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HUSBAND DIES IN EFFORT TO SAVE WIFE

R. C. Milliken, 21, and wife, 17, were drowned about six o'clock Sunday afternoon while bathing in Cedar Creek north of Abilene. Two people, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Damron, who were with Mr. and Mrs. Milliken, witnessed the tragedy, but were unable to save them.

The drowning occurred, according to R. L. Damron, from whom details of the accident were gathered, when Mrs. Milliken stepped over a jumpoff where the water was over her head. The four people were in the water holding to the edge of a boat. When Mrs. Milliken stepped in the hole she released her hold on the boat, and Damron, the closest to her, tried to drag her from the water, but could not hold the frantic woman.

Milliken, by this time, had gotten to the spot, and Damron returned to get his wife out of danger, since she was also apparently about to get in deep water. Damron says he made two or three attempts to aid Milliken in the rescue by diving in the water for them, but failed.

Both Milliken and his wife had been in the water about five minutes when two other men arrived to help Damron. Mrs. Milliken's body was recovered immediately, but it was three quarters of an hour before the other body was taken from the creek. Efforts at resuscitation were unsuccessful.

The young couple had lived in Abilene for about two years, making their home at 126 Vine street. Milliken was an employe of Grubbs & Company here.

Relatives of the deceased are: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clemmer, Comper, parents of Mrs. Milliken; C. S. Milliken, Dallas, father of Milliken; Jordan, Woodrow and Harold Clemmer, brothers of Mrs. Milliken; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, Merkel, aunt and uncle of Mrs. Milliken; Mrs. L. R. Robbins, Merkel, aunt of Mr. Milliken; Mrs. P. L. Newberry, Abilene, aunt of Milliken.—Abilene Reporter.

The remains of the unfortunate couple were brought to Merkel on Monday afternoon, where funeral services were conducted from the Christian church with interment in Rose Hill cemetery immediately after.

Owing to the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Milliken were practically reared in this community, a large crowd of sorrowing friends were present to witness the last sad rites. This paper joins the entire community in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives during their sad hour of bereavement.

Big Rodeo at Sweetwater

Malone Brothers, well known and popular West Texas Rodeo experts, announce that they will stage one of the biggest and best Rodeos in that city during the big picnic and celebration there on July 3rd, ever held in West Texas. The program will include bronc riding, steer riding, calf roping, bull dogging, races, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix and children, who are here for a visit with the former, and Mr. Willie Sheppard, left first of the week on a fishing and outing trip to the San Saba river.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson returned last week from a pleasant visit with relatives at Memphis, Texas.

MR. BONEY ATTENDS CO. DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Mr. W. O. Boney, Democratic precinct chairman for the Merkel voting precinct, was among those attending a call meeting of the County Executive meeting, held in Abilene last Monday, where all arrangements were perfected for the holding of the Democratic Primary in this county on July 24, including the assessments of candidates for office to have their names placed on the ticket, etc.

FARM BUREAU PAYMENT COMING SOON

The special June distribution to members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association which will be mailed from Dallas Saturday, June 26, will bring approximately \$74,460 to members in Taylor County, according to an announcement by your district representative of the Cotton Association.

"This is not the final settlement or payment to the membership," he said, "but is made in order to assist the members in their needs at this time in the making of the new crop."

This distribution represents an additional advance of \$1,865,290 which brings the total advances on cotton delivered to the Association to be marketed cooperatively, to \$18,391,539.

Merkel members will receive this payment between \$25,000 and \$30,000. J. C. Mason.

REUNION FOR OLD SETTLERS

It is stated by R. G. Anderson, president of the Taylor county Old Settlers Association, that the annual reunion and picnic to be held on July 16 at Buffalo Gap is for old settlers of Taylor county only.

To be eligible for membership one must have resided in Taylor county prior to 1900, although it is not necessary that he resided in the county at the present

RAINBOW BANQUET NEXT TUESDAY

Under the auspices of the Merkel Luncheon Club, Mr. H. C. West, president, there will be held at Ed's Cafe on next Tuesday evening a unique and most interesting meeting of the Club, in the form of a "Rainbow Banquet". Mr. L. B. Scott, popular and energetic young business man, has been named as Toastmaster, and is now making plans for one of the most unique and interesting programs ever rendered here upon a similar occasion.

Every speaker and every person appearing on the program will be home people, most of them young people. Some of the subjects to be discussed during the evening will be: "The Violet's Message," "Dark Blue Thoughts," "Who's Yellow?" "Orange Hopes," and "Seeing Red".

Besides a number of musical numbers by some of the best talent in the city, there will be considerable business matters up for discussion at this meeting, therefore every business man and citizen should make it a point to be present.

At the reunion there will be a registration booth and all old settlers will be given a badge when they pay their annual fee of \$1.00. This badge will entitle them to all privileges at the reunion, and only the old settlers and their families may get the barbecue and other food to be served.

All other persons who wish to come to the reunion must either bring their own lunches or purchase them at the refreshment stands which will be operated on the grounds under permit from the owner of the land and the association.—Abilene Reporter.

Judge J. E. Hickman, of Breckenridge, candidate for Associate Justice, court of civil appeals, was here one day this week in the interest of his candidacy, and apparently met with considerable encouragement among the citizenship with whom he became acquainted.

EASTLAND MAN IS ELECTED PRINCIPAL

At a recent meeting of the Merkel School Board, Mr. T. E. Carleton, of Eastland, was elected Principal of the High School and coach of athletics. He has held a similar position in the High School at Eastland and comes to this city recommended very highly as a capable school man and an excellent citizen.

