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LOCAL BASEBALL CLUB GIVES ROBY TRIMMING 11-3

Tannie Jones Again in Great Form, Striking Out Eleven Opposing Batsmen; Return Game Here Friday Afternoon.

Merkel's crack baseball aggregation that last week defeated the Abilene city league leaders, Dub Wooten's team, 2 to 1, journeyed over to Roby Tuesday for the first of a two game series between the Roby Lions and Merkel nine, taking the contest from the strong Fisher county team by a 11-3 score.

The Roby team plays a return date here Friday afternoon on the local ball lot, beginning at 4 o'clock, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Erwin Thompson will pitch for the home boys and predictions are that he will live up to his reputation and turn in one of his greatest games.

In the Tuesday game at Roby both teams garnered eight bingles, but the Roby boys made nine errors, most of them in the third inning when Merkel chalked up seven runs.

Tannie Jones, Merkel's ace, ran his record to 83 strike-outs in 53 innings, when he whiffed 11 of the opposing batsmen. Roby used three pitchers to get 12 strikeouts.

With a homer and a triple in four trips to the plate, Harris led the Roby offense; he also pitched a fine game. Dillingham was the fielding star of the day, pulling many sensational fielding stunts at the initial corner.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
Merkel	407	000	000—11 8 1
Roby	000	100	002—3 8 9

T. Jones and Ashford; Harris and Walker.

RESULTS OF OTHER GAMES.
Thursday—Methodists 7, Baptists 5.
Wednesday—The Divide 5, Truby 4.

Sheppard Toastmaster Next Lions Luncheon

Next Tuesday is the date of the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Lions club. A. T. Sheppard is to be toastmaster, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker.

One or two matters of especial importance are to be discussed and decided upon and a full attendance of all members is urged.

Revival Starts at Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. Marvin Williams, the pastor, is scheduled to do the preaching at the revival starting this Friday night at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Conducts Revival at Rochester.

W. G. Cypert has just returned from Rochester where he has been conducting a meeting of ten days duration. He reports a fine meeting and 32 additions to the church.

MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 13, 1909.)

The Normal committee consisting of Lieut. Governor Davidson, Speaker of the House John Marshall and Supt. R. B. Cousins are scheduled to arrive in Merkel by automobile about 3 o'clock Saturday.

Sheriff T. C. Weir was in Merkel the first part of the week.

Mrs. Alice Rose and son, Archie, have been visiting relatives at Cisco.

M. E. Baird, who has been in the bicycle business at Abilene for some time, has opened a similar enterprise in this city.

Cary Touchstone of Georgetown was in Merkel this week to attend the Harris-Touchstone wedding.

Newt Sheppard and daughter, Miss Reta, of Tye were the guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. W. Compton Tuesday.

Terrell Winter of Noodle was here Tuesday and in spite of the dry weather prevailing then he was feeling good.

Mrs. T. J. Evans and daughters, Gladys and Syble, and son, Duke, are visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Four-year-old Betty Jean Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin of San Antonio, died Sunday in a Brady hospital of the effects of a rattlesnake bite received while visiting her grandparents at Mason.

After sixteen years as superintendent of the Fort Worth public schools, M. H. Moore, veteran educator, has offered his resignation to the school board, effective when his successor is named.

The cotton truck law, enacted by the regular session of the legislature, was declared unconstitutional by a three judge federal court at Houston, who granted a temporary injunction against its enforcement by the state highway patrol.

Apparently stricken with a heart attack as he drove, J. T. Mills, 35, well known retail ice dealer of Roby and Rotan, was found dead in his automobile at 9:30 Tuesday night on the Roby-Rotan Highway.

West Texas lands, owned by the University of Texas, aggregating 2,032,712 acres situated in 17 West Texas counties, have been rendered for taxes at \$3,101,529, the first year that the lands have been rendered, made possible by a constitutional amendment.

Four men, as yet unapprehended, held up Jerry Green, 21, Stock Yards National bank messenger, Fort Worth, Monday and took \$2,000 in currency and \$18,000 in checks. The men occupying a sedan forced his car to the curb in the downtown district.

Mrs. B. B. Samuels, wife of the indicted president of the Texas National bank of Fort Worth, which failed under his administration, is reported to have taken up divorce residence in Reno and will be eligible to file for divorce sometime in September.

In an unsuccessful attempt to gain liberty from the state prison farm at Eastham, Houston county, Robert Mason, under long term in connection with two murders, one being the killing of Elgie Leslie, filling station operator at Coleman, was fatally wounded when he and two companions ignored orders of the guards to stop.

Death sentences of Clyde Thompson, scheduled to have been electrocuted last Friday for murder in Eastland county, and of Dave Godwin, who was to have died in the electric chair the past Monday morning for the murder of Lloyd Elliott, Bowie county hog raiser, were commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Ross S. Sterling.

John P. Dowdy, Texas and Pacific section foreman at Wickett, and three Mexican laborers were hurled to their deaths Monday when a passenger train struck the motor car which they were riding on the T. & P. tracks at Wickett, 35 miles east of Pecos, their bodies having been thrown about 150 feet.

W. R. Hampton has purchased a fine \$1800 automobile.

John Skillen of Trent was in town Tuesday. John says the crops are looking fine.

Dr. M. Armstrong and family and T. L. Grimes left Wednesday in the doctor's touring car for a trip out on the plains.

Prof. C. C. Shaver has returned from his Missouri home to resume his duties as principal of the Merkel schools.

HARGROVE-RAINBOLT.

At the beautiful country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Wednesday evening at 8:30 Miss Beulah Rainbolt and Eugene Hargrove were united in matrimony, Rev. S. J. Vaughn performing the ceremony. The contracting parties are well and favorably known. Mr. Hargrove is a young man of sterling worth and has for his life partner a young lady of noble character. More than half a hundred friends witnessed the ceremony and refreshments were served.



BUREAU REPORT IS OVER 15 MILLIONS NEW OIL BILL BECOMES LAW

Cotton Dropped \$7.50 Bale When Unexpected Figure is Announced By Government Agency.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Cotton production this year, indicated by the condition of the crop Aug. 1, was announced Saturday by the department of agriculture at 15,584,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. Last year's ginner production was 13,932,000 bales.

The condition of the crop on Aug. 1 was 74.9 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of 185.8 pounds per acre. The condition a year ago was 62.2 per cent of a normal, with a final yield of 147.7 pounds, and the 10-year average condition on Aug. 1 is 67.5 per cent, with acre yield averaging 154.4 pounds.

Acreage in cultivation this year on July 1 was 41,491,000 acres. That area reduced to the 10-year average abandonment between July 1 and time of picking brings the probable area to be picked this year to 40,129,000 acres, on which figures the department based its indicated total production.

The July 1 condition of the Texas crop was 75 per cent of normal and the indicated total production was 5,018,000 bales.

Weevil damage in the southeastern states will equal 1930 losses, the department said, while in the west department based its indicated total production somewhat greater.

The condition of 74.9 per cent on Aug. 1 is the highest condition for that date since 1915. In only two years, 1920 and 1926, since the weevil became a dominant factor in cotton production, the department added, has the present high condition been approached.

The indicated yield per acre of 185.8 pounds is higher than the yield in any year since 1914 when 209.2 pounds were produced, and is slightly higher than the yield in 1926, the last year in which conditions were uniformly good over practically all of the cotton belt.

SPOT PRICE ABOUT SIX CENTS.
The Chicago cotton exchange, the only one open at the time of the announcement of the government estimate, witnessed a break of \$7.50 per bale and New Orleans on opening Monday morning was 130 points off. The market settled to a loss of about \$7.00 per bale.

Spot prices in Dallas Wednesday were reported at 6.15 middling. On this basis the Merkel spot price would be between 5.3-4 and 6 cents per pound.

Car Dives Off Bank.

Denison, Aug. 13.—Claude Spragins, Altus, Okla., and his companion, Miss Della Smith, Caney, Okla., journeyed to Denison Sunday to see the Red River free bridge, scene of the recent Texas-Oklahoma bridge war. Monday they were in a hospital here, both suffering from serious injuries. Their car tumbled over a 20-foot embankment near Colbert, Okla.

Commissioners' Salaries.

Austin, Aug. 13.—The house committee on counties Friday approved bill whereby the salaries of county commissioners would be based on the valuation of the county. Counties of value of \$6,500,000 and below \$10,000,000 would receive \$1,200.00. The scale ranged to \$4,200 for counties with a valuation of \$200,000,000 and above.

Sterling Signs Oil Conservation Measure and Rail Commission Hearing Set August 24.

Austin, Aug. 13.—Governor Ross S. Sterling late Wednesday night signed the oil conservation bill passed a few hours earlier by the Texas legislature.

It thus became a law, and went into immediate effect. Simultaneously, C. V. Terrell, chairman of the state railroad commission, announced the commission would hold a public hearing here August 24 to determine its new anti-waste orders in the East Texas oil fields.

"This is much better than the old law," said the governor, smiling, as he put his pen to the bill. "This law has teeth."

