how you're hurting me.

He misunderstood that, eagerly ake of trying to take her in his arms. Diana fled away from him, putting

Mrs. Gla wyn's big Rolls to wave goodbye to her little group of friends: Mr. Shurey, Jonas, Miss Starling. Jenny, and one or two women from

much the same as before.

Linda! Diana had heard who the grayhaired man was for whom she had been waiting that night at Palmeiro's:

Mrs. Gladwyn had got the whole story complete before she had been back in London a couple of days.

informed Diana. "Apparently he and Linda Waterman have known one an-

-it was all the same. left her house.

ness for which she longed. She had heard nothing of Rathbone

she had written a dozen-twenty replies and destroyed them all.

pilgrimage to Normandy with fifty always met everywhere. Diana spoke pounds in her pocket. She had written a pathetic note of gratitude to Diana and had cent her a picture postcard

against a gigantic rock. The Creature had shed a few tears when she said goodbye to Diana and

Jenny had wept copiously. Diana had felt like weeping herself

Since then life had gone on very

"His name is Anthony Jevons," she

Diana lay back on her pillows, letting the tea grow cold. Six weeks-six months-six years

Already she felt as if London separated her so completely from Miss Starling and the cottage that it seemed as if she could never really have been there, and at other times it seem-

ed as if she were just in London marking time for some miracle to happen that would give her back the happi-

since his letter: the letter to which

What was the use of writing to him. He would not answer.

Miss Starling had departed for her

when she looked from the window of

to pounce upon her directly she was as if they had been mortal enemies; off her guard and tear her in pieces. then Waterman said thickly: She opened the gate and greeted

Waterman with a smile. "You're an early bird." she said

calmly. She led the way and as soon as they | swered gently: were in the sitting room Waterman broke out:

"What became of you last night, much dignity as he could command. Diana? I was worried to death. I His conceit refused to allow him to thought something dreadful had hap- admit defeat; he and Diana had quarpened. They told me at Palmeiro's relled so often before, and she had that you had been and had left sud- | always been sorry. Soon-tomorrow denly."

Diana met his eyes serenely. "Yes. I ran away," she said. "Ran away? . . ."

"Yes, I found out that I didn't want

to see you after all.

"What do you mean?"

"While I was waiting, Linda came in. It was quite an accident-she was not spying on us."

"Linda? She went to Paris yesterday morning."

"She didn't; she was at Palmeiro's last night, and we had quite a little

talk together."

suspicion in his eyes. "It was Linda who made you change

your mind," he said savagely. Diana nodded.

then he broke out:

"Oh, no; she's not in the least jeal- same hard school. she likes you."

"I don't understand what you mean. Whatever Linda told you, you can take it from me it is not the truth."

"Isn't it? Not when she said that she had offered to divorce you and

the truth. Dennis." He took a step towards her.

know I've told you scores of times last words he had written. that I would give anything I possess if only she would give me my freedom.'

Diana smiled faintly.

"I know you have," she agreed. "But that is the damned lie-not what Linda said."

She saw the dull colour rise slowly to his face, and she turned her eyes letting in the morning light. away.

She felt sick and ashamed; not for Gladwyn, as that lady had developed her own sake, but for his. She had a sciatic pain and at the same moment once thought this man so splendid; had discovered a wonderful German

"If I go away now, Diana . . . ] shall never come back."

Diana felt her lips twitching into a smile, but she depressed it and an-

"I'm sorry, Dennis-good-bye." Waterman left the cottage with as or the next day-there would come a letter from her. He knew so well what its contents would be.

letter from Dr. Rathbone.

"My Dear Miss Gladwyn: "I saw Shurey this evening, and he tells me you are returning to London on Wednesday, so in case we do not

meet again before then, and it is un- Satisfaction guaranteed-Lowlikely, seeing that during the next few days I shall be very busy, I want to impress upon you to take great care of yourself and not to overtax your strength. I am afraid this will read She was quick to see the sudden rather like a homily, but you must put. it down to my poor powers of expression rather than to any other cause. I want you always to look on the bright side and believe that life is He stared at her for a moment; very largely what we choose to make it, in spite of disappointments and "I've told you again and again that sacrifices. I am preaching to myself you cannot pay any attention to what as much as to you, seeing that we Linda says. She is a jealous woman." both have to learn our lessons in the

ous of you or of me, if that is what "If I were an eloquent man there is you mean," Diana said calmly. "I am so much I could say, but I know you not at all sure, Dennis, that you don't will understand. Keep a brave heart, really like her a great deal better than and keep well. Good-night once again, Diana.

"Yours ever,

"Donald Rathbone." "P. S. I have added the postscript you spoke about on the other side." Diana turned the page with a hand that you had refused? I think it is that trembled; her heart seemed to be turned to water, and there was a mist before her eyes so that for a little "It's a damned lie, Diana. You while she could hardly make out the They were:

"I love once as I live once. What case is this to think or talk about?

I love you." CHAPTER XX.

Diana's maid Anna drew the curtains back with a sharp little rattle

She was still in London with Mrs.

other for years." "A married man?" Diana asked without much interest.

