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DECISION MAKES SCHOOL CREDITS SAFE THIS YEAR

Committee on Classification at Austin Meeting Votes Not to Penalize Schools that "Approximate" Standards.

When Supt. Roger A. Burgess returned from Austin the first of the week where he had been to attend a meeting of the classification committee of which he is a member, he brought back the good news that, although the local school board was compelled to cut salaries for the coming year below the required standard of the department of education, Merkel's school credits are safe.

State Supt. C. N. Shaver called this committee to meet in Austin on June 24 and 25. Supt. Burgess is one of the fifteen school men of the state serving on this committee, which is empowered by law to fix standards for high schools wishing to be classified. Due to the great financial stress through which the schools of the state are passing, the committee decided by unanimous vote not to penalize schools that "approximated" the standards during this coming year. While the standards were in no way lowered, they were merely "eased up" for the coming year so far as finances are concerned.

The committee passed a resolution instructing the high school division of the state department of education to stress standards to be maintained in the following order:

1. The most important item is to run the school nine months.
2. Schools should not lower the qualifications of teachers for the coming year.
3. Salary schedules should be maintained where possible.

The committee thinks quality of work done should be the test, and this work can only be of high quality if the term is maintained at nine months and well qualified teachers are employed. The schools of the state made a good showing for the past year, for only twenty-three schools out of over nine hundred on the classified list fell short of the required term of nine months. Several of these fell far short and were dropped from the list. Some of these had been trying to offer too much in high school, thus overloading the high school.

Grain Shipments.

During the week four cars of wheat and two of oats were shipped via T. & P. railway from here, bringing the total for new grain to seven cars of wheat and three of oats, according to the records of Local Agent J. C. Childress.

42 Cent Dress Wins Prize.

Fort Worth.—Jeanne Pafford paid only 42 cents for the material in a dress which won her a \$5 gold piece in a recent contest here for the most attractive home-made dress.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 28, 1912.)

DEMOCRATS ARE IN A DEAD-LOCK.

Even after thirty ballots had been taken the democratic convention was still in a deadlock at Baltimore. In the first vote Clark was ahead but W. J. Bryan caused a number of sensations and several times was hissed, yet he seems to be doing a better job for himself than did T. R. in the republican convention but the same roller that struck Roosevelt has so far failed to catch Mr. Bryan. The only chance for a nomination was for some dark horse candidate to be sent in; Senator Stone released all Clark delegates and Underwood and Foss withdrew; Fitzgerald took the floor and moved to nominate Governor Woodrow T. Wilson of New Jersey.

Ollie Cordell was in Abilene Monday on business.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty came up from Abilene Saturday afternoon to spend a few hours with Mr. Leighty. She returned to Abilene to take care of their place.

Miss Mary Reid came in from Hills-

Laborers Wanted For Work Monday

Twenty-five men are wanted for one day's labor at the cemetery next Monday. A. T. Sheppard, president of the cemetery association, has asked that notice be given to this effect. The men will report to the sexton, J. H. Witcher, who will supervise the work. One dollar will be paid for ten hours work. Each man is requested to bring a hoe and to be ready to start work at 7 o'clock.

The work is made possible out of the proceeds of the play, "George in a Jam," sponsored recently by the fireboys for the benefit of the cemetery.

It will probably require two days or more to complete the work, but it is planned to use only 25 men at a time. Another set of 25 men will be used on Wednesday, working under the same conditions and for the same wages.

Wheat and Cotton Show Export Gain

Washington, June 30.—Running counter to the general trend in the export market, two leading agricultural products, wheat and cotton, scored substantial export gains in the first quarter of 1932.

Cotton exports in the quarter, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States reports, amounted to more than a billion and a half pounds with a value of \$109,839,000. This was 79 per cent greater than exports a year ago and 38 per cent above the 1927-31 average.

The value was 19 per cent more than in the first quarter last year.

At the same time, 14,471,000 bushels of wheat were shipped abroad, a gain of 41.3 per cent above the same period last year. This was 25 per cent larger than the five-year average for 1927-31.

Short Indian and Chinese crops together with the low price was given as the reason for the heavy export of cotton.

Roque Tournament on Slate for the Fourth

In response to invitations extended by the Merkel Roque club for a Fourth of July tournament to be held here, about twenty teams are expected. The following towns will be represented: Post City, Spur, Hobbs, Breckenridge, Abilene, Lawn, Baird, Cisco and Lorraine, besides several local teams.

Play will start at 8 o'clock and visitors are invited to witness the contests, to be staged on the courts in South Merkel.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stephenson, Tuesday, June 28, 1932.

INJUNCTION IN GAS RATE HIKE; DELAY HEARING

Railroad Commission Takes Action in Behalf of Towns Less Than 500; Awaiting Oklahoma Appraisal.

Austin, June 30.—District Judge J. E. Moore Saturday granted the state railroad commission a temporary injunction restraining the Community Natural Gas company from increasing gas rates in Texas towns and communities of less than 500 population.

The temporary injunction affects more than 90 towns, mostly in West Texas, according to assistant Attorney General Neal Powers, who filed the injunction suit in 98th district court here.

The state's petition charged that the Community Natural Gas company, Dallas, contemplated raising its rates from a net charge of \$1.18 for the first 1,000 cubic feet to \$1.50 for the first 1,000 cubic feet and a graduated charge for additional consumption.

The present rate provides a monthly service charge of 50 cents and 67 cents for each additional 1,000 feet of gas.

The new rate provides minimum bill of \$1.50, a charge of \$1.25 for the second 1,000 feet, graduated to 45 cents per thousand over 23,000 cubic feet, with no service charge, the petition claims.

