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ED LANCASTER MEDALIST SCORE IN GOLF MATCH

Large Gallery Follows Opening Foursome; All of First Round Matches Finished Except One; Consolation Flight is Next.

With a score of 81 Ed Lancaster was the best man in the foursome staged as the opener of the local golf tournament last Sunday and won medalist prize, a handsome golf trophy. W. L. Diltz was second with 82 and Clesby Patterson shot 83, only one behind Diltz. Bill Sheppard had an off-day with a score of 90. The cards for the mixed foursome, which was also the first round of the elimination tournament for the four players involved, were:

Ed Lancaster:
Out 45455446
In 535445346-81
W. L. Diltz:
Out 54455347
In 55445346-82
Clesby Patterson:
Out 55544346
In 45555446-83
Bill Sheppard:
Out 76454537
In 58445446-90

Results in the first round of play follow:

FIRST FLIGHT.

Ed Lancaster won from Bill Sheppard 3 up and 2 to go.
R. O. Anderson defeated Hale Lancaster 4 up and 3 to go.
Claude Dye beat John West 1 up.
George West defeated C. K. Russell 1 up.
W. L. Diltz won from Clesby Patterson 2 up and 1 to go.
Jack Anderson defeated Booth Warren 2 up and 1 to go.
Ralp Duke defeated Kenneth Watson 5 up and 4 to go.
B. Scott won over George Woodrum 1 up.

SECOND FLIGHT.

Jack West eliminated T. G. Bragg 1 up.
Rufe Tittle won over Dr. H. P. Hutsey 7 up and 6 to go.
E. Yates Brown—Dr. R. I. Grimes, not finished.
George T. Moore beat Hugh Mayfield 2 up.
Matt Dillingham defeated Dee Grimes 4 up and 3 to go.
Wren Durham won over Van H. McSpadden 6 up and 5 to go.
Dr. W. A. Buckner eliminated Ted Nichols 6 up and 5 to go.
W. O. Boney beat Sic Hamm 2 up and 1 to go.

Pairings for the second round of play are:

FIRST FLIGHT.

Ed Lancaster vs. R. O. Anderson.
Claude Dye vs. George West.
W. L. Diltz vs. Jack Anderson.
Ralph Duke vs. L. B. Scott.

SECOND FLIGHT.

Jack West vs. Rufe Tittle.
Matt Dillingham vs. Wren Durham.
Dr. W. A. Buckner vs. W. O. Boney.

One pairing not completed due to one first round match not completed.

On next Sunday afternoon the longest drive contest will be featured and on the following Sunday the finals will be played.

A consolation flight will be staged consisting of the sixteen players eliminated in the first round of the first and second flights.

Rainfall for Month.

The rainfall for Wednesday night and up to 9 o'clock Thursday morning was 3-8 of an inch, bringing the total for the month since May 8 to 4 3-4 inches, according to the records of B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

CONTRIBUTORS TO CEMETERY FUND

Following is the list of contributors and the amount of each to the cemetery fund, as reported to the committee up to Thursday morning, together with the amount previously collected:

J. H. Hester Estate	\$ 5.00
R. B. Wells	2.50
Collins Bros.	5.00
Total for Week	\$ 12.50
Previously reported	295.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$308.00

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Twenty oil derricks in Webb county fields were blown down by a heavy wind, rain and thunderstorm.

Large flakes of snow fell in Borger last Friday followed by downpours of hail stones as large as marbles at two separate times.

Joe Ben Lewis, farmer, 31, living 12 miles northeast of Hamlin, was killed when struck by lightning during a heavy rain and electrical storm.

A bolt of lightning killed Mrs. Lewis Fredrichs when she opened a door at her home at Beyersville, near Austin, during an electrical storm.

Mac Sproul, Fort Davis ranchman, killed his one hundredth panther last Sunday. Besides that number of panthers, he has 130 bears to his credit.

The 1929 Midwest Exposition at Sweetwater will be held through five days instead of four, the dates having been set as the first five days in October.

A Houston youth, who was so anxious to get married that he could not wait for money coming to him, paid for his marriage license with a hot check.

H. O. Campbell was killed at Texarkana when he was caught under an avalanche of bricks as the wall of a building he and other workmen were razing fell.

H. E. Reed of Fort Worth has been released on \$1,000 bond after having been charged with murder in the death of another man who died from injuries received in a fist fight.

M. M. Austin, 65, a pioneer in the Countyline community near Wichita Falls, was killed when the horses hitched to his wagon bolted and threw him from his seat under a wheel.

The bodies of three high school boys, drowned when a boat in which they were fishing capsized, were recovered after an 18-hour search from White Rock lake, a municipal reservoir at Dallas.

An alleged smuggler was shot to death by United States officers on the Rio Grande near Del Rio in a pistol fight in which more than 20 shots were fired. A coroner exonerated the officers.

Trying to cook, when her mother left the kitchen to visit a neighbor, almost proved fatal for Bettie Wallace, 6, of Fort Worth, when her clothing caught fire and she was seriously burned about the chest and neck.

As the result of a conscience-stricken confession made by Leonard A. Wasson that Clements was not the man guilty of a Navarro county oil field robbery in 1925, H. A. Clements has been pardoned by Governor Moody after he had served two years of a five year sentence.

When an automobile struck the motorcycle on which Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hudson were riding from Abilene to Sweetwater about 12:30 Monday morning near Tye, Hudson was knocked from the arms of his young wife and fatally injured. The driver of the car was not detected at the time, but a man is being held in Abilene in connection with the crash.

Delaney and Delmer Buy Chevrolet Agency

Announcement was made Thursday of the purchase of the Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Company by L. A. Delaney and C. W. Delmer, both of Rising Star, the change in ownership to take effect at once.

Messrs. Brackeen and Hughes have owned the Chevrolet agency in Merkel for the past two years and a half and have been unusually successful. For the present it is announced that they will remain in Merkel and it is the wish of all their friends and the business men generally that they decide to make this decision permanent.

Mr. Delmer has been the manager for the West Texas Utilities Company at Rising Star and will move here with his family as soon as he can find accommodations. Mr. Delaney is a member of the firm of drilling contractors, Delaney, Lowe and Carter and is already well known here.

Attending Rotary International.

James Swann, formerly of Merkel, but now residing at Amarillo, is in Dallas this week attending the International Rotary convention. Mr. Swann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann of this city and is now manager of the Southwestern Engraving company at Amarillo.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FLIGHT

Some facts about the record-breaking flight of the "Fort Worth."

Flight began Sunday, May 19, 11:33:23 a. m. Pilots, Reg L. Robbins and James Kelley, both married. Plane, a Ryan brougham with Wright Whirlwind engine, the same kind Lindbergh used in his famous flight.

First refueling Monday morning, 110 gallons of gasoline. Pilot of refueling ship, K. K. Hoffman. Who lowered gasoline, oil and supplies, H. S. Jones. Robbins suffered first two days from air sickness but ate pills and aspirin.

The endurance airplane "Fort Worth" landed at 4:05:25 p. m. Sunday, May 26.

They had been in the air 172 hours, 32 minutes and 2 seconds.

Official timer, J. W. Beretta, San Antonio, Texas governor for the National Aeronautical Association.

Flight records broken: Belgian aviators, Adj. Louis Crooy and St. Victor Groenen, 60 hours 7 minutes.

Graf Zeppelin, 111 1/2 hours. French dirigible Dixmude, 118 hours.

Question Mark (record shattered by the Fort Worth fliers), 150 hours 40 minutes 15 seconds.

Hazards of flight, Kelly crawling each 12 hours to a perilous perch beneath nose of the "Fort Worth" to grease rocker arms of engine; rain three times during flight, once .7 inches, and thunderstorm Saturday night; contact between planes during refueling operations, of which there were 17 for transfer of gasoline and more than that number to transfer oil, food and other things.

How they slept, in a hammock swung above gasoline tank in cabin of the monoplane.

Barograph, sealed instrument carried in plane that records in ink altitude of the plane at all times and which would indicate any landing of the plane.

Average speed made by the plane during its flight, 65 miles—figure estimated by aviators on ground.

Extra equipment carried, specially constructed catwalk and perch beneath nose of plane, extra gasoline tanks, extra oil tank, the hammock bed, canvas sacks in which the pilots dropped notes and letters to their wives—and lots of determination and ability.