We also learn with pleasure that at this meeting of the Board, Miss Ouida Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, was elected to a position in the grammar school. Miss Campbell is a graduate of Merkel High School, has had more than two years college work, and is no doubt well qualified and capable of rendering splendid service in her newly elected position.

MOODY FAVORED AMONG TRAVELERS

Amarillo, June 21.—If West Texas votes as representative business men of Abilene and Quanah did on the special train which brought delegations from those cities to Amarillo today there is no question as to who will be the next governor of Texas.

It will be Dan Moody and there won't be a run off.

In a straw vote held on the special train 124 qualified voters of Abilene expressed their preference almost unanimously in favor of Moody. In the case of the Quanah delegation, which had two cars attached to the Abilene train, the vote was unanimously in favor of Moody.

Of the 124 votes cast by Abilene in the straw poll, 101 were for Moody. Ferguson received only eight while Lynch Davidson captured 15. Three of those who cast their ballots for Ferguson declared they did so only for fun and that it did not express their sentiment.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

BAPTIST PASTOR HERE MARRIES TWO COUPLES

On last Sunday afternoon at about five o'clock Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. Leonard Jenkins and Miss Ruby Reagan, both of the Shiloh community.

On Wednesday of this week he united in marriage Mr. Hubert Kegan and Miss Laura Bright, both popular young people of the Trent community.

BAPTIST RALLY AT BUFFALO GAP

A Taylor County Christian Education Rally of the Baptist Churches of the county will be held at Buffalo Gap Saturday afternoon and Sunday, June 26 and 27.

Briefly, the program will be as follows: Meeting of women at 3 p.m. Young Peoples Program at 8 p.m. Sunrise prayer meeting Sunday, Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching service at 11 a.m. Dinner on the ground. Song Service at 2 p.m.—all organizations taking part. Address on Christian Education at 3 p.m. Brief talks from Taylor County pastors.

Let all come prepared to camp over night and stay through the entire meeting. Bring well filled baskets. Ice water furnished. Large beautiful trees and abundance of water. Tabernacle for services.

Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U., Y.W.A., R.A., G.A., and Sunbeams all have a part. Let us make this a great occasion for Taylor county Baptists.

The Simmons Cowboy Band will be there and good music will be insured. Grounds will be in charge of Royal Ambassador Boys under the leadership of Mr. Y. P. Kuhn.

NAZARINE REVIVAL BEGINS JULY 2ND.

Announcement is made that on Friday night, July 2, the Nazarine revival will begin in this city, under the tabernacle, conducted by evangelist H. C. Cagle and wife, of Buffalo Gap, to run over the third Sunday in that month.

Rev. Cagle and wife come most highly recommended as being among the strongest and most capable Gospel Messengers of this denomination, and with the local membership of that church, cordially invite every one to attend and join in helping make the meeting one of great good and lasting benefit to the entire community.

Remember the meeting will be held at the Tabernacle and will begin Friday night, July 2nd.

Big Cake Sale

In order that they might help in putting a new fence around the Cemetery, the ladies of the Thursday Club announce that on next Saturday they will have a big cake sale, which will be held at West Company's store.

They urge every one who can to patronize them in this sale, as the money received will go to build a beautiful arch at the entrance of the Cemetery.

Banker J. S. Swann returned first of the week from a visit to his fine farm and ranch up on Sweetwater creek, and reports grass fine, cattle fat, and all farm crops looking promising; hence he was wearing a broad smile.

JACKSON PLANS BETTER SCHOOLS

As the school year of 1926-27 has closed and we are nearing the 1926-27 term, we should begin now to think of ways and means of making it a better year. As your Superintendent for the coming term I want to speak now for your cooperation and support in all constructive matters of school work. This is your school and you should take an active part in its affairs. I hope to give you a better school and to do that I must have an interested patronage. We must get better in school or we will grow worse. This is true in the school as it is elsewhere. We must be alive and move forward. If we fail to do that we will move backward. To go forward we must get out of some "ruts" and take hold of things in general in a way we have never done before. It may be possible that you are responsible for the situation here as much as the teachers and Superintendent. If so, you try to get right and that will make it easier on the others concerned.

We intend to have a school managed with justice to all, and special favors to none. We are here to serve the most people in the best way possible. It is impossible to arrange things to suit every one individually, but we will do the best that can be done under the circumstances. It may be that some one who reads this will have an occasion to complain; if so, come to us and don't go to some one who can't help you. Be a Booster for the school and the school can better serve your needs. We do not plan to serve the "chronic kicker" because he wants what God himself did not in His infinite wisdom see fit to furnish. Line up with the school; help your boy or girl to get their work done. Line up with the Parent-Teachers Association and help the teachers put over to the students what you think they need and what every one knows is the best.

All history is alive with instances to prove that it takes a great revolution—a powerful plague—a tyrannic ruler—or a period of lifeless, ambitionless, poor management to get the people awake and eager for reform measures. Don't let the grass grow up under your feet and choke off your usefulness. Get on the side with your school development and let's push Merkel one notch further toward our ideal of a good place to live. Think your school, talk your school and do what you can for your school. Thanks,

IRVIN L. JACKSON.

Meeting at Nubia

An Inter-Denominational meeting will open at the Methodist church at Nubia tonight, June 5th at eight o'clock, and continue some time. There will be services every night and each Sunday afternoon at three. Everybody is invited. Mesdames Hudson and Wold will conduct the meeting. It

Methodist Meeting at Noodle

The Methodist meeting at Noodle will open Friday night before the fourth Sunday in June, which is tonight.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts and M. Williams will do the preaching. Grady Morton of Abilene has charge of all music. Every one is invited to come and bring you.