"His wife has been in a lunatic asylum for fifteen years." Mrs. Glad-

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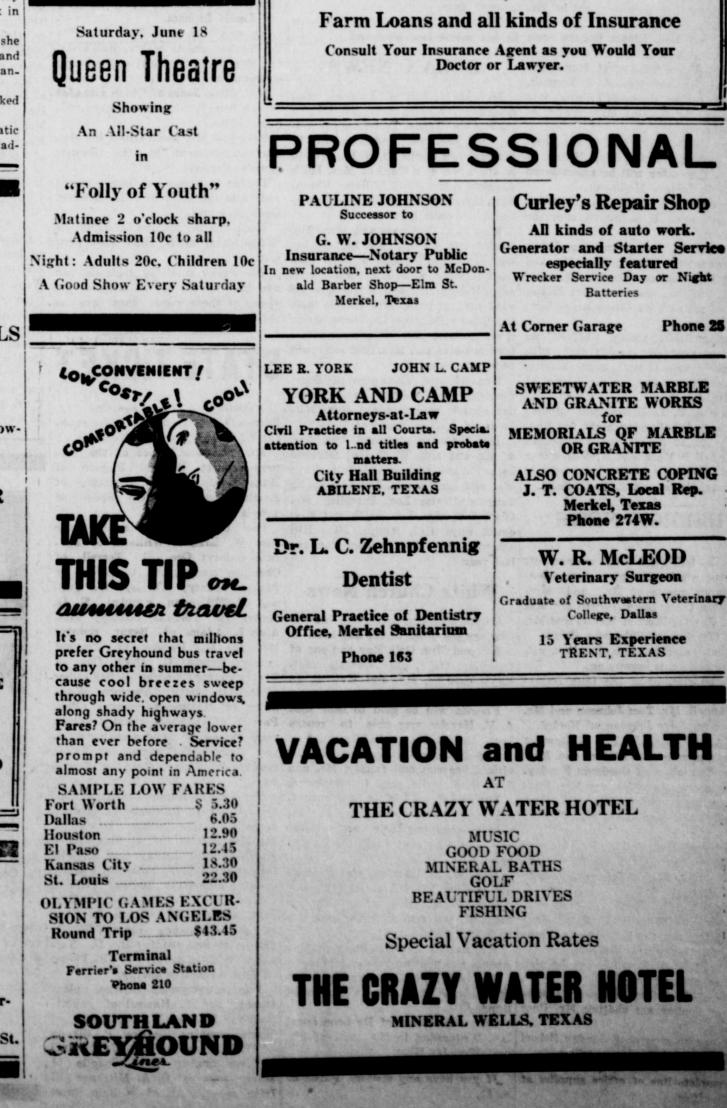
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# Rural Community Correspondence

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Cisco and Fort Worth.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gentry, mitt Patterson. at Cotton Dale.

seeing old friends.

Wells. On their return Sunday they week. were accompanied by Grandma Mc- Rev. and Mrs. John Walker and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. the past several weeks.

ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. day evening. Reneau, last Saturday.

day. They also visited other relatives school. here.

her mother.

Hutcheson, Handley Vessel, Johnny with relatives at Caps. They will be there thirty days.

and Mrs. Bry Burkhart.

Idalou were recent guests in the home 1932-33 are: Clyde Deavers, princi- while there. of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent.

J L. Nalley a few days last week. Brother John Walker of Abilene Farwell, of Brownfield are here with little friends with a birthday party

of Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

plan to spend the summer.

lin were guests Sunday night of Mr. several days. and Mrs. B. Burkhart.

children and Mrs. J. B. Winn and J. B., Jr., spent Sunday at Hermleigh visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Patterson Truby had quite a little wind storm Miss Emma Cecil Nalley left Sat- with their three charming children of last Thursday night; however, no serurday for a visit of several weeks at Lubbock were week-end guests in the ious damage was done. There were home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. light showers in our section several Mrs. Jack Bright is visiting her Tom Spears and Mr. and Mrs. Em- nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Bossie Williams and writing. Harvest will soon be in full Mr. and Mrs. Huff of Dora were son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth progress. here Friday attending to business and Sharp and daughter, Shirley Ann, and Most everyone is eating fresh vege-

Dr. Cap McLeod and his niece, Miss baby, Peggy Sue, of Merkel were the now and all surplus vegetables are Nat Walker, were week-end guests of interesting guests in the home of Mr. being canned in order that they may Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod of Mineral and Mrs. Hurman Doan the past be saved for winter use.

Leod, who had been visiting there for family of Abilene visited Mr. and Touchstone Saturday night. Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and other

Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith have as friends of this place Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Butman of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott of Trent at- lunch, then boat ride and swim. Dora visited in the home of the lat- tended the M. E. Sunday School Sun-

Mrs. R. B. McRee Thursday and Fri- merly the principal of the Blair living out a claim.

Mrs. Jim Bright has as her guest ded the funeral of Miss Bobbie Rogers near Hodges. of Clyde Sunday, Miss Rogers was kil- Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Garrett and er.

Boys leaving here Monday morning led by a tornado at Bethel, N. M. Houston were Bob Howell, Chock ren motored over and spent Sunday were the dinner guests of Mr. and The Union Ridge and Deborn Dem-Mrs. Bagley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burkhart of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera recently. ty Sunday afternoon. district are: Zeb Moore, R. E. Windom services at one of the Abilene church- son. Foundation patterns will be Mrs. Della Isom and two sons of and George Clinton. Teachers for es Sunday and were guests of friends started on.

Mr. a Irs. C. R. Rutherford of kel, Miss Mary Hutcheson of Merket visitors Saturday afternoon. Abilene vice guests of Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Gladys Lane of Sweetwater. Mrs. Lee Stockton and little son, Miss Sibel Davis entertained her

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Perkins of Es- will fill his regular appointment at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samson, last Saturday afternoon. All reportkota visited last Thursday in the home the Baptist church Saturday night for several weeks visit. and Sunday

Abilene left Saturday by automobile. Tye visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore Mathis, of Bitter Creek.

Grandma Gillam of Merkel was seen and Leslie Lipham. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers and in our midst last week-end.

## TRUBY NEWS

of Throckmorton county; W. E. "Bill" Lea of Orange county; Monte L. Meany of Harris county; Joe Burkett of Bexar county.

