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On the "Broadway of America"

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J. A. GILES, Sr., DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER HERE

Had Been a Resident of Taylor County Since 1906; Deacon in Baptist Church for More Than Fifty Years.

J. A. Giles, Sr., 84 years old and a resident of Taylor county since 1906, died Friday afternoon at 12:20 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. T. Earthman. Death came gently to this beloved man, who had less than 30 minutes before listened with keen interest while a letter was being read to him from a grandson, Raymond Earthman, living at McAllen, where he is assistant manager for Woolworth's. A box of fruit from the same grandson had just been received that morning.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Perry King, of Rule, who was Mr. Giles' former pastor at View. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery beside the devoted wife from whom he had been separated only since Nov. 16, 1929.

On Dec. 25, 1873 he was married to Miss Savannah Lewis in Alabama. They came to Taylor county 26 years ago, residing first at View. They moved to Merkel in 1915 which was their home until the death of his wife. Since that time, he had lived with his daughter at their farm home.

Mr. Giles had been a deacon in the Baptist church more than 50 years, having been first called in the Como Baptist church in Hopkins county. He was a life long friend of the late Rev. R. C. Pender and it was his expressed wish for the latter to hold his funeral service. Death intervened, however, to claim his friend first.

Besides the only daughter, Mrs. Earthman, two sons, L. D. Giles of San Angelo and E. M. Giles of Abilene. (Continued on Page Two.)

Death Claims Little Gwendolyn Shouse

Indescribable sadness hovers about the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse where Sunday the death angel came and claimed Gwendolyn Marie Shouse, only 17 months old. The little child had taken sick only on the Tuesday before and died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 1:30, conducted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, the family pastor. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery beside the resting place of a brother, who died in 1918.

Surviving, besides the parents, are two brothers, Mordell and Charles Andy. The latter, 13 years old, is reported in a critical condition.

TRENT PLAYERS TO PRESENT COMEDY AT COZY THEATRE

Under the auspices of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, "The Adventure of Grandpa," a comedy in three acts by Walter Ben Hare and directed by Mrs. Rado Archer, will be presented at the Cozy theatre Friday night at 7:30.

The cast includes some of Trent's best home talent, the principals being Allen Terry, as Monte Ray; Garland Franks, as Tod Hunter; Gilbert Burks, as Officer McCormick; Famma Johnson, as Lucey Hunter; Maurine Smith, as Dorothy May; Mrs. H. R. Poor, as Mrs. Pansey Hopscotch; Ruby Johnson, as Marie Rib-lau; Mrs. Sam McLeod, as Kloompoy, and H. R. Poor, as Otis Hamerhead.

A list of pleasing specialties will be offered between the acts. Admission prices are 10c and 20c.

Mrs. Mary Rister Dies Peacefully in Sleep

Mrs. Mary C. Rister, who was 83 years of age on August 26 of this year, passed away peacefully in her sleep at 9:30 Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Bland. She had been ill only about two weeks.

Her remains were carried to Midway cemetery at 2:30 Friday afternoon where she was buried beside the grave of her late husband, Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the Baptist church here, conducted services. Mrs. Rister was a member of the Baptist church at Comper and her long life had been a blessing to all who knew her. As the mother of a large family, she leaves the heritage of a life well spent, in devotion to home, husband and children, in loving neighborliness to friends and in loyal and sacrificing service to her Master.

She was born in Louisiana in 1849 and was married in Burleson county to D. C. Rister. They came to Taylor county 23 years ago. Her husband preceded her in death by nine years. Besides Mrs. Bland, another daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sanders, of Noodelle, and five sons survive. The sons are: W. D. and C. C. Rister, of Hawley, George Rister, of View, Alva Rister of Comper and Jake Rister of Merkel.

Trend Back to Farms.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 29.—More than 1000 jobless families here will be returned to farms this month through efforts of Mayor James L. Key's rehabilitation committee. More than 400 families already have been placed on some of Georgia's 50,000 vacant farms.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dupree, residing south of Trent, Friday, December 23, 1932.
Girl, a Christmas present to Mr. and Mrs. Curley London, Sunday, December 25, 1932.

BILL PRESENTS NEW ANGLE ON FARM RELIEF

Measure Proposes to Permit Government to Refinance Farm Mortgages Through Bond Issue of \$3,500,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Congress tackled the farm relief problem from a new angle when the senate banking and currency committee opened hearings on a bill to increase currency circulation and refinance farm indebtedness.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Frazier, republican, North Dakota, was reported to the senate the last session by the agriculture committee. It was recommended so that the banking committee could study the probable effects of an estimated \$5,500,000,000 of new money which would be placed in circulation in the process of refinancing.

Under terms of the measure, existing farm mortgages would be wiped out and refinanced by the government at an interest rate of 1½ per cent with an amortization plan providing for payment of 1½ per cent of the principal each year.

Funds for the refinancing would be obtained through an issue of 1½ per cent farm loan bonds, to be sold privately or to the treasurer of the United States. If they were not sold, they would be turned over to the federal reserve board, which would give the farm loan board reserve notes (currency) equal to the par value of the bonds. Frazier contends his increased volume of money would bolster price levels.