Success—!

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES FORTY

Commencement Exercises Attended by Large Numbers. With Rev. Parrack Speaker

Before a large assembly of their fellow-student, their families and their friends, forty graduates of the Grammar school of the Merkel Public schools received their certificates Friday evening and are now ready for the high school course. Nell Hughes was the highest ranking student of the seventh grade and delivered the valedictory, while Imogene Middleton was second honor pupil, (and a very close second, by the way,) and delivered the salutatory.

After the invocation by Rev. T. C. Willett, the graduating class sang "Spring," followed by the salutatory. Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church of Merkel, delivered the address to the graduates, an address full of helpful thoughts, sound advice and delivered in a manner to impress his young listeners with the sincerity of life, the usefulness of the education they were acquiring and their accountability in the years to come according to their talents.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess presented the diplomas to the graduates, after which Nell Hughes spoke the valedictory. The class sang "The Fealty Song" and Rev. R. A. Walker dismissed the assembly with the benediction.

Those receiving diplomas were: Nell Barnett, George S. Dunning, Margaret Miller, Wayne Nicholson, Jack Patterson, Jim Patterson, Virgil Lee Perkins, Florene Rider, Mildred Richardson, Roy Robins, S. G. Russell, Mardell Shouse, Silas Stephens, Melba Taylor, Devel Toombs, Jack Tucker, Faye Vantrose, James West, Jr., Joyce Wheeler, Kennedy Whiteley, Maurine White, Mary Jane Books, Duncan Briggs, Harold Brown, Maxine Dillard, Hasseltine Farris, Nadine Field, Voncile Gilbert, Adis Hendricks, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Nell Hughes, Opal Huskey, J. R. Lassiter, Thelma Leach, Meyer Melling, J. W. Mansfield, Leon McGaughy, Gordon Murray, Imogene Middleton, Mary Eva Nichols.

Band Concert.

It is announced that the Merkel Eooster Band will give a concert in front of the Merkel Drug store tonight, (Friday) beginning at 8 o'clock. The band is under the direction of Prof. Joe T. Ward and an entertaining program is assured.

ARTIST OF NOTE TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Peter Plotkin of Abilene Comes to the Baptist Church at Morning Service Sunday.

Peter Plotkin, Ph. D. of the Russian Royal Academy, who is a member of the First Baptist church of Abilene and an artist of considerable note, will speak Sunday morning at the First Baptist church of Merkel. Rev. S. J. T. Williams, associated with Dr. Will Hogg for so many years, will be with him and take part in the services Sunday morning.

Dr. Plotkin has now made a place in American art, winning his way into the hearts of the American people and especially the ex-soldiers of the world with his painting, "Never Alone." This picture a soldier lying dead in No Man's Land, behind his gun while a halo of light shows the Christ hovering near. When this picture was exhibited at the National Convention in Pittsburg there was hardly a dry eye in the vast crowd. Dr. Plotkin has recently painted life sized portraits of Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Dr. J. W. Hunt and Dr. F. W. Horn of the Texas Tech at Lubbock and his services have been secured to teach Portrait Art in Simmons at the beginning of the school year.

After spending eleven years in this country and most of that time at Dallas, he came to Abilene in 1927. Fourteen months ago he became interested in his own personal religion and was invited to attend a lecture on the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. At the meeting he decided to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and surrender his talents and all that he had to the teaching of Christ to the Jews.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, in referring to the speaker above, said: "I consider it a great treat to have Dr. Plotkin speak to my people. I rejoice in his future as a soul winner among his own people. No church will make a mistake in letting him deliver his message and testimony."

All the other regular services Sunday as usual at the Baptist Church.

Will Organize Vacation School.

Dr. B. A. Hodges of Waxahachie, chairman of the Synod's Board of Church Education, Presbyterian church, U. S. A., will meet with church and Sunday school workers at the Presbyterian church at 9 o'clock this (Friday) morning to organize a vacation church school. These workers will be directors of classes and it is planned to have classes for all ages.

SKATING RINK WILL OPEN IN MERKEL AT VERY EARLY DATE

A skating rink is to be opened within the next two weeks at the location where the Blue Front Service Station has been, according to the announcement made Thursday by F. H. Latham, who has leased the building from J. D. Porter for one year, with option of another year.

Mr. Latham told a representative of the Merkel Mail that the maple flooring had already been shipped from Waco and should arrive about Tuesday. The work will be completed within a week or ten days after the arrival of the flooring.

Mr. Latham gave emphasis to the fact that the best order will be maintained and the skating rink will be made a pleasure resort of the kind for ladies, gentlemen and children.

COMPLETE PAVING IN TWO MONTHS

With the arrival Monday of H. H. Hester, superintendent of construction for the General Construction company, who have the contract for paving Oak street, and V. W. Agniel, engineer in charge, together with machinery and equipment, the dirt work was begun Tuesday and, according to the statement by Mr. Hester, they will be ready for curb and gutter work within about ten days.

Including in the equipment are a 21 E. Kohering mixer, capable of laying 2,000 square yards a day, a drag line for unloading materials, a barber greene for loading material on trucks and a heavy plow and tractor.

A total of about 17,000 square yards is to be paved and Mr. Hester advised the Merkel Mail that his company expects to make rapid progress. In fact, it is his opinion that the entire job will be completed in six to eight weeks.

Nineteen ornamental lights of the same design as now in use in the business district, for which contract has been made with the West Texas Utilities, will be installed in the center of the street intersections and in the center of each block between the street intersections on Oak street at the same time the paving work is being done.

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY

Summer School for the Merkel schools will open at the High school building on Monday morning, June 3. Miss Vera Baker and Mrs. Claude Young will teach during the summer. The school will close on August 10, the term being ten weeks in length. Regular standard work will be done, the summer school this year complying with the state requirement that at least five-sixths as much time be devoted to recitation during the summer session as during the regular session.

The summer school will give opportunity for students, who have failed somewhere along the line in some subject and who because of this do not have twelve units, to make up such deficiency by doing summer work. Next year no one who has failed in a subject somewhere along the line and who as a result does not have twelve units (four each year for three years) will be admitted to the senior class. If the pupil lacks some of having these twelve units he must make them up before the opening of school next fall if he plans to graduate in May 1930. Pupils will be classified as Juniors until they have twelve units.

Work in the summer school will begin each day at 7:00 o'clock, and the recitation periods will be one hour in length. Students who plan to attend should be present Monday morning and get an even start.

Oil Development

Humble Oil and Refining company brought in their first producer in the Jones county field with the completion of their No. 1 Bickley for approximately 80 barrels the latter part of last week. This well topped the pay at 2472 feet and drilled to 2477 feet which is the bottom of the hole.

It was reported Thursday that the Sam Knepley No. 1 Horn was drilling in and results should be known within a day or two.

CLASS OF THIRTY GRADUATES FROM MERKEL SCHOOLS

Diplomas and Scholarships Are Awarded; Thirty-First Class to Pass from Halls of Public Schools Here.

With the presentation of diplomas by President Oscar J. Adcock at the commencement exercises held at the Methodist church on Monday evening, thirty seniors of the Merkel High school passed another milestone in their pursuit of education. It was an impressive occasion, both for the graduates themselves, their parents and friends and the church auditorium was not large enough to provide for the numbers seeking admission.

The program for commencement evening began with the processional by Miss Winnie Lou Compere, followed by the invocation delivered by W. G. Cypert. The Seniors, in happy unison and with appreciation of the true feeling of the selection, sang "Awake, Arise" under the direction of Miss Christine Collins.

The commencement address by Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of Simmons University, was received with as much pleasure as it was profitable, the speaker having the faculty of knowing just what to say and how to say it best for the reception of the graduates.

In awarding the honors and certificates, Supt. Roger A. Burgess took occasion to refer to the fact that this was the thirty-first graduating class of Merkel High, there having been four to complete the course in the first class of 1899. Including the thirty who graduated this year, the total of those receiving diplomas from the Merkel Public schools has now reached 450. In 1918, which was the year prior to the coming of Supt. Burgess, the school had only three credits for affiliation, which has now been increased to nineteen with application now pending for two more credits.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED.

