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## COURT FIXES TAX RATE IN COUNTY AT \$1

Unanimous Approval Given Plan After Long Study by Commissioners; Schedule Will Produce \$244,941.80 in 1932.

By unanimous vote of the Taylor county commissioners, the court Monday set the county tax rate for 1931 at \$1, based on valuations of \$24,494,180.

Under the schedule, prepared by Tom K. Eplen, county judge, and Austin Fitts, treasurer, the rate for county purposes (general fund) is set at 25 cents; nine cents to supplement the jury fund; 15 cents for road and bridges; seven cents for permanent improvements; 15 cents for road purposes, special tax; 29 cents for highway bonds, covering the county's paved highway system.

On a 100 per cent payment the schedule would produce taxes totaling \$244,941.80 in 1932.

"The 1931 rate was set after a studios conference with the county treasurer and after arrangements had been made to use every available dollar in the sinking fund," Judge Eplen said.

"In the commissioners meeting Monday it was learned that there have been some indications of dissatisfaction on account of increase in the tax rate," he said.

"In reality the rate was set three or four cents lower than some of the commissioners felt that it should be in order to cope with the situation, and it is the very lowest possible for carrying on the county's business.

"No citizen should criticize the court's action until he has informed himself of the circumstances. If there are methods of lowering the rate, the court would appreciate having them pointed out."

The court also set tax rates on road bonds in the six districts of the county, these being district, not county, obligations. The rates are: District 1, one cent; No. 2, seven cents; No. 3, seven cents; No. 4, 16 cents; No. 5, 24 cents; No. 6, 24 cents.

## Merkel Public Schools Will Open September 7

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees for the Merkel Independent School district, Monday, September 7, was set as the opening date for the 1931-1932 session of the Merkel schools.

During the week preceding this one, such preliminary matters as registration of Seniors, entrance examinations, return of books used during the summer, submitting of credits or report cards of pupils from other schools will be attended to.

Definite days for each of the above items will be announced through the columns of the Merkel Mail later in August.

## MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 16, 1931.)

Will Buchanan was down from Abilene this week.

Dr. C. M. Watson of Trent was in Merkel Monday mingling with friends.

B. F. Cox returned from San Angelo and other points south where he has been on a business trip.

J. T. Warren and son, Booth, Lon Sublett and W. R. Hampton have returned from the Plains and report a pleasant trip. They have been absent five days and averaged 100 miles each day in Mr. Warren's auto.

Misses Lillian Howard and Mary Gunn came down from Abilene and visited home folks from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Mary Streamer was on the sick list the first of the week.

J. W. Bettles of Abilene was in Merkel this week.

Miss Beulah Rainbolt is quite sick with bilious fever.

Mrs. Ida Tucker of Red River county is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

## Swallowing False Teeth Brings Death To Husky Soldier

Washington, July 16.—Two false teeth which he swallowed at breakfast three days before brought death Tuesday to Private Olaf Nelson of Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

Nelson, a husky soldier 30 years old, was brought to Walter Reed Hospital here after a cross country dash in an airplane.

Surgeons labored over him last night as long as his ebbing strength would permit. They were unable to remove the bridge work, only an inch and a half long. Four previous efforts at Fort Bliss had been unsuccessful.

Pressure of the obstruction, added to throat disturbances created by admission of air through the puncture, slowly choked his life away.

## Former Sweetwater Pilot Burns to Death

Sweetwater, July 16.—Chester Bailes, 32, well known around West Texas airports and a former pilot on the Safeway system when the air line terminated here, burned to death Sunday when a plane which he was piloting crashed at the municipal airport in Chicago, according to word received here by friends.

William Warren, 22, companion pilot whose home is in San Angelo, fell to death with Bailes.

Bailes was stationed in Sweetwater for the Safeway airlines last year when the line was added from Sweetwater to Midland, he being the regular pilot on that run. The plane flown by Bailes on the Sweetwater-Midland route was a Lockheed-Vega monoplane, said to be the one in which Reg Robbins and H. S. Jones attempted their non-stop refueling flight from Seattle to Tokio.

The plane in which Bailes crashed at Chicago was the property of Detroit Aircraft Corporation, but had been lent to Braniff Airlines, Inc., for use between Kansas City and Chicago. It had arrived in Chicago Saturday night with five passengers from Kansas City. Bailes, a Braniff pilot, was to have returned the plane to Detroit.

Airport officials seeing the crash said it apparently was caused by a motor failure, saying the plane was up about 700 feet when the motor quit and Bailes apparently tried to bank and return to the field but had neither sufficient speed nor altitude. As the plane turned they said it slid off to the right and crashed at high speed into the ground. A terrific explosion as it hit the ground was followed by fire, making rescue impossible.

Bailes first came to West Texas as a pilot on the Braniff Line which was opened from Tulsa to San Angelo, being a regular pilot on that line until its suspension.

Mrs. Hiram Phillips and children left yesterday for Cisco to visit relatives.

Miss Jewel Dowdy is off on an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Will and Charlie Hutcheson of Trent have been in Merkel two or three days on account of the illness of their father.

Wednesday afternoon a party of young people planned an outing and were to spread supper on Mulberry.

This party was comprised of Homer Jobe and Miss Lizzie Calvert, Vernon Sutphen and Miss Minnie Province, Jack Province and Miss Ona Johnson, Bartley Smith and Miss Marietta Johnson, and about seven o'clock Mr. Smith told his associates to wait about twenty minutes and he would be ready to make the trip and he and Miss Marietta drove to the home of Rev. T. N. Lowery and, while seated in their buggy, Rev. Lowery in a few well chosen words linked their hearts together for weal or woe and the happy couple joined their friends at the residence of ex-Mayor G. W. Johnson and surprised them as well as the old folks by announcing their marriage.

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## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Vernon R. Smitham, city manager of Big Spring for the past two years, has resigned, effective August 1, to accept the post of city manager of Wichita Falls.

A live armadillo, which found its way to Kansas City in a carload of Texas wheat and added somewhat to the cargo, was sold to an animal store for exhibition purposes.

Harry Koch, who after publishing the Quannah Tribune-Chief 38 years sold it in 1929 to a group of Amarillo newspaper men, which included Gene Howe, has again acquired the paper he founded.

Ginger Rogers, R-K-O-Pathe movie player and vaudeville entertainer, was granted a divorce from Jack Cuipepper, vaudevillian, formerly of Oak Cliff, in 44th district court at Dallas Saturday.

Reduction of Texas' cotton acreage by one-half and rotation of cotton planting are sought in a bill introduced before the special session of the legislature by Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene.

Traffic accidents involving automobiles took the lives of 22 persons, in Texas, four of whom were killed in grade crossings, during the week ending Saturday, July 11, based on news dispatches in the daily papers.

W. W. Brown of Decatur was elected president of the Rural Letter Carriers' association and Galveston was selected as the 1932 convention city at the closing session of the carriers' convention at Waco last Thursday.

Alfred Crager of Ballinger has been appointed assistant United States district attorney for the northern district of Texas to succeed M. H. Boynton, who resigned recently to become judge of the Fort Worth corporation court.

A total of 1229 charters was granted new corporations in Texas during the first half of 1931, compared to 1231 during the corresponding period of 1930, according to the bureau of business research of the University of Texas.

E. L. Mashburn, 43, employe of the Gulf Production company, Fort Worth, and son of L. J. Mashburn, Sweetwater florist, was found on a park bench in Pasadena, Calif., Tuesday without any knowledge of how he arrived there from Texas.

Charles T. Rowland, Fort Worth attorney, was found guilty of malpractice, fraudulent and dishonorable conduct in the practice of law, after the jury in Judge Frank P. Culver, Jr.'s court had deliberated one hour. Sentence is to be passed during the week.

District Judge C. R. Sutton has granted a permanent injunction forbidding removal of the county seat of Upton county from Rankin to McCamey, but an election contest and a re-districting suit, involving the same issue, will be heard at the September term of court.

Dudley Davis, 27, who began newspaper work as a "cub" on the Houston Post and later joined a big game hunting expedition to Africa, returning to join the Press, Scripps-Howard paper at Houston, as managing editor, died from injuries received when his automobile collided with a bus.

Robert Lee Henry, 61, member of congress from the 11th Texas district for 20 years, friend of Woodrow Wilson and one of those members of congress who helped pass the federal reserve act, died at his home in Houston from the result of a bullet wound in the head, the shooting having been accidental, according to the belief of Dr. M. L. Graves, family physician.

## STERLING FOE OF REGULATORS

Governor is Confident Legislature Will Do Something to Help Oil Industry.

Austin, July 16.—Governor Sterling told newspaper men late Wednesday he opposed any law which gave a regulatory commission the power to determine a reasonable market demand for oil and to prohibit any production above that figure.

This has been one of the principal features of a bill recommended by the Texas Oil Emergency committee, which led in the move for a special session of the legislature, and had been included in a proposal introduced by Representative D. D. Richardson of Grand Saline.

Governor Sterling said many people believed prevention of production above reasonable market demand was price fixing and he did not believe in governmental price fixing. He stated he believed adequate physical conservation would attain the end sought in the special session of the legislature.

Confidence that the legislature would do something to help the oil industry was repeated by the governor. "Of course there are always several preliminaries and some minor bickerings among the legislators the first week," he said. "I believe the legislature will get down to business next week."

Referring to the defeat of the Satterwhite-Stevenson oil investigation resolution in the House, the governor said such an inquiry might have taken all summer. Most of the administration supporters in the house opposed the resolution.

Governor Sterling stated the bill introduced in the senate by Walter F. Woodhul of Houston should do considerable good if enacted into law. That bill would permit an oil man to get an injunction to restrain his neighbor from draining his oil.