The bill provides that when money in actual circulation exceeds \$75 per capita, the federal reserve notes may be retired in an amount equal to the principal of the same. Loan bonds for which interest has been issued. When the committee hearings began, the bill was in private on the domestic allotment relief plan designed to restrict production of leading crops and increase farm income.

ONE-CENT HOGS WOULD FOLLOW RELIEF PLANS

House Agricultural Committee Told Tax Proposed by Farm Organizations Would Have to Be Passed to Producer.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Hogs now selling in Chicago at 3 cents a pound will sell at 1 cent a pound if the "farm relief" proposed by the farm organizations is adopted, T. G. Lee, president of Armour & Co., told the house agricultural committee.

It would be impossible for the packers to absorb the 2-cent tax advocated in the bill, or to pass it on to the consumer, said Mr. Lee. The tax, he claimed, would have to be passed back to the producer by cutting by just so much the price the packer paid the farmer.

"It is clear to every man who understands the fundamentals of the packing business," said Mr. Lee, "that the proposed tax could not be added to the price of pork without at the same time restricting consumption and thus creating an ever growing surplus of pork or more likely a surplus of live hogs, which would threaten the very existence of the daily cash market for live stock now afforded the nation's farmers by the packing industry."

"Experience shows that the American public, consciously or otherwise, buys on a budget. It spends a fairly definite portion of its income for meat but it does not insist on specific amounts of the various kinds. If lamb is abundant and cheap, it increases its lamb purchases. If pork is the meat that is cheapest, the public buys more pork than beef. There are many kinds of meat, all in constant competition with each other for the consumer's favor, and the competition is so keen that small differences in price have very great influence on consumption."

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Dorothy Lee Maxwell, 5 years old, was scalded to death when she fell backward into a tub of hot water as she played in her home at Smithfield, near Fort Worth.

Eleanor Jean Westerman, 8 years old, of Big Spring, died of burns received when her gown caught fire at the home of her grandparents at Colorado where she was visiting.

Doyle Johnson, 26, of Temple, died of a pistol wound in the neck received when two young men, attempting to steal his automobile, shot him from the running board and left his body in the street near his home.

Two men, Jim Phillips, 31, of Palestine, and Rufus Parker, also of Palestine but formerly of Wichita Falls, were killed when a boiler near a shallow wildcat oil well at Todd City, 15 miles east of Palestine, exploded.

T. B. Ellison, 78, furniture merchant, banker and ranchman, died Wednesday at his home in Fort Worth. In 1875 he came to Texas in search of health and later returned to Texas in 1883, settling near Buffalo Gap as a cattleman.

After looting the Security bank of Wingate of more than \$1,500 Thursday noon, one of the bandits, Archie Harton, was killed outright and his companion, H. C. (Pewee) McMinn died of gunshot wounds in a Ballinger hospital Friday night.

At an examining trial held Monday at Linden, Paul Oakley, about 21, Coy Oakley, about 25, Apostolic preachers, and Sherman Clayton, charged with the killing of little Bernice Clayton, were held over to the action of the grand jury without bond.

Though they were held to a scoreless tie in Monday's game at Corsicana, the Corsicana High School Tigers are the 1932 Interscholastic League state football champions, earning the crown by penetrating the Masons' 20-yard line five times against none.

Net earnings of oil pipe line companies in Texas in 1931 averaged 29.67 per cent, or practically three times the return allowed by law, it was disclosed in a report released Monday at Amarillo by Ernest O. Thompson, member of the state railroad commission.

Governor Ross Sterling has called a special election for January 28 to fill the long term vacancy left in congress by the death of Daniel E. Garrett of Houston, the date being the same as the one set for the special election to fill the unexpired term of the present short session of congress.

NATIONAL VOTE OF 39,734,351 IS NEW RECORD

Roosevelt Polled 22,813,786, Highest Ever Given a Winner; Texas Gave Candidate Largest Plurality, New York Second.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Official returns from the 1932 presidential election, as compiled by the Associated Press, disclose a new record popular vote of 39,734,351.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the democrat's successful candidate, polled 22,813,786 votes, the highest ever given a winner, and Herbert Hoover, the republican incumbent, received 15,759,266, a record for a loser.

The New York governor set another high mark by capturing 472 electoral votes against Hoover's 59, but his plurality—7,054,529—fell short of the record of 7,338,513 given Calvin Coolidge in 1924 over John W. Davis.

Roosevelt carried 42 states; Hoover won in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

Texas gave the democratic candidate the largest plurality—656,622; New York the second largest with 596,996. Other large pluralities were California, 476,255; Missouri, 460,493, and Illinois, 449,548.

The electoral colleges of the various states will meet in their state capitols on Wednesday, Jan. 4, to cast the electoral vote. Congress will meet in joint session on Wednesday, Feb. 8, to canvass this vote.

Young Mother of Golan Passes Away

Once again the death angel visited the Golan community and claimed for its victim one of its young mothers, Mrs. C. A. Duncan, formerly Pauline Eyrom.