He indicated the law's operation would be tested in East Texas, center of overproduction, in the belief it would cure the situation there.

Asked whether all threat of martial law for East Texas was now obviated, he replied: "Certainly not." "If those fellows get to cutting up over there we might send troops at any time."

The governor has threatened, inferentially, to send the militia to East Texas, should the legislature not make the steps he considered necessary to end overproduction, and waste.

Terrell said no existing conservation order of the railroad commission would be disturbed by the law, prior to the hearing on August 24, and the promulgation of new orders.

The senate adopted the bill offered by a free conference committee by vote of 29 to 1, shortly after the house had taken the same action by vote of 125 to 12. The bill thus will become a law with the signature of Governor Sterling. The governor was expected to sign it soon.

The bill would give the state railroad commission authority to prevent all forms of physical waste in oil and gas production and would set up stringent court procedure for operators questioning or violating the commission's orders.

The conference bill adopted was a composite of administration views, as embodied in a bill the house had passed and of anti-administration views as carried in the bill the senate had substituted for the house proposal.

West Texas Druggists Convened at Abilene

Some 275 druggists and men of industries associated with the trade registered at the three-day semi-annual convention of the West Texas Pharmaceutical association, in session at Abilene Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Warren Smith were in attendance from Merkel.

The program included many prominent speakers, some of them from out of the state.

Entertainment features included special presentations of moving pictures connected with the drug and drug supply lines, a banquet Wednesday evening at the Hilton and dances both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

World's Fightingst Family.

Westcliffe, Colo., Aug. 13.—What should be the fightingst family in the world lives at Westcliffe. Four boys, sons of John and Mrs. Coleman, have been named, in order of arrival, James Jefferies, Stanley Ketchel, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

SILVER CUP AWARDED TO MRS. JOHN WEST IN YARD-GARDEN CONTEST

CULLEN TITTLE IN TENNIS FINALS

Bests A. J. Tucker to Head First Bracket in City-Wide Tournament Play.

By defeating A. J. Tucker, two sets 6-1 and 7-5, Cullen Tittle advanced to the finals of the city-wide tennis tournament. His opponent for the championship will be the winner of the Sheppard-Harkrider match.

Tucker won from Booth Warren in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, to place in the semi-finals of the first bracket, while Harkrider also won straight sets from Garrett, 6-1, 6-2, to place him in the semi-finals in the second bracket where W. Sheppard was waiting to meet him.

Winners in two doubles were decided when Harkrider and West defeated Durham and Ashby, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, while Tucker and Garrett were eliminating Warren and Delmer, 6-1, 6-4. Competitors in the doubles semi-finals are Harkrider and West vs Case and Riddle, and Tittle Brothers vs Tucker and Garrett.

Miss Christine Boyd was victorious over Miss Lona Bryan, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, in the only girls singles thus far played.

Death of Infant Son.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the family residence, with Rev. J. T. King, Baptist pastor, officiating for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moore, born Tuesday morning at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium and who lived only about ten hours. The body of the little boy was tenderly laid away at Rose Hill cemetery. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

Kansas Joins Oil War.

Topeka, Aug. 13.—The public service commission extended an ultimatum to Kansas refiners Monday that unless the price paid for Kansas crude were raised this week to a suggested price of at least 60c a barrel, it would order a hearing to determine the nature and extent of a shutdown order for the state.

Complete List of Prize Winners Announced by Judges; Local Ladies Committee Commended for Splendid Assistance.

For the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden, the Merkel Mail silver cup has been awarded by the judges to Mrs. John West for 1931. Mrs. Sam Swann was the winner of the cup last year, which is not to be finally won until the recipient has been given the award of the grand prize for three years.

Mrs. John West's general average was 96, according to the method of scoring used this year. Mrs. Sam Swann's yard scoring second with an average close to 94.

The completed list of prize winners, with the award each received, appears below. Those whose prizes are awarded by local merchants may call and receive them at once. Those winning prizes from out of town florists and merchants are asked to see the chairman of the committee, C. J. Glover, Jr., who will furnish the judges' authority of award.

The committee from the Lions club, which organization sponsored Merkel's second Yard and Garden contest, included C. J. Glover, Jr., chairman, Rev. E. L. Yeats and Supt. Roger A. Burgess. They were assisted by a ladies committee, of which Mrs. Len Sublett was chairman, other members being Mesdames Dee Grimes and Booth Warren. The club committee, through its chairman, takes this method of thanking the ladies committee for their faithful, untiring and well directed efforts, without which the contest could not have been carried on in such successful manner.

METHOD OF JUDGING.

According to the plan used this year, three judges were chosen and the yards were judged at three different times, June 1, July 1 and August 1. Each yard and classification was also judged each time on three qualifications: permanency, design and beauty. The highest average for the three terms won the award in each division.

The judges, who so willingly donated their services and so painstakingly performed their duties, were: Mesdames Roy Savage, Roy B. Taylor and (Continued on Page Five.)



LOOK AT THE AVERAGE.

One of my friends, who now occupies a high position, started life as a salesman for the National Cash Register Company.

He thought that if he could sell cash registers to Marshall Field it would be a big feather in his cap, and the example of this leading store would have influence with smaller merchants all over the country.

So he called at Field's and made his talk, but received no encouragement. The next year he called again . . . and the next . . . and the next. The tenth year he came away with an order for \$150,000.

In telling me about it, he remarked: "I said to myself, that's \$15,000 worth of business for each of the ten years. Not a bad average at all."

In 1929, when stock prices were crashing and even the richest men were feeling poor, a New York banker met a capitalist whose fortune, on paper, had shrunk many million dollars. He was in a blue funk.

The banker said: "You ought to have learned better than this. Don't you remember back in 1920 how worried you were, and how you sent for me to reassure you? Even at present prices you must be worth ten times what you were then. If so, your average is mighty good. What are you kicking about?"

A young man and young woman were married. After the ceremony the bride's father, a veteran business man who had fought hard for his fortune, took them into his study. "I want to say just one thing to you," he remarked. "You must not expect that all your years will be good. You'll go along for a while without seeming to get ahead, but at the end of every year you'll own a little more furniture and have a few more dollars in the bank. Then there will come a year some time when you'll have a stroke of luck and make a lot of progress. You must expect to average the good with the bad."

It seems to me that much of the worry and fretting in life grow out of the fact that people do not take a long enough look.

Every human life, at some point, has been handicapped and doomed to disappointment. At forty! Henry Ford had never saved a cent. At forty-five, Lincoln was a disappointed politician. For twenty-five years, Charles Darwin worked day after day without the slightest recognition. Then, for each of them, there came a few great years that amply made up for all the rest.

The law of compensation works for those who keep their industry and their faith. Those who quit under discouragement are selling out at the bottom. For a majority of courageous lives, taking all the years together, the average is good.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Carbon black from the Panhandle field is packaged and shipped at Berger for foreign consumption. All Europe must depend upon the United States for carbon black for the manufacture of automobile tires and other products.

Old Cordova salt lake in Crane county, Texas, a royal Spanish grant when Texas was a part of Spain, is being made a commercial producer of salt by the building of a plant employing thirty people. In early days ranchers raked the salt into piles with wooden rakes and hauled it off by wagonloads for their cattle.

Irrigation of 70,000 acres in the vicinity of Winters and Bronte, Texas, will be made possible by building a reservoir on the Colorado river near Robert Lee. The project is well advanced.

Irrigation is to be tried in Roberts county in the Panhandle of Texas by a number of farmers in the Red Deer valley who have drilled wells and installed electric power pumps.

The entire telephone system of Stratford, Texas, is being reconstructed, employing a large force of men.

One hundred men are employed on the highway paving project at Memphis, Texas, with a monthly pay roll of \$8,000.00.

Dalhart's school enrollment increased twelve per cent in 1931 over 1930.

Helium gas from Amarillo, Texas, will inflate the world's largest lighter-than-air ship, the dirigible Akron, 1,000,000 cubic feet of helium was produced by the Amarillo plant in June running at thirty per cent capacity. This is the only helium gas plant in the United States.

Railroad construction in West Texas continues with the granting of a permit to the Fort Worth & Denver authorizing the construction of two

branch lines in Gray county from Pampa.

Farmers of Ochiltree county, Texas, are planning to use wheat for fuel this winter, finding it cheaper than coal at its present price. Special type grates are being obtained for the purpose.

A coliseum building costing \$75,000.00, seating 20,000 people and to be dedicated by President Ortiz Rubio of Mexico during the Amarillo Tri-State Fair this fall, is to be erected at Amarillo.

Amarillo with a population of 43,000 was fourth in building permits in Texas for the first six months of 1931, with a total of \$1,750,000. Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth exceeded it.

A \$60,000.00 railroad depot is being erected by the Panhandle Santa Fe Railroad company at Littlefield, giving the city the best depot on the Slaton division of the railroad.

A Knox county farmer harvested nine thousand bushels of wheat on three hundred acres this season.

A survey shows that 14,000,000 of the 16,500,000 inhabitants of Mexico are either full-blooded Indians or of part Indian blood.