"RED HOT"



Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business April 12, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$392,296.91
Overdrafts	819.45
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Bills of Exchange	\$156,667.65
Total	\$595,839.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,615.78
Deposits	516,223.39
Total	\$595,839.17

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DR. HOWARD AND MISS PENN ARE MARRIED

We are informed that on Tuesday evening of this week, Dr. J. P. Howard, formerly of this city, and Miss Susie Penn, daughter of Mrs. P. G. Penn, were happily united in marriage at Trent, where the doctor is engaged in the practice of his profession, chiropractor. They immediately left for a bridal trip to El Paso and other points in West Texas.

While a citizen of Merkel Dr. Howard made many warm and lasting friends, and proved himself to be a clean, lighted gentleman. While Miss Penn, the bride, has been reared in Merkel, and is one of the city's most admired and accomplished young ladies. This paper joins a host of friends of both the contracting parties in extending to them congratulations and good wishes. We are informed that they will make Trent their future home.

Get your grasshopper syrup at Bob Martin's.

Idlewise Club

Mrs. George White graciously entertained the Idlewise Club in her home Tuesday afternoon. When the guests had assembled colorful talleys were passed and a number of interesting games of bridge were indulged in. Artistic linens were laid and the hostess served a most refreshing and delicious refreshment to Misses Ruby Hamm, Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Earl Baze Emmett Grimes, Roy Largent, Jack Durham, W. S. J. Brown and guests, Misses Alice Bennett of Abilene, Willie Swann, Annie Mae Swann, Boog Sears and Lorena Dry.

Dr. O. J. Shaffer of El Paso, arrived last week to join his family in their visit here with friends and relatives. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Fannie Mildred Rister, who will also visit relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham returned recently from a pleasant visit with relatives at St. Joe.

MT. PLEASANT WINS OFF NOODLE; TRENT TRIMS VIEW 6 TO 4

After an hour delay the Monday postponed game between Mt. Pleasant and Noodle was started under protest, Manager Jenkins of Noodle objecting to the presence of McCoy on the Mt. Pleasant Club. President Jones has made no ruling as yet.

The heavy sluggers of Mount Pleasant started early and soon had the affair iced. Other features were the relief pitching of J. Goode and the fielding of H. Vick. The Score:

Mount Pleasant					
AB	R	H	PO	A	E
C. Mashburn 3b	5	2	0	1	0
Humphreys lf	4	2	3	1	0
McCoy cf-p.	5	2	3	1	0
W. Blevins 1b	5	2	1	14	1
Darden ss	5	2	3	0	5
Seymore 2b	3	1	2	1	1
Thompson p.	3	0	0	1	2
Horton cf.	0	0	0	2	0
E. Blevins c.	4	1	1	7	2
C. Blevins rf.	3	0	0	0	1
D. Mashburn 1b	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	38	10	15	27	12

Noodle					
AB	R	H	PO	A	E
C. Goode 2b.	3	0	1	2	2
E. Womack ss	4	0	0	3	2
Eoff lf	4	0	0	1	0
Jenkins 1b	4	0	1	6	1
H. Vick c.	2	0	1	6	2
C. Vick cf.	4	0	0	4	0
Williams 3b	3	1	1	0	1
Fulton rf	3	1	0	1	1
Black p-2b	4	1	2	0	2
J. Goode p.	2	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	33	3	6	24	12

Summary:- Three base hit, Darden; double play, W. Blevins unassisted; Womack to Goode to Jenkins; Williams to H. Vick to Jenkins to Womack; Fulton to H. Vick to Jenkins; Sacrifices, Seymore, Thompson; Hit by pitcher, Thompson (Vick), McCoy (Williams), Black (Humphries).

Former Citizen Buried Here

Mr. J. C. Brown, formerly a citizen of this community and Taylor county for many years, died at his home in San Angelo on last Tuesday, June 15, and the remains were shipped to this city where on Tuesday following funeral services, they were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

Grandpa Brown, as he was familiarly known, was born in Tennessee in 1847, came to Taylor county in 1889, where he resided until about 12 years ago, when he moved to San Angelo.

He was a good citizen, loved and esteemed by all with whom he was acquainted, was a devoted Christian, having been a member of the Baptist church for 35 years.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Ruthie Ware, and this union there were born ten children, 39 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is survived by his good wife and seven children, three having preceded their father in death. Those surviving are: John Brown, Rotan; Mrs. Joe Higgins, Merkel; Mrs. Ryle Griffith, Abilene; Mrs. Bob Hobbs, Austin; Guy Brown, Stanton; Elmer Brown, San An-

gelo; and Carl Brown, San Angelo. We join many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Harris-Reagan Wedding

Mr. Loyd Harris and Miss Mary Reagan of White Church community were married at Abilene on last Saturday, June 19, by Judge Ford. Relatives and a few friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Loyd is the industrious son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Harris. Miss Mary is the charming daughter of Mrs. P. A. Reagan. The bride is a very accomplished young lady and is well loved by all who know her, and their many friends wish them a long and happy life. a Friend.

Big Basket picnic at Blair Friday, June 9. Every one invited. Concessions for sale. See W. A. Campbell, J. R. Cavitt or Z. V. Moore. Date changed because of picnic at Buffalo Gap on July 16, date formerly set. 2613p

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haynes are happy over the arrival at their home of a beautiful baby girl, born on June 18, weight, nine pounds.