To R. E. Cole, Jr., valedictorian of the class, with an average of 95.79, and making the highest average among the boys of the class, the following scholarships were awarded: Trinity University, Waxahachie; Texas Technological College, Lubbock; West Texas State Teachers' College, Canyon; Baylor University, Waco; Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Southwest Texas State Teacher's College, San Marcos; Simmons University, Abilene; John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville; Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine; Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station; University of Texas, Austin, Texas; Association of Texas Colleges, (good for

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LIONS INTERESTED ORGANIZING C. OF C.

At the weekly meeting of the Lions Club a matter of much importance to Merkel was broached by Charlie Jones in a brief discussion of "Merkel Needs a Chamber of Commerce" and it was reported that a committee is actively at work on a plan for an organization of this kind. Among several strong points in favor of the organization of a chamber of commerce in Merkel mentioned by Mr. Jones was the benefit to be derived from affiliation with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which is made possible only by having an organization working in co-operation with the parent chamber.

Byers Petty was toastmaster and Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation. By way of introduction of guests Hail Lancaster introduced R. C. Warner of Abilene, factory representative of Bird and Son. Mr. Warner expressed his pleasure at the privilege of lunching with the Lions and complimented the body on their spirit of comradeship.

Trough Charlie Jones who is manager of the Merkel Fireboys baseball team a challenge was handed out to the Lions for a match game. Lion Stan Johnson was appointed manager of the Lions nine by President Dee Grimes, who added two other members to the committee to assist him, Lige Gamble and Booth Warren.

W. L. Diltz will be toastmaster next week.

THE BUDGET SYSTEM

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Tune motor (including replacement of commutator case, brush and vibrator points if necessary)	\$1.00
Grind valves and clean carbon	\$3.75 to 4.00
Overhaul carburetor	1.50
Reline detachable car transmission bands	1.50
Install new pistons or connecting rods	6.00
Tighten all main bearings	6.00
Overhaul motor and transmission	\$20.00 to 25.00
Rear System	
Replace rear axle assembly	2.50
Install universal joint	3.00
Reline brake shoes	1.50
Replace rear axle shaft, drive shaft pinion, or drive gear	5.00
Overhaul complete rear axle assembly	\$5.75 to 7.00
Rebush spring and perches	1.75
Oil and graphite springs	3.00
Front System	
Overhaul front axle	\$4.00 to 5.00
Rebush spindle bodies and arms (both sides)	2.50
Replace or straighten spindle connecting rod	.75
Tighten radius rod or steering ball cap	.60
Tighten all sockets and joints of front end	1.50
Replace front spring tie bolt or new leaf	2.50
Straighten front axle	3.00
Chassis	
Replace rear fender	1.75
Overhaul steering gear	3.50
Repair muffler	1.00
Overhaul radiator	7.50
Repaint Coupe	25.00
Repaint Sedan	25.00
Repaint Touring Car	20.00
Reupholster Runabout	3.00
Reupholster Touring Car	15.00
Replace top deck (Coupe or Sedan)	4.00
Overhaul starting motor	3.00
Overhaul generator	2.60

These prices are approximate and are for labor only, because the need and number of new parts depend on the condition of each car. The charge for these parts is low, however, because of the established Ford policy of manufacturing and selling at a small margin of profit.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY



WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

O'Donnell has recently invested approximately \$100,000 in thirty-two new residences. This brings the amount expended on building permits to more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Brady women are working together to establish a community center which is to be both a social and recreational center, with club rooms, reading rooms and playgrounds. A public library with large grounds surrounding it is their ambition.

Channing 4-H boys are the recipients of a car lot of pure bred jersey calves from North Central Texas. The purchase of the calves was made possible through the cooperation of the First National Bank who financed any boy who desired to become the owner of one of the calves.

Graham has produced some yearling steers that brought \$60.00 a head, the highest ever brought in Young county. The animals belonged to W. A. and T. M. Corbett, breeders of high grade cattle for 35 years. There were 750 head in the lot and they brought \$35,000.

San Angelo to Sonora will be the route of a new rail line of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient. Work will begin soon by permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Several carloads of rails are on their way to San Angelo and engineer crews are surveying the route for depot sites.

Turkey sent a representative to Tullia to get "Bossy". County Agent H. E. Ellis purchased a pure-blood Jersey cow which was given away at the Trades Day observance on May 25. This is the capital prize in the gift distribution, other prizes being a sow and trio of chickens.

Lometa is receiving wool from adjoining counties and approximately 200,000 pounds are in the warehouse now. Two cars have been shipped to Boston to one of the largest wool handling concerns in the world, and five or ten cars will be shipped later.

West Texas Today, which will be in the mails this week, contains detailed accounts of two recent district conventions of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, these being the South Plains meet at Tahoka and the Greenbelt Lower Panhandle meet at Seymour.

Quitaque has delivered the first order for material from the new sand and gravel pit on the Linguish River in the northeast portion of Floyd county. The shipment was made to

the Fulton Lumber Company of Plainview. Loadings were made to the newly completed spur of the Fort Worth & Denver.

Littlefield's Chamber of Commerce has employed the services of Monte Barron, an experienced band director, to direct their Chamber of Commerce band of forty-five pieces. Several trips into the trade territory are planned soon, and the band will go to the WTCC convention at El Paso.

Ennis Woman Enters Race For Governor

Austin, May 30.—Miss Katie Daffan of Ennis, while here Saturday announced that she will be a candidate for governor in the democratic primaries next year.

Miss Daffan has been active in the interest of Confederate veterans and Confederate organizations. Her candidacy has been endorsed by the executive board of the Texas division, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Miss Daffan is author of a number of books. At one time she was an instructor in history in the Houston schools.

Although relatively a new crop, Texas now ranks third in citrus fruit production in quantity and first in quality.

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Mary Pickford in All-Talking Drama at Abilene Majestic

Mary Pickford speaks from the screen for the first time in her career in her latest starring picture, "Coquette," the United Artists all-talking screen version of the well-known stage success of the same name, coming to the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, beginning today.

The advent of Mary Pickford on the talking screen is an important one, for it brings a new Mary to her legions of admirers. In "Coquette," Mary discards curls and rag dolls and enacts one of the most stirring and sympathetic roles seen on the screen in many seasons. In the role of the beautiful flirt, Norma, the characterization made famous by Miss Helen Hayes in the original production, Miss Pickford gives what is considered to be the best performance of her long and brilliant career. It is a role vitally alive; emotional quivering with the joys and heartaches of an uncertain love. Her voice, too, is just as one imagines it should be. Low pitched and musical, the charm of her speaking voice is sure to delight audiences everywhere.

A strong cast supports Miss Pickford in a splendid fashion. In the leading male role of Michael, the boy beloved by Norma, Johnny Mack Brown gives a sincere and convincing performance. As the stern, unrelenting father who brings tragedy into the lives of those he loves best, John Sainpolis is also highly effective. Others who do good work include Matt Moore, William Janney, George Irving and Louise Beavers. "Coquette" was directed by Sam Taylor.

Man and Wife Injured When Auto Overturns

When his Chevrolet coupe turned over in a ten foot ditch about five miles east of Sweetwater on the Bankhead Highway at about 8 o'clock Thursday morning, J. G. Foreman and his wife of Roby, Texas, both received serious injuries but it is thought that they will recover. They were brought to the Merkel Sanitarium by a passing tourist, a Mr. Adams of Comanche, and it was found that Mrs. Foreman had a concussion of the brain and an injury to her right hip, while Mr. Foreman has injuries to his right shoulder and neck.

Miss Mangum Wins Voice Scholarship

In the high school voice contest held Friday afternoon in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Simmons University Miss Ina Gene Mangum of Merkel was awarded the second prize, one-half scholarship in voice at Simmons University. Clyde Smith of Rotan was awarded the first prize, which was a full scholarship in voice at Simmons, and Harrison Monroe of Abilene won third prize, \$30.00 to be applied on a voice scholarship during the year.

Miss Mangum is a pupil of Miss Christine Collins and is a graduate of Merkel High school this session. She has appeared on several programs at the commencement season, having been the soloist for the Senior Class play, presenting four numbers, and also singing two numbers at the musicale given by the voice pupils of Miss Collins.

Ladies Missionary Society.