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Austin, Aug. 13.—J. D. Moore, district judge here, Saturday entered an order making more than \$2,000,000 available to claimants against the depositors' guaranty fund. This money will be distributed among several thousand claimants and more than a thousand Texas banks which had contributed to the fund prior to repeal of the guaranty fund law early in 1927. Distribution had been delayed more than four years by litigation.

James V. Allred, attorney general, said the money would be distributed "just as soon as the checks may be drawn and sent out."

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Einstein Against War.

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BY ETHEL HUESTON

EIGHTH 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 Denver, after passing through Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis. Peter and Rowena have many tiffs on the way while Carter keeps wiring Bobby to return to New York. The morning after they reach Denver, Peter and Rowena discover Bobby has deserted them and returned to New York by train. They are faced with the impossible condition of continuing their trip without a chaperon.

Rowena suggests to Peter that they make a "companionate" marriage. They are married and go to Cheyenne, where their actions, when they ask for rooms on separate floors, arouses suspicions of the hotel clerk. They finally succeed in getting rooms, but not without exciting the laughter of the hotel loungers. They wire the company they have been married.

They resume the trip the next day and are overwhelmed by a cloudburst in an arroyo and are thrown out of the car. A party of tourist campers gives them dry clothes and food. Spokane is finally reached and the hotel clerk smiles when they register.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

He retired to an inner office and came back immediately with the manager of the house. The manager beamed upon them. He held out his hand, held out both hands, and his smile set his rosy face aglow. Rowena and Peter had their own opinions of hotel managers and accepted his friendly overtures with watchful coldness.

"Meeker's my name," said the manager genially. "And I'm proud to meet you."

They all shook hands, and Rowena nudged Peter to be very careful and not commit himself.

"Come right along with me," said Mr. Meeker. "We had a wire from the company not two hours ago saying you would be in today without fail. But I must say it is a relief to have you right here on the spot."

They all got into the elevator. The boy at the control smiled at them—a friendly smile. They got out on the fourth floor. A couple of maids were loitering in the corridor. Their faces lighted up with interest and attention.

"Everything ready?" asked the manager anxiously. "Everything all right, I hope."

"Oh, yes, sir," said one of the maids.

"Yes, indeed sir," added the other. But they looked at Rowena and Peter.

The manager led the way down the corridor.

"Here you are folks," he announced in a voice of happy triumph as he threw open the door. "Our bridal suite!"

"Oh, look, Rowena! Isn't that nice?" said Peter fatuously.

"How lovely!" said Rowena faintly.

The bridal suite was a bower of roses. There was a heap of congratulatory letters and telegrams piled high on the table and several conspicuous packages, wrapped in tissue and tied with ribbons with gift cards prominently displayed.

"Congratulations, folks," said the manager, beaming rosy from one to the other. "Best wishes of Spokane, Washington.—Not bad, eh? Pretty fair!—Well, the Company wired us to spare no expense and send them the bill, and I guess we filled the order. We tried to, anyhow. Cigars, cigarettes, candy—and what-not. And—this with a truly impressive double-jointed bow which included them both—a little souvenir from the hotel, at our own expense, for we are honored to have you stop with us."

The little present, which he selected from the group on the table and handed to Rowena, who opened it with trembling fingers and an air of owlish gravity, proved to be an immense silver cocktail shaker, suitably engraved.

"Out here we're dry," said Mr. Meeker, with a sly wink. "But oh, you New Yorkers!—Compliments of

the hotel, and congratulations," he added happily.

He and Peter shook hands, Peter very solemn, Mr. Meeker perspiring and jovial.

"Guess there's no harm in kissing the bride, eh?" said the manager, with a playful dig of a sharp elbow into Peter's ribs. "It's a custom I don't think much of, as a usual thing, but brides don't often come as pretty as this one."

Rowena obligingly lifted her lovely lips, and Mr. Meeker kissed her with resounding relish.

"Now, I'll tell you what the program is," he said cheerfully. "The local Rackruff dealer is going to give a big dinner dance in our ballroom tonight—especially in your honor—swell affair. They've invited all the Rackruff dealers and salesmen in the state, and they say a couple flew in from Oregon this morning on purpose to attend. It's to be a formal full-dress affair, with souvenirs for the ladies and what-not. And this afternoon at four o'clock they're giving an open reception to the city in their public salesrooms, with afternoon tea and a band, and they've got a car all decorated up like a wedding for you two to sit in and receive the guests. And they're going to present the bride with orange blossoms sent up by aeroplane from California this morning, and a cigarette lighter for you. Mr. Blande, with a picture of the Rackruff roadster set on it in pearls. I've seen it myself and it's a beauty, but it wasn't working the day it came and they had to send it back to the factory."

"How extremely kind," said Peter.

"How perfectly sweet," said Rowena.

"Of course, you both being famous characters, authors and artists, all of our best people will turn out for it, and I understand most of our good clubs plan to be there en masse. The Rackruff dealers are all in a sweat over it and say it's the best break they've had since the war when the Army used a lot of their machines in France. They're coming for you at three-thirty.—Look. This little floral offering here came from them.

"Pretty nice, eh? We're going to borrow it tonight if you don't mind, to put down behind the orchestra in the ball room. Pretty nifty!"

The little floral offering was an immense ring of yellow roses, with the words "Peter and Rowena" spelled out on the inner side in scarlet rosebuds.

"How marvelous," said Rowena soberly.

"How unusual!" added Peter.

"And now I'm going to leave you folks to rest and clean up for the big doings," said Mr. Meeker. "If there's anything you want, you just ask for it. If we haven't got it, we'll get it. And it won't cost you a cent. Well, guess I'll just kiss the bride and be on my way."

"You did kiss the bride," Peter reminded him.

"Well, I'm partial to brides and I give good measure. It's a rule of the house," he said jovially.



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And once more Rowena tilted her owlishly solemn face to be kissed.

When he had gone, and the door was closed and locked behind him, Peter looked at Rowena. Rowena looked at Peter. Bot gazed in solemn stupefaction around the flower-laden room.

"Of all the damn impositions—" he began.

But to his surprise, a sudden ripple of smiles drove the owlish gravity from Rowena's face. Laughter gurgled in her throat and burst from her lips in delighted peals.

"Peter, Peter!" she cried. "Isn't it priceless? Isn't it perfect? Darling, though I die tomorrow, I can say I had my moment!—Peter, look at the wedding-ring in yellow roses!—Peter and Rowena!—Look at the little Cupids kissing on the candy box!—Oh, here are sarcastic telegrams from all my ex-boy-friends.—And Buddy, too," she added uneasily. "I suppose I should have warned him. How do you suppose they all found out?"

"Oh, I suppose those idiots put it in the papers," growled Peter. "Naturally they would try to sell cars at the expense of our feelings. We might have known they'd commercialize us to the last ditch."

"Oh, Peter, isn't it the corkiest day of your life? When Mr. Meeker, God rest his soul, stood here pointing things out, I kept telling myself, 'Don't die, don't you dare die of ecstasy until you see this thing through!'"

"You're an odd sort," said Peter moodily. "I thought you would be wild."

"Wild?" Certainly not! Except with sheer delight.—Why, Peter, this is just an accident. Accidents never make me mad.—Oh, look, here's a present from Racky and Ruffy—a great big one.—Cut the string, Peter—break it—I can't wait!"

Peter broke the string. The present from Messrs. Rack and Ruff—and doubtless charged against dividends, was a complete service of solid silver for the well-laid table. Rowena was a little awed at its completeness and its obvious expensiveness.

"Gosh, Peter, whatever will we do with it?"

"Give it back," he said stiffly.

"Can't. It isn't good form. Even in a divorce it's bad manners to return your wedding presents.—I tell you! We'll divide it. After all, real silver always comes in handy and we can make good use of it. We deserve some compensation for all the agony we've gone through, though as far as I am concerned, this hour has compensated for everything a hundred times over."

"You can have the silver," said Peter. "I don't want it."

But Rowena would not under any



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circumstances accept more than her proper half. She immediately set about dividing it, piece by piece, one for her and one for Peter.

"I suppose we could sell it for a silver," he said.

"Oh, you'll put it in good use some day," said Rowena. "When you are rich and famous and have a studio apartment of your own—first thing you know you'll be giving those fast supper parties that artists are noted for—one for you, and one for me —"

"Why not keep it together in the box until the trip is over?" he asked. "We won't be giving any fast suppers on the trip, at any rate."

"You can have the box," she said. "I'd rather divide it if you don't mind. Then each of us will be responsible for his own share and if it is lost or stolen neither of us can blame the other.—One for you and one for me."

As a matter of fact, Rowena was already planning to pawn her share of it right there in Spokane. She had no more than glanced inside the fat letter from Buddy, but that glance sufficed to tell her that she needed money. She hoped to get enough for her share of the silver to take care of the distant demands and buy herself a new suit as well. She was really getting shabby. Daily motoring was hard on old clothes. And how she yearned for the flattering silver fox packed away in mothballs way back on Third Avenue!