Crops are looking very well at this UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and tables and "good old fried chicken" Dinner guests on Sunday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats and

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Mer-The young folks enjoyed a party kel, and Mr. and Mrs. John Stock and son of Ibex and others of this Mrs. H. C. Hall, Jr., will be chap- community.

eron for a girls' slumber party next Mrs. J. W. Taylor, who has been their guests this week Mrs. Perle Miss Vernie Derrick of Merkel, Friday night. They are to go to Mr. with her daughter at Clyde, is now Hamner and children of Sweetwater. Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene and Bell's pasture where they will eat visiting with another daughter, Mrs. O. R. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cranfill and Most everyone in our community is Eugene Donahue spent Saturday very busy working in the grain as Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers and night and Sunday with Mr. Cranfill's it is ripening very fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell and sons have moved into our midst and sister, Mrs. George Samson. They are Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and daughters, Melba and Jackie, of Fort we are mighty proud to have them en route to their home near Magda- daughter, Joan, formerly of Fort Worth were guests in the home of as neighbors. Mr. Deavers was for- lena, N. M., where Mr. Cranfill is Worth are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. J. H. Palmer spent Saturday Miss Lucille Lock and Mr. J. R. Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton atten- with her mother, Mrs. Grace Harris, Baker of Brown county are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bak-

children of Sinclair attended church Mr. L. B. Douglas attended court to enter the C. M. T. C. at Fort Sam Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and child- and Sunday School here Sunday and in Abilene Monday.

onstration club met last Friday af-Terry, Delmer McLeod and Sparks. Mr. and Mrs. McSpadden and Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Darsey of Mer- ternoon. Several new members were and Mrs. Lewis of the Divide visited kel visited relatives in our communi- added and we hope it meets with great success. They will meet next Forsan were week-end guests of Mr. The board of trustees of the Blair Walter Jones and mother attended time in the home of Mrs. Jim William-

Miss Joyce Irvin is spending the

pal; Miss Thelma McAninch of Mer- Paul Jones and family were Anson week with her Grandpa and Grandma Irvin of Noodle.

> ed a nice time. J. R. Mathis spent Saturday night

There were six of the Union Ridge Jack Bowers with relatives from Mrs. D. Moore and two eildren of with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. seventh grade pupils that took the county-wide examinations, but there for Los Angeles, Calif., where they Sunday. They were accompanied Mesdames Jess Mathis, Bob Bell, were only two that passed. Those home by Mrs. Richard Melton and Wilmer Durden and J. H. Palmer passing were: Miss Maurine Dean Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Elanor of Ham- children, Betty Lou and Waymon, for spent one afternoon last week in the and her score was 124 and Mr. Miller homes of Mesdames Fred Baucum Patton and his score was 112. The rassing score was a 100. They atten-

present were: Mrs. John Latimore,

Evelyn and Milburn, Mrs. F. Demere

and daughter, Lena Lee, Mrs. Haire

and sons, Lloyd and Kenneth, Mrs.

T. H. Spears, Miss Zuma Spears, Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hall, Jr., were ded the exercises last Saturday afterthe Sunday guests of Mr. Hall's sis- noon at 2:30 in Abilene where 126 ter, Mrs. Annie McDuff, of the Union others were awarded diplomas. community. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee have had

of Victoria county; J. E. Boog-| and Theresa, H. E., Anna, Arthur and | Three presidents of the United Scott of Coleman county; Julian C. Mattaline Addison and Ira Purl and States were soldiers in the Revolu-Hyer of Tarrant county; A. H. King, Billie Patterson from Lubbock. tionary War.

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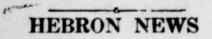
Roby. The latter will be remembered at the home of a third of Mrs. Hill's church Sunday. as Miss Thelma McGowan.

mother, Mrs. H. N. Smith, over the spend a month here. week-end.

and daughter, Miss Lillian, Mr. and where they will spend a week with way. day afternoon.

children spent Wednesday night with turn to Golan and Mrs. Schroeder will relatives here. They were moving return to Santa Fe. from Eldorado back to their home at Mrs. Willard Thompson of Spur, Hobbs, N. M.

Edwards left Sunday night for Aus- liams of Abilene preached.



Hello, folks, dead? no, we are not, last year. but the weeds are dying pretty fast. Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charley West of Merkel and Mr. Bill O'Quinn of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Jack Sharp, who has been sick for sometime, is improving.

home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. Pressly. J. Pannell, Mr. Tom Johnson and Mr.

Baker Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. H. West have reques. For congressman-at-large, place Ashford and sons, Leon and Otis, of ted that we thank everyone for the two: Oscar F. Holcombe of Harris Blair.

daughter, Jean, of Fort Worth are them. visiting Mr. Harris' father, Mr. Lige Mrs. W. A. Harrison and children lacy county; L. J. Sulak of Fayette lor County. I have tried to be an Harris.

ted Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark Sun- home after a visit with her daughter rant county; Mrs. Phebe K. Wer- As a farmer, a teacher, and a merday afternoon, the latter having been at Wichita Falls sick for the past few weeks.

list at this writing.

ter of Zephyr are visiting Mr. Ross Sunday. Baker. Everyone remember Sunday School

and all attend Sunday morning.

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GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. D. M. Hill of Lubbock and Mrs. Clyde Jones of Union attended all their children home for a few days. week of her mother, Mrs. White, of daughters, Eldora, who has been a church here Sunday. We always wel- Dr. McRee returned to Longview student in Texas Technological col- come visitors. Mrs. Hale McRee had as her guest lege the past year, and Mrs. E. R. Reverend Mr. Smith filled his reg- Hugh McRee and two daughters

daughters, Mrs. L. C. Wiliams, Thurs- Doctor Bumpass has been a recent Henry Smith of Vernon visited his day. Mrs. Hill and Eldora intend to visitor in the home of his brother,

Mrs. R. B. McRee and son, Louie, roeder left Sunday for Big Spring "little bit of news" from down your

the Gibson Printing Co. there. After thriving this year. Mr. and Mrs. George Gafford and a week's time Mrs. Williams will re-

formerly Miss Thelma Cooper, atten-Messrs. O. L. Bishop and Buster ded church here Sunday; Rev. Wil-

tin to attend the fireboys convention. The following sons and daughters ty; Ed T. Murphy of Polk county. Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene was a of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill returned guest Thursday in the home of her home Saturday for an indefinite stay: preme court; William Pierson of parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hill and young Hunt county; J. E. Hickman of daughter, Patsy Lou, Presidio, Mr. Eastland county; Ocie Speer of Orvil Hill, Mrs. Lee Smith and Miss Travis county. Jewel Faye Hill, Alpine. Miss Hill For congressman-at-large, place attended Sul Ross college for the one: W. Erskine Williams of Tar-