## Early Morning Fire Damages Buzbee Home

Fire at 2:45 Thursday morning did considerable damage to the roof and one of the rooms in the home of Mack Buzbee in South Merkel.

Mr. Buzbee and family were out of town, but Earl Buzbee, his brother, who made his home there, was asleep at the time the fire broke out, and, as the interior showed no signs of the flames, it was not until he was awakened by Earl Stanford, a neighbor, that he was aware of the fire.

It is thought that the fire originated from an electric iron, which was left connected by oversight.

As Mr. Buzbee is away, the amount of the loss has not been determined. It is thought that insurance was carried on the house, but the amount could not be learned Thursday morning.

## Henry Jenkins is Next Toastmaster for Lions

H. H. Jenkins has been named for toastmaster for the next meeting of the Lions club, which is to be Tuesday, July 21. He will be assisted by C. W. Delmer.

This meeting will mark the beginning of the second six months term under the leadership of Mat Dillingham as president and a revised list of standing committees will be announced at this time.

## Church Dues Are Being Paid With Bushels of Wheat

Happy, July 16.—Responding to an offer of the Methodist church to take wheat at 50 cents per bushel by the board of stewards in an effort to maintain the running expenses of the church, Mrs. J. B. Greenfield and her son, Cecil, contributed the first load last week.

Fifty bushels were stored at the Neff elevator, where a credit of \$25.00 on church expenses was issued to the Greenfields.

A circular letter last week explained that a truck would call at the field or granary of the donor, pick up the wheat and issue a credit of 50 cents per bushel for the amount of wheat contributed. Members of the church will be given credit on their assessment at the above rate for the amount of wheat donated.

## River Mishap Fatal To Stamford Youth

Stamford, July 16.—Partially paralyzed since Friday when his spine was fractured as he dived into shallow water of the Brazos near Lueders, Costell Alexander died in a local sanitarium Sunday at 5 p. m.

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at the St. John Methodist church, with Dr. W. G. Fletcher, pastor of the church, and Supt. L. G. Johnson of the Stamford public schools, in charge.

Pallbearers were six of his classmates, Joe Rathford, Rupert Daugherty, Tommie Rector, Irvin Thomas, Ralph Callicoattee and Robert Pratt, and two members of the Stamford Firemen's band, Virgil and Dick Rowland. Young Alexander was a member of the band.

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander, the youth was 17 years old and would have been a junior in Stamford high next year. He was active in school activities, playing football for several years. Early in 1929 he suffered a broken vertebra in a football melee.

Besides his parents he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Angin of Stamford, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. F. E. Alexander of Vinson, Okla., who arrived Saturday to be at the youth's bedside.

## TWO CHILDREN, MOTHER DROWN, LAKE VICTIMS

Mrs. Kade B. Legett, Wife of Prominent Abilene Rancher, Loses Life Trying to Save Two Little Daughters.

Abilene, Texas, July 16.—Mrs. Kade B. Legett, wife of a prominent young ranchman here, and her two daughters, Ruth, 5, and Lorä, 3, were drowned Monday evening in Hereford Lake, on the Legett country place seven miles east of Abilene.

After six hours of searching, the bodies of Mrs. Legett and her elder daughter were recovered. Later the baby's body was found. All were in twelve to fifteen feet of water and in an area of about fifteen feet, directly out in a deep hole near a windmill located in the edge of the lake.

All were in bathing suits, their clothes having been found in the house earlier. When Mr. Legett, returning from a trip to town, was informed his wife and daughters were missing search was immediately started, at first in the pasture near the house, while it was still daylight, then extending to the lake. Dragging was started at 7 p. m. and then only relatives and close friends were called. Rakes and hooks were used from one small boat at the lake, with seines used in shallow water.

Mrs. Legett was considered a good swimmer. She and her children were fond of swimming, taking a plunge nearly every day. Relatives believed Mrs. Legett was attempting to save one of the girls and the other, excited, went into deep water toward the mother and sister.

Mrs. Legett formerly was Miss Annie Maude Aycock, daughter of a ranchman at Midland.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins of Merkel is a cousin of Kade B. Legett, whose wife and two little daughters were drowned in Hereford lake Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, who were in Abilene at the time Mrs. Legett and children were reported missing, joined others in the search and Henry Jenkins found the little baby, the last one recovered.

## James Allen Reeves Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves, formerly of Merkel, announce the arrival of a son, James Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves now reside in Houston.

The Way of Life

BRUCE BARTON

## WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

Last summer there was a water shortage in a town where I was visiting.

I happened to be chatting with my host, who is a noted man, while he was shaving, and I noticed how careful he was to use very little water. "It seems sort of silly for you to be so conscientious," I remarked. "After all, the few drops that you conserve won't make any difference."

"They don't make any difference in the final results," he said "but they make a lot of difference to me."

When he saw from my expression that I did not quite get his meaning, he proceeded to give me his philosophy of life.

He said that when he graduated from college, a quarter of a century ago, there was a great deal of popular emphasis upon so-called "social service."

Science had begun to introduce wonderful new inventions for increasing human happiness. Men were stirred by the hope of a quick millennium. Young people graduated with the notion that a few years of earnest effort would transform the world.

My friend was one of the most eager of the reformers. He organized, and voted, and agitated, and did all the things that he should. But nothing happened. The good candidates for whom he cast his vote were defeated. The good causes made slow progress. Human nature showed a discouraging unwillingness to change.

"I went through a period of deep disillusionment," he said. "I thought to myself, what's the use of doing anything when one's single effort seems so futile?"

"One day while I was in this mood I discovered these words of Socrates: 'I, therefore, . . . consider how I may exhibit my soul before the judge in a healthy condition. Wherefore, disregarding the honors that most men value, and looking to the truth, I shall endeavor in reality to live as virtuously as I can; and when I die, to die so. And I invite all other men, to the utmost of my power; . . . to this contest, which, I affirm, surpasses all contests here.'

"That flashed across my mind like a bolt of lightning," my friend continued. "It clarified everything."

"I realized that I am not responsible for the success or failure of any good cause. All I am responsible for is my own best effort in that cause. Whether my vote be effective or not; whether the amount of water I can save will make any difference—these are not the questions."

"The only question is: Am I doing my best?"

"That discovery gave me great comfort," he concluded. "Maybe you could use it in one of your editorials?"

"Many thanks," I answered. "I can."



### What A Difference Fifty Years Make

**1881**  
Fifty years ago women wore hoop-skirts, bustles, petticoats, corsets, cotton stockings, high buttoned shoes, ruffled cotton drawers, flannel night-gowns, puffs in their hair—did their own cooking, baking, cleaning, washing, ironing—raising big families—went to church Sunday—were too busy to be sick.  
Men wore whiskers, square hats, Ascot ties, red flannel underwear, big watches and chains—chopped for stoves—bathed once a week—drank ten cent whiskey and five cent beer—rode bicycles, buggies or sleighs—went in for politics—worked twelve hours a day—and lived to a ripe old age.  
Stores burned coal oil lamps—carried everything from a needle to a plow—trusted everybody—never took an inventory—placed orders for goods a year in advance—always made money.

**1931**  
Today women wear silk stockings, short skirts, low shoes, no corset, an ounce of underwear—have bobbed hair, smoke, paint and powder, drink cocktails, play bridge, drive cars, have pet dogs and go in for politics.  
Men have high blood pressure, wear no hats and some no hair, shave their whiskers, shoot golf, bathe twice a day, drink poison, play the stock market, ride in airplanes—never get to bed the same day they get up—are misunderstood at home—work five hours a day—play ten—die young.  
Stores have electric lights, cash registers, elevators, never have what the customer wants—trust nobody—take inventory daily—never buy in advance—have overhead, mark up, mark down, quota, budget, advertising, stock control, annual and semi-annual end of month, dollar day, founders day, rummage, economy day sales—and never make any money.—Exchange.

### Witt Has Yet to Act as Governor

Austin, July 16.—Edgar E. Witt of Waco has been lieutenant governor for about half a year and he still has not had a chance to act as governor.  
However, his chance probably will come next month because Governor Ross S. Sterling is planning a short vacation trip to Colorado, in connection with which he will attend the oil conference at Denver August 10.  
Lynch Davidson, wealthy Houston lumberman, was the only lieutenant governor of recent years who did not get to act as chief executive. David-

son was lieutenant governor during Pat M. Neff's first term of 1921 and 1922 and Neff did not leave the state during those two years.

Napoleon was 27 when he was given command of the army of Italy and 36 when he crowned himself emperor of France.

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### Hoover Plan Seen As Beginning of Revision Of War-Debt Scheme

Austin, July 16.—Approval of the Hoover moratorium plan as an introduction to the revision of the whole scheme of the war-debt and reparations settlement and general relations of America to the rest of the world has been voiced by Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas. Dr. Cox has made an intensive study of the moratorium, its background, its terms, objections that have been raised to its provisions, and its probable results, and has made a number of addresses before local civic organizations on the subject.  
"A one-year recess from reparations payments, standing alone, will simply cause payments to pile up and leave Germany and the world at large in worse condition than before," Dr. Cox said. "However a twelve months' moratorium will give economic leaders of the various countries an opportunity to study the situation and work out an equitable system of settlements and economic relations."  
"The moratorium will have a wide-

spread influence on the economic structure of the entire world, since it might affect the balance of power in Europe, it involves the private debts amounting to some \$15,000,000 to \$17,000,000 which are owed to American individuals and it touches the economic stability of the whole world."

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# ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE



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## FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

Rackruff Motors hire Rowena to accompany Peter on a nation-wide tour in their roadster as an advertising stunt. At the last minute Little Bobby is engaged to act as chaperon.