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I take this method of extending my thanks and appreciation to each and every person who in any manner helped in the work of cleaning up the cemetery during the big all-day working on last Tuesday, J. S. Bickley. Itp

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix, of Fort Worth, are here for a visit with the latter's father, Mr. W. A. Sheppard, and sister, Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Judge Geo. L. Davenport of Eastland, candidate for a place on the court of civil appeals, was here last Saturday in the interest of his candidacy.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday School proper begins promptly at 10 a.m. but to encourage everybody to be on time our orchestra will render a fifteen minute concert beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Special music at both services. Our choir is being directed during the summer by Mr. Willie Joe Largent and he is doing it well. He expects to have something interesting and worth while at every service. Come find a welcome.

Ira L. Parrack.

METHODIST CHURCH

"The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

The Holy Sabbath was made for man to promote his happiness and highest welfare.

We hope that all the services at the Methodist Church next Sunday may be well attended.

Sunday School at 9:45. Worship at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Subject at the morning hour: "Man, His Origin, Place and Destiny." The public is invited to attend.

A great Layman's service is being arranged for the evening hour.

W. R. McCarter.

Senior League Program

Subject: "When Summer comes Around."

Leader, Dori Pike.

Hymn No. 165. Lord's Prayer.

Bible lesson: Romans 12:1-21,

by leader.

1. Bible school, Castle Ellis.

2. Out of doors festivities, by Inice Brown.

3. Spiritual opportunities, by Hubert Blair.

4. Young People's Conferences by Rosie Laney.

Hymn 209. Benediction.

Dear Voters:

On account of my official duties, it may be that I will not have a chance to see each voter personally. For this reason I am using this method to solicit your vote and influence in the race for Sheriff for a second term. I wish to express my deep gratitude to you for your vote and influence in the past.



If I am re-elected Sheriff of this county, I pledge myself to a fair and impartial enforcement of the law, whenever it is violated. But I also believe in giving every man a fair deal. I do not believe in needlessly persecuting the public, and my records of the past show how I have conducted the affairs of the Sheriff's office.

I deeply appreciate the honor the people of Taylor county have conferred upon me in the past, and I shall ever be grateful to you for your vote and influence in my present campaign.

Yours very truly,

H. T. O'BAR

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CARD OF THANKS

Word cannot express our sorrow, nor can we find words to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of Abilene, Merkel and Comper communities for the loving kindness and tender respect which they have shown toward us in this our deepest sorrow, through the loss of our precious ones, R. C. and Vivian. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer and family. It

Mr. C. L. Eoff and family came in first of the week from Yuma, Arizona, to spend some time visiting among friends and relatives. Mr. Eoff reported fine crop prospects in that country when he left.

Mrs. V. P. Tippet and little daughter, Joy Meador, arrived Wednesday from an extended visit with relatives in Chicago, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holloway and baby daughter, Baby Joy, returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives at Fort Worth and Midlothian.

Mrs. S. O. Owen of Wichita Falls, Texas, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and daughter, Miss Jessis, left this week for a visit with relatives at Westlaco, Texas.

Intermediate League Program

Leader: Ethel Hamilton. Subject: "Heroes of the Bible" Scripture reading, Dan. 6:4-11 The Bible character I like best, by Dahlia Watkins. Song; roll call, answered with Bible verse. League Benediction.

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Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Luther Rice." Leader, Helen Booth. Introduction by leader. 1. Early years, conversion and consecration, Floyd Dowell. 2. Early Experiences and entering the ministry, Ima Parrack 3. The call to foreign fields, by Fannie Belle Boaz. 4. His voyage and return to America, Byers Petty. 5. What Rice did for American Baptists, Mary Parrack. 6. The Legacy which Luther Rice left, Mr. R. I. Griffin. 7. Parts of added interest, by Bill Haynes.

Christian Endeavor Program

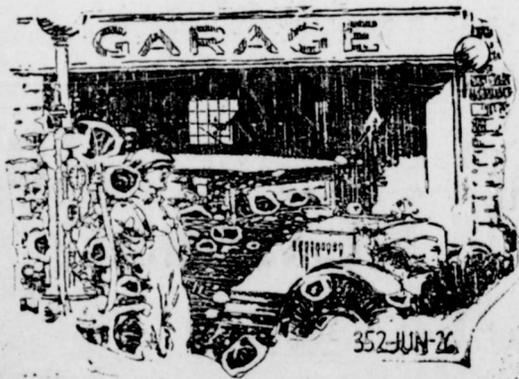
Missionary meetin. Leader, Norma Shannon. Topic: "What May Japan and Korea expect from Christianity?" Scripture reading: Mic. 6:6-8. Talk by leader. Song; clippings. Christian Endeavor in Japan, Christine Russell. Christian Endeavor in Korea, Norval Dowell. Women in Japan, Helen Compton. Women in Korea, Missie Dye. Song; Offering. Some interesting facts about Japan and Korea, Nina Bell Russell. Song. Debate: "Resolved that our present immigration laws regarding Asiatics should be modified." Song; Mispah.

BEING A BEAUTY ALL THE TIME IS TOO THRESOME THINKS MARY PHILBIN

The story of Mary Philbin's rise to screen fame is unique in the annals of the silent drama. The girl who plays the two roles of "Stella Maris," beautiful scion of wealth, and "Unity Blake," child of the shadows, in the coming picturization of the famous novel by William J. Locke, to be shown at the Cozy Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, has a past that is brief, but crowded with contrasts.