The following is the program for the Ladies Missionary society, which meets at the Presbyterian church Monday, June 3, at 3:30: Song; devotional, Mrs. William Elliott; prayer; Answering "Thy Kingdom Come," Mrs. R. A. Walker; "Modern Philistine Youth," Mrs. John West; "Always Forward," Miss Mary Keny; Marina "Training School, Mrs. George West; benediction.

The Best-Rex Golf Balls. Phillips Drug Store.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis were Sweetwater visitors Sunday.

R. C. (Bill) Sheppard left Tuesday for Dallas on a business trip.

J. C. Dennis returned to Dallas Monday after a week's visit with his brother, J. T. Dennis and family.

A. H. Brackeen returned Monday from a business trip to Dallas.

Harold Leeton has returned to his home in Arkansas for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Mable Corinne, motored to Sweetwater last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deas Sheppard and daughter, Miriam of Dallas are guests of relatives this week.

Miss Jess Sutphen, who has been teaching school at Wichita Falls, is at home for the summer.

Miss Blackburn of Baird is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tige, also Miss Beasley.

Misses Beth Hamm and Fay Ash were guests of Miss Mildred Hamm of Simmons University Tuesday.

Miss Ruby Evans of Haskell visited during the week with Mrs. M. L. Estes after the closing of her school at Comper.

Mrs. Mollie Pettis, who suffered a stroke of paralysis about a month ago, is able to be up and her condition is improving.

Miss Mairie Ellis, who has been teaching school at Fort Stockton, has returned to spend the summer with homefolks.

Mrs. J. H. Jackson returned Monday from a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Houston, in Eastland.

Barney A. Garrett, who is practicing law at Waco, is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Miss Norah Foster, sister of Mrs. Herbert Patterson, leaves Tuesday for Denton to continue work toward the completion of her A. B.

Miss Roberta Sloan has gone to Whitewright to visit with her parents before entering C. I. A. at Denton for summer work.

Mrs. J. L. Banner, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo, is visiting another daughter, Mrs. S. L. Owens at Slaton.

Madames George Caple, H. A. Brubeck, H. F. Groene and P. B. Causeaux left Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends in San Antonio.

Miss Irene Swann, who has been teaching school at Roswell, N. Mex., returned Tuesday to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mrs. W. E. Russell of Imperial Valley, Calif., who has been in a hospital at Paradise Valley, Calif., is now much improved, according to word received here by relatives.

Judge W. W. Hair of the law firm of Stinson, Hair, Brooks and Duke of Abilene, was in Merkel Saturday.

Dewey Duncan of Waco was a passing visitor in Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. O. E. Rodden and son, Robert, Jr., accompanied her father, J. R. Sanders, on his return home and will visit with her parents at Muleshoe for sometime.

Prof. and Mrs. M. S. Davis left Wednesday morning for Boulder, Colorado, making the trip via automobile with all the pleasures of camping out along the route.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and daughter, Mattielou, have gone to Boonville, Mo., for the graduation of their son, Joe Largent, at Kemper Military school.

Ed Cribley, hustling field superintendent of the Phillips Petroleum company, with Mrs. Cribley visited Merkel friends Sunday and heard the baccalaureate sermon by Bishop Seaman.

L. R. Herring and wife of San Diego, Calif., were present at the graduation of their cousin, William Sheppard, and will visit for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Judd Sheppard.

W. T. McAninch and family had as their guests the past week-end Mr. and Mrs. Alex McAninch and son Neill, Mrs. George McAninch and daughter, Betty Lou, all of Cleveland, Okla. and J. L. McAninch of Brownwood.

Mrs. Jack Anderson, joined by her sisters, Mrs. Claud Young of Abilene and Mrs. David Wright of Colorado, left Tuesday for Lamesa, Texas, to spend several days with relatives at the old home town.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson left Thursday of last week for Fort Worth to be with her daughter, Miss Frances, who has been quite ill but who is rapidly recovering. Mrs. Anderson returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, of Merkel, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Hazel Lee, a graduate student at McMurry College, were here this week visiting their daughter, Mrs.

Chas. A. Fryar, and family.—Albany News.

E. C. Nott, special agent for the Universal Automobile Insurance company of Dallas, visited L. R. Thompson, local agent for the company, Tuesday and expressed himself as especially well pleased with the business transacted with the Merkel agency.

Miss Carrie Coffey of Spur, who is a niece of Miss Addie Holler, will spend the summer here while she attends summer school at Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilcox are leaving for Corpus Christi and will be gone probably three weeks.

Mrs. Rider Presents Pupils.

The pupils of Mrs. J. Samuel Rider were presented in recital Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church and prizes were awarded to three of the pupils for their high average during the year. Mabel Corinne Merton received a ring as her reward for the highest average among the piano pupils, Eleanor Mae Hamilton was awarded a pin as second prize and Dee Hall, a pin for third prize.

Participating in the recital of Mrs. Rider's pupils in Abilene on Wednesday evening were four Merkel pupils, Dee Hall, Clayton M. Leach, Eleanor Mae Hamilton and Mabel Corinne Merton. Out of the combined class of 75 pupils, Little Miss Merton was awarded second honors.

Goode-Resse.

With Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, Miss Lorene Reese and Morris Goode of the Noodle community were united in marriage on Wednesday evening at the Baptist church here. Both of these young people are very popular and have the best wishes of a host of friends for a happy married life.

Slumber Party.

Miss Mollie Dye was hostess to a group of eight friends for a slumber party Thursday night. They were invited for seven o'clock dinner after which they enjoyed the Senior Class play. Dancing followed, interrupted by a midnight supper, and the merriment continued until about "three o'clock in the morning." The program upon arising consisted of morning exercises with eight o'clock breakfast. Guests of Miss Dye were Misses Lola Shelton, Fannie Bell Boaz, Venice Bell, Willie E. Boaz, Nadine Tippet, Mattie Lou Largent, Mary E. Grimes and Margaret Miller.

The Girl Who Forgot.

A three-act comedy drama, entitled "The Girl Who Forgot" will be given at I. X. L. Saturday night, June 1, by the young people of that community. No admission will be charged.

The Best-Rex Golf Balls. Phillips Drug Store.

Diplomas Awarded To Thirty Graduates

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any college belonging to this association.)

To Vernie Derrick, salutatorian of the class and highest among the girls, the following scholarships were awarded: West Texas State Teachers' College, Canyon; Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, San Marcos; Trinity University, Waxahachie; Baylor College, Belton; John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville; Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine; Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Association of Texas Colleges, (good for any college belonging to this association.)

At the conclusion of the exercises, the Seniors joined in singing the benediction, bringing to an end in this beautiful way their association through the years and carrying with it the prayer for guidance in the world before them.

The list of graduates is: Lester Beene, Finus Cade, Clyde Chancey, R. E. Cole, Raymond Earthman, Roy Kelso, Leon McDonald, Lester Patterson, Robert Riney, William Sheppard, Norman Sloan, Ruskin Smith, Alton Whiteaker, Vivian Berger, Hellen Compton, Vernie Derrick, Eunalea Gilmore, Bernice Lassater, Imogene Mangum, Helen McCormack, Adie Fae Patterson, Ruby Patton, Elsie Richie, Selma Lee Russell, Lola Shelton, Norma Shannon, Wanna Spurkin, Lois Suber, Velma Walker, Arline Willett.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Seeming to bring with him the very atmosphere of youth, with its spirit for enjoyment, its ambitions, its ideals, Bishop E. Cecil Seaman of Amarillo, was the baccalaureate speaker on Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Bishop Seaman is bishop of the Northwest Texas Diocese of Protestant Episcopal church and a more effective message could not have been delivered than his sermon to the Seniors of Merkel High.

An especially pleasing feature of the program was a vocal solo, "Hold Thou My Hand," by Miss Mona Margaret Jones.

The choirs of the several churches

of the city were united under the direction of E. Yates Brown for the baccalaureate services and sang three beautiful numbers: "Day is Dying in the West," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Love Divine." The processional was played by Miss Winnie Lou Comper and the invocation given by Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

Mrs. Mattie Carpenter Buried Shep Cemetery

Mrs. Mattie Carpenter, 65, wife of W. T. Carpenter, died last Friday afternoon after an illness of about two weeks and her remains were carried to Shep to be interred in the cemetery there Saturday.