"This really puts us in a frightful jam," said Peter. "I suppose we can bluff through the reception and ball all right—we've had plenty of experience. But I don't see how we can dodge the bridal suite. And won't it jeopardize the annulment? Of course, I can lock myself into the sitting-room—but would anybody believe it?"

"Nobody in the world," said Rowena cheerfully. "Well, after the ball is over, you'll have to go out alone for a little walk and get lost. Then you go to some other hotel and register—don't forget to have witnesses!—and stay there all night. You can meet me here again tomorrow morning. And be sure to get a receipt for your room.—Oh, Peter, don't you just adore those kissing Cupids? Have a kiss—I mean a candy."

"I think I'd rather have the kiss," said Peter boldly. "After all, a groom should be allowed to rush in where a hotel manager dared to tread."

"I'm very particular," said Rowena

firmly. "And I'm developing a vast partiality for hotel managers."

His mind relieved as to how Rowena was going to take it, Peter saw some of humor in the situation and they made great sport of their predicament. They laughed over the flowery telegraphic congratulations and dispatched flippant answers collected. They called the Rackruff salesrooms by long distance telephone to thank them for the lovely thought and Mr. Rack was so pleased that he had the charges for the call reversed. They tossed a coin for the cocktail shaker which Peter won, considerably to Rowena's regret, for

she was sure she could have raised enough on it to make sure of the new suit which she needed for the reception that afternoon.

(Continued Next Week.)

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CHURCHES

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MRS. W. D. NEVES.

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but this is the way to have a real revival. There is no way around, there is no substitute for God's way. He has not changed with the changing seasons and now it is up to us to take his way or fail. What will our answer be?"

The revival schedule for the coming week is as follows:
Monday, "Gleaners" night.
Tuesday, "Young Business Men's" night.
Wednesday, "King's Daughters" night.
Thursday, "Business Men's" night.
Friday, "Philathea" night.

Each class, in turn, is to render a musical special on "their" night and the president is to report number present. Reserved seats.
Saturday night is to be League-B. Y. P. U. and Endeavor night, with all the young people of the community participating.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
All services at regular hours Sunday. The pastor's sermon at 11 a. m. will be highly instructive, especially to Christians.

Let all teachers and officers get in touch with classes for Sunday School, which meets at 10 a. m.

Our young peoples' work is going forward nicely under the leadership of Tom Riddle. Let everyone be present at 7:15 p. m. for a great meeting.

Our special music will be an attractive feature of Sunday's services. The public has a special invitation to worship with us.

J. T. King, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance fine during the hot days, just a little effort will keep it that way.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Sunday but no evening service or Wednesday evening prayer service on account of the Methodist revival.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.
About 30 were present in Sunday School last Sunday; we had a real good lesson on Paul's conversion and commission.

We had no preaching on account of the revival at Buffalo Gap. You are always welcome at our church.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 759 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 866 on the same Sunday a year ago, although the average for this summer has ruled ahead of last season in Sunday School attendance in Merkel.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
S. M. Hunter is to lead the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service next Sunday, which is to be held at the Baptist church. The lesson will be the 8th chapter of Acts. All the men in this city and surrounding communities are invited and urged to attend these weekly services with the assurance of finding something of usefulness in their daily lives.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Fine services for the week that has past, with an increased number in attendance at Bible study Lord's Day and for Bible study Wednesday evening. Come be with us any time that you can. A welcome awaits you.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program at 7 p. m. and prayer meeting service Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

Announces Opening of Palace Theatre Here

Announcement of the opening of the Palace theatre, (formerly the Merkel) Friday of this week on a schedule to run Fridays and Saturdays only each week was made Thursday by Ray Pennington, of Abilene.

The opening bill will be "Geared to Go," with Reed Howes, and on the same program a good comedy is also promised, "Gloria's Wedding Night." The pictures will be cued with good music.

Mr. Pennington has been connected with the picture show business for 12 years, part of that time with the Dent theatres in Abilene. He is an experienced, capable operator himself. Mr. Pennington states that later in the fall he may install talkie equipment, if conditions and patronage justify.

Ford Dealers From 26 Towns Attend Meet

More than 200 Ford dealers and salesmen from 26 West Texas towns gathered last Thursday night for the showing of a playlet, "Presenting the Model, A," at the Fair Park auditorium, Abilene. Special scenic and lighting effects made the presentation attractive as well as informative.

The Fulwiler Motor company was host for the Abilene meeting, which was attended by W. W. Haynes, manager of the local Ford house. Similar presentations are being given in key cities throughout Texas. Complete equipment for the program is carried in trucks.

Mr. Haynes also attended a banquet in Dallas recently of all the Ford dealers in Texas, held at the Baker hotel.

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WATERMELON FEAST.

The members of the Young Business Men's class of the Methodist church were delightfully entertained on the lawn of the Dee Grimes' home Tuesday evening. Outdoor games were very much enjoyed and at the refreshment hour a feast of iced watermelons was served to the following members of the class: Tom Largent, M. B. Bell, W. L. Johnson, Milton Case, Joe Risinger, Joe Riney, S. R. Wells, Cyrus Pee, T. L. Hamblet, Parker Sharp, H. H. Jenkins, F. Y. Gaither, Tom All-day, Wren Durham, Dee Grimes, Stanley King, J. L. Speck, O. R. Buford, Herbert Patterson, R. R. Buford, Bob Foster, Hugh Mayfield, Bishop Hunter, Howard Laney, Erwin Thompson and Andy Shouse. Guests were Alvice Yeats and Leon Ashford.

WATERMELON FEAST.

Misses Ola Ellen Smith and Missie Dye and Mrs. Emory Jones entertained their Sunday School classes at Shannon's pool Friday evening. After many enjoyable games were played, watermelons were served to the following: Mabel Murray, Ethel-da Tucker, Elna Tucker, Mary Zoe West, Leona Bell, Alice Russell, Marie Davis, Ada Stanford, Ruby, Hazel and Ella Mae Rice, Doris Gay West, Louise Patterson, Helen Heeter, Betty Jane Diltz, Maxine Diltz, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Doris Diltz, Forest Glyn Barnett, Earl Witcher, Neida Wozencraft, Dick West, Ralph Russell, Harvey Davis, W. I. Wozencraft, J. D. Witcher, Selma Lee Russell and the hostesses.

KINGS DAUGHTERS.

On Wednesday of last week the Kings Daughters class of the M. E. church met in the home of Mrs. Richards with Mrs. Graham assistant hostess. Eighteen members answered roll call and after business a very helpful and enjoyable program was rendered.

The hostesses then served cream, topped with cherries and cake. Each one present expressed their pleasure at being in this home which always has such a cordial welcome.

J. U. G. CLUB.

Members of the J. U. G. club met at the home of Miss Betty Jane Diltz Thursday afternoon. In the business meeting they elected the following new officers: Betty Jane Diltz, president, Helen Heeter, vice-president, Sue Sae Grimes, reporter.

Indoor and outdoor games were played until refreshments of cream and cake were served to Helen Heeter, Sue Sae Grimes, Mabel Murray, Ann Lepard, Dora Marie Gaither, Billy McGehee, Anna Lee Blake, Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Frances Owens, Doris Gay West and the hostesses.

ALL-DAY PICNIC.

Friends of Thelma Patterson, who is removing from Fort Worth to make her home here, spent a happy day last Tuesday, honoring her with a picnic at Shannon's pool. It was an all-day affair, a bountiful lunch was spread at noon and iced watermelon served in midafternoon. All outdoor games were played on the lawn by the following girls: Thelma Patterson, Robbie Walker, Ethel-da Tucker, Mary Zoe West and Lena Maye Moore.

PANNELL-RENFRO.

Friends of Jack Pannell, Jr., will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Eva Perkins of Dallas in Durant, Okla., on Saturday evening, August 1.

Miss Perkins was a private secretary in the Holland's Magazine building in Dallas and Jack, who will be remembered as William Jack, is manager of Piggly Wiggly store No. 21 in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pannell will spend ten days in Galveston and then be at home at 2405 Pennsylvania St., Dallas.

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STUDIES UNDER NOTED EDUCATOR

Principal of Grammar School Returns From Summer Study at Southern California U.

Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar School, returned last week from Los Angeles, where she attended the summer session of the University of Southern California. The university enrolled 4500 students from all parts of the United States during the term which has just closed.

Mrs. Sublett did work in the department of education. All of her instructors were rather noted men. One of them, Edwin D. Starbuck, under whom she had a course in character education, is the author of the "Iowa Plan of Character Education," which in 1922 won the \$20,000 award offered by the Character Education institute at Washington, D. C. Each state was to submit one plan. There were twenty-six plans submitted from as many different states. Mr. Starbuck at that time was teaching in the Iowa State university. Of the twenty-six plans entered, Mr. Starbuck's won first prize. He is also the author of a number of books on character education. He is now at the head of the philosophy department of the University of Southern California.

Artur S. Gist, under whom she took a course in "Supervision of Instruction," is the author of a number of books on supervision. He was a visiting instructor from Humboldt State Teacher's college. Another interesting course was in "Tests and Measurements" under D. Welty Lefever.