Mrs. Duncan was born March 6, 1901, in Cook county, Texas, and died December 22, 1932, at her home. Congestive pneumonia was the cause of death.

She moved to Jones county with her parents in 1911, and was married to Chester A. Duncan on September 8, 1920. To this union was born four children, Bettie Lou preceding her in death two years.

Mrs. Duncan was converted when a mere child and joined the Methodist church with her husband in August, 1923.

Rev. E. I. Biggs of Sylvester conducted the funeral services at the Duncan home Friday morning and the body was tenderly laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel Friday afternoon.

She leaves to mourn her death a (Continued on Page Two)

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins had as their guests during the holidays their son, Q. A. Collins, and wife of Lamesa.

Harry Elliott, in the employ of the Santa Fe at Lubbock, was supper guest on Christmas night of Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. He is the youngest brother of the Merkel mayor and had not visited in his home for 22 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slayden and family spent Christmas day at Rotan with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens had all of their family for Christmas dinner with them here.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell, who teaches in the Amarillo schools, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. Recent guests in the home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald were her cousins, Tracy Dickson, of Boston, retired brigadier general of the army arsenal in Massachusetts, and Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Dallas.

Holiday guests in the home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mrs. T. G. Bragg were their mother, Mrs. J. S. Barnes, of Westbrook, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes, of Colorado.

Out of town guests in the C. K. Russell home on Christmas day were Miss Erline Long and Bay Allen, of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, of Abilene, and W. C. Calvert and family of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and little grandson, Marvin Estes Jones, paid a Christmas day visit to Mr. Smith's parents and brother at Stanton. At the same time Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson visited their sister, Mrs. B. F. Smith, at Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Barr and son and W. A. Bills, all of Paris, stopped here Monday for a brief visit in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker on their way to California. The Barrs are cousins of Mrs. Walker.

Holding their second reunion since the World War, members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott to the number of 32, gathered Christmas day at the Elliott home here.

Those present were: Mrs. Cora Robbins, of Riverside, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elliott of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and family of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Finck and family of Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger and family, all of Dora, and W. C. Black and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen returned to Fort Worth Tuesday after spending Christmas here with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

Raymond Neal, local manager of the Community Natural Gas company, spent Christmas with his parents in Temple.

Mrs. J. M. Dry had the pleasure of having her two daughters with her for Christmas. Miss Lorena, who is county demonstration agent of San Saba county, returned Thursday, while Miss Loyce went back to Clarksville Wednesday.

W. J. Shannon returned home Wednesday night after spending the holidays with a brother and other relatives at Crawford, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Frank Matthews and wife of College Station visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Matthews, during the Christmas holidays, returning Tuesday.

Tom Toombs and family of Meadow are holiday visitors here with relatives.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., who is attending the University of Texas, enjoyed a visit home during the holidays.

H. F. Groene, now making headquarters in Dallas, was here for several days during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols of Albany were Christmas guests in the Thomas Durham home. Miss Doris Durham is now visiting her sister in Albany.

Misses Ethelda Yeats from McMurry and Helen Yeats from Weatherford college were home to spend Christmas with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell had as (Continued on Page Four)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 27, 1912.)

U. G. Reagans of the Canyon community, who suffered the misfortune of getting his back broken some weeks ago, was brought from Abilene Monday where he has been under treatment of physicians since the accident. Mr. Reagans has not recovered from the injuries but he is perhaps very fortunate in being in possession of life, even though he is deprived of the use of his lower limbs, the body being paralyzed from the waist down.

Mrs. J. N. Shelton, who has been very sick for the last month, is improving very fast now.

Remember December 24 is the last day of the buggy drawing. Anchor Hardware Co.

Good pair work mules for sale. Cash or good note. C. L. McNeess.

Mrs. Fred Bingham left Thursday evening for El Paso to join her husband, who will not be able to come home during the holidays. Before leaving Mrs. Bingham had her auto shipped to El Paso so they would not be deprived of their pleasure craft while he was there. They will not be separated what Pauline will next spring.

SOUTH SIDE HOTEL.
Under new management. Serving meals at 25 cents each. J. Z. Martin, Prop.

Felix Jones of Abilene was in Merkel Wednesday.

T. H. Christopher returned from Big Spring Wednesday night where he has been for some time helping in the construction of a modern bank and office building.

G. M. Cauthern was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Misses Thornton and Hightower of Sweetwater were visitors in Merkel Wednesday night to attend the dance given at the opera house.

KELLY-LAMAR.
Sunday morning early Mr. Ernest Kelly and Miss Florine Lamar were married while seated in a buggy in front of the Methodist parsonage, Rev. R. A. Clements performing the ceremony.

J. L. Hunter was operated on at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Laura Baulch, in south Merkel Tuesday. The operation was for the purpose of removing a tumor from Mr. Hunter's knee and was successful in every way.

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J. A. Giles, Sr.