Mrs. Carpenter moved to Merkel with her husband and family about a year ago, coming here from Shep, and she is survived, besides her husband, by nine children, all of whom were at her bedside at the time of her death.

The husband and children have the sincere sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district, will fill the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday 11 a. m. Brother White will bring us a special message, and we are especially anxious that every member of the church hear him. Come to Sunday school and stay for church.

The pastor will be in the pulpit at the evening hour. The Junior League meets at 2 p. m. and the Epworth high at 7:30 p. m.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

C. M. Largent Showing Photos of Prize Herds

C. M. Largent was exhibiting photographs of his prize winning herds to friends in Merkel on Wednesday. One of the photos showed Superior 51st, Nina's Domino and Publican Domino, adjudged the three best bulls owned by one exhibitor at the Fort Worth Stock Show this year, another being of Prince Domino 151st.

The Merkel Mail has been requested by C. M. Largent and Sons to state that visitors are welcome any day except Sunday to inspect their herds.

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A real fast moving action picture with Bob at his best.

Also the mystery serial, "THE MYSTERY RIDER" and a good two reel comedy.

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—IN—
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If there was ever the fire of old Spain, it surely burns bright in this picture with the tender touch of pathos, of love, and broken hearts. You will take this picture to your heart and live with them through it all.

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GILDA GRAY AND CLIVE BROOK
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Romance, Excitement, Love, all combined in this wonder picture of the screen—scenes you will never forget.

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FOR SALE—Hen house 30x12, 3 miles north and 1 mile east. Joe Higgins, Route 1.

FOR SALE—179 3-10 acres of land joining Merkel on the West about 70 acres in cultivation if interested make me a bid. Vol Martin, address 5437 8th Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

FOR SALE—Three good milk cows. Henry Ellerbee, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Four gallon Jersey cow. Sec C. T. Stevens.

FOR SALE—14 tons maize heads, \$18.00 per ton. Tom Douglas. Phone 99

FOR SALE—Two putters, two mashes and one midiron. Clesby Patterson at Mellinger's

SECOND HAND CARS for sale or trade; also second hand plow tools, at West Filling East of Trent. W. E. Price.

A FEW WORK HORSES for sale or trade. See Bill Haynes at Merkel Motor Co.

FOR SALE—15 head high grade young Jersey milk cows with young calves; will sell one or more; cash or good notes. J. J. Steele, Anson, Texas.

WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

8c POUND for small hogs. Anybody wishing to sell bring to Henry Ellerbee. Merkel, Texas.

NOTICE—Eggs 23c per dozen in exchange for McConnon's Products, at my home in Southeast Merkel. Dan Reidenbach.

WANTED TO REPAIR, paint stain, enamel your furniture; satisfactory work guaranteed. B. M. Black.

WASH LAUNDRY your quilts the electrical way for 20c each; also have Dan McConnon's Products for sale. Mrs. Reidenbach, Southeast Merkel.

WANTED TO BUY—Clean white cotton rags. Will pay 5 cents per pound. Merkel Mail office.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Good player piano, Singer sewing machine, dining table, mattresses, bed springs, coal oil stove and bachelor heater, also upright heater. Mrs. Barker's on Noodle Dome Highway.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four room house, lights, gas and garage; close in. Apply at City Furniture or call Joe Garland. Phone 272.

FOR RENT—Three rooms. Apply at Henry Ellerbee. Merkel, Texas.

FOR RENT—Three room apartment furnished; also a four room house, close in. S. F. Haynes.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Baby's light tan silk coat between Fred Baker's and B. M. Black's. Please return to Claud Dye.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
J. A. Patterson, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary.

Dora Doings

Due to the effects of rain and hail, some of the crops that were up have been ruined and it became necessary to plant again.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Porter are the proud parents of a fine seven pound baby girl. Her name is Mae Charlene. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

The ninth grade put on a play entitled "The Girl Who Forgot," which was well rendered and enjoyed by a large crowd.

Modina Whiteaker presented her pupils in a pleasing program of three short plays.

Jim Hinson received a message Friday that his mother was very low at Winters.

Cone Brown of South Texas is visiting his brother, Bruce Brown and family.

O. S. Moore and family visited Sunday with relatives on Valley Creek.

Mrs. Mae Post of Oklahoma City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine.

G. W. Whiteaker made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Phillips visited their son, A. B. Mallon and family near Caps last week-end.

Ira Clayton lost 84 turkeys last Friday night when lightning struck his brooder house. Several more are so badly burned that they may die.

COMPERE NEWS

Most of the farmers are having to plant some cotton over after the good rains, but everybody is rejoicing over the benefits to be derived from the rains.

The Compere school is closed for the term, a picnic last Thursday being followed by a program that night. Every one is well pleased with our teachers and hope we will have them back again next year.

The writer wishes to correct the impression that Compere does not have a regular singing night. We have singing every Sunday night and everybody is invited to come and help. The singing was enjoyed by a large crowd last Sunday night.

Mrs. Lee Stanley visited her mother, Mrs. Coates in Merkel Sunday.

Next Sunday is regular preaching day at Compere and everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas are at home again after an absence of several months, much to the pleasure of their many friends.

Encampment Plans.

James H. West went to Abilene last Thursday afternoon to attend a meeting of the publicity committee of the Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap, of which Fred Rogers is chairman. Mr. West is a member of the committee. The encampment will be held July 6 to 14.

For nine years Texas has led all the states of the union in value of farm crops and there is not even a remote prospect that it will ever lose its place at the top of the list.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Allen Miller of Pecos, an old time friend of J. E. Bowers, spent several hours with him last Wednesday.

J. T. Briggs and wife arrived last Wednesday from Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Causseaux are moving to Austin where Mrs. Causseaux will attend school for some time.

Walter and Kin Massey of Denton visited with their brother, Ernest Massey and family the greater part of last week.

F. G. Boyd announces the arrival of twin grandbabies Harold and Catherine who were born May 20th to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Boyd of New York City.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son and Mrs. Buena McLeod and daughter have returned from Mineral Wells where they had been visiting. They were accompanied home by Miss Catherine Freeman who will spend awhile with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mrs. Jack Pomroy visited her mother Mrs. Davis of Big Spring the early part of the week.

Little Hubert McLeod who has been visiting at Lamesa for a week or so has returned home, reporting a fine trip.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock spent the week-end in Big Spring.

Mrs. Robert D. Martin of Loraine visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, several days last week.

Miss Mary Lou Ross of Simmons University entertained a number of her friends with a house party Saturday night in her home west of Trent. The guests were Eblene Lenton, Maurine McAden, Ima Gene Mays, Rilla Bressingham, of Abilene, Reta Mae Winn and Fannie Scott.

Robert and Laurence Nelson of Breckenridge, accompanied by their cousin, Thomas Christopher of Oklahoma were in our city last Thursday.

Ancil Martin of Sweetwater was a guest of L. W. Ross Jr., last Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Bowers, two daughters and son visited J. E. Bowers and family last Monday afternoon.

A number of our ladies attended a house party at Abilene last Tuesday at the beautiful home of Mrs. C. L. Blankenship given in honor of her mother.

Miss Bernadine Sorelle and J. G. Hamner were married May 22 at Abilene. They spent several days visiting in Fort Worth. Mrs. Hamner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K.

Sorelle, old time residents of Eskota, and has taught in the school there for the past three years. She is a most charming and accomplished young lady. Mr. Hamner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner of Trent, and is one of our popular young men.

Jack Bowers spent Sunday in Abilene visiting relatives.

H. W. Beckham of Lamesa visited home folks this week.

Carl Murdock and family have gone to Mission for an extended visit.

Miss Gertrude Dowdy and, Miss Ruth Price of Abilene spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dowdy.

Little Tura James is recovering from a fall he got last week from riding a calf. He was in the hospital four days from the effects.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds and baby are here for a while with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. Toliver Walker gave a lovely dinner Monday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Page and family who are leaving for Pampa.

Miss Grace Washburn left Tuesday for a short visit with relatives at Ft. Worth.

Miss Maggie Payne is leaving us Sunday for Austin where she will attend the University of Texas this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey and family left Wednesday for Denton where they will visit Mr. Massey's parents for a few days.