The college campus is located just across the street from Exposition park, which gave the students an opportunity to enjoy the park and also to view the many exhibits.

Mrs. Sublett had the opportunity of attending some of the sessions of the National Educational association, which held its general sessions at the Shrine auditorium just off the campus of the university, and also in Hollywood Bowl, in honor of the N. E. A. delegates.

A visit to the new Pilgrimage theatre to witness the Pilgrimage Play was very interesting. This play deals with the life of Christ and is somewhat like the European Passion Play. It has been showing in Los Angeles for thirteen years. It now has its own open air theatre, built high up in the hills with a rugged, high mountain for the scenery at the back and sides of the stage.

Other interesting places visited were Grauman's Chinese theatre, Hollywood, Bob Schuler's church in Los

Angeles, Pasadena, Beverly Hills to see the homes of some of the movie stars, the mountains with their running streams, Santa Monica, Venice, San Diego and other coast cities.

An unusual scene for the summer time was snow on Mt. Baldy the latter part of June. A light rain had fallen in Los Angeles and snow had fallen on Mt. Baldy a few miles away. Each night the lights from the Mt. Wilson observatory where Einstein did his research work recently, while visiting in the United States, could be seen twinkling like a row of stars in the sky. Interesting Mexican cities visited on the way out were Juarez and Tia Juana.

Mrs. Sublett was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who visited their children in Los Angeles.

Grandma Lilly Dies At Ripe Age of 85

Mrs. Addie A. Lilly, affectionately known as Grandma Lilly, age 85, resident of Taylor county for 36 years, was laid to rest Friday afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery, following funeral services at her home in the Mulberry canyon. She had been in declining health for sometime.

The Rev. Marvin Williams, Methodist pastor under whose preaching Mrs. Lilly became a member of the church last summer, conducted the funeral rites.

Mrs. Lilly, whose maiden name was Addie A. Compton, was born in Hall county, Tenn., June 24, 1846, and moved to Texas from Tennessee in 1895. She was married Nov. 29, 1897 to G. A. Lilly in Merkel, her husband having died June 4, 1923.

Pall bearers were five grandsons: Dennis, Leo, Ira and Iva Lilly and Lloyd Pribble and Lamar Hilburn.

Surviving Mrs. Lilly are five step-children, 35 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. The step-children are J. B. Lilly of Mulberry and G. C. Lilly of Oklahoma City; Mrs. F. A. Myers, Aubrey; Mrs. M. H. Hensley, Rochester and Mrs. L. M. Pribble, Portales, N. M. Mrs. N. E. Lilly, widow of one of the step-sons, had been in loving attendance at the bedside of Mrs. Lilly for sometime.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and words of sympathy, extended during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. We also wish to express our thanks for the many beautiful floral offerings. May God's blessings rest richly upon you all is our prayer.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 1st day of August, 1931, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and No/100 (\$5,200.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of The Maccabees, a fraternal insurance association of Detroit, Michigan in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1158-B and styled The Maccabees, a fraternal insurance association of Detroit Michigan vs. Patrick Thomas and John Rhea, Minnie Rhea, Lois Rhea Thomas, placed in my hands for service, I Burl Wheeler as sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of August, 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. Ten (10) and the South Half of Lot No. Eleven (11), Block No. 1, O. C. Howell's Sub-division of Lots Nos. Three (3) Four (4) Twelve (12) Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block No. Five (5), North Park Addition, The City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Patrick Thomas, John Rhea, Minnie Rhea, Lois Rhea Thomas, and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1931, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Patrick Thomas, John Rhea, Minnie Rhea and Lois Rhea Thomas.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of August, 1931.

Burl Wheeler.

Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis Deputy.

July Third Month in 1931 to Show Gain

Chevrolet production in July totaled 66,307 cars and trucks, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, announced this week. This represents a gain of thirteen percent over the 58,690 units built in July, 1930.

July is the third successive month in 1931 to show a gain over the corresponding month last year, and output for July brings the total for the first seven months of the year to 588,452 cars and trucks.

The company is continuing production into August at a seasonable rate, and with no summer shutdown planned, Mr. Knudsen said. Current employment is around 33,000 men, he stated.

During the first six months of the year Chevrolet continued to hold leadership among all manufacturers in domestic passenger car sales, Mr. Knudsen pointed out.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Personal Mention

Miss Fannie Bell Boaz has returned from a visit with Mrs. Carl Yoas at Del Rio.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter was the week-end houseguest of Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis made a business trip to Loraine on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Pete Rutledge has as her houseguest Mrs. Jack Pomroy of Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. J. R. Pee returned Monday from a visit of several weeks with her son at Rochester.

Urban Shannon of Memphis, Tenn., is here visiting his father, J. W. Shannon, and other relatives.

Little Miss Rosemary Lassiter is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Beard, and friends in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Woodward of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stewart of Abilene were guests Sunday of the Will D. Williams household.

Miss Vivian Berger of Wink is the guest of Misses Fannie Belle and Willie Evelyn Boaz and Mary Collins.

Bill Lightsey of Littlefield, Texas, is spending ten days with friends in Merkel and surrounding communities.

Edwin Wade and Leo Tucker returned Wednesday from a trip to Carlsbad Caverns and Roswell, N. M.

John Cox and his daughter, Miss Mary Clovis Cox, of Sweetwater were guests Wednesday in the J. T. Dennis home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Badgley and two children, Warren and Ina May, of Roscoe visited his sister, Mrs. T. T. Davis, over Sunday.

Miss Euphia Bertram of Snyder and Mrs. Eston Bertram of Sweetwater were Saturday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Week-end guests in the Bob Martin home were a niece and nephew of Mrs. Martin's, Miss Lona Calvert and Mr. W. D. Calvert of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and son, John A., of Tatum, N. M., are guests of Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. A. Dickinson, who has been visiting another son at his ranch in Mexico, is now the guest of City Marshal P. P. Dickinson and family.

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough, who underwent an operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, last Friday is reported steadily improving.

After spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey were accompanied by Ouida Mae Hulsey on their return to San Angelo.

Messrs. and Mesdames Kenneth and Cyrus Fee, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Sweetwater, enjoyed a family reunion and picnic at Snyder last week-end.

After visiting with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cobb and children left Monday for Kilgore where Mr. Cobb has employment with a pipe line company.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and Marie and Curtis visited their son and brother, Alton Davis, last Saturday evening at Abilene where he is employed at a local bakery.

Mrs. Ruth Darsey and Mrs. J. Fletcher Fields returned Monday to their home at McGregor after a visit with their son and brother, J. T. Darsey, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Gillam of Hereford were passing guests of J. W. Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Monday, Mrs. Gillam is a niece of J. W. Shannon.

Among those from Merkel attending the meeting of the Rebekah assembly at Abilene last week were Mrs. Aurora Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Higgins and Miss Dora Garoutte.

A. L. Douglas of Denison is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Sears.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz and Miss Willie Evelyn left Thursday to visit friends at Petersburg, Texas.

Guests this week in the J. T. King home were Tom Payne, Jr., of Del Rio and Howard King of Mason. Mr. Payne has returned home but Howard remains for a longer visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ison and J. F. Ison of Loraine returned Thursday to their home after a visit with E. A. Reagan and family. They visited several days with relatives in Winters also.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Austin of Douglas, Ariz., visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyd.

Mrs. F. S. Bouchepe of Clyde was a week-end guest in the L. D. Boyd home.

Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and two children, Clara Farnes and Billy, left Monday for Plainview to visit her parents, while Mr. Largent is away with the Largent show cattle at all the big fairs.

Mrs. T. A. Bearden and children, Thomas A., Robert Edward, Truman and Mary Evelyn, of Fort Worth were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, and sisters, Mesdames Jim Mayfield and Earl Lassiter.

Upon returning from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. V. Arnold, in Brown

county, J. W. Reynolds and his son-in-law, L. B. English, were accompanied by Mrs. Arnold and her two children, who will visit here for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Holler of O'Donnell were passing visitors Tuesday with their sister, Miss Addie Holler.

Miss Eula May Parker, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Addie Holler, returned Tuesday to her home at O'Donnell.

Enjoying a week-end house party with Miss Louise Booth last week were Misses Elizabeth Evans of Waco, Opal Dillingham and Zelma Fay Couch of Abilene, Lennah Rose Black, Margaret Bettle and Veda Robinson of Big Spring, and Miss Nell Durham.

Misses Margaret Tucker of Clarksville, Texas and Juanita Scott and Fay Miller of Paris, Texas, were guests the past week of Miss Tucker's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter. On their return home they were accompanied by James Richard Lassiter, who will visit his mother, Mrs. G. B. Lassiter, and sister Miss Jessie Mae of Commerce, Texas. The young ladies visited the Carlsbad Caverns while they were in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Jannell, and Miss Pearl Elliott have returned from a month's visit in Pomona and Orange, Calif. They were accompanied out by Miss Inez Robbins, who remained to visit her mother. The Merkellites also went to Los Angeles and Long Beach and had the privilege of seeing the sights of Hollywood and the beautiful homes of the movie stars in Beverly Hills. Their stay included a visit with Mrs. Black's niece and nephew at Blythe.