The commission pleaded that a hearing is necessary to determine the justice of the rate charge.

"If the commission can prevent it, it will not permit a raise in the rates in these small towns and communities until it is shown affirmatively that the rates now in effect are inadequate," a statement issued by Chairman C. V. Terrell's office said.

July 11 was the date first set for a public hearing by the Texas railroad commission on the appraisal of the Lone Star Gas company's properties, but this hearing has been postponed until an appraisal of the company's lines and properties in Oklahoma could be completed for consideration with the Texas inventory already on file.

Texas statutes regulating gas utilities provide a manner in which gas rates may be raised in incorporated towns of over 500 population. The law directs gas companies desiring increased rates to apply to the city council. If the council does not act in 60 days the case may be carried to the railroad commission. If the commission does not act in 60 days the case may be carried to the courts.

"It is the commission's belief that nearly the same procedure should be followed in smaller towns and communities as would be followed in incorporated towns of over 500 population," Terrell's statement said.

Merkel's Rainfall First Six Months Exceeds 20 Inches

Believe it or not, the rainfall for the first six months in 1932 in Merkel exceeds 20 inches, well high equaling the normal for a year.

The precipitation early Monday morning measured one-quarter of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Then Monday night and Tuesday morning four inches were recorded, about as much rain as any old timer remembers having ever fallen at one time.

The total for the first six months of 1932 stands at 20.03 inches.

While Merkel was being visited by four inches of rainfall, the government gauge at Sweetwater registered 11.3 inches there, resulting in huge damage in that vicinity.

A section of newly-constructed track on the T. & P. railway between the plant of the U. S. Gypsum company and Eskota was washed out, tying up two passenger trains on each side of Stamper, a flag station four miles east of Sweetwater.

In consequence of the tie-up, Merkel put on the appearance and airs of a railway terminus the greater part of Tuesday when westbound T. & P. No. 7, which passed through here at 3:47 that morning, was returned here. Passengers and mail were transferred to buses and trucks and transported to meet the eastbound local that was

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Borden company at Waco paid out to farmers of McLennan and adjoining counties last year more than a half million dollars.

Thomas Y. Pickett, head of a Dallas auditing company, was sentenced Monday to serve four months in jail and pay a \$5,000 fine for evading the federal income tax.

A reduction of 10 per cent in the salaries of all Dallas city employees was voted by the city council, effective July, to yield an estimated saving of about \$270,000 yearly.

Under the revision this year of the statutes allowing balloting by mail to begin twenty days before election day, which this year is July 23, first day for absentee ballots comes on July 4, Independence Day.

A mistrial was declared late Saturday in the case at Brownwood of Mrs. Willie Meichinger and her daughter, Eva Nell, 17, charged with murder for the slaying of Joe Meichinger, their husband and brother.

The body of Robert Brown, 26, who was drowned in the flood waters of Paint creek near Haskell Tuesday afternoon, was found after an all night search by friends and neighbors at a point about ten feet from where he sank.

In a three-month reduction of fares made to combat the near-monopoly on traffic taken by a system of 10c taxicabs, the Austin street car lines have cut their charge from 10c a ride—the highest street car fare in Texas—to a nickel.

Two daughters of a long-time Austin family, Mrs. Hurlson Priest and her young sister, Helen Otting, drowned Sunday when their fishing boat overturned in a high wind in a lake on the Guadalupe River near New Braunfels, the two sisters sinking in each other's arms.

The first bale of 1932 cotton in the United States was produced by Felipe Aguilar of La Grulla, a small settlement east of Rio Grande City. He had two bales that weighed 487 and 509 pounds, respectively, and they brought the record low price for first bale of 5 cents per pound.

Assigning two reasons, the fact that congress remained in session too long for him to make a thorough campaign of his district and advice of his physician that his health would not permit him to enter an active campaign, Quinn Williams of the thirteenth district has announced his withdrawal from the congressional race.

Frank Miller, negro, sought by Fort Worth police as the Cold Springs road terrorist, who was shot by a policeman when arrested several weeks ago and confessed to a number of holdups of parked couples along the road, later signed a statement before his death admitting to attacks on several white women, some of whom had not reported the offense to the police.

Four Contests Next Week Indoor League

On Friday of this week, the contest in the indoor baseball league will be between Munday's class and Petty's class.

Next week four games will be played as follows:

Monday, Riddle's class vs Munday's class.

Tuesday, Munday's class vs Petty's class.

Thursday, Petty's class vs McGehee's class.

Friday, McGehee's class vs Riddle's class.

Results of the last week's play were:

Riddle 11, Petty 5.

Munday 13, Riddle 12.

McGehee 9, Petty 8.

Local Players Best Tuscola Nine, 8-3

Striking out 12 men and collecting three hits, one a triple, T. Jones was largely responsible for Merkel's defeat of Tuscola last Sunday, 8 to 3.

Jones allowed eight hits, while Ivey, Tuscola hurler, was touched for a total of 12. Merkel was charged with four errors, with three chalked against the visitors. Standard led the attack for Tuscola with two hits in four trips up.

Batteries: Jones and Ashford; Tuscola, Ivey and Tatum.

Absentee Voting To Start Tuesday

Absentee voters are to get two "breaks" this year.

They will not be required to mark their ballot before a notary public, when voting away from home and they have a time extension for voting in the county clerk's office if they are going to be absent on election day—July 23.

The absentee voting period, beginning 20 days before election day, would open officially on July 3. That being Sunday, and the next day, Monday, July 4, being a holiday, absentee voting actually will begin on Tuesday, July 5—and continue to July 19, inclusive.