The Texas public road system comprises about 180,000 miles of which nearly 20,000 miles are known as "improved." State and Federal improved highways total 9,645 miles and there are about 10,000 miles of gravel, sand-clay or other "improved roads."

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Whiteley Wins Fountain Pen in Sales Contest

W. A. Whiteley of Merkel seems to have an awful lot of writing to do these days. At any rate, he is always pulling a brand-new, beautiful jade fountain pen out of his pocket.

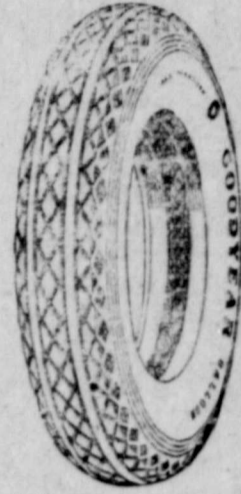
And here is the secret of his proud exhibition of this new fountain pen.

Whiteley, who is the Watkins Man for this locality, just won it in a sales contest being conducted by the J. R. Watkins company for his large volume of sales on their vanilla, which

was awarded the grand prize with gold medal at the International Exposition held in Paris. Over 3000 dealers and salesmen who call on the farm trade are competing for honors in this drive. The pen has engraved on it "Vanilla Contest Prize—The J. R. Watkins Company."

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A lot of people are trying to make you believe they can WRITE miles into tires. Don't let them "kid" you. "There are no miles in a bottle of ink."

The only way you can get miles into a tire is to BUILD miles in, the way Goodyear does, with the powerful, tractive All-Weather Tread and extra-elastic, extra-durable SUPERTWIST Cord.

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IT DOES NOT COST ANY MORE TO BUY A GOOD-YEAR. COME IN AND LET US PROVE IT.

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AND DON'T FORGET

THE JAR OF MONEY

will be given away on Friday the 31st of May at 5 o'clock. Be present when your name is called.

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Lindbergh, Morrow Spring a Surprise Were Wed Monday

Englewood, N. J., May 30.—Miss Anne Morrow and Col. Charles Lindbergh were married at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Morrow home here.

The couple left immediately in a motor car for an unannounced destination.

Only the immediate members of the family attended the ceremony. Miss Morrow was not attended by any bridesmaids and Colonel Lindbergh had no best man, it was said by the secretary of Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow after the ceremony.

The secretary said he was not authorized by Ambassador Morrow to reveal where the newly married couple would spend their honeymoon.

The announcement came so unexpectedly as to catch friends of the family and newspaper men off guard. There had been signs of unusual activity at the Morrow home all day, but there was no intimation that the ceremony would take place.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

The weather was a trifle cool last Sunday morning, but those in attendance, as shown by lively singing, enjoyed the services very much. We had a very interesting Sunday school lesson, our last for the month, dealing with obedience to God in worship.

The out of town visitors seem to have remained out of town, but quite a few local visitors were present.

Rev. Willett's sermon on Christian Education was a good piece of advice to the graduates who plan to enter college next year and was, in fact, interesting to everyone present.

Dr. E. E. White, our presiding elder, will preach at the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning.

The Methodist Church was given the privilege of entertaining the Grammar school graduates last Friday night by a very interesting graduation exercise, and the High school graduates Sunday and Monday nights with the baccalaureate sermon and commencement exercises.

May we bid: "God bless you" to each graduate.

—Reporter.

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"I HAD BEEN miserable for a long time. My health was poor, and I suffered a lot from weakness. At times, my strength was so little that I could not stand on my feet. I would have to give up and go to bed. My sides and back hurt dreadfully.

"I grew discouraged, for I could do so little. I worried about myself, and almost gave up hope of ever being strong and well. I could scarcely lift a bucket of water. My house work went undone, for I was not strong enough to do it.

"After I had taken Cardui for a little while, I began to feel better. I grew stronger, soon found that I could do my work with less effort, and the pains in my back and sides left me. I think Cardui is a wonderful medicine. My health has been excellent since then."—Mrs. D. L. Beckner, W. Main St., Salem, Va.

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Take Theford's Black-Draught for Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness. Costs only 1 cent a dose. 6-128

U. S. Supply of Cotton Smallest Since 1925

Austin, Texas, May 30.—On May 1 the indicated supply of cotton in the United States totaled 4,846,000 bales, compared to 5,583,000 bales on May 1, 1925, according to Bervard Nichols, editor of the Texas Business Review, issued by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas.

"Supplies are the smallest since 1925 and cotton is disappearing at a rapid rate," Mr. Nichols said. "In April, 632,000 bales were consumed in the United States and 454,000 bales were exported, making a total disappearance of 1,088,000 bales. If the same ratio between disappearance and carryover is preserved as last year, the carryover on August will be reduced to about 1,875,000 bales. Moreover, this estimate is conservative, since consumption and exports are on a larger scale this year than last."

Blankenship is Elected Superintendent at Lawn

C. L. Blankenship, superintendent of the Trent schools for the past two years, has been elected superintendent of the Lawn school for the coming year. Mr. Blankenship succeeds Taylor M. Rushing, who has been connected with the Lawn schools for the past four years, the last two as superintendent.

Mr. Blankenship was connected with the Snyder schools before coming to Taylor county. He and Mrs. Blankenship reside in Abilene.

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 offers.

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Last Son of Colonel A. G. Boyce, Famous XIT Ranchman, Dies

Dalhart, May 30.—J. Henry Boyce, 52, pioneer cowman and scion of one of Texas' most noted families, was found dead in bed Saturday at his home here. He was the last male member of a family active in Texas cattle and business enterprises for more than half a century. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. L. Boyce of Amarillo, and a daughter, Mrs. Victor Stewart, Dalhart.

Mr. Boyce's father was Colonel A. G. Boyce, who gained international fame as manager of the famous XIT ranch and for his campaign to rid the Panhandle of Texas of cow thieves and gunmen. A brother, L. H. Boyce, died in Amarillo less than a year ago. The older Boyce and his younger son were slain several years ago.

BANK NOTICE.

Monday, June 3, 1929, (Jefferson Davis' birthday) being a legal holiday, the undersigned banks will be closed. Patrons will please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

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'Keep Your Eye' etc.

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What the Gray House Hid



The Mystery of a Haunted Mansion

by Wyndham Martyn

(Continued from Last Week)

Jim Delaney had too much sense to try to escape from three armed men. The fortunes of war had changed, and he was already considering the favorable position of one who turns state's evidence. He sat where Hanby directed him. He could see that the owner of the Gray house was not to be trifled with.

"It's enough for you to know," Hanby began, "that Appleton and Belle are shut away in those cells. We know all about them. I'm going to ask you some questions. Lie, if you want to."

"I'm not going to lie, boss," responded Jim eagerly. "That wouldn't do me no good now, would it?"

"None at all, but I don't want to influence you. Bill, take down his evidence, please. Just explain who you are, and why you and that—"

"Luigi, Jim volunteered. "He's a wop from Sicily. Him and me are employed by Appleton. We've been storing the stuff and guarding it." Jim smiled ruefully. "I don't know who give us away, but you certainly came when it did the most harm!"

"Naturally," Hanby commented, wholly ignorant of what the other meant. "I'm giving you the opportunity of telling me all about it in your own way."

"It all began," Jim declared, "when Appleton bought Seymour's booze. This Seymour was a rich man. His wife was from a swell family in the South, and he expected to live here all his life. He had the house on a lease, with the option of purchase, and he meant to buy, see? So he sends home to England for a stock of booze—whisky in barrels, and port in wood, and liqueurs, and champagnes, and everything a man wants. Then guys in England, when they're well fixed, buy wholesale, and they all have cellars and cellars to look after them. This Seymour, he put in enough so he'd never have to buy anything else if he lived to be a hundred. When his kids was drowned and his wife died, he went back home, and, although he was past fifty, he got into his old regiment. Then his three brothers was killed in the war, and he's a lord or something. Money wasn't anything to him. He wanted to get out of this place, and he liked Appleton, so he took Appleton's check for the cellar. What does Appleton do but get Luigi to build a wall across one end of it? Luigi's a mason by trade. Appleton wasn't like me. I thought prohibition was a joke when it come in. I was tending bar down on Third avenue. Appleton had friends in Washington, and they knew booze was out for keeps."

Jim was here permitted to light a cigar, while Bill put down the main incidents in this recital.