Improvements scheduled for immediate completion include the construction of larger lines, the strengthening of distribution systems, the rebuilding of primary and secondary lines and the installation of new equipment.

At Clyde, voltage will be increased through the construction of a three-phase 2,300 volt primary line, a three-phase 220 volt secondary line and a three-wire 110-220 volt lighting circuit.

The distribution system at Dalhart will be extended approximately one-half mile to improve service now rendered to one hundred customers.

Twelve and one-half blocks of primary, secondary and series street lights will be rebuilt in southeast Childress, and at O'Brien twenty-eight spans of line will be re-located to make room for State Highway 51.

Regular construction and maintenance crews of the West Texas Utilities company are handling the new work, which is going forward at the present time.

Mrs. Dana P. Foster Claimed by Death

This entire community was deeply grieved when the sad news spread at a late hour Saturday night of the death of Mrs. Dana P. Foster, age 57, wife of Sam P. Foster and a resident of Merkel and Taylor county most of her life. Her death, although not unexpected, as she had suffered an attack of paralysis about a month ago from which she did not recover, brought sorrow to many hearts and the bereaved father and son lacked not for friends and consolation in their hour of separation and grief.

Mrs. Foster died at 9 o'clock Saturday night and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church, with Rev. J. T. King, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were Tyre Sublett, S. M. Hunter, Chester Hutcheson, Joe Garland, B. E. Dalton and Ed Turner.

Mrs. Foster was born in Tennessee and came to Taylor county with her parents in 1883. Since that time, covering a period of 48 years, she had lived in or near Merkel and her life had been closely associated with the activities and distress, the blessings and the sorrows of this section. By her many splendid traits of character and fine womanhood she acquired a large circle of friends, whom she was always ready to assist and relieve, to cheer and console, as they journeyed along life's way, and these friends were her comfort in her last days. She had been a member of the Baptist church here for many years, this being the only church to which she had belonged.

Besides her husband, one son, Clyde, and a grandson, J. C. Foster, she is survived by five brothers, John Phillips, Graham; George Phillips, Eastland, and Bob Phillips, Phoenix, Ariz.; and two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Sporer, Eastland, and Mrs. Lulu Powell, Austin. All except the sister in Austin and the brother in Phoenix came to attend the funeral.

Newton Yarberry, 24, charged with murder shortly after discovery August 1 of the body of Miss Dorothy Symons, Sinton choir singer, clad only in a bathing suit in a shallow beach grave near the Aransas Pass breakwater, after she had been missing two days, is held in jail without bond, following a grand jury indictment.

There are 86 paper and pulp mills in the south, with an annual capacity of more than a million and a quarter tons of paper and boards.

Eat at the Nice Clean Cool WHITE HOUSE SANDWICH SHOP

We Pit Barbecue Every Day Now.

We make all kinds of Sandwiches including Barbecued Goat and Beef.

I solicit your patronage on basis of Service, Quality and Prices.

W. W. Wozencraft.

Extension of Electric Service at Ballinger, Winters and Dahart

Abilene, August 13.—The extension of dependable transmission line electric service to new residential and commercial customers, and the strengthening and improving of service to existing users are the important construction activities of the West Texas Utilities company, according to information received from the offices of the company here.

Extensions will be made at Ballinger, where a primary line will serve a new station of the Gulf Oil company; at Winters, where primary and secondary lines will carry electric service to the Farmers Gin company, and at Dalhart, where the distribution system will be extended to serve new customers.

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Rated as Star's Best Since "7th Heaven"

The hope of every screen actress is to get a vehicle that is perfectly suited to her talents. An excellent actress may by sheer technique and ability play a role that "isn't quite the type" and make it real and convincing—but she can always do infinitely better if the part fits her.

In the case of Janet Gaynor, however, this hope has been realized—not once but twice. The first time was when she played the memorable "Diane" of "7th Heaven"—a role that might have been written to order for her unusual personality and her wistful appeal.

Now the lightning strikes a second time in her latest vehicle, "Daddy Long Legs," opening Sunday at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater. As the immortal "Judy," the little orphan girl whose courage wins her eventual happiness, Miss Gaynor again has a part that measures up to her own high standards of poignant charm.

While Fox studio officials had long realized the appropriateness of the well known Jean Webster play for their star, the peculiar suitability of the part was not apparent until Director Alfred Santell and Sonya Levien, the scenarist, began work on the picture.

Both Miss Levien and Santell were astonished to find that no alteration of any kind in Miss Gaynor's part in "Daddy Long Legs," was necessary or even advisable. The part of "Judy" was so ideally suited to her that it was utterly out of the question to change it in any way, other than the unavoidable condensation of a two-hour-and-a-quarter play to make an hour-and-twenty-minute picture.

Warner Baxter is co-starred with Miss Gaynor in the film. Una Merkel, John Arledge, Claude Gillingwater, Kathlyn Williams, Elizabeth Patterson, Louise Closser Hale, Effie Ellsler and other favorites are also in the cast.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

PALACE THEATRE SWEETWATER

Week of August 16

Sun., Mon. Janet Gaynor in "Daddy Long Legs"

Tues., Wed. Sylvia Sidney "Confessions of a Co-ed" A true story taken from a college girl's diary.

Thurs., Fri. Kay Francis "Transgression" A powerful dramatic picture

Saturday Warner Oland Star of "Dr. Fu Manchu" in another super thriller. "Drums of Jeopardy"

Contest Winners

(Continued from Page One.)

O. C. Williams of Abilene. (Mrs. J. L. Warren, who served with the committee on the first judging, was unable to come later and Mrs. Williams took her place.)

In making the awards, the same policy as last year was followed by the judges, viz. no one entry could win more than one prize. For instance, the winner of the grand prize was eliminated from competition for individual prizes.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Merkel Mail silver cup, Mrs. John West.

Home owner class: Front yard—Mrs. Sam Swann, first, \$10.00 in trade, by Dwyer Floral company, Abilene; Mrs. J. T. Warren, second, \$5.00 credit on purchase of awnings by Army Store, Abilene, and one quart of paint or varnish by Merkel Lumber company.

Back yard—Mrs. T. G. Bragg, first, \$5.00 in trade to be selected by donor, Granger Floral company, Abilene; second, Mrs. W. E. Lowe, smock by Bragg Dry Goods company.

Flower garden—Missie Dye, first; \$5.00 in trade, Philpott's, Abilene; second, Mrs. J. S. Bickley, \$2.50 in trade by Clay Lumber company.

Renters: Front yard—Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, ornamental lawn spray, by Liberty Hardware company; no second.

Back yard—Mrs. George Caple, \$5.00 in trade by J. L. Mashburn, Sweetwater florist; no second.

Flower garden—J. M. Ashby, spading fork by West company.

Individual prizes: Best bed of zinnias—Mrs. Herbert Patterson, a pair of Society Maid hose by J. T. Dennis.

Best bed of periwinkles—Methodist church, window box by Burton-Lingo company.

Best rose bush—Mrs. C. A. Richardson, \$2.00 in trade by Abilene Nursery.

In the classes of home owners, showing the greatest improvement in yards, \$2.00 in trade by Abilene Nursery for each: Mrs. P. T. Allday for four

room houses, Mrs. Dean Higgins for five room houses and Mrs. C. K. Russell for six rooms or more.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, August 13.—Wednesday's market was active and 25c higher on fed steers, that class of cattle making up the bulk of the receipts. Cow yearlings, bulls and calves remained steady. The estimate was for 2,300 head of cattle and 1,000 calves.

Choice steers of light weight reached \$8 and several loads of heavy cattle went at \$6.50 to \$7.50. Grassers sold up to \$6.50 and down to \$4.30. The best cows shown in ear lots went at \$3 to \$3.25, with a load of cutters going at \$1.75. Yearlings were scarce, but one load was good enough to bring \$7.50. Bulls sold as singles up to \$3.50. A few calves made \$6 and carlots of good quality went at \$5 to \$5.50.

Hogs closed 25c to 35c lower, although some early sales to small killers were not that much down. Packers stopped at \$6.90 but others paid up to \$7.10. Receipts were close to 400 head.

Sheep and lambs met with a good demand at steady prices. About 2,000 head arrived. Lambs sold at \$5.25 to \$5.50, 2-year-old wethers notched \$3.75 and the best grown sheep went at \$2.75.

Cattle Movement.

Two cars of cattle have been shipped from Merkel within the current week: one carlot by McCoy and Lowe last Thursday and another by Boaz and Patterson on Wednesday.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stewart, Tye, Sunday, August 9, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gay, Sunday, August 9, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Westenhaver, Sunday, August 9, 1931.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

M SYSTEM SAVES FOR THE NATION

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Bananas	2 dozen	25c
Flour	Bob White, none better, 48 lbs	\$1.05
Milk	White Swan, 6 cans	21c
Sugar	20 lbs. pure cane	\$1.00
Cocoa	Hershey's, 1 pound	28c
Salmon	large can	10c
Peas	Newport early June, 2 cans	25c
Old Dutch Cleaner	cans	15c
Honey	Jvalde, new crop, gallon	\$1.10
Spuds	per peck	35c

NOTICE

I will set eggs all of August for \$1.50 per tray. Hatching 4000 per week. Selling at \$5.00 and \$7.00 per 100.