In previous years voters who have marked their ballots in the county clerk's office have been allowed only a seven-day period—beginning ten days and closing three days before the election. Now they have the entire period, beginning 20 days and closing three days before election.

W. P. Bounds county clerk, will furnish any other desired information.

Three Cent Letter Rate Begins July 6

Effective July 6, the new postal rates become effective, requiring three cents on all first class mail, except drop letters, postals and post cards. Drop letters are those mailed at any office where there is no city delivery and are for delivery in the office where mailed. This means that one cent is all that is required under the new law for letters mailed at the Merkel postoffice for delivery at the Merkel postoffice.

Three cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce will be the required rate for delivery on rural routes.

The air mail jumps 3 cents for the first ounce, the new rate to be 8 cents for the first ounce and 13 cents for each additional ounce.

On July 1 the Merkel postoffice changes to third class, due to a decrease in the volume of receipts for the calendar year of 1931. The minimum for a second class postoffice is \$8,000 annual receipts; this postoffice lacked less than \$300 of attaining the mark.

According to postal rules and regulations, civil service does not apply to a third class postoffice. Hence, Postmaster Adcock is awaiting information and instructions as to salary allowance and other details.

ADOPT PLANK FOR REPEAL OF DRY LAW

In Wild Convention Session Demos Stampede for Repeal; Texas Delegation Jumps Instructions to Favor Repeal.

Chicago Stadium, June 30.—Shortly after midnight Wednesday the national democratic convention put itself overwhelmingly on record as favoring prohibition repeal and Volstead modification. The final vote was: for repeal, 934 3-4; for resubmission, 213 3-4.

The Texas delegation overthrowing the Houston instructions for a resubmission plank cast the state's total 46 votes for outright repeal of prohibition. The decision in the Texas delegation was by the close margin of 67 to 61, but they were under the unit rule and the state's 46 votes went solidly for the extreme plank.

When the convention was called to order at noon Wednesday, the platform committee was not ready and recess was taken until 7 p. m. Weary from continuous strife from that hour to 1 a. m. Thursday, the delegates broke up to meet again at noon Thursday.

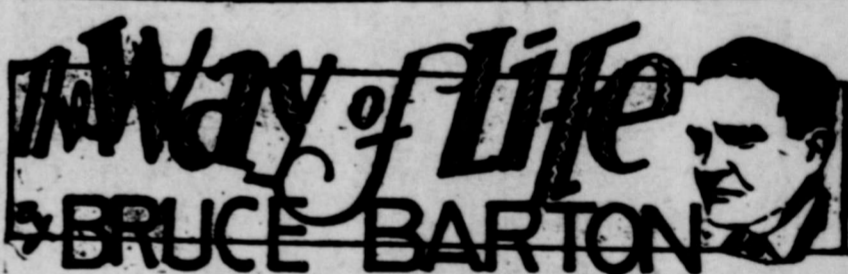
Votes still impeded on other planks and on adopting the platform as a whole, but the tired delegates—who had been at it in the stuffy stadium for more than five hours—already were going home when the repeal roll call had been almost completed.

Many more hours of session awaited them later Thursday, numerous nominating and seconding speeches having to come before balloting is reached, probably tonight.

Senator Tom Connally is scheduled to make the nominating speech for John Garner, Texas' favorite son, who went into the convention with 90 pledged votes, Texas' 46 and California's 44.

SENATOR WALSH CHAIRMAN. Three times a Roosevelt hurricane smashed the opposition in Tuesday's intense session of the democratic convention, elevating Senator Walsh of Montana to the permanent chairmanship, settling in its own way the two delegation contests and in general hurling on with an enthusiasm generated for a supreme effort to capture the presidential nomination by a two-thirds majority.

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FASTER THAN RADIO.

An unpleasant rumor began to circulate about a certain man. Such stories are an unsolved mystery. How do they start? What is the magic which spreads them, magic more deadly than lightning, faster than radio.

You hear the tale in New York; you climb into an airplane and as you climb down in San Francisco you hear a voice exclaim: "What do you know about So and So?"

If the victim is famous and of enviable reputation, the broadcasting is twice as rapid. In the instance referred to this was the case. Here are the comments of the first three men who hastened to tell the story:

Number One: "It just shows that you never can tell. Who'd think that old X would be up to such tricks?"

Number Two: "I was terribly shocked. What in the world could he have been thinking about?"

Both these broadcasters, you see, assumed at once that the man was guilty.

Number Three spoke with honest indignation. "I've known X for years. You can't make me believe that he ever did anything crooked. I don't care what the story is. I simply will not believe it."

The full facts came out a few weeks later and proved X an innocent victim. But the damage had been done.

There was a wise preacher in my boyhood who would say to the Sunday School: "Never believe what you hear and only half of what you see."

Much of what our eyes tell us is untrue. I see the sun move every day around the earth but it does not move. I see that my cane, when I thrust it into the water, is crooked. But it is not crooked.

Eyes are notorious deceivers. And as for the ears, they need to be policed every minute by tolerance and sympathy and common sense.

Mr. X, of whom I have spoken, had lived an upright life for forty years. Surely, this should have counted in his favor. Surely, the answer of all his acquaintances should have been: "He's all right. He cannot have done it. We deny this libel."

The discouraging thing was that two out of three seemed to be secretly pleased that another good man had gone wrong.

MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES

FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT.
Diana, in love with a married man, Dennis Waterman, is sent to the country to recover her health. She falls in love with Dr. Donald Rathbone, whose wife, Rosalie, is a hopeless lunatic. Torn between two loves, Diana cannot decide until Linda Waterman offers to divorce her husband so he can marry Diana. Dennis refuses to accept his freedom, and Diana sends him away. Rathbone and Diana see only a hopeless future so long as Rosalie lives. Then Rosalie, who had gone for a stroll in the woods, does not return. What has happened to her?
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
Unless the fog lifted it might mean being out all night in the cold and wretchedness.
He turned to retrace his steps to where he had left the trap when suddenly a muffled cry broke the silence. It sounded weird and unearthly, coming as it did, through the stifling fog blanket, and Jonas felt his skin rise in little pin points as he waited for it to be repeated.
Then it came again—a woman's wailing voice.
For a moment he stood petrified; then he went blindly forward as quickly as the hampering conditions would permit, in the direction from which he thought that cry came.
It was not exactly a call for help—it was more like a frightened wail, but it urged the boy on, till suddenly he pulled up sharply, only saving himself with difficulty as he found he was on the river bank.
A sloping, muddy bank, broken away by much rain and weather; but now the cry was nearer—almost at his feet, it seemed—and he answered it with a shout, cupping his hands round his mouth to make it carry further.
"Hullo... there!"
His own sense of helplessness was appalling; one might as well have been imprisoned by walls as by this blanket of increasing darkness. He shouted again with all the strength of his young voice, and then, suddenly, as if by a miracle, the fog bank seemed to break for the smallest fraction of a moment, like a curtain being slowly raised by a mocking hand in order to show him the thing he sought.
She was in the river... its width away from him... a half-drowned, piteous thing, clinging with frail hands to the overhanging bough of a rotting willow, her white face upturned, her flaming dark hair dank and horrible, her mouth wide open as if to give utterance once more to that wailing cry.
Jonas caught his breath; instinctively he began to tear off his coat, when the fog came silently down again shutting her out, leaving him there, shivering and helpless, on the muddy, slippery bank.
It seemed a lifetime before he could nerve himself to fresh action. Everything was unreal, uncanny; the silently flowing river like a half-dead poisonous snake creeping by at his feet, and the strange impenetrable menace of the fog-enwrapped world.
Jonas seemed suddenly to see Diana's face: her blue eyes, her sensitive mobile face... "Little head running over with gold..."
Diana would be happy again if he left Miss Rosalie to die.
He was shivering from head to foot, as with his whole body strained forward he started and stared into the fog to where she had been.
Of what use was her life? What did her happiness matter that another's, so much more precious, should be sacrificed to it?
In the few seconds of his hesitation it seemed to Jonas that he argued the whole question out with cold calculation before, with an effort that seemed purely physical, he pulled himself together and turned deliberately away.
Let her die... nobody would ever know.
"I would do anything in the world for you."
He had told Diana that more than once, and he had meant it with every fibre of his being. He was conscious of a queer sense of triumph to think that even though Diana would never know, he was fulfilling his promises.
Then the cry came again: strangled, weaker, more despairing, the cry that might have come from a child or from one of the lost lambs which he and Shurey had sought for together one bitter March month after a heavy fall of snow.
For one second still Jonas hesitated, standing rigid, his head craned forward in strained attention; then he

turned back with quiet deliberation, scrambled down the muddy bank, and plunged into the icy river.
CHAPTER XXIII.
Anna was perturbed.
Half a dozen times she had been in to Diana, and found her sleeping always in the same position, lying on her side, her face turned against the pillows, an arm flung up above her head.
Half a dozen times since the early morning when Diana had come home, and now it was past five o'clock.
Mrs. Gladwyn had been into the room once before leaving for another bridge evening.
"Has she been asleep all day?" she asked.
"Yes, madam—she seems thoroughly worn out."
She bent a little lower over Diana. "I suppose she's—all right?" she asked uncertainly.
"Oh, yes, madam—just sleeping heavily," Anna said quickly, with a faint feeling of discomfort as she remembered that once in the past she had been severely admonished for administering a sleeping draught to Diana without doctor's orders.
Mrs. Gladwyn sighed.
"She looks very like her mother," she said. "And her mother died when she was quite a girl." She pulled herself together and took up her gloves and handbag. "I should let her sleep it out," she said vaguely. "It will probably do her a lot of good."
When she had gone Anna quickly replenished the fire and went back to take another look at Diana.
She was very pale—even her lips and hair seemed colourless; and in sudden alarm Anna laid a hand on Diana's arm.
It was icy cold.
For a moment she stood petrified with fear; then she turned and ran from the room.
"Miss Diana is ill—you must fetch a doctor at once. Run down and see if Mrs. Gladwyn has gone. If not, bring her back quickly."
The girl ran, returning breathlessly.
"The car has just driven away."
But Anna was not the sort to lose her head in a moment of emergency. "Tell Markham to call a taxi and to go at once for Dr. Rathbone—I'll give him the address."
She had made a mental note of it yesterday morning when she dispatched Diana's letter to him, and knowing that Rathbone had attended Diana during her illness, she thought he was the most suitable one to summon.
To expedite matters, she went down to interview Markham herself.
But Anna's evident anxiety whipped him to swifter action.
"If Dr. Rathbone is there, bring him back with you. If he is not there, bring the first doctor you can find, but don't come back without someone, or it will be the worse for you."
She ran back to Diana and pulled the curtains, opening both windows wide.
The fog was not quite so bad, one could see the lights in the street below now, like bleary yellow eyes, staring upwards.
As Ann turned away her glance fell on the bottle she had left on the dressing table.
She caught it up, holding it to the light; then her face whitened, for it was nearly empty.
Anna permitted herself the luxury of one moment's emotion.
"Oh, poor lamb!" she said pityingly.
She knew a great deal more about Diana than the girl had ever dreamed—knew all about the affair with Waterman, and understood that it had ended with Diana's illness, on his side, at all events, but she had never been able to make up her mind with regard to Diana—until now, when she believed that the girl had done this deliberately in a moment of overwhelming wretchedness.
She lifted her gently, laying her flat on her back, and began to chafe her cold hands.
Anna had only seen Rathbone once, when Mrs. Gladwyn had sent for him after the girl's breakdown; but she had been impressed by his personality and quiet strength, and she found herself almost praying (though Anna considered prayer "old-fashioned rubbish") that he would come.
She had always been rather contemptuous of Diana's weakness, realizing how easily, during her short life, the girl had allowed herself to be bandied about, the victim first of one and then another, in the vain, un-