"Yes," Jim went on reflectively, "that give Appleton the idea. He knew booze was going to be scarce, so he started to make a place to cache it in till the price was right and he could dispose of it all at one crack. He made new plans of the house, and left out the cellar where the stuff was stored. I guess that fooled you Mr. Hanby."

"It did," Hanby admitted.

"He'll fool anybody," said Jim, who was enjoying the interest aroused by his story. "I'll say he's the slickest bird I've come across. He plans for the year after next—that's the sort of guy he is. He had the lake, partly filled in. Then he had some dago laborers fix the stream, build a tunnel in here, and make the place livable. They didn't know what they was doing, and didn't care, so long as they was paid good. Then he put Luigi in as caretaker. You see the cops was after Luigi, and he didn't stand a chance with that build of his. Any dick could 'a nabbed him any time. Luigi likes to drink and sleep, and this was meat to him."

"What did you do?" Pelham asked.

"I used to shoot the stuff down the stream. I used to get it off the boats from friends, drive up to the upper road, and put the cases under the culvert, so they'd drift down here. Luigi would pile 'em up, so that when the day come he could dump 'em in the stream and they'd drift down to Boyle's farm. I guess we're out of luck. Tonight's the night. Everything and everyone is fixed, and now you bust up the party!"

"How were you going to have taken it away, if there's so much of it?"

"The road is going to be put under repair after dark, and all traffic will detour. That leaves us uninterrupted. We've got forty ten-ton trucks all ready. They'll get busy at the right time, and take out the stuff, which will be down at that lake by Boyle's barn. There won't be a hitch. This is a great fixing game, and I know how to fix the guys that might be in the way. This is big business," said Jim proudly. "Appleton expected to

have two hundred thousand bucks to-night."

Jim was a gambler. He shrugged his shoulders. He had lost before.

"Who killed Smucker?" Hanby demanded suddenly.

"Luigi. Served him right. He was trying to croak him, the dirty little rat! It was justifiable homicide, all right. Don't you waste no tears about Smucker. He come here to bump you off. I found him trying to set fire to the thicket, that night when we had that big gale, and the wind was blowing on to your house."

"Let's get this straight," said Hanby, when he had listened to other particulars. "You and Luigi were going to put these case goods in the stream, where they would float down to Boyle's place unseen. At Boyle's the same trucks that are working on the new road would be waiting. These would take the stuff and dispose of it. Is that right?"

"Positively, boss. Everything was fixed but your gang."

"Show me where it is hidden," Hanby said. "I wouldn't try to escape, if I were you. Those boys will shoot."

At the edge of the large clearing, carefully stacked in piles, the searchers found thousands of cases of whisky, brandy, and old wines. Jim explained that there had been exhaustive experiments as to the length of time they would take to float downstream under the road and come to rest in Boyle's lake.

"It's a straightaway trip but for one place," Jim volunteered. "We found they jammed there sometimes, so we creased the boards, and now they ride pretty."

"What about the Seymour stuff under the lumber in the big cellar?" Hanby asked.

"That wasn't to go yet. I think Appleton was going to make a deal with you direct when the time came. He wouldn't have no difficulty in selling that. You can get any price for stuff that is absolutely old and genuine. There's lots of people afraid of getting wood-alcoholized yet."

Jim pointed to the cases all ready for the journey.

"This is all honest-to-goodness stuff," he went on, "but it ain't old, like it used to be, and it don't do a guy any good to lap it up when it's only two years old. I know, I've bin in the saloon business. Appleton trusted me because I'm off the stuff for keeps. Luigi, he drinks the cheapest sort of wine, like they used to make every morning in the red-link joints in the city. I'll say Appleton was a good picker. I don't yet get just how you lotted in."

Hanby did not satisfy the fellow's zeal for knowledge. What followed puzzled Jim very much, but he made no remarks. He labored under the delusion that Leslie was anxious to shoot.

Nor did Luigi understand, but he, too, thought that his salvation lay in readiness to obey. Without pause he, Jim, Pelham, and Junior dumped the cases into the stream. Darkness was coming on when they finished. Jim had told them that by midnight the entire mass would be on Boyle's property, where Boyle and his sons would help to load them on the trucks.

"I can't keep the stuff," Hanby had explained to Burton, "and I want it seized on some one else's property. You can bet Appleton will keep his mouth closed!"

"But those other two men?" Burton asked anxiously.

"They will find that they have an opportunity to get away. It's clouding over for rain. I'm willing to match my giant huckleberry hawk against your fighting fuchsia moth that we shall never see Jim or Luigi again!"

Jim and Luigi could hardly believe their eyes when they saw that the men with automatics had become neglectful. The two miscreants merged into the shadows, and faded from sight by some secret and unknown path.

There remained Appleton and his lady. Their problem was not so simple. Appleton must be held.

When the cell door was unlocked, the lady was voluble and angry. When Appleton's door was flung open, he lay on the floor.

"You've killed him!" she said, and flung herself at his side.

There was no doubt that she loved him. Presently he sat up and smiled at her. His face was white.

"My heart is not strong," he admitted. "Men with high color often owe it less to good health than to heart trouble. I have had much to worry me today. With your permission, I will get some medicine before we resume our conference."

Appleton seemed shrunken and feeble. It was the woman who supported him. Slowly they walked ahead of their captors toward the large liv-

ing room. Appleton was courteous to the last.

"It is your house," he said, smiling feebly. "After you, gentlemen!"

Burton was the last to enter. When he was well in the room, the door was suddenly shut and locked behind him. Five men stared at one another helplessly. The sick man had tricked them.

CHAPTER XI

It was ten minutes before they had smashed the door down. Outside there was nothing but darkness and pelting torrents of rain. With flashlights they searched the sanctuary until, about midnight, torn by thorn spikes and drenched to the skin, they had to confess that they were beaten. Appleton and his lady had escaped.

The five made their way to the wire edge of the bird sanctuary and came, exhausted, to the Gray house. Dina, Celia, and Florence Burton were waiting. Their alarm would have been greater had not Hanby left a note, saying that he and Bill and Junior were going on a long hiking trip.

"Here," said Hanby dramatically, breaking in on them, "are the lost ones! Florence, here is your Tom. Celia, behold the captor of the wild fawn. I haven't a moment for explanations," he added. "Junior and I have to go out again." He turned to his son. "Get your car around to the front door as soon as you can."

Hurriedly he picked up the telephone and called the local chief of police, whom he had met in the Red Chapin murder affair.

"Mr. Hanby talking," he began. "I've just come in. I met a whole train of big trucks passing along south. I wouldn't be surprised if they were running a cargo of booze. I'd look into it, if I were you."

He hung up the instrument.

"I did that," he explained to his family, "because I want the seizure made somewhere not on my property. Boyle happens to be one of the tenants whose repairs Appleton has always supervised."

"What seizure?" Dina cried.

"Bill will have to tell you all about it."

Hanby picked up the telephone instrument that connected with the garage, the stables, and the gardeners' quarters. The listeners heard him give what seemed an extraordinary order. He instructed the three men in the stables to ride around the bird sanctuary until he ordered them to cease patrolling, and to hold any trespassers who tried to break away from it.

"Bill will explain," he said. "We'll be back in half an hour."

It was almost an hour before he came in.

"We've been checking up things," he said. "Now for something to eat!"

Again he took up the local telephone. This time he instructed a chauffeur to tell the men riding about the bird sanctuary that their task was done.

By this time Dina knew the whole story. She was particularly incensed at the part played by Appleton's companion, the lady with the pleasing voice.

"You don't mean to say those dreadful people have escaped?"

"Impossible!" Pelham cried. "How do you know?"

"Some three hours ago," Hanby told them, "Doctor Grant was coming from a case, and saw a plump gentleman and a good looking woman at our upper entrance gates. They were soaked through—from the rain, he supposed—and had a reasonable story to tell. Their motor had stalled somewhere, and they were on their way to get gas. Doctor Grant believed it, and took them as far as Stanfordville, where they bought a five gallon can and hired a car to take them back to their machine. The driver was told to go to the nearest railroad station. He did so, and received good pay and the can of gas. They took the ten thirty-five train to New York. I don't have to be a house detective or a Yale sophomore to guess who that drenched couple was."

"How did they get out of the sanctuary and make the upper road?"