Kirk's Hatchery

606 Mockingbird Lane Abilene, Texas

Rural Community Correspondence

Chuck Wagon Days Are Spent Again at Butman & Sons Ranch

Threshing has progressed nicely on account of pretty weather. Clyde Lattimer threshed 1200, Collins Bros., 3000 bushels, and quite a good many smaller crops.

Chuck wagon days were spent again during the week's threshing on the Butman & Sons ranch, Oscar Walker of Blair being "chief cook and bottle washer." As has been the custom during threshing for years, the women folks did the cooking. If anything was carried to camp to help out, the cook would say, "don't bring anything up here, I'm feeding these men." From all signs and expressions the men were all fed well on beans, roasting ears, shevon and camp-made coffee, etc.

Butman & Sons operated their independent threshing outfit, threshing 4550 bushels.

DORA DOINGS

Canning is the order of the day, corn and peas and butterbeans being the main product.

Travis Savansey of Fort Sill, Okla., is here on a ten day visit with his sister, Mrs. J. Crain, and will take Miss Daisy Oliver home with him as a bride.

D. W. Jones left Tuesday for Fort Worth and Dallas on business and will visit his aunt, Mrs. O. B. Collins, while in Fort Worth.

John Miller, a former resident of this section, now living in Snyder, was shaking hands with friends here Saturday, and bought a load of wheat to take home for planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott of Sweetwater were visiting here Friday and Saturday.

Buell Moore and wife of Valley creek spent Monday with O. S. Moore and family and helped can corn.

Mrs. N. C. Barton of this community, who is in the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene, is slowly improving.

Mrs. C. E. Rape and son, Oscar, made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Alice Lewis and children of Summers were here a few days this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Hanks, and other relatives.

NOODLE NEWS

We still haven't had any rain which is badly needed. Some few have begun to head maize.

Mrs. J. O. Justice and Vessie, Woodrow and Lucille are visiting relatives at Wheeler this week.

Mrs. J. M. Spurgin and Wanna Spurgin are visiting at Groom, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas and Mrs. Eva Adkins and daughters were Sunday guests in the M. L. Lucas home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff spent the past week-end with their daughter, Mrs. F. E. Harkins, of Colorado.

Mrs. D. L. Nicholson and children of Tahoka are visiting in the W. J. Bicknell home.

Missie Spurgin and Neva Dell Spurgin are spending the week with their uncle, Ed Spurgin, of Comper.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell and children of San Angelo are visiting relatives and friends here this week. They spent Sunday in the W. J. Bicknell home, also Mrs. T. C. Jenkins of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cade and children spent the week-end at Ropesville with Mr. and Mrs. Davis Beasley.

Willie Lightsley of Littlefield is visiting Troy Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears of Blair.

Word was received here Monday to the effect that Walter Bryson had died at Brownfield, early Monday morning. He was reared at Noodle and had many friends here who will regret to learn of his untimely death. Funeral services were held for him at Brownfield Tuesday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking everyone that helped us in any way to bear our burden in the sickness and death of our dear husband and brother and for the lovely flowers that made his last resting place so beautiful. May God bless and keep you ever close to his side.

Mrs. Ray Brown and Son, Deon.
Mrs. A. M. Brown and Children.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn are home from Dallas where their little son, Edwin Earle, is being treated in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood have as their guests Mrs. Lena Mays of Fort Worth, Mrs. Claude Rosson and her little son of Robstown and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Tennessee.

Friends of J. R. Gafford will be glad to know he is able to be up some, after an illness of two weeks. Relatives who visited Mr. and Mrs. Gafford over the week-end were his daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Tude Keltz and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardison and son of Vernon, his son, George Gafford, wife and family of Alvarado, Mrs. Gafford's brothers, Dr. A. L. Anderson of Brownwood and J. E. Anderson of Dallas and her sister, Mrs. Carl Atwell, and husband of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causseaux of Austin, who are visiting here, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessels Monday evening.

Steve Payne of Memphis is the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. R. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Kegans and children of Stratton, accompanied by Mrs. Lester and children of Tulia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and C. R. Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogge and children of Longview were recent guests of Mrs. Rogge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Hillsboro were week-end guests of Mrs. Alex Williamson. Mrs. Smith will be remembered as Miss Odessa Moore.

Miss Oleta Russell of Canyon was guest last Saturday night of her cousin, Mr. Volley Vessels.

Miss Ola Smith of Merkel was the week-end guest of Miss Maurine Smith.

Mrs. Pat Patterson and little son have returned to their home at Galveston after a pleasant visit of a week here with her sister, Mrs. Joe Stewart.

Mrs. Hurltel O'Kelly, who underwent an operation at the Alexander hospital last Friday, is reported to be doing fairly well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. A. P. King and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Winfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn had as their guests recently their daughter

and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, who were en route to Galveston and other points south for a vacation.

Mrs. Albert Dwiggers and baby daughter of Roscoe were visiting friends here last week.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, and Mrs. C. T. Beckham are spending the week at Christoval attending the encampment.

Mrs. T. B. Sorrels and daughters, Misses Estelle and Crancell, of Fort Worth were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Temus Howell and Charley Howell visited in Norman, Ark., last week and on their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Susan Rowan and her two boys, who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howell.

Garland Franks, one of the teachers in the Trent schools, and his mother and brother have recently moved here.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Anson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards last Sunday and their daughter, Miss Lorena, who had visited here last week, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds left Saturday for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. I. E. Kelly, of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reeves of Blackwell stopped over Saturday for a short while to visit with old friends.

White Church News

We certainly need rain here. Maize heading is the order of the day here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. H. West Sunday.

Several from here attended the revival at Blair last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Williams dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson Friday. Friends will be glad to know Charlie Coats is improving.

Mrs. A. M. Brown is visiting her daughters in Throckmorton.

Everyone is urged to remember the meeting at the tabernacle at Butman, conducted by Rev. John Reynolds.

The entire community sympathizes with the Brown family in the loss of their husband, son and brother.

The saxophone was invented in 1842 by Adolphe Sax.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Home Demonstration Club at Stith Meets

The Home Demonstration club of Stith met Friday, August 7, in the regular meeting house.

The subject discussed was, "The Conveniences of a 4-H Pantry."

Ice cream watermelons were served to Mesdames Fred Kelso, Ted Woolsey, Paul Bradley, Bill Dunaning, Curran Daniel, C. Varner, Guy Glenn, Hollis McCoy, Bill Decker, Algie Daniel, John Shaw, Wesley Mashburn, Barney Berry, Misses Nora Keslo, Gladys Mashburn and Helen Keslo.

The next club meeting will be August 21, with Miss Sue Bonner present.

CANYON NEWS

Brother McCowen of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Nubia Methodist church Sunday morning.

The Baptist meeting began at the Butman tabernacle Sunday night and will continue through this week. Brother John Reynolds of Abilene is doing the preaching.

M. E. Perry accompanied his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King to their home in Wichita Falls, where he will spend several days. Mrs. A. R. Toombs accompanied them to Bryson where she is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Cozart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves had as their guest Monday night and Tuesday his brother and family of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Neill accompanied the latter's mother, Mrs. Smith, who spent last week in their home, to Cisco Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Peterson and son, Bobby Glen, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs of Dora this week.

A new cigar factory opened at Charleston, S. C. will ultimately afford employment for 2000 persons.

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BLAIR ITEMS

The farmers are busy taking care of the small grain and maize heading is the order of the day.

Clarence Lackey of Tahoka attended service at the Baptist church Wednesday night, shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson of Lueders visited in the home of the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Meeks and family of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Will Meeks and family of Holman had a pleasant week's stay in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children, Jimmie Nell and Reuben, spent a pleasant weekend in the home of Mr. Horton's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan, and family at Clyde.

J. W. Mayfield was the guest of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mayfield, of Abilene on an extended trip to Oklahoma, leaving Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel motored out to spend the afternoon Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathews and daughter, Willie Pearl, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Riley James Sunday.

Rev. John Walker and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Oek Dulin and daughter, Theresa Fay, and Mr. and Mrs. Shortie Barnes and son of the Canyon visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Miss Mary Joe Farrier and friends of Anson have returned to Anson where Miss Farrier has accepted a position at that place.

Little Ira Patterson and brother left Sunday with their mother for their home at Lubbock, after spending the summer with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears.

Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt, who has been real sick for some weeks, is getting along moderately well at this writing and we hope she will be up and out with friends very soon.

A number of people from here attended the funeral of Ray Brown at White Church Friday.

Rev. John Walker of Abilene will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor and family of Plainview were the charming

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and family Tuesday morning. Mrs. Taylor, a sister of Mr. Addison, was en route from Winters and Valeria to other points in Texas visiting other relatives.