satisfying search for something real and lasting, but there was only pity in her heart now as she tried by every means in her power to rouse Diana from her dreadful unconsciousness.
One of the maids came presently, with scared eyes, to know if she could do anything to help, but Anna shook her head. She would not admit it, but she believed the time was already past when anyone could help Diana.
"Hasn't Markham come back yet?" she asked.
"Not yet... I think that's a taxi now."
More breathless moments. Anna watched the door with strained eyes. If Markham had come back alone...
The door opened, and she gave a little sob of relief as Rathbone strode into the room.
He came straight to the bed and bent over the girl lying there.
Anna, watching his face—always watching him, as if she felt he was the only hope, left to her—asked a broken question:
"Oh, sir... she's not dead, is she?"
Rathbone shook his head.
"No... what is it? What have you given her?"
Anna explained as well as she could.
"I only gave her four drops; she seemed so worn out, and yet she couldn't sleep; but I left the bottle on the dressing table, and the poor lamb must have taken some more. It's nearly empty now."
Anna turned her face away and wept, and she would not have believed it had she been told that her tears were not so much for herself or for Diana as for the broken-hearted look she had suddenly surprised in Donald Rathbone's eyes.
HAPTER XXIV.
Diana was so used to dreams. Nearly every night lately, half awake and half asleep, she had imagined with one part of her senses, even though the other part knew it could not possibly be true, that she was back at the Creature's cottage, in the little room with its chintz wall paper and muslin-petticoated dressing table, with Rathbone sitting beside her.
It wasn't such a bad dream until one quite woke up!
She wished she could make him smile. Down at the cottage, no matter how cross he had been with her, or how grimly he had looked at her while she hurled her silly little troubles at him, in the end she had always managed to make him smile before he went away.
Diana said, "Thank you," in a little whisper and closed her eyes. The tears couldn't get through if she kept them tightly closed, and Donald hated to see her cry.
"Things always turn out badly if

people take—what you and I might take..."
Donald had said that after she had asked if he would let her live with him. She supposed he must have been horribly shocked really, though he had only looked at her with eyes that seemed to understand.
Funny that people, especially those whom the world called good people, should think anything physical such a deadly sin, much worse than anything else.
She moved restlessly, and Rathbone spoke her name gently:
"Diana!"
Her eyes turned to his face and rested there for a moment.
"I'm so thirsty," she whispered. Her mouth felt all dry and hot.
(Concluded Next Week.)

We repeat—Saturday at 2:30. Ladies' Full Fashioned 42-gauge Silk Hose, 2 pair for \$1.00. Limit two pairs. Brown's Bargain Store.
The salary of the chief justice of the United States supreme court is \$20,500 a year.

JOE E. CHILDERS
Candidate for County Judge



I am making the race for County Judge of Taylor County on my own record which is as follows:
I was born and raised on a farm near Temple, Texas.
1918-19, I was principal of Little Elm School, Bell County.
1919-20, I was a teacher at Bryan Station, Milam County.
1920-21, I was principal of Bryan Station school, Milam County.
1921-22, I was a law student in Baylor University.
1922-23, I was principal at Mt. Calm High School, Hill County.
1923-24, I was a law student in Baylor University, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, with honor, Aug. 27, 1924.
1924-25, I was coach of athletics, Winters High School, Winters.
June, 1925, I became a member of the law firm of Wilson and Childers at Abilene.
1925-26, I was principal of Bethel School near Hamlin.
1926-27, I was principal of Winters High School, Winters.
1927 to date, I have been active in the practice of law in Taylor County.
I will appreciate your vote and influence.
Joe E. Childers.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Rev. G. W. Laurie of Abilene was passing visitor with friends here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Winn of El Paso were guests the first part of the week of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, and family.

Mrs. Clayton Hale and daughter, Miss Aileen, and Miss Gates of Kilgore are guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. John Crain.

Mesdames J. B. Winn and E. Rogers were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, of Hermleigh.

Messrs. Troy and Guy Eiland of Midland were passing guests of relatives here Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Armour returned home Monday after a stay of a week with a brother, who is seriously ill at Coolidge.

Mesdames T. G. Hamner and C. C. McRee are visiting in Houston this week.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens received the news that T. H. Erwin of Dallas died there Thursday, June 23, and was buried the following day. Daddy Erwin was an old-time resident of this place, having lived here many years before moving to Dallas, and he has many friends here who mourn his death and sympathize so much with his wife and children in their loss.

Mrs. Seth Nugent returned Monday from Waco where she was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Byrd, who died shortly after she arrived.

Grandma Williamson who has been real ill for the past week is reported as much improved.