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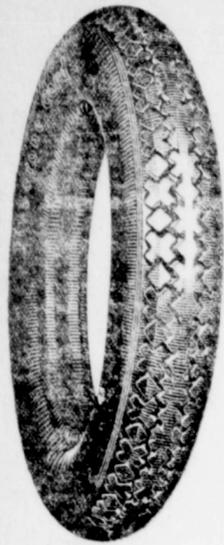
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Mrs. T. L. Grimes and baby accompanied by her brother, Mr. Choc Jones, left recently for a visit with their mother and sister, Mrs. Ruth Huffman, in Louisiana.



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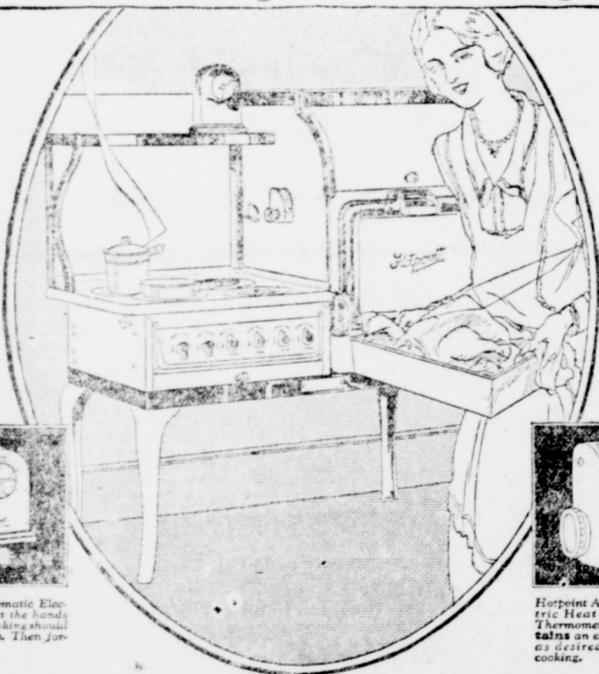
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COMPERE NOTES
By Alma Stout

Every one enjoyed the good rains which fell here recently.

Health in this community is not very good at present.

Little William Allred has been sick for some time but is better now. Mr. Allred has also been sick.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs spent Saturday and Saturday night with Mrs. Stout.

Several from here motored to Abilene Friday night to hear the Ferguson speech.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas and Miss Odessa Lucas visited at Mrs. Ben Adkins for a while Friday afternoon.

Every one was indeed shocked to hear of the sad death of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken who were drowned at Abilene Sunday afternoon. R. C. and Vivian made this their home until they moved to Abilene about a year ago. They have many friends and relatives here who mourn their death. They were both living a Christian life. Vivian was a member of the Christian church and R. C. was a member of the Methodist church. They had been married about three years. R. C. was 22 years of age and Vivian was 18. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.

Little Vera Lou Allred has been sick but is better now.

Mr. G. W. Stout was called to Arlington suddenly Thursday morning to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Schmidt. He was accompanied by Mr. Charlie Stout and Mr. Iva Hursley. He returned Monday morning.

Mr. Dee Lucas and family spent a few days last week with Mr. Ben Adkins and family.

Mrs. Alta Howard and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Wilburn.

Mrs. McKinney and family spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster

and son, Berton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster at Noodle.

Mr. Charlie Stout and Mr. Iva Hursley from Arlington spent Wednesday night with Mr. G. W. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard and children and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin.

Mr. Edd Spurgin returned home Sunday from Breckenridge where he has been working for the last few weeks.

Rev. Bryant and son from Cisco were visitors in this community last week. Bro. Bryant stayed over until Sunday. His son returned home Friday morning.

Mr. Allred and family, Mrs. Stout and family and Mrs. Ola

Spurgin and family all motored to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs spent the day Sunday with Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and night. Singing at the Baptist church. Every one is invited to attend.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

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"CALL OF COURAGE" STAR RODE WITH BUFFALO BILL

Art Acord, who is being starred by Universal in "The Call of Courage," Blue Streak Western coming to the Cozy Theatre for today and Saturday, is a Western screen star who has lived in reality much of the life he is now portraying on the screen.

Acord was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and in his early days was a cowboy and then later a ranch owner in his own name. In 1911 he received an offer from the famous Buffalo Bill Wild West Show to join that organization, which he accepted and for several seasons appeared with that internationally famous

body of cowpunchers. Leaving the Buffalo Bill outfit, Acord went into vaudeville and then into moving pictures. In the latter he was a success almost from the start until today he has an army of admirers who eagerly look forward to the pictures in which he is being starred.

In "The Call of Courage," which was directed by Cliff Smith, who has directed numerous successful Western picture plays, Acord plays the role of Tteve Caldwell, clean young Westerner who is a fugitive from justice, made so by a charge of theft lodged against him by his cousin. Caldwell has many thrilling adventures while eluding the sheriff's

posse that has taken the trail against him none the less thrilling being the manner in which he meets June Hazelton, the character played by Olive Hasbrouck. From that time on there is action in plenty with romance and comedy filling in between the thrills.

Acord has been given a splendid supporting cast. Among the players in addition to Miss Hasbrouck are Duke R. Lee, who plays the role of the villain, and John T. Prince, Frank Rice, Turner Savage and Floyd Shackelford. "The Call of Courage" was adapted to the screen from the story "Red Dawn," written by Harold Shumate.