Little Edith Butman of Butman is staying several days with her cousin, Evelyn Latimer.

28 Additions Result of Revival at Blair

The eloquent Rev. J. T. King of Merkel, assisted by the able pastor, Rev. John Walker, of Abilene during the week-end, has just closed a glorious revival at the Baptist church at Blair.

There were 28 additions to the church and 6 conversions. The spirit of youth was shown in prayer services by the Juniors. There were 3146 chapters read from God's word and we are going to continue the work in the kingdom of our Saviour.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

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"JUST AS GOOD AND CHEAPER"... HAVE YOU EVER FOUND IT TRUE?

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE for dependability. Low price alone is not a guarantee of economy, because dependable service is expensive at any price. In your fuel supply, particularly, this fact has been definitely proven.

In the early days of natural gas service, when production and transportation facilities were limited, gas was supplied at a lower rate than it is today. In those times, however, additional heating equipment had to be held in readiness in the home because of the uncertainty of this cheaper gas service. During this period coal and wood were "stand by"

fuel supplies in most households. Neither the company nor its customers were satisfied with this kind of fuel service. Both realized that fuel satisfaction requires dependable gas service at a reasonable rate.

Accepting the fact that the majority of people demand perfection--dependability--safety--Lone Star Service during the past quarter century has been built to this standard. As evidence of their approval of this policy, most households have come to rely solely upon LONE STAR GAS SERVICE--the lowest priced dependable fuel service obtainable.

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**Largest Underpass
In Texas Dedicated**

Amarillo, August 13.—The largest underpass in Texas and the southwest was dedicated here the past week in the presence of 10,000 people. It extends under the Rock Island and the Burlington railroad systems, unites two main parts of the city and carries traffic of five federal and eight highways.

The dedication was by Mayor Ernest Thompson. Wilbur Hawk, president of the Tri-State Fair association responded on behalf of the people. The Rock Island railroad was represented by Hal S. Ray of Chicago and the Burlington by General John A. Hulen, L. M. Hogsett and F. D. Daggett of Fort Worth.

The starting of work was hastened in February for unemployment relief. It has given 9,600 days' work to unskilled labor, and 3,000 to skilled labor, making a payroll of \$75,000. Minimum wages were 50 cents an hour, with prevailing union wages to craftsmen.

Construction is of steel and concrete, which consumed 300 carloads. The underpass is 770 feet long. The building permit was for a quarter of a million dollars. The structure is architecturally ornamented and lighted. It is crossed by four vehicle bridges in addition to the two trunkline railroads.

**Folding Bed Traps
Couple, One Dies**

Denver, Aug. 13.—Warren E. McLean, 61, Denver barber, was killed and his wife, Sarah, 56, narrowly escaped death when an old-fashioned folding bed trapped them as they lay listening to a radio program Friday night.

Mrs. McLean was rescued by police

after her screams had attracted neighbors. Police said she escaped death only because the body of her husband, who was a large man, kept the full

weight of the bed off her. McLean's head was caught between the top and bottom sections of the bed. Authorities said he died of a fractured skull.

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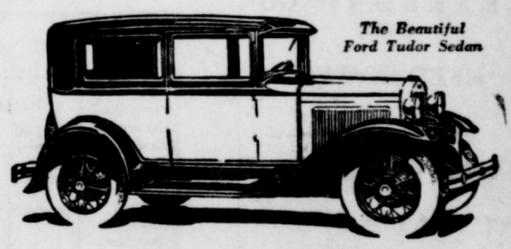
Queen Mary of England herself recently told a charity organization in which she was interested, "Advertise! It pays to advertise." Indeed times have changed. When Queen Mary must talk of advertising, what must the poor mouse-trap builder do? No longer will the world make a beaten path to his door, however wonderful his mouse-trap. Because his competitors are out telling the world about their products in advertising. The world is listening. And buying!

There's the situation, sad as it may be to some. The most direct, effective, time-tested, economical way of reaching the public is through the medium of the newspaper. Therefore, if you are trying to sell what the public needs and wants, be it a better mouse-trap or a better pound of cheese—

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Funeral Services for Raymond Brown Held White Church Friday

Funeral services were held at White Church Friday morning, August 7, for Ray Brown, conducted by Rev. Marvin Williams, Methodist pastor at White Church, assisted by Rev. John E. Walker, Baptist pastor at Blair.

Raymond O. Brown was born Dec. 30, 1892, and departed this life in the early morning of August 6 at a Wichita Falls sanitarium. He was married Sept. 8, 1911, to Miss Ruth Pannell and to this union one son was born, Deon, age 7 years. He was converted July 6 at his home, but he never connected himself with a church as he lost his health soon after his conversion. But we all know he was prepared to go, as he made such a bright profession and in the few remaining days that he had made it known to all who came in contact with him. But it was God's will that he be taken home. He was a good, kind neighbor and friend, always ready to help everyone.

Besides his wife and son, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. M. Brown, three brothers and five sisters, his father having preceded him to the grave ten years. His brothers are F. M. and Willard of Sweetwater and E. H. Brown of Blair; his sisters, Mrs. W. C. Berry, Mrs. J. C. Riggan and Mrs. G. S. Phillips, all of Merkel, Route 5, and Mrs. C. G. Petit and Mrs. P. A. Posey of Throckmorton; a host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Dear friends, do not weep for Ray, for he is much better off than we. He has made the race successfully and we have ours yet to make. But you must just be prepared to meet him in heaven. You cannot bring him back to earth, but you certainly can go to him. We would not call him back, if he could never be any better.

The large gathering of friends and loved ones at the services was a tribute to his life. Flower girls were Lena Lee Demere, Lorean Weston, Marie

Swann, Anna Addison, Vada Tiner and Lois Neels.

Pall bearers were E. J. Patterson, Raymond Demere, J. E. Morris, Roy Hunter, John Conner and Leon Toombs.

By a Neighbor, Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

NOTICE.

I have just finished re-painting, re-papering and renovating my office and wish to advise the public that my regular office hours are now effective permanently.

W. M. Gambill, Dentist.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

Two Austrian inventors have perfected a sugar-cane harvester which they declare will do the work of 250 laborers.

Sinclair Oil Sales Show Increase 1930

"Oil-Wise" is the term applied to the average motorist of Merkel by M. B. Moore, local distributor of Sinclair gasolines and lubricating oils.

"Automobile owners are beginning to appreciate good oils," he asserts. "Otherwise it would be difficult to explain the steady gain in sales by Sinclair and other high-grade manufacturers."

"Last year, when the industry as a whole showed a drop of 8 1-2 per cent in total demand for lubricants, the Sinclair Refining company's lubricating oil sales actually increased 15 per cent. That is an accomplishment which few companies, if any, could match."

"Looking back over a period of years, the record is even more impressive. Sinclair's average sale of lubricants in the five years from 1925 to

1929 inclusive was 110 per cent greater than its average in the preceding five years. In the same period, the industry as a whole showed a gain of only 35 per cent. Sinclair's 1930 sales were 180 per cent greater than the 1920-24 average, whereas the country's total demand for lubricants in 1930 was only 31 per cent greater than the average for those same years.

"This is the Sinclair record for the country as a whole. Since the introduction of Sinclair products in Merkel, our sales of gasoline, lubricating oils and specialties have materially increased."

Because of the United States' quota restrictions and the closing down on agricultural workers to Canada, liners have been carrying comparatively few passengers from Europe to this country.

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This is the year everybody is scrutinizing his purchases. This is particularly true in tire buying because of the many confusing and misleading statements made about tires.

To give car owners the facts, Firestone published comparisons showing quality, construction and prices. Then the public came in—made their own comparisons with cross-sections cut from Firestone tires—and from special brand mail order tires and others.



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Ford	4.40-21	\$4.98	\$4.98	\$9.60	Gardner	5.50-19	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$17.30
Chevrolet	4.50-20	5.60	5.60	10.90	Marmon				
Ford	4.50-21	5.69	5.69	11.10	Oakland				
Ford	4.75-19	6.65	6.65	12.90	Peerless				
Chevrolet	4.75-20	6.75	6.75	13.10	Stud'b'k'r				
Whippet					Chrysler	6.00-18	11.20	11.20	21.70
Erskine	4.75-20	6.75	6.75	13.10	Viking				
Plymouth					Franklin	6.00-19	11.40	11.40	22.10
Chandler					Hudson				
DeSoto					Hup'bile	6.00-20	11.50	11.50	22.30
Dodge	5.00-19	6.98	6.98	13.60	LaSalle				
Durant					Packard	6.00-21	11.65	11.65	22.60
Graham-P.					Pierce-A.	6.50-20	13.10	13.10	25.40
Pontiac					Stutz				
Roosevelt					Cadillac	7.00-20	15.35	15.35	29.80
Willys-Kt.					Lincoln				
Essex	5.00-20	7.10	7.10	13.80					
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More Thickness, Inches	.627	.578	.840	.821
More Miles of Tread	6	5	8	7
Same Price	\$5.69	\$5.60	\$11.40	\$11.40

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