A few miles out Bobby becomes tearful at being parted from her sweetheart and Rowena insists on taking her place in the rumble so that she can ride with Peter and have him to talk to about Carter. Rowena gets Peter to consent to divide the expense money each week as soon as it arrives and astonishes Peter by eating too economically.

The three tourists reach St. Louis, after passing through Buffalo and Chicago. Peter and Rowena have many tiffs, while Bobby is enraptured at the way Carter is fuming over her flight from New York.

## NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

There were bound to be ever so many pleasant, cool, shadowy short-cuts between St. Louis and Kansas City.

On the way between St. Louis and Kansas City, Peter asked about short-cuts at no end of filling stations and garages as they went west, but no one seemed very well informed about by-roads, and for the most part every one advised against attempting any such thing.

It was well on toward noon when Peter found a man in a garage who thought there really was a short-cut just as Peter wanted. He wasn't altogether sure it was a direct route to Kansas City, but at least it did not lead back toward St. Louis.

They had driven about twenty miles along this rambling lane, which at times seemed to turn uncertainly toward Kansas City and then made a dead run for the Nebraska line, when they saw a stalled car in the road before them. The driver lay stretched out on the bank with his hat over his face.

Peter slowed up. Rowena leaned forward and rapped sharply on the glass. "Never ask advice of a broken-down driver," she warned him darkly. "If he knew what he was doing, he wouldn't be broken down."

But Peter for once had struck the right party. The man knew every road in the state.

Peter thanked him for his careful directions and returned to the car. He was too much of a gentleman to leer triumphantly back at Rowena under the awning umbrella in the rumble seat. He just got in behind the wheel and started the motor.

He had driven fully twenty miles over the worst possible sort of country road when he found that a bridge was out, that there was no detour, and the only possible way to go on in the direction of Kansas City was to go back to the main road and start over. Very meekly he turned around to pay homage to her better judgment, but stopped short, staring open-mouthed. Bobby, who always looked where others did, turned too and her amazement surpassed his own.

The rumble seat was empty. Rowena was not there.

Peter slowly returned over the roads to where the self-styled expert had given him his directions.

Twenty miles.

Bobby closed her eyes. Peter hoped she was praying. He would have prayed himself except that the hard driving over the bad road required his complete attention. But he did keep breathing over and over in his heart the one word, "God! God! God!" and trusted the Infinite would understand it for appeal.

Instinctively his foot lifted from the accelerator and at a noiseless crawl the car rolled up to the shadowy bank under the willow tree where the stranger with the stalled motor had mapped out the futile short-cut.

"Oh!" whispered Bobby weakly. "Look—look! Rowena!"

Rowena indeed, lying motionless beside the road where the afternoon sun slanted behind the trees to throw protecting shadows over her slender figure. Peter was out of the car long before it had come to a stop and was up the bank and kneeling beside her. He lifted one limp slim hand. It was stained red.

"Rowena!" he whispered.

Rowena opened her eyes. "Oh, hello," she said cheerfully. "Gosh, you were a long time coming back."

"Are—are you—hurt?" stammered Peter.

"Hurt? Why? No! What do you mean, hurt?" She licked a bit of red

raspberry juice from her finger as she spoke.

"D-did you fall out, darling?" asked Bobby in fatuously affectionate tones.

"Fall out?" repeated Rowena. "Certainly not." She stood up, lifted her arms, stretching her slender figure comfortably to its utmost height. "Had a grand nap," she said. "And wrote out just what I think of Missouri. Poor dears, you must be dreadfully hot and tired. Come and sit down—a nature's feast to feed you. Berries and cold spring water. I knew you would be famished so I picked heaps."

"You darling," said Bobby, and greedily fell to. "But will you please tell us," she mumbled, with a full mouth, for she was very hungry, "how you fell—how you got—out of the rumble seat?"

"I climbed out," said Rowena cheerfully. "It's the only way you can get out of a rumble seat."

"But when—"

"But how—"

"We didn't see you!"

"When Peter and the broken-down gent were dusting off Missouri in the middle of the road I noticed the wild berries up on the bank among the rocks. I must have got myself out of sight of the car without knowing it, for the first thing I knew, I heard the usual racing of the engine with which dear Peter gets under way, so I ran down and there you were—tearing off among the ruts in a cloud of metaphorical glory. So I picked some more berries, and the broken-down gent and I shot craps until the man from the garage came and towed him in. He invited me to go with them, but I knew you would be back for me when you got around to it."

"There was a bridge out on the short-cut," explained Peter quickly. "I know. The broken-down gent remembered it about ten minutes after you had gone. But of course it was too late then."

"You're very game about it, Rowena. Very sporting. I wouldn't blame you if you didn't speak to me again from here to the coast."

"Oh, nonsense!" said Rowena pleasantly. "This was just an accident. Accidents never make me mad. It's just," she added meaningly, "just—certain—people."

In Kansas City, Bobby found thirty-one telegrams from Carter, each increasingly immoderate in its commands for her to give over this outrageous conduct and return home at once.

Rowena had the usual fat one addressed in the boyish scrawl, and surely she had read no further than the first paragraph when she began counting out her money. Peter had a comforting telegram from Mr. Rack, with a friendly postscript by Mr. Ruff, advising that the red-haired siege was lifted and that they had been honored with a sort of an apology, but warning them to be careful of their future conduct.

Mr. Rack also said they were extremely pleased with the character of the work that had been turned out, and enclosed check for next week's expenses. Peter was extremely grateful for that check, for Bobby had spent the last cent of her week's allowance by Wednesday, after which time he and Rowena had been obliged to carry her between them.

"Chaperons come high don't they?" grumbled Rowena, as she counted out nickels and dimes to make up her portion of Bobby's last manicure.

It was a genuine hardship to them to be obliged to contribute so extensively to the maintenance of luxury-loving Bobby. On the other hand, her presence was so essential to the all-important tour that they were in no position to quarrel very seriously even with her extravagances.

"For my part, I'd rather pay her bills than read Carter's telegrams," said Peter moodily.

"I wouldn't," disagreed Rowena promptly. "I've learned to read with one eye and listen with one ear, and that way I get through with only half the mental strain."

"Yes, but you've got a rumble to retire to."

"So I have. But I have to sleep with her."

One thing was certain. Her presence was essential, and Carter and his telegrams, she and her extravagances, were alike to be endured.

At Topeka she was startled to find but one telegram awaiting her—a ten-word, straight day message.

"Are you taking first train home or are you not?"

It was not even signed.

Bobby's fright was so genuine, her disappointment so real, that Rowena and Peter tried to console her.

Peter took them out to a movie, and Rowena—with her own money—bought her a cunning little Kansas souvenir, a flask carved out of a corn-cob—and she seemed slightly more resigned.

She was very quiet as they crossed Kansas, and when they complained of the notoriously hot winds, she smiled patiently and said she didn't mind. She ate very little, and had fifteen cents of her allowance left at the end of the week.

When they reached Denver they hurried at once, as they always did, to get their mail, and there was nothing at all for Bobby, not a letter, not a telegram, not so much as a souvenir postcard. She said nothing but turned pale and a little sad smile froze the dimples in the soft face.

When Rowena went down to dinner she made excuses not to go—said she was very tired, said she wanted a hot bath and a good sleep, said she would just read a magazine she had picked out at the news-stand.

They went up to the room immediately after dinner with all good intentions, and Rowena knocked. When there was no answer she opened the door and they went in. The room had a deserted appearance. Bobby's handsome articles of toilet were gone from the dressing-table, her beautiful dressing gown was gone from the foot of the bed, her satin mules from beneath it. Her imported traveling bag no longer stood beside Rowena's shabby suitcase on the baggage rack.

Peter and Rowena looked at each other in wide-eyed consternation.

There was a note, written on hotel paper in Bobby's childish hand. It was pinned to Rowena's pillow.

"Darlings, I'm going home. I've got to. If I don't, I'll never get him back. I'll send Peter the money I borrowed as soon as I get my allowance. I'm going on the seven o'clock train and I have already wired him to meet me. You're both just sweet and I love you. But I do wish you didn't quarrel so. I'm glad Carter and I get along better."

"And that," said Rowena flatly, "is that."

"It's all of that," added Peter gloomily.

"Nothing," declared Rowena drearily, "could be more irretrievably fatal than this."

"It was great sport while it lasted," said Peter. "You have been pretty game all the way through, Rowena."

"It was corking good business, too," said Rowena. "And taking it

all in all, you are not half bad to breeze around with, Peter."

"Well, it's all over now," said Peter.

"You don't suppose we could pick one up here, do you?—By advertising. The way we got Bobby in the first place."

But they both knew it was pretty hopeless.

They said good night with something vaguely suggestive of affectionate regard, for this killing, kindred disappointment gave them a cordial meeting-ground for almost the first time.

Rowena sat alone at her window, little and high up, for she had frugally changed from a double to a single room immediately after the desertion of Bobby.

She was not one to give up without a struggle—nor to give up at all, for that matter.

It was nearly midnight when she shook off her final hesitation, with a mind made up. An idea had come to her, terrifying and tremendous, hours before. She had toyed with it, weighed it in the balance and, finding it wanting, pushed it resolutely away; but had permitted it to work its way back, insidiously sure. At twelve o'clock she called Peter on the telephone and that was an end of her hesitation.

"Listen, Peter. You meet me downstairs in the lobby, right away, will you? I have an idea."

"But I'm in bed!"

(Continued Next Week.)

## Three Merkel Men On Advisory Board

Three Merkl residents Monday were named by the Taylor county commissioners court to serve on an advisory board with H. F. Long in evaluating real estate property at Merkel. They are Herbert Patterson, Henry C. West and W. O. Boney.

Mr. Long is employed by the court to make a survey for the purpose of equalizing assessments of property throughout the county.