Mesdames Boots Brown and Byron Dingle visited in the homes of relatives here last week. They went from here to Hermleigh for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Mrs. W. E. Chiles of Fort Worth is the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Bert McRee, Jr., who had to have a finger amputated last Tuesday, is reported as doing nicely.

Mrs. Russell of Stanton is guest of her daughter and her son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vessel.

Charlie Thixton, who was thrown from a truck in Big Spring last Tuesday, died there a short time after the accident. Burial services were held here at Trent cemetery Wednesday, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. He is survived by his wife, who is in a hospital at Wichita Falls, three little girls and a son, his father, John Thixton, a sister, Mrs. Rose Edwards, and three brothers and a number of other relatives and a host of friends, who extend sympathy to all the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers and Charles Bowers of Abilene.

Miss Jean Scott was hostess for a number of her little friends last Thursday, the happy occasion being a quilting bee for their dolls. As each guest arrived, she was given a needle, thread and thimble and each quilted a row. Then it was judged by Mesdames M. G. Scott, O. A. Smith and Alex Williamson, Doris Margaret Steen was given first prize and Jean Scott, second. Following games and stunts, refreshments of cake and lollipops were served. The invited guests were: Dorothy Jo and Willa Dean Strawn, Elsie Bishop, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Betty Lou Howell, Kathryn Shannon, Doria Margaret Steen and Miss Dorene Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and two children were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham. Mrs. Beckham had been visiting her father, Mr. R. R. Fisk, of Wichita Falls and W. J. reports that hail almost stripped everything at Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Bone of Hamlin were passing guests here Monday on their way to Big Spring where they will assist in a revival.

Mrs. Juanita Hutcherson, who is employed at Sweetwater, was here visiting friends the past week.

Mrs. John Strawn and daughters have returned from Waco where they have been visiting Mrs. Strawn's sister, Mrs. E. E. Holt.

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

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

White Church News

We have certainly been having the rain in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark of north of town were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. West Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson of Route 3 were visitors in the A. D. Barnes home over the week-end.

Miss Mary Dean Baucum of Abilene was seen in our midst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and little sons have been on a fishing party.

Mr. B. D. Pressly has been down with a spell of rheumatism, but is quite a bit better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips of Blair are visiting in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips.

DORA DOINGS

"Rain, rain all around, I won't go home until morning." But you could not do that now since it rained all Sunday night and Monday night with a lot of small grain yet to be cut and some is getting in a fair way to waste.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson and children of Sweetwater spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott.

Mrs. T. B. Suter enjoyed a visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Lowe, of Fort Worth several days last week.

H. A. Tyrone made a business trip to Fort Worth over the week-end.

C. P. Perry and son, W. T., Charlie Huff and son, J. D., and Douglas Jones have gone to Devil's river for a ten days fishing trip.

Miss Dorothy Phillips of Sweetwater visited home folks here two days last week.

Mrs. S. E. Porter is expected home Saturday from Plainview where she has been visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Burruss. She writes that the Burruss' crop was hailed out last Tuesday night, leaving only about twelve acres of cotton for them.

COMPERE NEWS

The nice rain of the week was very much appreciated and will be a great help to the crops and gardens.

Mrs. Grady Bonds was carried to the sanitarium last Sunday for an operation. We are anxious that she soon will be able to return home in an improved condition.

A romantic courtship resulted in a marriage ceremony last week, when Miss Ruby Wallace became the bride of Mr. Jerden Clemmer. We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer and truly hope that, if they're permitted to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary together that they will be as happy and devoted to each other as they now seem.

Elder W. D. Ramsey filled his monthly appointment at Rule, Texas, Sunday and Saturday before.

Rev. John Walker, pastor of Comper Baptist church, preached Sunday. Grandma Young attended the church and Sunday School services Sunday, for the first time in years.

Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr., Mrs. C. S. Childers and Mrs. W. D. Ramsey and little son were visitors in the R. P. Horton home Sunday afternoon.

Robbie Horton spent the day with Ina Mae Childers Monday.

Twelve of the young people of the community were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. E. B. Wilburn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas of Noodle were visiting Mrs. Lucas' mother Sunday.

Frank Ramsey has work at Rule for the present.

Several in our community are just recovering from severe colds. Some have had the flu and can hardly regain their strength as they feel they must work right on.

Home-Made Candies, assorted, at 15 cents per pound. Dandy Bakery.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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.

Candidate Jones In Answer to Open Letter From Blanton

The Mail has been furnished the following open letter, dated June 21, written by Joe H. Jones of Eastland, candidate for congress, in answer to the open letter from Thomas L. Blanton, incumbent congressman: Honorable Thomas L. Blanton, Washington, D. C. My Dear Judge:

Your open letter of June 18th is clever politics all right, but this will not be sufficient to perpetuate yourself and your daughter on the payroll for two more years. The people down here are not going to swallow your customary campaign boloney on an empty stomach. If you have saved us so many million dollars, where are they, and why are we so broke, and why are our taxes still increasing? If you saved us so much money, why do we have an additional one cent tax on gasoline, and a tax on all checks, which goes in effect today, and why will we be compelled to put a three cent stamp on letters beginning July 6th?

Judge, the people down here are wondering why it is that our governmental expenses have been growing ever since you have been in congress. The people are wondering why you fellows don't cut down on the mileage going to and from Washington. It seems to us ordinary citizens that twenty cents a mile is too much profit for congressmen to charge when the actual expense is not more than six cents per mile. Why don't you reduce this expense before coming home?