SAME OLD JIM

It's the same old Jim Ferguson that was here Wednesday, speaking in the interests of his wife's candidacy for governor. A little weary, perhaps, with the burden of campaigning in a cause that he knows to be hopeless, although he wouldn't admit it. The years have added more gray to his head, more bitterness to his tongue, but apparently he hasn't profited much by his experiences. It's the same old appeal to prejudice that he knows so well how to make; but the ranks of the faithful are growing less and less.

Jim will always draw a crowd of folks who like to be entertained with the political vaudeville show at which he is a past master.

Jim has done an awful lot of explaining in the highway matters, but never yet has he satisfactorily told why the state's money was paid out so recklessly to concerns without contract and without funds.

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Only once in a century will a state find herself in the shape Texas was in back in 1924 when Mrs. M. A. Ferguson rode into office on the Ku Klux Klan issue. But the year 1924 is gone, never to return, and with it has gone the hooded order as a political issue. And in 1926 Fergusonism as a political issue will likewise follow it into the land of forgotten things. Both are items Texas will be glad indeed to be able to forget.—Sweetwater Daily Reporter.

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- For County School Supt.:
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- For Sheriff:
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JOHN BOND
- For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
W. P. BOUNDS
- For Tax Collector:
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EARL HUGHES
- For Tax Assessor:
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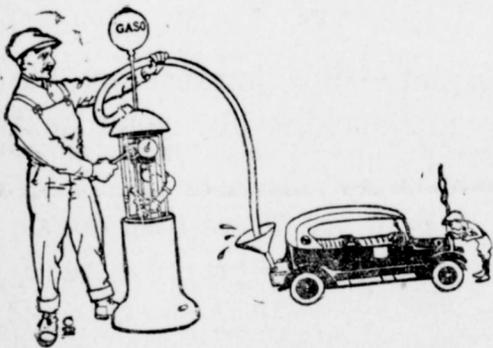
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Remember your neighbor will take better care of you than a stranger. It is to his interest to do so. His future depends on his winning and holding your confidence and friendship—and he's right here to make good any mistakes.

When you help the home merchant, the home industry—they in turn help build up your town, thus making greater and better opportunities for you and for your children.

Spending money at home is putting a mortgage on it to come back to you—spending it away from home is bidding it goodbye.

And your home purchase is better, for you can see and measure its value, before you part with your money. Not so “the cat in the bag” you buy from the distant point.

Don't mail your order until you have considered these things---and you won't mail it at all.

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You Can Easily Kill and Prevent Bed Bugs

You can't be too careful about these horrid pests. No home is safe unless you take the right precautions. But Bee Brand Insect Powder will keep them out and it's safe and easy to use. Sprinkle thickly on springs and mattresses, into cracks and crevices. It's a clean powder that can't rust springs or stain fabrics. Better be safe than sorry. Use Bee Brand before bed bugs come. It also kills Ants, Fleas, Flies, Mosquitoes, Roaches, Water Bugs, Moths, Lice on Fowl, and many other house and garden insects. Get Bee Brand in red sitting top cans at your grocer's or druggist's. Household sizes, 10c and 25c. Other sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Puffer gun, 10c. If your dealer can't supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for free booklet, "It Kills Them," a guide for killing house and garden pests. **McCORMICK & Co., Baltimore, Md.**



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Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean of Cisco were up first of the week for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager **WILL ROGERS**



Meeting the "Bull" Durham Smoker Face to Face

I am just making, as the Politician says, "A swing around the Circle," to see what was going on in "Real America." I had been in New York so long, I was getting a kind of a Sub-way "Slant" on things. I was becoming as narrow as a Metropolitan Newspaper Editorial Writer. My eyesight was getting so poor I couldn't see beyond the Hudson River, and my mind wouldn't function farther away than Albany, N. Y.

I knew that New York was "amusing the world," but I wanted to meet the fellow who was "feeding it." I am kinder oddly constituted. You can cut off my amusement, but if my food stops you are going to have an argument on your hands.

I, as Editor and Proprietor of the Bull's Eye, wanted to meet not only the readers, but the consumers of THIS Wonderful Product of OURS. (The American Tobacco Company and me.) Well, I wish you could see the type of Men they were. Big fine healthy upstanding He-Men. They were not the little Anemics that has to tap his Cigarette on the box before he can smoke it. They were our Producers of our Necessities of Life. When I saw the type of He-Men smoking "Bull" Durham, it almost made me cry, that I wasn't a smoker myself.

Will Rogers
P.S. There will be another piece here a few weeks from now. Look for it.



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FOR SALE—Second hand windmill. Call at Bob Martin Grocery Company. 1t

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See "Special Sale" Window at Schindler's Variety Store, Saturday only. 1t

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Tittwood on the 17th, a son.

Mrs. J. L. Richardson, of Lampasas, is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Reagh.

Misses Sallie and Inice Brown are spending the week end with their sister, Mrs. Robert McBean, at Cisco.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and children, of Tuscola, were up this week for a visit in the home of Mr. J. S. Thomas.

We are very glad to report Mrs. Sie Hamm, who has been quite ill for some months, as improving nicely at this time, with splendid hopes for immediate and permanent recovery.

Mr. B. A. Walters of Wills Point, Texas, arrived last week to join his wife in a visit here with old friends and with relatives.

We regret to learn that Mrs. J. F. Hendricks, of Stith, recently had the misfortune to fall and break her left arm. We join her many friends in the hope that she will soon recover from the painful injury.