## White Church News

Cotton chopping and grain harves- Senter of Tarrant county; Mrs. ting are the order of the day here. Mr. and Mrs. Orin Ray and son of Mrs. Ida M. Darden of Tarrant Chicasha, Okla., are visiting Mrs. county; Ernest C. Ozro Cox of Those visiting in the Lige Harris Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Travis county; George J. Schleicher

and Mrs. John Johnson of Merkel. A V. Henslee was able to return Parrish of Lubbock county; Sher-Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson home from the Carlsbad sanitarium. man Nelson of Montgomery counwere dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grandmother Gilliam of Merkel ty; Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas Mose Cummings of Goodman Sunday. visited her son and family, Mr. and county; W. Weldon Reed of Travis Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mrs. O. J. Dulin, over the week-end. county.

help in chopping their cotton last county; J. H. Cyclone Davis of To the Voters of Taylor County: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and week and they pray God's blessing on Hopkins county; W. H. Hawkins of I have lived 52 years, 40 of it in

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark visi- Mrs. W. H. Brown has returned Dallas county; W. E. Myres of Tar-

Mrs. Eugene Reece is on the sick Austin are visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of San Augustine county. Mr. J. R. Baker and granddaugh- of Lubbock were seen in our midst

Miss Oma Rider of De Leon spent last Wednesday in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. H. West.

last week her sister, Mrs. Henry, of Schroeder of Santa Fe, N. M., arrived ular appointment at the Baptist of Lubbock are still here visiting.

Gene Bumpass.

Mrs. L. C. Williams and Mrs. Sch- Hodges, wake up, and let us have a

Mrs. Hale McRee, Virginia Cloe and their brother, R. J. Hill, and wife, The writer must lay aside the pen Addison on her twelfth birthday, Mrs. H. L. and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee John Robert Hill and a five day old and take up the hoe in order to get W. A. Campbell gave a party. Games visited relatives at Union Ridge Sun- son, yet unnamed. Mr. Hill is with ahead of these weeds that are so birthday cakes were cut and served with cream and lemonade. Guests

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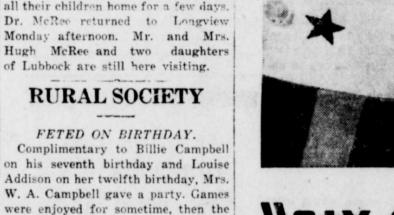
(Continued 1rom fare One) Ernest O. Thompson of Potter coun- O. Mayfield and Peggy, Mrs. O. Dulin

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rant county; Geo. B. Terrell of Cherokee county; R. B. Hood of Parker county; Chesley W. Jurney of McLennan county; E. G. Alex L. Adams of Bexar county; of DeWitt county; Lawrence West-Friends will be glad to hear that brook of McLennan county; Pink

Erath county; Lamar Gill of Wil- Texas, 26 in West Texas, 9 in Tayare visiting her son at Buffalo Gap. county; Joseph W. Bailey, Jr., of honest, upright and useful citizen. ner of Armstrong county: P. L. chant I have been reasonably success-Mr. and Mrs. Deskin Snow of near Downs of Bell county; B. D. Sar- ful in my private life, and, if given tin of Wichita county; G. B. Fisher a chance, believe I can render use-

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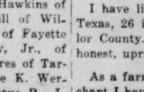
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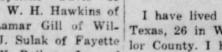
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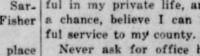
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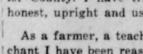




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Friday, June 17, 1932.



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dent and get going.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

By coincidence the same number, on the previous Sunday was 834.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE. The fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians Prayer service by Ted McGhee and Saturday night. Come worship with and Betty Joe Rice of Abilene. it will be discussed by Herbert Patterson. A cordial invitation is extended to all the men in the city and surrounding committies to attend and take part in these services.

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Lassiter.

filler.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. School at 10 a. m. Preach-

METHODIST NEWS NOTES. those who have been cleansed by the the Kirg. Special service planned for Sunday blood of Jesus and obey H.m; such as | Misses Venice and Zada Be'l have morning. Special songs and decora- "Anything you ask in my name the returned from a three weeks visit in tions. For details concerning the rest Father will give it you;" "Ask and Eastland. of it, come and see. We guarantee | ye shall receive;" "I have never seen , you will like it. Evening service at the righteous forsaken nor his seed ter in Del Rio and will be away prob-

begging bread;" "Seek first the king- ably a month. The volley ball activities seem to be dom of God and His righteousness Bert Melton left Monday to enter proving interesting. If your class and all these things shall be added un. the government hospital at Fort is not in on it, see your class presi- to you;""Cast your burdn on the Lord Baird, N. M.

and He will sustain thee;" "All things are possible to him that believeth." We now have 172 enrolled in Bible for vacation. school. All who have not been baptiz- Miss Terye Tarlton of Breckenridge 806, were present last Sunday at the ed, be ready next Sunday and we will is visiting in the home of the Mr. and No. 2: six reporting Sunday Schools in Mer- baptize. Every Monday night we have Mrs. J. W. Tarlton. kel as were reported for the same a very interesting Bible study. Pray- J. T. King, Jr., of Shreveport, La., Sunday a year ago. The attendance, er meeting and teachers Bible study spent the week-end with his parents, every Wednesday night. Men's and Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King boys' meeting every Friday night. Street services Saturday 3 p. m. Jun- visit for sometime with his daughter, iors meet at church Saturday 3:30 p. Mrs. Rex Dillard, at Tuscola. will be read as the scripture lesson m. Miss Margaret Essom will lead Mrs. Ernest Higgins had as her

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

## **Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, June 16 .- Cattle and "The church that extends a friendly calf supplies at Fort Worth Wednesday were moderate and trading was Our services were all well attended about steady on all classes. Steers is invited to worship with us at any buyers showed more interest in the Beryl, at Lubbock Sunday. 11 a. m. to hear the pastor's highly did in the loads of good fed steers. Isadore, Myer and Sylvan, left last Receipts: 2,500: 400 calves; good Thursday for an extended visit to fed steers of value to sell 5.25-75; Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. B. T. short feds 4.50-75; common grassers 3.25-50; good fed yearlings 5.65-75; good fat cows 2.50-3.00; heavy bulls 2.25; 2 year old stock steers 4.50;

fairly good mixed stock calves 4.35; at San Jon. off quality Brahma types with weight 2.50-3.15.