Thanks, folks, for the wonderful response to our Limit Sale. The Sale continues with big specials for Saturday. Brown's Bargain Store.

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"Why just the other day a department store dealer in Ypsilanti made a special trip out of town to his wholesale house for an emergency order needed by a family in which there had been a death. Then he helps the widowed mother with funeral arrangements and leaves his store and uses his car to take relatives of the afflicted family to and from the cemetery, even though the burial is in another city. He thinks nothing of it. That is just a part of a small town fellow townsman's life.

"Yes sir, these small town merchants are true blue. I tell you, and they deserve a lot more consideration than they get. And the funny part about it is that it is good business from a purely economic standpoint to trade with them. They give you back all you spent in truthful merchandise, and in service and friendship a whole lot more."

**THE TEXAS COTTON SITUATION.**

In a recent bulletin reviewing the Texas cotton situation, the Texas Cotton Co-operative association cites the following undisputed facts, concluding with a significant statement of the purpose of its organization:

"During the ten year period between 1920 and 1930 the average yield of cotton lint per acre in Texas was one hundred and forty-four pounds. During the 1930 season it was one hundred and sixteen pounds. The average of the United States for 1930 was 150.8. During this same period the average Texas production was 4,628,750 bales of cotton annually. During the 1930 season our production was 4,100,000.

"During the same period the average acreage planted to cotton in Texas each year was 15,844,400. In 1930 we planted 16,975,000 acres. The following facts are obvious: Texas produces less cotton per acre on the average than the balance of the belt. The yield per acre has been constantly declining as the acreage in cotton has been increased.

"Along with this the character of Texas cotton has seriously declined. Today we find ourselves producing cotton as a major source of agricultural income—producing a poorer quality at a higher cost on a larger acreage with a lower yield per acre. Unless a change is brought about the Texas cotton farmer has a hopeless outlook.

"The Co-op is organized to correct such conditions and the farm board has been set up by the government to help the Co-op do it."

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
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**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
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Mrs. Mary Elliott of Corpus Christi landed five tarpon in five strikes in five hours at Port Aransas Tuesday morning.

**CHURCHES**

**Protracted Meeting Begins at Tabernacle**



ELDER C. E. WOOLDRIDGE.

A protracted meeting will begin at the tabernacle this (Friday) night under the auspices of the Church of Christ.

Elder C. E. Woolldridge of Plainview, Texas, an able and eloquent leader, who has just concluded a successful meeting at the Hope Church of Christ, near Stith, will do the preaching. The singing will be in charge of Postmaster O. J. Adcock.

Services will be held twice daily and everybody is cordially invited to attend each and every service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

The Presbyterians did not have any Sunday School last Sunday on account of the encampment at Buffalo Gap and no report was received from the Nazarene church. Total for the three reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 674.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will meet at the Baptist church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Sam Grayson is the leader and the lesson will be the fourth chapter of Acts. All the men in Merkel and surrounding communities, whether in the church or not, are invited to attend and take part in these meetings.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The place where "you" and your "friends" always receive a warm welcome in the old-fashioned way. The pastor has chosen as his subject for Sunday at 11 a. m. "Back to Bethel." By this discussion the pastor hopes to carry the Christian

(1) "Back to Experiences of Days Long Ago."

(2) "How God Deals with Those He Loves."

(3) "God Sending an Angel to Deal with a Proud, Haughty Son."

At 8:15 p. m. the pastor has chosen as his text "The First Text of Christ." Old-fashioned congregational singing at both services.

Sunday night the Salt Branch church will be present and their "famous" quartette will sing.

Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. You need to be instructed in the word of God. So come.

B. T. S. meets 7:15. Tom Riddle is leading in a fine way and wishes your presence and "prayers."

Your visitors will be disappointed if you do not invite them to go to church with you.

J. T. King, Pastor.

**BAPTIST CIRCLE.**

The Blanche Rose Walker circle met with Mrs. R. W. Conder Tuesday afternoon. The Bible study from Luke was enjoyed by all present. The circles will meet at the church Tuesday, July 21, at 4 p. m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's be in our classes Sunday, if not away on vacation. Preaching at 11 a. m., but no evening service on account of pastor being in a revival at Tye. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are invited to attend all our services.

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

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Our pastor, who has been away in a revival at Gordonville, will be present next Sunday and expects to greet a full house of his faithful members; so don't disappoint him, but be there on time.

Several cars of Leaguers attended the League meet at Trent Monday evening and report a splendid meeting. The missionary ladies are preparing to send a box to a charitable

institution and would like to have any good used clothing that you care to donate. If you care to contribute, please call Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Our visiting preachers last Sunday, Revs. White and Stutts, gave us some good sermons for which we are grateful.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE.**

Song.  
Scripture, Clyde Sears.  
Prayer, Mollie Frank Touchstone.  
Story, A. C. Sears.  
Bible story, Stanley Toombs.  
Bible story, Eugene Poor.  
League benediction.

**THE POETS CORNER**

**WINDS AND LIFE.**

The Wind of Spring is like a fickle lover,  
Blowing hot, blowing cold,  
Seeking new, jilting old,  
 wooing shy, courting bold.

And Summer Wind is like a true love mate,  
His love ever true,  
Never seeking the new,  
Leaving nothing to rue.

Yet in Summer time we yearn for Winds of Spring,  
Bringing fresh life and thrill,  
Rolling stone down a hill,  
Water over the mill.

—Mary A. Delmer.

**Lionel Barrymore Back To Screen in Powerful Lawyer Father Role**

Time and the changes wrought by today's conditions cannot alter the spirit of the Barrymores.

When Lionel Barrymore took up directing, he announced that he was through with acting. But when a really great role came along the old urge proved as strong as ever, and the hereditary spirit of the country's most famous theatrical family conquered.

Hence Barrymore is playing Stephen Ashe, Norma Shearer's lawyer father, in "A Free Soul," her new starring vehicle which will open Sunday at the Palace Theatre, Sweetwater. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture is based on the Adela Rogers St. Johns novel and the role is one of the most dramatic in modern literature.

This does not mean that Barrymore will forsake directing, in which field he scored such successes as "Madame X," "The Rogue Song" and "Ten Cents a Dance." "But," he says, "it is good for direction to act once in a while and keep in touch with the psychology of the player. And—it's a great role."

Barrymore won international fame first as stage actor with "The Jest," "The Copperhead" and such plays, as a screen actor in "The Lion and the Mouse," "West of Zanzibar" and others, and lately as a director. He is also a composer of note and a painter.

In the new picture he plays the lawyer father of the heroine, and his teaching of "emancipation" leads her into paths which almost wreck her life. Then the father, holding himself alone to blame, makes a dramatic restitution.

A notable cast appears in the picture which Clarence Brown, of "Romance" and "Anna Christie" fame, directs. Leslie Howard, Clark Gable, James Gleason and Lucy Beaumont are among the players.

The picture is laid in San Francisco, revolving about the old criminal court-house. Elaborate gambling dens, homes of the millionaire descendants of the Argonauts, and other romantic details lend spectacle to the vivid drama.

**Taylor Rural Carriers Enjoy Basket Picnic**

Taylor county rural carriers in monthly meeting at Abilene Wednesday evening enjoyed a basket picnic at Cobb Park. The carriers were joined by the ladies auxiliary of Taylor county.

Those from Merkel attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and R. L. Adcock.

It was also the time for the annual election and all of the officers were re-elected for another year.

**Mrs. Patterson Greatly Improved**  
Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Cleby Patterson, who was reported in a critical condition in a Dallas hospital in the last issue of The Mail, is so much improved that she may be removed to her home within the next few days.



**MRS. MILTON CASE COMPLIMENTED.**

The home of Mrs. Frank Golladay was the scene of a gay party on Friday afternoon of last week in honor of Mrs. Milton Case. The house was decorated with lovely summer flowers providing a pretty background for tables appointed for bridge, which games progressed happily as the diversion for the afternoon. Mrs. Bob Mayfield received high score prize, a lovely linen luncheon set, which she graciously presented to the honoree.

Dainty candies were served during the games and at the refreshment hour delicious cream and angel food cake with Shasta daisies as plate favors, were served to Mrs. Milton Case, Mrs. Eli Case, Mesdames. Ed McCrary, Bob Mayfield, Tom Allday, Carlton Vick, Cyrus Pee, Wilbur Thomas, Kenneth Pee, Claude Dye, C. K. Russell, Fred Lafram, Frank Galladay, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Misses Anna Lou Russell, Elizabeth Harkrider, Mildred Hamm, Lola Dennis, Rose Laney, Emma Toombs, Nina Belle Russell, Stella Wilson, Julia Martin, Edith Baker and Zada Bell.

**MRS. W. J. HEMBRE HONORED.**

Mrs. Mat Dillingham entertained as her house guest last week her sister, Mrs. W. J. Hembre, of Jayton and on Friday afternoon a most delightful party was given in her honor.

Bridge games were employed as diversion for the guests and at their culmination Mrs. W. T. Sadler was awarded a pretty silhouette plaque as high score. Mrs. Warren Smith a similar plaque for low score and Mrs. Hembre presented with a guest prize.

Delicious refreshments of banana-nut pudding, sandwiches, olives and punch were served to Mrs. Hembre, Mesdames Ted Nichols, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, W. T. Sadler, Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, Warren Smith, W. S. J. Brown, C. H. Jones, Misses Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Gladys Middleton, Vennie Heizer and Lucy Tracy and the hostess.

**PHILATHEA CLASS PARTY.**

Members of the Philathea Sunday School class were complimented with a highly enjoyable social in the home of Miss Gladys Middleton on Tuesday evening. The singing of hymns opened the program, followed by a most inspirational devotional led by Miss Julia Martin. Mrs. E. L. Yeats led in prayer. Two beautiful vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Homer Patterson, "Trees" and "Our Yesterdays," with Christine Collins playing the accompaniment. The guests were then invited to the lawn where tables were appointed for games of "42."