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lene, and all 11 grandchildren survive. Mrs. J. A. Giles, Jr., wife of a deceased son, and their daughter, Miss Naomi Giles, came from Sherman for the funeral services.

BRUCE BARTON

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The smile on the face of Jesus broadened. He knew better. Enjoying poor health was the old fellow's profession. Nobody had as many pains as he. His was the only original hard luck story. He had been there for thirty-eight years.

The keen eyes of Jesus saw deep into the souls of men. There was a twinkle in them now: "Get up," he said briskly, "and walk." The old chap spluttered and grumbled, but there was no resisting the command of that presence. He rose, discovered to his own amazement that he could stand, rolled up his bed and moved off. A reverent hush fell on the assembled crowd, and before they could find their voices Jesus, too, was gone.

Suppose they had followed closer? Wouldn't their ears have been startled by something suspiciously like a chuckle?

Next Week:—Work, the Evidence.

BLAIR ITEMS

An epidemic of the flu has been raging over this community and it is yet to be determined what effect it will have upon some individuals; but nothing serious yet and conditions of others slightly improved.

Considering the health situation, a good crowd enjoyed an eloquent Christmas message Sunday delivered by the M. E. pastor, the Rev. Mr. Click. His text was 1 King 1:6, John 14:2, Revelations 21:7, the theme being "He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God." The teachers, Misses Mary Hutcherson, Thelma McAninch and Gladys Lane, returned to their schools Tuesday after spending the holidays with their home folks.

Mrs. Hubert Davenport and sons, Marvin and Melton, of Oklahoma are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton. Miss Mae Melton of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and son of Merkel were participants in a Christmas dinner in this home also Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Helms and children of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons and Henry Brooks of Red Spring are being entertained through the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks. The latter's health is not the best at present. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were accompanied by Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, Jessie Earl, and are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meeks and family of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hester and children of Knox City were recent visitors in the home of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell. Uncle Bobbie Hannah of Merkel is also spending a few days in this home. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer also visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan, the first of the week.

Mr. Henry Spears and children of Valeria are enjoying a pleasant stay in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown enjoyed a holiday visit with relatives from Throckmorton county.

Clarence Smith of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Myers of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Frazier and T. J. Frazier of Merkel were midweek visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith.

Roy Doan of Rotan visited his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Sunday night. Mrs. Margaret Hunter and children enjoyed a visit with her brother,

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE
FOR SALE OR TRADE—20,000 bundles of cane, extra good. See Pierce Horton.

FIRST CLASS SINCLAIR Kerosene, 7 cents delivered. J. D. Porter, Agent, Sinclair Refining Co. Phone 288.

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POLAND CHINA AND OIC PIGS for sale, 6 to 10 weeks old, \$2.00 each. C. K. Russell.

BURKETT PECAN TREES. For Less than Half Their Value. All sizes and Ages of Burkett Pecan trees; English Walnuts, Thomas and Ohio Black Walnuts: One to two ft., 25 to 35 cents each. 3 ft., 45 cents; Four ft., 60 cents, Five ft., 75 cents; Six to ten feet at the same ratio. All of the above are priced in lots of not less than three each.

EVERGREENS: Arborvitae, Arizona Cypress, Pinion, Cedars, 24 cents per ft., Chinese Arborvitae, 2 ft., 25 cents each. Hedge plants, 3 to 6 ft., 10 cents each.

PURKETT PECANS nuts, 20 cents per pound. Pure Grape Juice, 60 cents single gallon; 6 gallons, \$3.00; 12 gallons, \$5.40, 20 gallons, \$8.00.

We can supply your wants in any kind of fruit trees, shade trees or ornamental plants.

Visit our Nursery and inspect our stock. J. H. Burkett Clyde Nurseries, Clyde, Texas, N. Cor. of Town.

FOR RENT—South half of two story brick building on Kent street, also two furnished rooms at my residence. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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IF YOU WANT rocking chairs repaired or upholstering, see J. T. Darsey; also all kinds of furniture repaired.

WANTED—Man and wife with no children; want them to work for board and will give share crop if suitable; also for sale windmill aermotor, steel tower and wheel piping, all complete. C. A. Duncan, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

WANTED—To rent 160 to 200 acres on halves; can give plenty of reference; have family of four boys. Ira Massey, Route 4, Care Walter Kelso.

LOST AND FOUND
STRAYED—Black and red spotted hog, long nosed, about 125 to 150 pounds. Paul Douglas, Phone 183.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey; in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey, Sunday.

Mrs. Claud Doan and charming daughter, Otis Ray, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell accompanied Mrs. Doan home and spent Christmas night, returning home on the Santa Fe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer graciously entertained their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Latimer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and son of Nubia through the holidays.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves has gone to live with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reeves, of Knox City for the winter and will live with other children at different intervals.

Rev. John Waker will preach at the Baptist church Sunday. Everyone is invited to come.

J. W. Dulin with his new bride visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan, the past week.

Monta J. Moore, who is attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, is visiting home folks for the Christmas holidays.