Gets Total 133 Years. ies and pleading guilty, Johnny Rus- Winona and Norma Patton, Mr. and "Watch Your Decisions," Joe Earl, sell and Red Rogers, accused of five Mrs. C. M. Presley and Mr. and Mrs. robbieries and thefts in northwest Johnson, all of Abilene. "Watch Your Ideals," Margaret Texas, were given penitentiary sen-

Beryhill, drew 24 years in three cases.

**Personal Mention** 

THE MERKEL MAIL

Dean Murray is here from Pampa spending his vacation with the home

Mis. Estelle Blankenship of Shreveport, La., is the guest of Miss Mag-

Mizs Mary King is visiting her sis-

Fred Guitar, who attended John Tarleton college last year, is home B. C. Gaither left Wednesday to

for the Men's Sunday Afternoon them in singing. Preaching every week-end guests little Misses Edith For County Clerk:

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and two children of Breckenridge were guests Sunday in the J. S. Thomas

Miss Mary Webb of Clyde is spending the week with her sister. Miss

Lena Webb, and her friend, Miss Neoma Gravson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and two trict: children, Wanda and Marvin, visited their daughters, Misses Odelle and tion.) Mrs. Max Mellinger and three boys Austin, Lockhart and Houston. Miss Dorothy Jennings of San Jon,

N. M., is the guest of Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt for a few days. Miss Jennings is one of Miss Rainbolt's pupils

Verner B. Jones of Bagwell, who came to Sweetwater for the Spanish-American War veterans encampment, also visited in the homes of John and Twyman Collins.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. Henrietta, June 16 .- Waving jur- and Mrs. S. O. Patton were Misses

Mrs. Earl Baze has as her guests tences totaling 133 years each in Miss Faye Marie Fronebarger, who courts here and at Wichita Falls. has just received her B. A. degree Their part-time companion, Max from Baylor university, Waco, and

Miss Mitchell of Weatherford.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.) For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

HOUSTON ROBERTSON. (Reelection.)

For Fublic Weigher, Precinct No. 21: W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.) JOHN PAYNE. For County Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) GRADY PARMELLY. R. S. (Beb) WALKER. For County Judge: JOHN CAMP.

JOE E. CHILDERS. For County Commissioner, Precinct P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

A. J. CANON. L. L. MURRAY. For County Tax Assessor:

C. W. BOYCE. H. F. (Henry) LONG.

C. A. COCKRELL. W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.

W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.) For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)

For Sheriff: BURL WHEELER, (Re-election.)

For District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-

election.) For District Judge, 42nd Judicial Dis-

MILBURN S. LONG, (Re-elec-

HENRY L. DEBUSK.

## A Big Sacrifice Sale is on at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

CARD OF THANKS. people who prepared and brought application is made, in a factory meals to our home. We also want to manufacturing shoes by the Goodyearexpress our appreciation for the many welt process. beautiful floral tributes. May God's Full information may be obtained of them that may enable you to save richest blessings rest upon each and from Castle B. Ellis, secretary of the money. At least you will know where every one of you.

His Wife, and Children, Father and Mother, Brother and Sisters.

Mail office.

## Beginning June on **Rising Sales Curve**

Chevrolet dealers reported the sale of 48,218 new passenger cars and trucks in May, within 200 units of domestic production for the month, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, has announced.

In the first ten days of the month, and domestic commerce removes all. dealers reported the sale of 13,870 doubt of the importance of the retail units. In the second like period the to- market in small cities (under 10,000) tal advanced to 16,227 units, and in and rural area. the last period it climbed to 18,121

stated.

sales curve is one of the most hopeful | sales! signs for the month now evident, Mr. Knudsen pointed out.

In June the Chevrolet company, lar- | sales-\$14,926,221,000. gest in the industry, is conducting an intensive new car campaign among Concern Contracts for more than two million owners of low priced cars two and three years old now in need of replacement, Mr. Knudsen stated.

## Exams Announced for Instructor Foreman

The United States civil service com. as "the largest single step yet taken mission has announced that until July in the movement to assure the con-12 it will accept applications for posi- sumption of southern cotton and protions of instructor foreman, cutting ducts."

stitching and fitting, and instructor ton Bag and Cotton Mills of Dallas foreman, lasting department, for duty and the Tex-O-Kan Feed Mills.

in the shoe factory, United States "As a result of this transaction penitentiary. Leavenworth, Kansas. alone, more than 200 bales of south-The last register of eligibles for ern cotton will be taken off the the position of foreman, lasting de- market," Talbot said. "A large porpartment, was established August tion of this cotton would be untend-20, 1928; two appointments have been erable for other purposes because of

tion has been held for the other two Joe Mitchell, president of the feed positions. The entrance salary is \$2.- mills, said, "We feel that each time 300 a year. For the present vacancies a Texan buys anything contained in the department of justice wishes men. a cotton bag he increases the south's To all our friends and neighbors Each applicant must have had at prosperity.

ward us in the sad loss of our hus- cal worker in a shoe factory. At least other commodities were spacked in band and father, son and brother, Ray two years of this experience must cotton bags it would add, by conser-Douglass, we are indeed grateful; es- have been as foreman, or assistant vative estimate, over \$100,000,000 pecially do we wish to thank the good foreman, of the department for which yearly to the south's prosperity."

> Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one

a lot of hunting and asking questions. and you also know the merchants ap-Of the 30,000 tudents enrolled at the preciate your patronage because they

Typewriting and carbon paper at University of Paris, France, about solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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## **Rural and Small City** Market Takes Third U. S. Retail Goods

A table prepared by the census department and published in the April tenth issue of Domestic Commerce distributed by the bureau of foreign

In this classification is to be found new cars and trucks, Mr. Knudsen 52 per cent of the total United States population, 45 per cent of all stores This entrance into-June on a rising and 30 per cent of total United States

> In actual figures: population-64 .-434,969: number of stores-698,190:

a contract for the manufacture of 500,000 cotton bags was described by W. E. Talbot, director of the south-

west industrial development bureau

500.000 Cotton Bags

Dallas, June 16 .- Completion of

department, instructor foreman. The contract was between the Ful-

made from it. No previous examina. being off color."

who were so kind and thoughtful to- least five years' experience as practi- "If all flour, cement, fertilizer and

United States civil service board of to find what you want without doing examiners, at the post office.