The game appointments employed party colors of green and white; dainty mints were served, also refreshing green punch interspersed progressions of the games.

**T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.**

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. Twyman Collins with Mrs. W. J. Largent co-hostess. Mrs. L. B. Scott conducted the devotional and Mrs. Sam Swann led in prayer. An informal social hour followed in which some clever original contests were featured. Beautiful party tones of pink and green were given emphasis in a display of summer floral decorations and on the refreshment plate of pink open sandwiches spread with green creamed cheese, mint ice, pink mints and olives, with sprays of pink petunias as guest favors, were served in Rose Marie glassware on tables laid with green Madeira. Guests were Mesdames Massey and Williamson of Trent, Melton, Owens, Booth, Laseiter, Swann, Lancaster, Teague, Angus, Scott, Toombs, Warren, Stribling and McFarland.

**BRIDGE GAMES.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer extended hospitality to a number of friends on Thursday evening of last week. Bridge games progressed as the diversion for the evening and at the refreshment hour delicious cream and angel food cake were served to Christine Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Delaney, C. J. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

**J. U. G. CLUB.**  
Members of the younger social set, who have recently organized them-

ves into a club, met at the home of Miss Marilyn Sue Grimes last Thursday afternoon.

A business session was presided over by the sponsor, Miss Missie Dye, and it was decided to name the club the J. U. G. club.

Games and stunts were enjoyed on the lawn until the refreshment hour when sandwiches, olives, angel food squares and punch were served to Misses Barbara and Kirby Sue Beckett, of El Paso, Helen Heeter, Betty Jane Diltz, Becky Gardner, Ann Lepard, Billy McGehee, Anna Lee Baker, Geraldine Teague, Dora Marie Gaither, Betty Lou Grimes and Missie Dye.

**A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

Mrs. B. Jinkens was joyfully surprised on returning home Sunday morning from a visit with her son, Claud Jinkens, and family of Noodle to find a regular feast awaiting her in honor of her seventieth birthday.

Among those present were three sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker, and family of Dora. Her children and grandchildren present were: T. C. Jinkens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jinkens, Leonard Jinkens and family, and Leroy Jinkens and family of Merkel; Claud Jinkens and family of Noodle, and J. O. and Arthur Steele and families of Sweetwater.

**REUNION OF BRYANT FAMILY.**

Meeting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bryant, the children of the family held a reunion last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, who formerly lived in Winters, are the parents of ten children and all were present for the day.

The daughters and daughters-in-law prepared a bountiful dinner for the occasion and the day was spent in happy reminiscence of the past.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs.

E. E. Fulton, B. H. Bryant and son, Byron, Jr., Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lanham, C. D. Bryant and son, Eddie Morris, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bryant and son, D. A., Jr., Temple; B. L. Bryant, Navasota; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis, Lowell and Mozelle and their grandbaby, Thelda Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bryant and son, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Poe, Cedric and Virgie, all of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Colbert of Brady, Emmett Bridges of San Angelo, an old friend of the family, was the only guest present besides the immediate family.

**SLUMBER PARTY.**

On Tuesday evening Margaret Miller entertained a few of her friends with a seven o'clock dinner and slumber party. Promptly at seven o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where they were served hot rolls, fried chicken, cream gravy, cream potatoes, tomatoes and banana salad with iced drink.

The evening was spent with games, Victrola music and other amusements. Late in the evening cream and cake were served. About two o'clock all-day suckers were served and at 5 o'clock in the morning two or three girls "fell" asleep, while others managed to stay awake for early breakfast.

Guests were Misses Imogene Middleton, Lois Whiteley, Nell Hughes, Reta Akin of Blair, Florene Rider, Elaine Archer of Cottonwood, Lena Mae Hokit and the hostess.

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**Personal Mention**

Miss Martha Bird visited last week with friends in Carbon.

Mrs. N. Causseaux is visiting with her daughter in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Angus spent the week-end in Wichita Falls.

Miss Christine Boyd has as her guest Miss Alice Bailey of Clyde.

Miss Nell Durham is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Bob Echols, Albany.

Mrs. Felix Thetford of Mart is the guest of her brother, J. M. Garrett, and family.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford has returned home from a visit with her daughter in San Antonio.

Miss Betty Lou Grimes is spending the week with Miss Emma Lillian Savage in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barron and two children spent the week-end with relatives in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Miss Julia Martin spent the Fourth with relatives in Stanton.

Miss Elaine Archer of Cottonwood is visiting in the home of her cousin, Miss Florene Rider.

Hoyt Rogers of Fort Worth is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. John Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin S. Davis of McCamey were guests of friends here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. C. C. King of Wichita Falls is a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry.

Miss Iva Bragg is visiting in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, at Chillicothe.

Mrs. Mose Cauthen of Alamogordo, N. M., is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker have returned home after visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. John Cross, of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe were week-end guests in the Dee Grimes and Dr. R. I. Grimes homes.

Miss Maimie Ellis has returned from Alpine where she did summer work at Sul Ross State Teachers college.

Miss Katherine Cousins, who has been visiting Miss Iris Garrett, went to Brownwood Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Noel Moore and son, Wayne, returned Saturday to Fort Worth after a visit with her father, J. S. Hutson.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider accompanied her uncle, Homer Tippet, of San Angelo on a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mrs. J. A. Cannon of Menard is the

guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Miss Marian of Dallas are spending the week with his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton and Miss Mabel Corinne of Sweetwater, former Merkelites, visited Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan returned Tuesday to their home in Shawnee, Okla., after a week's visit here with relatives.

Mrs. Jim Black and baby, Jimmie, and Miss Lennah Rose Black of Big Spring are visiting her mother, Mrs. Alice Rose, and friends.

Miss Maggie King arrived Wednesday from Baton Rouge, La., to spend her vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn and W. L. Bourn enjoyed the Lone Star Gas company picnic at Cisco last Saturday.

While her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, was in the Rio Grande valley, Miss Jesse Sutphen was a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Mrs. Holland Teaff and Miss Venne Heizer have gone to Canyon where they will attend summer school at the Northwest Texas State Teachers college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, accompanied by the latter's sister, Mrs. Louise Lewis, of Fort Worth left Thursday for a trip to Carlsbad Caverns.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox of Abilene spent the week-end in Fort Worth as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong.

Mrs. H. R. Horton, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Eva Horton, visited last week with Mrs. Horton's daughter, Mrs. J. T. Boll, on their ranch on the Divide, south of Sweetwater.

After a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Orr, Ray Adkisson has returned to San Antonio. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Adkisson, who had been visiting here several weeks.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, Mrs. Tom Largent and Miss Mattilou Largent have returned from an automobile trip of two weeks to the Rio Grande valley, visiting in the home of Vernon Sutphen at Donna.

J. M. Garrett and his sister, Mrs. Thetford, with Doyle and Iris Garrett, visited in Novice Wednesday evening with Rev. W. M. Bowden and family, who are now in a protracted meeting at that place. Mrs. Bowden

is a sister of Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Thetford.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and Miss Mollie Frank were accompanied on a trip to Dallas, Commerce and Denison by Mrs. Della Campbell, who returned to her home in Commerce, and Miss Eula Sears and Mrs. D. J. Matthews of Chandler, Ariz., who was here visiting her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid and Misses Mary Kate and Sally Mary Campbell returned the latter part of last week from a three weeks' visit on the ranch of Mr. Campbell's brother near Dolores, Colo. They report a wonderful trip and lots of cool weather.

Miss Peggy Bell Kemp, superintendent of operating at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, and Miss Ruby Hughes left Wednesday for a trip through the western states, expecting to stop in El Paso, go into Old Mexico and then on to California. They will return by way of the Grand Canyon and Phoenix, Ariz.

Guests of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone on Tuesday were Misses Peggy Bell Kemp and Ruby Hughes of Abilene and Miss Lizzie Lou Hughes of Oklahoma City. When the former two left for a trip to the Pacific coast on Wednesday, they were joined by Mrs. D. J. Matthews, who accompanied them as far as her home in Chandler, Ariz.

Rev. J. B. Oakley, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Dyer, Tenn., who preached at the Baptist church here last Sunday, together with his wife and son, Eldon, were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, with whom they were neighbors while the two pastors had charges in Weatherford. The Oakleys were on their vacation and left to visit with a son at Weatherford.



**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Farmalls and equipment; also McCormick-Deering implements, cream separators, milking machines and feed grinders. We trade for and sell horses and mules. See Harry Barnett, Adams and Leverett, Merkel and Abilene.

The chain, a unit of land measurement, is 66 feet.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

**Attends State Meet of Rural Mail Carriers**

As delegate from the 17th district, R. L. Adcock returned last Friday from the annual meeting of the state association of rural carriers, which was held in Waco, three days, July 7, 8 and 9. Two other divisions, the post-office clerks and supervisors, and the ladies auxiliary of rural carriers met at the same time.

Mrs. Joe Nalley of Trent, who is state secretary of the ladies auxiliary, attended the sessions, and Joe Nalley of Trent and Owen Holley of Abilene were delegates from the county to the state convention.

Entertainment features included a barbecue and dance at the municipal clubhouse on one evening and a watermelon feast on the following evening.

Galveston was selected as the next place of meeting and besides the election of state officers five delegates to the national convention at Los Angeles in August were elected. Earl Slater of Clyde was named as one of these delegates.

**Gasoline Lowest Ever Recorded in Merkel**

Since Thursday afternoon of last week, when the major oil companies posted a price of 12 cents for straight gasoline, this commodity has been selling at the lowest figure of record in Merkel at any except independent stations.