There are probably some visitors in and out that the correspondent has failed to get. If so, maybe we'll get them in the next write-up.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office. Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Falling at just the right season of the year and slow enough for it all to go into the ground, Thursday's and Friday's rain here measured 3 1-2 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. The total for year is nearly four feet, 46.98 inches, to be exact.

John Mansfield, lineman for the West Texas Utilities company, has been confined to his home since Saturday, when he fell from a pole, while at work on the Largent place. He thought the belt was fastened after he wrapped it around the pole, causing him to lose his hold and fall about 15 feet. Luckily, no serious injury was sustained.

Mrs. Lela Patterson, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lucy, and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riddle, went to Midland Sunday upon receipt of news of the serious condition of their father. He was reported Thursday as just holding his own.

A. J. Canon, new commissioner from precinct No. 2, succeeding P. A. Diltz, will take the oath of office with his fellow commissioners next Monday morning, at which time all county officers will be sworn in.

A negro rent house, located to the north of the Sam Swann gin, was destroyed by fire originating at 3:20 Wednesday morning. The house, belonging to the Diltz estate, had just been vacated on the afternoon of the day before the fire. No insurance was carried.

Following the wheelbarrow ride to which he treated his friend, Jim Moore, last Saturday morning, R. B. Wells, the pusher, completed satisfaction of his bet by being host to a dinner at Mack's American cafe, including as guests, besides the honoree, S. G. Tipton, and C. J. Glover, Jr.

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CARD OF THANKS.
We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors, who so willingly assisted us during the illness of our dear little daughter and sister, we are also grateful to Dr. Gardner for his untiring efforts and for the floral offerings. May God's blessings rest with each and every one of you is our prayer. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse and Boys.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, being the 19th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting. W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

Mrs. C. A. Duncan

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husband, Chester A. Duncan, one son, Gerald, two daughters, Maxine and Francis, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Byrom, two brothers, Val and George Byrom, a sister, Mrs. Gertrude McLeod, all of Trent, and another sister, Mrs. Bettey Allison of McAllister, N. M.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 10th day of January, 1933, at Six o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The public auction at San Sebastian Spain, of five 2-year-old colts and one 2-year-old filly, bred and formerly owned by ex-king Alfonso, realized \$835.

Try a Classified Ad for Results.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31, IS LAST DAY

Bargain clubbing rates offered by The Mail in connection with the daily papers expire Dec. 31—this is the final limit. Don't forget.

Special rates until that date:

Dallas News, Daily and Sunday, and Merkel Mail, both one year for \$6.05

Star-Telegram, Daily and Sunday, and Merkel Mail, both one year, for \$6.05

Abilene Morning News, Daily and Sunday, and Merkel Mail, both one year, for \$4.50

Semi-Weekly News and Merkel Mail, both one year, for \$1.50

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WELCOME 1933
In the year ahead, cordial, willing, helpful banking service, backed by our strength and capacity to meet the needs of our community will assure you of banking satisfaction. We invite you to make this bank your bank. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
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Lettuce 2 for 9c
TURNIPS, Rutabaga, lb. 3 1-2c
APPLES, large size, dozen 25c
Oranges California dozen 19c
LEMONS, Red Ball, dozen 29c
Spuds No. 1 10 pounds 17c
SUGAR pure cane 10 pounds 45c
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DRIED FRUIT, 2 lbs. 21c
Raisins Sun Maid, 2 lbs. 19c
CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for 23c
PEAS, Early June, No. 2 can, each 19c
Beans Kuners, green or wax, 2 for 25c
TOMATOES, B & W, No. 1 can, each 5c
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COFFEE Sun-Up 21c
OATS, R & W, 55 oz. pkg. 15c
Cocoa B & W 2 pounds 25c
Compound 8 lbs. 47c
FLOUR, R & W 12 lbs. 35c—24 lbs. 59c
48 pounds \$1.05
Salt Pork lb. 7c
BACON, sliced, pound 15c
Cheese lb. 20c

THE OTHER MAN

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THIRD INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, becomes engaged and marries Dennis O'Hara in the belief that their blissful happiness will continue unchanged thru all the years. On her wedding morning she awakens with a strange premonition that maybe love does change, a thought buried in her mind by a letter from her closest friend, Barbara the night before. Pauline adored Barbara who had been married, was the mother of a child which died, but now divorced and living a life which some of her friends could not understand. Between Dennis and Barbara is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Six months after Pauline's wedding, Barbara comes for a short stay. During this visit Barbara confesses to Pauline that there is a man she really loves, but she refuses to tell his name. Upon Barbara's announcement that she was returning home, Pauline suggested for Dennis to drive her down on his way to Albany.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"Do you hate many people as much as you hate me?" Barbara asked Dennis later on, when they were driving away in the little two-seater car.

"People who hate well generally love well," Dennis said surlily.

"Yes," Barbara's queer eyes looked straight ahead down the road. "I should think you would make quite a good lover," she agreed.

Dennis jerked the wheel.

"I dare say Pauline could give you any information you require," he said.

"A lover and a husband—two different things," Barbara said, sweetly.