If you have been slaving to stop extravagance and graft at Washington, as stated in your letter, why have you had members of your family on the public payroll? Your brother, W. W. Blanton, served for several years as a secretary and drew a salary of \$2,500.00 a year. Your son, Tom Blanton, Jr., was on the payroll for years for the sum of \$98.33 per month. Your son, Matt Blanton, was also on the public payroll for several years at \$98.33 per month. Your daughter, Annie L. Blanton, has been on the payroll for years, and is now drawing \$3,000.000 per year, at this time.

Judge, the folks got a good laugh out of the telegram which you had South Trimble send me. It was pretty clever but it smelled too much like politics. It is so ridiculous to have an alibi that a congressman has to practice fraud on the government by placing a dummy on the payroll to distribute clerk hire. How about Tom, Jr., and Matt, your two sons, and your brother, W. W. Blanton? Were they on the payroll merely to distribute clerk hire too? Some joke, Judge.

Judge, you state that one ought not to pretend or deceive. Your publicly criticized Mrs. R. Q. Lee, when running against her in this district, for having accepted from the government a special allowance and funeral expenses on account of the death of her late husband, Colonel R. Q. Lee. At the same time you were making this criticism in this district of Mrs. Lee, you well knew that Daisy Rubelle Blanton, widow of your brother, William Walker Blanton, who had been working for you, received the same benefit from the same government about which you were criticizing Mrs. Lee. Yes, Judge, a fellow ought not to pretend or deceive. If you are against a thing in this district when Mrs. Lee's family is involved, you should be against the same thing while in Washington when your brother's family is involved.

You state in your letter that you have already done everything that I propose. What have you done about this nepotism business? What have you done about keeping the congressmen's relatives from getting on the payroll? When I get up there I am

going to introduce some nepotism law with teeth in it, that will break up this congressional graft.

Judge, you certainly are a peculiar man. From the way you tell it, you never had an honest opponent. The minute a man announces against you, he becomes a thief and grafter in your eyes. I remember when I was making speeches for you, you would always run down and blaspheme the good name of your opponent. But this time I thought it would be different. I thought you would show some common gratitude for my past friendship and support. I thought you would be grateful for the speeches I had made for you. I thought you would run a clean race. But folks told me you would try to assassinate my character and wreck and ruin me in order to keep yourself and your daughter on the payroll two more years.

You state that you are not in office for financial gain. If this is true, why don't you refund to the treasury the quarter of a million dollars in money which you, your brother, W. W. Blanton, your sons, Tom, Jr., and Matt, and your daughter, Annie, have received?

See you in Cisco July Fourth. Sincerely, Joe. H. Jones.

RURAL SOCIETY

THE SUNSHINE CLUB.

The Sunshine club met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Williamson June 21. Roll call was answered by "What I can do to make my home more comfortable in June."

Although Miss Bonner could not be with us, a fine program was rendered.

Members present were Mesdames O. E. Douglas, Eugene Reece, V. L. Merritt, W. L. Whatley, O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark, Jack Sharp, Melvin Jones, J. M. Williamson, William Burleson, and Misses Mable McRee and Ethel Dean, also one visitor, Mrs. Taylor. We will meet on July 8 with Miss Mabel McRee. Every one is invited. —Reporter.

We repeat—Saturday at 2:30. Ladies' Full Fashioned 42-gauge Silk Hose, 2 pair for \$1.00. Limit two pairs. Brown's Bargain Store.

IN MEMORY OF MY GRAND-MOTHER, ANNIE HUDDLESTON MARTIN.

Eighty and one-half years We kept her here to love, And now she has gone to live With her Saviour above.

Yes, we miss her sweet and loving smile, But only for a little while, Then we will meet her on the other shore And be with her forever more.

Free from sorrow, sin and strife, She has gained a richer life And with her passport in her hand She has entered the promised land.

She has met her Savior, face to face, And heard His word, "Saved by Grace."

Now to her loved ones left to weep, Remember she is only asleep.

And on the resurrection morn she will arise And greet her loved ones beyond the skies.

So to God's will be reconciled For in the future we will meet our Grandmother there And throughout the countless ages you will sing "All Glory to our Lord and King."

—By Lillie Belle Martin.

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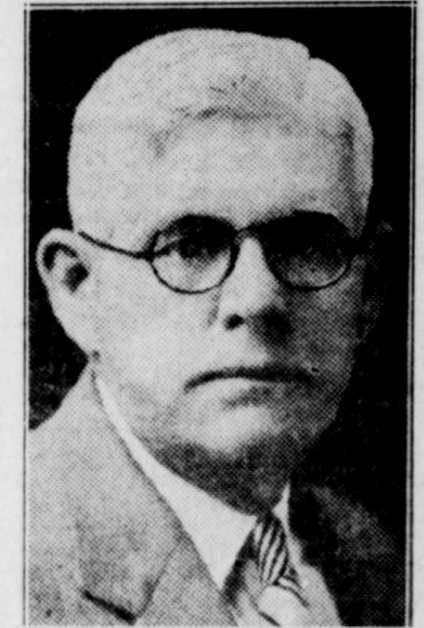
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Valuable Information



Young ladies and gentlemen, please remember if you are not past 22 1-2 years of age; or, in other words, if you were 21 by January 2, 1931, or will be 21 by July 23, 1932, you are entitled to vote free. If you live in the city limits of Abilene get your exemption from the tax collector, and if anywhere else in the county you need no exemption. I am giving you this information trusting you may give me your vote and influence for Taylor county's next tax assessor. Fathers and mothers, let's encourage our sons and daughters to be real citizens. Tomorrow they must take our places.