2000 are Americans.

g services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. he attendance at all the services has been encouraging the past few Sun-

days. Frayer meeting Wednesday even ing.

Always glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Singing 3 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:15 p. m. Preaching 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8:15 p. m. A cordial invitation to everyone to attend all our services. If you are not separator; will sell right. See Joe rock for another visit. going somewhere else, we are looking Higgins. for you next Sunday.

On account of sickness some were not present last Sunday, but we were glad to have a good, atttentive crowd at all our services. We always appreciate your presence and the spirit of respect we have at our church in Merkel. We do our best to preach FOR RENT-Two south rooms, nicethe old time salvation and Bible ly furnished, all conveniences. Mrs. repentance. Of course, the narrow T. J. Toombs. straight way is inconvenient for those who want to walk crooked, but it is the only way that leads to heaven.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor. FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST

## CHURCH.

The world is drifting away from IF YOUR RADIO isn't working just God, fulfilling 2 Timothy 3:1-8 and right, phone 276. Philco Radio Shop. James, fifth chapter. God's word giv- Expert radio service. We also carry es a remedy for sin; the blood of Jes- full line of radios and tubes. us Christ. His son, cleanses from all sin, and there are many promises to

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**Cash** for

7 good mules, 3 horses, 3 mares, 4 heifers, 6 cows, 3 steers, some

## EGGS AND CHICKENS

Will pay 9c per lb, for fryers-Lechorns and all under two unds, including colors; 11c, 2 to 3 pounds, including reds, Plymouth Rocks and white heav-Eggs must be graded and candled. No. 2 eggs bring only 4 cents in Fort Worth. See me for **GILLETTE TIRES AND** TUBES F. E. CHURCH

**Dunn Bldg. on Kent Street** 

Mrs. Frank McFarland and Cheat-Over half of the meat consumed in ham accompanied Jack Anderson to the United States last year came from Dallas for the week-end. While there Mrs. McFarland purchased a list of

books for her new circulating library. Guests of Mrs. E. N. Brown Sunday were Mrs. Victor Tippett and daughter, Joy, and Miss June Tippett, of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown and daughter from Lubhock: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins have

had as their recent guests Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Collins. After a visit her Mr. Collins returned to Lamesa FOR SALE-Nichols and Sheppard while Mrs. Collins went on to Sham-

With over a score of years in the newspaper game, Tom Durham felt FOR SALE- at a sacrifice price or the call and attended the meeting of will trade Bradshaw building next to the Texas Fress association at Miner-Case Grocery. Write Mrs. R. L. al Wells last week. He was accompanied by Wren and Miss Doris.

> Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tarlton had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarlton and children, Jean and Carroll Kenneth, of Albany, Miss Terve Tarlton of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanders and son, James, and Mrs. Carl Eanes of Abilene.

Water at the western tip of Cuba is e foot higher than that on the eastern tip due to the force of he Gulf Stream.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

**Opposite Mail Office** 

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door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.

Telephone 68

Mrs. F. A. Polley.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

The Cello

Trees



For what is so rare as a day in June, then if ever come perfect days." Many seek to take advantage of the balmy weather and floral beauty, that everywhere abound, for outdoor excursions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC. The Methodist church complimented the children's department of the Sunday School, which is in charge of Mrs. ey's pasture on Monday afternoon for ble and Cullen Tittle. the highest percentage of attendance. Approximately forty children enjoyed outdoor games and stunts under the leadership of Rev. E. L. Yeats and Mr. Herbert Patterson. Mesdames F. E. Church, F. C Hughes, Ruby Faye Johnson and Misses Rose Laney, married June 6 at 11 o'clock at Mad-Emma Toombs served delicious sandwiches, cake, fruit and lemonade to pastor of the Nazarene church of that the guests at the refreshment hour.

PHILATHEA CLASS.

Allen McGeee and her committee and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapthe class teacher, Mrs. E. L. Yeats, leton of Merkel. enjoyed their monthly social on Tuesday of this week at Shannon's pool. Oklahoma and the great plains of Eighteen were present to enjoy the Texas and upon returning from their occasio

with a geird story.

The next social will be a chicken barbecut at the home of Miss Alma Cox.

## GET-TOGETHER SOCIAL.

The young business men's class of the Methodist church, with 27 present, enjoyed a hilarious get-together social on Friday evening at Shannon's pool. F. Y. Gaither, president of the class, with his committee, was in charge

Games, refreshments and a general good time prevailed. This was the initial social of the season. It is planned to have one each month.

Big talk was in vogue concerning what the young business men's class would do in volley ball activity. They challenge any and all class teams.

### PICNIC.

Last Friday the beginners, primary and junior departments of the Grace Presbyterian church spent an enjoyable afternoon at Shannon's pool. Ice cream and cookies were served to: Mabel Murray, Betty Jane Diltz, Hellen Heeter, Doris Diltz, Micky Diltz,

Philco Radio Shop **Open for Business** 

Ed Lancaster has completed the erection of a sales room to house his new radio shop on lower Oak street and is now ready for business. The new enterprise is to be known as the Phileo Radio shop.

Vol Hargrave, formerly of Abilene, an experienced radio repair and trouble man, will be associated with Ed here. They will carry a line of radios and tubes and specialize in repair work.

R. A. Burgess, with a picnic in Lan- E. Boaz, Willie Harris, David Gam- De Ol' Arks a Moverin'

party. BOLLS-STAPLETON.

Mr. J. F. Bolls, Jr., and Miss Ada Mae Stapleton, both of Merkel, were ill, Okla., Rev. Mrs. Julia Standridge, place, officiating.