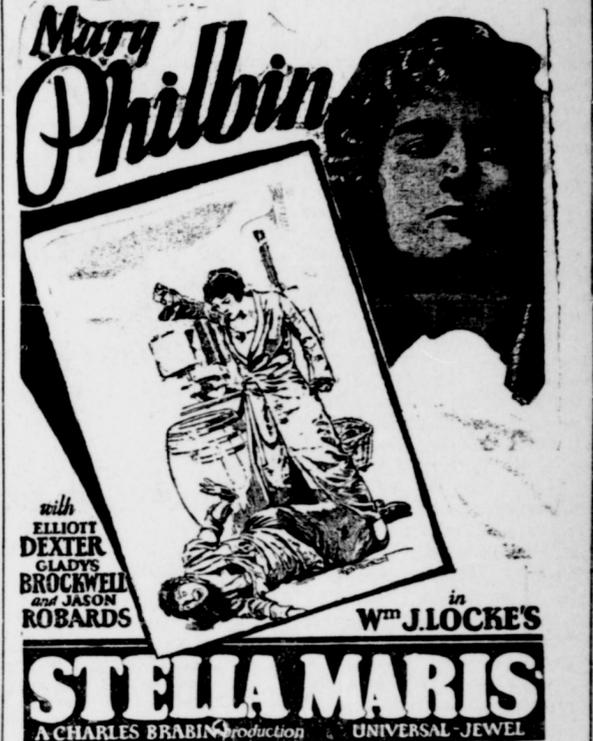
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and daughter, Velma, returned first of the week from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. S. O. Owen, of Wichita Falls. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Owen and her little son.

At The COZY THEATRE

"The Coolest Place in Town"
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"The Call of Courage"

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Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 & July 1



International News No. 37, and Universal Comedy "Hot Dog"
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Mr. and Mrs. John R. West, accompanied by Miss Ruby Johnson, of Trent, Mr. Weston West, and Mr. G. F. West, left first of the week for a fishing and outing trip to Junction, on the Llano river.

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	At Noodle	At Mt. Pleasant	At View	At Trent
NOODLE	WATCH THE	June 19 July 5 July 24	June 26 Aug. 28	July 31 Aug. 21
MT. PLEASANT	Aug 14. Sept. 4	MAIL FOR	July 10	June 12 July 17 Aug 7
VIEW	June 12 July 17 Aug. 7	July 31 Aug. 21	RESULTS OF	July 5 Sept. 4
TRENT	July 10	June 26 Aug. 28	June 19 July 24 Aug 14	THESE GAMES

The official scorers are requested to send a copy of their score card to the statisticians by mail or otherwise so a box score can be made for publication.

**DR. JENKENS REPLIES TO
ATTACK OF J.E. FERGUSON**

In a prelude to his sermon on Sunday night at the First Baptist church, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins replied to the accusations of Ex-Governor Ferguson that Baptists of Texas are evolutionists and modernists, and that Evolution Baptists are back of the Moody candidacy.

"First and foremost," said Dr. Jenkins, "I am not making a political speech. I am not now interested in politics. I am interested in truth and square dealing. It is no business of mine how Baptists vote in the coming election. They can vote for Jim Ferguson if they want to and can stand it. We Baptists believe in and always have believed in freedom of conscience in politics and religion.

"But when it comes to slurs and misrepresentations and false charges against the Baptists of Texas, it is my business and the business of every other self-respecting Baptist in Texas, and the business of every man not a Baptist who believes in fair and honorable dealing. Mr. Ferguson is trying to create the impression that Dan Moody, his much feared opponent, was put into the race for Governor by the Baptists of Texas. Hence such epithets as 'Highbrowed Baptists,' 'Monkey faced Baptists,' 'God denying Baptists,' 'Modern progressive Baptists who have forgotten the old time religion,' 'A crowd that has denied God and admit they come from a tadpole,' that 'deny the divine birth and resurrection of the Saviour of men and the Bible story of the creation of the world and seek to explain away the teachings of the fathers,' 'Bound by no ties of honesty in matters spiritual or political,' These are a few of the gentle remarks Mr. Ferguson has been handing out concerning us Baptist people.

"He doesn't stop there. He grows eloquent, statesman-like, the would-be saviour of the rights of the people against so dangerous a people as Texas Baptists. 'It is the contest,' he says, 'that has been waged in this republic many times in resisting those who under the guise of the CAUSE, and in the name of religion have sought to deny everybody else the right to have their religion, and who sought to seize control of the government and make it a weapon of oppression to take away the liberties of the people.' When a man claiming intelligence gets off a lot of stuff like that it's time to laugh. Every one who knows anything about Baptists knows that they have a record down the centuries attested by their martyr blood as having always been champions of both civil and religious liberty. They would rise at midnight to fight for Jew, Catholic, Mohammedan or what not to have his right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. And Mr. Ferguson knows it too, and in his effort to stir up hate and intolerance against Baptists, he will get nowhere.

Moody's Position

"What I say for Mr. Moody, I say not for Mr. Moody the candidate, but for Mr. Moody the clean Baptist layman and gentleman, clean enough and broad enough to be the teacher of one of the largest classes of young men in the First Methodist Sunday School of Austin, that by his own declaration over his own signature long before his political race started, his stand on modernism and evolution is the same as that of ninety-eight, if not ninety-nine per cent of the 400,000 white Baptists of Texas. Besides he was present at the Southern Baptist Convention and was a part of that body that went on record in language unmistakable and without a dissenting vote on 'Brother' Jim's 'Monkey faces' and 'tadpoles.'