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What will be the effect on the shippers of Texas if only the traffic which the trucks cannot handle is left to the railroads? If traffic paying the higher rate is taken from the railroads by the trucks, it will be necessary for the rail carriers to increase their rates on the low grade traffic or go out of business. The total transportation bill will be greatly increased.

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METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The interest being taken in our church and Sunday School is highly appreciated.

We are expecting a record crowd at Sunday School next Sunday.

There will be no preaching service at our church next Sunday. We are planning a "pay-up" day. We will pay back the visits that other churches have made with us. Everyone is expected to attend some church in our city. It will be visiting day—paying back visits made us.

The service last Sunday held by Rev. W. M. Murrell was highly appreciated by a full house.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The league has a special program for Sunday, July 3. We are trying to give some interesting and helpful programs. The subject for Sunday is "Hanging Your Fiddle on the Door."

Which door do you hang yours on? The door of your bootlegger, or do you go in and play for him? The door of the church, or do you do church work?

Come to league Sunday and find which door to hang your fiddle on.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Shut Off the Radio and Open Up the Bible." The above caption is the very nice and timely expression of Mr. Harold Ingraham of our Sunday School board.

If all church members would do this, the church would be strengthened and the cause of Christ would go forward.

We were very happy to receive five new members into our growing church fellowship last Sunday. Let us make next Sunday a better day. Our Sunday School and B. T. S. is growing in spirit and in numbers. Come thou with us—the First Baptist church is a good place to worship.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Topic: "Follow Me." Bible quiz. Comer Haynes. Opening discussion, Benjamin Shepard.

"Following Means Salvation," Lucy Tracy.

"Following Jesus Means Service," Ted McGehee.

"Following Means Sacrifice," Mrs. Ted McGehee.

"Jesus' Promise to Those Who Follow," Carroll King.

"The Call Today," Fannie Bell Boaz.

All members are urged to be present next Sunday night at 7 o'clock. New officers will be elected and a social will be announced. Visitors are cordially invited.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

"How the Gardner of Happiness was Lost." Scripture reading, Lurline Tarlton.

"The Gardner of Happiness," J. C. Carson.

"The Command of God," Becky Gardner.

"Looking at the Tree," Lena Mae Moore.

"Satan Speaks," Vernon Mansfield.

"Eating the Forbidden Fruit," Preston Dickinson.

"God Walks in the Garden," Horace Boney.

"God Punishes Their Sin," Murphy Dye.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service will begin at 8:30.

Buffalo Gap Encampment opens Wednesday, July 6.

Glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Summer time attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel is holding up remarkably well, last Sunday's attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools being 793. This compared with 767 on the previous Sunday and with 769 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

The lesson for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service is the seventh chapter of 1 Corinthians, which will be read by Charlie Jones. W. M. Elliott is to comment on the scripture lesson. A cordial invitation is extended to every man in Merkel and the surrounding communities to come and enjoy these weekly services.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

We are surely delighted with our work and the people of Merkel.

Remember and do not forget that our revival begins on July 24. Evangelist J. W. Dodd and wife of Quan-

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:15 p. m. Preaching 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8:15 p. m. A hearty invitation to all.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had a great service last Sunday night, regardless of the threatening weather. The lights went out about the middle of our service, but we just continued our service, preaching, praying, singing, shouting, and all rejoiced together as sinners made their way down the dark aisle to the altar and there the Light of the Gospel shone into their souls.

Next Sunday night we begin an open air meeting which will continue for a period of several weeks. An announcement as to where the meeting will be located will be on bulletin board at church. Everybody welcome.

There will be baptizing Sunday afternoon after singing. Our goal for open air revival is "100 souls." Everybody in their place doing their work will win the goal. Everybody ready. Let's go.

Bible School Sunday 9:45. Lesson Acts 1.

As the revival comes to a close we will move into a large new tabernacle, at which time we anxiously look forward to another Pentecostal day, an all-day and all-night service. Everybody pray without ceasing. "Put God first." "Let insignificant self flee into oblivion" and loose yourself in the service of God.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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FISHING PARTY.

Lake Stewart was the beautiful location selected by a gay group last Thursday evening for a midsummer night's outing. Fishing, swimming and boat-riding were enjoyed until a late hour when a delicious picnic supper was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Bob Mayfield, George West, Charles Largent, L. C. Zehnpenning, Carlton Vick, Mrs. Elmer Lowe, Miss Louise Booth, J. E. Boaz and Jack Lowe.

CLASS MEETING.

The Dorcas and Althean classes of the First Baptist church met in monthly meeting in the parlors of the church last Thursday afternoon. After singing "Let Others See Jesus in You," prayer was led by Mrs. Causeaux and the scripture was read by Mrs. Brown. It was agreed for the class to make pillow cases for the quarterly shower.

The class then appointed new group captains and the losing side of the class contest served refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream to Mesdames Jones, Brown, Hamm, Polley, McDonald, Chambless, Carson, McCandless, Stevens and Causeaux.

NOTICE

New prices effective Thursday, June 30:

Hair Cut	25c
Shave	15c
Shampoo (plain)	15c
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DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prunes and apples, 2 pounds	23c
BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can	10c
PORK & BEANS, 2 cans for	12c
PICKLES, sour, quart jar	15c
K. C. BAKING POWDER, 25 c size	18c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lbs., quart jar	25c
PEANUT BUTTER, 16 oz. jar	19c
COFFEE, Woman's Club, with each 3 lb. can One 16 oz. jar Pecan-Nut Butter free	95c
TEA, Woman's Club, 1-2 lb. box	37c
TEA, Womans Club, 1-4 lb. box	19c
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