Mr. Bolls is the fine Christian son

They are visiting different parts of honeymoon will make their home for Miss Rose Laney closed the social the present at Borger. The Mail joins

## MUSICAL.

Miss Neoma Grayson entertained Wednesday evening at 8:30 with a musical. Guitar, mandolin and violin mania was played by Lendell Martin, Her Roberts and Chester Bryant.

After two hours of music and sames, refreshments of cake and iced ide were served to: Mary Webb rom Clyde, Reba Martin, Edna Marshall, Clara Grayson, Ruby and Pearl Davis, Floy Wells, Grace Jones, Etta Fruitt, Lottie McCoy, Aziline Sumpter, Lena Webb and Neoma Grayson, Zebbie Sumpter, Chester Bryant, Edwin Thorn, Lendell Martin, Glen Roberts, Norville Dowell and Lewis Mc-Gov.

## A Dollar does twice its Duty during the Sale at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker went to Fort Worth Saturday to attend the l reunion of the Baker and Wat

ters families, which is held the sec-

ond Sunday in June at Forrest Park

MATTERS MUSICAL

MUSICALES. Christine Collins will present Ver- All for You nie Derrick in recital of voice and piano numbers on Monday evening at Sonatina No. 3 8:30 at the Baptist church.

The program: Roberts Etude A June Morning Sonata \_ Mozart London Bridge Weatherly Song Without Words \_\_\_\_ Streabbog Danny Boy Wollenhaupt Etude Estrellita La Forge Gipsy Rondo La Paloma Yeadier Dett The March of the Indian Phantoms. Juba Guion Koelling Rapsodie Mignonne \_

The girls remained for a slumber Hungarian Rhapsody \_\_Liszt Pale Moon Vernie Derrick and Christine Collins. The public is invited

> The home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner was the scene of an artistic recital on Monday evening when she present- about 7:30 p. m., Derrell, 10, oldest ed her piano pupils assisted by Mrs. child of Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Pribble, and Miss Bobbie Rogers, 25, of Ernest Old of Abilene, singer.

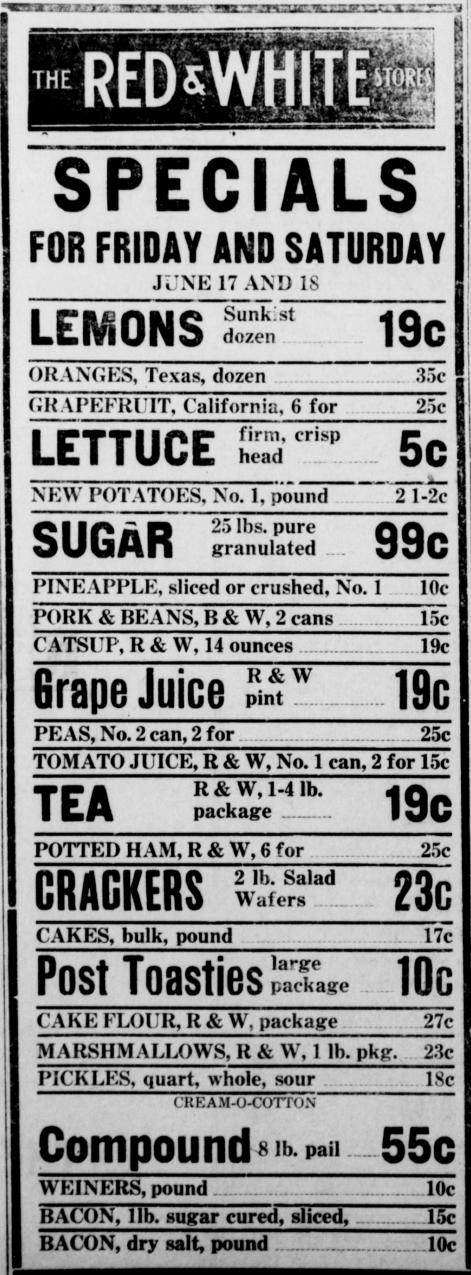
The house, in subdued lighting ef- Clyde, Texas, sister of Mrs. Pribble, fect, was beautifully decorated with were killed instantly when a tornado of Mr. and Mrs. Bolls, the latter pas- a profusion of lovely cut flowers. swooped down, almost unheralded, The Philathea class of the Methodist tor of the Nazarene church here, Little Misses Sue Sue Grimes and from a sand storm, upon the residenchurch under the leadership of Mrs. while the bride is the accomplished Becky Gardner were dainty program ce of Mr. and Mrs. Pribble at Portbearers.

Mrs. Old's lovely soprano voice was and Mrs. Pribble, and Mrs. Odis Pribespecially pleasing in request num- ble, formerly Miss Ima Jessie Clinton bers; she was ably supported in ac- of Merkel. Texas, were only slightly companiment by Miss Wilma Gard- injured. All other occupants of the ner.

Etude No. 11 \_

The young artists displayed mark- Funeral services for Derrell were many friends of the young couple in ed ability as was evidenced by the held at the Church of Christ at Portwishing them a happy and prosperous applause accredited each performer. ales Saturday afternoon, June 11, and An appreciative audience heard the interment was made in the Portales cemetery with Minister Frye of Levfollowing program: Apple Blossom Burton elland, Texas, officiating. Services Sonatina No. 3 \_Clementi for Miss Rogers were held at the Bap-A La Fontaine

Gael tist church at Clyde Sunday after-Clara Frances Largent noon, June 12; interment at the Bilbro Clyde cemetery. Beautiful floral of-



Mattingly ferings were made at each service. The Night Song Streabbog Besides his parents, Derrell is sur-Grant-Schaefer vived by a brother, Lonzo, and two Over the Waves De La Vergne Teague

Lugan

Mrs. Ernest Old

Duncan Briggs

Betty Lou Grimes

Mary Helen Lancaster

Billy Gardner

Mrs. Ernest Old

**Derrell Pribble** 

On Friday afternoon, June 10,

ales, N. M. Lonzo, younger son of Mr.

house escaped without injury.