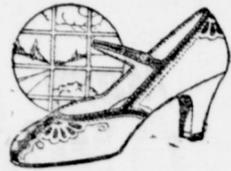
"Mr. Ferguson evidently had not read the papers when he turned loose his broadside of misrepresentation and abuse against Texas Baptists and their leaders as 'Denying the Divine

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birth of our Lord and the Bible story of creation' and 'Admitting that they came from monkeys and tadpoles.' Any man who has informed himself at all knows that ninety-eight, if not ninety-nine per cent of the Baptists of Texas oppose evolution and modernism. The 'High-brows' he speaks of and against whom he issues his warning lest 'Everybody else is to be denied the right to have their religion,' if such bigots exist among us at all, are too few to even be counted.

'Now let the Baptists of Texas, 400,000 of them, and the Baptists of the South, 3,500,000 of them, through their thousands of representatives at Houston, Texas, say for themselves where they stand on the question Mr. Ferguson is making such misrepresentations about:

'WE ACCEPT GENESIS AS TEACHING THAT MAN WAS THE SPECIAL CREATION OF GOD, AND REJECT EVERY THEORY, EVOLUTION, OR OTHER, WHICH TEACHES THAT MAN ORIGINATED IN OR CAME BY WAY OF A LOWER ANIMAL ANCESTRY.

"Now if any of you Baptists want to vote for Mr. Ferguson and help him save yourselves from your Baptist brethren who have 'denied God,' and who are seeking to seize control of the government and make it a weapon of oppression to take away the liberties of the people,' hop to it. It is your right as a citizen of a free country to vote as you please. But I must say that beating a fellow over the head and calling him names is a funny way to ask for his vote."—The Abilene Daily Reporter.

Remodeling Home

Carpenters began work first of the week tearing away and remodeling the home of Mrs. J. M. Dry into one of the nicest and most modern in the city when it is completed.

Notice to Customers

Will ask that all customers call at Merkel Drug Company for all work left with me before I moved my business to Abilene. Also if you have left work there for me please call there for it, which will be left there for you. T. C. Wilson, Jeweler, 116 Chestnut street, Abilene. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City, accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Williams, came over Wednesday to spend a few days with relatives and friends here.

**MENARD NEEDS
SCHOOL CASH**

Menard, Texas, May 30.—The Menard school board is confronted with the gravest problem in many years, due to a huge shortage of school funds for the next year.

A cut in state appropriations next year together with a present deficit of \$5000 may make a six months school term imperative unless the money be raised by personal donations from the patrons of Menard's independent school district.

At a recent board meeting the entire faculty was re-elected, but none of them have so far accepted. In case of a six-month term the school, which is now on a well-accredited basis, would lose every credit.

**WHAT THE DRUGGIST IS
TO HIS HOME COMMUNITY**

No man is of greater importance to his community than the druggist. He has devoted years of study to nature; he has mastered one of the most needed of all professions.

He knows much about the properties of the human body, the diseases which assail it—and the remedies which will benefit it.

Many people come to him in emergencies; often, a life is at stake. It matters not how late the hour, he is there to serve your interests. He exercises his skill with judgment—and gives as much consideration to the poor as to the rich.

The druggist is the only professional man who is forced to look to the commercial side of life for part of his income.

He cannot charge a fee for his services the same as a doctor or lawyer does; and the fact that this is not clearly understood by the public, places many a druggist at a serious disadvantage.

If the druggist were forced to charge a full professional fee for his services in compounding prescriptions and in meeting the many and complex emergencies that came to him, it would place the general public at a serious disadvantage; for in cases of extreme sickness, or when life is at stake, there are thousands who require his skill, but who haven't the money to pay a professional fee.

Men in other professions can charge a fee, but the druggist cannot do so; and it is for this reason that he is forced to give part of his time to the commercial side of life.

Meanwhile in the everyday term of dollars and cents, the druggist may seem of only minor importance in his neighborhood; but, measured by those higher standards of human service, it would be a stricken community if he should be taken away with no one to replace him.

Upon closer acquaintance with your druggist, you will probably find that he is a university graduate; and, in addition, he has a degree from a college of pharmacy. He has devoted years in acquiring the knowledge and skill that will enable him to properly serve his community.

Why does he choose to be a druggist? For precisely the same reason that men choose to be doctors, surgeons, or college professors.

He is, primarily, a professional man, with the professional view-point, and he selects the avenue of service best suited to his talents. Scarcely ever does he become a druggist solely for commercial reasons, for the money rewards in his chosen profession are seldom large.

No man who elects to be a druggist can be accused of choosing the easiest way. He disregards the long hours, the slow growth in his business, the heavy responsibilities of his calling. Invariably, he is endowed with a high order of courage. Not the showy kind of courage that needs a brass band, but the quiet kind, that enables him to deal cheerfully and sympathetically with many and diverse problems.

"But," you say, "the druggist is a merchant with a store full of goods. He must be very well off."—Fayetteville (Ark.) Observer.

The Rt. Rev. E. Cecil Seaman, Episcopal Bishop of Diocese of North Texas, Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, pastor of Heavenly Rest of Abilene, and Mrs. Keene, also of Abilene, held communion service, or Holy Communion, in the home of the Misses Garoutte on last Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Miss Irene Swann, after a visit with home folks, having taught school for a number of years in the Roswell, N. M. schools, left first of the week for California, where she will attend summer school, taking a course in her special work.



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