Some independent dealers are selling, locally, at 11 cents.

**Merkel Boy Honored**

Jesse M. Reeves, son of Mrs. G. L. Reeves, recently graduated from the Atlantic Refining company's school of instruction at Philadelphia, Pa., and out of several hundred men he was one of the thirteen who were chosen as the best trained men to handle special work at the Point Breeze Refinery Philadelphia, Pa.

**Partial Paralysis in Lower Limb**

Mrs. G. A. Lilly, who is more than 85 years of age, fell Monday while she was walking in the yard of her home at the foot of Castle Peak and it was at first thought that her leg was broken. When a physician was called in, it was found that partial paralysis in the left lower limb was the cause of her fall. She is reported resting well.

**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Texas, July 16.—Beef steers, cows and calves sold on a steady to lower basis Wednesday, steers showing as much as a 25c drop in some cases, most cow deals being around 10c to 15c off and such calves as went to packers being 25c down. Receipts amounted to 3,000 head of cattle and 600 calves.

Demand for steers centered on the low-costing kinds, most sales being around \$3.85 to \$4.85. Choice fed cows reached \$4.65. Cannors and cutters brought \$2 to \$2.65. Heifers and yearlings lacked quality, the big end of the supply clearing around \$5.50 to \$6.50. Bulls went at \$2 to \$2.75. Several cars of calves moved at \$5.75 to \$6.25.

Values in the hog division ruled steady to 15c higher, good truck consignments ranging up to \$7.35. One carload went at \$7.20. Receipts were limited to 300 head.

Lambs made up the bulk of receipts in the sheep division, the total supply amounting to 2,000 head, and sales were about 25c down. The best lambs available cleared at \$5.25 to \$5.50. The showing of yearlings and wethers was unimportant.

**Cattle Movement**

Collins Brothers shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth on Tuesday.

**30 Cars Wheat Shipped**

Two more cars of wheat were loaded during the past week, making a total of 30 cars shipped from Merkel so far this season.

**Record of Births**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Buchanan, residing west of town, Friday, July 10, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Daniels, residing east of Noodle, Friday, July 10, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Horton, Blair, Friday, July 10, 1931.

Boy, named Troy Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas, Noodle, Saturday, July 11, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse, Sunday, July 12, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Sayon Roe, of Abilene, Tuesday, July 14, 1931.

**Horses to Draw His Hearse to the Grave**

Estelline, July 16.—A team of horses will draw the body of James D. Vardy, 77, to his grave and his cow-

boy pals will act as pallbearers, it was agreed by those in charge of the funeral.

These instructions were given in a note written by the early settler shortly before he was found shot to death in a small house at the rear of his home here.

**Places Order for 1500 Motor Truck Chasses**

The United States post office department has placed an order with the Washington branch of the Ford Motor company for 1500 motor truck chassis, of which 500 will be 3-4 ton carrying capacity and 1,000 of 1-1-2 tons carrying capacity. The purchase of the motor equipment was the largest made by a government department since the war. With this order Ford sales to the post office department during the recent years reached a total of 2900 units.

The purchase marked another step in the department's program of building up its fleet of several thousand trucks and also to replace some of the surplus trucks turned over to the post office department by the army at the close of the war.

Deliveries are to start immediately and continue as rapidly as the bodies contracted for are ready for installation. The completed trucks will then be distributed to some 60 cities throughout the United States.

The order was placed with the Ford Motor company after an exhaustive test conducted by the department with the cooperation of the bureau of standards. The tests were under the supervision of W. A. Jacobs, automotive engineer of the bureau of standards, and William Wolma of Chicago and Morris Carrier of Brooklyn, motor vehicle engineers of the post office department.

**Sentence Albert Fall To Santa Fe Prison**

Washington, July 16.—United States Attorney Leo A. Rover Wednesday sent by airmail to the United States marshal for New Mexico the District of Columbia Supreme Court order committing Albert B. Fall to the Santa Fe penitentiary for a year and a day.

Frank Hogan, attorney for the former secretary of the interior, said Fall would report to the penitentiary when notified the commitment papers had reached the marshal.

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You'll save money... and spare yourself inconvenience when you return.

The Rumseys are going vacationing. The milk's been stopped, the ice man has been called off, and the Man Who Delivers the Newspaper has been instructed to bring no more until further notice. But the telephone will be left at home, drawing full pay in an empty house! Something should be done about this!

**Vacation rates for idle residence telephones**

One solution (provided you're planning a vacation of 30 days or more) is to place your telephone on vacation half-rates while you are away.

It's a convenient way to save money. And—this to folks who sometimes have their telephones taken out—it spares you inconvenience on your return.

That's because:

1. You pay just half the regular rate.
2. Service is reconnected quickly after you return—usually within 24 hours after you notify us.
3. You keep your present telephone number. (You'd lose it if you had your telephone removed!)
4. You keep your name in the telephone book.

If you wish, while you are away we will refer your calls to another telephone—that of relatives, for instance.

Vacation rates are available for periods of more than 30 days. They apply only to residence telephones—not to business or public telephones.



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PHONE 61

The Merkel Mail



# Rural Community Correspondence

## Meeting at Blair to Start Friday Night

Brother Marvin Williams closed the meeting at Nubia Monday night. There were twelve conversions and reclamations, and nine additions to the church. The meeting at Blair starts Friday night, July 17, and everyone is invited to attend. The pastor will do the preaching.

### BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Rankins of New Mexico has been enjoying a mid-summer vacation with her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fuquay and family had the pleasure of a week-end visit from relatives from East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and a number of others from here have been attending the sick bedside of the former's brother, Mr. Brown, of White Church the past week.

Jim Campbell of Caps has been the interesting houseguest of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price and family of Clyde motored over to spend the day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera.

Miss Imo Jessie Clinton is spending the week with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Huse Price and family, who spent the Fourth of July with Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helames, of Comanche, have returned home and report fine crops. Mr. Helames has produced 104 bushels of oats per acre and 45 bushels of wheat, also bounteous garden products of all kinds.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton have a new baby boy staying with them since July 10th. He is surely a fine little fellow and mother and baby doing just fine.

A series of revival services will start at the M. E. church Friday night, conducted by Rev. Marvin Williams, pastor, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyles and mother, Mrs. K. Blackburn, of Nubia and Mrs. Hester Reeves of Butman spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

### GOLAN NEWS

Since we are through threshing, everyone is trying to catch up with their other field work.

Our community rejoiced over the fine rain last Thursday morning.

Mrs. D. M. Hill of Abilene was a last week visitor in the L. C. Williams home.

We are glad that Mrs. A. S. Lawlis is able to return home from an Abilene sanitarium, after an operation two weeks ago.

W. M. and Mrs. W. C. Hill were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward have moved to the home of Mrs. J. R. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis have moved here from N. M.

The Golan women have organized a civic club, the next meeting to be July 22. Miss Sue Bonner, our agent, will meet with us in the home of Mrs. Eford Brown.

Mrs. W. M. West has been visiting a sister near Winters.

Methodists of Sylvester charge will meet at Newman for quarterly conference. Brother Clark preaches at eleven, lunch will be served and conference just after lunch.

The Methodist meeting will commence Aug. 13. Due to so much work, we couldn't commence last Wednesday night, as had been planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Pox of Merkel were Golan visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fox returned Tuesday from a visit with their daughters in Ft. Worth and Louisiana.

### CANYON NEWS

Everyone enjoyed the fine rain we got last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris of Union Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews dined with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Matthews Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Seymore is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. R. L. Ford and family pent Saturday and Sunday in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., dined with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunt Sunday.

The Methodist revival closed at Nubia Monday night with twelve conversions and nine additions to the church. Brother Williams will begin a meeting at Blair Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl and Mrs. J. L. Perry and grandson, Bobby Glen, spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. John Blackburn.

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester had as their guests recently Mrs. Forrester's brother, Charles Kelley, and family of Snyder.

Mrs. Fowler and children and Mrs. Pounds, all of Pampa, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tolliver Walker.

J. C. Roberts of Jefferson was a recent guest of his brother, our station agent, Jake Roberts.

Miss Edith Hale has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jim Matthews, in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau of Styles are visiting his parents, and Miss Ada Mae Renau, who had been visiting with them the past few weeks, returned with them.

Mrs. Lela Churchwell had as week-end guests her sister, Mrs. G. T. Stewart, her husband and three children of Goldthwaite.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy visited her mother at Stanton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle and two children, Jimmie and Rebecca, of Abilene were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester on the 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry of Clyde spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and two sons, Charles and Jimmie, of Colorado spent last week visiting in the home of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones. They were returning from a visit at Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Byrd and three children of Waco were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent.

Mrs. R. H. Mitchell and baby daughter of Iredell are visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billie Jo attended church at the University church at Abilene Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and Mrs. Bessie Billings.

W. A. Terry is visiting his son, Wes Terry, at Meridian this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Holt of Waco are announcing the arrival of a baby girl on the 7th, named Eddie Jane.

The Junior League met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse and rendered a fine program. There were 14 members present. Mr. Shouse was very happy to have the youngsters as she had been confined to her home now for some three weeks by injuries caused by a fall.

The cottage prayer meeting will be held Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rollings. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Jake Roberts, assisted by Mesdames Sledge, McDonald and Norwood, entertained her Sunday School class recently with a swimming party at Shannon's pool. Present were Jimmie Ed and Ernestine Massey, Venita McDonald, Gladys Alice Roberts, Johnnie and Jake Roberts, J. B. Winn, Jr., Bobby Gail and Wayland Norwood.

Ladies Bible class will meet at the Baptist church on each Thursday at 4 o'clock. Mrs. A. C. Terry, teacher.