"Aren't we talking a lot of rubbish?" Dennis said with exasperation.

Barbara folded her hands in her lap with a mock resignation.

"Very well—from now until our journey's end I am dumb," she said jokingly.

Dennis quickened speed. The car could not be at an end too quickly for him. They turned onto one of the new broad arterial roads, and he let the engine out to its fullest extent. He never dared do such a thing when Pauline was with him. Only he stole a sidelong glance. She was sitting very still, controlled and unmoved. A strange woman, he thought almost angrily he understood her.

Suddenly touched his arm, "There is a cross road just ahead," he said in her calm voice. "I am not at all afraid, but you are driving rather recklessly, you know, and there is Pauline to consider, so..."

Afterward he wondered stupidly what she had been going to say, but her words were lost in a chaos of shouting and confusion and the grinding of brakes—and then—struggling back to consciousness he heard her voice still, agonized, broken with tears—unlike the cool, indifferent tones to which he had grown so irritatingly accustomed.

"Oh, my dear—Dennis—Dennis—speak to me—Dennis!"

It was a dream—opening his eyes he was conscious of a confusion of sky and clouds from which Barbara's face wet with tears and white with dread bent over him.

So she could feel, after all! Pauline had been right, and she had a heart hidden away beneath all her artificialities.

Pauline had said something else about her, too. What was it? Oh, yes, with difficulty he sorted the words from the confusion in his brain—"She does love someone—frightfully!"

And then his own question: "Who is the poor devil, then?"

Who was the poor devil? In the midst of all his pain O'Hara was conscious of a maddening desire to know the name of the man.

Well, he would ask her! Surely to ask a simple question like that would not be wrong?

Barbara, whom he had never liked—whom he pretended to despise—this woman with the tears on her white face, bending over him, bending so low that surely her lips touched his, cool and fragrant?

Dennis O'Hara closed his eyes. He was in pain, in great pain—there was a heavy weight across the lower part of his body, crushing him. He wondered what Pauline would say

when she heard—Poor little Pauline! He tried to recall her face to his fading consciousness, but somehow he could only see Barbara's eyes and the tears on her white cheeks—only feel the cool fragrance of her lips on his, only realize through the sea of pain in which he was drowning that at last he knew the name of the man she loved.

Pauline was busy arranging fresh flowers in the drawing room when the news was brought to her. She was not feeling very happy. Barbara's sudden departure had hurt her and left her puzzled.

Pauline longed to be a perfect hostess as well as a perfect wife. Her anxious mind explored every nook and cranny of her household to find in what particular detail she had failed in hospitality, and reluctantly she decided it must have been her husband.

Dennis was never nice to Barbara. It was impossible to disguise the fact that he did not like her. This morning at breakfast time, for instance, he had shown only too plainly that he objected to taking Barbara in the car. It was too bad of him.

Pauline carefully arranged the red roses in a silver bowl—a wedding present. Only six months ago since she had unpacked it, together with a host of other lovely things.

Only six months! It seemed a long time, and yet she knew people who had been married for sixteen years—twenty years, thirty years, and even longer.

"I expect the time will go more quickly when we're really settled down and used to being married," Pauline told herself with a little feeling of satisfaction. A sharp thorn from one of the roses gave Pauline a nasty prick, and it was while she was busily wiping away the tiny bead of blood from her finger that the door bell rang.

"The postman!" Pauline thought as she went to the front door, but the little letter box was empty and through the glass panels she could see the burly outline of a man's waiting figure.

Pauline opened the door, then she caught her breath sharply, for the man wore an officer's uniform.

He looked at Pauline with kindly eyes.

"Mrs. O'Hara?" he queried doubtfully.

"Yes," Pauline was panicky. Did she owe one of the tradesmen anything? She had always been so careful about not getting into debt. She was a thousand miles from the truth when the man reluctantly broke the news to her. "I am sorry to say there has been a bit of an accident. Gentleman by name O'Hara—"

Pauline thought she would have died on the spot.

Dennis hurt! Killed! "Oh, my God!" she whispered, white-lipped.

(Continued Next Week.)

Interesting Figures In Ford Tabulation

Since 1927 when the Model T car was discontinued, Ford passenger car sales led those of all other makes, according to a tabulation by the Ford Motor Company reported Thursday by W. W. Haynes, manager of the Merkel Motor Co., local Ford dealers.

In this period from January, 1927, to and including October, 1932, the latest month for which reports have been compiled, Ford sales total 4,001,384, as compared with 3,705,827 for its nearest competitor and total sales of all makes of 15,183,842. Ford's share of all business in these six years was 26.4 per cent.

This record, it was pointed out, was made despite the fact that Ford production was halted twice during this six year period in preparation for the Model A and the V-8 Ford cars. Manufacture of the Model T was discontinued in May, 1927, Ford being out of the market until December of that year when the Model A was announced. Ford again was out of the market for the first five months of 1932 until volume deliveries of the new Fords began last June.