"They went up the stream. We know there's a clear way, because Jim used to float the cases down. While we were losing our flesh and clothes in that d-d thicket, they were wading in three feet of water to safety. Another thing—while they delayed us, the crowd at Boyle's made its getaway. Such a night as this—foggy, rainy, and moonless—was a godsend to them. The tracks were plain enough in Boyle's yard when we got there, but the rain has washed all marks from the paved roads."

"Then it won't be easy to trace them?" the professor hazarded.

"It won't be hard to trace forty ten-ton trucks making a convoy for Manhattan. They can't make more than twenty-five miles an hour, at the outside. They'll get them, and they'll get Appleton, too."

Here the telephone rang sharply. It was the local chief of police. He was angry and disappointed. He informed Hanby that, with his own men and prohibition enforcement officials, he had overtaken, held up, and searched a fleet of big trucks proceeding southward. They were laden only with building material, which had been carefully examined. In every instance they were driven by men whose alibis were genuine.

"Wow!" said Hanby, hanging up.

"That was a hot one! It certainly proves that the amateur detective business is not as simple as it seems. What Appleton or Jim did was to alter the destination of the booze

ships. Instead of going toward Manhattan, they went into hiding."

Dina sensed deep depression in him. Her husband was a man who always played to win.

"Never mind!" she said, putting her arm about his shoulders, affectionately. "I'm proud of you all. You've given a husband back to Florence, and but for you I might have lost my son-in-law." She smiled at Leslie and Celia. "You've cleared up the great mystery!"

"Something is lost in every victory," Pelham reminded him.

Again the telephone disturbed them. Hanby, answering, raised his right hand, enjoining silence and attention. "Long distance," he whispered. "Listen, all of you!"

They crowded about the instrument. A distant central informed some one as yet unknown that here was his party.

"This is Mr. Hanby speaking," said the man at the instrument.

There floated out into the room the very clear articulation of Mr. Appleton.

"We wish to thank you," said Appleton, "for our opportunity to escape. Everything turned out as we desired. Jim reports the perfect success of his operations. Mrs. Appleton and I are now in New York. She was very much attracted by your personality. We both feel that we owe a great deal to you. Fortunately we can repay."

Hanby's face turned red. It infuriated him to have Appleton jeering at him over the long distance. He was commencing to tell Mr. Appleton what he thought of him when Dina tapped him on the arm.

"Listen!" she commanded.

"I am not lying when I say we can repay," Mr. Appleton remarked, when Hanby's recriminations were cut short. "Oh, dear me, no! As you will not see any of us again, I bequeath to you the contents of your own cellar. Even the law cannot take it away from you!"

[THE END]

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The bride was attractive in an ensemble of brown crepe, with harmonizing accessories.

Immediately after the service Mr. and Mrs. Pence left for a few days' motor trip, after which they will go to Wink, Texas, where a completely furnished home awaits them.

The bride, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter, is a charming and accomplished young lady. She is a graduate of Simmons University and for a number of years has been a teacher in Taylor and Jones counties. Mr. Pence, a graduate of Sweetwater High school, has been connected with the theater business there and in surrounding towns until he was appointed chief electrician for the Southern Crude Oil Company.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Miss Christine Collins was hostess to members of the High School Choral and Glee clubs on last Monday afternoon in the Fine Arts Studio at the High school building.

Guests of the club were all ex-members and special features of the afternoon's program were old favorites of past years sung by Misses Melba West, Bessie Westenhovner, Mary Pence, Mrs. Robert Mayfield, Messrs. Charlie Largent, Burns Tucker, Victor Smith and Carlos Montandon.

The serious business of the afternoon came with the lettering of the members of this year's club. Insignias were presented by the director.

Dainty refreshments were served to approximately fifty guests.

GILMORE-McCOY.

A wedding of much interest was solemnized last Saturday evening at eight o'clock when Miss Esther McCoy became the bride of J. D. Gilmore. The ceremony was read by Rev. Ira L. Parrack in the parlors of the parsonage with only a few intimate friends of the couple present.

Mrs. Gilmore, formerly of the Stith community but for a number of years a popular member of Merkel's younger set, has won for herself, because of her charming and capable personality, many friends.

Mr. Gilmore, son of Mrs. Edith Gilmore and an employee of the Marland Oil Co., is a young man of sterling character, courteous and affable at all times.

The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Fort Worth via automobile, for a short trip before

returning to the Marland lease where they will make their home.

MRS. ANDERSON HOSTESS.

Friends of Mrs. Jack Anderson were delightfully entertained last Saturday afternoon with bridge games.

A delicate theme shading of pink and blue was artistically carried out in all game accessories, punch, candies and in lovely cut flowers, centering the tables.

At the culmination of the games, Mrs. Anderson was assisted by Mrs. Claude Young in serving a refreshing ice course, again reflecting the lovely color scheme, to Messdames, W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Sam Cummings, Harry Cookston, Charlie Jones, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Gene Harvey, R. I. Grimes, Edward McCrary, W. S. J. Brown, Roy Largent, Claude Young, Misses Miriam Sheppard, Mona Margaret Jones, Johnnie Sears, Evelyn Curb, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Melba West, Vera Baker, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Roberta Sloan.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey, assisted by her daughter, Miss Ouida Mae, entertained at her home Tuesday with a well appointed dinner at high noon, the table dainty in its snowy covering and glistening silver and crystal; pink and green tapers cast their soft mellow glow throughout the room where the color scheme was carried out in sweet peas and carnations.

Plate favors of pink carnation carried cards picturing two poll-parrots that revealed in their tell-tale talk the secret "Cora Lee-Wade, June, 1929." A social hour followed with radio and victrola music, also a beautiful vocal number by Miss Hazel Rainbolt and a piano selection by Mrs. Will D. Williams. Miss Jean Hulsey presided over the bride's book. Guests from out of town were Mrs. Roy Mershon, Miss Lelia Woodward and Miss Hazel Rainbolt, all of Abilene.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hulsey of this city, was graduated from the Paris High school and is a gifted reader. The fortunate young man, Wade Darsey, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey and is now connected with the postoffice staff at San Angelo. Hence, the marriage of this couple in June will unite two of Merkel's estimable families.

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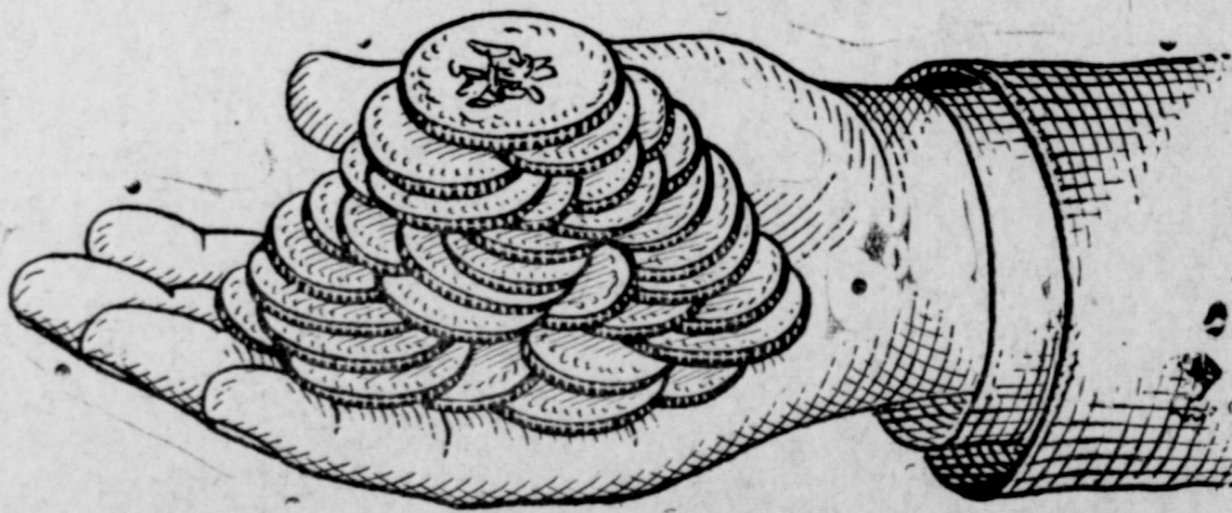
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