La Regata Veneziana

sisters, Ineva and Maxiene. Miss Rog-Kilmer-Rosbach Bertrand-Brown Kuhlau as, and a number of brothers and Bragg Dry Goods Company. Liszt sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Pribble had lived in Bilbro their new home only about two weeks Lawson when the tragedy occurred, and Miss Hayden rebuilding the house have been made came on to the Merkel schools, where Kroeger Mrs. Pribble.

about nine years ago, where they resided until a year ago, when they moved to Portales.

More Domestic Saturday, 5 ers is survived by her parents, Mr. vards for 13 cents, for customand Mrs. W. J. Rogers of Clyde, Tex- ers who have not got theirs, at

#### Earns Two Diplomas.

At the close of the school session at Union Ridge, Miller Patton, son of Rogers had visited in their home only Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton, completed during that time. Arrangements for the seventh grade work there and by the people of the community, as a he was awarded a seventh grade ditoken of their sympathy and of their ploma at the close of the school. In respect to the friendship of Mr. and the county-wide graduating exercises at Abilene last week he was present-

Mr. and Mrs. Pribble were formerly ed his diploma for completion of the of Clyde, Texas, moving to Merkel Union Ridge requirements.

CDDCIAI	C
SPECIAL.	5
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	1
COMPOUND, full 8 pound pail	_55c
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds	.95c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	27c
SOAP, P & G or Crystal White, 10 bars	_33c
PICKLES, sour, quart jar	15c
PORK & BEANS, 2 cans for	12c
CATSUP, full 14 ounce bottle	.16c
CAKES, Fig Squares, 2 pounds	25c
DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prune and apples, 2 pounds	es 23c
CORN, Country Gentleman, No. 2, 2 for	21c
SYRUP, Dreamland, gallon size	51c
GRAPE JUICE, quart bottle	38c
GRAPE JUICE, pint bottle	19c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25c size	18c
Peerless Binder Twine at a Special Pri	ce
ELI CASE GROCEF	RY

Friday, June 17, 1932.

Dorothy Lee Shannon, Lee Baker, Louise Patterson, Marizoe West, Betty Joe Hassey, Johnnie McDonald, Lula Mae Clark, Marie Davis, P. A. Diltz, Dick West, Harvey Davis, Griffie Barnett, Earl Witcher, Forrest Glyn Barnett, J. D. Witcher, Dale Coates, and the hostesses, Missie Dye and Ola Ellen Smith.

MR. AND MRS. ORION TITTLE ENTERTAIN GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle entertained a few guests in their country home Saturday night.

Dancing and bridge were enjoyed until a late hour when delicious angel food cake and punch was served to Mrs. Earnest Higgins, Misses Louise Booth, Mary Collins, Mattilou Largent, Mary E. Grimes, Nell Durham and Missie Dye and Messrs. Raymond

there. It was an all-day affair, with lots of good things to eat, served picnic-style. This year Mr. and Mrs. Baker were the only ones to go from Merkel. 2 1-2 lb. Cotton Bats for 19c at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Mrs. Reid Improving. Friends will be glad to learn that

Mrs. Ouida Campbell Reid is do-

ing very well, following a minor op-

eration at the home of her parents

What a Saving in Men's Suits

at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

here Tuesday.

Presidents Jackson, Grant and Mc-Neal, Fred Guitar, J. D. Ashby, J. Kinley used tobacco excessively. Mother of 7-Still Young

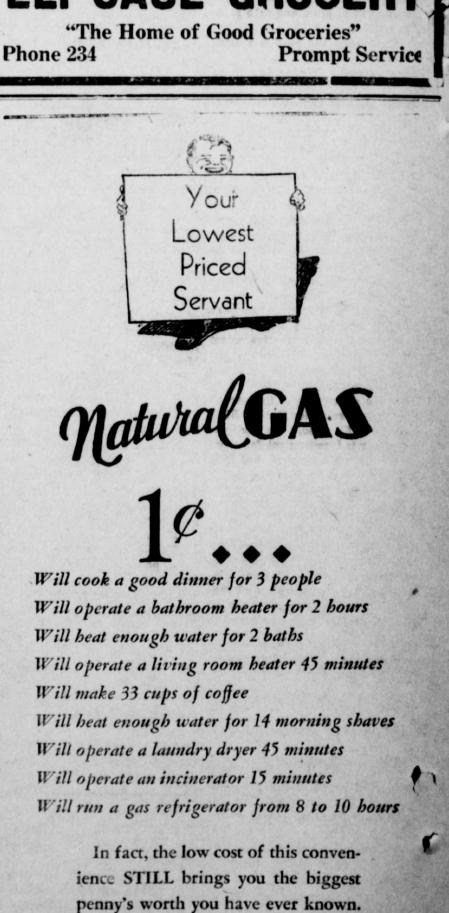
THE woman who gives ther organs the right stimulant need not worry about growing old. Her system doesn't stagnate; her face doesn't age. She has the health and "pep" that come from a lively liver and strong, active bowels.

When you're sluggish and the system needs help, don't take a lot of "patent medicines." There's a famous doctor's prescription for amous doctor's prescription for just such cases, and every druggist keeps this standard preparation. It is made from fresh laxative herbs, active senna, and pure pepsin. Just ask for Dr. Caldwell's syrup pepsin. Take a little every day or so. until every organ in your body feels the big improvement.

The next time you have a bilious headache, or feel all bound-up, take this delicious syrup instead of the

usual cathartic. You'll be rid of all that poisonous waste, and you haven't weakened the bowels. You'll have a better appetite, and feel better in every way. The constant use of cathartics is often the cause of a sallow complexion and lines in the face. And so unnecessary!

Would you like to break yourself of the cathartic habit? At the same time building health and vigor that protects you from frequent sick spells, headaches, and colds? Get a big bottle of Dr. Caldwell's syrup pepsin today. Use often enough to avoid those attacks of constipation. When you feel weak and run-down or a coated tongue or bad breath or a coated tongue or bad breath warns you the bowels need to be stimulated. Give it to childrea instead of strong laxatives that sap their strength. It isn't expensive.



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