Ford passenger car sales in October were 20,410 units, which was 32.3 per cent of total sales of all makes. It was also pointed out that Ford had led in passenger and commercial car sales in the United States each month since June, when volume deliveries of new Fords began.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. J. W. Weaver left last Thursday afternoon for Avery where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Mary Bishop and family, through the holidays. On her return she will stop over in Fort Worth to visit with her sister there a while.

For the last few years Mr. L. M. Murry and wife have lived at Gatesville. They have now returned to their farm west of town where they will reside permanently. We are glad to have them home again.

Mack Forrester and family of Amarillo passed through Friday and visited a short time with Mr. Forrester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Forrester. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally and two children spent last Sunday with Mrs. Nally's brother, Cecil Rutherford and family, of Abilene, presenting them with a nice turkey.

Last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Sweetwater Miss Maggie Martin and Mr. Leon Ashford were married. Rev. Townsend of that place officiating. The bride is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin, living two miles west of Trent, and is well loved by all who know her. The groom is a prosperous young farmer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ashford, who reside five miles southeast of Trent. Our many friends join us in wishing them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan and family came in last Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan. They were accompanied by Miss Earlene Riley of Coleman, a sister of Mrs. Duncan's. They returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and children of Lubbock spent the holidays here with relatives.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son of Abilene spent a few days in Trent this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rossen of Taft visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woods and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Martin of Abilene spent Christmas with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost spent the week-end with relatives at Mineral Wells, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lester and children of Tulsa spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Durham of Honey Grove have come here to make this their home. Mrs. Durham is a sister of Messrs. Jim and Jack Bright of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and children spent Christmas with Misses Mattie and Cora Scott and Miss Fannie Aldrege of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters went to Lamesa last Sunday to spend Christmas.

J. R. Minnick and family of Iraan passed through our city last Sunday night enroute home after having been to Gordon to visit Mr. Minnick's parents for Christmas. They took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright, an uncle of Mrs. Minnick's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy have as their house guest for a few days Miss Fay Marie Fronaborge of Adis, La. a niece of Mrs. Dowdy's. They also had their son Bivens Dowdy of that place to spend Christmas with them. He returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee and children spent Christmas in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Steadman and children left Monday for an extended visit with relatives at Cedar Hill and Sherman.

Mrs. W. S. Warren of Greenville was a guest in the home of her brother, C. R. Hutchinson, and family last Sunday. On Monday they were accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Campbell, a sister, and son, Ross, over

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to Sweetwater and spent the day with another sister, Mrs. John Skillern, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Gafford entertained royally their children with a real Christmas dinner last Sunday, all of their children being present: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keleg and daughter, Clancy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardson and their son, Tom, Jr., all from Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Atwell; a sister of Mrs. Gafford was present also from Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Steadman and children of this place.

We are sorry indeed to report some of our sick not doing so well while some are up again at their posts of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Boots Brown of Fort Worth passed through our city last Friday en route to Lamesa. They are moving there where Mr. Brown is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards spent Christmas with Mrs. Edwards' parents at Hamlin.

Mrs. Mary Winston of Thayer, Mo., is here to attend the bedside of her sister, who is ill at this writing.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and children motored over to Hermleigh to spend Christmas day with Mrs. Winn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Mr. G. H. Smith of Uvalde spent one night in the Beckham home last week. Mrs. Smith, who had been here for some time attending the bed-

side of her father, Coleman Whitfield, returned home with him.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The pastor, Rev. O. C. Coppage, announces that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Every member of the church not ill or providentially hindered should try to be present. If you believe in New Year resolutions, we would suggest making one to begin with the first Sunday of this year and attend all church services regularly for the whole year. This resolution faithfully kept would perhaps mean as much to you as any one you could make. All not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited to all our services.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved father and grandfather and for the floral offerings.

- T. T. Earthman and family.
- A. M. Giles and family.
- L. D. Giles and family.
- Mrs. J. A. Giles, Jr. and family.

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- Cheser A. Duncan and Children.
- Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom.
- George Byrom, Jr.
- Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Byrom.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allison.
- Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson.
- Myrtle Duncan.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this opportunity to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and good deeds toward us in the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father, M. C. Graham. The floral offerings were appreciated very much. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you.

- Mrs. M. C. Graham and Children.
- Office supplies—Mail office.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES 1933

We stand again at the threshold of unborn opportunities. Not everything that we desire shall be ours to obtain, perhaps, but within the resources of our own souls we may build a large capacity for happiness and for the enjoyment of life. Outward circumstances we may not always control, but the bent of our soul is ours to shape. If we cooperate heartily and cheerfully in all movements for the betterment of our community, state and nation we will have served well the age in which we lived. Let us all work together for the greater good of us all.

We hope 1933 will bring all our friends health, happiness and plenty.

This institution will not be opened all day Monday, January 2nd, New Year's Day.

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CHURCHES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our Sunday morning Christmas tree and program proved a great success and the Christmas play given by the young people Sunday night was much appreciated.

January is the month of beginnings. The pastor will preach on the first four Sunday mornings on the following themes:

First, "In the beginning."
Second, "Beginning of great religions."
Third, "Beginning of Methodism."
Fourth, "Beginning of Great men."