### WESTERN UNION LEAGUE.

The Epworth League of the Western Union met at Trent on Monday night, July 13, for their regular monthly meeting. The devotional was conducted by Miss Willie Orand. Those taking part on program were Miss Ima Gene Mangum, on "Faith," Lucy Burch, on "Hope," Victorene Bishop, on "Charity." After the devotional was dismissed, the

business session was conducted by Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt of Merkel. Everyone then enjoyed the recreational program. The next meeting will be at St. Paul's church at Abilene exactly a month from last Monday night, August 10.

### DORA DOINGS

Brother Strickling of Abilene is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley have as their guests this week his sister, Mrs. Luther Bush, and baby of Altus, Okla.

Albert Bloxom and wife of Lockney were visitors here through the week-end. L. V. Lewis came in home with them. He has been at Lockney for sometime operating a combine.

Thos. McCoy and son, J. R., were in Merkel Sunday afternoon to see the doctor. J. R. is improving some.

Miss Pollie Oliver of the Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, was visiting home folks and friends Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Farmers report cotton blooms in this section.

G. W. Whiteaker and family were visiting their sister, Mrs. Ben Jenkins, in Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Elliott is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Levelland this week. Dr. Richardson is confined to his bed for a month to try to gain back his health. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Our Methodist pastor, Rev. J. H. Hibbert, is in a revival meeting in Shep for ten days.

Avery Clayton had the misfortune to get two work mules killed by lightning last Wednesday night.

Our baseball club played the Gulf Refining company team at Sweetwater Sunday afternoon, winning 15 to 6. That's the way we play ball.

Mrs. J. T. Perry received word Saturday of the death of her brother, R. G. Hewitt, of Sherman, Texas. He was taken sick Tuesday and died Friday. She did not receive the message in time to attend the funeral.

### CARD OF THANKS.

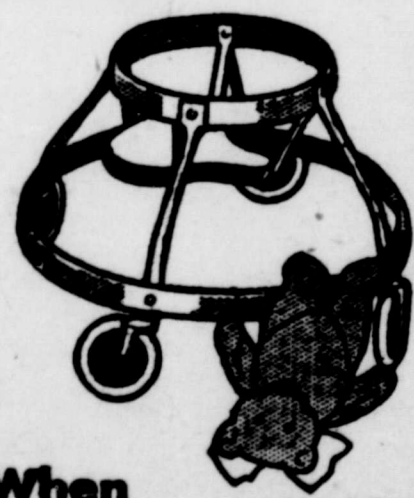
We are taking this method in thanking our many friends and neighbors who assisted in working out our crop. Words can not express our appreciation. We are indeed thankful for good friends. "For a friend in need is a friend indeed."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier.

Thanks, folks, for the wonderful response to our Limit Sale. The Sale continues with big specials for Saturday. Brown's Bargain Store.

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 offerings of their goods.

Automobiles in use in Egypt increased from 10,300 in 1925 to 27,675 last year.



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**BABY** ill and ailments seem twice as serious at night. A sudden cry may mean colic. Or a sudden attack of diarrhea. How would you meet this emergency—tonight? Have you a bottle of Castoria ready?

For the protection of your wee one—for your own peace of mind—keep this old, reliable preparation always on hand. But don't keep it just for emergencies; let it be an everyday aid. It's gentle influence will ease and soothe the infant who cannot sleep. It's mild regulation will help an older child whose tongue is coated because of sluggish bowels. All druggists have Castoria.

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## Trustees For Wylie School Are Appointed

Trustees of the Wylie consolidated school district were appointed by the Taylor county school board in called session Tuesday morning in the office of M. A. Williams, county superintendent, Abilene.

The board for the consolidated district is composed of I. C. Cox, G. C. Oliver and S. E. Clark of the Neill community and J. R. Hardwick, J. W. Bettes, Joe M. Millsap and M. A. Waldrop of the Wylie district.

The Wylie and Neill districts were consolidated in an election of June 28.

Mr. Williams has notified the new trustees of their appointment and suggested that a meeting be called at their earliest convenience for the purpose of taking the oath of office, drawing for length of term and organizing the board. Two trustees will serve one year, two for two years and three for three years.

### Hodges Happenings.

News in scarce in this community—nothing of interest except the nice rain we had last week, for which we are very thankful.

Crops are looking fine now.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Bruton of Roscoe spent a few days with relatives here week before last, remaining over for the Fourth.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Stanley Walker is still on the sick list.

Miss Eva Lena Bruton of New Hope spent the week-end with Mrs. E. H. Bruton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walsh and children spent Saturday night and Sunday of last week at the home of Mr. M. Carter in the Mulberry community.

Mrs. Carl Etcheson and daughter, Willie Sue, and Miss Mattie Lee Sanders of Albany have returned home after spending the past week with Mrs. Rob Peneocost at Stith.

We understand that the M. E. meeting will begin at Stith next Saturday night, July 18, with Brother White, presiding elder from Abilene, conducting the services. Several from this place plan to attend.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

## Size and Weight Limits Parcel Post Packages Increased

Washington, July 16.—The size and weight limits of parcel post packages are to be increased.

The interstate commerce commission has granted authority to the postoffice department to raise weight of packages to 70 pounds beyond the third zone and to increase size limits to 100 inches length and girth combined. The previous maximums were 84 inches and 50 pounds.

The consent of the commission for permission for a revision of parcel post rates and an increase in size and weight of packages was requested by Postmaster General Brown last November. The rate changes applying to most of the list were opposed by large

users of parcel post and the railway express agency resisted the others. An annual increase of \$5,000,000 in revenue is expected as a result of the changes.

### Paper Unites Brothers.

Clyde, N. Y. July 16.—A newspaper brought the two Damms brothers together here for the first time since their father died in Ellenville 34 years ago. Joseph Damms, who lives here, recently saw the name of his brother, Edward, in an Erie, Pa., newspaper, where Edward lives. He communicated and their meeting was arranged.

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If you feel sour and sunk and the world looks punk, don't swallow a lot of salts, mineral water, oil, laxative candy or chewing gum and expect them to make you suddenly sweet and buoyant and full of sunshine.

For they can't do it. They only move the bowels and a mere movement doesn't get at the cause. The reason for your down-and-out feeling is your liver. It should pour out two pounds of liquid bile into your bowels daily.

If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just decays in the bowels. Gas bloats up your stomach. You have a thick, bad taste and your breath is foul, skin often breaks out in blemishes. Your head aches and you feel down and out. Your whole system is poisoned.

It takes those good old CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS to get these two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up." They contain wonderful, harmless, gentle vegetable extracts, amazing when it comes to making the bile flow freely.

But don't ask for liver pills. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills. Look for the name Carter's Little Liver Pills on the red label. Resist a substitute.

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### Newspaper Ad Recalls Trade Made at Merkel 22 Years Ago

(Abilene Reporter-News.)  
 "Wanted: To trade a second hand wagon and a steel trap for a good top buggy."  
 Twenty-two years ago Dr. J. H. Warnick, now of Abilene, placed an advertisement in the Merkel Mail. Yesterday he saw it repeated in the paper's "22 years ago" column and it brought up memories.  
 Dr. Warnick was practicing medicine at Merkel back in July, 1909, and he had taken a wagon and steel

trap—a topless buggy—in payment on accounts. He frequently took other things—calves, mules, colts, feed, chickens—for his services and sometimes he was unable to use the commodities he received. A doctor had little use for a wagon and a top buggy suited his needs better than a steel trap.  
 He traded the wagon and the trap to T. B. Story, wagon yard master at Merkel for a buggy, in which he made his calls for several years. Dr. Warnick has lived in Abilene since 1914.

### State Fair Offers Five Tickets for One Dollar

Dallas, July 16.—Plans for a whirlwind campaign during the last ten days of the "summer rate"—Five for One admission tickets to the State Fair of Texas have been made and will be carried into every city and town in Texas where there is a railroad, it has been announced here by T. E. Jackson, president of the State Fair, and Hugo Schoellkopf, director in charge of the campaign.  
 Ticket agents of every railroad in Texas are selling the tickets. During the last ten days of the campaign which ends at midnight on July 31, these agents will give opportunity of purchasing admission tickets to the State Fair of Texas at a reduction of sixty per cent over the regular admission prices, to every person in Texas. The bargain tickets are on sale in addition to the railroad offices of Texas in department stores, drug stores, and other community centers of Texas.

### Four Speaking Dates For Norris Announced

Dr. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fort Worth, will be at Stamford July 18-19 for a series of speaking engagements, Rev. Sam Morris, Stamford Baptist pastor, has announced.  
 Sunday morning and night, July 19, Dr. Norris will fill the First Baptist church pulpit there and he will also address the Rev. Morris' Bible class. On Saturday evening before he will speak at Lueders upon invitation of the citizens there.  
 Rev. Mr. Morris preached at the Fort Worth church June 21 and Dr. Norris is returning the courtesy.

### Callahan Votes Aug. 15 On Road Widening Bond

Baird, July 16.—Citizens of Road District No. 1 running east and west through Callahan county, will vote on a \$15,000 bond issue Aug. 15, for the purpose of widening the Bankhead highway through the county. The money obtained from this issue will be to purchase additional right-of-way and setting the fences back. The state highway department will furnish the

funds for actual work on this project. Last Tuesday a public hearing was held by the commissioners' court. There was practically no opposition, and the court ordered the election. Nothing but home labor will be used, and only those living within the district will be eligible for work.

Thanks, folks, for the wonderful response to our Limit Sale. The Sale continues with big specials for Saturday. Brown's Bargain Store.