Saturday our people will observe "Watch Night" service. A worship service will be held at 7:30 p. m., followed by recreation, refreshments, caroling, impersonation and singsong.

If a group of young people stop at your door, after you have retired, and sing some hymns and love songs, count them as your friends. They just want to sing you to sleep. They will expect no more response than a "Thank you." The service will close at the church with a consecration service at 12.

The church roll will be distributed Sunday morning for correction, preparatory for printing.

Be at this first service and start the New Year off as it should.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

The pastor, Rev. Cecil Ambrose, of the local Church of the Nazarene, will deliver a New Year sermon Sunday night on the subject, "Will the New Year Bring War or Peace?" from the text in Matthew 24:28, "Wherever the carcass (spoil) is, there will the eagles (nations of the earth) be gathered together." The topic Sunday morning will be "Pressing forward into the New Year with Christ."

Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young people's society meets at 6 p. m.

We are expecting a big day Sunday. Every one in church and Sunday School and start the New Year off right.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday. Brother Joyner will preach at 11 o'clock and at evening service at 7 p. m. B. T. S. meets at 6 o'clock. Prayers meeting service Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Only 458 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. The fact that Christmas Day fell on Sunday, seemed to have been the governing cause in cutting the attendance. On the previous Sunday there were 616 present.

a family reunion, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fryar and daughters, Miss Alberta and Mrs. Jess Moody, of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Britain and daughters, Patty and Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and son, Horace of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lackey and children, from Southland, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. Lackey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and little girl of Stanton, and Mrs. J. S. Bourn of Winters were all holiday visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp dividing their time with Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams. "Slats" Bourn went to Fort Worth for a visit with his mother.

Miss Flossie Campbell, who is teaching school in El Paso, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell.

Guests of the Woodrums for Christmas were their brother, John Woodrum and wife, and two daughters, Misses Winter Dean and Genell, of Abilene.

After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Rev. C. A. Tucker and family left Friday for their home in Haskell.

Miss Jess Sutphen from Wichita Falls is spending the holidays here with her mother and other relatives.

Miss Martha Bird, who is teaching school at Graham, came home for the holidays.

Mrs. Evalyn Zercher and Baby Dick of Dallas are home for the Christmas holidays.

SEWING CLASS.

Expect to start sewing class first week in January. Phone 142W or see me for particulars.

Mrs. Ed Gantt.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. This is the first Sunday of the New Year and you will find no better time to start back to Sunday School and church regularly. Evening preaching service at 7 p. m. Session meets Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Next Sunday we begin a new year. I am urging all members of our church and Bible School to be present on Saturday night, at Bible School and Sunday night. I am hoping we will all begin the new year with a determination to attend church and Bible School regularly.

Sunday night I want us to have a real thanks service. We will preach on "Past Victories and Future Opportunities." We expect to begin our Bible study during the week soon. All who will be anxious to attend, talk to the pastor about it. A box will be placed in the tabernacle and in that box we urge all who will to ask questions. Place requests for prayer. If you have any suggestions, drop them in. If you have burdens too heavy to bear, write the pastor and he will try to help you.

Remember prayer meeting Wednesday night every week. We welcome everybody to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

"Blessed Event" Shows This Week at Queen

The Queen theatre closes the old year and begins the new year with two of Warner Brothers' biggest season hits, "Blessed Event" and "Life Begins." Showing here for the last time tonight, "Blessed Event" is one of the cleverest productions which ever left Hollywood. It deals with a newspaper writer who digs up scandal to print and broadcast over radio. His motto "print also tell all" slaps him in the face when a scandal threatens his own affairs. The picture brings forth two new stars, Lee Tracy, the dirt-digger, and Dick Powell, handsome young crooner. Mary Brian is the feminine interest. The program also includes a clever Vitaphone song and dance act, "Yacht Party," which is a show in itself. Tonight is your last chance.

Next Thursday and Friday the Queen presents "Life begins," an almost unbelievably human drama of birth and matrimony. This realistic story, starring Loretta Young, with Eric Linden and Aline MacMahon, is laid in a hospital maternity ward and centers around a girl convict and her young husband. Comedy, melodrama and tragedy are all woven into this great picture which ran for five weeks on Broadway. Critics acclaim it as a masterpiece in simple life. Don't miss this one.

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our dear little daughter and granddaughter, Ruby Joe.

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Mix, Hero of Many Westerns, to Retire

Hollywood, Cal., Dec. 29.—A 24-year screen career in which he starred in 370 featured productions and won a following of millions of fans, was ended Christmas Day by Tom Mix, the films' cowboy hero.

Mix, whose retirement was preceded several months by that of his famous horse, Tony, said he hoped his absence from the talking screen would be only temporary. Tony, who shared with Mix some serious mis-

haps in filming some of the cowboy's daring exploits, was placed in the clover several months ago after he stumbled and fell in an attempt to take a steep decline.

After a rest at his Beverly Hills estate, Mix said, he will leisurely tour the world, taking with him his trained horses and his associates.

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