### Jury Dismissed In Heart Balm Case

Abilene, July 16.—The jury which for 10 days listened to evidence in Miss Margaret Roberts' \$50,000 breach of promise suit against J. Louis Keel, was dismissed late Friday and a new hearing of the case was expected to be set for the near future.  
 The jury, it was learned, was 7 to 5 in favor of granting the suit in favor of Miss Roberts, who claimed she was loved and won by her cow-punching friend, only to be jilted for another woman whom Keel married.  
 The jury deliberated from 9:50 a. m., Thursday until after 4 p. m. Friday.

### Plane Waits for Man To Find False Teeth

El Paso, July 16.—The westbound American Airways plane was delayed here Saturday afternoon while attendants at the airport searched for the misplaced false teeth of Aldon Freeman, 69, eccentric Miami, Fla., millionaire.  
 The teeth were found where he had placed them on a table in the place where he had eaten at the airport.  
 The discovery of silk is ascribed to a Chinese queen who lived 47 centuries ago.

A Bible written on 5,373 palm leaves has been placed in the library at Göttingen, Germany.

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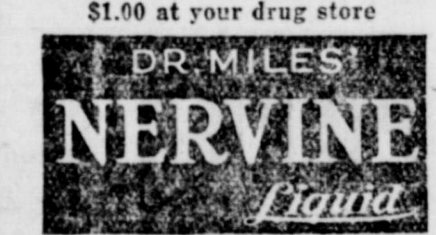
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Adults	2 til 3 25c
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The Crazy Water Hotel at Mineral Wells, Texas, announces very low rates for those who desire a real health vacation.

Excellent room with outside exposure, ceiling fans, circulating ice water and private bath as low as \$1.50 per day. Other good rooms as low as \$1.00.

You can be a guest of this magnificent Hotel, built at a cost of approximately a million dollars, as cheap as you can stay at home.

Come on to the Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas, "WHERE AMERICA DRINKS ITS WAY TO HEALTH."

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## CRAZY WATER HOTEL COMPANY

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS



### FATS AND LEANS SCORE FAT TOTALS

Benefit For Boy Scout Fund  
Brings Out Brilliant Players;  
Fats Win, 19 to 16.

For nearly six innings in the late hours of Tuesday, the Fats and Leans batted and battled for victory and for the benefit of the Boy Scout fund, the latter yielding quite a neat sum and the victory, declared after utilizing an adding machine, resting with the aggregation, whose chief required qualification was 34-plus waist measure.

Despite the score, it was a game of more than passing interest, marked here and there with spectacular fielding, including two fast doubles, and heavy hitting at intervals. Several who were faster in the earlier years of the twentieth century—this includes Hale Lancaster—proved that they had kept in training and lacked only endurance, not ability.

Hale says that he missed scoring a home run on his first long hit, because he fell down.

It is customary in write-ups of contests of this kind for the scribe to grow humorous, a la Irvin Cobb or Ring Lardner, but the reader will be spared that this time. This reporter took his assignment seriously and was too busily engaged trying to keep the score total by innings accurately, with no time for stellar plays, etc.

The score by innings does show some misunderstanding of the game, however, as the Leans led off with seven in the first and the Fats came back with 11 in the sixth. These sums represent the maximum scores per inning.

Dub Bourn, official score-keeper.

kicked because he had only one sheet for keeping the record and he had the job alone, while two umpires were used and one of them was relieved before the engagement concluded. Buck Leach, T. C. Jenkins and Bill Seranton refereed the six rounds without a single bobble; that is, there were no complaints, no players ousted, no disgruntled fans, but there may have been many a wrong decision, because it was all good-humored.

The starting line-up for the Fats, with T. G. Bragg as manager, was: Bragg, 1b; Dowell, cf; Case, 3b; Massey, ss; Owens, c; Golladay, 2b; Hicks, lf; Richardson, rf; Guthrie, p. Substitutes, as nearly as could be recorded, were: Dillingham for Bragg in second; Dee Grimes for Dowell in fifth; Ed Gantt for Grimes in sixth; George T. Moore for Case in third; Jake Massey shifted to right field and Cecil Guthrie to second in second inning, Warren Higgins going in as pitcher; Tom Allday batting for Owens in sixth; Perry Dickinson replacing Hicks in the fourth and Claude Derrick filling right field in the sixth.

Starting line-up for the Leans, captained by Herbert Patterson, was: McGehee, c; Warren, 1b; Woodrum, p; Peffy, cf; Siler, ss; Bourn, 2b; Lancaster, 3b; Johnson, lf; Riggs, rf. Substitutes and their positions were: Joe Largent, catcher; Haynes, first base; Delmer, pitcher and third base; Patterson, pitcher; Bourn, pitcher; Haynes, pitcher; S. Young, center field; Tom Largent and Castle Ellis, short stops; Mayfield, second base; Claude Perry, left field; Judd Shepard and M. B. Moore, right field.

The score by innings:	R	H	E
Fats.....	210	41	11-19
Leans.....	700	108	—16 14 7

There are more than 250,000 specimens of larger wild-life animals in the 18 national forests of California.

### Funeral Rites Here For John Henry Fox

Funeral services were held here Thursday afternoon of last week for John Henry Fox, age 78, at the residence of his son-in-law, W. B. Hawkins in South Merkel, with Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Fox was born near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., May 14, 1853, and passed away at Wichita Falls July 8, making his stay on earth 78 years, one month and 24 days. He had lived here about six years, coming to Merkel from Godley. He joined the Methodist church at 18 years of age and ever lived the life of a true Christian, ever thinking of the feelings of others more than his own. Kind, loving, considerate and thoughtful, his was a life of exemplary service and devotion.

He is survived by his wife, five sons and one daughter and one step-son and one step-daughter. The sons are Tom Fox, Roscoe, Sheeley Fox, Decatur, Ala., Odell Fox, Cleburne, Jim Fox, Athens, Ala., Sherman Fox, Ft. Baird, N. M. and the daughter, Mrs. Maggie Stinnett, Athens, Ala. The step-children are Mrs. Clara Hawkins and Julius Barton of Merkel.

### Both Legs of Negro Boy Severed by Train

An 18-year-old negro boy, identified as Tommie Haynes of Colorado, died in an ambulance on the way to an Abilene hospital late Sunday afternoon from injuries received when he fell from a freight train about three miles west of Merkel.

The negro was riding blind baggage and it is presumed was thrown from the train when a coupling broke. Both legs were severed from the body, one arm was broken and he suffered other serious cuts and bruises.

When notified by a passing motorist that a negro was heard screaming in great pain on the railroad right of way, City Marshal Perry Dickinson went to the scene, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Sumpter.

The train crew pulled into Merkel to report the accident and also stop the Sunshine special, which remained here some thirty minutes probably.

Mary Haynes of Colorado, mother of the boy, went to Abilene to accompany the body home for burial. The young negro is said to have left home Sunday without notifying any one, she said.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Form B-76 No. 1398

### BANKS

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1931, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, Texas, State of Texas, on the 17th day of July, 1931.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 94,966.87
Loans secured by real estate	17,410.42
Overdrafts	28.34
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	9,134.31
Banking House \$4,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$1,400.00	5,400.00
Cash in bank	3,295.75
Due from approved reserve agents	57,897.23
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	6,882.80
Grand Total	\$195,015.72

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,612.25
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	140,003.47
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	400.00
Grand Total	\$195,015.72

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.  
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, A. D. 1931.

ROSIE LANEY,

Notary Public, Taylor County Texas

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
T. L. STEVENS,  
A. WILLIAMSON,  
G. F. WEST,  
Directors.

Form B-76 No. 1619

### BANKS

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1931, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of July, 1931.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$143,513.91
Loans secured by real estate	22,175.49
Overdrafts	108.79
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash in bank	7,913.08
Due from approved reserve agents	6,424.52
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	448.34
Other Resources—Bills of Exchange	1,068.87
Total	\$204,153.00

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,393.05
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	7,948.28
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	103,964.06
Fine Certificates of Deposit	1,649.66
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	197.95
Bills Payable	37,000.00
Total	\$204,153.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, C. M. Largent, as President, and W. L. Diltz, Jr., as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.  
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, A. D. 1931.

JACK ANDERSON,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
J. S. SWANN,  
MAX MELLINGER,  
R. O. ANDERSON,  
Directors.

### THE RED & WHITE STORES

## Cooling Delicacies For Sultry Days

For the usual meals, for the afternoon luncheon and for the outing lunch Red & White Stores offer a very attractive assortment of foods that are appropriate for the summer season.

## SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JULY 17 AND 18

Peaches Elberta, orchard ripened, per doz. **24c**

BANANAS per lb. **4c**

APPLES New Gravenstein per doz. **43c**

LEMONS per doz. **29c** ORANGES per doz. **20c**

WATERMELON per lb. **1c**

LETTUCE per head **5c**

BLACKKEYED PEAS, fresh, 3 lbs. for **10c**

BEANS, green, No 2 can, 2 for **25c** SPINACH, No. 2 can **14c**

Blackberries No. 2 can, 2 for **25c** No. 10 **50c**

Pickles quart, sour sliced, each **17c**

### RED AND WHITE

Mayonnaise 8 oz. **17c** 16 oz. **33c**

Toilet Soap Camay 3 bars **20c**

LAUNDRY SOAP White 9 bars **25c**

Matches Blue & White 2 boxes **5c**

SALT box table 3 boxes **10c**

### FINE GRANULATED—CLOTH BAGS

SUGAR 10 lbs. **50c** 25 lbs. **\$1.25**

Apricots new crop, dried 2 lbs. for **25c**

MILK, Red & White 6 small or 3 tall **23c** POST TOASTIES package **11c**

BACON, sliced lb. **21c** JOWLS, dry salt lb. **2c**

CHEESE Wisconsin full cream, lb. **21c**

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